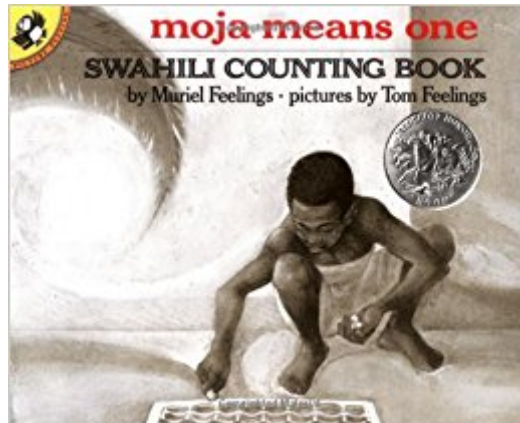




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Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book (Picture Puffin Books)



Synopsis

A Caldecott Honor Book *Moja Means One* introduces children to counting in Swahili with helpful pronunciation keys, while presenting East African culture and lifestyles through an easy-to-understand narrative and vivid illustrations. "Magnificent, full-page drawings throb with the feeling of East African life." —Child Study Association

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Book Information

Series: Picture Puffin Books

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

Muriel Feelings was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and attended California State College. She lived in Guyana, South America, and in East Africa, where she taught for two years. Upon her return to the United States she taught high-school art in Brooklyn, New York. Her award-winning books *Moja Means One* and *Jambo Means Hello* were both illustrated by Tom Feelings. Ms. Feelings passed away in September 2011. "Tom Feelings, well-known illustrator and artist, was born in Brooklyn, New York, and attended the School of Visual Arts. In 1971 Mr. Feelings became the first African-American artist to win a Caldecott Honor with his illustrations for *Moja Means One*. Among the other award-winning books he has illustrated are *To Be a Slave*, a Newbery Honor Book by Julius Lester, and the Coretta Scott King-award winner *Soul Looks Back in Wonder*, a celebration of

African-American creativity for which such distinguished writers as Maya Angelou, Margaret Walker, and Walter Dean Myers wrote poems. Mr. Feelings passed away in August 2003.Â

This is a very lovely book, of course it is--it is a Caldecotr award winner... but it is not a counting book. A good counting book teaches how to count. No one could learn to count in Swahili from this book! The book tells the numbers and it tells a fact about Africa with each number, but it does not connect the two -- "Moja means one. Mount Kilimanjaro is a mountain in Kenya." By not creating a true counting book the author and illustrator have missed a great opportunity to share more about the Swahili language. The charcoal illustrations are beautiful, the facts are interesting... but this is sadly not a counting book.

Lovely book-companion to Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet BookÃ¢ÂÂ. I do a reading program and got these books to work with a girl who was born in Kenya. Made the reading very interesting to her and she was able to teach me about Swahili! Illustrations are beautiful drawings

Bought this for friends and their toddler. He's 1 1/2 and loves practicing counting! Truly a great gift for any age.

Being a Swahili speaker, I was looking for something for some Swahili speaking children in Tanzania whom I am sponsoring. This beautiful little book is exactly what I was looking for. The illustrations are so exceptional and sensitive, and the sense of East Africa is just right. Highly recommended for children of all cultures, but a particular treat for the Swahili speaking children who may be lucky enough to get a copy.

great condition

We use this book to familiarize our child with Swahili. Its a good reference tool. Thus while teaching her we a learning also.She enjoys the book, this is based on her touching the pages and her intelligent attempt to sound out words. We count moja to kumi while waiting for the milk warmer to finish. We also read the book in completion. Based on my experience with my child pattern it is best to do we her stomach is somewhat full or she has had her first changing and milk.

My husband is Kenyan and I want our newborn twins to learn Swahili. This book is a great primer for

counting to ten in Swahili and also introduces children (and the parents!) to different aspects of East African culture.

Great book with beautiful sepia-like illustrations. It's exactly what I wanted.

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