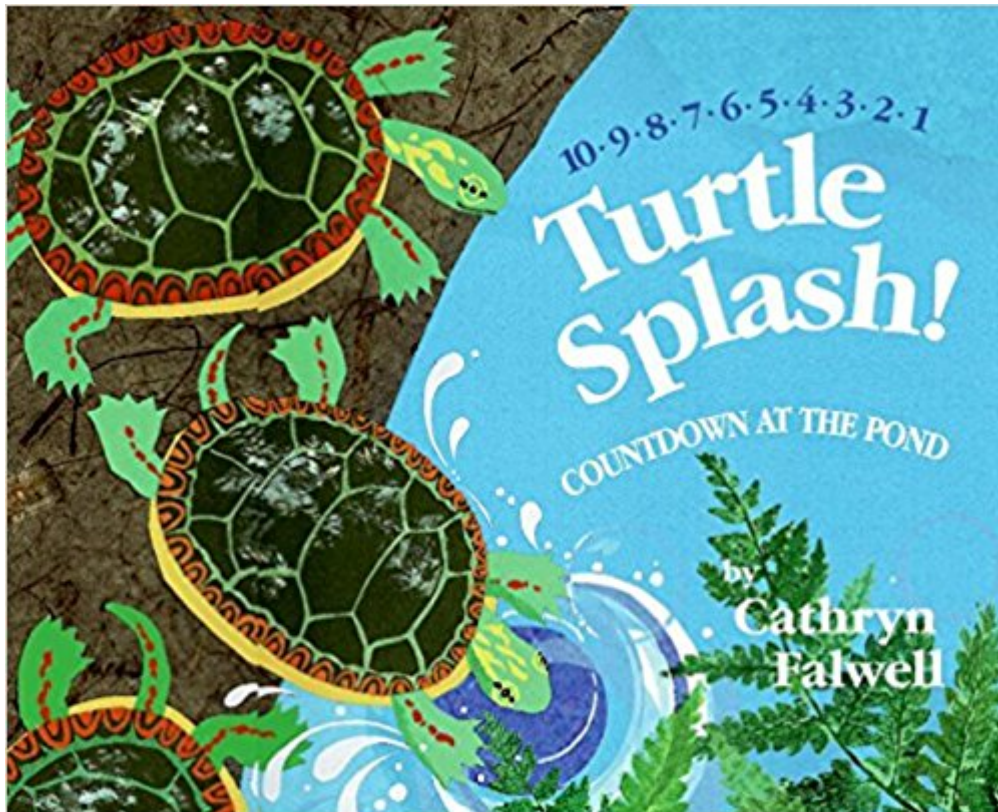




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Turtle Splash!: Countdown At The Pond



Synopsis

One by one, ten turtles splash! into the pond. It's a colorful countdown that you can be a part of.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Falwell's (Where's Nicky?) combination of counting book and nature tale, in an idyllic pond setting, begins with "Ten timid turtles, lounging in a line." These attractive Eastern Painted Turtles (identified at story's end), with sweetly placid eyes, intricate stripes and loops of yellow and orange on their shells and bodies, appear on every spread but decrease in number with each turn of the page. Various creatures send them scuttling for cover off their log, one by one, and into the variegated blueness of the pond. First, a plump emerald bullfrog in flight reduces the group to nine; several pages later, the fluttering presence of a burnished brown butterfly knocks the number down to three. Into each spread, Falwell tucks a clue as to the next offender: in one, it's a fawn's spotted back, in another the feather of a chickadee floats on the pond's surface. After all 10 turtles make their exits, they reconvene on the pond floor to "settle for the night." Working in collages of papers, birch bark and leaf prints, Falwell makes every aqua-hued spread come alive with texture, both visually and ecologically. The final spreads provide succinct profiles of the pond inhabitants that appear in the story and explain how to make the same leaf prints that Falwell uses so effectively. This lush volume is sure to make a splash. Ages 3-up. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

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PreSchool-Grade 1-"Ten/timid turtles,/lounging/in a line./Startled by/a bullfrog-/Then there/are nine."

This lovely countdown features Eastern Painted Turtles and various insects, birds, and mammals sharing a pond habitat. As each new creature appears on the scene, one more turtle jumps off the log and into the water. Eventually, the blue sky of day gives way to rose and purple shades and all 10 tired turtles are underwater to "settle for the night." The familiar counting scheme plays out in beautifully constructed collage scenes. Many of the animals are quite realistic; some are less detailed. Birch bark and leaf prints add realism to the lush growth surrounding the melded blues and greens of the water. A white panel on either side of the double-page view contains a large blue numeral, the verse, and trailing bits of picture to soften the contrast. The pleasing glimpses of the shy turtles and their neighbors end with a satisfying recapping of the count in a night view lit with fireflies. Three final pages augment the pond visit with information on the behavior of each animal and brief instructions for making leaf prints. This is pleasing fare for reading aloud at bedtime, or anytime, and offers an inviting early nature lesson. Margaret Bush, Simmons College, Boston
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Cute book with a little text on each page. For toddlers can use turtles to practice counting with the numeral displayed. As they get older read text as well as counting turtles. Be aware that Countdown is true - counting backwards from 10.

My grandson loves this book and so do I.

What a cute book! I purchased this for my nieces turtle themed 2nd birthday and I know she's going to LOVE this book.

Good book with fun rhymes and great pictures!

My 1 yr old son likes this book and will sit through it for a little longer than other books. my 3 year old daughter enjoys it as well. its like any other counting book but our sons room theme is turtles so that is why we got it.

Excellent book and teaches countdown.

Perfect countdown book!

What a fun counting book!

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