

Elementary Level Books

The Amazing Adventures of Boat Girl

Boat Girl's Safety Rules

Boat Girl learned that being safe was the best way to have fun on the water.

Here are some of her boating rules that you should follow too!

1. Always wear your life jacket when walking on the dock.
2. Always wear your life jacket and hold onto an adult's hand when boarding a boat.
3. Always wear your life jacket when going on a boat ride.
4. Always stay seated when docking or cruising.
5. Always wear your life jacket swimming in the river, lake or bay.
6. Always swim with an adult.
7. Always wear sunscreen and drink lots of water when spending the day in the sun.



Fun Boat Terms

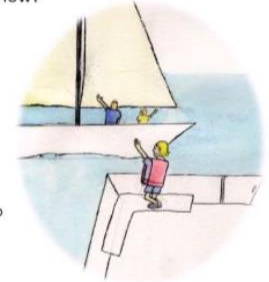
Want to learn the ropes? Here are some boating terms that every little skipper should know!

Outside the Boat

- Bow or forward** – front of the boat
- Aft or stern** – back of the boat
- Port** – left side of the boat
- Starboard** – right side of the boat
- Hull** – body of a boat
- Beam** – width of the boat
- Cockpit** – back deck of the boat
- Cleat** – metal hook on boat to tie rope to
- Helm** – where captain "drives" the boat

Inside the Boat

- Cabin** – inside part of the boat
- Salon** – a boat's "living room"
- Stateroom** – a boat's "bedroom"
- Head** – a boat's "bathroom"
- Galley** – a boat's "kitchen"



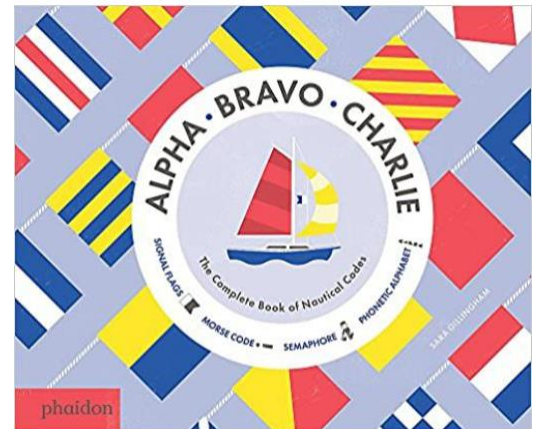
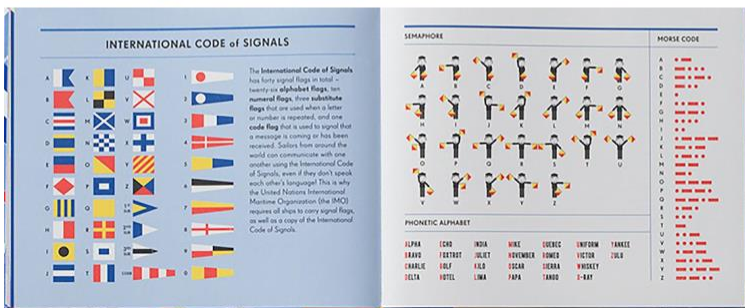
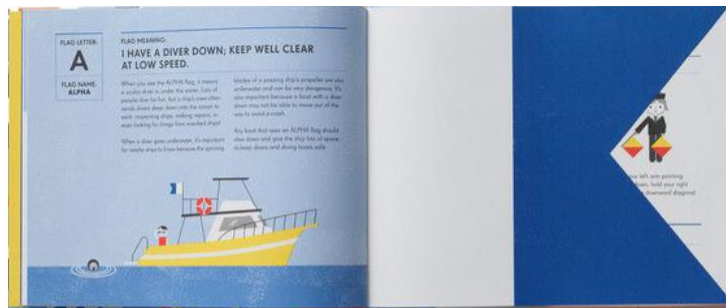
Using the Boat

- Lines** – ropes to tie up a boat
- Underway** – a moving boat
- Navigation** – how to safely "drive" the boat
- Buoy** – road signs on water
- Wake** – waves made by boat in water
- Channel** – deep waterway for boats
- Raft-up** – tying boats together on the water

