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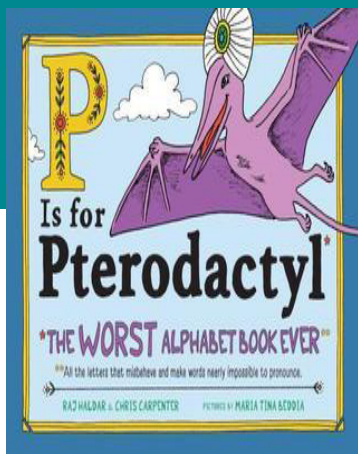
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Book Review

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This book is structured like a regular alphabet book, except each word includes silent letters. These words do not begin with the sound of the letter, which makes it hard for readers trying to learn letter sounds. The purpose of this book is not to learn letter sounds, but for readers to understand that language is complex and sometimes unpredictable. Each page includes information about the word that is mentioned. There is a glossary on the last few pages explaining some of the words mentioned throughout the book.

P Is for Pterodactyl allows for much discussion regarding the English language and words coming from other languages. Readers learn that the letters "oui" in French make the "wee" sound or that the letters "gn" in Italian make the "ny" sound. Readers will also learn about geography by understanding not only how to pronounce the place "Oaxaca" but finding out where it is located. The pictures are also comical and illustrate the absurd explanations surrounding each letter.

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Outstanding

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