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Olivia Counts



Synopsis

Count along with Olivia! In this enchanting board book, toddlers will join everyone's favorite piglet as they learn to count from one to ten. Count along with Olivia! In this enchanting board book, toddlers will join everyone's favorite piglet as they learn to count from one to ten.

Book Information

Series: Olivia

Board book: 12 pages

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

I bought this book for my almost three year old daughter because she loves the two Olivia storybooks so much. The pictures in this book are for the most part taken exactly from the previous story book Olivia. The only two original pictures are Olivia's four aunts and eight cousins. Unfortunately my daughter does not have aunts or cousins so she is not really familiar with these terms. The other numbers are more easily recognizable items such as five books and six teeth. I love Olivia, I really do, and I wanted to love this book. The way Ian Falconer interjects culture such as art, ballet, and opera into his full length story of a pig and her family is really great. I just get the feeling from this book that Mr. Falconer wanted to make some more money from his Olivia franchise without really having to create anything new. One thing I have to say for the Olivia counting book is it's really sturdy. This book would stand up to the roughest toddler. If you have an older child who is somewhat more gentle check out Chuck Murphy's One to Ten for an interactive and eye popping counting book.

It appears from comments here that author/illustrator Ian Falconer re-used some images from previous board books. While these may "only" be board books, this is not common practice, and, if true, does not seem fair to either parent or child. While small toddlers may or may not remember prior use of pictures, older ones may, and beginning readers are even more like to recognize them. Moreover, board books are often bought as a set; a giver will not be happy to learn that a set of Falconer books includes repeated images. That report (from other reviewers) aside, Falconer's book features the black and white shaded piglet, Olivia. With her softly shaded contours, and crooked smile, Olivia strikes a winning pose in front of one to ten objects in this counting book. She proudly displays two red bows, hides in a paper bag mask with six sharp teeth, and shows us her four aunts (all looking like older Olivia's), seven accessories (e.g., a cap. A bow tie), eight cousins, and finally 10 portraits of herself-skipping rope, wearing flippers, listening to headphones, and standing on her head. Numbers corresponding to the objects are written in a crayon style on each page. Of the four counting books I read recently, this rates near the bottom. Objects and Olivia herself are static looking, and some of the objects are fairly small (e.g., a stack of five books held horizontally), and the enumeration is sometimes confusing (objects appear on both one- and two-page spreads). There's no story or theme that ties them together, other than the somehow appealing Olivia. One other positive is the sturdy book construction, I imagine that's the reason for the proliferation of Olivia books, but I recommend instead Sandra Boynton's funny and very clever counting book "Hippos Go Berserk," which is available from .com. Recommended only for fans of Olivia.

We were very much looking forward to add this to our Olivia library - but are quite disappointed. This book offers poor choices for counting and A LOT of the drawings are taken from other Olivia books. Besides a great cover, there is hardly new content in here (only the 4 aunts and 8 cousins). The re-use of images feels random and it misses all the wit other Olivia books have. Here are the things to count: 1 - Ball (image taken from "Olivia" - when Olivia is on the Beach.) 2 - Bows 3 - Cans of paint (showing the cans from "Olivia" - when Olivia paints the wall.) 4 - Aunts 5 - Books (image from "Olivia" - when Olivia wants to read 5 books for bedtime.) 6 - Teeth (image from "Olivia" - when Olivia scares Ian away, wearing a paper bag with a scary face) 7 - Accessories ???!! (to me a shirt is really a piece of clothing and not an accessory..) it feels like "7 random items" 8 - cousins 9 - toys (there are multiple balls in here, plus a baseball and bat.. which counts as two items..) 10 - Olivia's (also images from "Olivia") We love Olivia but this book really disappoints and it seems like the publisher is just "milking the cash-cow". I would skip this book. Unless you like to hear your toddler

try to read out the word "accessories".

For those of you to expect the board books to be totally original. Come on... These are great introduction books to the Olivia series for baby and Toddlers who can not handle the other books. I highly recommend both of the board books for baby and Toddlers. The red, white and black coloring is perfect. The concepts are great for toddlers learning language. If your child is older they may not appreciate the board books and find the other 2 books more stimulating.

Olivia's back with her very own little counting board book, and those who love Ian Falconer's irrepressible piglet will be happy to count along with her from one to ten. This is a very straightforward counting book. There's no real text, entertaining rhymes, or engaging descriptions. Just the simple format of 1 one ball, 2 two bows, 3 three pots of paint and so on. The joy of the book are Mr Falconer's expressive Olivia illustrations, rendered in black and white with his signature splashes of red for highlighting. This is enough for toddlers just learning to count and recognize their numbers, but preschoolers over three will be bored.

The Olivia series is absolutely adorable. We ordered this one and, though it is very simple, our son (14 months) enjoys it. As he gets older it is likely to be a hit and very helpful in engaging him to learn to count. It is silly and relatable which will be great. For now, we enjoy the fun pictures and the style of writing.

If you like the Olivia series of books and you are looking for some fun pictures for the kids to learn counting, this is a good one. It's short and sweet. I would prefer to have bought it used. The original Olivia book is the best one, simply entitled "Olivia".

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