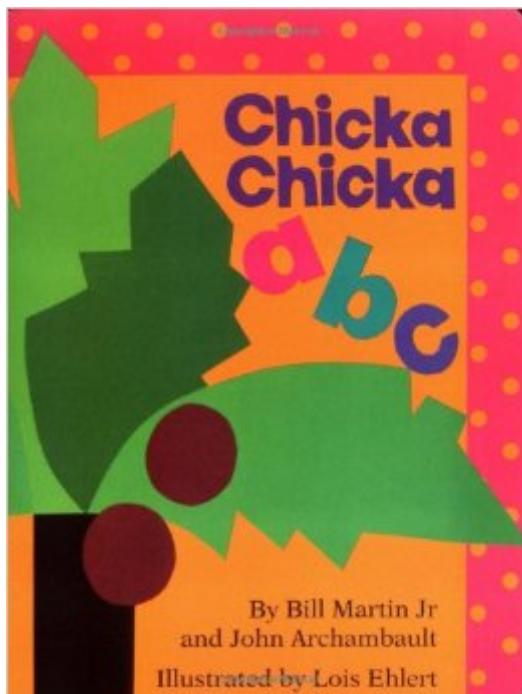


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# Chicka Chicka ABC (Chicka Chicka Book, A)



## **Synopsis**

Race to the top of the coconut tree with this delightful alphabet rhyme from the creators of Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. A told B, and B told C, "I'll meet you at the top of the coconut tree." So begins the lively alphabet rhyme that children and their parents love to recite. Martin and Archambault's rhythmic chant and Caldecott Honor artist Lois Ehlert's bold, cheerful art make this rollicking story an ideal companion to Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.

## **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: AD400L (What's this?)

Series: Chicka Chicka Book, A

Board book: 14 pages

Publisher: Little Simon (September 1, 1993)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.4 x 7.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 4.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

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Age Range: 1 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## **Customer Reviews**

My daughter (1 y.o.) loves the Chicka Chicka Boom Boom book. Unfortunately, she loves tearing at the pages even more. So we bought the board book version. Sadly, the story cuts off half way through. This is only Part I. And, really, the more amusing stuff (Black-eyed P, for example), are in the second half.

This exciting little board book introduces the alphabet to infants in a humorous game of tag, "a told b, and b told c, I'll meet you at the top of the coconut tree. Whee! Said d to e f g, I'll beat you to the top of the coconut tree." The entire lowercase alphabet makes it to the top of the coconut tree and "chicka chicka boom boom," they all fall down! Colorful and eye-catching, the artwork bewitches

little ones, while the sing-songy prose encourages listening and learning. Birth and up. This book was edited from its original form to accommodate board book standards and objectives - to appeal to newborns, and very young children who are not attentive enough for the full text. "Chicka Chicka abc," is delightfully entertaining for little babies with short attention spans, who enjoy the positive interaction of cooperative play - reading. I do agree that the original edition, "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" is actually more amusing, but is in fact more appropriate for older children, 2 years and older. If you must choose between the two interpretations, purchase the original - it is a scream!

As the parent of two kids, age 2 1/2 and 9 months, who has ready this book about 8000 times, I can safely say this is a baby/toddler classic. The syncopation, the bright letters, the build up to a hysterical ending (well, if you're 2!) all add up to a great experience for a young child. We've got two versions of the book--the board one, which ends with the letters falling out of the tree, and the regular one, which ends with a climbing up that silly tree again. Although I prefer the regular one -- "I is knotted like a tie!" -- my kids really like the version that ends with a chicka chicka boom BOOM! Although we've not pushed learning letters on our older child, she can recognize the ones in the pictures. While it remains to be seen whether that has any effect on her academic progress, we've all had a delightful time reading together.

This is the short version of my favorite alphabet book. I would recommend getting the picture book version when children are older, but this board book is a wonderful way to introduce the alphabet! Even my 3 month old loves looking at it because the illustrations are bright and simple. This book (as well as the full-length picture book) is a must have for all young readers.

It would have been 5 stars if it had been the whole story. -- I have 2 children (3&6); for them "sharing" is a work in progress. So, occasionally I will purchase "companion" items for parallel play when they have trouble sharing. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom is their favorite story. I had purchased the paperback of Chicka Chicka Boom Boom for the 6-yr-old & bought this board book for the 3-yr-old (he is still working through the concept of "touch nicely"). -- While the book is nice & sturdy & has all the same beautiful artwork & words from the 1st half of the original story, it is still -- only the 1st half of the original story! And, of course, my boys favorite part is the 2nd half of the story with "stub-toe e" & "loose-tooth t", etc. So -- it is a little disappointing as it's incomplete, but what there is is nice. And if your toddler has never read/heard Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, it's a great introduction! -- As both my boys already know & love the story... If I had realized the difference

before I purchased, I probably would have purchased 2 copies of the paperback & a roll of clear packing tape to repair the 3-yr-old's copy as needed!! :-)

My son loves Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. I bought the paperback copy for him before he was born, but when he started picking out the books he wanted me to read him, he also started ripping the cover up. I figured a board book would work better, and hopefully discourage tearing up all of his books. So, I bought this. Without really paying attention to what I was buying. It's only half of the Chicka Chicka Boom Boom story, which is a little disappointing, but my son doesn't really care. I know the story by heart, anyway, so I can just finish if he doesn't lose interest. It's also not as indestructable as I had hoped. All of his other board books (including some second-hand books from friends/family) are doing well. This one was really easy for him to tear up (mostly the binding). Maybe it's because it's one of his favorites? I don't know. It's a great book, and I don't regret the purchase since my son loves it. I just wish I had paid closer attention to what I was buying.

I wish they made the full story in a small board book but after not using the big board book I sold it and bought this abbreviated version and when my son stops tearing books I'll buy the full book in hardback. He's 21 months old now and not super interested in this although he likes the "boom, boom" part.

My 15 month old son absolutely loves this book. He brings it to us to read over and over again and repeats "boom" when all of the letters fall down at the end. He also points to the letters and the coconuts to ask what they are. While the book was not a personal favorite of mine at first, once I got into reading the text with rhythm and syncopation and saw how much joy my little guy got from reading it with me, I changed my mind. My husband and I now have this book memorized. Chicka Chicka A B C is a real winner and geared perfectly to toddler "short attention span theatre"!

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