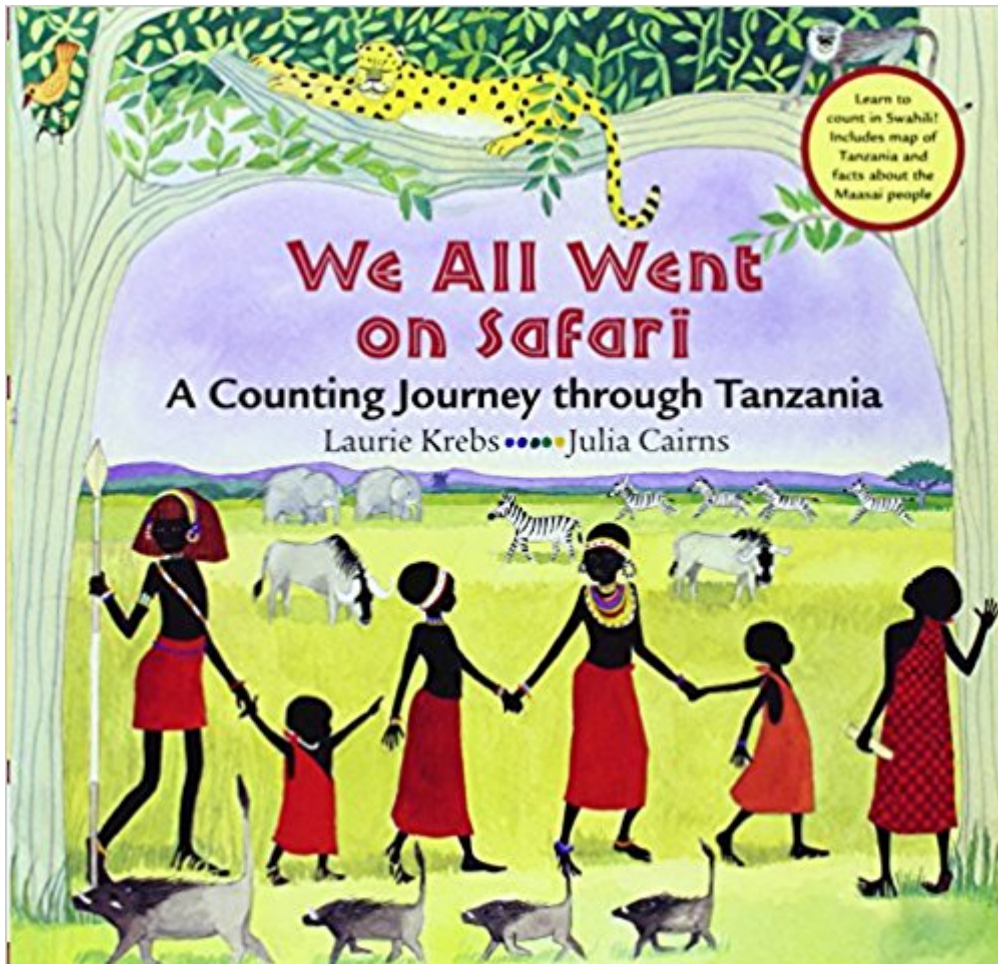




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# We All Went On Safari



## Synopsis

Join Arusha, Mosi, Tumpe and their Maasai friends as they set out on a counting journey through the grasslands of Tanzania. Along the way, the children encounter all sorts of animals including elephants, lions and monkeys, while counting from one to ten in both English and Swahili. The lively, rhyming text is accompanied by an illustrated guide to counting in Swahili, a map, notes about each of the animals, and interesting facts about Tanzania and the Maasai people.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

In this charming tale, your child follows a group of Maasai people as they travel across Tanzania, encountering big cats, ostriches, warthogs, monkeys, elephants, and other fascinating wildlife.

There is also a glossary of Maasai names and a review of Swahili numbers from one to 10. --Your Big BackyardThe text's easy, natural rhythm makes reading aloud a pleasure...Each sharply detailed scene glows with jewel-like color, set off by the traditionally dressed human figures' heads and limbs. Further information about the Maasai, Tanzania, the ten children's Swahili names, and the equal number of wild creatures met along the way close this brilliant, horizon-expanding outing.

--Kirkus Review (starred review)Youngsters will learn numbers from one to ten in English and Swahili as Mosi, Tumpe, Arusha, and other friends count African wildlife. Attractive borders frame vibrant watercolor spreads of different types of animals, including giraffes, elephants, zebras, and lions. The rhyming singsong verse, beginning with the refrain 'We all went on a safari' lends itself to

a fun read-aloud. --School Library Journal

Laurie Krebs, a seasoned traveller and former teacher from Connecticut, was inspired to write this book after going on a safari in Tanzania. A mother of four grown children and five grandchildren, she seeks to expose all children to a variety of different cultures and environments through her writing. Julia Cairns began her career as a fine artist when she moved to Botswana where she worked for nine years. She continues to be inspired by the joy and hopeful spirit of the African people. She also illustrated the soon to be released *Grandad's Tree: Poems About Families* (2002) for Barefoot Books. She currently resides in Northern California with her husband and two children and a bevy of farm animals. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

As a quilter, I was familiar with the illustrator's fabric designs. Her use of color and whimsy carry through in the book's illustrations. I love it. The counting rhymes are fluid and simple. I especially liked that there is a pronunciation guide to the Swahili names and numbers. There is also a glossary with the English and Swahili names for the animals.

Love reading this and counting in Swahili.

What a nice story the grands loved it

Great book! The rhymes are fun and my child has fun naming the animals and counting them. It's also a wonderful added bonus that the swahili words for the animals and numbers are included. I would highly recommend this book.

Adore this book, daughter quickly learned the animals featured in the book (she is 2). Great book to introduce African culture.

This book is just gorgeous to look at. The artwork is wonderful. I really enjoy cultural books like this. What child wouldn't want to learn how to count such exotic creatures as leopards, lions, ostriches, giraffes, hippos, wildebeests, zebras, warthogs, monkeys, and elephants. It is an extra treat that the swahili names are added too. This is so much better than an ordinary counting book with its interesting creatures and cultural introduction to Tanzania. A great way to encourage kids to learn about far away places. We combined this book with *Mama Panya's Pancakes* and had a

wonderful time learning about Africa.

This is a beautifully illustrated book, in lyrical verse that tells the story of the Masai people, their culture, animals, and plant life, together with the lessons of counting and Swahili, the language they speak. I bought this book for an expected grandson and his parents since they had spent time in Tanzania coming away loving their experience; it also became inspiration for a quilt for this now 4 -yr. old. Both the book and the quilt are now a little worn around the edges with love but remain treasures. We All Went On Safari is a must for every child's bookshelf.

Beautiful and educational, absolutely loved this book! Meant for kindergarten and up but we gifted it to a 3-year-old and she has enjoyed learning about Tanzania.

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