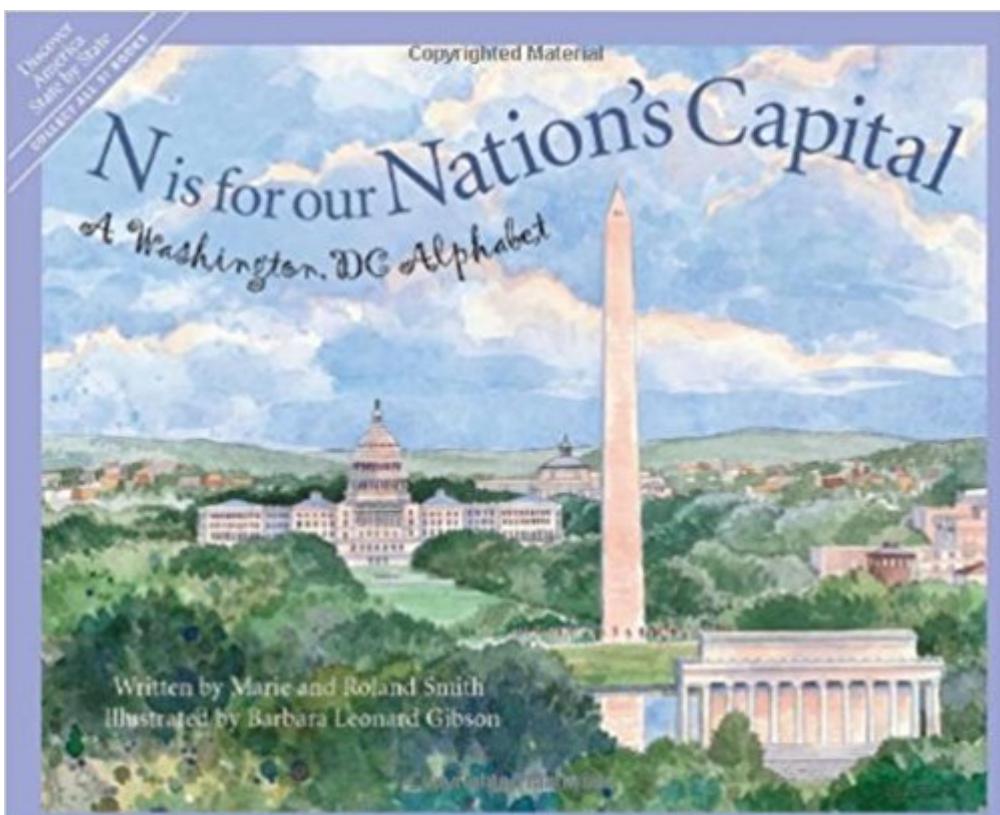


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# **N Is For Our Nation's Capital: A Washington DC Alphabet (Discover America State By State)**



## Synopsis

Bursting with history like no other city in the world, Washington DC is a tribute to the United States, its people and even the world. Monuments spot the landscape, tourists spot the monuments and their legends are learned. The story of DC doesn't stop there. Look beyond the monuments. That's exactly the Washington DC readers will discover with *N is for Our Nation's Capital: A Washington DC Alphabet*. From Abigail Adams to the National Zoo and all the cherry blossoms, flags, houses and presidents in between, *N is for Our Nation's Capital* is like a field trip in a binding. Rhymes capture readers' interest and expository text expands on those points and others with little-known but fascinating facts. Did you know the cherry blossom trees that are an integral part of DC's scenery were gifts from Japan? Or that Mrs. Taft planted the first two? Readers will eagerly turn the pages to learn more true facts like these. Wonderfully written in engaging rhymes for young readers backed with expository text that reveals even more for the more inquisitive reader make *N is for Our Nation's Capital* the perfect keepsake and tribute to Washington DC. Authored by the husband and wife team of Roland and Marie Smith and backed by Barbara Gibson's stylish illustrations, *N is for Our Nation's Capital* is a perfect fit on any bookshelf. This great exploration into our country's nerve center will have teachers and parents excited and help introduce one of the world's most important cities to children from sea to shining sea.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 4  
Each letter of the alphabet represents a person, place, or event associated with our nation's capital. A four-line verse or quatrain introduces it, accompanied by a sidebar of more historical information and sometimes more people, places, or events that go with the letter. The lush watercolor illustrations expand on the text. The title is similar in style and format to Devin Scillian's *A Is for America: An American Alphabet* (2001) and Elissa Grodin's *D Is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet* (2004, both Sleeping Bear). However, the P page is inaccurate. The Powhatan Indians did not live along the Potomac River as stated. The Piscataway Indians lived there and had a different history.  
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Marie and Roland Smith have collaborated on several alphabet titles, including *B Is for Beaver: An Oregon Alphabet* and *Z Is for Zookeeper: A Zoo Alphabet*. They live on a small farm south of Portland. The author of many books for children, Roland has also penned Sleeping Bear Press's middle-grade series, *I, Q*.

Purchased because the author was coming to my daughter's school. Good books with good facts! Will use for our upcoming trip to D.C.!

This book has quite a number of facts about Washington D.C., some of our presidents, and U.S. History. I thoroughly enjoyed the facts and artwork and felt this was a perfect addition to our history portion of the homeschooling library. My only complaint, is that the short 4 line rhymes for each letter could have been better. With younger kids or when reading aloud to a class, only the short rhymes per page are read so those lines need to include the pertinent factual information. The authors have the pertinent information in the margins in small print, but that is only accessible to the older children who are reading the book for themselves. For example, the X-1 is the first plane to break the sound barrier. Yet the rhyme only says "X is for the X-1 - it never went to the moon. This plane is on display because of its sonic boom." It should have said something like "X is for the X-1 - the first to make a boom. Breaking the sound barrier, on our journey to the moon." Sure you would need to refine my rhyme a bit to flow nicely, but my point is my rhyme focuses on the key points whereas the authors did not spend the time and effort to do that in their rhymes... the authors cannot merely

relying on the margins to give the pertinent information otherwise their book is not as versatile or effective in all teaching and reading situations.

Perfect!

We love this series of books to commemorate our trips around the country. It also makes a great gift for the kids when I travel for work. Since my kids are pre-school aged the rhymes are great for them now, but the greater detailed inserts will be good for them as they grow (and are great for me to learn about the state as well).

My grandson enjoyed this book prior to his trip to Washington D.C.

Given as a gift for a baby born in DC. The book is fantastic. A book that he will have forever. His mom loved it as well and said she will definitely be buying them for her friends.

My daughter in law got one of these for Christmas - From Michigan where she grew up, and we really liked the illustrations, so I ordered 3 more for other places we have lived. Very nice

Item as described!

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