- Has these rules and terms at the end of the book → emphasizes safety and teaches the terms used to describe the boat

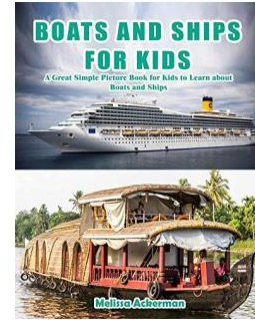
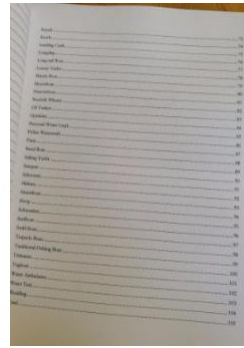
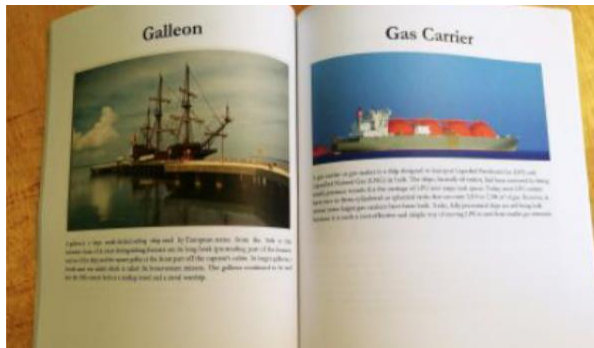
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiIKUr78VC4&ab_channel=MyBoatLife

Alpha, Bravo Charlie: The Complete Book of Nautical Codes by Sara Gillingham



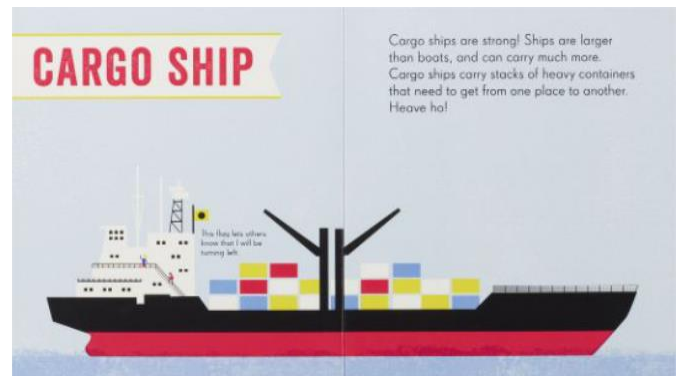
- Would be difficult to read out loud while engaging, but is very educational in teaching kids about morse code and nautical flags

Boats & ships for Kids by Melissa Ackerman



- Has pictures with a paragraph of text underneath
- Reviews say that it isn't very engaging for kids and the images are poor quality; also say that the texts seem to be a copy and paste from Wikipedia

Boats are Busy by Sara Gillingham



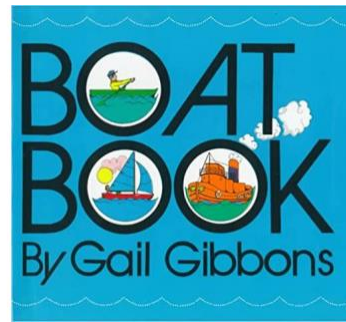
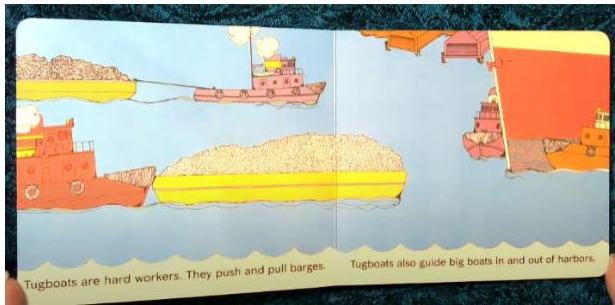
- Better alternative to the Boats & Ships; has engaging drawings and serves the same purpose of educating kids on the purpose of certain boats and ships
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlxISplMA4k&ab_channel=GlennFunk

