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Welcome to a lush meadow bustling with activity, where one turtle digs, two fish swim, three bluebirds sing, and so on to ten fireflies that shine in the night. Keats's collage-style illustrations perfectly complement this classic Appalachian counting rhyme, which is also a popular song for toddlers.

Over in the Meadow Details

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From Reader Review Over in the Meadow for online ebook

Drew Graham says

Various meadow creatures go about their duties in rhyming, nicely illustrated fashion.

This is a book that I missed in my childhood (though I recognized Keats's other work), but it's great that we found it to read to the kids. It's calm and relaxing, and a nice counting primer with rhyme and character and unique illustrations.

Julia says

There was another version that was done that I had read when I was a child that had slightly better illustrations although I cannot think of that one right now sadly. Otherwise this version just like the other beautifully yet somewhat abstractedly captures the animal residents of a meadow and the snapshot of a bit of their life while at the same time helping children learn how to count without forcing it down their throat.

I loved how in the illustrations each animal is focused upon and detail is given to make the meadow an even bigger place with all its beauty. Could this be what it was like for Bambi when he first entered the Meadow?

All in all a great childhood book that brings back the joy of beautiful places, happy times to be one self and learning whether you are doing something that comes natural and/or educative to the reader. All in all a winner for me....

Volkert says

Children's song illustrated in Keats' unique style. Also a counting rhyme.

Priya says

loved it. helps with identifying animals and counting

Melinda says

We are reading the Spanish version of this book with Henry. Henry knows the numbers and some animals but learning the animal sounds, actions and names for baby animals is fun. It's harder to feel the rhythm of a poem in a foreign language. I hope that practice will help us with that.

Rossy says

I didn't care for this book, it was boring IMO.

Maureen says

I love Ezra Jack Keats version of this classic the best.

Mama Bibliosoph says

There are a many versions of this traditional song in the picture book genre, but I am forever loyal to the lovely Ezra Jack Keats adaptation.

"Over in the Meadow" is a great counting song for kids who like animals. Each page features a different mother animal (sorry dads) and some number of her offspring (beginning with one and building up to ten). The mother tells them to do something (dive, bask, sing, etc.) and the little ones comply. The verses are easy, rhyming, and identical in structure. It's easy for kids to catch on.

If you don't know the tune, it's easily findable on YouTube. It's one of those songs that is a real pleasure to sing. It soothes. My children always seem calm when we read this book (and often sleepy by the end). They enjoy the melody, the variety of animals and actions, and counting the babies.

I review books for children from the perspective of a parent of kids with autism. The review above is part of a longer post on books about singalong books: <https://www.lineupthebooks.com/40-sin...>

Melissa Namba says

illustrations to go along with the nursery rhyme. it was cute, but nothing exciting.

Paula says

A favorite from when I was little! The cadence and rhythm in every line is on point.

Wetdryvac Wetdryvac says

Fun fluff, excellent art.

Shahd Rdawi says

? story

Grace says

After reading “A Poem for Peter” it seemed appropriate to revisit some of my favorite Ezra Jack Keats books.

Matthew says

Beautiful.

Alyssa Clark says

1. Over in the Meadow has not been awarded any honors.
 2. I think this book is appropriate for PreK to first grade.
 3. This book brings a popular song to life through text and beautiful images. Through counting, the reader is taken on a journey in a meadow to meet different animals. Starting with one digging turtle and ending with ten fireflies shining, the reader experiences a fun way to count.
 4. I think this is a great book to have students read along and sing along aloud with you. There is a lot of elementary education involved, but it is also just a fun read. I also really love the rhymes.
 5. I would use this book to get children singing and developing phonemic awareness with the rhyming words. I could also use it in preschool classes to develop counting skills and reinforce it at the kindergarten level.
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Megan says

Over in the Meadow is a 1-10 counting book featuring different animals and great descriptions. The illustrations are super cute and it's a visually engaging book for young students and readers. There is a song on Youtube that goes with the book that is fun for students. This book is recommended for preK-3. I would use this in a Kindergarten classroom as a cut and paste matching activity. I would read aloud the book and then students would be given worksheets where they can cut out different numbers and match to the corresponding animals.

Holly Sandefer says

This book is about a busy meadow, filled with different animals and sounds. This book can be used at any level in various ways. Counting and identifying colors and rhyming words can be used for preschool and kindergarten students. Exploring and identifying adjectives and onomatopoeias can be used in kindergarten through intermediate grades. The words are written to draw the reader into the book and the meadow.

Micha O'Connor says

There are dozens of inceptions of this classic counting rhyme published over the years, but this one is my favorite. Keat's collages are more realistic and less cutesy than some others, each page invoking the natural beauty of the creatures and their surroundings. Making the animals sounds and motions are especially fun for the little ones.

Dominic Cifuni says

Wadsworth uses a counting rhyme/ chant that children would be sure to follow along with. She incorporates many different animals increasing in number to provide a learning experience. Vivid and engaging colors and images make the pictures jump off the page. As "one turtle digs, two fish swim, three bluebirds sing, and so on to ten fireflies that shine in the night". I would split the class into pairs/ small groups, and have them act out and recite these chants. They could even make up their own counting rhymes.

Brooklyn Jones says

This is a great story to introduce rhyming. This also is a great counting rhyme. This book also talks about familiar animals in their habitat. The book incorporates so many good factors, I would recommend it.
