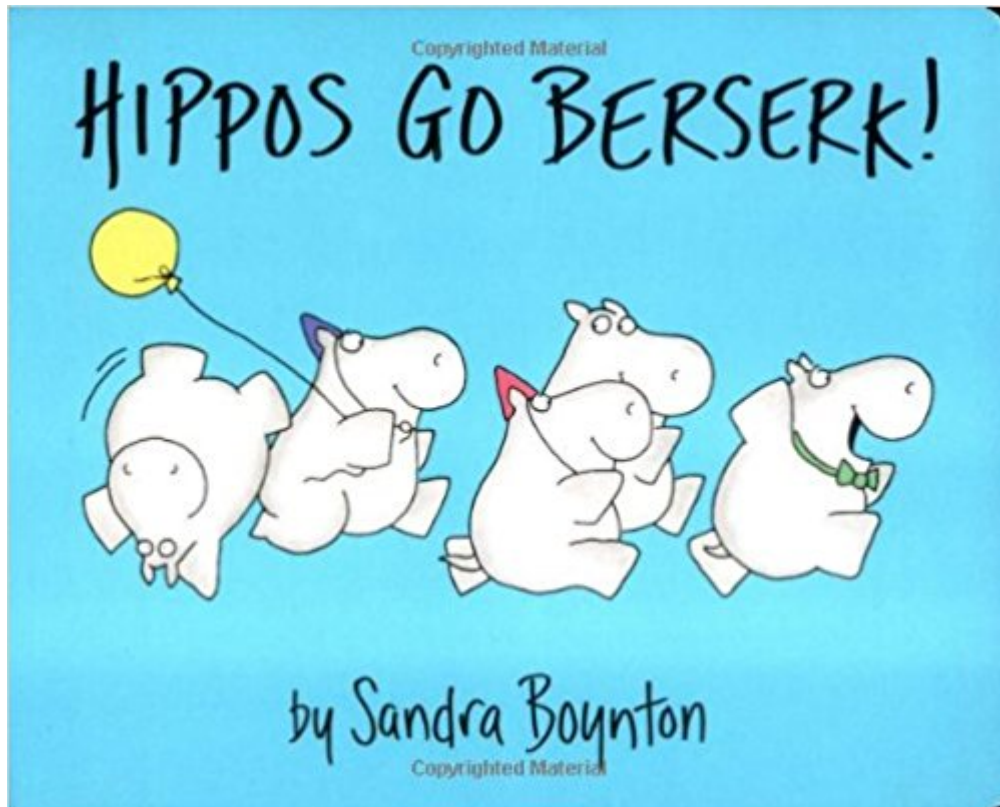




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# Hippos Go Berserk!



## Synopsis

Hilarious hippos make a party out of counting in this Sandra Boynton classic. Here is the classic Boynton counting story in a sturdy, board book version. Perfect for travel time, bedtime, or PARTY TIME!

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD230L (What's this?)

Board book: 16 pages

Publisher: Little Simon; Brdbk edition (May 1, 2000)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 6.2 x 0.8 x 5 inches

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Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars 276 customer reviews

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

How dull, to be one hippo all alone... until the one calls two other hippos on the phone. Soon three more hippos are at the door, bringing along another four. Before the night is through, a houseful of hippos (and one beast) has joined the one hippo for a boisterous bash. All through the hippo night, Hippos play with great delight. But at the hippo break of day, The hippos all must go away. In clusters of nine, eight, seven, six, and so on, the hippos depart, finally leaving the one hippo "alone once more, [missing] the other forty-four." The well-loved Sandra Boynton wrote this tribute to silliness in 1977, inspiring generations of the very young to learn to count. Lively, cute new illustrations complement this edition, with big numbers (one through nine, and nine through one) boldly placed on the corner of each page. The sturdy board book will withstand lots of eager counting fingers, and maybe even a berserk hippo or two. Boynton's familiar style can be seen in scads of other delightfully nonsensical titles, including *Barnyard Dance!* and *Moo, Baa, La La La!*. (Ages 3 to 7) --Emilie Coulter

Happening hippos And for a merrier look at oversized animals, Sandra Boynton's Hippos Go Berserk!, first published in 1977, is reissued in a larger format with new colors. In this counting book, the phone call of one lonely hippo initiates a party: "One hippo, all alone,/ calls two hippos on the phone," and the number of guests snowballs. Boynton's cheerful artwork, familiar from the greeting cards she has designed as well as from numerous books, is as well suited for children as for mirth-minded adults. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

These books are such fun! I'm an adult, but it seems if what you're reading to a child makes you laugh, that teaches something about joy as well.

Bought this book and 3 other Sandra Boynton books (Are you A Cow?, Snuggle Puppy, and Doggies) for Christmas gifts for my best friend's 2-year old and my boyfriend's niece who is almost a year old. I think they will be perfect for mom and dad to read to them, and the girls to begin to learn to read as they grow! They are board books-- thick and good quality, that will be easy for tiny hands to hold... or put in their mouth... or whatever... haha. This one is a counting book that is based around hippos. I definitely picked it just because of the word "Berserk" which is one of my favorite words ever! It is very cute, and will be very fun for mom and dad as well as the girls :)

This is my third copy of this book. The first fell to bits because we read it so many times. The second was a board book version I bought to read to my grandkids. This one is for my office. I'm a reading tutor and this is a great read aloud for my youngest students. One of the first "reading" skills we work on is rhyming. I love to start each lesson with a rhyming picture book. This is a great one. I like to read it and the kiddos always enjoy it.

My son loves this book, but what stands out about it is that it has cute details that make it more fun for the adult who has to read the book umpteen million times to the child (often in a row). For example, there are certain details in the pictures (eg, the refined cocktail-drinking hippos taken aback by the wild party-animal hippos--don't worry, it's not like your kid knows the drinks are alcoholic; the Whistler's Mother Hippo painting), and the book features some more sophisticated grammar, vocabulary, and rhyme scheme than most board books (although not to the point that it is totally over kids' heads). I think it is good for the child to mix it up a bit and include some books with

more challenging grammar and vocabulary as well as very simplistic books. And it really helps when some of the books in the pile are ones that don't make me cringe when my son wants to read them AGAIN. Indeed, I will sometimes try to steer him toward this one when I am getting way too sick of the duller ones! I also suspect this book will hold my son's interest far longer than many of his other books. He is 16 months now and has been enjoying this book for a long time even though he isn't talking much yet.

Grandkids love having this book read to them

I love the title of this book and I was originally going to buy it based solely on the fact that it makes me laugh every time I say it. But, I was pleasantly surprised when I read it at our library first and found it's a cool counting book. For my younger daughter it's good for her to hear the numbers but for my older daughter, it's fun for us to actually count and add all of those hippos. The only reason I gave it four stars instead of five is because the rhythm and meter of the first half of the book is way better than the last half. When the hippos are leaving it feels more clumsy and like I'm tripping over the words a bit because they don't follow the usual rhyme scheme.

great book

Cute story

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