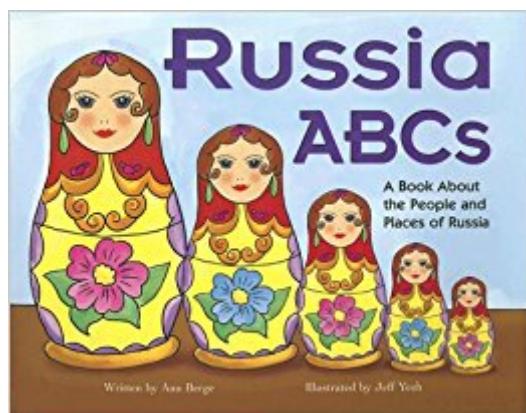


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# Russia ABCs: A Book About The People And Places Of Russia (Country ABCs)



## Synopsis

An alphabetical exploration of the people, geography, animals, plants, history, and culture of Russia.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 11 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

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Frankly, I was amazed at the variety and amount of information that is presented in "Russia ABCs," a children's information book. On the first page of the text, the reader learns: Privyet! (pree-VYET)--hi in Russian. Russia is the biggest country in the world, crossing two continents, Europe and Asia. Almost 145 million people live in Russia, 8th in world population. The eastern edge is only 51 miles from Alaska. Plus a map showing Russia's size, with an inset showing Russia's place on the

globe)A is for alphabet: the Cyrillic, named after one of two monks who invented it in the 800s.B is for ballet, for which Russia is famous.D is for doll, the hand-painted wooden nesting dolls called matryoshkas.G is for Grandfather Frost who comes on New Year's Day, bearing gifts.J is for the jeweled eggs created by Peter Carl Faberge for the czars.L is for Lake Baikal, the deepest lake in the world, home to 2000 kinds of plants and animals, half of which are found nowhere else.M is for Moscow, home to 8 million people, most of whom live in tiny apartments with one bathroom and one or two other rooms.N is for nerpa, a kind of seal that lives on Lake Baikal, and the only seal that lives in fresh water.R is for ruble, Russia's monetary unit.T is for taiga, a huge forested region that stretches across northern Russia and filled with spruce and pines.V is for Vladivostok, an important port city and the last stop on the Trans-Siberian Railway. The ride takes six or seven days to complete.X is for exports, with Russia being the second greatest exporter of oil.Z is for time zones. Russia is so huge that it spans eleven out of the 24 time zones.This is remarkably informative for a children's ABC book. It definitely belongs in a school library to enhance country studies. Look at how much you learned just from the review, which is just a skeletal look at the contents. My only reservation pertains to the illustrations. Some are really nice, but others look traced. That's the reason for the deducted star. Still--a nice recommendation.

We bought this as an introduction to Russia and my son loves it. We read it everyday for many weeks. It's easy to follow and opened the door to learning more about other countries. I will buy more titles in this series.

Very nice book with lots of interesting facts that kept my students engrossed from beginning to end. They can still remember many of the things that we learned about Russia-even the youngest ones!

This was a birthday present for our granddaughter, along with a matryoshka doll. She is five, and was fascinated by the book, asking her mother to read it to her over and over. It is so gratifying to be able to share a different culture with her and this book was a hit!

A great read, informative, and the best part my son loves the picture.

I love this book. Every other year I teach a curriculum entitled "Voyages". We study the seven continents. One of the the children's favorite lessons and projects is learning about Russia and Matroyshka dolls. I paired this book with a book about a set of Matroyshka sister dolls, making the

presentation to K/1 students very easy and enjoyable.

As a doll collector I own many Russian dolls. My grand daughter has an interest in Russia, since I often tell her stories of the time I spent there in the 80's. We both enjoyed the book very much. I collect dolls and books about dolls. This book fits beautifully in my collection.

Wonderful book to read to our little one. Beautiful illustrations and information about Russia.

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