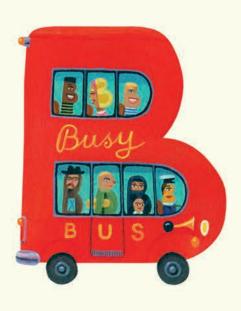
BEAUTY LETTERS

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From A to Z hasn't always been the way our alphabet went. Since letters first came into existence, they have changed beyond recognition. It started centuries ago with Egyptian hieroglyphics, going through Phoenician script and Greek letters, until we got to the Latin alphabet. The latter forms the basis of our current alphabet.

This book focuses on each of its 26 letters. Over the years, Tom Schamp has painted countless letters for books and ad campaigns. This book was inspired by the shape and beauty of our alphabet. Our letter A originated from a drawing of an ox's head. In Schamp's Letterland, that cycle continues, as A becomes an astronaut, a volcano, an alpaca, and so much more. In most alphabet books, every letter is represented by one word: A is for Alligator, B is for Bear, and C is for... This book is different: it celebrates letters in ALL their forms and uses.

Letters are the building blocks of language. They put our world into words, and bring languages and people closer together. They form the chapters of a book, the words you hear on the radio, and the stream you watch on your smartphone. Letters are as malleable as clay, and the number of words you can make with only 26 letters is endless!

So dive in and discover Tom's Amazing, Breathtaking, and Creative Beauty of Letters.

Happy reading!

p.s. Sorry for all the difficult words in this book. If you want to know what "anarchy" means or who that "Ziggy" is, look it up in a dictionary or online—or ask the nearest adult!

Can you find each letter from the alphabet of musicians, of buildings, and so on?









