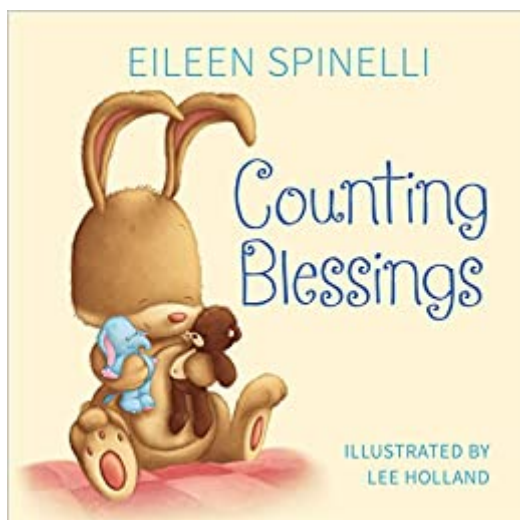


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Counting Blessings



Synopsis

Children count along from 1 to 10, following the sweet rhyming text by beloved author Eileen Spinelli and the cute and cuddly illustrations by Lee Holland. Along with counting, this padded cover board book teaches children to see the blessings in life. With whimsy and joy, *Counting Blessings* captures the attention of young children, filling their minds with numbers and their hearts with happiness.

Book Information

Board book: 20 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

Eileen Spinelli is a poet and picture book author with a talent for lovable stories that tug at the heart. She is the author of more than forty books for children, including *Heat Wave*, *When You Are Happy*, *I Know It's Autumn*, *Thanksgiving at the Tappletons*, *Sophie's Masterpiece*, and *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch*. Ms. Spinelli lives in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

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“Blessings are like leaves that fall
we could never ever count them all.” Eileen Spinelli ends her children’s book, *Counting Blessings*. ~ What ~ At twenty pages, this board book with a padded front cover targets children ages four to eight years old. With no scary scenes, it is a nice story about counting your blessings throughout the day and noticing your surroundings. Written in rhyme with some complicated wording, this tale is about a stuffed bunny who learns to count his blessings by counting things such as body parts, sweaters, toys, crackers, books, friends, sounds, stars, and kisses. After showing all ten blessings of the day, there are more blessings to notice. ~ Why ~ Having a two-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter, she loves being read a bedtime story, and this one she can understand even though it is for older children. I like the cute animals depicted and the reminder to be thankful for everything one has. ~ Why Not ~ Although there is only one three-syllable word, advanced readers may find the book sophomoric and childish. I think it targets the three- to six-year-old beginner reader more accurately. ~ Who ~ A poet and picture book author, Spinelli has written over forty books for children. Holland is an artist and illustrator from England, who designs children’s books, magazines, logos, and clothing. ~ Wish ~ With the word “blessing” focused on, it would be ideal if the book promoted God gives us those blessings. ~ Want ~ If you are looking for a book that not only focuses on blessings but also teaches counting to ten, this is an excellent choice. Thanks to Z-Blog Squad for furnishing this complimentary book to read and review.

Counting to ten has never been more fun than counting along with this cute, cuddly little bunny in *Counting Blessings* by Eileen Spinelli, Illustrated by Lee Holland. Along the way the little bunny counts: body parts, food, toys, friends, and much more. You won’t want to miss this precious story that teaches your child how to count from 1 to 10. I always enjoy the illustrations in children’s books. The pictures are so colorful, cheerful, and engaging. Lee Holland did a beautiful job creating lovely pictures that children from birth to three will enjoy. I like books in which my child can interact with. Jimmie likes pointing to the pictures of the lady bugs and bees, as well as, many of the other animals: koalas, elephants, and birds. The story concept is simple. Some of the rhymes are forced, but children probably won’t notice this as much as I do. Each page leaves lot of room for imagination, which will encourage your child make up their own words. Each of the four seasons are mentioned in the book, ending with fall by comparing leaves to

blessings, you just can't count them all.

Eileen Spinelli has written numerous children's books, all of them terrific. This newest one titled *Counting Blessings* does not disappoint me. It is a board book for the youngest of children and is covered with a thick, soft feeling cover. Now, it is not a soft covered book in the sense that it is squishy. It is just nice. The story is sweet and filled with beautiful words and illustrations to match - very colorful and just, well, nice. A bunny rabbit counts his blessings from one to ten, and then some. It makes me remember that I have those same blessings. It makes me feel more than just nice. It makes me feel blessed by God and totally loved. It likely does the same for the youngsters who are blessed by this book. I give it a full five stars for beauty and for a rich content that speaks truth.* I received a copy of *Counting Blessings* in exchange for my honest review. My thoughts are completely my own.*

Counting Blessings is a book that doesn't just reach the standards of being a great Christian children's book, I'd put the quality of the writing and illustration among the best of any children's book I've read, religious or secular. It's a board book, with a padded front cover and sturdy pages. The book is filled with full color illustrations by Lee Holland, following the adventures of a little baby bunny through a day. The illustrations are beautiful, adorable, sweet, and whimsical. They aren't just simple line drawings or cartoons, but highly artistic and emotive. The words are simple and yet beautifully expressive, in rhyme, talking about blessings that the little bunny experiences through the day "One family loves you sweet / Two hands, two feet / Three sweaters when it's cold / Four cozy toys to hold, and so on. The text isn't contrived or forced like other rhyming books, but flows very naturally and elegantly, almost like a song. Each page counts a number up to 10 of blessings to be thankful for. Something else I really like about the book is that it isn't "in your face" when it comes to talking about religion or even God. Not that there's anything wrong with that (and books we've read like "Thank you Lord for Everything" and "God is Watching Over You" do it exceptionally well). But I appreciate how this book focuses on the blessings that children (and adults) need to be reminded never to take for granted - a loving family, healthy body, warm clothes, food, friends, kisses, music, and the wonders of creation. The book never explicitly beats you over the head by shouting "You Need to Thank God For These Blessings",

but it really doesn't need to, because that's the natural conclusion that any person of faith will reach, and then pass on to their children. And if you have a non-believing spouse or a spouse of a different religion, this is a book that he or she will feel very comfortable not just having in the house, but reading along. My 10-month old is intrigued by the colors and the cute animals, and I can't wait to use this as a way to teach her to count. Highly, highly recommended.

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