

There's Not One

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This joyous debut from Jennifer Higgle celebrates the details and diversity of the world around us. In kaleidoscopic colour, Higgle takes young readers on a journey from some of life's most important things (baked beans!) to some of life's biggest wonders (stars!). The perfect early picture book for the curious kid!



Themes:

- Curiosity
- Numbers and counting concepts
- Colours

Discussion Points:

- When you first look at the cover, what do you think the story might be about?
- Do you like to count?
- How do we use counting in our everyday lives? Do you sometimes use counting without even thinking about it?
- Have you ever thought about how many things there are in the world that are impossible to count? Brainstorm as many of them as you can.
- Go back through each page of the book and see if you can count how many of each thing there are.
- The story says that there are a 'zillion' baked beans. As a class, find out if this is an actual number.
- What other numbers are actually referred to in the book. Can you think how large these numbers really are?
- How does the use of bright colours and the way the letters and pictures are bold add to the feel of the story?
- How do you think the book would be different if all the colours were pastel colours, or even if it was all done in black and white?
- 'There's not one way to get there - Let's go by balloon.' What are the other ways that people can get from place to place?
- Apart from 'you' how many other things can you think of there are only one of?

Activity:

- Make your own forest picture. Use cut up pieces of paper to make as many trees and flowers (with as many leaves and petals) as you can. Make it bold and colourful, just like the pictures in the story.