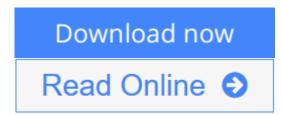


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### **Editorial Review**

## From School Library Journal

Gr 4 Up—Not your typical alphabet board book, this one packs a powerful message both visually as well as verbally. Each spread presents a letter and a bit of social commentary urging children to take a stand against war and violence, develop an awareness of our environment, and promote acceptance and equality for all cultures, races, religions, genders, and walks of life. For example, "A is for Activist./Advocate. Abolitionist. Ally./Actively Answering A call to Action." "Y is for You. And Youth./Your planet. Your rights/Your future. Your truth./Y is for Yes. Yes! Yes! Pespite the format, this introduction to social justice is best suited to older children, who will need plenty of explanation and discussion to help them understand issues such as feminism or workers' rights. Nagara relies upon colorful illustrations—many representing the energy behind activism with arms and fists raised—lots of alliteration, and rhyming for each letter and idea. An ever-present black cat hiding or prowling on each letter's page seeks to hold listeners' interest as well. An unusual offering that may plant the seeds for and spark discussions about activism.—Susan Shaver, Hemingford Public Schools, NE

#### Review

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"When I bring books into our home, I want beautiful books that are going to remain relevant and meaningful and reflect respect for children and a vision of a sound world. A is for Activist was an easy choice!" - Maya Christina Gonzalez, author and illustrator of Mi Colores, Mi Mundo (2007 Pura Belpre Honor Award) and Yo se que el rio me ama; illustrator of Jitomates Risuenos, Nana, Que sorpresa, Animalario del Iguazu, and many more.

"A de Activista is an important tool that re-enforces core educational standards and will inspire children towards civic participation in their communities and throughout the world!" - Jose-Luis Orozco, bilingual educator, children's book writer and musician

"It's essential that children know that the world we live in isn't perfect and that we all have the ability to change it, to make it better for everyone. The organizer strives to make the world more just." - Pablo Alvarado, Executive Director, National Day Laborer Organizing Project

"I love that there is now a book I can share with my granddaughters that teaches a new vocabulary about human and social justice values--and workers rights!" - Maria Elena Durazo, Director, AFL-CIO, Los Angeles

"A de Activista

A is for absolutely wonderful!

B is for beautiful illustrations.

C is for creative use of labor philosophy.

D is for promoting Democracy.

E is for Excellent.

I am a classroom teacher and a labor activist. I would use this book in my elementary or Beginning Spanish classes. It captures the essence of the labor movement thru its leaders and its causes. This is NOT a mundane, rote memorization academic book. This book makes me want to jump and sing and color and paint and learn more about the characters in the book. I love to read aloud and this is the perfect book for it. In the era of integration of Common Core into all facets of education, I see so much a teacher can do with this book. It interfaces reading and literacy with art and history and political science. It can be used in all grade levels. But most of all it is just plain fun to read.

B is for BUY this book!!" - NM State Representative Christine Trujillo

"Finally! A sassy and heartwarming board book to teach our children the alphabet of humane values. Innosanto Nagara knows that activism begins in the cradle, but to be sustainable, it has to be wide-ranging, deep-rooted, and based ultimately on a sense of fun and community." A is for Activist covers all this ground with a playful rhyming style that makes you want to turn the pages and read the book over and over again. The illustrations are so colorful, beautifully executed, little works of art in and of themselves. What a great book for children of all ages."" --"Julia Alvarez, author of "A Wedding in Haiti: the Story of a Friendship" and "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents," and founding member of Border of Lights, an ongoing movement topromote peace and collaboration between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, borderoflights.org

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#### About the Author

INNOSANTO NAGARA's new-wave board books encourage children to grow up with confidence in themselves, and to be proactive children who are passionate about causes from environmental issues to LGBTQ rights and civil rights. Nagara was born and raised in Indonesia, and moved to the US in 1988. After studying zoology and philosophy at UC David, he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he worked as a graphic designer for a range of social change organizations, before founding the Design Action Collective, a worker-owned cooperative design studio in Oakland, California.

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