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There's no "gobbledygook" in this picture book by James and Susan Patterson, with each letter of the alphabet providing a sophisticated word and definition for "Lilliputian" children to learn. Adults will appreciate the "juxtaposition" of young kids properly using impressive words that many grownups may not have heard of before! Includes a list of extra words in the back for further learning.

## Big Words for Little Geniuses Details

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# From Reader Review Big Words for Little Geniuses for online ebook

## Phyl says

Very cute... I would have added charcuterie for C haha

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## Cecelia Lopez says

We enjoy reading this book on repeat quite often. The chance to expand a child's vocabulary is quite exciting. However I take a small issue with this book. It is written by a very famous author and his and her name are displayed with grandeur on the front but the book lacks a bit of substance that comes with the expectations I have of well renowned authors. The words they have chosen are on no particular theme and although the words are fun to say and teach the writing aspect of the definitions is lacking. However the illustrations are lovely and in a bit of a different style.

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## Lynn says

Very original idea for an ABC book, and sure to expand a reader's vocabulary!

Each page presents one word for each letter of the alphabet. The letters are large, the words are in bold black, with the pronunciation and definition given. The entire page is filled with color, and animals, people, or objects depicting the meaning.

An entire additional set of words is given in the back.

I was most delighted with 'idioglossia' - a friend and I had our our secret language as children. Little did I know that there is a real word for it!

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## Melanie says

Summary:

Big words for little geniuses by Susan and James Patterson is a super cute book that is great for all readers: kids who love to be ahead in the reading game, and kids who might be struggling when it comes down to bigger words. The kids will learn all kinds of big, crazy words that are fun to read and to say. Adults may enjoy learning some of these words, too! The pictures make it easy to remember and there's plenty of humor to make the definitions silly, fun, relatable, and memorable. Also, each word has pronunciations listed right next to it, so those kids that have trouble putting big words together will definitely benefit from this book. It will get your (kids) excited about reading and learning new words. Watch their vocabulary extend further than you can imagine!

Activity:

The last two pages of the book is a giant list of big words that would be fun to learn. Have each student pick a word from the last two pages and learn about that word. Then, each kid can tell the class, or small group, about the word they learned. They can describe their word by other words, pictures, acting it out, etc.

Citation:

Patterson, S. and Patterson, J. (2017). *Big words for little geniuses*. New York, NY: Hachette Book Group, Inc.

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## **Jj says**

Hmm. Well, I am a big fan of big words, so I definitely like what this book was going for. The word choices were a bit uneven, but that's probably to be expected in this sort of situation.

I do take issue with the description of the quokka as "smiles quite a lot". They are not smiling, and they are not harmless little fuzzy playthings. They are part of the animal kingdom in Australia, a place where animals regularly kill people. Though now that I think of it, that is perhaps not quite the tone that this book is going for...

However, I have to comment on something that this book omits. I notice this is more common with books by authors who are very famous (for whatever reason--in this case the fame is actually due to writing, in fact) but it also happens with other situations where the creator(s) of text are named and highlighted while the creator(s) of the images are either mentioned as an afterthought or receive the bottom billing... or in the worst cases, no mention at all. The back cover flap has an author bio of James and Susan Patterson--but nothing about the artist who created the illustrations, Hsinping Pan. Everyone is credited on the cover (hooray!) but should also be included in the back matter.

Illustrators rarely get adequate billing--this is an issue that readers can involved with. If you are one such person, do please check out the ongoing campaign called [#PicturesMeanBusiness](#)

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## **Yaritza says**

One of the cutest book I have ever read. Will keep the children and the reader active in trying to pronounce such difficult words. Even I had to look at the pronunciations. I love the vivid colors and illustrations. Truly a book that all ages will love and remember.

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## **Tina says**

Oh, so, up this lady's alley! This book of words, with its perfectly cute & colorful illustrations, is so much fun! No bumfuzzling you here!

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## **Stefanie says**

A fun way to get kids interested in learning new words.

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## **Rob says**

There is nothing better than hearing my 2.5 year old say Onomatopoeia.

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## **Ruth says**

My new favorite alphabet book. Nincompoop! Catawampus! Gobbledygook!

And the illustrations are wonderful as well.

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## **Elizabeth Guzman says**

Arachibutyrophobia- is the alarming fear of peanut butter sticking to the top of your mouth!

Why use short normal words, when there is so many big and fun words out there? Read this book to your child and have their first word be one of a little genius.

This book is an awesome education tool. It is just filled with big complicated words and definitions. Each word is illustrated in a funny way. The colorful pages and silly words are sure to grab any child's attention. Even after reading, in the back few pages there is even more fun words to learn. Having children actually learn these words will improve their vocabulary and make them more knowledgeable. I enjoyed reading this book myself, learning new words that I can use to impress others. It was a fun read and its illustrations make it fun to look at.

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## **Jennifer (JenIsNotaBookSnob) says**

Words and brief definitions. I struggled a little with the pronunciation guide, I wish it was more in the style of a traditional dictionary's pronunciation guides. I can see why this was such a popular book, the illustrations are appealing and it gives you the chance to share somewhat obscure vocabulary words with young kids.

Not as much fun as I'd hoped it would be, but, still a nice choice.

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## **Baby Bookworm says**

*This review was originally written for The Baby Bookworm. Visit us for new picture books reviews daily!*

Hello, friends! Our book today is *Big Words For Little Geniuses*, written by Susan and James Patterson and illustrated by Hsinping Pan.

Have you ever been part of a kerfuffle? Or seen something that was a bit catawampus? Ever wanted to know if there was a word for the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth? (There is, it's "arachibutyrophobia"!) This delightfully unusual alphabet book challenges little readers with lesser-known, often-lengthy, and wonderfully fun-to-say words that they may not hear elsewhere. Little bookworms can learn about words like "Lilliputian", "quokka", and "flibbertigibbet", from phonetic spelling to an easily-understood definition, with even more words included in a glossary in the backmatter.

What fun! As a lover of words, especially unusual, little-used, and/or esoteric ones, this was an incredibly enjoyable read for both myself and JJ. The Pattersons do a great job of choosing words that are unusual yet still entertaining and identifiable, so kids can indeed find use for them in their everyday lives (as can the adults reading with them)! The whimsical and vivid color-block illustrations are a treat, and JJ absolutely adored them. This was a good length for a quick read-through, and could provide lots of fun for repeat readings and learning opportunities. A perfect book for budding logophiles, and we definitely recommend it. Baby Bookworm approved!

Be sure to check out The Baby Bookworm for more reviews!

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### **Jessica Furtado says**

I am not a fan of James Patterson and the way that he puts his name on other authors' books to get them published, or the fact that there isn't much "writing" involved, seeing as the definitions of words can be found right in a dictionary. But the illustrations are delightful, and kids and adults alike will have fun trying to pronounce some of these tricky words. A picture book for the older set, perhaps around third grade level.

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### **Joey Gremillion says**

Of all of the wonderful James Patterson kids' books, this has to be my favorite (and there are some WONDERFUL ones, like House of Robots and I Funny series). This book teaches those big words, like FLIBBERTIGIBBET (a friend who loves to talk and talk) and GOBBEDLYGOOK (goofy or nonsensical talk). KUDOS for phonetic and vocabularic skill buildings with cool illustrations.

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