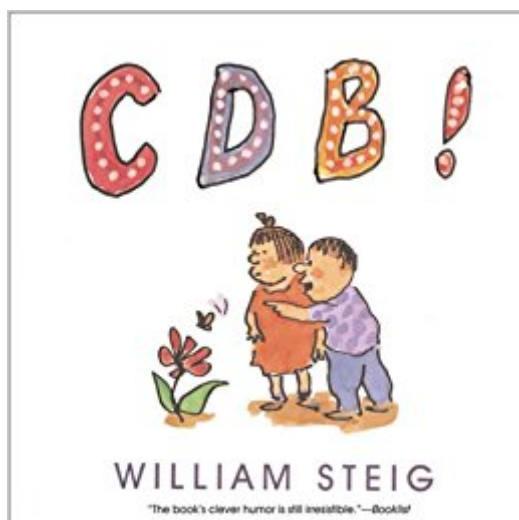


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Synopsis

U can read this, S? S E-Z! Vibrant color brings new life to Caldecott Medal-winning New Yorker cartoonist William Steig's classic puzzle book!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

William Steig--The New Yorker cartoonist and revered creator of the Caldecott Medalist *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, *Abel's Island*, and dozens of other magnificent books--first wrote and illustrated the original, black-and-white edition of *CDB!* more than 30 years ago. Adding splashes of watercolor on larger, broader pages (and an answer key in the back!), Steig brings new life to his well-loved favorite. For the uninitiated, "C D B!" translates to "See the bee!" Other letter codes are more challenging, such as the boy leaning on a tree saying "I F-N N-E N-R-G" or a droopy decrepit man slouching in a chair labeled "O-L H." Once you get used to this abbreviated Steig-speak, all (or at least most) will become clear--"X" sometimes means "eggs," "D" is sometimes "the," and "S" can be "is" or "has," for example. Or, you can just read the letters out loud over and over until the proper phrase emerges plain as day. (The pictures help, too, of course!) Those who crave more wordplay will want to explore *CDC?* This book is nothing less than *X-L-N*, and no home where words are celebrated should be without it. (Ages 5 to 105) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The drawings are now in color, the pages are larger, and the once yellow background on the jacket is now sleek white, but the appeal of Steig's wordplay classic, first published 30 years ago, remains intact. The book's clever humor is still irresistible: "I M A U-M B-N," a boy patiently explains to his attentive dog. "U R N N-M-L." New generations will delight in puzzling out the letter-and-number messages, aided by the simple, thickly outlined drawings and an answer key. A worthy replacement for collections' battered original copies. Gillian Engberg --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

SO good. I have loved this goofy, clever book for many years and was delighted to share it with my grandchildren ages 9 and 5 who also love it. The older one appreciates the cleverness, the younger one just giggles with delight.

smart! adorable! unexpected! (the book, not my kids...) This book really has us rolling in laughter. My sons (ages 4 and 6) and I have been playing with an electronic toy: push a letter and the thing says the letter's name. We had been using it to make word sounds -- pressing U R A Q T for "you are a cutie" and so forth. When I saw this book I just had to get it. It is amazingly clever -- and to think it was written in 1968. It's fresh, not at all dated. My sons are very good readers for their respective ages, but it is definitely appropriate for them. I had to explain a phrase or two (they didn't know the word "ecstasy" when they saw X-T-C) but otherwise it was totally on their level. I still crack up reading it, and I've read it at least ten times. The watercolor illustrations are perfect. Stieg conveys a lot of emotion and expression with just a few brush strokes. When a boy sees someone with a lollipop and tells him "I N-V U," you can see the envy. I won't mind if my kids want to read this one again and again. I M N X-T-C 2!

I loved this little book as a child and bought it for my grands to enjoy.

Cute books for kids and adults. A good way to interest kids in reading.

always a favorite, now we have our own copy!

Bought this book to allow me to retire my old copy. A few weeks after the fact, my little cousin was over and fell in love with the book so I gave it to her. To be honest, it was kinda funny because she was able to "solve" the statements much faster than her father who got a little flustered. Definitely

recommend to anyone- it's a classic.

This is such a fun book for kids to adults. A great gift!

I love these silly books by Steig. Good for adults as well as kids. Makes your "reading" mind work a little differently. You often have to say aloud the combination of letters to hear yourself, thus figuring it out. The illustrations are helpful. One really stumped the whole family. Thank goodness there's a key in the back!

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