

Correlations to Butler Center Resources for Arkansas-Related Children’s Books by Michael Shoulders

Prepared by Emily Johnson, Literacy Curriculum Specialist, PCSSD
Fall 2009

Available from Sleeping Bear Press, the books featured in the correlation follow a rhyming format for letters of the alphabet (***N is for Natural State***) and numerals (one thru twelve and twenty thru one hundred (***Natural Numbers***)). These children’s books were both illustrated by Rick Anderson. In addition to the rhymes, sidebar informational text is provided for each illustration.

N is for Natural State: An Arkansas Alphabet

Letters of the Alphabet as Featured in the Book Correlated to EOA Links (EOA stands for the online <i>Encyclopedia of Arkansas</i>)	EOA Information Described Links to Suggested Butler Center Lesson Plans (Lesson Plans Utilize ADE Frameworks)
A is for Acansa . See EOA entry: Native Americans	The name Arkansas is derived from the Sioux word acansa, meaning “downstream place.” Native Americans in Arkansas (Grades 1-4) Osage (Grades 3-8)
B is for Blanchard Springs Caverns .	The entry provides a brief history of the caves and includes three photos. There is also information about the available guided tours open to the public. N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Ozark Folk Culture (Grades 4-8) Places in Arkansas (Grades 4-8)
C is for William Jefferson Clinton .	A biography of the life of the former president, including his role as the governor of Arkansas, is outlined in the EOA entry. The site also features photos from many events involving Clinton. Examples are the William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park Dedication, Desegregation of Central High 50th Anniversary, and Daisy Bates with Bill Clinton.

	<p>How Do We "Fix It"? (Grades 5-8) Arkansas's Top Ten Events (Grades 6-12) Important Arkansas People (Kindergarten) N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Who's Who in Arkansas (Grades 5-8) Joycelyn Elders (Grades 9-12) Famous Arkansans (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>D is for Diamonds. See also EOA entry: Diamond Mining</p>	<p>In 1967, Winthrop Rockefeller designated the diamond as the official state gem. The EOA entry supplies information from the discovery of the first diamond in Arkansas in 1906 to the estimated number of diamonds recovered each year.</p> <p>Arkansas: a Natural State (Grade Kindergarten) N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>E is for Elizabeth Eckford. See also EOA entry: Little Rock Nine</p>	<p>As part of the Little Rock Nine, Elizabeth Eckford was seen all over the nation in a famous photograph as she walked alone through the screaming mob to attend Central High School. Important details of Eckford's life are accessible through the EOA entry. The famous photo is also available.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Walk in My Shoes (Grades 5-8) Face It To Fix It (Grade 8) Arkansas African American History Makers (Grades Kindergarten – 5th)</p>
<p>F is for Fabulous Flag.</p>	<p>The Arkansas Flag has been modified several times throughout its history. The EOA has included four pictures of the flag as it has been modified.</p> <p>Flying High in Arkansas (Grades K-4) N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>G is for Great Seal.</p>	<p>The term "state seal" refers to a design incorporating specified symbolic or artistic elements created for use by the state government. The EOA entry includes the history of the Arkansas State Seal from the drawing of the design in 1820 to the present seal.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>

<p>H is for Hawksbill Crag. See EOA entry: Ozark Mountains</p>	<p>Hawksbill Crag is a rock formation on a cliff in the Ozark Mountains.</p> <p>Arkansas Animals (Grades 5-12) Changing Climate and Changing Land (Grades 5-8) Arkansas Festivals of the Land (Grades 7-8) Arkansas Geography (Grades 3-4) Boom and Bust (Grades 5-8) Nature and Place Names (Grades 4-12) Ozark Folk Culture (Grades 4-8) Ozark Karst (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>I is for Insect.</p>	<p>The official state insect is the honeybee. The EOA entry provides information about how the honeybee came to be the named for the honor. Additionally, EOA names Arkansas as one of the top states in honey production.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>J is for Scott Joplin.</p>	<p>Scott Joplin composed more than forty ragtime piano pieces, including “Maple Leaf Rag.” Also included in the EOA entry is a picture of Joplin along with a link to listen to his most famous song, “Maple Leaf Rag.”</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Who’s Who in Arkansas (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>K is for Kappa. See EOA entry: Quapaw</p>	<p>Kappa was a Quapaw community located on the east bank of the river. The rich history of the Quapaw is outlined in the EOA entry.</p> <p>Can You Dig It? (Grades 3-5) N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Native Americans in Arkansas (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>L is for Little Rock. See also EOA entry: Bénard de La Harpe</p>	<p>Little Rock, the capital city of Arkansas, first appeared on a map in 1799. A timeline of the city’s development can be found in the EOA entry. Facts and photos are available along with a link to the city’s website.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Places in Arkansas (Grades 4-8)</p>
<p>M is for Mockingbird.</p>	<p>In 1929, the Arkansas legislature adopted the mockingbird as the state bird. Photos are also available from the EOA entry.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>N is for “The Natural State.”</p>	<p>During the mid-1980s, the Arkansas parks</p>

