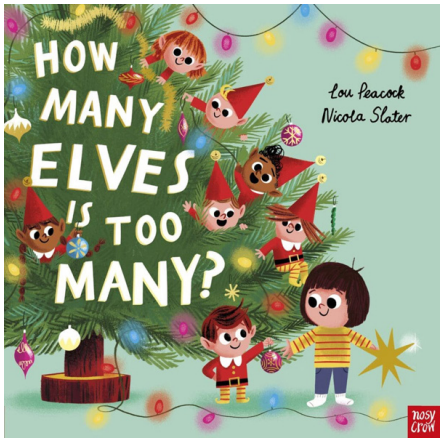
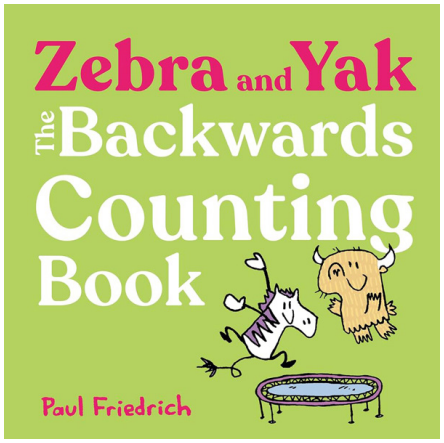
WCCS Recommends

Five new maths books for boys aged four to six



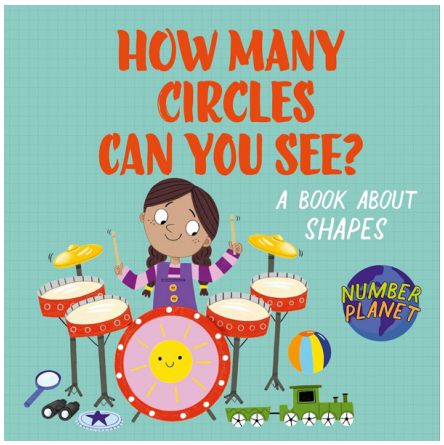
How Many Elves is Too Many?
Lou Peacock, illustrated by Nicola Slater

One elf becomes two, then three, until ten are wrapping presents and making a great deal of noise. Ask your son to count each arrival and decide when the extra help becomes a hindrance.



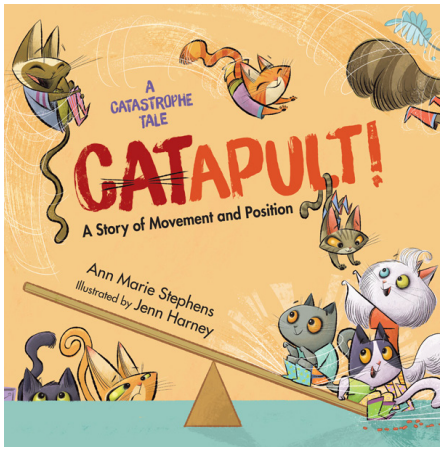
Zebra and Yak: The Backwards Counting Book
Paul Friedrich

Zebra and Yak find themselves counting backwards from twenty bottles of milk. As the bottles give way to runaway cows and flying saucers, let your son call out the number before each page turns.



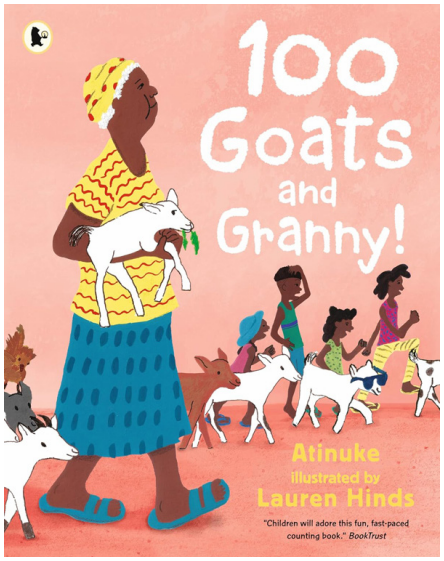
How Many Circles Can You See?
Louise Spilsbury, illustrated by Emily Cooksey

Leon and Luna search for flat and solid shapes, patterns and shapes that fit together without gaps. After reading, ask your son to find some of the same shapes in the room.



CATapult! A Story of Movement and Position
Ann Marie Stephens, illustrated by Jenn Harney

Nine kittens build a stage for their concert. One falls from above the dancers, who are moving left and right, and lands on the costume designer. Follow the kittens with your son and ask him where each cat is before and after the tumble.



100 Goats and Granny!
Atinuke, illustrated by Lauren Hinds

Granny's goats follow her to the tailor, the salon and the market. The children try to keep count, but goat number 100 has disappeared. Count the smaller groups with your son and help him look for the missing goat. New paperback edition; first published in 2025.