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A Caldecott Honor Book, a *New York Times* Best Illustrated book, an ALA Notable Book, and a Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor Book for Illustration

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## On Market Street Details

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# From Reader Review On Market Street for online ebook

## Nicole Blicht says

Reading Log #2- Alphabet Book

Title On Market Street

Author: Arnold Lobel

Illustrator Anita Lobel

Genre: Alphabet Book, Picture Book

Theme(s): Alphabet, friends

Opening line/sentence The merchants down on market street were opening their doors.

Brief Book Summary The book takes readers on a journey through Market Street from A to Z. Each letter of the alphabet signifies what the boy in the story buys for his friend. Finally at the end of the alphabet the boy gives all of his presents to his friends.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1

(Bookbird Reviews)

In a delightful and unusual alphabet book, a boy trots down Market Street buying presents for a friend, each one starting with a letter of the alphabet. Every letter is illustrated by a figure ingeniously composed of, for instance, apples or wigs or quilts or Xmas trees (X is always the test of an alphabet book). The illustrator remarks that she was inspired by her 1977 Children's Book Week poster, which showed a figure entirely constructed of books. The colors are soft and delicate, the notion is original, and the sun total enjoyable and unique.

Professional Recommendation/Review #2

Carrie Hane Hung (Children's Literature)

With a bag full of coins, a child stops in the specialty shops of Market Street where the merchants are creatively dressed in the A to Z merchandise, from apples to ribbons to zippers. In this alphabet book the child's day kicks off with a rhyme at the start of Market Street leading to each merchandiser garbed in the theme of the item he or she sells. On each simply framed page, the finely detailed and inventive composition of the shopkeeper's attire is amusing and delightful. At the end of the shopping day the rhyme brings the story to a close. With a coin-less bag, the child heads home with the purchased A to Z presents for a friend. The gifts are visibly carried in a magical armload and provide fun as one reviews the shopping treasures at the end of the day. It is no wonder the young shopper is fast asleep after this shopping venture! 1989

Response to Two Professional Reviews

Both of these reviews are positive that primarily talk about the rhyming throughout the story of the boy walking along market street. The first review highlights the color scheme of the book that made it very enjoyable and unique. The second review summarizes the story and comments on the long day the boy had. After reading this book and reading the reviews I would use it in my future classroom because it is an easy read that teaches children many elements within an enjoyable book.

Evaluation of Literary Elements

This alphabet book is great for young readers. It takes children on an interesting journey with a boy that goes through market street buying his friend presents. The children will easily learn the alphabet and there are patterns with rhymes throughout each of the pages. There are many colorful pictures that will gravitate towards the child's interest and has a happy ending.

Consideration of Instructional Application (3-4 sentences in your own words):

Since there are many lessons and elements used in Market Street, there are many activities that can be done with it in a classroom. One activity that could be done in a classroom would be to create another alphabet book but another topic like animals. Give each child an assigned letter and they could come up with an

animal that start with their letter and put it together in a book like it was in Market Street. This will solidify their understanding on the alphabet doing it individually and then as a class.

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### **Lisa Vegan says**

Oh, I just loved this alphabet book. One thing I really liked was the illustrator got first billing: Pictures by Anita Lobel – Words by Arnold Lobel, which is fitting for any picture book, but especially deserved by the illustrator of this one.

The pictures are wonderfully intricate and colorful, and there's so much to see on every page. Children (and adults) can pour over these pages for long periods and not get at all bored. The pictures made me ooh and ah and the last few pictures made me smile too. Except for the X item, the most challenging letter in any alphabet book, which I really did not like, I loved all the things chosen to represent each letter. They were a bit more imaginative than in many alphabet books and the slight story is special too.

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### **Kathryn says**

This is so awesome!!! I love the illustrations and am pretty sure this is one that infatuated me as a kid. Since my letter is "K" I know I'd totally want that kite outfit ;-p It's a really nifty alphabet book and has a nice message about sharing and friendship in the end.

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### **Jisel says**

5+ for illustrations.

This is a simple alphabet book children will likely enjoy because of the intricately detailed, wonderfully absurd illustrations. My only issue with the books is that the invisible narrator goes on a gargantuan shopping spree. Although he/she ends up giving all these "presents" to a friend, I don't love the focus on consumerism. I'm probably reading too deeply into a silly and memorable children's book, but when I read this to my daughter in the future, I may change it to "What I saw on Market Street," instead of "What I Bought on Market Street."

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### **Maria Rowe says**

#### **• 1982 Caldecott Honor Book •**

This is the first alphabet book I've read where there's a reason for the random a-z words: this is a list of items bought on Market Street! The drawings are really well done, but rather bizarre. I'm not clear why each item had to be made out of the item. For example, N is for noodles so there's a lady made out of noodles. A person made out of apples, books, clocks, doughnuts, etc. Kind of weird but fun, and it was written in the 80s so...

ok. :) I enjoyed it!