<p>See also EOA entry: Arkansas System of Natural Areas</p>	<p>system began marketing Arkansas as “The Natural State.” The phrase eventually replaced the previous nickname, “The Land of Opportunity.” The new nickname became official during the 1995 legislative session.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4)</p>
<p>O is for Old Mill.</p>	<p>Featured in the beginning scenes of <i>Gone with the Wind</i>, the site is said to be the only remaining structure from the movie. The iron gristmill designed to grind grain into flour dates back to 1828. Photos are available from the EOA entry.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Places in Arkansas (Grades 4-8)</p>
<p>P is for Poultry.</p>	<p>Arkansas ranks in the top two in the nation as a supplier of broilers. Poultry farms offer employment to an estimated one in ten Arkansans.</p> <p>Boom and Bust (Grades 5-8) N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4)</p>
<p>Q is for Quartz Crystal. See also EOA entry: Quartz Mining</p>	<p>Quartz crystals are used in jewelry, semiconductors, electronics, optics, and in the aerospace industry. Arkansas leads the nation in the production of quartz crystals. A photo of a quartz crystal formation is available in the EOA entry.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Arkansas Novaculite (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>R is for Razorbacks. See also EOA entry: University of Arkansas See also EOA entry: Swine Industry</p>	<p>Wild boars are thought to have arrived with explorer Hernando de Soto, who brought the original thirteen grunting hogs to the new world in 1539. These are thought to be the original ancestors of the razorback, which is found in the Ouachita Mountains.</p> <p>Story of Hot Springs, 1500-1900 (Grades 7-8)</p>
<p>S is for Soybean. See also EOA entry: Jacob Hartz Sr. See also EOA entry: Agriculture</p>	<p>Soybeans are one of Arkansas’s most important agricultural items. Arkansas is one of the nation’s top producers of soybeans.</p> <p>Changing Climate and Changing Land (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>T is for Timber and Pine Trees. See also EOA entry: Timber Industry</p>	<p>Approximately 200 species of trees are native to Arkansas. The pine tree is the official state tree. Trees and timber cover</p>

	<p>nearly half of the state.</p> <p>Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4) Arkansas: A Natural State (Kindergarten) Boom and Bust (Grades 5-8) Into the Wilderness (Grades 5-8) N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Timber: Living and Working in an Arkansas Forest (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>U is for USS Arkansas (M-7) USS Arkansas (BB-33).</p>	<p>The USS <i>Arkansas</i>, built in the 1800s by the U.S. Navy, was used to support operations rather than participate in battles.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4);</p>
<p>V is for Victorian Village. See EOA entry: Eureka Springs See also EOA entry: Architectural Styles</p>	<p>Victorian-style architecture is commonly seen in Eureka Springs. The Basin Spring found in the 1800s was believed to have healing power.</p> <p>Places in Arkansas (Grades 4-8)</p>
<p>W is for Watermelons. See EOA entry: Hope Watermelon Festival</p>	<p>The Hope Watermelon Festival has been around since 1926. The festival is held in August in Hempstead County.</p> <p>Arkansas Festivals of the Land (Grades 7-8) N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4)</p>
<p>X is for the special phrase XNA. See also EOA entry: Benton County</p>	<p>XNA are three letters used to represent the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport in Benton County. The airport has been open since 1998.</p> <p>Naming our Counties (Grades 2-8)</p>
<p>Y is for Yellville.</p>	<p>Yellville was named for Archibald Yell, who was Arkansas's second governor.</p> <p>Nature and Place Names in Arkansas (Grades 4-12)</p>
<p>Z is for the two Zs in Dizzy Dean's name. See also EOA entry: Major League Baseball Players</p>	<p>A member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, Dizzy Dean was a record-setting pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals.</p> <p>N is for Natural State (Grades 3-4) Who's Who in Arkansas (Grades 5-8)</p>

