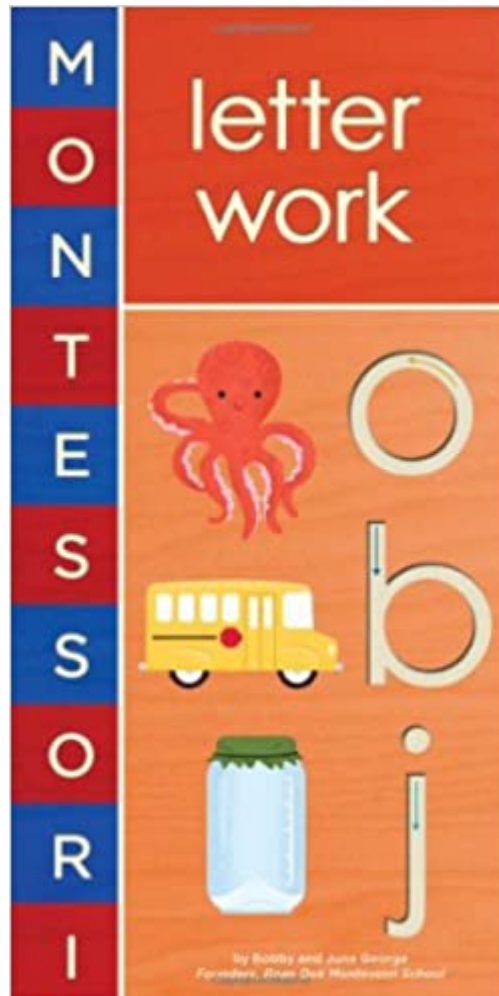




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# Montessori: Letter Work



## Synopsis

These unique board books bring the popular Montessori pedagogy to trade book form for the first time. Using materials and methods common to Montessori classrooms, these interactive board books immerse young children in an aesthetically rich learning experience, while providing parents and caregivers with carefully crafted language to encourage understanding. In Montessori classrooms, students learn to write before they learn to read, so the process is driven by their own words and thoughts before those of others. Letters are taught first as sounds (instead of names), and alphabet tiles encourage children to trace each letter with their fingers. This book honors that tradition by emulating the standard classroom material with touchable, traceable letters and beautiful colors that evoke the elegant simplicity of the Montessori aesthetic. Praise for Montessori: Letter Work "The combination of phonetics and simple retro illustration makes for an excellent entree into pre-literacy." — The Wall Street Journal

## Book Information

Series: Montessori

Board book: 24 pages

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams; Ina Brdbk edition (August 1, 2012)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 5 x 0.6 x 10 inches

Shipping Weight: 12.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars 153 customer reviews

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Bobby George and June George live in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they founded Baan Dek, the first Montessori school in the state, and run Montessorium, an app company.

This is a great little book for learning letter phonics! It can be used for very children - my son is only 20 months old and has already started learning letters right away! Not sure if you can tell from the stock photos but the letters in this book are raised and textured, so when little ones runs their fingers across them, a sensory experience is created. I use this book in addition to our sandpaper letters and my son loves it! This book reinforces his letter/phonics learning while we are in bed, or other places that the sandpaper letters would be too cumbersome to present. Sometimes he even picks this book from the shelf himself. I highly recommend this book for purchase for young and older children who are learning their letters and phonics. It's an interesting and fun way to learn!

The Letter Work book was my kid's 2nd favorite of the Montessori "work" books (map work was #1) but he did pull it out with the rest and took a strong interest in both the tracing and the "sounds". I thought these were kind of uninteresting and neutral little books at first but boy did my toddler love them! His favorite books for like a year. I highly recommend these.

It is a cute book and my daughter is somewhat into it, although I am not pushing the alphabet onto her and want her to take her time developing her own interest in letters. My issue is that the "sandpaper" finish is much too light to provide a real tactile experience. Needs to be rougher.

I'm sure the reviews mention this, though of course I was busy and didn't read them, but the letters in the book are very slightly textured and feel raised, rather than indented. Based on the picture I had assumed the pages were double board book pages with the top cut out so the child could keep their fingers within the letter easily. Not so. The pages are board, and very high quality. I do appreciate that the letters are introduced as sound, rather than name, and they are grouped by shape rather than alphabetically. In other words, the "guh" (g) and "qwuh" (q) come very first. All letters are lowercase. My sister in law, a certified Montessori teacher, looked over the book and she was impressed, though even she was annoyed, as I was, by the A being spelled as "aeh" which stumps me every time, and I find myself glancing at the ant picture to remind myself of the pronunciation. Perhaps that is just me. My sister in law also mentioned that having my child use two fingers to trace the letter will aid in their correct grasp of a pencil. All this aside, it must be said that my four year old loves her book, but also loves to move my hand aside and show me how she likes to do the letter, and proceeds to trace the letter in the most nonsensical fashion. :-P However, I also love the book and will most likely be purchasing others in the series.

I love that this book has the letters out of order! Keeps my daughter from just repeating the alphabet from memory and makes her really think about each letter!

I purchased this book for my 6 month old daughter. The book is made very well, has strong pages and binding. It has colorful pictures that coincide with the letters your teaching. The letters have a texture on the page so my daughter can run her hand or fingers over the letters and feel how you would write the letter as well as how you would write the letters. The last two pages of the book include all of the alphabet so we can go over all the letters at once.

This is a great educational book. I originally purchased this for my child after seeing it at a homeschool convention. It is a great educational book. I have now purchased more as gifts. I highly recommend this book.

Wow I wish I had this book with my first born. I love knowing how to say the letters and will teach it to my 8month old. My 7 year old is having problems reading and sounding out words on his grade level. With this book we have been doing some great phonic exercise and he is improving fast.

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