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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Steven Schnur adds *Summer*, illus. by Leslie Evans, to his list of acrostic poetry collections that already includes *Autumn* and *Spring*. Bright beach umbrellas and tiger lilies fill the linoleum-cut illustrations; they capture summer days where "Fourth of July banners wave from/ Lampposts, front porches,/ And the village/ Grandstand as the parade/ Streams by." The mainstays from Memorial Day to Labor Day--the beach, mosquitoes, a lighthouse--are all here.

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From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 3-This concept book features a short poem in which the first letter of each line spells out the word it represents. "Daisy" becomes "Dragonflies dart/And hover,/Inspecting white flowers with/Sunlike/Yellow centers." The sheer inventiveness of each poem is impressive, but most of them flow effectively, avoiding the forced rhythm that the acrostic form can impose. Neatly framed linoleum-block illustrations feature rich colors and bold lines that capture the brightness of the days. The progression from A to Z coincides with a move toward fall. Most, but not all of the illustrations feature a girl and her dog, adding to the impression that readers are moving through a particular summer, rather than simply getting a list of relevant items. The clever wordplay combined with the vibrant aura of summer captured in the art and poetry make this an appealing title.-Steven Engelfried, Deschutes County Library, Bend, OR

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From [Booklist](#)

Gr. 2-5, younger for reading aloud. This attractive companion to *Autumn* (1997) and *Spring* (1999) combines clever acrostic word poems with glowing linoleum-cut prints by Leslie Evans, one page for each letter of the alphabet. Caught by the word game of reading the letters vertically, children will also enjoy the simple physicality of the brief poems and the bright active pictures that capture the fun and beauty of the season. One of the best is *Beach* (Blankets and umbrellas / Endless miles of sand / And the / Constant^B /^B Hum of wind and waves"). There's a sense of the season's passing as yawls and sailboats are hauled out of the water, and the stars of autumn can be seen in the clear^B Zodiac of the sky. The setting is a cabin in the mountains close by a glittering blue lake, but the images reach out everywhere. Crossword buffs will enjoy the play and so will readers, writers, and artists in classrooms and libraries, especially in summer. *Hazel Rochman*
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