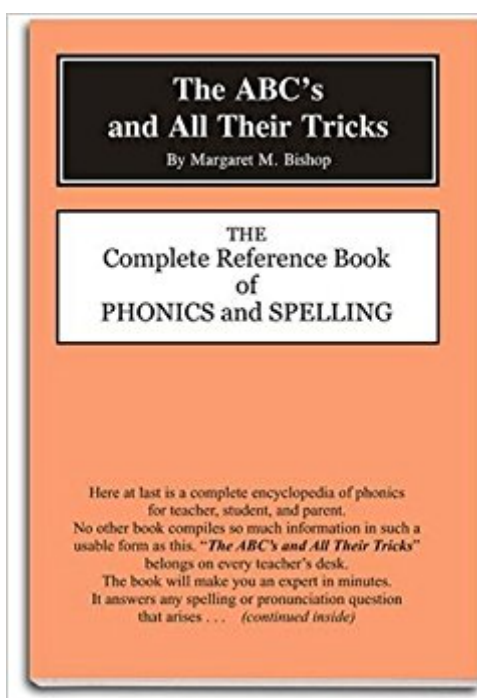


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# The ABC's And All Their Tricks: The Complete Reference Book Of Phonics And Spelling



## Synopsis

THE phonics book for teachers. Comprehensive information is given here for every spelling of every sound. For each spelling you find rules which govern it, exceptions to the rules, sample words to use for teaching the sound or spelling, etymological information, and more. Each sound is keyed to the Phonics Made Plain cards and chart. The Appendix also contains an excellent article concerning reading problems of the older student or adult.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a good book. I am just not sure that it filled the need that I had. I was looking for a quick reference for spelling rules and phonograms. This is probably worth having as a reference, but if someone asked me for a recommendation I would tell them to buy "understanding the logic of english" That book is more user friendly and easy to understand.

For intermediate to advanced phonics, Bishop's text is a great resource, but it's not for every reading teacher. It should be particularly valuable for reading specialists, speech therapists, and anyone looking to develop curriculum material. How have I used the text? It's helped me adapt and develop materials for a junior-high student who reads 3-4 grades below level because of dyslexia. He hates the skill-sheets that were so obviously developed for elementary students. Now I can adapt or create materials easily. What does the text offer? It generally gives 20-40 examples for every spelling-sound pattern, and explains the situations that lead to the exceptions. Entries are

cross-referenced to examples that follow similar patterns. Bishop points out differences you probably haven't thought of noticing before (for example, when the featured spelling-sound pattern is stressed or unstressed, voiced or not voiced. Each of these distinctions comes with a separate set of supporting examples.) Bishop offers clues that help readers know which pattern to follow when sounding out a word that "sounds" equally like two different spellings.

My only word of caution about this book is that it is intended for teachers. Don't let your child study independently from it (unless they are high-school age), or they may become confused. The reason is not because it is faulty in its presentation, but because it is so comprehensive that students may become frustrated with it. Having said that upfront, I will also add that this is a magnificent phonics and spelling reference. The title uses the word "encyclopedia" and I believe that is the most appropriate description of its contents, and how to effectively use it with your child. The heart of the book is arranged alphabetically covering all the known rules for each letter and letter combinations. You will find introductory notes on each letter, an explanation of all the sounds that letter makes in the English language, and, if applicable, how that particular letter teams with others to make a new sound. You will also notice cross-references so you can easily find comparative sounds and notes. There is also a listing of words (beginning, intermediate and advanced) which work with each sound, exceptions, (if any), a total for the number of words in the English language that use that sound, and any spelling/phonetic rules which cover that sound. Like I said, this is an exhaustive reference tool that leaves no stone unturned. Do yourself, and your student(s) a favor...BUY THIS BOOK! To do without it means hours of preparation and research on your end (not to mention potential learning gaps) that can be spent applying what is given to you here.

awesome for teaching

Having used Spelling Power for quite some time, I found this short volume to be a concise summary of many troublesome spelling peculiarities. There is a longish introduction that outlines educational trends over the years and explains much about reading along with spelling.

Being a homeschooling mom I found this book an excellent resource for teaching English . The book is clear and makes it easy to understand and find what you are looking for. Also I found it really helpful that it gives a list of words for each rule . Great book.

This was a recommendation from our middle school VT Lab School teacher. This book and the great efforts of my son and his teachers has improved my sons reading, writing and english 4 entire grade levels in 2 years. I have given this book as a gift to my grade school teacher friends and recommended it to several special ed teachers. I have never learned these rules, making struggle for 35+ years. My hope is that this type of information is how spelling is taught in the future. Thank you

As a person who likes to know why, I'm thrilled to have this resource. Although it will take me awhile to thoroughly digest, I have already used it to help my younger children understand some issues that have cropped up in their reading and spelling.

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