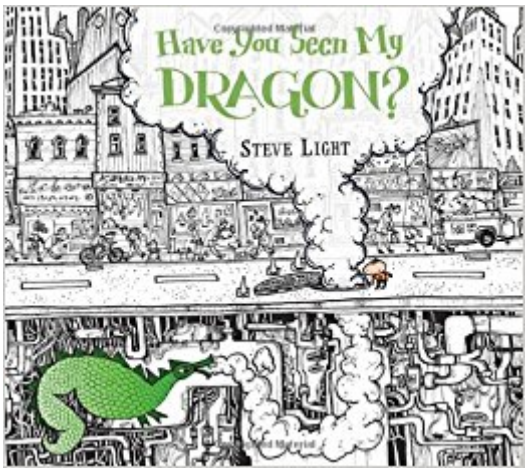
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Have You Seen My Dragon?



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Synopsis

Enter a fascinating, ornately drawn cityscape and help a boy find his dragon while counting objects from hot dogs to traffic lights.In the heart of the city, among the taxis and towers, a small boy travels uptown and down, searching for his friend. Readers will certainly spot the glorious beast, plus an array of big-city icons they can count. Is the dragon taking the crosstown bus, or breathing his fiery breath below a busy street? Maybe he took a taxi to the zoo or is playing with the dogs in the park. Steve LightÃ¢â ¬â„¢s masterful pen-and-ink illustrations, decorated with meticulous splashes of color, elevate this counting book (numbers 1Ã¢â ¬â œ20) to new heights. Maybe the dragon is up there, too!

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2Ã¢â ¬â •This unique counting book will be a hit with children who love looking at finely detailed illustrations and searching for hidden items on each page. A boy has lost his dragon and asks the building doorman if he has seen him. The spread shows one large green dragon in a fancy apartment building. When the doorman answers, "No," the boy goes looking for him all throughout the city. "Maybe he got hungry and stopped for a hot dog," he thinks. But even as he buys a hot dog of his own, he doesn't see the dragon hiding and eating one himself. That's two. He passes three

purple busses, but doesn’t see the dragon. Four blue sailboats raise the possibility that he went for a swim in the river. And so it goes, up to 20, when the boy finds him "right where I left him," hiding on the roof near 20 red paper lanterns. The book is illustrated in pen and ink in a picture-book style that is reminiscent of the late 1950s to early 1960s. The drawings are produced in black ink only, except for the highlighted object on each page. A map on the endpapers outlines the route the boy takes throughout the city. All in all, an excellent offering.Ã¢â ¬â •Roxanne Burg, Orange County Public Library, CA

A dragon is on the loose in New York City, but rather than inciting terror, he provides an opportunity for a gentle quest and counting game. Light (Zephyr Takes Flight, 2012) takes readers on a tour of lower Manhattan with a little boy as he travels from spot to spot looking for his escaped pet. Hiding behind a potted plant and going nose-to-nose with a poodle, gobbling down a hot dog, or making his way through the water system, the dragon eludes the boy all the way from 1 dragon to 20 red lanterns in Chinatown. Drawn with a fountain pen, LightÃ¢â ¬â„¢s distinctive illustrations have a bold, thick line and deep texture and are highlighted with dashes of color to help identify objects to count. His cityscapes capture the bustle of New York City, and children will have as much fun exploring the city as they do trying to spot the sneaky dragon hidden within. A rough map of the city serves as the bookÃ¢â ¬â„¢s endpapers, so little eyes can follow along. Preschool-Grade 2.
--Jesse Karp

I waited months to get my hands on this book!Upon opening the package I was stunned with how beautiful it was; green foil lettering for the title and the dragon on the front cover, pen and ink illustrations with highlights of color on each page, and take off the dust jacket to see more (the black on green is just awesome!).First, I read the book by myself (three times!). There is so much to look at in the illustrations, so many details. I loved the maps on the endpapers! Then, I read it to my six-year-old and three-year-old sons. They loved counting the items, and finding the dragon and the boy on each page. They got more involved as we got deeper into the book -- they wanted to count all the items all the way to 20!I was not disappointed with this book! It was everything I expected and more!