N Is for Natural State was published in 2003. In the 2005-06 school year, the Butler Center posted five lesson plans correlated to the book. These were revised in 2007-2008. [See link to view all five lessons.](#)

Natural Numbers: An Arkansas Number Book

Numbers as Featured in the Book Correlated to EOA Links (EOA stands for the online <i>Encyclopedia of Arkansas</i>)	EOA Information Described Links to Suggested Butler Center Lesson Plans (Lesson Plans Utilize ADE Frameworks)
One is for Pivot Rock . See EOA entry Ozark Mountains	One Pivot Rock sits deep in the Ozark Mountains. The location has been frequently visited for more than 100 years. Arkansas Animals (Grades 5-12) Changing Climate and Changing Land (Grades 5-8) Boom and Bust (Grades 5-8) Nature and Place Names (Grades 4-12) Ozark Folk Culture (Grades 4-8) Ozark Karst (Grades 5-8)
Two is for Texarkana .	Texarkana is a city within two states. The state line runs down Main Street, where the post office and courthouse were built to serve both Arkansas and Texas. Nature and Place Names in Arkansas (Grades 4-12)
Three is for Ivory-billed Woodpeckers .	Sixty years after the last spotting of the ivory-billed woodpecker, it was confirmed that at least one male survived in the bottomland swamp forest in east Arkansas. Three of the birds are shown in the illustration. <i>Big Woods Bird</i> , a Butler Center book, explores the rediscovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker. Changing Times (Grades 5-8) Into the Wilderness (Grades 5-8) Responsibility of Preservation (Grades 5-8) Sportsman's Paradise (Grades 5-8) Where has it been? (Grades 5-8)
Four is for the four columns on the Old State House .	Arkansas's first capitol is the oldest surviving capitol west of the Mississippi River. Places in Arkansas (Grades 4-8)

<p>Five is for the five musicians playing the Fiddle in the illustration.</p>	<p>The state legislature adopted the fiddle as the official state instrument in 1985. The fiddle was chosen due to its common association with folk music, which has long been a part of Arkansas culture.</p> <p>Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>Six is for the Six Natural Regions that form Arkansas geography.</p>	<p>The geography of Arkansas is made up of diverse regions each offering individual opportunities for human use. The state is divided into six natural regions: Ozark Mountains, Arkansas River Valley, Ouachita Mountains, Gulf Coastal Plains, Crowley's Ridge, and the Mississippi Delta.</p> <p>1818 Arkansas Journals (Grades 7-12) 1927 Flood (Grades 5-8) Arkansas Animals (Grades 5-12) Arkansas Geography (Grades 3-4) Crowley's Ridge (Grades 5-8) Nature and Place Names (Grades 4-12)</p>
<p>Seven is for seven Ranger Boats in the illustration. See EOA entry: Forrest Lee Wood, founder of Ranger Boats See also EOA entry: Recreation and Sports</p>	<p>The Natural State is home to the founder of Ranger Boats, Forrest L. Wood. After more than fifty years, Ranger Boats has grown to be a major company in Arkansas.</p> <p>Sportsman's Paradise (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>Eight is for Square Dancing. The illustration shows four couples dancing for a total of eight people. (4 x 2=8)</p>	<p>Square dancing was adopted as the official American folk dance of Arkansas in 1991.</p> <p>Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>Nine is for nine Rainbow Trout that may be swimming in the White River.</p> <p>See also EOA entry: National Fish Hatcheries See also EOA entry: Fish</p>	<p>The EOA provides a list of the fish species found in Arkansas.</p> <p>Sportsman's Paradise (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>Ten is for Cave Paintings, a type of Native American Rock Art. See also EOA entry: Native Americans</p>	<p>Cave paintings, such as the ten shown in the illustration, can provide archeologists with information about the experiences of Native Americans in history. Arkansas is home to one of the richest collections of rock art in North America.</p> <p>Native Americans in Arkansas (Grades 1-4) Osage (Grades 3-8)</p>
<p>Eleven is for Artifacts. See also EOA illustration: Dalton Period Artifacts</p>	<p>Artifacts like the eleven items in the illustration provide evidence of the lifestyle of those living in Arkansas thousands of</p>

