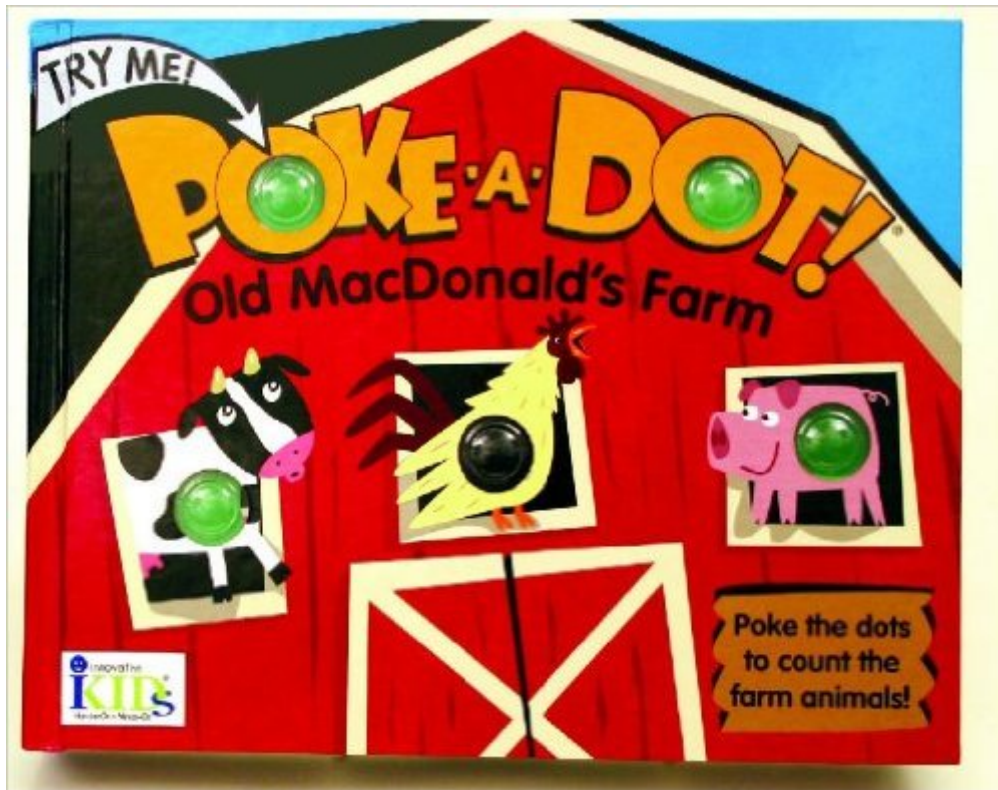


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# OLD MACDONALD'S FARM (Poke-A-Dot!)



## Synopsis

Once you start popping, there's just no stopping! These fun, tactile books help kids learn to count--without losing count! Raised buttons pop in on every page so kids can press them as they count in this casebound book with ten spreads and 30 poke-able dots. How many animals does Old MacDonald have on his farm? Count them all with this one-of-a-kind "pop-at-tronic" book. This poke-able popping dots book lets kids keep track of how many animals are on each page. It's a great way to learn to count to ten!

## Book Information

Series: Poke-A-Dot!

Board book: 20 pages

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Age Range: 2 - 4 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

We bought this for our son and he LOVES it! We have to read it to him at least one a day. It is destroyed now and we are on here to get another copy (our son stood on this with the pages wrapped around and busted the binding - NOT because of the quality of product). Our friends stayed with us and had older children (6 to 11) and to our surprise they all enjoyed it as well! We have found if we count the 'pops' first then sing the story our toddler responds to the cues better. He gets very excited! Well worth the money :-)

These Poke-A-Dot books are a hit in our house and have been from infancy and continue to be well liked now through preschool age. Pros:-educational counting from 10 to 1 (down only, though -- see

suggestion note below)-sensory integration pushing the button, feeling & touching as you count, and hearing the satisfying pop-easy to manipulate buttons for little, tiny hands (my infant can do it without struggling)-appealing to infant, toddler, preschooler-familiar tune and words for everyone to "sing" along and not just "read"-nice font and size to help pre-readers and beginning readers with letter and word recognition without taking over the pages (similar to the font that most children learn to write in school)-use over and over, holding up well (except for binding, see note below)-no batteries required-not overly loud so that it is annoying-reasonably priced, compared to other board books that don't have the popping featureCons:-So heavy, need to help kids for safety-Binding not as sturdy as it could be, especially for the weight of this bookSuggestion to Publisher for Improvement:-The counting in this book could easily have been reworked to count from 1 up to 10, reverse from 10 down to 1 as it is, in my teacher opinion. ALL three books in the series (McDonald, Little Monkeys, Ocean) ALL count down, none count up = disappointing & repetitive. What about some variation to expand learning? Plus, most children naturally learn to count up before they learn to count down, so sequentially, this would appeal to early learners and help build that number sense. In my professional and personal opinion (as teacher for 10 years prior to being a mom), it would add a great deal to this book and to the series educationally, as well to offer variation, even if it means reworking the skeleton for manufacturing. I'd also love to see some alphabet integration as well in the future. So many possibilities for this format... as a teacher and mom, I could name at least 10 ideas for these books in under 30 seconds... hope you see the potential for more in the series that can truly support good early learning!

Saw this at Sam's Club and ordered it here later. I LOVE the concept - and it's super fun for the kids, the book is too heavy for baby who's a chewer to chomp on :) and so she's left to just turn pages which really helps her to figure out the real fun in books. Toddler loves it. Think about it - how many times when you go out to a fast food place and got the cups with the bubble selection on the lid did a kid (or you!) NOT push every single one in?! The only thing I don't care for is that because the pages are all so thick and the book is sooooo heavy (it's over an inch thick) as kids have tried mis-handling it, carrying it by the cover - it easily weakened the spine. So I used clear packing tape to prevent it from separating from the pages. I taped the front and back pages, as close to the spine as I could and this has helped quite a bit, probably more so had I done it when we got it. I also use that trick on all the lift the flap books we get - I use packing tape along the flap seam on both sides so kids can't rip them off :)

I bought a used copy of this book for my grandson who is twenty months old. I chose to buy a used copy because I had read that sometimes the popping buttons are stiff when new and because some people had complained about the book falling apart. I didn't want to pay full price for a book that fell apart. The book came and the buttons were easy for the baby to push, and he \*loves\* doing that. As a toy solely for entertainments sake this book would have rated five stars. However, this book is fantastic in that it holds his attention for so long and we have counted with him so many times that he has actually begun to understand one to one correspondence. This is a child who barely talks, but he can count. At this point he is consistently correct up to four. As in, he can count four of anything, and understands that there are four. He is inconsistent up to eight. We've had the book for three weeks. I am pretty confident that he's going to be counting to ten by the time he is two, and when I say counting, I don't mean reciting the numbers, I mean actually understand the concept of numbers describing a quantity. It is true that the book counts down from ten and that we typically teach children to count up from zero. I don't really see that as a big deal. The thing I like about this book as opposed to the others in the series is that there is no story, it's just the Old McDonald song. As a result there's no need to turn the pages sequentially. Open to a page and count. Talk about the animals. Talk about the colors. Sing the song. I think this a book that should be in every pre-schoolers home library.

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