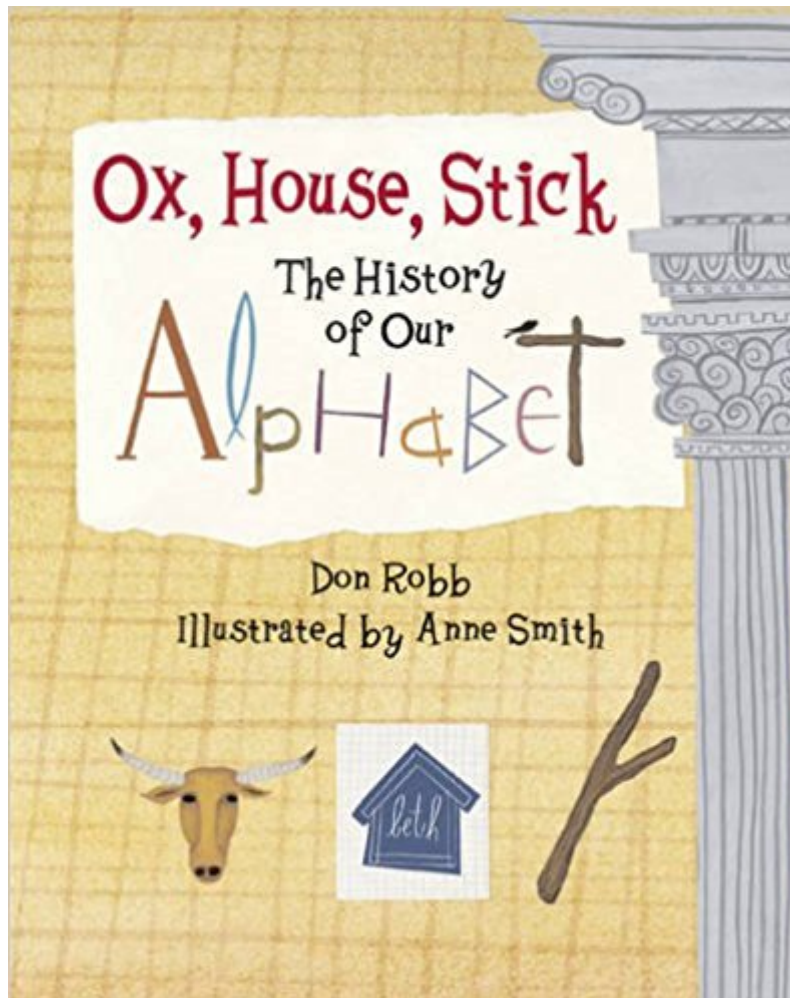




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Ox, House, Stick: The History Of Our Alphabet



Synopsis

Bold collage illustrations and clear prose trace the origins of our familiar letters. From the proto-Sinaitic peoples, through the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans, this book follows the development of the Roman alphabet. Includes sidebar information on punctuation, writing materials, the technology of printing, and more.

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Customer Reviews

Robb's picture-book survey offers a fascinating look at the Roman alphabet, from its ancient origins to today. The approach is concise but comprehensive. Opening pages explore how and why written language developed in the first place: "Spoken language doesn't let you keep a record of what was said, and it doesn't let you talk to people who are far away." Robb also covers how early civilizations moved from picture symbols to the concept of letters and the history of specific letters, with text insets addressing related topics, such as the first writing materials. The open layouts feature appealing, stylized graphics that ably reinforce the text, including a map that demonstrates the spread of written language around the Mediterranean. Best suited for kids who have a handle on language concepts such as consonants and vowels, this will find a home in both social studies and language-arts units. The appended resources include books for both children and adults. Pair this

with Tiphaine Samoyault's Alphabetical Order (1998). Engberg, Gillian --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Don Robb began his second career in educational publishing after seven years as a teacher. After graduating from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he studied history and political science, Don taught Spanish, French, and English as a second language at the high school level in Toledo, Ohio, then later at a junior high school in Hackensack, New Jersey. His first job in publishing was as a foreign language consultant for Holt, Rinehart. He went on to serve in a variety of editorial and marketing capacities there, and at Houghton Mifflin Co., where he became a vice president. He left that position to join Charlesbridge (then Mastery Education Corporation) in 1981. Don is an avid reader and a writer. His particular interests are history--especially American history--science non-fiction, and mysteries.

Interesting, easy read. I learned a lot about the history of the alphabet, which is something I hadn't thought much about before. Well worth it!

Annoying layout with "text boxes" instead of well-conceived text. The idea was attractive. The execution is very disappointing.

I bought this book to supplement our Homeschool curriculum and I am very pleasantly surprised. As a Christian homeschool mom, I am careful about the content of our supplements as they may press "evolution", however, this book does not. It is very well written for the age level and for adults as well. I found it informative, entertaining and easy on the eyes. Some collage illustration books can be overwhelming to the eyes...this one is not. We will be using this book for many years as it can be used over the homeschool years because it can be a springboard to dig deeper into "communication" and the history there of. I ordered another copy for my other homeschool child so both can read it together and have discussions of it. WEAVER curriculum users, this is a must. Not too complicated yet informative. Enjoy the adventure.

I bought this book for my niece, but also read it myself. I have an advanced degree in linguistics so the alphabet is more than just a passing interest. This book was informative and helpful, without being too detailed or unreadable. Since she's growing up in a bilingual household, she often asks me questions about language comparisons and this book has sparked a whole new series of

inquiries. Not that she'll follow my academic training, but it's nice to see the little lady stretching her mind with a well-written text on an interesting subject.

This is great to teach the history of language. I read one letter a day.

Want to know about the roots and the development of the alphabet in a nutshell and very simplified version. Here it is. A well written and illustrated book for kids and adults as well. Gives many examples and makes you think about how to teach kids the ABC too, i.e. use the pictorial mode.

This book is great for kids interested in the origin of the alphabet.

Great

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