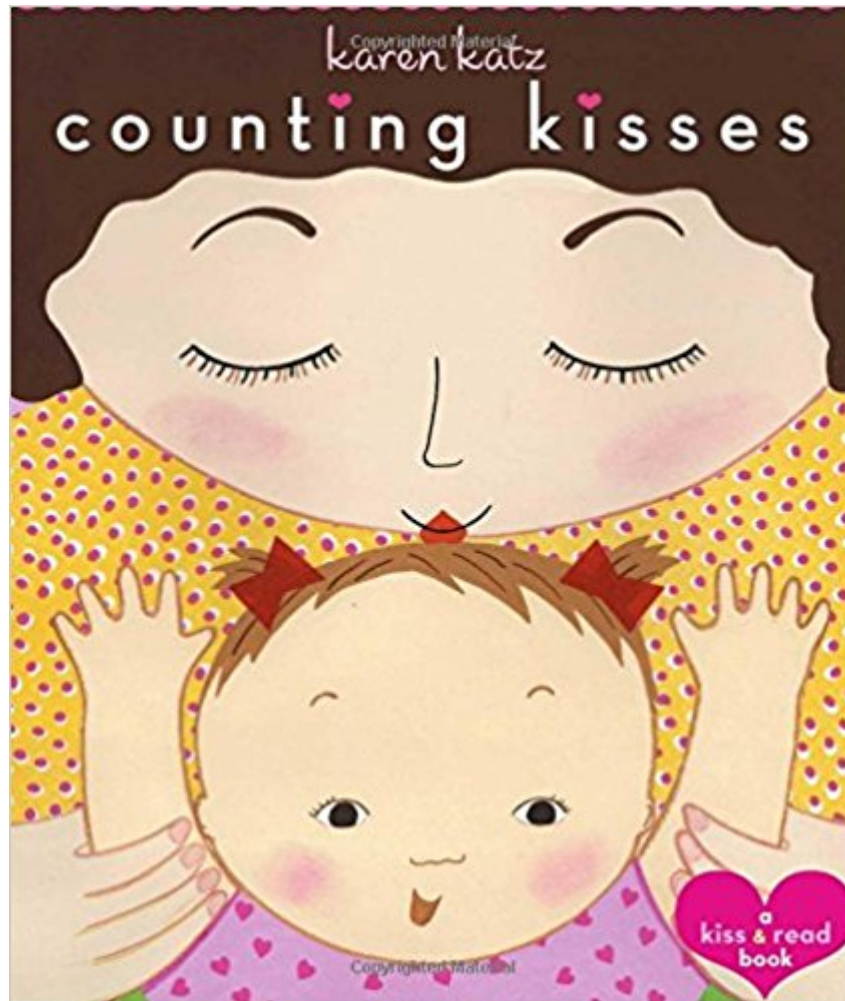




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# Counting Kisses: A Kiss & Read Book



## Synopsis

How many kisses does a tired baby need? Find out in this adorable kiss-and-count board book from Karen Katz! Count and kiss along with this bedtime book, now in a sturdy format perfect for the youngest readers.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: NP (What's this?)

Series: Classic Board Books

Board book: 32 pages

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Age Range: 1 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

With buoyant cartoons rendered in a bouquet of vibrant pastel tones, Katz (*Over the Moon*) creates a book as irresistible as a baby's smile. At first, however, the baby in the story is anything but smiling; that's why her family tries to woo her into sleep with a countdown of kisses on every darling part of her body. Mommy starts things rolling with "ten little kisses on teeny tiny toes," and "nine laughing kisses on busy, wriggly feet." Each full-bleed, densely colored vignette that follows depicts an ecstatic baby being cuddled and cuddled in a new way: Grandma holds her high in the air to give her belly button seven "loud kisses," and the dog licks her six times while she's on the changing table. By the time the final kiss is delivered on her "sleepy, dreamy head," the baby is utterly beatific and fast asleep. Everything about this book says "snuggle": Katz's use of flattened perspectives, mixed media and an array of polka-dot, flower and heart patterns ensure that every

picture exudes all the warmth of a lovingly stitched crazy quilt. The text should induce readers to launch a kiss-off of their own. Ages 1-5. (Jan.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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PreS-How many kisses does it take to say goodnight? A fussy baby receives "ten little kisses on teeny tiny toes/nine laughing kisses on busy, wriggly feet/eight squishy kisses on chubby, yummy knees," and so on down to "one last kiss on your sleepy, dreamy head." Each member of the family takes a turn bestowing kisses on the child: mom, dad, grandma, big sister, and even the dog and cat. Katz uses bold colors and lines to accent the flat, yet expressive illustrations. Heavy use of pink, combined with an array of brightly colored patterns, adds to the tender, happy tone of the story. Collage pieces are seamlessly woven into the gouache and colored-pencil illustrations, and Katz throws in some surprising perspectives, such as the mother kissing the baby's toes shown from the infant's point of view. The final spread, which shows the whole family smiling down at the sleeping child in her crib, epitomizes the loving warmth of this pitch-perfect bedtime story. Though somewhat reminiscent of Molly Bang's *Ten, Nine, Eight* (Greenwillow, 1983), this delightful book has a charm all its own and will surely become a standard at baby and toddler storytimes.-Kathleen Kelly MacMillan, Carroll County Public Library, Eldersburg, MD Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We started reading this book to our daughter as bedtime story since she was two-month, and now she is almost two years old. We read it almost every night. The simple, bright and colorful context is very attractive, she definitely loves it. Also, counting numbers with kisses is great way for early education on math.

What to do when baby is unhappy, several ideas abound. Little baby is not smiling, and that is unusual, what to do? Mommy knows and she starts with ten little kisses on ten little toes, and then feet. Gramma takes over with 7 kisses on baby's belly, the dog even gets in some licks with 6 licks while y is being changed. And, on down to baby's head, now where she baby is snugly and warm and ready for bed with one little kiss to her head. The author, Karen Katz handles words, and she seems to know exactly what to do with little babies who aren't smiling. Parents and adults will love this story and soon kisses may be shared by young and old. The illustrations are beautiful, colorful, vivid and bright, just right to mix with this story. What a way to end your day, with kisses and snuggles. Recommended. prisrob 07-25-15

Very cute book. However.... It is made of a thick cardboard, and I was very pleased, except it was warped. I purchased this to give as a gift, so I had to return it for a replacement, which was warped also. Worked for a day trying to flatten it and bend it to be acceptable as a gift. Still slightly warped, and I was not happy about it, but didn't feel like going through the return process a second time (even though always make it very easy),

Bought this since we liked all the lift-the-flap books from this author. I should have read the reviews more carefully, as this does not have flaps. The "story" is also a little weak, since it's just counting from ten down to one... The pattern is "[family member] gives baby [x number] of kisses on [body part]" and it isn't very interesting

My daughter is still really young (10 months) and can't sit still for a book in general. This book is fine, but it's almost easier to just do this as a game/activity rather than as a book. She doesn't like me having to read and turn the pages. Plus it's a lot of kisses - like 55 or something?! Hope you have your chapstick handy!

My six month old is not interested in this book yet, but I imagine her liking it as she gets older. The book is very sweet. I love how you can act out what the book says like kissing your little one on their toes and it is the perfect book to read at bed time.

This book is kind of generated around a baby girl's bedtime. We bought this for my son and it says, "pretty belly button" on one page. I even think the picture is a girl the entire story.

Cute artwork, cute premise, but the writing is clunky and doesn't flow easily. As I'm reading it to my little one, I always trip over certain passages-- I don't think they're meant to be tongue twisters, they just are. Wish it had better cadence.

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