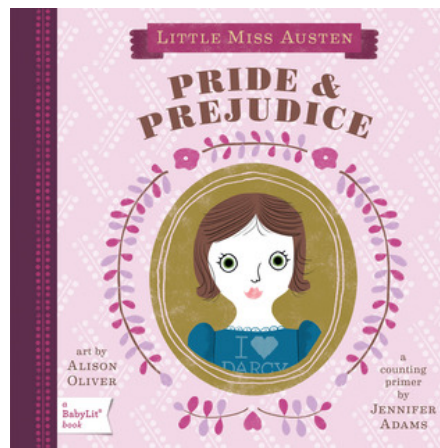




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With the perennial popularity of classic writers like Jane Austen and William Shakespeare, Baby Lit™ is a fashionable way to introduce your toddler to the world of classic literature. With clever, simple counting text by Jennifer Adams, paired with stylish design and illustrations by Sugar's Alison Oliver, Little Miss Austen and Little Master Shakespeare are a must for every savvy parent's nursery library.

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Ann says

Cute. When it counts elements from the actual *Pride and Prejudice* story (5 sisters, for example), I loved it, but toward the higher numbers the counted items got more generic and less fun (like 8 horses). Still, a cute way to incorporate the classics into early learning.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

This is such a fantastic series - and YES I put these books on my 'classics' shelf!

Kat says

If I could, I would own every edition of *Pride and Prejudice* ever printed in the English language. While I *do* have annotated, hardcover, paperback, tradeback, ebook, and audiobook versions of my favorite novel, I never thought I'd see the day when a board book would be made from Jane Austen's work. I've read a large number of board books and picture books to my sister's children over the years, and I obviously have my favorites. But I think I've now got a new book to add to that list.

Little Miss Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* board book is a counting primer for pre-school children. While I was skeptical as to how a great novel could be skimmed down to just numbers, Jennifer Adams manages to pick aspects of the original plot and associate them with the numbers 1 through 10. Alison Oliver's wonderful color illustrations complement the words perfectly. My only gripe is the inaccuracies — e.g., the book states there are 4 marriage proposals, but there are actually more than that in the original novel. It's not a very big deal, however, and doesn't take away from the enjoyment of the board book...even for a Janeite like myself!

My favorite pages:

3 houses — Longbourn, Netherfield, Pemberley

5 sisters — Jane, Elizabeth, Lydia, Kitty, Mary

9 fancy ball gowns

My two young nieces have expressed interest in Jane Austen (due to their observation of all the Jane Austen novels on my bookcase), and I think this will be a great way to introduce them to the story of Elizabeth and Darcy.

oliviasbooks says

Well ... apart from the fact that a bored and bright kid can have an awesome time with every thing that offers colorful illustrations (from food wrappings to street signs) I think that "Little Miss Austen" is one of the worst counting books I've come across. It comes highly recommended as a baby shower present for Darcy-crazy young mums. And since I love my Austen novels a lot, I thought I had to see for myself how the book, that claims to introduce the classic lovestory to the youngest of all readerships, manages to 'tell' the story in 22 pages. I have to admit I overlooked the 'counting primer' inscription on the cover, when I stumbled across the publisher's site. Still, even when I held the book in my hands and noticed the fine print I was intrigued. But ... do you want to know what superduper interesting things the book counts together with darling Baby Fitzwilliam? Horses (great!), Rich Gentlemen (well, okay ...), Sisters (alright ...), but Marriage Proposals? 1000-Pound-Notes (10 altogether)? Probably you hand over the great idea to the austenish Mummy if you buy this book for her newborn. You show her that you are aware of her obsession, that you are a observant girl-friend. I would rather buy something that will appeal to Mini-Bingley a few months later and promise his mother to find time for a video marathon or a joined re-read when he is asleep fondly drooling on 'Bobo Siebenschläfer'. Here are a few sample pages to give you an idea.

emma says

WOW THIS IS REALLY FLIPPIN' ADORABLE.

Katherine Cowley says

No child is too young to meet Jane Austen and her masterpiece, Pride and Prejudice. In this picture book, the characters and basic plot of Pride and Prejudice are turned into a "counting primer" (one of those picture books where on the first page you're introduced to the number 1, on the second to the number 2, etc.). Thus we have "1 English Village", "2 Rich Gentlemen" (Mr. Bingley and Mr. Darcy, of course), 5 sisters, and many other delights. Number 10 is one of the funniest--and most fitting--things I have ever read, so I won't spoil it for you.

My daughter, I must say, loves the book, in part because I am so excited when I read it for her. It also has beautiful illustrations, a nice, Victorian feeling color palette, and attractively decorated numbers that draw her in. And of course, for the adults, there's some subtle, humorous details thrown in--for example, the questions and responses on the "4 Marriage Proposals" page and the fact that Elizabeth wears a dress that says "I Heart Darcy" on it.

