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Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!: An Alphabet Caper

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Book Review

Title: Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!: An Alphabet Caper

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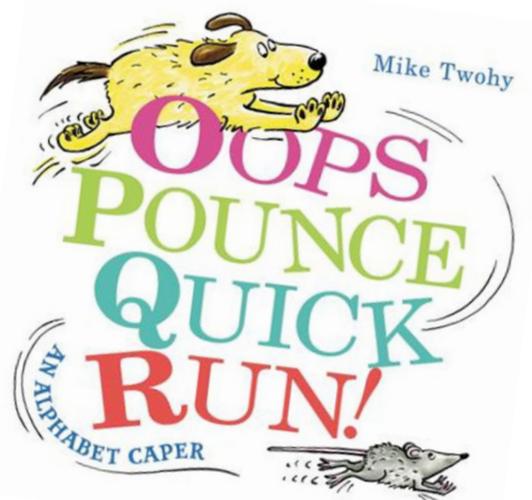
Publication Year: 2016

ISBN: 9780062377005

Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent



Review

When Dog's ball accidentally rolls into Mouse's hole, an intense chase ensues. Dog chases Mouse all over the house, but Mouse gets away and returns to his hole. In the end, Mouse kindly returns the ball, and Dog and Mouse become friends.

The important aspect of this book is not the plot, which at first glance seems rather quick and perhaps boring, but the fact that the story is written in alphabet format, i.e., "Asleep" (Mouse is asleep), "Ball" (the ball comes toward Mouse), "Catch" (Mouse catches the ball), etc. That, combined with the simplistic and adorable illustrations on each page, is what makes "Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!" creative, interesting, and a great tool for teaching youngsters the alphabet. Each of the words (or set of words) is presented in large and clear font on each page, with the first letter highlighted in a bright color as opposed to the black color of the remaining letters, making it easy to spot the alphabetical letters as the story progresses. The author has done well at choosing fun words that children are probably familiar with, and the storyline is also easy to follow, with expressive and enjoyable illustrations. Alphabet-themed books are numerous and come in many varieties, but this book in particular stands out as an excellent way to learn and enjoy the alphabet.