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Perfect for gift-giving, here is THE alphabet book to top all others, an over-sized work of brilliance from the illustrator of the #1 New York Times bestselling *The Day the Crayons Quit!*

If words make up the stories and letters make up the words, then stories are made up of letters. In this menagerie we have stories made of words, made FOR all the letters.

The most inventive and irresistible book of the year spans a mere 26 letters (don't they all!) and 112 pages. From an Astronaut who's afraid of heights, to a **B**ridge that ends up burned between friends, to a **C**up stuck in a cupboard and longing for freedom, *Once Upon an Alphabet* is a creative tour de force from A through Z. Slyly funny in a way kids can't resist, and gorgeously illustrated in a way readers of all ages will pour over, this series of interconnected stories and characters explores the alphabet in a way that will forever raise the bar.

In *Once Upon an Alphabet*, #1 *New York Times* bestseller Oliver Jeffers has created a stunning collection of words and artwork that is a story book, alphabet book, and gorgeously designed art book all in one.

Praise for ONCE UPON AN ALPHABET:

An Amazon Best Book of 2014!

A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year!

A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year!

A *New York Times* Bestseller!

* "The silly, spare, slightly surreal text occasionally rhymes and endlessly surprises. An utterly delightful alphabet book."—*Kirkus Review*, starred review

* "With wry humor, equally droll ink illustrations, and a solid dose of alliteration, Jeffers creates delightful mini-narratives for each letter of the alphabet."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

* "An altogether stimulating, surprising, and satisfying reading experience."—*School Library Journal*, starred review

* "Whimsical, funny, occasionally tragic, and highly entertaining, this collection of (sometimes) interlocking tales is brilliantly inventive."—*Horn Book*, starred review

"Jeffers knows how to catch the attention of his young audience while challenging their imagination, intellect and vocabulary. This whimsical exploration of letters and language begs to be read over and over

again."—*BookPage*

"Handsome, humorous and clad in bright tomato-red, [this] is the sort of book you may want to rush into the arms of imaginative, good-natured children between 4 and 10 years old. [T]his is no traditional abecedarian exercise. The stories are wonderfully varied, sometimes philosophical and often end surprisingly; the drawings are just as quirky and unpredictable."—*The Wall Street Journal*

"[W]itty from A to Z . . . no one would blame you for having a copy even if there are no kids in the house. Think of it as Edward Gorey for the preschool set — and their hip parents."—*The Washington Post*

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