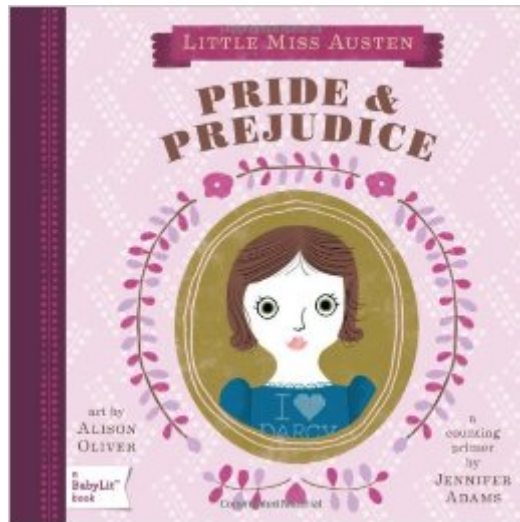


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Pride & Prejudice: A BabyLit® Counting Primer



Synopsis

Introduce your little bibliophile to the romantic world of Jane Austen in *Pride & Prejudice: A BabyLit Counting Primer*. Stroll through 1 English village to meet 2 rich gentlemen and discover what happens when the 5 Bennet sisters encounter 4 marriage proposals! Alison Oliver's charming illustrations accompany Jennifer Adams's clever, simple text to make this take on a beloved classic perfect for little ones.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Loving *Pride and Prejudice* is in my blood, passed down from my late grandmother, my mother, aunts and cousins. So I couldn't wait to introduce P&P to my 3 kids (ages 2-7). This book is so much fun. I LOVE hearing my 2 yr old son saying "Pemberly" and when my 2 daughters discuss which Bennet sister they like best I want to clap with joy! Additionally, the art work is delightful and this counting primer has a sense of humor. Can't wait for different adaptations for all Austen novels!

I have read all of Jane Austen works, many biographies, nonfiction, and oodles of sequels -- but an Austen-inspired children's board book? Whoa! Curious? I was. Don't ya just love the creativity that our Jane inspires? When I first heard about *PRIDE & PREJUDICE: LITTLE MISS AUSTEN* (BabyLit) by Jennifer Adams, the same author who wrote the lovely *REMARKABLY JANE: NOTABLE QUOTATIONS ON JANE AUSTEN*, I was quite intrigued. Would this be a retelling of one of my

favorite classic novels for very young readers? How would it translate into a children's counting primer? And, how the heck would I review a children's book - total virgin territory for me. Once I had a copy of the book in hand, many of my concerns were immediately dispelled. It was indeed a board book, a small compact cardboard version of a book -- easy for a child to hold, unrippable and chewable. (Yes. As a bookseller, I have seen many a toddler stick a board book in their mouth and gnaw on it like a teething ring.) At 22 pages, it was both compact and lightweight, but what will ultimately appeal to parent and child is the total *Pride and Prejudice* theme that author Jennifer Adams and illustrator Alison Oliver have embraced. From the bright and cheery front cover displaying an image of (one assumes) a wide eyed, and very young Miss Austen, to the 20 clever and striking illustrations inside, I was awed by the choice of characters, Regency clothing and objects used and the ease of the text. As we progress through the book, each of the pages also moves through the opening chapters of *PRIDE AND PREJUDICE*, ending at 10,000 pounds a year. Jennifer Adams has selected key points and characters admirably. Parents, grandparents and anyone who is an Austen fan will recognize their favorite characters and scenes, and children will be enchanted by the illustrations and the counting theme. Of course this board book format could not be a full retelling of the entire narrative, but it gives the very young reader an introduction to characters, images, and a bit of the story that they can remember when they watch the movie adaptation and later move into the full novel. Charming, whimsical and historical accurate, *PRIDE & PREJUDICE: LITTLE MISS AUSTEN*, offers the very young reader an early introduction to Jane Austen - planting seeds for her total world take-over! Laurel Ann, Austenprose

I was disappointed with all of the baby lit books. I was hoping for a baby version of the classic plots, but they're essentially just random words related to the books. Not a book I could read twenty times in a day, which I suppose is okay because my toddler would never WANT me to read it twenty times in a day. Very telling.

I absolutely love every little book I've gotten by Jennifer Adams, as does my 24 month old. My daughter was so in love with her version of *Alice in Wonderland*, that I started looking at her other books to add to our collection. This book did not disappoint! This book is not a simplified version of the lovely *Pride and Prejudice*, but rather a counting book based on the story. I think Austen fans will definitely appreciate this, it's just so incredibly charming in every way! I've enclosed a few pictures, hope they help.

While some of the pages and items are cute and fun...I have a real problem with a couple of pages. #4 is marriage proposals...I just don't think that is a good book reference, nor is it an object that is particularly fun to count with your child. There are more than four marriage proposals in *Pride and Prejudice* anyway. The other page I dislike is #10, for which they selected "10 thousand pounds a year" 10 and 10,000 are two different numbers! And whereas the other pages list a number and then the name of the object, the 10th page states "10" and then "10 thousand pounds a year" with a picture opposite of 10 one thousand pound notes. It's just not a good counting book. I do like the illustrations, and I like some of the other babyLit books.

This book just makes me smile. I have as much fun with this simple counting book as I do with the favorite children's books I grew up with. Jennifer Adams did a great job choosing countable elements from *Pride and Prejudice* that evoke the novel in only a few words. The illustrations have the perfect amount of whimsy that will appeal to girls of all ages. This is the perfect gift for all the Austen fans and tiny future book lovers.

This is so adorable! It's definitely a baby book marketed toward adult tastes, but of course it's a colorful counting primer that babies and toddlers will also love. My one concern is that it will probably be in our family library for well into my daughter's cognitive years and it does contain spoilers for the real book. Oh well, I guess. It's super cute and it's a risk I'm willing to take!

I consider myself to read more than the average person, and *Pride and Prejudice* is my favorite book. So it kind of pains me to only give this book a 3-star rating. I LOVE the idea of the Baby Lit series, and found other books in the series to be much more stimulating for my son. However, only an adult who knows the story of *Pride and Prejudice* would appreciate the thought and references in this book. For kids, you basically count the little pictures or vignettes. There's no story line or sentences to read to them. You can do that with puffs snacks. I guess it's interesting and fun for any adults who like literature and it completes a child's Baby Lit collection.

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