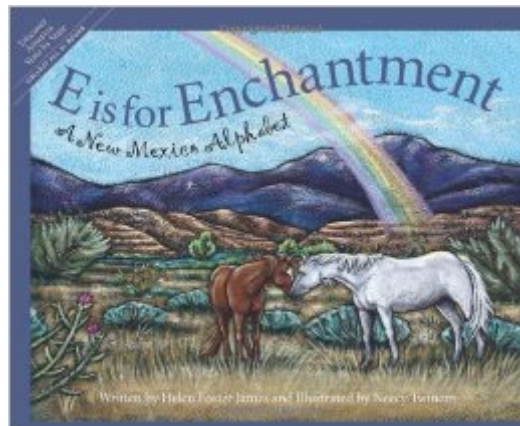


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# E Is For Enchantment: A New Mexico Alphabet (Discover America State By State)



## Synopsis

New Mexico rightly earns its nickname "Land of Enchantment" with natural treasures such as the White Sands National Monument, Carlsbad Caverns, and the Gila National Forest. But more than a beautiful landscape, New Mexico is steeped in the mystique, history, and tradition of multiple cultures, including the ancient Aztec and early Spanish explorers. From pueblo villages and stately missions to the nuclear energy research at Los Alamos, E is for Enchantment showcases the past, present, and future of New Mexico. Helen Foster James has been an educator for more than twenty years, and is now a lecturer at San Diego State University. She received her doctorate from Northern Arizona University. One of her goals is to travel to all fifty states, and she's already visited more than half. She lives in San Diego, California, with big stacks of children's books and her husband Bob. Neecy Twinem is an award-winning children's book author and illustrator of more than seventeen published books. She earned a fine arts degree from the San Francisco Art Institute, and has exhibited her artwork in the United States and Europe. After a family trip to northern New Mexico, Neecy fell in love with the Southwest and now makes her home in the natural surroundings of the Sandia Mountains area.

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## Customer Reviews

Absolutely fabulous. A must read for all ages. Very informational as well as fun to read. You will learn a lot about the wonderful state of New Mexico! Really glad I gave many of these out as gifts at Christmas and kept one for myself.

I sent different books of areas that my boy and his family have visited. It gave my grandkids a bit of history for each state. My son in particular really enjoyed reading them to his kids, as a refresher of their trip and what they liked about it. My grandkids are 2 and 4 years old. These books seem to spark a memory of where they've been. My daughter-in-law is a home school, school teacher. She says it's great for memory recall.

We're off to New Mexico next week. How best to learn about the wonders of this place? How about taking a look at the wonders a child might seek out? And so E is for Enchantment. My thoughts? A perfect overview. I know now to look for ristras (those strings of chili peppers that ward off the wicked) and pueblos (including Taos, apparently) and kokopelli (flute player petroglyphs). And more.

This was a gift for my granddaughter who lives here (New Mexico) The pictures are beautiful and the information very informative. I even learned some things I didn't know.

This book was perfect in helping to teach my students about the state of New Mexico. They enjoyed reading the book and it was more interesting than only using our text book.

While this is a beautiful book, if you are buying this for your first grader, please keep in mind that you will have to read it to them. This book is listed for ages 6-8 and for grades 1-3 but in actuality, it is written at a much higher reading level. According to [arbookfinder.com](http://arbookfinder.com) this book is a 6th grade reading level book and quite unsuitable for independent reading for a first grader.

This series of books is great. I live in NM and grew up in PA. The books are interesting for all ages, I use them in teaching pre-service elementary education teachers at the local university.

Though it's geared for children, any adult from NM will love this book. It is truly enchanting and will touch your heart as you turn the pages. It is on my list of favorite books.

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