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A little mouse is asleep until a ball suddenly bounces into his home, setting off an epic chase—from A to Z.

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Cindy Dobrez says

I'm in love with this book. The action-packed illustrations that move the tale along are simple and full of humor. The abundant white space and black line drawings give this a whiteboard and magic marker look, while colorful first letters highlight its alphabetic instruction.

After reading it, I was tempted to create an alphabetic caper of my own, and I'm sure elementary school-aged children would, too; even a sequence of three or four letters with drawings could make for a fun project. I'm even considering putting a copy out for my middle-school students to read—they could stand to brush up on alphabetical order. I'm here to tell you: It's a dying skill.

Check out the rest of our comments about this book at our September Bookends Blog post.

I've been giving this as a baby shower gift with a set of alphabet blocks.

Congrats on the 2017 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor!

Sarah says

Very clever.

A story using one word starting with each letter in the alphabet (title: O, P, Q, R). And, well written, it even made me chuckle out loud reading to myself.

Summarizing: good for young readers to retell- they can add words to make complete sentences.

Inferring: use the word and picture to gather the meaning and watch the action.

ESL: like a story, picture dictionary for nouns and verbs

Stacey Mulholland says

Fun twist on an alphabet book

Congratulations on the Geisel award

Mississippi Library Commission says

With just a few words on each page and an energetic and entertaining tale to follow, *Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!* is an alphabet book that will draw even the youngest readers in. Adorable illustrations accompany each letter as Dog and Mouse's story unfolds. Loved this one!

Maria says

A quick alphabet adventure with a mouse and a dog... perfect for Story Time as there are just 1-3 words per page. Plus tons of action.

Matt says

A cute story told by beginning each declarative word with the subsequent letter of the alphabet. A small mouse begins a game of ball with a dog, only to stir up some ire. This leads to a chase around the house and, eventually, the mouse is caught, but sneaks away before things get too hectic. But the end, currying favour seems to be the only way to get the mouse and dog to remain friends. Neo liked this story and I made him identify the letters as we read before bed. While perhaps below his level of comprehension, I needed a quick piece before sending him to dreamland.

J says

This is a fun book. The conclusion is very cute.

Elisabeth says

I don't usually read alphabet books, but a bookseller read this aloud to me at a library conference. I loved that there is a story connecting letters A to Z instead of just random objects or even a theme. Q, X, and Z nearly always seem like a stretch in alphabet books but this "story" approach didn't make me squirm like those do. The story is super cute, too!

Becky B says

With just one or two words per page, and each word or phrase starting with the next letter in the alphabet, the story of the adventures of a mouse and a dog are told.

A very fun alphabet book that also manages to tell a story (not always a given with alphabet books). Quite clever and cute.

The Library Lady says

Mouse is Asleep (that capital is not an error), when Ball rolls into his mouse hole and he Catches it. And soon the wet nose of Dog is poking into his mouse hole.

You get the idea. We go from A to Z as Dog chases Ball and Mouse through the house, but it all ends happily since Mouse is very smart and Dog isn't. And all ends happily with the two of them curled up together, friends.

If Twohy was a ball player, I'd wish he batted for the Mets, because he knocks this one out of the park. A perfect balance of droll art and minimal text, my only wish is that Dog was Cat. Perhaps in another book, one which I'll look forward to reading.

Jenny says

This is such a fun take on an alphabet book...it tells a story of a mouse being chased by a dog using each letter of the alphabet (as well as the darling illustrations) to tell the story. This would be a really fun read for a preschool/kdg. classroom. (It does have two letters that aren't the best choices for actually teaching letter sound correspondence...e is eye and o is oops.)

Vi (like the letter) says

I don't know why I was expecting more going into this. It's a very simple ABC book. The illustrations are supposed to be funny and appealing to kids, but since it's just an ABC book, it's geared more towards toddlers, so I don't know if they'd appreciate the pictures. I was hoping for more of a story to go along with the whole "learning the letters" theme, but it's okay. It's not something I would get for my child though as I need more of a cute and entertaining theme to the story.

Becky says

First sentence:

Aleep
Ball
Catch
Dog
Eye
Feet
Grrrr
Help!
I'll chase!
Jump
Kitchen
Living Room

Premise/plot: *Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!* is an alphabet caper by Mike Twohy. Without using a single complete sentence, Twohy packs adventure and drama into his story. It stars a dog and a mouse.

My thoughts: I really enjoyed Stop, Go, Yes, No! A Story Of Opposites. So I decided to read the first book, Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! Both books star this lovable dog. I really LOVED both books. They are great fun. They are good for pre-readers, early readers, and readers of all ages.

Text: 5 out of 5

Illustrations: 4 out of 5

Total: 9 out of 10

KC says

An abc chase between a mouse and a dog!

molliekay says

An alphabet book that I could read in storytime!
