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M Is For Melody: A Music Alphabet (Art And Culture)



Synopsis

From the oom pah pah of the brass section to the tickle and tease of the keyboard ivories, "M is for Melody" gives a music lesson in alphabet form. Instruments, composers, terms, and even musical styles are examined from A-Z in easy, read-aloud rhymes and expository, accompanied by colorful and engaging artwork. Based on MENC National Standards for Music Education, educators will find this a valuable addition to their classroom material.

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Customer Reviews

"The poetic text of this book celebrates musical instruments, terms, and methods. From the oom-pah-pah of the brass trombones to ragtime and yodel, children can learn about musical sounds and vocabulary. In the margins, informative text offers definitions or short explanations of musical terms as well as brief historical information." -- "Teaching Music," Reston, VA (December 2004)

Kathy-jo Wargin is the author of more than 30 books for children, including *The Legend of Sleeping Bear*. Her many awards include an IRA Children's Choice Award for *The Legend of the Loon* and an IRA Teacher's Choice Award for *Win One for the Gipper*. Kathy-jo lives in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

I glad I was patient because I had to wait a while for this book to become available. I liked that you

can read the simple parts quite quickly, or go into the detailed text for a longer time, depending on the mood of the kid you're reading to. The words and choices are really good for my 3 1/2 year old who loves music and already knows most orchestral instruments well. It's probably too advanced for kids less than 3. A lot of alphabet books are basic, but this one is very flexible with excellent subject matter and illustrations.

This book was a Christmas gift for a 5-year old whose mother is a music teacher. It was a big hit. The young girl and mother both loved it and couldn't wait to read it. I flipped through it and thought it was very informative, but in a simple way. The rhythmic lyrics of the information make it easy to retain. I'd say when this book is read to children the knowledge sticks with them throughout their lives... like a favorite song you used to listen to 10 years ago - when it comes on the radio you still know all the words.

This book is beautiful to look at. I would use it as a picture book for young children and modify the narrative which is meant to be read by older children. It was too old for my 4 year old grandson. However he enjoyed the pictures. This book would be a better book for a child between the ages of 3rd grade, even through 6th grade, with no musical background.

I am hoping to teach my son the alphabet this year, and since he is so interested in music, I thought this book would be a good fit. It is very informative and is written in a rhyming poem form. I like that there is more in-depth description for each word, in addition to the rhyming text. For now, we mostly read the rhyming text, and that is fun. The pictures are also particularly good.

I teach music to children ages 3 -13, and am always looking for literature to help them learn about music and instruments. Yes, I use Ipad apps, too, but they are sadly wanting. This book is a great way to teach about instruments and the elements of music. The side bars are full of information.

my great-grand children in Germany really like this book, and my granddaughter says it is helping the babies learn music...

A great addition to my music book library to be used in my general music classes, K-5. Great illustrations, and very creative way through the alphabet.

This is a beautiful book with creative rhymes to introduce musical instruments, concepts and vocabulary. With groups of kids ages 4-6 I found as a music teacher that I could only keep them interested for maybe 7ish letters at a time. But that's okay because you can do it in chunks if it doesn't bother you to break up the alphabet. I'm okay with that. I imagine with a smaller crowd or just one to two children it might go better with less distraction. Something I appreciate is that on each page aside from the rhyme, there is a more involved explanation of the word used for each letter. So it could cater to different age groups. I'm pleased to own it, I find it an accessible teaching tool for all things music related.

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