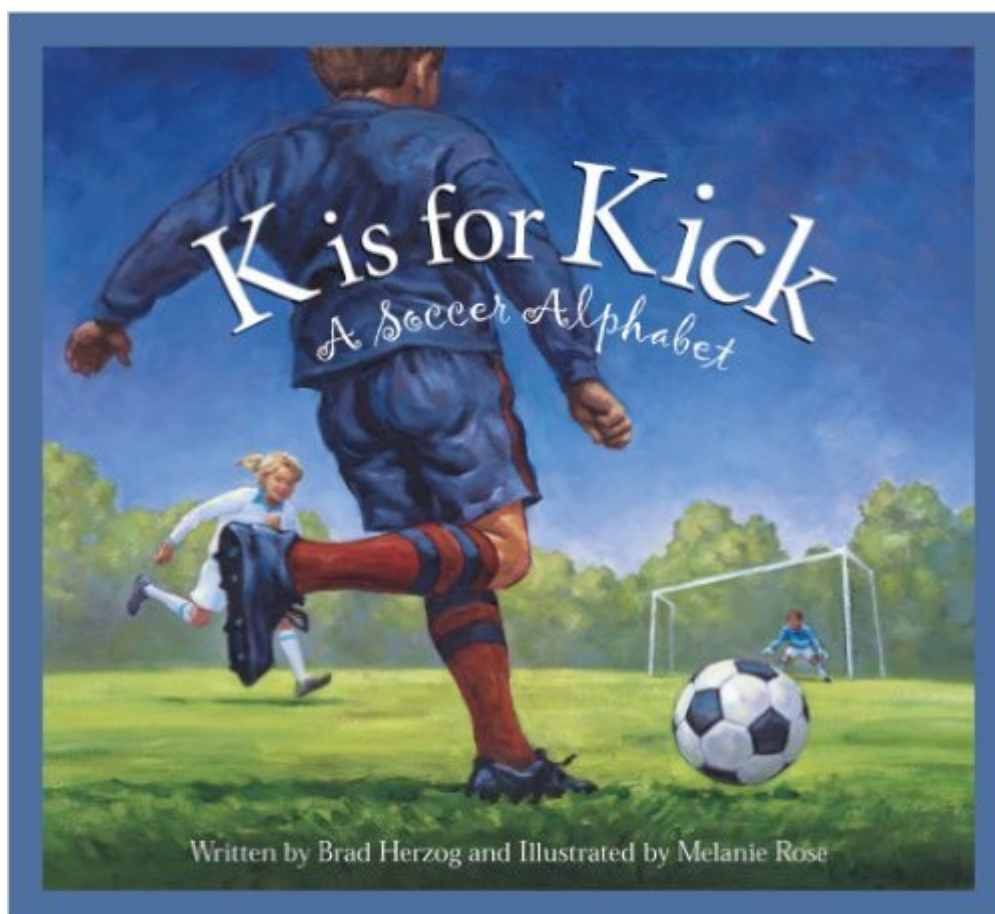


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K Is For Kick: A Soccer Alphabet (Sports Alphabet)



Synopsis

Author Brad Herzog brings his well-received prose and soccer knowledge together with Melanie Rose's charming and realistic illustrations to detail every facet of the game. Each letter has a simple rhyme for young readers: "J is for the Jerseys that soccer players wear. But often in the World Cup, opponents tend to share. In a gesture of respect after a game ends, They simply swap their jerseys as if they are old friends." For older readers the expository text gives specific details about goaltending, referees, the World Cup, and many other aspects. K is for Kick follows the wildly popular Z is for Zamboni.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I have to think the idea reader for "K is for Kick: A Soccer Alphabet" is going to be the parent who is having trouble waiting for their kid to be old enough to go out on the soccer field and kick the ball around, let alone trying to help the kid learn to read. Author Brad Herzog admittedly creates a two-tier format that has one part targeted on young readers learning the alphabet and the other for more advanced readers who are clearly soccer fans. But I have to think that if a kid is learning his alphabet than the idea that "C is for clubs everywhere" and gives examples of Italy's A.C. Milan and Santos in Brazil, that they probably have little idea as to where to find Italy and Brazil on the map. There are references to age appropriate aspects of the game, such as kicking and youth soccer, but

then "N" stands for not only the University of North Carolina's dynasty in women's soccer but number 19, the number that UNC retired in honor of Mia Hamm. In addition to examining the history and lore of soccer from A for a game played "all over the world" to Z for the French soccer star "Zinedine Zinedine," Herzog provides detailed sidebars on each topic that supply lots of details that adult readers who are soccer fans can appreciate. This may well be one of the most impractical alphabet books I have come across, but that seems a small matter given the love of the game that infuses the entire volume. The result is one of the few alphabet books that young readers may actually enjoy more as they grow older and can read the details provided in the small print. The illustrations by Melanie Ross-Popp are energetic enough and older readers will appreciate her liberty in showing Brandi Chastain (under L for "ladies"). This is one of a series of alphabet books from Sleeping Bear Press that includes "A is for America: An American Alphabet," "M is for Maple: A Canadian Alphabet," "M is for Majestic: A National Park Alphabet," "P is for Pilgrim: A Thanksgiving Alphabet," and "Z is for Zamboni: A Hockey Alphabet." Of course, I am waiting for the Baseball Alphabet book (H is for Home Run?).

My 5 year old loves soccer. This is a great book for him to read. There's more to it as well if you want to get into reading all of the information in the boxes. We just keep it simple for now but it will be great for when he's older as well.

I really like this books for my soccer loving kids. The book is very basic for younger kids in that they are just reading the alphabet and recognizing letters, but older kids also get a lot out of the facts presented within. This book is an easy read and I like how the alphabet is read in rhyming verses.

This is a great book for younger children - jam packed with soccer facts and information about the history of the game. While some of the words may be difficult for elementary-aged kids, it will certainly "kick start" their desire to learn.

I got this for my daughter and although it is a great book with illustrations I wish it had at least one illustration of a female playing soccer. I did not see one.

K is for Kick and all the other is the series are filled with lots of great facts.

Really cute book. Perfect for our beginning soccer players as well as parent/grandparent spectators.

My son bought copies for each of his son's teammates.

This is a young adult book with sophisticated content. I used it with English-as-a-Second-Language speakers who like soccer. They like it a lot.

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