Maritime Signal flags by Left Brain



- Teaches children about maritime signal flags; not a lot of information/pictures to be found

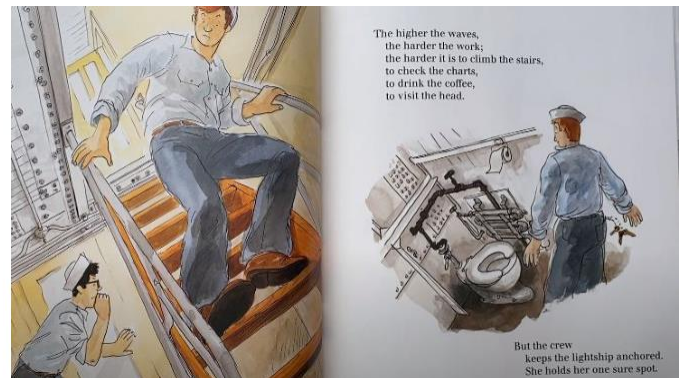
Boat Book by Gail Gibbons



- Describes the different types of boats, introducing new terms to educate children

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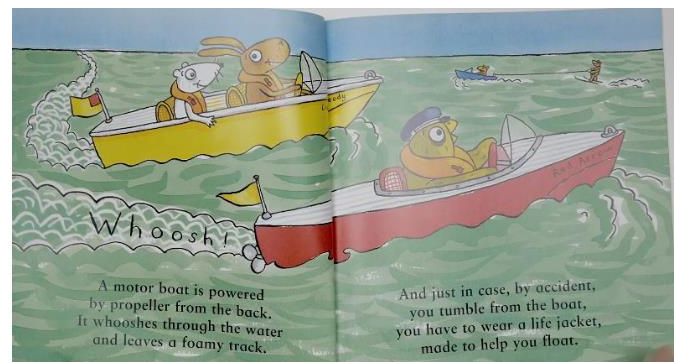
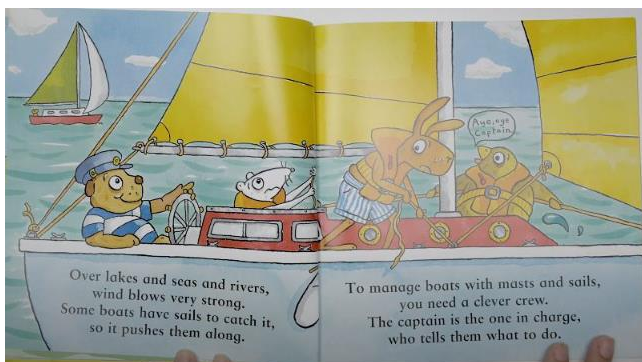
Lightship by Floca Brian



- Describes the role of the Lightship and the life on the boat

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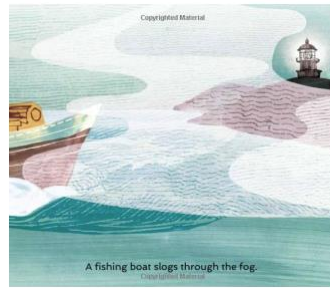
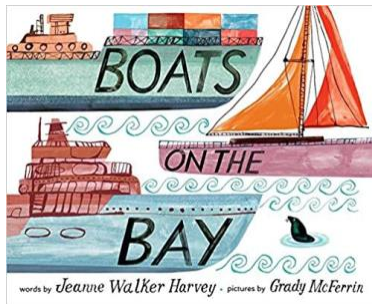
Brilliant Boats by Tony Mitton & Ant Parker



- Describes different parts and types of boats
- Describes the role of the crew responsible for the boat

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KK7Au1u-xg&ab_channel=TheStoryTimeFamily

Boats on the Bay by Jeanne Walker Harvey & Grady McFerrin



- Appealing visuals of the bay and boats for children; simple books talking the different types of boats and what they do

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