The difference between a child's ability to recite numbers parrot-fashion and his/her ability to understand what each number actually means is a perennial problem for people trying to bring children towards the beginnings of mathematical concepts. Tools to aid this have changed in form and style over the years and this beautiful picture book must certainly help.

One squirrel, two birds, three moles right through to ten puppies fill each page, showing every animal, fish, flower or bird vividly. The book becomes a story when the reader catches a glimpse of a puppy on each page, until at the end all ten puppies are happily united with their parents. A lovely book. Picture Puffin at its very best.