Z is for Zebra.

Zebra is absolutely certain he’ll be able to direct everyone to appear on the correct page, at the appropriate time, without any mishaps, unnecessary drama, or hurt feelings. It’s the ABCs, for goodness’ sake. How difficult can it be?

Oh, dear.

Zebra forgot about moose.

I know Paul O. Zelinksy as the illustrator of Emily Jenkins Toys Go Out books. Those books have a nice cover in color, and a few full-page black-and-white line drawings throughout. The artwork is cool, but the highlight of those books is the sparkling text.

However, in Z Is for Moose, written by Kelly Bingham, Zelinksy’s artwork and Bingham’s text are seamlessly integrated, creating a one-of-a-kind experience.

Before I had even read one word of it, I was charmed by the illustration on the pages before the title page (which I’m sure have a name, but I know it not). It gives the reader a peek at the characters, like a curtain being raised on a play.

It starts off as your typical picture book. A nice clear picture and A is for Apple, but what is that zebra doing peeking into the frame? B and C are business as usual, but D is for Moose has the moose posing proudly and the zebra referee saying You are on the wrong page, and pushing him out of the frame causing E is for Elephant to say Look out!

The moose continues through, trying to find his place, with the zebra continually admonishing him to move. By the time he gets to the M page
(making cameo appearances on most of the other pages leading up to it, even saying on L Here it comes!), he is shocked to find that M is for Mouse.

He throws a tantrum, upsetting O, P, and Q, and takes a crayon in his own hand (hoof), adding antlers to Rs Ring and Ss Snake as Zebra works hard to protect the other entries. When Moose realizes that hes not going to be in the book, and its too late, Zebra takes pity on him and shares his own entry with his friend.

I give this book my high recommendation. Its not for preschoolers only. The same set who enjoy Mo Willems `and Melanie Watts work will likely want this book on their keep forever shelf.

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