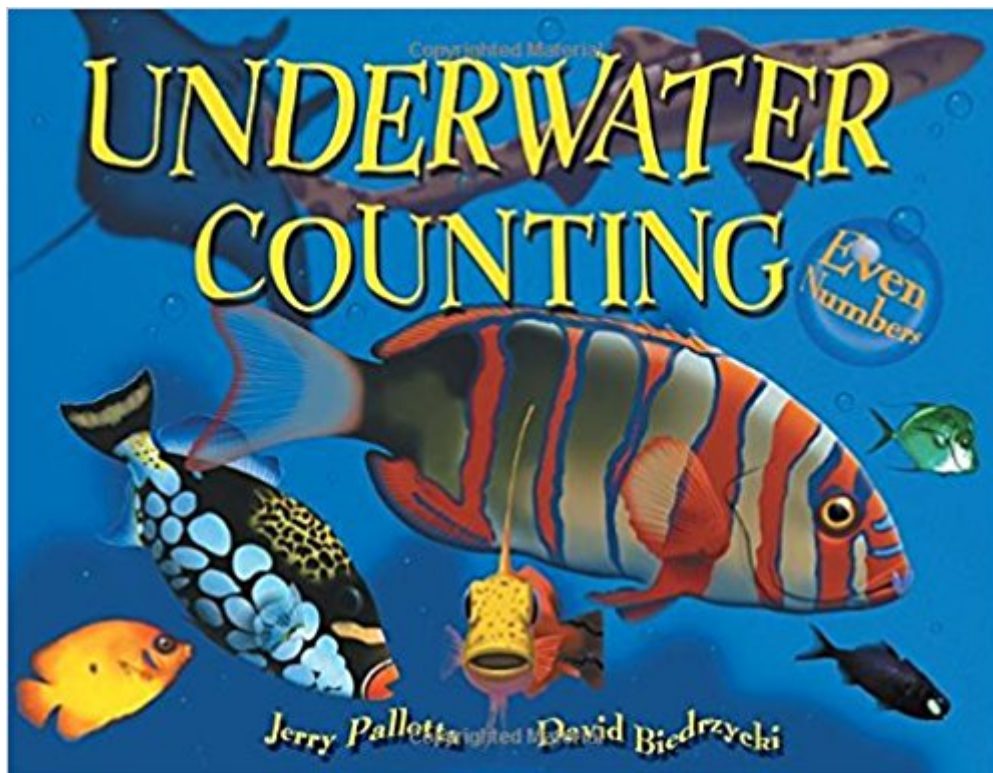


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# Underwater Counting: Even Numbers



## Synopsis

There's something fishy about this book . . . Facts and figures to fill an ocean! Learn to count from zero to fifty, counting even numbers by two. Sound complicated? Not so, with page after page of unique and fascinating sea creatures to discover. Four odd-looking Clown Triggerfish help make counting fun and, although they have been extinct for millions of years, you can count thirty-two fierce-looking Elasmosaurs. Jerry Pallotta's signature kid-friendly text, packed with fun facts, makes learning a kid's favorite pastime. With fun and informative books such as UNDERWATER COUNTING, kids--like fish--are sure to stay in school. Breathtaking and distinctive illustrations bring the vivid hues of the deep sea and the gentle green-blues of the sun-lit ocean's surface to life. UNDERWATER COUNTING will spark the interest of budding oceanographers and mathematicians.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3-Featuring increasing numbers of fish and other ocean dwellers, this colorful book counts from 0 all the way up to 50. Single- and double-page spreads introduce each numeral and show the corresponding number of underwater creatures, along with short paragraphs of anecdotal information presented in a chatty, sometimes humorous style. For example, Pallotta's description of

