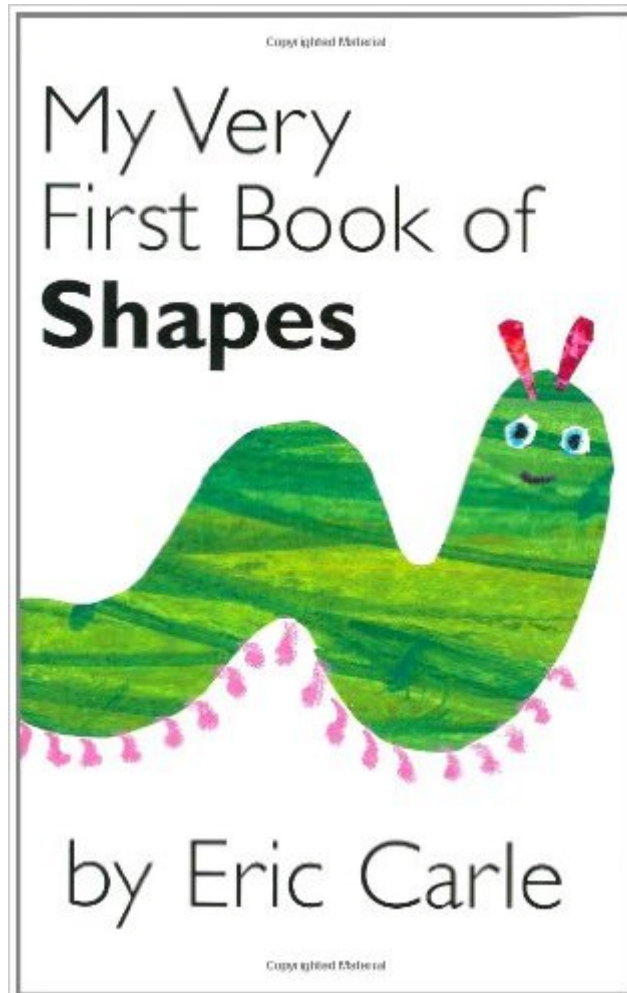


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My Very First Book Of Shapes



Synopsis

Can you find what is round? What is square? In this timeless new split-pageboard book, children can find the bottom half of a page that matches the top half. Find the right pairs, and you will learn to identify all kinds of shapes. From dome-shaped ladybugs to diamond-shaped kites, this clever board book makes learning fun.

Book Information

Age Range: 1 - 3 years

Board book: 20 pages

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Customer Reviews

I love Eric Carle as do my children. We probably own all his books. This is the most disappointing one. The artwork is still stunning, however this book of shapes includes things that are not really shapes -- and especially not shapes a young children, who the book is intended for, is going to know/understand. I originally purchased this to teach my kid different shapes, but this is not a good book for that. It's nice to look at and enjoy, but not nearly as educational as I had hoped. So, if you are getting this book to try to teach your kid shapes: skip it. If you are getting this book because to enjoy as a book: awesome!

In his acceptance speech for the ALA Laura Ingalls Wilder medal, Eric Carle referenced that he appreciated a description of his books as being "literature for the not-yet and just-about-to-be-reader" (Carle, 2003, 424). This time, Carle is teaching his almost readers about shapes through reincarnations of familiar characters from his other stories (the watermelon from a

caterpillar reminiscent of the infamous Very Hungry, a friendlier version of the Grouchy Ladybug) to demonstrate shapes. Value contrast is applied to make the black shapes on the top part of the split book format jump off the page. A greater variety of shapes than expected (think crescent or squiggle) are introduced. Parents can use the book to engage children in a dialogue about other familiar objects that may be the same shape. It would not be useful in practicing print awareness, because the nature of the book does not encourage a child to begin at the start of the book, but being able to start the book on any page may capture the attention of the young audience.

I bought this book for my 21 month old because I am interested in teaching her about shapes. It may be more appropriate for an older child. The book is split horizontally on the inside, separating pages between solid shapes on the top page (i.e. a solid black circle) and shape objects on the bottom page (i.e. a yellow sun). The idea is to flip back and forth until you match the top shape and bottom object by shape. My toddler quickly loses interest and some of the shapes are a bit advanced (crescent, oval, etc.). I appreciate this book as a teaching tool and like the fact that it includes a game, but it does not hold the attention of my toddler, and she is a child who loves books. Hopefully she will grow into it!

I feel like the book is geared more towards preschool age instead of toddler. The book is split inside and the shape on top does not match the shape on the bottom. I know for older kids it would be fun for them to help match the top and bottom but for ones on the younger end it's a little confusing.

This is a very simple book. The top shows shapes and the bottom shows images that represent them. You flip through and match them up. Despite its simple nature I must give it a 5 star review because my 2 year old loves to look at it. I'm not sure when a squiggle became a shape, but it seems to be her favorite image.

A VERY GOOD BOOK FOR TEACHING SHAPES...MANY SHAPES AND THE HALF PAGES YOU CAN PLAY NUMEROUS GAMES....WHEN THEY GET BORED THEY CAN STOP & PICK IT UP AGAIN TO START WHEREVER... DO NOT HAVE TO START AT THE FIRST PAGEGREAT BOOK TO START AT THE BACK & WORK FORWARD

I love Eric Carle and I have many other books by this author but this is my least favorite so

far. The shapes are not the traditional shapes I would want my toddler to recognize as her "first shapes"

Eric Carle books are so colorful and educational so I'm a big fan. I try to collect them all for my children. This book in particular is wonderful. My 2 year old enjoys flipping through the board book pages himself, trying to find the matching shapes. (Pages are divided top and bottom).

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