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Alphabets Alive! Pictures at an Exhibition

The Alphabets Alive! exhibit has opened at the University of Oxford, and it is a veritable rhapsody of bookish splendor.

The grandeur associated with the Bodleian Library runs deep and long. “Pictures at an Exhibition” is a soul-stirring symphony by Mussorsky that my mother used to play on our hi-fi stereo when I was a child. Its opening strains became the soundtrack of every visit I made to this exhibit during my weeklong stay in Oxford from my lodging around the corner at Jesus College. In a feat of sublime orchestration, this collection of books

pays homage to the alphabet, that most humble set of abstract symbols with which ephemeral words and stories find their most enduring form, in books.

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