

Numbers and Counting

The following list is a sample of books about the concepts of numbers and counting. These titles are shelved in the Picture Book section by the first three letters of the author's last name unless otherwise noted. Need help? Ask a librarian!

Baker, Keith. **1-2-3 Peas**. (E BAK)

Busy little peas engage in their favorite activities as they introduce the numbers from one to 100.

Barnett, Mac. **Count the Monkeys**. (E BAR)

The reader is invited to count the animals and people that have frightened the monkeys off the pages.

Boldt, Mike. **123 Versus ABC**. (E BOL)

Numbers think they're the stars of this book, but Letters disagree!

Browne, Anthony. **One Gorilla: A Counting Book**. (E BRO)

Learn to count with a variety of primates--gorillas, gibbons, mandrills, and others.

Carle, Eric. **Very Hungry Caterpillar**. (E CAR)

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep and wakes up a butterfly.

Christelow, Eileen. **Five Little Monkeys Play Hide & Seek**. (E CHR)

The five little monkeys try to avoid going to bed by playing hide and seek with the babysitter.

Cousins, Lucy. **Count With Maisy, Cheep, Cheep, Cheep!** (E COU)

In an interactive farmyard game of hide-and-seek, intrepid little mouse Maisy searches beneath lift-flaps to locate Mommy Hen's missing chicks.

Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. **Race Car Count**. (E DOT)

Count to ten with fast and colorful race cars.

Durango, Julia. **Cha-Cha Chimps**. (E DUR)

Counting and dancing go hand in hand at Mambo Jamba's, the place where hippos hokey-pokey and meerkats macarena and ten little chimps do the cha-cha-cha, until Mama Chimp says, "Time for bed!"

Foster, Jane. **Jane Foster's 123**. (Board Books: BB FOS)

Introduce little ones to numbers in this bold and graphic style board book by illustrator and textile designer Jane Foster.

Fox, Mem. **Let's Count Goats!** (E FOX)

The reader is invited to count goats of many shapes, sizes, hobbies, and professions.

Gravett, Emily. **Bear & Hare, Where's Bear?** (E GRA)

Friends Bear and Hare play a game of hide and seek, counting from one to ten each round.

Jay, Alison. **123: A Child's First Counting Book**. (E JAY)

A little girl awakens to scenes from fairy tales in which she can count familiar characters or objects from one to ten and back again.

Jeffers, Oliver. **The Hueys in None the Number**. (E JEF)

One of the Hueys tries to explain the concept of "none" to another by finding different numbers of items, one through ten, then taking them all away.

Light, Steve. **Have You Seen My Dragon?** (E LIG)

In the heart of the city, among the taxis and towers, a small boy travels uptown and down, searching for his friend. Readers will certainly spot the glorious beast, plus an array of big-city icons they can count. Is the dragon taking the crosstown bus, or breathing his fiery breath below a busy street? Maybe he took a taxi to the zoo or is playing with the dogs in the park.

Lionni, Leo. **Colors, Numbers, Letters.** (Board Books: BB LIO)

Simple illustrations on board pages help children learn number, letters and colors.

Litwin, Eric. **Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons.** (E LIT)

Pete the cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them, and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.

Ljungkvist, Laura. **Follow the Line.** (E LJU)

Invites the reader to visit a wide variety of places and count different objects.

Martin Jr., Bill and Sampson, Michael. **Chicka Chicka 123.** (E MAR)

Numbers from one to one hundred climb to the top of an apple tree in this rhyming chant.

Martin Jr., Bill. **Ten Little Caterpillars.** (E MAR)

Illustrations and rhyming text follow ten caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool, and one reaches an apple leaf, where something amazing happens.

Ochiltree, Dianne. **It's A Firefly Night.** (E OCH)

A young girl and her daddy catch fireflies, put them in a jar to admire, and then release them back into the moonlight.

Pallotta, Jerry. **Butterfly Colors and Counting.** (Board Books: BB PAL)

Count the butterflies from one to ten. Learn their colors, then count again!

Paul, Miranda. **10 Little Ninjas.** (E PAU)

From ten little ninjas sneaking out of bed to one cuddlebug asleep on the spread, rhyming text provides a count-down to bedtime.

Root, Phyllis. **One Duck Stuck.** (E ROO)

In this counting book, increasingly larger groups of animals try to help a duck that is stuck in the sleepy, slimy marsh.

Wolff, Ashley. **Baby Bear Counts One.** (E WOL)

Before curling up with his mother in their cozy den, Baby Bear counts other animals preparing for winter.