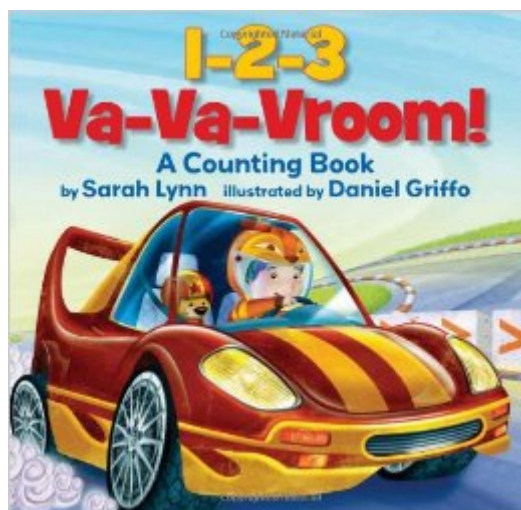


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# 1-2-3 Va-Va-Vroom!



## Synopsis

Lap One! Checkered flag. Seatbelt strapped! Helmet snapped! Screeching down the lane! Three kids imagine themselves driving on a racetrack in superfast cars. They zoom around 10 laps, counting toward the finish. Along the way, they Smash! Crash! and Splash! . . . until they scream down the lanes for their final lap. Who will reach the finish line first? The rhyming text and bright digital illustrations bring to life this exciting race. Get in your car, and letâ€™s race! Va-va-vroom!

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## Customer Reviews

I put this on my kindle fire for my grandson, age 2 and he will attend throughout and asks to repeat it. He is quite a busy boy and will not sit still for a book unless it interests him. I am glad I purchased this selection. Helps when stuck in traffic, at doctor's office, etc.

This is a great book if your little one is learning to read. They also get to count as they go through the 10 laps. It is ideal for those kids who might like cars, especially if they like cars and racing. Overall it is a cute book to read with your little one.

I don't think they should have subtitled this "A Counting Book", yes they go 10 laps but only say the number once. They don't repeat the numbers, there's nothing in particular to count and it doesn't even keep the counting laps theme at the end. But that being said it is a cute picture book that's sure to please young race fans. The illustrations are cute and the verse is catchy enough especially

with the "Va-Va-Vroom!" being re-enforced to great effect on each page. I have a 3 year old son, who is a car/truck nut, and a 5 year old daughter whose currently into girlier past times. So, when I started out my son was all about it and pointing out the colors of the car, but since there was a pink girl racer my daughter also into it. And as it turns out **\*\*spoiler alert\*\*** the girl wins the race. This delighted my daughter, but the book wasn't for her, nor has interested her enough to read it again. My son has asked to read it a few more times, but I can't but think that he would have been more delighted if the protagonist on the cover with the bear had won. I'm not trying to be chauvinistic, I think it's great that girls can race and win and I gladly buy my daughter books with strong female leads, but this book didn't really feature her until unexpectedly at the end. In the end, I would have given this book 5 stars had it removed the subtitle and had featured all three racers on the cover, because it is a cute book and I like the idea of the girl winning, but instead the book cover indicates that this book is a counting book (it's not really) and that the boy with the bear is the central character (he's not).

Endearing illustrations light up the racetrack as the cars go around 1, 2, 3 ... 10 times, va-va-vroom! Will they skid, will they slide, will they crash? Into the pit for a tire change, who will win? Three to four year olds will probably enjoy this, it was too simplistic for my five year old nephew. Of note, the only things we found to count were the three cars in the race and the ten laps. (In all fairness though, we were reading it with the Kindle app on my iPad, so we may have missed some true Kindle features.) Overall a very cute book.

Terrific book for kids who enjoy watching car racing with their folks. Charming pictures with kids as fearless drivers and SURPRISE - the girl wins the race! But everyone is a good sport and the kids cheerfully prepare for another race (and wonder who will win next time). A great example of enthusiastic play and good sportsmanship, with a little counting practice slipped in as part of the fun. A great Christmas gift for the preschool and kindergarten crowd!

There are a lot of great things about this book that are sure to appeal to young car lovers. The illustrations are big, bold and colorful, the characters are charming, and the illustrator does a wonderful job of portraying some good old racing action by following our three main characters through ten laps of a race all the way to the winners circle. Celebrations consist of grape snow cones, kettle corn and fireworks. What more could a young racing fan want? The text is spare, consisting of five short lines per two page spread that have a good read aloud flow (and include lots

of exclamation points!) This is definitely a high energy way to get all the way to the number 10, with each lap number prominently displayed on each spread. Be warned however, that aside from counting from Lap 1 to Lap 10, there is nothing to count in this book! I was flabbergasted that the author didn't give us something to count, like six wrenches on Lap 6, or 3 tires on Lap 3. You can use this book to work on number recognition and sequence, but there is no way to count quantities. That's a big lapse for me. I wish the author would have included a number line and some quantities to count - that would have made this both an entertaining and educational offering. This gets a three star rating from me as a counting book, although if you are just looking for a fun read aloud for your young race fan, this one is sure to be a big hit.

I was a bit afraid, based on the product description, that this was just a simple little counting primer and not appropriate for a child who already knows all her numbers. I was wrong. Aside from the numbers, there are fun little rhymes telling the story of a big race run by three children in fantastic little race cars. I especially love getting my daughter books that show her something - culture, countries, activities, food, etc - that she and I don't experience in our everyday life, so when I realized this book really offers a lot of insight into racing, I was thrilled. The best part for me was the amount of detail that went into it. It's kind of like a kid's version of Nascar, with teddy bears and penguin helmets (and kettle corn!). There are G-Rated spin outs and even a pit crew! The illustrations were both cute and funny and the colors are gorgeous. My daughter was ecstatic when her chosen racer won the race - and now she wants to go to a race in real life!

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