A delight! I highly recommend it to any Jane Austen fans, whether or not you have kids.

Bob Platypire says

So, this is flippin' adorable. I bought it while looking for kindle books to read to my 2 year old, and as soon as my Austen obsession collided with this baby version, I HAD to have it! It's a counting book, and Baby looooooved counting the pictures with me, as I told her a little about each thing we counted, adding to this book with tiny details from the original. And we had FUN! I intend to buy her the actual board book for her

little book collection we've started. I also fully intend to grab more of this cute little series.

Bob says: 5 Platypires and Pugglepire approved!

Audra (Unabridged Chick) says

Try not to judge me too hard, but I fell in love with these adorable baby board books while babysitting this past weekend, and I was deeply saddened that the children I had knew how to count and stuff. I'm a sucker for things like this, too, even though I don't want to be, and the sampler-esque feel to the Austen cover and the paper doll-style art of both books just charmed me from the start.

So, how nuanced can a counting book be, right? About half of each book is specific to the story (four marriage proposals, from the Austen, for example, or five friends, from the Shakespeare) and the other half is general cutesy kid-ness (seven horses or eight musicians, whatever). (And yes, I did pose my pictures, only because my table was a crumb-laden mess and how pretty would that have been??) (And finally, my favorite page from the Austen book: ten.) Adorbs! So, not a ton of substance, but a bunch of cute, which works for me.

(They're coming out with Jane Eyre, too. I kind of can't wait.)

I judge their tag line, however: "Baby Lit™ is a fashionable way to introduce your baby to the world of classic literature." Really? *Fashionable*? I didn't know there was an unfashionable way to introduce my baby to classic lit, but then again, I'm not the trendy one of my circle.

Leonie says

This is the second book in this series we've received as a gift which means we have excellent friends :-)

The pictures are great and the subjects are wonderful 'in jokes' based on Pride & Prejudice. I think my favourite is '4 marriage proposals'.

We will enjoy this book alongside our Alice in Wonderland book of colours.

Brent Weeks says

The Pride & Prejudice adaptation is very cute. The art is lovely. The concept is simple and the characters, of course, beloved. Perhaps the best of the series.

Larissa Langsather says

I LOVE THIS BOOK! I love Jane Austen but haven't been able to read a long book because I have young kids. This was just too cute and introduced my 5 year old to Austen. I adore the pictures. They are cartoon like, but very girly with pinks and rose and white. My 3 year old loved the dresses. The baby loves turning

the pages. I was so excited when I found this at the library now I need my own copy.

Kathryn says

So adorable and fun! Little ones can enjoy illustrations of ball gowns and horses and ten thousand pound bank notes, Mommy (or Daddy) will appreciate knowing the story they really mean in Austen's story ;-)

Laurel says

I have read all of Jane Austen works, many biographies, nonfiction, and oodles of sequels — but an Austen-inspired children's board book? Whoa! Curious? I was. Don't ya just love the creativity that our Jane inspires?

When I first heard about *Pride & Prejudice: Little Miss Austen (BabyLit)* by Jennifer Adams, the same author who wrote the lovely *Remarkably Jane: Notable Quotations on Jane Austen*, I was quite intrigued. Would this be a retelling of one of my favorite classic novels for very young readers? How would it translate into a children's counting primer? And, how the heck would I review a children's book – total virgin territory for me.

Once I had a copy of the book in hand, many of my concerns were immediately dispelled. It was indeed a board book, a small compact cardboard version of a book — easy for a child to hold, unrippable and chewable. (Yes. As a bookseller, I have seen many a toddler stick a board book in their mouth and gnaw on it like a teething ring.) At 22 pages, it was both compact and lightweight, but what will ultimately appeal to parent and child is the total *Pride and Prejudice* theme that author Jennifer Adams and illustrator Alison Oliver have embraced. From the bright and cheery front cover displaying an image of (one assumes) a wide eyed, and very young Miss Austen, to the 20 clever and striking illustrations inside, I was awed by the choice of characters, Regency clothing and objects used and the ease of the text.

As we progress through the book, each of the pages also moves through the opening chapters of *Pride and Prejudice*, ending at 10,000 pounds a year. Jennifer Adams has selected key points and characters admirably. Parents, grandparents and anyone who is an Austen fan will recognize their favorite characters and scenes, and children will be enchanted by the illustrations and the counting theme. Of course this board book format could not be a full retelling of the entire narrative, but it gives the very young reader an introduction to characters, images, and a bit of the story that they can remember when they watch the movie adaptation and later move into the full novel.

Charming, whimsical and historical accurate, *Pride & Prejudice: Little Miss Austen*, offers the very young reader an early introduction to Jane Austen – planting seeds for her total world take-over!

Laurel Ann, Austenprose

Lily says

Stumbled upon this while I was shelving baby books at the library today. 'Twas delightful.

Taija says

Is it too early to purchase baby board books? Cuz that's exactly what I did with this book!
