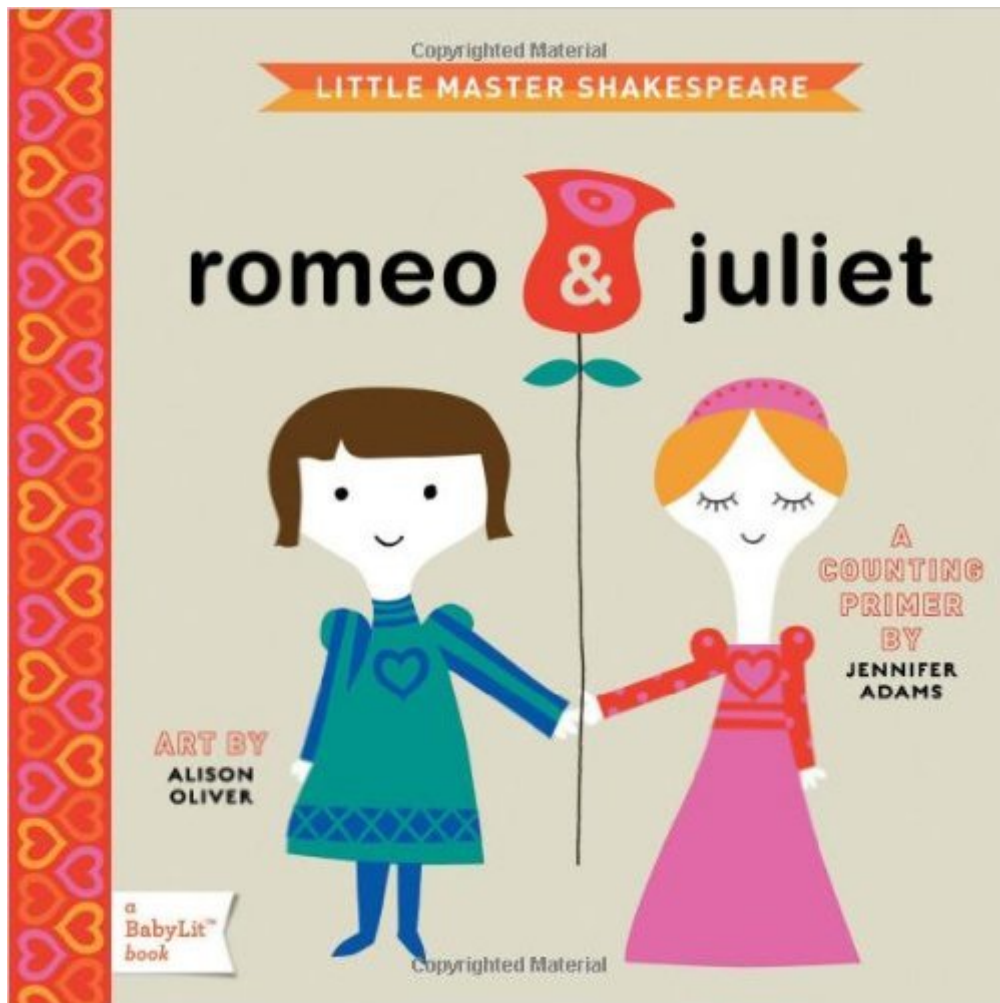


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# Romeo & Juliet: A BabyLit® Counting Primer (BabyLit Books)



## Synopsis

Get swept away by Little Master Shakespeare's tale of two star-crossed lovers in *Romeo & Juliet: A BabyLit® Counting Primer*. Count friends, kisses, love letters, and roses in this charming retelling of Shakespeare's famous story of young love. Since parting from such a lovely little book will certainly bring feelings of sweet sorrow, you may find yourself re-reading 'till it be 'morrow!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I do love the concept of this board book for babies, but I feel the author didn't really think it through very carefully...or doesn't know the play very well. Of course everyone will have different opinions on what text should be written for each number, but how could she miss on the number "2"? The first two words of the entire play..."Two households"...has got to be a given! Instead, Adams writes "2 loves." I beg to differ here, too. Surely Romeo and Juliet share ONE love! For the number "5"...to have written "5 friends" (fair enough) but in the picture are Tybalt and Mercutio??! Are you kidding me? These are not friends! I hope Adams continues to make board books for more of Shakespeare's plays...but I hope she does her homework first.

This board book is super cute for the sheer fact that someone has turned R&J into a children's board book. The art is very pretty, but I was definitely hoping for a little more on the inside. I agree with the people who said the number 2 should be for 2 households and I agree that the 5 friends are

not all friends! But my 16 month has no idea about Shakespeare and she's happy to throw the book at our cats. She also enjoys reading it upside down, so go figure. I'm happy because the book is cute and she's happy because she has a new book. I ordered *Pride and Prejudice* so we'll see how that one turns out!

I do not understand why they changed the ending. Shakespeare's version, involving teens poisoning and stabbing themselves, is an excellent cautionary tale for babies about the consequences of premarital sex. What a missed opportunity. Also, this book would be better with zombies. That said, the art is super-cute. Babies will enjoy chewing on this while their parents congratulate themselves for being literary and giving their spawn a leg up in the competitive world of 2029 college admissions.

I can't disagree with those that found the pictures charming, the art is bright and eye catching. The problem with this book is that there is no age group for which it is entirely appropriate. The theme, counting, and the media, a board book, suggest that it's for infants and toddlers, but the items to be counted often require an understanding of concepts that isn't present in young children. 1 Balcony? OK, toddlers don't know what a balcony is and looking at the picture, which is cute and bright but abstract in design, won't help them at all with the concept. Some of the numbers are fine, 6 musicians, easy enough, 7 masks, great. But 8 love letters? It's just a drawing of eight letters all with small writing on them, not fun to look at, boring to count, and babies aren't interested in reading love letters. The worst is 9 roads and bridges. Combining two different things to count, drawn in a way that makes it difficult to tell that there are actually nine items, one road is broken into pieces that make it seem like ten, and the page is littered with other large pictures that are more fun to look at than roads or bridges, but aren't meant to be counted. The idea is cute, the pictures are pretty, but the whole book, and from what I can tell the others in the series as well, is poorly executed. By the time a child is old enough to figure out what it is they are counting, they should be able to count well past 10.

I realize that this is a children's book and only meant to teach counting, but I couldn't help noticing a major inaccuracy that I (as a Language Arts teacher) do not really want my child to grow up thinking because she may be a bit confused when she actually reads the play. I am referring to the page that speaks of friends and labels most of the men from the play as "friends". When I read this page (to my 6 month old daughter mind you), I found myself saying (imagine the reading voice for a young

child here while pointing) "But they aren't really friends because he kills him, and he kills him, and he kills him". Otherwise, I LOVE the book!

Amazing illustrations, and creative way of including aspects from 'Romeo & Juliet' into tangible baby education. This is *\*not\** a baby-abbreviated version of the original story. I highly recommend - just don't order thinking it will be the real 'Romeo & Juliet' baby style ;)

Baby lit books are our all time favorite books! They are small books, but that does not underestimate the goodness inside. We have ordered just about all of the baby lit books and love to swap them out during seasons and holidays. I also love that they have different primers and different types of learning for your little one. These books are great gift ideas, there are a lot of genres to choose from. The artwork and colors are bright and vivid, very pleasant to look at. The mommy and the teacher in me loves and approves these books!

I love the concept of these books and think it is a great way to introduce literature to a young child. This book has very sweet pictures as it teaches basic numbers to a young child. I would say that it is probably not advanced enough for a 2.5yr old but would be great for a little one about 12 - 18 mths.

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