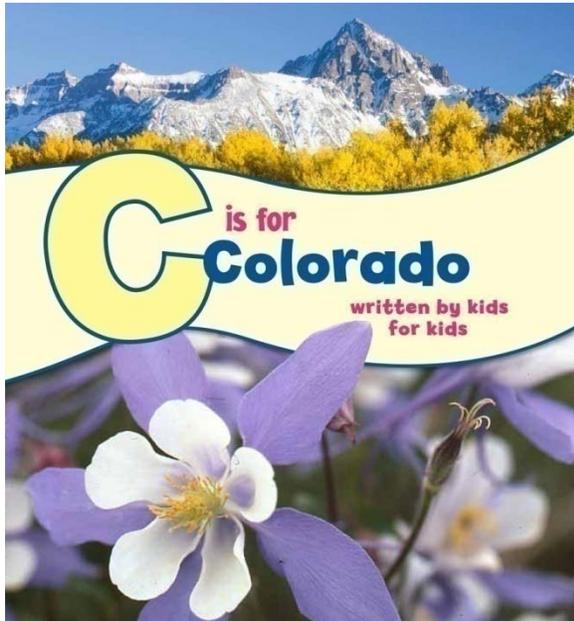




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C is for Colorado

**Written by Kids for Kids by children from
The Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver**

What do Fourteeners, Hairstreaks, and Silver Nuggets have in common? "Fourteeners," "Hairstreaks," and "Silver Nuggets" are all elements chosen to represent Colorado by kids participating in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver (www.bgcmd.org.)

Their new book, C IS FOR COLORADO, Written by Kids for Kids, shares an A to Z of Colorado's important state landmarks, places, people, resources, nature, culture, and much more in captivating photos and short poems.

Reading Writing Language Arts

Create your own couplets like those in the book. Think of your favorite things from A to Z and write a poem for each one. Too many letters? Team up with a friend! Couplets are two line poems (often just one complete sentence) that usually rhyme. Don't be afraid to use a rhyming dictionary. Research "heroic couplets" online and read the poems in the book to get ideas.

Science/Natural History

Research and answer these questions. How many prairie dogs are in an average litter? What is the biggest danger to prairie dogs? Have you ever seen a prairie dog? Do people in your area think the prairie dog should be protected or not? What do you think? For more information, visit: www.prairiedogcoalition.org/

Geography

Answer these questions: What is your favorite place in Colorado (or your favorite place somewhere else?) How far do you live from there? What is it known for (attractions, activities, history, famous people?) Interview someone at least 65 years old. Ask them where their favorite place is and why.

Math

1. Colorado has 53 Fourteeners, so use multiplication to find the total combined feet in elevation of all 53. If a mile is 5,280 ft, how many vertical miles is that? Would it reach into space?
2. What did the world's largest silver nugget weigh? If the average weight of a silver ring is 10 grams, and there are .035 grams in an ounce and .0022 grams in a pound, how many rings could you make from this nugget?

Art

1. Find places and things that are featured in the book. Photograph yourself holding the book at the place or with the thing from the book. Post it on the Graphic Arts Books Facebook page.
2. Or photograph your own favorite things from A to Z with names starting with each letter of the alphabet. Use them to make your own ABC book. (See Other Activities below.)

Other Activities

Make your own ABC book! Use the couplets you wrote in "Reading/Writing/Language Arts" section and photos you took in the "Art" section. Print out the photos with the couplets typed on the same page or paste your photo on paper and handwrite your couplets on the page. Hole punch each page and bind your book together with ribbon or string. Or go digital. Save your pages as jpegs and upload onto your Facebook page. For more ideas, have an adult help you check this Web page for teachers: www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/bookmaking-builds-vocabulary-content-276.html

About the Authors



Thanks to the kids who wrote such fantastic poetry for this book. Way to go! Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver is a youth development organization aimed at helping young people achieve academic success, develop good character and citizenship, and live healthy lifestyles. At the Clubs, youths benefit from a safe, positive environment, supportive relationships with caring adults and peers, a variety of fun programs and activities, opportunities and clear expectations, and recognition that reinforces success. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, visit www.bgcmd.org.

Like this book? There are more!

C IS FOR COLORADO is the fifth in the "See My State Alphabet Book" series – all written by kids for kids, which includes: **C IS FOR CALIFORNIA**; **N IS FOR NEW YORK**; **O IS FOR OREGON**; and **W IS FOR WASHINGTON**; with **O IS FOR OKLAHOMA** and **T IS FOR TEXAS** and more coming soon. Each combines facts, photos, and poems sharing the best of these states from A-Z.