<p>See also EOA entry: Petit Jean State Park</p>	<p>years ago.</p> <p>Can You Dig It? (Grades 3-5) Arkansas and the CCC (Grades 9-12)</p>
<p>Twelve is for the twelve people in the two rafts floating down the White River.</p>	<p>Many people travel to the White River each year to float down the rapids.</p> <p>Mucket Mania (Grades 6-12)</p>
<p>Twenty is for the four groups of five Pine Trees in the illustration. ($4 \times 5=20$)</p> <p>Also in the illustration with the twenty pine trees is a white-tailed deer, Arkansas's official state mammal.</p>	<p>In 1939, the pine tree was adopted as the official state tree of Arkansas. The state recognized timber as one of its most important renewable resources.</p> <p>Timber: Living and Working in an Arkansas Forest (Grades 5-8) Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4) Arkansas: a Natural State (Kindergarten) Boom and Bust (Grades 5-8) Into the Wilderness (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>Thirty is for six groups of five Holstein Cows in the illustration. ($6 \times 5=30$) The thirty Holstein Cows help produce the Official State Beverage.</p>	<p>Holstein cows make up more than 90% of the state's dairy cows. In 1985, milk was chosen by the Arkansas Assembly as the official beverage of Arkansas.</p> <p>Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>Forty is for the eight groups of five Toads in the illustration. ($8 \times 5=40$) See EOA entry: Toad Suck Daze</p>	<p>Toad Suck Daze is held each year in Conway. One of the festival's most popular events is the toad races, where one might see forty toads.</p> <p>Arkansas Festivals of the Land (Grades 7 - 8)</p>
<p>Fifty is for five groups of ten footprints in the illustration. ($5 \times 10=50$) This represents the possible fifty prints made by the dinosaur whose name is Arkansaurus fridayi.</p>	<p>In 1972, the remains of a dinosaur's right hind foot were recovered in Sevier County. The bones can be seen at the University Museum Collections at the Arkansas Archeological Survey.</p> <p>Arkansas Animals (Grades 5-12)</p>
<p>Sixty is for the twelve groups of five treats made with Rice cereal found in the illustration. ($12 \times 5=60$) One can follow the recipe to make the sixty treats or use the books <i>One Grain of Rice</i> by Demi or <i>Everybody Cooks Rice</i> by Dooley.</p>	<p>In 2007, rice was adopted as the official state grain of Arkansas. Arkansas is the top rice producer in the country.</p> <p>How Many Grains of Rice? (Grades 2-4)</p>
<p>Seventy is for the seven "trees" holding ten bottles each in the illustration. ($7 \times 10=70$)</p>	<p>A link to the official Quigley's Castle website, where one can see a picture of a</p>

<p>These seventy bottles may be found at Quigley's Castle near Eureka Springs.</p>	<p>bottle "tree," is available through the EOA entry.</p> <p>Place Names in Arkansas (Grades 4-8)</p>
<p>Eighty is for eight groups of ten geese in the illustration. (8 x 10=80) Eighty Geese may use the flight route called the Mississippi Flyway each fall. See EOA entry: Birds See also EOA entry: World's Championship Duck Calling Contest</p>	<p>Every fall, thousands of geese migrate south. Many hunters travel to Stuttgart each year to utilize their duck-calling skills.</p> <p>Changing Climate and Changing Land (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>Ninety is for nine groups of Vine Ripe Pink Tomatoes with ten in each group in the illustration. (9 x 10=90) One could use ninety tomatoes to make the spaghetti sauce in the illustration.</p>	<p>The tomato was named as the official state fruit and vegetable in 1987.</p> <p>Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>
<p>One hundred is for ten groups of Apple Blossoms with ten in each group in the illustration. (10 x 10=100) Although only one candied apple is featured, one hundred candied apples would be delicious! See also EOA entry: Apple Industry</p>	<p>The apple blossom was designated as the official state flower in 1901. See photos and an outline of apple history production in Arkansas through the EOA entry on the Apple Industry.</p> <p>Symbols of Our State (Grades 1-4)</p>