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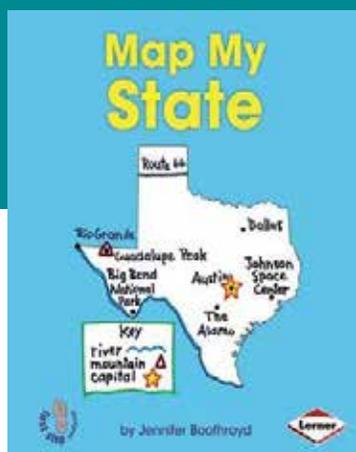
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Book Review

Map It Out: Map My State

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Significant Shortcom-

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A family is going on a trip to Texas to see things like the Johnson Space Center or the Alamo. Before they can go, a young boy decides to make a map of Texas to guide them on their trip. He starts by planning all of the places they want to visit. Then, he labels the map with the places they will visit. He adds important symbols and completes the map by creating a key for those symbols. The last few pages of the book include directions for how the reader can make her own state map, fun facts about Texas, and a glossary for important map terminology.

Map My State is intended for young children who are learning how to create a state map. The most important parts of a state map are highlighted throughout the book, showing the reader how those parts are added. Key vocabulary words are bolded. Based on the idea of a family going on a road trip, the title Map My State is inappropriate because the child in the book is not mapping his state, but is mapping a state he is traveling to. The characters remain nameless and are not seen, lacking depth. Images throughout the book are gathered from a variety of sources and do not flow well together for that reason. The steps at the end of the book for how the reader can create her own map are out of order when compared to the steps the boy in the story, and some are even different than what he used to create his map. This discontinuity is confusing for the reader.