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## **Cathy says**

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The illustrations are very clever as the objects that represent the letter form a person covered in the objects. My favorite is the M for musical instruments and the figure has a cello body and tuba legs and saxophone arms, etc.

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## **Alyssa Drajić says**

There was no children's poetry section in my library but the librarian pointed this book out to me. There are a couple of really great poems in this book. the illustrations to along with it are fantastic. This book is about someone who went down on Market Street in town to do some shopping. There is everything on Market Street from food vendors to clothing stores. From the illustrations it reminded me of a farmer's market I goto here in Wilmington, North Carolina. I really enjoyed this book and it would be a good read for readers who are just beginning.

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## **Consuelo says**

This book is appropriate for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade.

On Market Street by Arnold Lobel is about taking a stroll through a most unusual market. A boy trots down Market Street buying presents for a friend, each one starting with a letter of the alphabet. Every letter is illustrated by a figure ingeniously composed of, for instance, apples or wigs or quilts.

This book is very unique. Especially in its own way of designing the letter formats, making it different from most alphabet books. Seeing as though its in a market, you don't know whats going to pop up next. Every stop is a new surprise!

I would use this book for when I am teaching the alphabet and want to show what the letter looks like, how it sounds, and what kind of words would have that letter and why.

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### **Cecily V says**

An absolutely bizarre book about a man buying vast quantities of human-shaped items to bring home to his cat.

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### **Sandra Vicars says**

A young girl's shopping spree On Market Street. Starts off with a poem about Market Street and continues through the alphabet with items that she buys. The pictures are remarkable and contain many details for curriculum development. Can be used to cover How many? What color? What shape? The story ends with another poem and a presentation of her gifts to a very special friend.

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### **Brittany Quigley says**

ABC book, also shows way to group various items

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### **A B says**

So, it's my last review of the year. I am trying hard to stay awake just a little longer so that I can watch the fireworks. I pulled out this book (twas feeling nostalgic on my last library trip and recruited a librarian to help me find it) to pass a few minutes. I probably haven't read it in 30 years. We loved it as kids, but always had a hard time finding it at the public library because we could not remember the name. We would just describe it as an alphabet book.

My favorites were and still are J/jewels (of course), N/noodles, and R/ribbons. I am partial to the letter J, noodles were my favorite food, and ribbons were pretty. As an adult, I also find these illustrations to be less creepy. The characters look like real people just wearing costumes made of these items, unlike B/books, I/ice cream, etc., in which they are people *made* of the items the narrator is buying on Market Street.

However, as I an adult I can also appreciate the creativity more. M/musical instruments makes clever use of the shapes of saxophones, tubas, and a guitar to create a person. F/flowers uses specific varieties - hydrangeas, irises, etc. - to mimic human shapes. H/hats is a little bit naughty with the placement of two top hats. And I spy with my little eye Frog and Toad hanging out in T/toys.

Even with rose colored glasses, this was still a 3 star - till the end. I forgot about that one magical sentence that teaches readers young and old about generosity. The narrator is buying all of the items to give to his friend. Awww. Look at all of the pages to meet his friend. 4 stars (just turn the page if something creeps you out and don't think too hard about why he gives all of this stuff to a cat) .

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### **Johanna says**

This was one of my favorite books as a kid. The illustrations are amazing. In fact, I used to check it out from the school library all the time, but then I accidentally spilled a chocolate milkshake on it. Only that was the greatest thing ever because it meant my parents had to buy it from the library because it wasn't in any condition to be returned. So I got to keep it forever. Sloppy kids for the win!

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### **Shelli says**

Typically ABC books are boring, as I guess they should be since they typically don't have any real story line. However, I enjoyed this beautifully illustrated read for small readers and listeners. I remember when I was younger playing a game with friends where each player would say "I am going to the store and I'm going to buy..." and then you would say something you that starts with the letter A. The next person would repeat the opening phrase, repeating the A item as well as adding a B item to the shopping list. This would go on and on, passing back and forth til you hit Z or someone gave up. I imagine if I were sharing this with a small child it would be fun to incorporate that game with the story.

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### **Melanie Jackson says**

#### Summary:

"On Market Street" is an A-Z book that uses examples of sights seen on Market Street. These examples range from a man dressed entirely in playing cards to a woman wearing a lollipop dress.

#### Evaluation:

This book is a lot of fun for young readers. The pictures catch the readers eye and are very detailed. I would recommend this book.

#### Teaching Point:

This would be a great book to teach the alphabet. The book not only has each letter, but also the examples of what was seen on Market Street that begins with that letter.

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