This is a story about a boy who goes in search for a dragon that he has lost. The pictures are all drawn in ink so the majority of the book is in black in white, just like the cover of the book suggests. When you open the book you will see that the pictures and story takes up both the left and right side

of the book. For example, the first page is a picture of a green dragon that starts on the left side of the book and continues on the right side, and this is the format throughout the book.As I said, it is a mostly black and white book. The only color in the book are the objects that need to be counted. Below I will give some examples of what I am talking about. Keep in mind I am NOT going to mention what is in the background of the picture, it would be too much to explain, just know that there is a background picture that is in pen and ink. Very well done illustrations may I add.On the first two pages is a picture of one green dragon. A boy is asking a man, "Have you seen my dragon?" The man replies, "No? I will look for him.On the second two pages the boy is at a hot dog stand and there are two brown hot dogs, one on each side of the page. The words are, "Maybe he got hungry and stopped for a hot dog."On the next pages are three purple buses. The words are, "Or perhaps he went downtown on the bus."Then the next one would be 4 blue sail boats and the words are, " It's possible he went for a swim."Other colored pictures, with words, for a child to find are, 5 water towers, 6 monkeys, 7 boxes, 8 fire hydrants, 9 books, 10 paint cans,11 manhole covers, 12 pigeons, 13 ice cream cones, 14 dogs, 15 balloons, 16 subway cars, 17 taxis, 18 bicycles, 19 green lights, and 20 laterns. The last page of the book the boy finally finds his dragon, in China Town. The last line reads, "There he is? Right where I left him."I want to mention that the pictures are very easy to find, it's not a "Where's Waldo" type of book. So it's good for a young child just learning to count and not neccessarily for a child who already knows how to count.I gave it four stars because I tend to buy books that are very colorful. This is just a personal preference. Still I thought it was great to sit with a child while they pointed and counted to what was on the page. Nice bonding experience.Thank you for taking the time to read my review, I sincerey hope it helped you. If you find my review helpful please let know by clicking on the "Yes" button below. And many hours of happy reading together with you and a child, whoever that child my be.

One of my 3-yo daughters favorites! Loves looking for the dragon, and while walking around NYC we spot the items counted in the book. Truthfully, I never would have thought to teach. Or show her water towers or manhole covers, but it's cute she can relate a book to what's around her. Also a nice counting book with each of the objects a differ met color against the black-white NYC backdrop.

Great book for a young one interested in dragons, I spy adventure and counting. This book leads the reader through the subways, parks, and rooftops of NYC, all the while hunting for the elusive dragon 'hidden' on each page. It is wonderfully also a counting book, discovering and counting objects throughout. (taxi's, buses, etc) I really loved that the pages were done in primarily black and

white line drawings which could easily be copied for the young reader to color. The objects to be counted and the dragon were always in color for ease in counting and finding. 3 year old really loved it,

One of my 2 year olds favorite books! We spend so much time counting, looking at the details in each scene and talking about what we see. My 3 year old and 5 year old love this book too but mostly enjoy the counting items.

I like this book very much, but for some reason my 4 year old son was just not interested. I'd thought he would be since he loves dragons, but nope. Perhaps it was the lack of a substantial plot. Or maybe I was too heavy handed with the counting. Whatever the reason, we're giving it up. I hope it finds a good home.

My granddaughter loves dragons. She likes a cartoon on television featuring purple and green dragons. She also loves books, and this book is filled with such good and wonderful words and pictures.A little boy has lost his dragon. This little boy lives in New York City, and he decides to go find him. Starting with the number one, each number is identified by a certain color and objects that designate that number. The storyline is charming and filled with wonder. When you read this book, you will accompany this young boy on his adventure looking for his dragon. The author, Steve Light, has written a delightful story, and his illustrations are done in black and white drawings with color added when the number is identified. The illustrations are vivid and colorful and depict the adventure if the young boy searching for his dragon. Parents/teachers will enjoy reading this book to their children. Children will enjoy finding new discoveries in the pen and ink drawings of New York City. Along with learning to count, the numbers are in color, and this is one of those books to savour.Recommended. prisrob 08-14-14

Both my 4 and 2 year olds love this book: the illustrations are really pretty, and while my toddler is very entertained looking for the dragon, my preschooler counts the colored objects and reads the numbers on each page. Plus, I love all the cute new york scenery :)

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