The Hidden Alphabet (Ala Notable Childrens Books. Younger Readers (Awards)) by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Artistic And Brilliant

An alphabet book in which windows open to reveal the letters hidden within each picture.

My Personal Review:
I bought this book because I wanted something other than the typical A is for Apple, B is for Ball kind of alphabet book. Although this book is no more complicated than that from a language acquisition perspective, it is a much more artistic book than any alphabet book I found in my search. The artwork is very beautiful and sophisticated, not just silly cartoon illustrations that so often fill childrens books. I also like that its interactive in that child lifts the flap to see not just more of the artwork but also the letter underneath -- its more likely to hold a small childs attention that way. The paper is pretty thick, so Im hoping it will be fairly durable for use by a single child or family. (It might not stand up to the constant use of a nursery school or library.) Another really artistic alphabet book Id also recommend is Animalia by Graeme Base, but that one is probably better for older children.

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