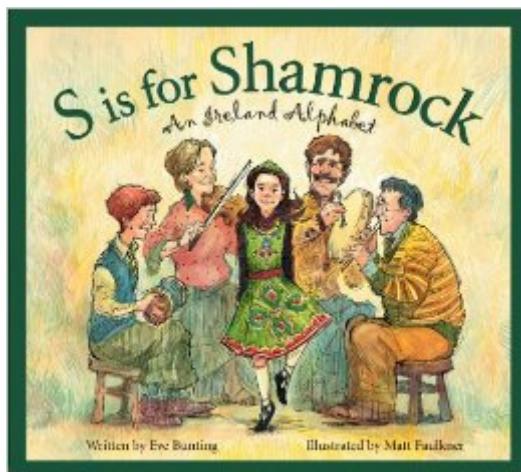


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Synopsis

Small in size (less than 400 by 200 miles) the country of Ireland holds a big place in world and human history. And many from around the globe proudly lay claim to ancestral ties there. *S is for Shamrock: An Ireland Alphabet* gives readers a guided A-Z tour of this small island country whose influence extends far beyond its sea borders. Famous landmarks such as the Blarney Stone and Finn McCool's Giant Causeway speak to the land and history that shaped Ireland and its inhabitants. The prose and poetry of Eve Bunting, Irish native and children's book author, bring the magic and mystery, character and culture of the Emerald Isle to vivid life. To find recipes, games, interactives maps and much more for this title visit www.discovertheworldbooks.com! Author Eve Bunting's many honors include a Special Achievement Award from PEN International for her contribution to children's literature. In 2002 she was chosen to be Irish-American Woman of the Year by the Irish American Heritage Committee of New York. Ms. Bunting lives in Pasadena, California. Matt Faulkner also illustrated *The Night Henry Ford Met Santa*. A writer and illustrator of numerous children's books, Matt is also a contributing illustrator to national publications such as the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. He lives in California.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Really poor book. There have to be a number of better books about Ireland than this one. The Irish alphabet has little or no imagination, with some specific examples from the book that seem especially odd. J for Journey, N for Nature, A for Ancient Ireland vs. M for Modern Ireland, T for Titanic. Having visited Ireland and of Irish heritage, some of the letter associations are pretty disappointing. The illustrations are interesting, but the associated story is lackluster at best. The alphabet should have been executed much, much better.

Eve Bunting used some unusual words, definitely. But she incorporated history, religion, mythology, and science, presenting a fuller than average alphabetical look at Ireland. This book is for the curious, the lovers of all things Irish, and those who want to learn. I would not want to read it to my grandkids until they are a bit older, but it is well worth adding to your library. And I learned a thing or two.

I love the idea of these themed alphabet books, and I love to give books as gifts, so this one was fun to give my friend of Irish descent. This series of books has many different illustrators, and because I found the ones in this book less attractive, I didn't give it 5 stars. But some of the others are even better, so if you like the idea, check them out.

"S Is for Shamrock: An Ireland Alphabet" is fantastic for anyone interested in Irish culture, legends and history. The short rhymes are perfect for reading out loud to a young child, while the longer sidebars of historical information will appeal to older children who can read it on their own. Even adults might learn something new (I did!).

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