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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 2-5-Pretzels, cheese slices, and bread, as well as paper and pencil are used here to teach math concepts. Adler's simple, to-the-point explanations and Tobin's bright, colorful cartoon drawings work well together to bring basic geometry to primary-grade students. The different print sizes and bright colors create a bold visual effect. The book concludes with a one-page list that defines the shapes and angles examined. Although the use of food products to illustrate these concepts is common at the preschool and primary level, many adults have reservations about this practice. Nevertheless, this is a bouncy, hands-on introduction.

Eunice Weech, M. L. King Elementary School, Urbana, IL

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Review

Children lucky enough to see and read this lively and instructive work will be way ahead of most parents. They will be able to rattle off the differences between an equilateral and a scalene triangle, or tell how to distinguish a parallelogram from a trapezoid. And all this heady knowledge can be painlessly acquired simply by using a number of pretzels, a slice of cheese, a piece of bread and a sheet of paper! This title is a page-turner, chock-full of informative fun. What's more, by participating as they learn, children are likely to retain what information they acquire. This is beginning Geometry made easy. A winner. Parents' Choice Gold Award. (Selma G. Lanes, Parents' Choice, 1998) --Parents' Choice®

About the Author

David A. Adler, a former math teacher, truly believes that math can be fun. He and illustrator Nancy Tobin began their collaboration with Fraction Fun, another book introducing math concepts. Mr. Adler is also the author of the acclaimed Picture Book Biography series for children, several Judaica titles, and numerous riddle books. He lives with his wife and sons in New York.

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