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# A Child's Day: An Alphabet of Play

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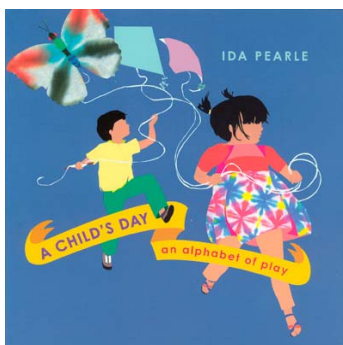
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Pearle, Ida. *A Child's Day: An Alphabet of Play*. Illustrated by Ida Pearle. Harcourt, 2008. ISBN 9780152065522. \$12.95. 40 p.

Reviewer: Ruth-Anne Brown

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Picture books;

Subject: English language--Alphabet--Juvenile literature; Alphabet books--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

*A Child's Day: An Alphabet of Play* is a simple book to help children learn their letters. The fun, cut-paper collage illustrations of children use bright colors and varying patterns. Each letter of the alphabet features a corresponding action word, which is also represented through the art. Children are depicted doing anything from dancing, to quacking or whistling.

Parents and children will enjoy spending time together with this book. Children will learn to recognize simple verbs more quickly through the matching action crafted in Pearle's art. The colors and lifelike subjects in the collages are visually stimulating. The light tone created by the art gives off a playful message. The active illustrations encourage kids to get up and go play.

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