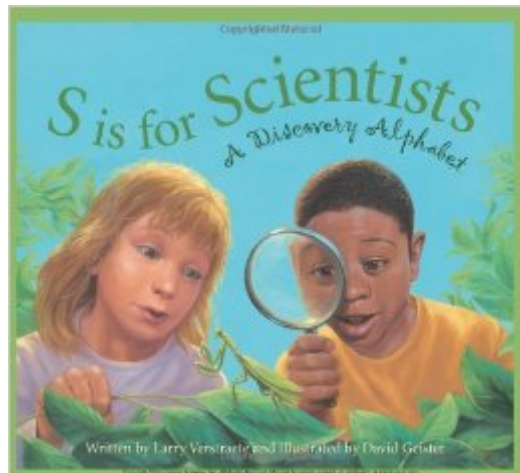


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# S Is For Scientists: A Discovery Alphabet (Science Alphabet)



## Synopsis

What clutter-busting need was behind the invention of the World Wide Web? Which stain-fighting chemical got its start when a lab assistant dropped a beaker on a lab floor? In *S is for Scientists: A Discovery Alphabet*, the origins behind some of the most important scientific discoveries are explored. Budding young scientists will learn what Galileo witnessed in a church that led to his theory of measurement; how biologist Rachel Carson's book, *Silent Spring*, helped to spur the first call to action in the environmental movement; and why Ivan Pavlov's study of a drooling dog laid the foundations for a new branch of psychology. From discoveries that fundamentally changed scientific methods to everyday inventions that are now taken for granted, *S is for Scientists* sheds light on the events and people who have shaped our lives today. A former teacher, Larry Verstraete now spends his time writing, visiting schools and libraries, and presenting at conferences and festivals. *S is for Scientists: A Discovery Alphabet* is his second picture book with Sleeping Bear Press. He lives in Winnipeg. David Geister's fascination with American history is celebrated in his work, and his paintings have been featured in *The Saturday Evening Post*. Dave's books for Sleeping Bear Press include *B is for Battle Cry: A Civil War Alphabet* and *Riding to Washington*. He lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I'll admit it: when I was a child, science bored me. It lacked the adventure, the magic that my imagination craved. I didn't really care why water turned into steam; it would be much cooler if it, say, turned into a genie. And then I could wish for a magic carpet and fly out the classroom window. It wasn't until I had children of my own that I appreciated the real magic that exists in the process of scientific discovery. Lying on the cool grass watching a meteor shower in the late summer sky, wandering a fossilized forest and examining the hardened ghosts of creatures long gone, blowing on a fluffy dandelion ball to free the seeds ... Through my children, I learned the wonder and the adventure in the question "why?" Larry Verstraete's book reminds me of that magical time. Using an easy-to-read alphabetical format, he explores the scientific process with enough information and anecdotes to interest every age reader. David Geister's illustrations capture the essence of the moment of discovery and invention; his paintings perceive the world as a child might. This book is a terrific introduction for children into the study of science. But it's also a magic carpet into the world of scientific discovery. Bring your binoculars and a snack, and enjoy the wondrous ride.

"S is for Scientists: A Discovery Alphabet" is a two pronged approach to presenting a scientific discovery history through the alphabet for children ages 6-10. Each letter of the alphabet is illustrated with a poem whose science-related subject is further explained in a sidebar text of history-related fact and foundation. Colorful paintings illustrate the cavalcade of science facts and letters, and many levels of learning are encouraged to grow. From Archimedes' "Eureka!" moment in the bath to the Wright brothers' development of a super flying machine, "S is for Scientists" celebrates the incredible history of scientific thought. From Machu Picchu to the jungles of Tanzania, from microwaves to the concept of zero, "S is for Scientists" will lead a child on an unforgettable, enriching voyage of discovery.

This book came quickly and has so much info for me and my children. I would suggest it to anyone as it has easy reading and rhyme for a younger child as well as additional info for anyone 10 and older. I Loved it!

The book is richer than I expected with the detailed explanation/example for each letter. I will use this with my 6-8th graders at the beginning of each year.

The alphabet part was good, but they detailed stories don't hold the attention of elementary age

kids. May work for older students.

My son loved this book! Don't be fooled by the alphabetical approach this is no pre school book! He was always running out of his room to tell me some new info he had just learned !!

I used this book at the beginning of the year as an introduction read-aloud for my K-2 STEM class.

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