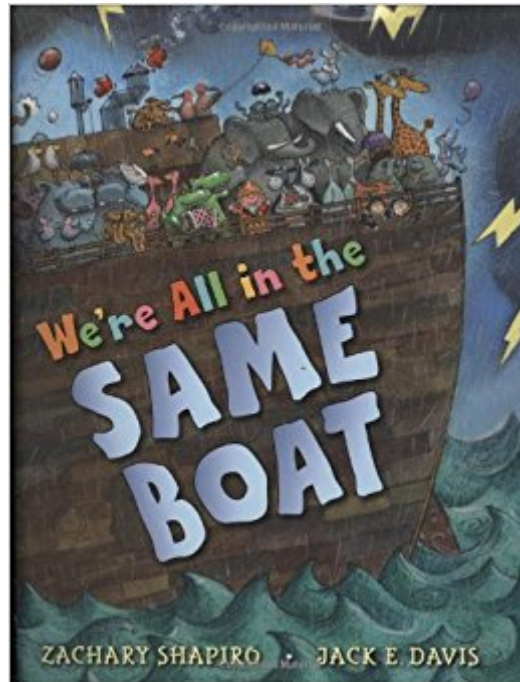




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# We're All In The Same Boat



## Synopsis

Things aren't going very well on Noah's ark. The animals thought they were in for a great adventure, but as days turn into weeks and the rain just doesn't stop, Noah finds himself with a boatload of cranky travelers—from antsy ants and bored bees to yelling yaks and zoned-out zebras. They're going to have to learn to cooperate in order to save this voyage, and Noah has just the right words to bring everyone together. Brought to life by Jack E. Davis's uproarious illustrations, this witty and heartwarming alphabetical play on the Noah's ark tale makes for the perfect rainy-day read-aloud.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 2 "For the first few days after they board the ark to escape the heavy rain, the animals enjoy the novelty of the voyage. However, as weeks pass, tempers start to flare, and an alphabetic litany of animals and their grievances begins. Camels complain, kangaroos kick, yaks yell, and the rest of the passengers contribute to the miserable atmosphere. Finally, Noah calls a halt to the uproar with a resounding shout to remind the creatures that they have to get along on a crowded boat. The next pass through the alphabet is much more congenial. Iguanas invite jaguars to jam. Quails quote rhymes with rabbits at a penguin party. In short, spirits improve considerably. Davis's hilarious illustrations of the facial expressions and actions of the various

animals add to the liveliness and humor. Lots of interactions occur simultaneously, giving readers much to explore visually. Aside from the basic premise of Noah and a huge assortment of animals, there's little relation to the familiar Bible tale. Shapiro has crafted a humorous alphabet story with an underlying message of cooperation—a winning combination.” Kathy Piehl, Minnesota State University, Mankato Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

At first, the animal couples are excited about their cruise on Noah’s Ark. But when the rain goes on and on, the giraffes are grumpy, the hyenas are hysterical, the iguanas are impatient, and they all blame Noah, until he yells at them: “We’re all in the same boat!” Then things turn around: the elephants become more enthusiastic, the foxes tell fables, the giraffes make gifts, and the kangaroos play kickball. The text’s alphabet wordplay, alliteration, and parody will have kids and adults laughing out loud; and the bright, colorful double-page spreads extend the verbal fun in scenes of the dressed-up animal passengers munching pizza on deck or wearing sunglasses and mouthing off as they play checkers. Children will enjoy practicing the big words about feeling vexed, livid, and exasperated. Grades K-3. --Hazel Rochman

Absolutely delightful little book that combines the Noah’s Ark story with a gentle moral message: “We’re all in the same boat, so how about we stop complaining and all pitch in?” The illustrations are cute, the language and rhymes are clever, and our 7-year-old cousin loved having us read the book to her. Rabbi Shapiro has taken a truly unique direction on the classic Bible story “and you’ll love it.

My family happened to be at a children’s book store this afternoon when a new author, Zachary Shapiro was there to read his first published work. All the kids and the adults in the room enjoyed this book that was playful and fresh in its retelling of Noah’s story. There were creative takes on the animals and their changeable moods and attitudes, and the illustrations kept the audiences’ attention as every little nook and cranny was filled with imaginatively dressed animals engaged in all kinds of activities. Back at our home, with each rereading, our grandson discovered more to look at and point out. I just ordered 6 more copies to have on hand as a great gift. It is as beautiful to look at as it is entertaining to read. We will look forward to more books from this talented and new favorite author!

"We're All in the Same Boat" is simply fun. Shapiro and Davis have created an instant classic with beautiful art, witty writing, and a story that even the youngest of kids will enjoy. The alphabetical text adds an extra bonus to those mastering their alphabet, but also creates an inviting rhythm for pre-readers. The moral/message is an essential one - because it is connected to Noah's Ark and the animals, it is not delivered in any sort of preachy way. My niece and nephew both adore the book. Fun, bright, and one read again and again throughout childhood.

bought it but too many pages torn in half..children couldn't see what was next

Great shipper, great book!

Great Book

Rabbi Zach Shapiro came to my attention from a colleague in LA. So I bought his book and circulated it among my colleagues at Behrman House Publishers. Sweet, charming story, delightful illustrations--and a wonderful, rich message.

I wasn't sure what age group this would appeal to, but a friend recommended it, so I got it for my niece. I may well have enjoyed it more than she, although she giggled a lot.

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