

Book Review

Noah's Alphabet Garden

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Noah's Alphabet Garden is a unique picture book, which engages readers of all ages in different ways. Its detailed imagery, developed by both illustrations and text, draws children into the setting created by author Randy Arnowitz. Beginning with the front cover, this story promises colorful cartoon pictures on every page. Upon turning the cover, Noah, the well-spoken pup, welcomes the reader to explore his many responsibilities as a local gardener.

Written by a gardener and dog lover, this tale definitely bids readers to appreciate the people, animals, and plants that contribute to our sustenance and livelihoods. Moving through his garden one

letter of the alphabet at a time, Noah the kindhearted dog, aided by his farm animal friends, educates readers about different types of plants and the process of raising a garden. Whimsical rhyming helps develop the story's lighthearted tone by giving it songlike fluency.

This book is excellent to read with younger children, as it helps kids learn to connect letters and sounds, and to understand their practical applications in the English language. The combination of the alphabetical design and consistent rhyming pattern makes each page entertaining and memorable. Even adults can learn a thing or two from this book. As Noah guides us through his routines for tending his garden, readers learn all about the flowers and produce he mentions. For instance, did you know that artichokes form thistles when they are not harvested? I certainly did not!

In summary, Noah's Alphabet Garden encourages a culture of curiosity and assimilation of people with the natural world for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Especially in this day and age, when we can all be a bit preoccupied with technology, it is particularly helpful to have a storybook that sparks people's interests in nature as well as fostering an appreciation for the origins of our food. Noah, the lovable cartoon dog, communicates these messages quite well in Arnowitz's first storybook, Noah's Alphabet Garden available online at Amazon.com.