two coral groupers reads: "If you were this fish, people would say you had measles, chicken pox, or really cute freckles." In addition to manta rays, parrotfish, leopard sharks, and many other eye-catching species, there are also whale lice, elasmosaurs (ocean reptiles that lived at the time of the dinosaurs), and fishing bats. The realistic artwork, done in Adobe Photoshop, shows dusky underwater scenes. Some of the illustrations are quite striking; in one, a moray eel looks straight at readers with an intense blue-eyed gaze, and in another, large sailfish leap gracefully above the ocean's surface. Unfortunately, some of the images seem to have slightly blurred edges. As the numbers increase, counting the objects becomes more difficult, as the fish are very small, partially hidden, or mere shadows. Providing only sketchy information, this offering may appeal to browsers interested in aquatic wildlife or to sharp-eyed kids who enjoy the challenge of searching illustrations for minute details.-Joy Fleishhacker, formerly at School Library Journal Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Ages 6-8. The author of *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* (1989) and many other popular books on basic skills returns with this attractive, informative counting book. The text counts from 0 to 50 by even numbers (except for "one Green Moray Eel") and gives some general information (sometimes just a few words) about the underwater creatures that appear in the pictures. A nice variety of water-dwellers is included, many with unusual features, such as the bright blue teeth of the harlequin tuskfish. Younger children may have a difficult time with the concept of even numbers, but they'll still enjoy paging through Biedrzycki's spectacular, computer-generated underwater scenes aglow with neon-colored sea creatures and plants. Kids will also enjoy searching the illustrations for the featured number, which is cleverly hidden in each scene. Use this to complement a unit on the sea and to integrate math, science, and art in a whole-language curriculum. Lauren Peterson Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

*Underwater Counting* is a number book and a concept book. I waited a bit to give this book to my four-year-old son because I thought he might find it confusing: With exception of 0 and 1, this book counts to 50 by twos. When I did give him this book, however, he recognized the numbers up to 30. I know he doesn't understand the counting-by-twos concept right now, that will come in time, but he does recognize the numbers. The facts in this book are interesting enough to engage the adult readers, and the text is well-written. *Underwater Counting* is also a visually stunning book. The vibrant illustrations seem to swim off of the pages, and are so accurate, this book could be used for

reference. My son loves the aquarium and loves numbers -- this book is perfect.

Bought this for my boyfriend's 5-year-old son and he absolutely loves it. He wants it read to him every night.

I agree that this book's illustrations are breathtaking. They are just like looking at beautiful underwater pictures. However, my 4 year old had some confusion about which fish to actually count. Just like any true underwater picture, there are halves of fish and some that are barely noticeable shadows that are included in the total count. I will say that the text is wonderful and informative about each type of fish or organism. It was very entertaining as a parent to read, and kept my son engaged and attentive. The aspect of a book devoted to even number counting is also a great tool. (although it starts out with one, which surprised me). Overall I would say that it is worth the price, but is more for kindergarten to first grade kids than for preschoolers. As a Mom of four, our favorite preschool counting book has continued to be Richard Scarry's "Best Counting Book Ever."

My 3 year old and 5 year old children LOVE this book. We first checked it out from the Library and read it every single day for three weeks, then renewed it and read it for three more weeks. At that point, they were still asking for it almost daily, so we decided to buy our own copy. The illustrations are breathtakingly realistic, and each one has a "hidden surprise" as well. We've had so much fun discovering all the surprises. My kids have memorized the text -- which is fascinating and filled with unusual facts. Reading this book has not only expanded their understanding of counting, but has also given them a fun glimpse into the amazing diversity of life in our oceans. You will not be dissatisfied with this book -- the illustrations alone are worth the price of the book!

The text is smart: it counts different fish by even numbers and describes them, making it educational in more than one way. The illustrations are not only beautiful but smart too. They look like photographs and you feel that you are right there underwater with them. You count the different fish all the way up to 50, and one page even has a special counting challenge for the keen-eyed. But every page has another challenge, not only do you count the fish but you need to find the cardinal number hidden somewhere on the appropriate page. Another of Jerry Pallotta's books that I would recommend is the Icky Bug Counting Book - also a smart and educational read.

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