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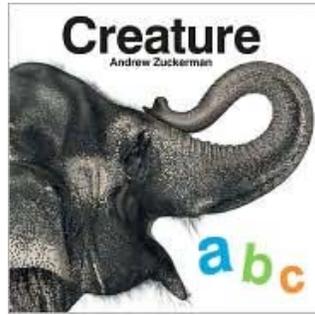
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Zuckerman, Andrew. *Creature ABC*. Illustrated by Zuckerman, Andrew. Chronicle Books LLC, 2009. ISBN 9780811869782. \$19.99. 120 p.

Reviewer: Ruth-Anne Brown

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Picture books;

Subject: Animals --Juvenile literature; English language --Alphabet --Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

A scaly hand leaves children guessing what stands for A. The next page reveals an alligator from its sharp teeth to its powerful tail. Andrew Zuckerman's amazing close up photos show the details of a chameleon's skin right down to its color changing eyeball. A rare look of a giraffe is seen from a new angle as he leans his long neck backwards and looks the camera in the eye. "I" stands for insect, shown as many things, like beetles, grasshoppers, ants, and bees. Come face to face with a long maned lion and his prickly tongue. See the red snout of the mandrill. Explore nocturnal animals like the badger, bat, and loris. End on a furry, striped note.

A glossary of animals and their interesting facts is available in the back. One fact is that "Jackrabbits, also called hares, can run up to 45 miles per hour and jump as high as 10 feet." Although X's animal was "oryx", the other letters were placed with appropriate animals. The photographs are what make readers want to pick the book up.

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