



and some take on the shape of something that begins with the letter.

Alphabet books have playful, colorful, kid-friendly appeal and can even be delicious. Some hornbook ABC sheets were made of gingerbread, just as today, we have alphabet soup noodles and breakfast cereal—all created to present them as appealing and memorable to the beginner reader.



Because the letters-text-images of my pop-up pet book are 3-D not only do they illustrate the letter they are, but they are also a sensory form for children to explore with paper walls, angles, curves and even thin paper slices to run fingers across. The letter V reflecting into a W is an *illusion* of another letter in a mirror image. Imagine that!

