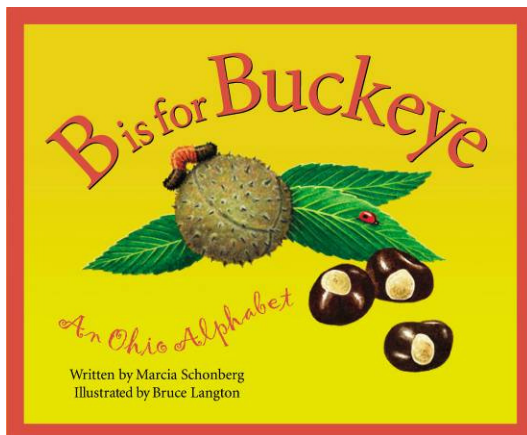


B is for Buckeye: An Ohio Alphabet

by Marcia Schonberg (author) and Bruce Langton (illustrator)

A Choose to Read Ohio Toolkit



About the Book

Did you know that Ohio is called “The Mother of Presidents” for the eight United States Presidents born there? Or that 23 astronauts – the most of any state – are from Ohio? These and more amazing facts are revealed in ***B is for Buckeye: An Ohio Alphabet***, a must-have for every Ohioan (from Ulysses S. Grant to John Glenn)!

Fascinating text by Ohio author Marcia Schonberg and stunning illustrations by renowned wildlife artist Bruce Langton bring Ohio history and information to life in this book, created for your favorite Buckeye.

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About the Author

Author Marcia Schonberg combines her love of writing, learning, and teaching in her children's picture books. Her titles include ***The Ohio Reader, B is for Buckeye: An Ohio Alphabet, Cardinal Numbers: An Ohio Number Book***, and ***I is for Idea: An Inventions Alphabet***. When she writes, she's doing what she knows best and enjoys most – connecting readers with nature, history, and the world around them. Marcia is also the author of ***Ohio Travel Smart*** and ***Quick Escapes: Cleveland***, and contributes features and photos to magazines and daily newspapers. Marcia is an active member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, the Ohioana Library Association, Midwest Travel Writers Association, and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She lives in the Lexington, Ohio area with her husband, Bill.



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Author Resources:

Marcia Schonberg's Official Website

<http://marciaschonberg.com/>

Author page on Sleeping Bear Press website

http://sleepingbearpress.com/authors_illustrators/marcia_schonberg.htm

For publicity and speaking engagement inquiries:

<http://marciaschonberg.com/events.htm>

About the Illustrator



Bruce Langton's unmistakable style and unique ability to capture not only sporting and wildlife scenes, but also contemporary landscapes have won him numerous awards. He was recognized as the 1998 Featured Artist for the Northern Wildlife Art Expo, where he also received the Judges Excellence Award in 1994. Bruce's proudest achievement is the many thousands of dollars he has raised for conservation of the wildlife he so lovingly recreates on canvas.

B is for Buckeye is Bruce's first children's book. He is delighted to bring to life the people, wildlife, and history of Ohio. Bruce was born in Minnesota and lived by a lake in Wisconsin for most of his youth. The lake and his outdoor-loving father, combined with Bruce's love of art, led him into the perfect career as a wildlife artist. Bruce lives with his wife, Rebecca, and their two sons, Brett and Rory.

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Illustrator Resources:

Bruce Langton's Official Website

<http://www.bruce-langton.com/>

For publicity and speaking engagement inquiries:

<http://www.bruce-langton.com/bruce-langton-workshops.htm>



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Talk About It!

Ohio Bodies of Water - The word Ohio is said to be a Native American word referring to Ohio's beautiful water, referring mostly to Lake Erie, and the Ohio River. Talk about the importance of bodies of water like these to native as well as modern cultures.

Ohio Inventors and Inventions - Ohio is known for its many inventors and inventions. Talk about these inventors and their inventions, and what they have done for us.

Ohio Zoos - There are five zoos in Ohio. Discuss zoological parks, the animals that live there and their importance.

Ohio Astronauts and Pilots - Ohio is well known for its flying machines! Talk about the famous astronauts and pilots that come from Ohio.

Ohio Natives - Talk about Ohio native tribes that lived here, including the mound builders.

Learn and Have Fun!

Download this free teacher's guide from Gale Cengage Learning:

B is for Buckeye Activity Ideas from A to Z

<http://www.gale.cengage.com/DiscoverAmerica/guides/ohioguide.pdf>

See **Curriculum Correlations** at

<http://www.galeschools.com/correlations/>

for a comprehensive reference guide correlating **B Is for Buckeye** and other Gale/Cengage titles to the Ohio Academic Content Standards.



<http://oh.webjunction.org/ohctrointro>

Explore More!

Some fun Ohio websites to explore:

Ohio fun facts...

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/usa/states/ohio/>

Ohio History for Kids...

<http://www.ohiokids.org/>

Lake Erie is Ohio's Great Lake. Explore more about it here...

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center

<http://www.lensc.org/>

Did you know that Ohio is home to 24 astronauts? Explore more about them here...

http://www.nasa.gov/centers/glenn/about/bios/ohio_astronauts.html

<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/ProfileOhio/OhioAstronauts.aspx>

<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/nw01/index.shtml>

Orville and Wilbur Wright invented the first airplane and were the first people to fly one. Explore more here...

<http://www.wright-brothers.org/>

More United States presidents are from Ohio than any other state. Explore more here...

<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/ProfileOhio/OhioPresidents.aspx>

<http://www.oplin.org/famousohioans/presidents/puzzler.html>

About Choose to Read Ohio

Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) spotlights Ohio authors and promotes reading across Ohio. The State Library of Ohio, in partnership with Ohioana Library Association, developed this initiative to encourage Ohioans of all ages to share literature by authors native to, residing in, or associated with Ohio. CTRO is adaptable for use in classrooms, libraries, bookstores, by book discussion groups, families, and other community groups.

Explore Choose to Read Ohio resources & toolkits: <http://oh.webjunction.org/ohctrointro>.