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# So Many Circles, So Many Squares



## Synopsis

Tana Hoban changes the way we look at the world. After you read this book, you will find yourself seeing circles and squares everywhere. And they will surprise you -- because they will be where you have often looked before. You will have changed -- and begun to see.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2?Students will begin to notice squares and circles everywhere after looking at these appealing photographs. Circles in squares, squares in circles, squares in squares, etc., can all be seen in many diverse objects, from dishwashers to colorful teapots, to brightly patterned fabrics. The photography is excellent and the subjects are varied. Making a book to illustrate common objects in the classroom and depicting the circles and squares would be a first rate follow up activity to reinforce these concepts. This is one of Hoban's best books on shapes yet.?Stephani Hutchinson, Pioneer Elementary School, Sunnyside, WACopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Ages 3^6. For her latest wordless picture book, Hoban has searched the city and found images of round things and square things to fit the concept of her title. Sticklers for geometric exactness will point out that onions and grapes are not circles and some of the "squares" have rounded corners.

Still, teachers and young children will find plenty to talk about as they look at the colorful, well-composed, and clearly defined images. In fact, some of the pictures would make good starting points for imaginative thinking or creative-writing exercises. Another attractive, open-ended book from an exceptional photographer. Carolyn Phelan

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A book of beautifully imagined photographs, these are vivid images taken to encourage children to seek circles and squares in everyday things, which is a wonderful idea. The book could provide a series of clever geometry lessons, but there is a drawback: many of the objects photographed—tomatoes, boxes—are visibly three dimensional. The rim of a glass of milk is easily described as a circle, but a radish is a sphere and a box is a rectangular solid. True, each side of the box can be a perfect square, thus yielding a cube; but a cube is not a square. Squares and circles lie in a plane—a flat surface. If you make the distinction as you view the images with a child, you can teach a valuable geometry lesson that will carry over into the real world. But you must clarify the difference.

#### BOOK REVIEW:

5 Angry's (5 Angry's) One star because I had to give it something before I posted! On the 14th picture in this book, what do you see in the very center of the book? No, not the "One Way" sign, even closer to the "middle" and you will find a MIDDLE FINGER! Tell me what buffoon allowed this children's book to be published. This is not okay! I could go on and on about how I raise my children and how the world may find this okay, but I don't tolerate exploiting my children to obscene language, pictures, movies, and definitely not children's books!

Toddlers will love turning the pages and discovering circles and squares in an exciting format. My children are learning so much looking at this book again and again. Also get the Dr. Seuss's book about shapes and a book called 'What Is Round?'

I read this book to a class of two and three year olds. They love to find the circles and squares. It lets them "read" the book themselves. The quality photography is a pleasure for all ages. There is

no text, which makes the book more interactive because you talk about the pictures with the children instead. This lets them be more active participants.

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