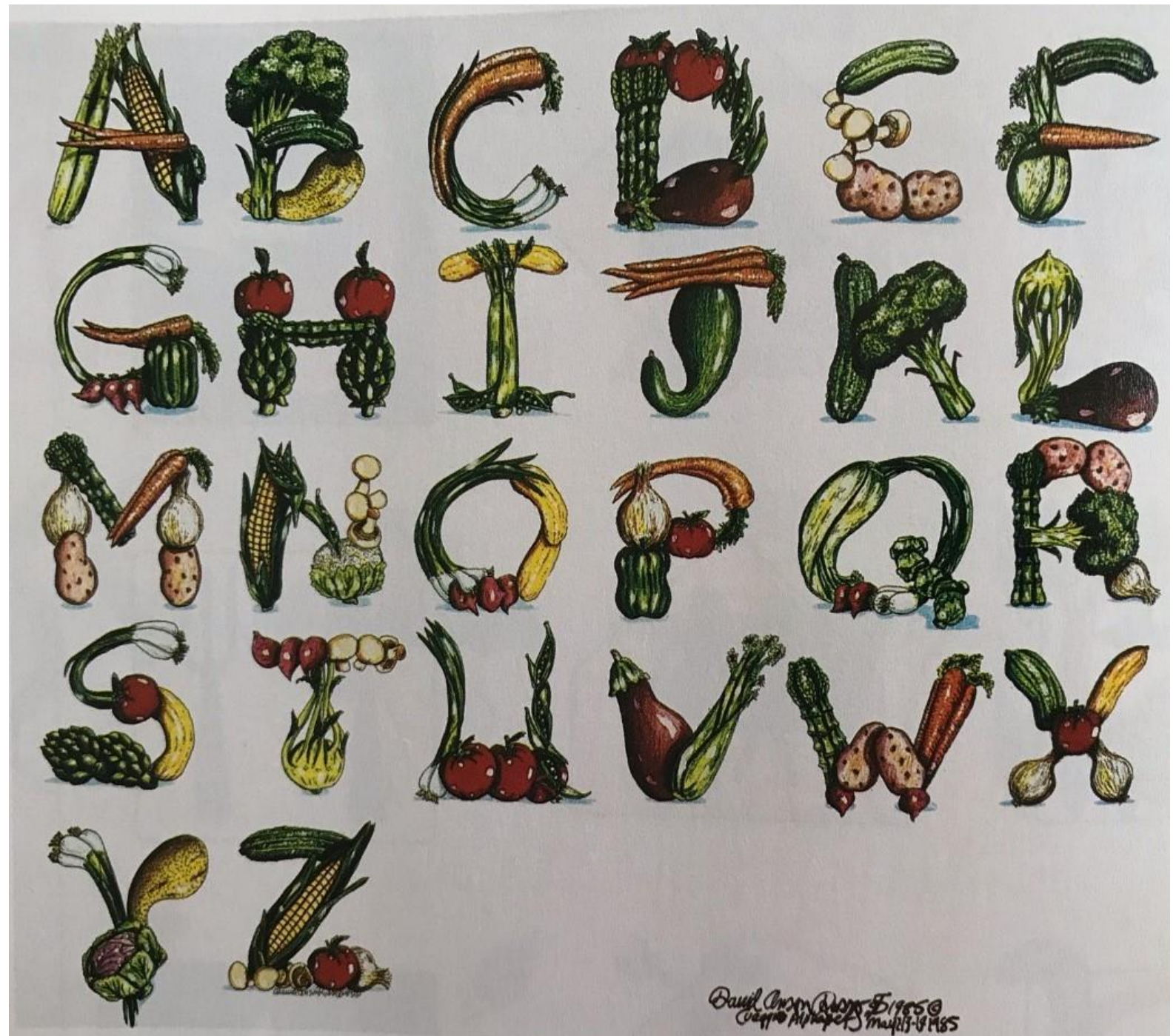


Lettering

Picturing the Alphabet

Alphabet Vegetables
By David Anson Russo
1985



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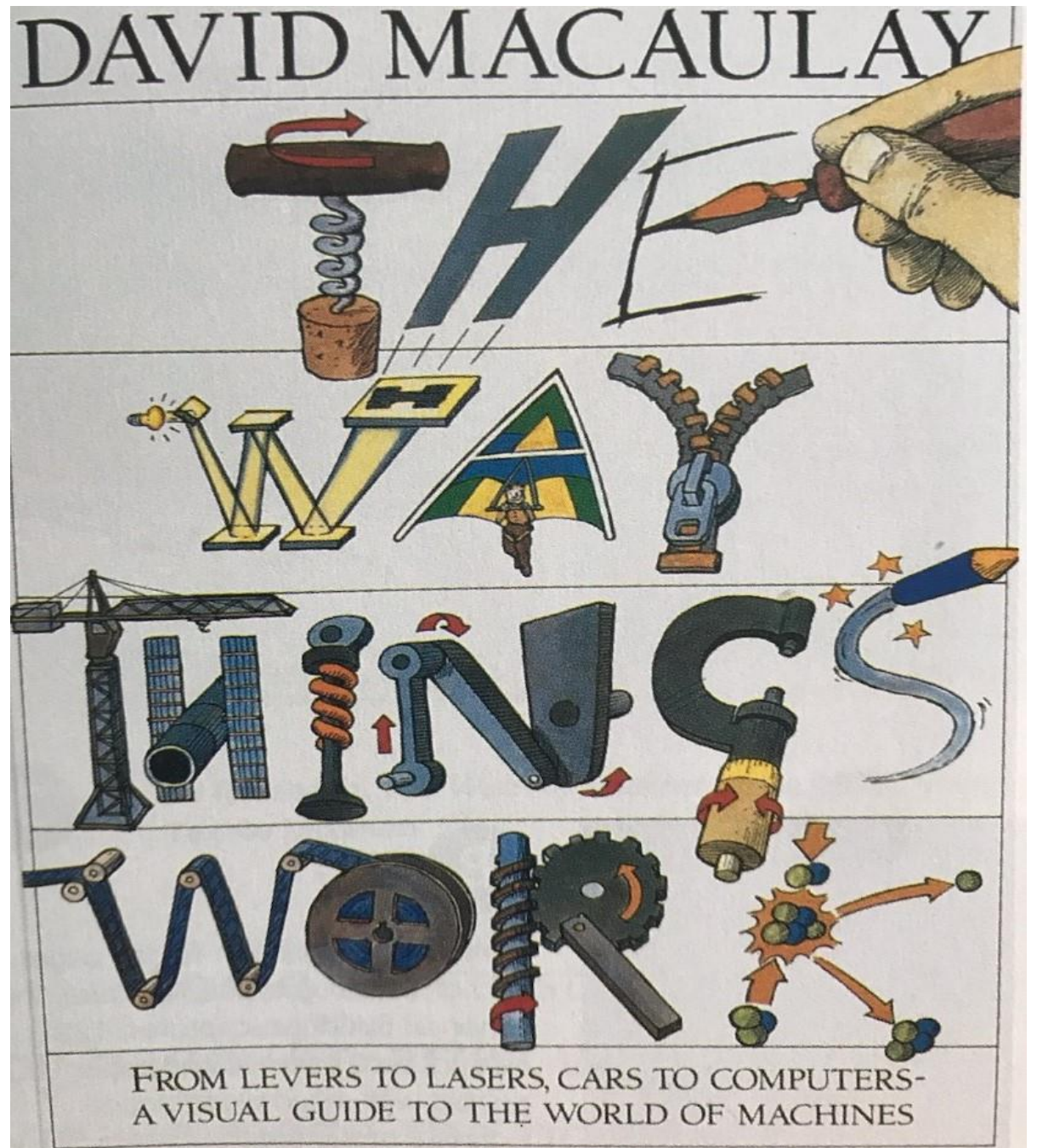
Graphic designers use letters of the alphabet in many of their artworks. Some graphic designers create **picture alphabets**. In a picture alphabet the shape of each letter is also a picture. The designer makes each picture fit the shape of the letter. Picture alphabets often have related shapes and ideas. For example, in the previous alphabet design, the letters are all made of something you can eat.

Look carefully, do you see ears of corn and carrots?

Both of these vegetables have long narrow shapes.

Where has the artist used these shapes to create part of a letter? How are they used?

**Book cover
illustration
by David Macaulay
1988**



Look at the letters on the cover of the book . The book is about machines, tools and inventions. Each letter has some shapes from a machine, tool or invention.

Can you find the letter that looks like an open zipper?

Where do you see the point of a pen?

What other shapes did the artist use to make picture letters?

Alphabet
by Joseph Volpicelli



Look at the picture alphabet created by Joseph Volpicelli.

Look carefully at each letter.

Notice the details.

What was the theme of his design?

Use your imagination and think of a theme and create at least one letter based on that theme. You could even create your name based on something that is a favorite pass time of yours, or maybe a favorite animal.