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A mother duck and her five little ducks waddled out one day. Onto a bridge, then - ducks away!

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Meredith says

When a mother duck walks across a bridge, she is followed quickly by her ducklings who one by one fall into the water below after which she flies down to join them.

Although this book lacks the charm of Duckie's Ducklings: A One-to-Ten Counting Book, it is sweetly illustrated with bold lines and basic colors. It also teaches the basic math concepts of counting up and counting down.

Personally, I didn't like how mother duck helplessly watched her brood tumble off the bridge unsure of what to do. *"What should I do? Where should I go?"* That may upset really young readers who count on their parents to protect them rather than panic in an emergency, but, on the other hand, since none of ducklings are frightened or injured, they may gloss right over that.

Gwen Ayler says

Cute little book on counting up to 5 and counting down from 5. You could even use it for simple adding/subtracting in a classroom. I felt like I kept expecting some kind of rhyming but then it didn't so it left me a little disappointed. (I'm a sucker for a good rhyming children's book.) Overall it was short and sweet.

Storytime Theme: Ducks

Bethany says

DUCKS AWAY starts off with a mama duck and her five little ducklings crossing the bridge. One by one, the babies fall into the water and the mom doesn't know what to do. The mom is divided until the last one falls.

DUCKS AWAY teaches children counting and counts up to five multiple times: as the ducklings walk across the bridge and as they fall. Ducks are adorable animals for children's stories and this book is perfect for those children who are learning to count. It also introduces them to basic addition and subtraction.

Final Verdict: DUCKS AWAY is a great and cute way to introduce counting to children. My little girl kept pointing at the ducks as I counted.

Tara says

2.5

Maria says

Momma Duck was crossing the bridge, with one, no wait two, maybe three, OK 4, just kidding, with 5 little ducklings, when all of a sudden one fell into the water and only 4 are left. Momma Duck doesn't know what to do, and one by one each duckling ends up in the water and Momma Duck on the bridge? How will she get to her ducklings?

Mem Fox and Judy Horacek bring this visual counting book for toddlers! It's a fun and engaging way to count up to 5, then subtract, it's great for those looking to introduce some easy addition/subtraction math!

KC says

A clever book about numbers and cute little ducks.

Jillian says

It was cute, but lacked something for me. Maybe a rhyme? Maybe it just took too long?

At any rate, it's a cute way of teaching counting up to five, and back from five, and pointing out that two+three and four+one still equal five.

Alyssa Tabor says

Cute! Good for counting storytime.

Tasha says

A mother duck crosses a bridge with her ducklings, all five of them! But then one of the little ducks is blown off of the bridge and down into the water below. Mother Duck doesn't know what to do with four ducklings on the bridge and one down in the water. Then one by one, the other little ducks tumble down to the water. Finally, all five are floating below and they encourage their mother to join them and take the jump herself. This playful counting book merrily counts up to five in a natural way, then counts both up and down as ducklings move from bridge to water. It all feels so much a part of the story thanks to the subtle rhyme structure and the rhythms deftly created by Fox. The illustrations continue the simplicity of the text, and are just right to share with a group or with one child. A picture book you can count on! Appropriate for ages 1-3.

Barbara says

This creative team from Australia always hits its target, and this one also will make a big splash with the younger set. Not only is it fun to read or to hear read, but little ones will enjoy the anticipation as the mother duck and her five offspring head across that bridge. It will be great fun to watch as she is eventually joined by five ducklings, each of whom then ends up landing in the river while their mother watches helplessly. Eventually, she realizes that there's no point in her remaining on the bridge while everyone else is getting wet, and she joins them. The rhyming text and cartoon illustrations are pitch perfect, setting just the right tone for a read aloud. Some youngsters may enjoy counting the ducklings as they first join and then leave their mother while others may just be amused by the story and the mother's dithering about what to do.

Maxwell Rae says

My good friend Balynda gave me this book before I was even born. I liked the bright colours and I smiled when the first little duck was joined by another baby duck. One day I think I'd like to have a baby brother or sister, and maybe mummy can read to us together.

Syntha Green says

Cute illustrations. I think this could be excellent if it was billed as an early math skills book - it takes a great look at the different ways to make up the number 5.

Dianna says

This book was an instant hit with my three-year-old son. The story and illustrations are simple and cute, and just right for a three-year-old's attention span and interest. He currently asks for it every night, which is about the best compliment a child can give a picture book, no? Mem Fox does it again.

zapkode says

{My thoughts} – This is a cute little book that reminds me a lot of the Five Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed series. Instead of Monkey's it is Ducks and they aren't jumping on a bed, they are falling off a bridge.

I really enjoyed reading this book. It has a nice little poem that helps the story to flow. It also has simple images that help the reader to follow along with the poetry in which the story is written.

I think that any child will enjoy having this book added to their book collection. It will also make a simple reader for children that are learning to read. I look forward to sharing this book with my little ones.

Ranea says

Great for a Toddler Storytime
