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# Color Zoo Board Book



## Synopsis

Nine animals, nine shapes, and sixteen shades of color everyone can have fun discovering them all by turning Color Zoo's full-color pages and watching a lion turn into a goat, an ox into a monkey, a tiger into a mouse. . . . 1990 Caldecott Honor Book  
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## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My daughter (who is only one) loves to flip through this book and look at the different colors and shapes. Because each page has a shape cut out of it, this makes the pages easy for her to grasp and flip. Out of all of her board books, I find myself reaching for this one time and time again because it occupies her the longest. In contrast to some books that she will barely look at and others she will look at only with my direction, this book is one that she will find all on her own and quietly flip through the pages. Even for me, I find the concept simple but mesmerizing. There is something fascinating about looking at the shape and seeing how the animal changes into a different animal as you flip the page. It makes you think about shapes and colors in a very abstract way. I would definitely recommend this book as a foundational block in any young child's library. The book itself is sturdy and the colors are bold and vivid. It's a great concept that's been executed effectively.

I like this book because the animals are simplified, almost abstract and at first my

daughter(2)couldn't recognize them (she was used of more or less realistic illustrations). I think this is very important in recognizing and understanding the basic characterizations of all subjects. Each animal has on the opposite side the geometric shape that the animal is composed of. At first this is very difficult for a two year old (specially octagon and hexagon) but I must say she recognize almost all of them now (2 weeks later). For me english books with almost no text are interesting also because I can teach her foreign language. I really recommend this book to anyone who wants to experience more than just reading stories to children.

This book surprises and delights young children. It is so cleverly constructed that its lack of text is a distinct advantage. Both our children (now 6 and 4) learned both their colors and their basic geometric shapes from this book. Its simplicity and cleverness will make you, the parent, laugh out loud. We felt so strongly about this book that we bought it from with the library binding for the school that our kids attend. It is a huge hit.

I loved this book (1) because it uses primary colors which my daughter adores (2) the animals are very imaginative (3) it teaches so many things (4) it's cardboard, almost impossible for my one year old to destroy. The excerpts this site gives you doesn't do it any justice. It's very hard to see what it's really like. I suggest going to a bookstore and picking it up to flip through it so you really understand. I think it's brilliant!

This small children's book uses colors and shapes made from die-cut pages to show animal faces. Pre-schoolers can learn about geometrical shapes, about colors, and about animals. And, they all love this book. The book was a 1990 Caldecott Honor book (i.e., a runner-up to the Medal winner) for best illustrations in a children's book.

When I ordered it, I didn't quite understand how ingenious this book's design would be, or even what it would really look like. Others have explained it, but here's one more try: Each animal is created from the layers of cut-out, colored shapes on each page (stacked on top of each other). So as you pull back the page you are on, it reveals a different abstract version of another animal below. Really lovely for toddlers just learning about animals and mesmerized by these vibrant colors and shapes.

Not a huge fan. We got this book to go along with a home school program and some of the animals

are hard for a child to recognize. Especially the monkey. We still use it - but it's not very exciting for my 3 kids (5 and under).

My 6 month old has loved this book and Color Farm basically since he was born. We read to him a lot, but if he is ever complaining about other books, this is the stand-by. He is enamored by the shapes and colors!

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