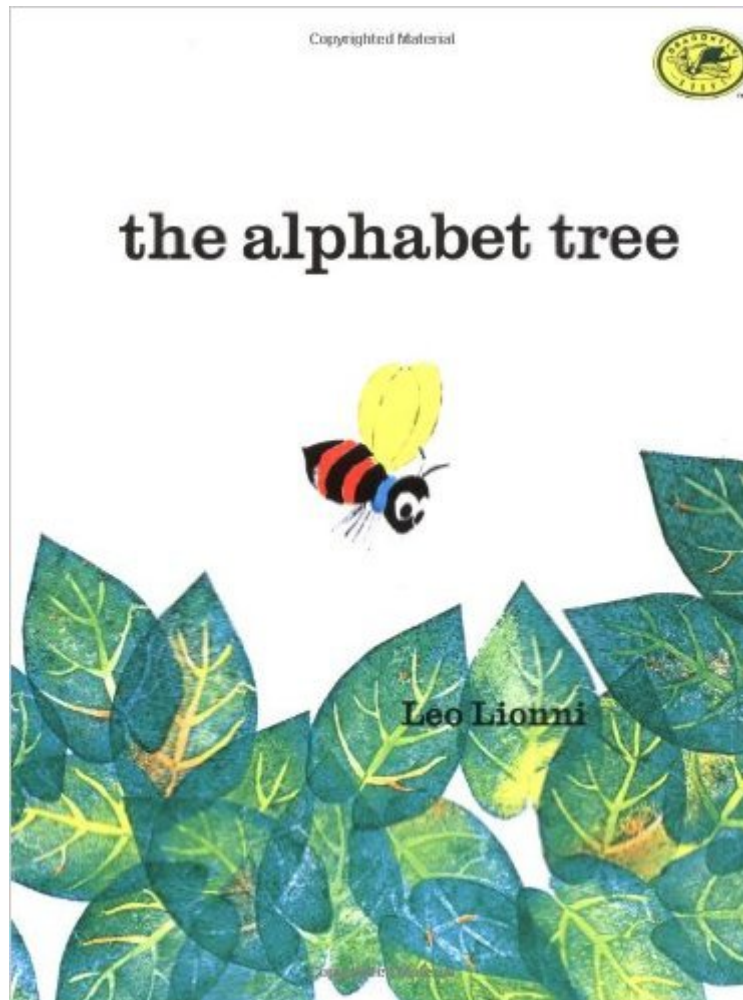


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# The Alphabet Tree (Dragonfly Books)



## Synopsis

When a fierce wind threatens to blow all the little letters out of the alphabet tree, they must band together in words and then sentences to create a message that's even stronger than the wind: peace on earth. With their newfound knowledge, there's nothing the letters can't do in this gentle parable about the power of the written word.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

I must say that I am one of those that fully believe that Leo Lionni was a genius; certainly one of the leading masters of his craft. This author consistently turned out book after book for young children and any reader would be hard pressed to find a children's author with produced such consistency of quality, skill and ability to transform what at times are complex ideas and concepts into delightful parables which not only entertain, but more importantly teach. As one reviewer here has pointed out, this is a perfect work to use during that transitional period between learning the alphabet and then placing the learned letters and their sound in a way to create words, then sentences, and finally and most importantly, ideas. We as adults fully realize the mighty power of the written word and it is a good thing to teach children this fact at a very early age. In this story we have a tree; The Alphabet Tree to be exact. Each leaf has a letter of the alphabet clinging to it. These letters are having a fine

time enjoying the sun, clinging to their leafs, and indeed leading a very happy life hopping from leaf to leaf, even to the highest twigs. Life is good for the letters! Mother Nature, being what she is, is a bit unpredictable, and suddenly a light breeze pops up. This breeze frightens the letters but nothing like it does when the breeze becomes a full gale! The leaves are scabbled and some even blown off the tree. This is not good. Mass confusion reigns. As the storm dies down the confused leaves huddle together in a pack and the bewildered and frightened letters do not know what to do. But all is not lost. Suddenly a strangely colored little bee-like bug shows up; the word-bug!

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