

As an early childhood professional and practitioner of over 50 years, the book, *Alphabet Town: the abc's of raising successful kids* brought tears to my eyes and hope to my heart. At first glance, this engaging tale may appear to be another lighthearted journey through the alphabet. Do not misjudge the hidden wonder found within these pages.

The author, Chris Eldridge, has created a children's guidebook that goes beyond teaching the names of letters to a fostering of the critical life skills necessary for positive self-image and awareness. of social-emotional development.

This charming story introduces readers to three delightful characters—Alfie the Adventurous Ant, Bella the Brave Bear, and Charlie the Clever Cat. Each character embarks on adventures tied to a letter of the alphabet, with their stories highlighting principles rarely discussed in young children's everyday story books. Believable lessons sharing the values of bravery, curiosity, and ambition are woven seamlessly into the narrative, connecting children to achievable character traits essential to their personal and social growth.

One of the most striking surprises found in *Alphabet Town: the abc's of raising successful kids* is its approach to language. Not just the language of labeling found in most books, but Eldridge has created a path for children to discover the language of emotion. Readers experience the reality of this emotional vocabulary by joining the adventures of lovable characters. This deliberate choice to gift children with words that challenge them to accept, explore, and express emotional milestones in a positive way, enrich their vocabulary and empower them to express the complexity of their own emotions and ideas.

Parents will appreciate how this book naturally sparks meaningful conversations that lead to life lessons for children of all ages. The engaging stories are perfect for encouraging children to ask questions and share their thoughts, creating opportunities for deeper connections and a love for learning. This amazing resource bridges storytelling with ever-changing emotional development, offering something beyond valuable for both children and their families.

Chris Eldridge has crafted a must-read for families looking to grow together while navigating the adventures of emotional language, life lessons, and unconditional love—one letter at a time

***Alphabet Town: the abc's of raising successful kids* isn't just an alphabet book; it's a guide to raising curious, resilient, and thoughtful children. I should know, I am Chris Eldridge's mother, and this book has changed my life and changing lives is what he does best. May the child in all of us grow through the love and emotional strength found in Alphabet Town *the abc's of raising successful kids*.**

**Full Disclosure – This review is from my mom; however, it was the review that I most wanted. She downplays very much her experience and education - leading 2 agencies devoted to Early Childhood Education in Florida as the Executive Director and CEO, keynote speaking at numerous conferences, advocating for kids in legislature and business, and most importantly – impacting the lives of thousands of young children and early childhood educational professionals. If you know Lynne Eldridge, you know her heart for children has inspired AND influenced this book.**