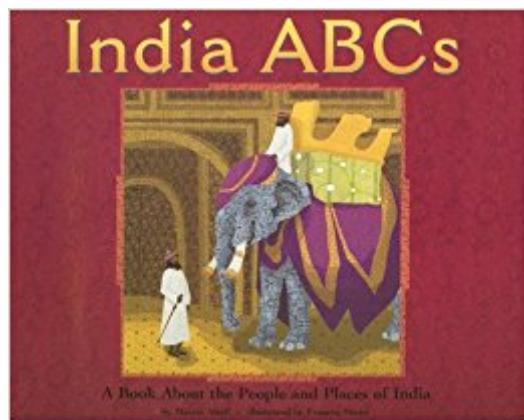


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India ABCs: A Book About The People And Places Of India (Country ABCs)



Synopsis

An alphabetical exploration of the people, geography, animals, history, and culture of India.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 11 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3 These books are colorfully illustrated, but the information is trivial and often incomplete. Unlike Justine and Ron Fontes's France, India, and Italy (all Children's Press, 2003), the words for each letter are not standardized across the set, but unique to each title. While this may increase creativity, it also results in inconsistency and in some odd choices (in France, K is for Kilogram; in Italy, Leonardo da Vinci is discussed and depicted twice, under A is for Art and LI). The maps are totally inadequate, ignoring most of the cities, regions, and geographical features mentioned in the texts. The titles conclude with brief facts, general phrases, and glossaries. Younger students to whom these are read won't understand much of the content, while those old enough to use the books on their own should be referred to the What's It Like to Live In... series (McGraw-Hill) or the First Reports series (Compass Point). Ann W. Moore, Schenectady County Public Library, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

"These titles contain well-chosen details that go beyond what might be found in encyclopedia entries or typical country books.... the many unique facts will make these titles useful tools for independent research projects." --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I put this book on my baby registry because we want to make sure our half-Indian daughter grows up with books that represent many cultures, including her Indian side. I would be appalled if this became her view of where Dad is from and I'm returning the book. This book gives a very colonial view of a country that is now a global influence in technology and culture and it lacks consistency in the themes it represents. A few examples: B is for British India and N is for New Hollywood (why not say B is for Bollywood since that's what people actually call it?). In addition, Diwali is the only holiday listed, Untouchables the only caste, W is for winners (this just seems weak!). It's like the author didn't even try to know India before slapping a book together. It's pretty enough, but the content is terrible!

As someone born and raised in India I was excited when I found this book, and bought it to share with my daughter who is born and raised in the U.S. Having received and read the book, however, I was appalled and dismayed with the gross generalizations and lack of creativity. India is such a vibrant and exciting country...to reduce that experience to "B is for British India" was so disappointing. How about B is for bangles or Bengal Tiger...or even Bollywood, which is referred to as 'N is for New Hollywood.' New Hollywood? Really? How about N is for Nehru or N is for Nilgiri or Nagaland? Then there is "U is for Untouchable." Again, there are so many other choices, but the author settled on the cliched lazy one. The artwork is pretty, but completely wasted on this book.

We picked this up for our girls in anticipation of a move to India this summer. I'd hoped it would be an engaging introduction to their new home but neither the girls nor their parents are enjoying this book. First of all the ABC format is really too limiting to give an overview of a country, too many things competing for the common letters, too few for the uncommon ones. In this book Q is quarry, because, um, they quarry a lot of rocks in India. Yeah, OK. Other choices are just not appropriate for children, J is Jawaharlal Nehru, an important figure, but not really someone we need to introduce toddlers to. The illustrations are also too abstract for young readers. The girls simply do not respond to them, the colors are a bit dark and the contrasts are not sharp. As an adult they're fine, but I got this for the girls. If you're looking for an introduction to India, keep looking this is not a good

resource.

This is a child's introduction to India. It takes familiar and unfamiliar things that kids can relate to and makes an interesting ABC book. We got it for our grandchildren who are soon to have a new aunt from India.

beautiful book!

The pictures look like they are made out of different fabric textures are wonderful to look at. We are teaching our children about India (because there is where their dad is from) and the book a great to help with that.

This book is wonderfully illustrated and a fun way to learn about Indian culture and history. It can be appreciated by a wide range of age groups.

All, I purchased this book. It is a very simple book with is a good way to relate letters of the alphabet back to Indian culture. It is only 27 pages long (1 for each letter of the alphabet), but I thought the illustrations were high quality. The book seems a little flimsy so I would not recommend it as a gift. Indians tend to value things based on their weight. Low weight sometimes equates to low price/quality. What the book lacks in content makes up for itself in content. Each letter gives you the opportunity to explain the topic to your son/daughter/child in as much or little detail as you want. The illustrations are of good quality. I only gave it four stars because, I would have preferred to have multiple reference for each letter. I would consider buying it for my child's library.

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