Dr. Seuss's ABC

Beginner Books

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BIG A

little a

What begins with A?
Aunt Annie’s alligator
...A...a...A
BIG B

little b
What begins with B?
Barber baby bubbles and a bumblebee.
What begins with C?

Camel on the ceiling

C . . . . c . . . . C
David Donald Doo dreamed a dozen doughnuts and a duck-dog, too.
ABCDEF...e...e

ear
egg
elephant

E E E
Four fluffy feathers on a Fiffer-feffer-feff.
Goat
girl
googoo goggles
G... g... G
Hungry horse.

BIG H

little h

Hungry horse.
Hay.
Hen in a hat.
Hooray!
Hooray!
BIG I

little i

i...i...i
Icabod is itchy.

So am I.
What begins with j?

Jerry Jordan’s jelly jar and jam begin that way.
Kitten. Kangaroo.

BIG K

little k

Kitten. Kangaroo.
Kick a kettle.
Kite
and a
king's kerchoo.
Little Lola Lopp.
Left leg.
Lazy lion
licks a lollipop.
BIG M

little m

Many mumbling mice are making midnight music in the moonlight . . .

mighty nice
What begins with those?

Nine new neckties and a nightshirt and a nose.
O is very useful. You use it when you say: "Oscar's only ostrich oiled an orange owl today."
Painting pink pajamas.
Policeman in a pail.
Peter Pepper’s puppy.
And now
Papa’s in the pail.
What begins with Q?

The quick Queen of Quincy and her quacking quacker-oo.
BIG R

little r

Rosy Robin Ross.
Rosy’s going riding on her red rhinoceros.
Silly Sammy Slick sipped six sodas and got sick sick sick.
What begins with T?

Ten tired turtles
on a tuttle-tuttle tree.
What begins with U?

Uncle Ubb’s umbrella and his underwear, too.
Vera Violet Vinn is very very very awful on her violin.
Willy Waterloo washes Warren Wiggins who is washing Waldo Woo.
X is very useful if your name is Nixie Knox. It also comes in handy spelling ax and extra fox.
BIG Y

little y
A yawning yellow yak.
Young Yolanda Yorgenson is yelling on his back.
ABCD
EFG...

HIJK
LMNOP...
What begins with Z?

BIG  Z

little  Z

What begins with Z?
I do.

I am a Zizzer-Zazzer-Zuzz as you can plainly see.
The Beginner Book Story

"Ten years ago, Dr. Seuss took 220 words, rhymed them, and turned out THE CAT IN THE HAT, a little volume of absurdity that worked like a karate chop on the weary little world of Dick, Jane and Spot."

—Ellen Goodman, THE DETROIT FREE PRESS, Nov. 1966

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