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Punctuation Celebration

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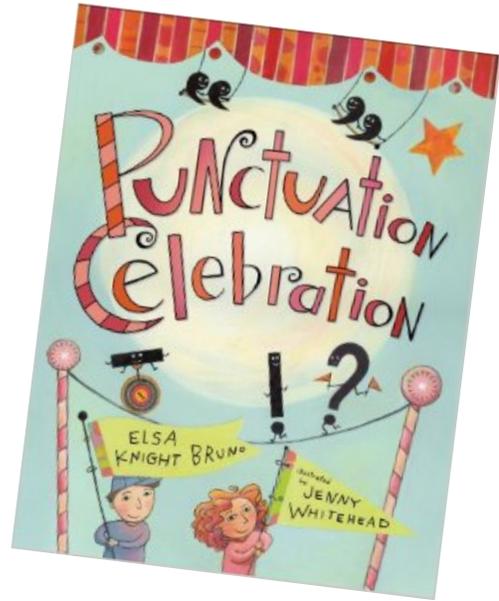
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Book Review

Title: Punctuation Celebration
Author: Else Knight Bruno
Illustrator: Jenny Whitehead
Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley
Publisher: Henry Holt and Company, LLC
Publication Year: 2009
ISBN: 9781250003355
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Need a fun, creative way to remember the proper use of punctuation marks? *Punctuation Celebration* is a collection of poems that explicitly explain the circumstances under which each punctuation mark should be used. The punctuation marks included in this book are the period, question mark, exclamation point, comma, apostrophe, quotation marks, colon, semicolon, parentheses, ellipses, dash, and hyphen. The punctuation mark featured in each poem appears in red in the text. Another poem is featured per punctuation mark to show a practical application of the concepts taught for each mark.

Jenny Whitehead used gouache and cut paper on watercolor paper to create the illustrations for *Punctuation Celebration*. Several young characters are portrayed in the illustrations, interacting with everyday childlike things. If you look closely, you will find ordinary objects in the shapes of the featured punctuation mark on each page spread, which can be fun for even very young readers to find! The illustrations are colorful and collage-like. Some of the illustrations might leave you giggling, especially when you find the dog who thinks he's a human! This book is a great resource for young readers just learning the rules of grammar and usage, and even for older audiences who struggle to remember punctuation practices.