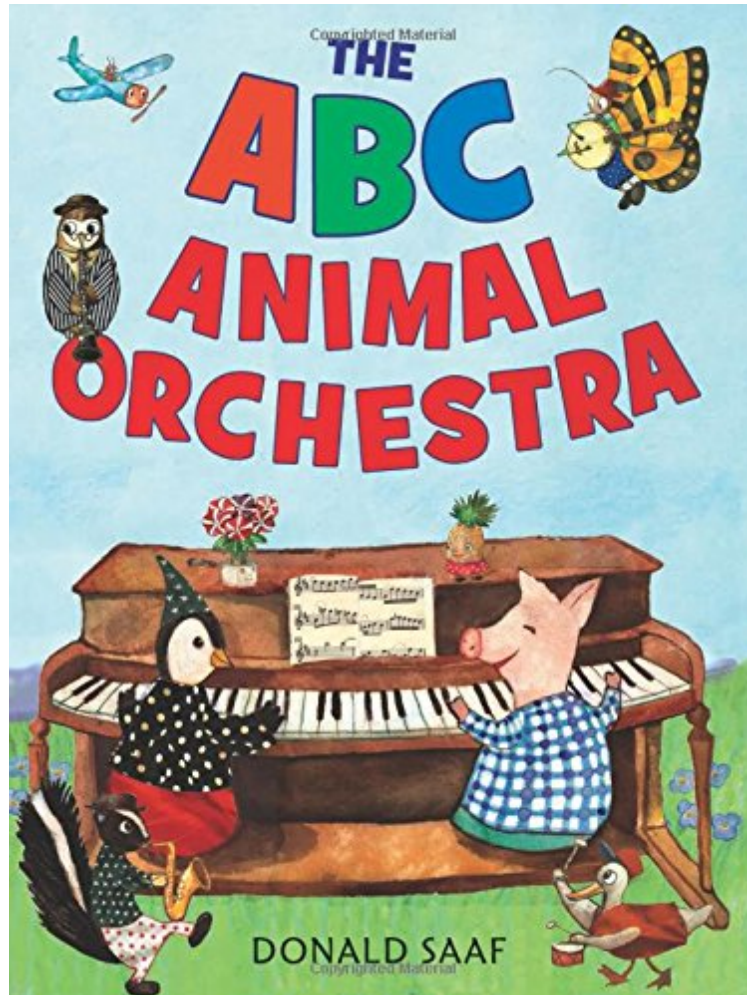


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**Donald Saaf : The ABC Animal Orchestra** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The ABC Animal Orchestra:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A lovely concept, but rather cluttered for the 2-5 age range.By Sunshine on a Rainy DaySUMMARY: This is an ABC book that shows an animal playing an instrument for each letter of the alphabet. For example: "C is for Chimpanzee crashing his cymbals. It's also for car, cat and camera."ILLUSTRATIONS: The illustrations were created in mixed media. They are very colorful and interesting. However, the layout is very busy with far too much to look at for the advertised age range.THE GOOD: I was intrigued by the title when I saw this book as I am always looking for ABC books that are different--not just the run of the mill A is for Apple. There is plenty of rich vocabulary throughout the book as children are introduced to a list of different animals and instruments as well as other words each letter stands for.THE NOT AS GOOD: First, I know this

nitpicky, but B is for Butterfly and a butterfly is not an animal. I would have liked to see consistency here. There are 25 animals and one insect. The illustrations for this book are so intriguing, but I was unable to fully appreciate them because the pages were overly busy. There was far too much to see on each page. The same can be said for the wording (which necessitated more illustration on the page). This book would have been so much better if it were simplified to "E is for Elephant strumming her Electric guitar" rather than adding on the additional E words. AGE RECOMMENDATION: Advertised for ages 2-5. However, the pages are very busy and complicated for the 2-3 year olds.

Aardvarks play accordions Butterflies strum banjos Chimpanzees crash cymbals Preschoolers can learn their ABCs with the fresh, alliterative text and the charming illustrations of animal friends playing music with instruments from around the world.

From School Library Journal PreS-K According to the book's flap copy, its goal is to introduce animal friends playing instruments from around the world. Indeed, readers move through the alphabet in full spreads with an animal represented for each letter. At first each one is paired with an instrument, along with a few alliterative words that are also illustrated, adding a seek-and-find element to the book. The aardvark plays the accordion, and the dog plays the drum. But come to the "H," and things start to fall apart, with the hedgehog "Holding her ears," and "Intermission" and "Ice cream" for the "Iguana and Ibex." If you allow that a yodel and a whistle are instruments, there are still letters with no instrument at all. Clumsy folk art-style pen, pencil, and watercolor illustrations combine with inexpert collage elements for an overall disappointing experience. The alphabet concept book category is a crowded one, and any new entry had better be special. VERDICT Saaf's mixed-media offering doesn't have the necessary narrative hook or the visual appeal to set it apart from its competition. Lisa Lehmueller, East Providence School District, RI . . . its goal is to introduce animal friends playing instruments from around the world. School Library Journal Preschoolers may not know all of the creatures, but they will have fun pointing out what's happening and connecting letters with them. Kirkus s Blending painted and collaged elements, Saaf's images have a welcoming, folk-art vibe. Readers will practically hear the joyful noise as they spot the playful details in each spread Publishers Weekly A tasty treat for reading aloud that should get a rave reception. Kirkus s on Skinny Brown Dog A well-crafted picture book that children will appreciate. School Library Journal on Skinny Brown Dog Irresistible canine charms, and Saaf's pictures, in equal parts clever and sweet (but never saccharine) . . . will deservedly earn children's appreciation here. Booklist on Skinny Brown Dog About the Author Donald Saaf has illustrated many highly acclaimed books for children, including Skinny Brown Dog, Pushkin Minds the Bundle, The Easter Bunny that Overslept, and Wee G. A graduate of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, he lives in Vermont with his family.