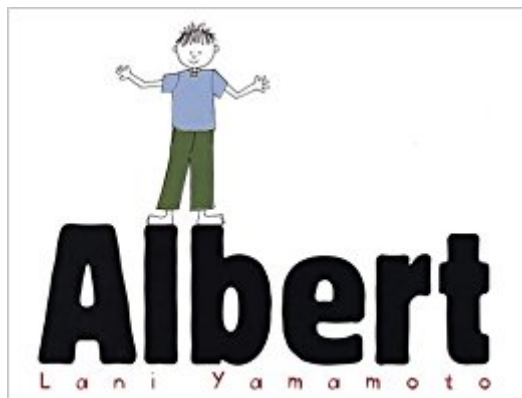


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# Albert Edition 1.



## Synopsis

Illustrated by Lani Yamamoto Meet Albert, a little boy with big ideas and even bigger questions, such as, "If I am in my house, and my house is in the street, near the park, in the town..." What is the answer? The first in a three-book philosophy series, Albert is a disarmingly witty yet simple story that introduces the concept of infinity to young readers. Author Lani Yamamoto studied psychology and comparative theology. She worked as a film editor in Boston and now lives in Reykjavik, Iceland, with her husband and children.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 and up

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 - Minimal text that celebrates a creative young philosopher pairs perfectly with spare, color cartoon drawings for a short trek into relativity. On a rainy day, Albert uses his imagination to swim with sharks (his aquarium fish), save animals from a flood (stuffed toys), and discover pirate treasure (a coin under his bed). When there's nothing left to do, he considers his place in the world ("If I am in my house...and my house is in the street...in the town..."), which leads him to the final scene, a space journey. Yamamoto's writing is elegant, and her diminutive illustrations have varying perspectives. This pared-down version of reflections like Margery Cuyler's

From Here to There (Holt, 1999) offers opportunity for older readers to ponder the universe, but the shard of a plot may be too little for those who need more concrete action. - Gay Lynn Van Vleck, Henrico County Library, Glen Allen, VA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"Striking a mood both playful and cerebral, Yamamoto may even inspire kids to do some space-time continuum musing of their own." -- Publishers Weekly (December 2004) (Publisher's Weekly 20041213)"Meet Albert, an inventive boy who has run out of ideas. His boredom leads him to think BIG, imaginative thoughts about the universe. Yamamoto's graceful illustrations contribute to the simplicity -- and hugeness -- of Albert's pondering. A gem of a book." -- Scholastic Parent & Child (March 2005) (Dody Enterprises 20050301)"Minimal text that celebrates a creative young philosopher pairs perfectly with spare, color cartoon drawings for a short trek into relativity. On a rainy day, Albert uses his imagination to swim with sharks (his aquarium fish), save animals from a flood (stuffed toys), and discover pirate treasure (a coin under his bed). When there's nothing left to do, he considers his place in the world ("If I am in my house" and my house is in the street "in the town."), which leads him to the final scene, a space journey. Yamamoto's writing is elegant, and her diminutive illustrations have varying perspectives." --School Library Journal, February 2005 (School Library Journal 20050201)

I was lucky enough to find this great little book on . We usually let our kids pick the books they want us to read when they go to sleep, and Albert has been selected quite often in recent weeks. And every time we finish reading Albert - we are bombarded with questions. They are falling asleep a bit later than usual - with a lot of unanswered questions in their heads. I can highly recommend Albert.

I have purchased the book for every new child I know. The pictures have enough detail to involve the young ones and the simple question of the book instigates interaction from the older audience(including myself). I debated giving the books away. Very refreshing compared to most books that have the same stories hashed out over and over again.

Albert is one of those rare books that is both fun and thought-provoking. After I read it to my boys, my younger son wanted to build a cardboard-box rocketship and my older son wanted to talk about our place in the universe. At every level, this is a satisfying book.

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