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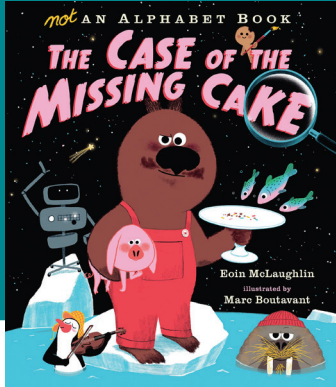
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## Book Review

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Preschool

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### Pages

40

### Year

2020

### ISBN

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### Publisher

Candlewick

This alphabet book is going normally until the cake on letter C page is stolen. Bear, representing letter B, is determined to find the culprit, but he needs a little help from the readers. Bear leads the reader from page to page looking for clues. Bear thinks Fox might be the culprit, but Gingerbread Man testifies that Fox has changed since he took a bite out of him. Bear then wanders if it might be Octopus since, after all, his tentacles are all over the pages. As Bear questions more characters, the evidence piles up, and soon the perpetrator is confirmed.

This unique take on an alphabet book that include a mystery is fun and engaging. The pages are carefully organized so Bear can invite the reader to check his facts without finding any spoilers. Bear amusingly breaks the fourth wall as he explains his investigative process. All the characters have distinct personalities and add humor to the book through their words and actions. This story's one downfall is that the culprit is perhaps not as sorry as they could be for the they damage caused. Nonetheless, it is a great interactive book to entertain children from ages 2 to 5.