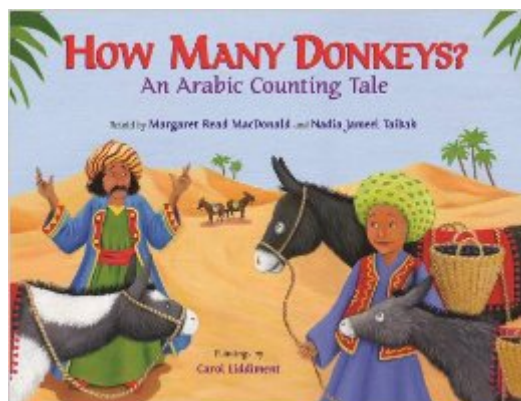


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# How Many Donkeys?: An Arabic Counting Tale



## Synopsis

Jouha is loading his donkeys with dates to sell at the market. How many donkeys are there? His son helps him count ten, but once the journey starts, things change. First there are ten donkeys, then there are nine! When Jouha stops to count again, the lost donkey is back. What's going on? Silly Jouha doesn't get it, but by the end of the story, wise readers will be counting correctly-and in Arabic!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Very happy to have an Arabic counting book. The numbers are written in numerals, in Arabic and transliteration (spelled out phonetically). Since the story is written in English, I don't mind the transliterations. This story is amazing. My daughter loves to count in Arabic (teaching her anything is nearly impossible, though) so this book works perfectly for us. It's also fun to introduce her to the stories of Goha fables and this story weaves the essence of Goha while being a fun counting book, too!

Great way to teach children how to count in Arabic. My children just love this book as simple as it is. Perhaps a person who's not familiar with the pronunciation could find it on a video online, because you need to have some linguistic basics to read the transcription of the numbers. For instance, I speak a dialect of Arabic so it was no problem for me, but my spouse, who speaks English and

French could not pronounce some of the numbers very well.

My grandchildren aged three through eight all wanted to hear this book read many times. They do not speak Arabic but were eager to know more about their grandfather's native language, and this was a very attractive introduction. The folktale on which it is based felt just as authentic to a native of Lebanon as to the Saudi author.

There are a handful of English language learners in my daughter's first grade class this year and some of them speak Arabic. She likes learning from her new friends and even happily came home to share with me how to play Rock, Paper, Scissors in Arabic. So I got her this book as a stocking stuffer so she could learn to count in Arabic. She loves it! And I'm happy it gives the correct pronunciation at the beginning and it's a cute, funny story. I'm only taking a star off because it's incredibly repetitive, even for a kid's story.

Cute book based on a traditional Arabic "Juha" story. I first heard this story orally in Morocco, and this book did a good job telling it to an English audience while learning numbers in Arabic. Juha is a wise-fool who fills many tales throughout the Arab world, especially in North Africa, though sometimes going by other names.

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