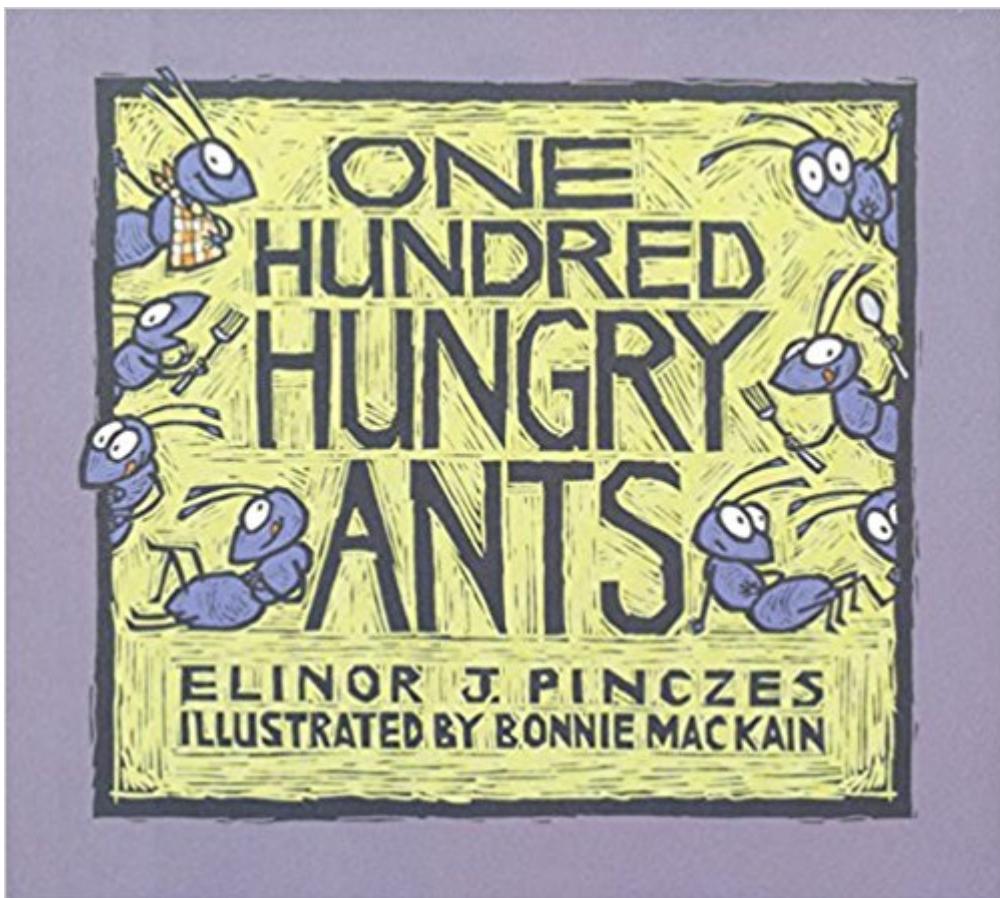


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# One Hundred Hungry Ants



## **Synopsis**

One hundred hungry ants march off single file to sample a picnic, but when the going gets too slow, they divide into two rows of fifty, then four rows of twenty . . . until they take so long that the picnic is gone!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Rhymed verse propels a spirited math lesson. "The unexpected pairing of sophisticated art and lighthearted text lends this book particular distinction," said PW. Ages 4-8. (Sept.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"A first-time author and illustrator are off to an impressive start in this spirited story . . . The unexpected pairing of sophisticated art and light-hearted text lends this book particular distinction." Publishers Weekly A rhyming text describes the progress of one hundred ants marching toward a picnic. To travel faster, one ant suggests dividing into two lines of fifty, then four lines of twenty-five, and finally ten lines of ten. Their frantic reorganization takes so long that the picnic is gone by the time they arrive. The illustrations, which look like linoleum cuts, use a pleasing palette and energetic lines to depict ants with highly individual characters. Horn Book

My daughter seemed to enjoy this book and we have read it 2-3 times. My son is the same age (7), but he only had the patience for it one time. It is a neat book about demonstrating different ways to make a hundred. Unfortunately the ants spend some much time rearranging how to make a hundred, that they miss out on what they were trying to get. You have to read the book...I would hate to give the whole story.

One hundred ants were singing and marching in a row. "We're going to a picnic!" A-hey and a hi dee ho! A couple days ago, ants invaded our kitchen from all fronts. From under cabinets, through little cracks between the molding and floor, and through the window they marched with purpose, having discovered a bounty of crumbs and sticky spills. I went to war. The battle lasted the entire day and I showed no mercy. I sprayed a little, mopped a lot, cleaned cabinets and ran to the store for twelve of the most powerful ant traps I could buy. All the while, I kept thinking about this children's book, One Hundred Hungry Ants. We read it many times to our kids when they were younger and were just learning the early concepts of math. One hundred ants head out to a picnic, marching in a row. The littlest ant thinks they are "moving way too slow" and he has an idea. So begins the math lesson embedded in this cute story about sets of ten and grouping. It's a nice story that introduces math in a fun way. Will the ants reach the picnic in time? Curl up with your little one and have a look. And if there's no food at the picnic, I'm sure the ants will find something in our kitchen!

I really wanted to like this book and it had me up until the last couple of pages. The art is great & I like the tempo of the story as the ants divide into shorter & shorter rows in order to make better time but the ending is a total let down! The story leaves you with the impression that math is useless and is a waste of time. The ants reap no reward for doing the smart thing and are even mad at the little ant that suggested dividing up. The ending implies that they would have made it to the picnic in time if only they hadn't wasted all that time dividing into shorter rows - ultimately not a positive math message at all. I like a good quirky kids story where things don't end the way you might expect & not everyone is nice but this one falls short of quirky & just ends on a bad note.

The book is really, really cool. I liked it a lot. The best part was the end when they were chasing the little ant.

This is a fantastic book for teaching a variety of elementary math concepts. However, the ebook

leaves something to be desired. The pages repeat themselves, the pictures are crooked, etc. I immediately returned this upon seeing its quality.

My students LOVED this book (Pre-K/Kindergarten). We made predictions throughout and used small ants (package of 144) to manipulate for each scenario after reading through the book one other time. This was a great addition to our Picnic unit that incorporated math - I love when books allow or cross-curricular teaching!

Great for Kids!

Love this simple book to begin the thought process of grouping. Kids don't even know they are learning math!

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