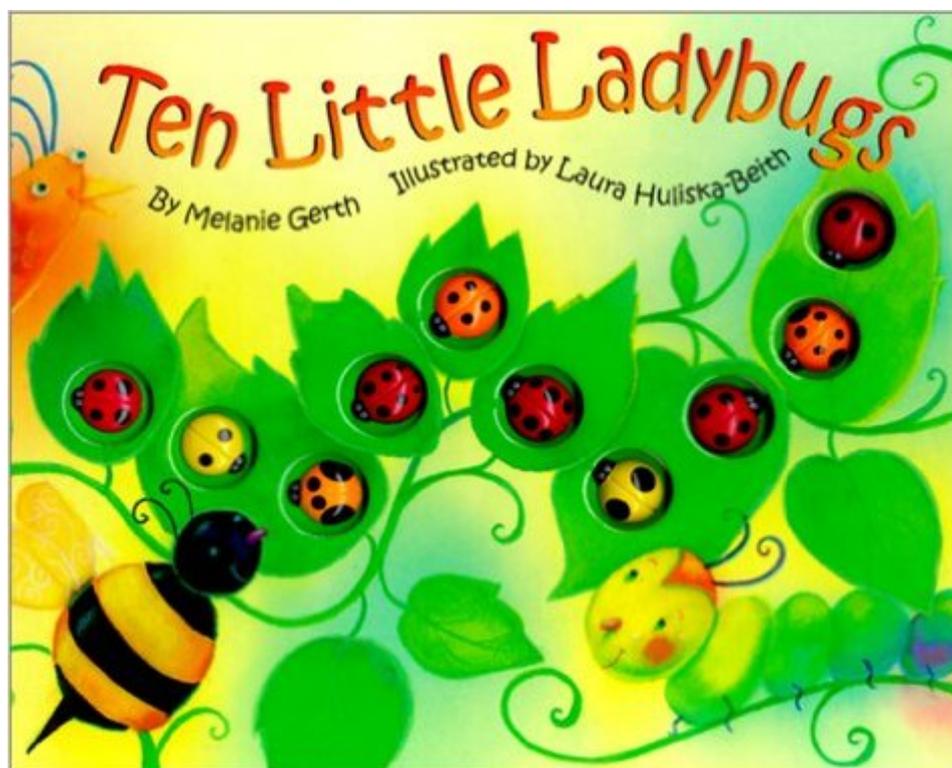


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# Ten Little Ladybugs



## Synopsis

In Ten Little Ladybugs, one by one, ten tactile bugs disappear. Where did they all go? Young ones will love finding this out as they feel their way through the sturdy, colorful pages of this innovative book. The cute critters provide a hands-on learning experience and the rhyming text reinforces the counting concept. Interactive, educational, adorable - this magical countdown book adds up to a whole lot of fun. See why over 800,000 have been sold to date!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

If Franz Kafka and HP Lovecraft had an illegitimate child, her name is Melanie Gerth. A true heir to the masters of existentialism and horror, Gerth draws us slowly into a dismal land where hope is swallowed up by an uncaring universe, just like the Ladybugs of the title are swallowed up by the fearsome beasts that haunt their tiny world. Like all the great masters of existentialism, Gerth, with the able assistance of artist Huliska-Beith, draw you into a world different from our own. But as the story progresses, the reader learns, to his horror, that this world and our own are one in the same. The terrors that the Ladybugs face are the self-same terrors that all of us face every day, given face and form as the vicious predators of the forest. Yes, despite using the metaphor of Ladybugs, Gerth is really talking about you and I, and the society we find ourselves trapped in. Ten Ladybugs. Ten chances at a life worth living. Ten chances for redemption. Ten chances at love -- or the nearest simulacrum we might find in this loveless world. Each one quickly snuffed by animals representative of the dull, everyday monsters of life. Are these cosmic horrors, or mundane ones? In the end,

Gerth tells us that it doesn't matter. What matters is that we are nothing to them. Despite its dark subject matter, this is a quick and lively read, clocking in at just 20 pages. The horror is shocking in its sudden violence. Gerth wastes no time as the first of the ten Ladybugs is eliminated in a most gruesome fashion on the second page. The horror only builds from there. The hapless reader is dragged inexorably towards the end, not wanting to turn the page but drawn to do so by the spritely text. Imagine reading the words, "Five little Ladybugs, sleeping by the shore.

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