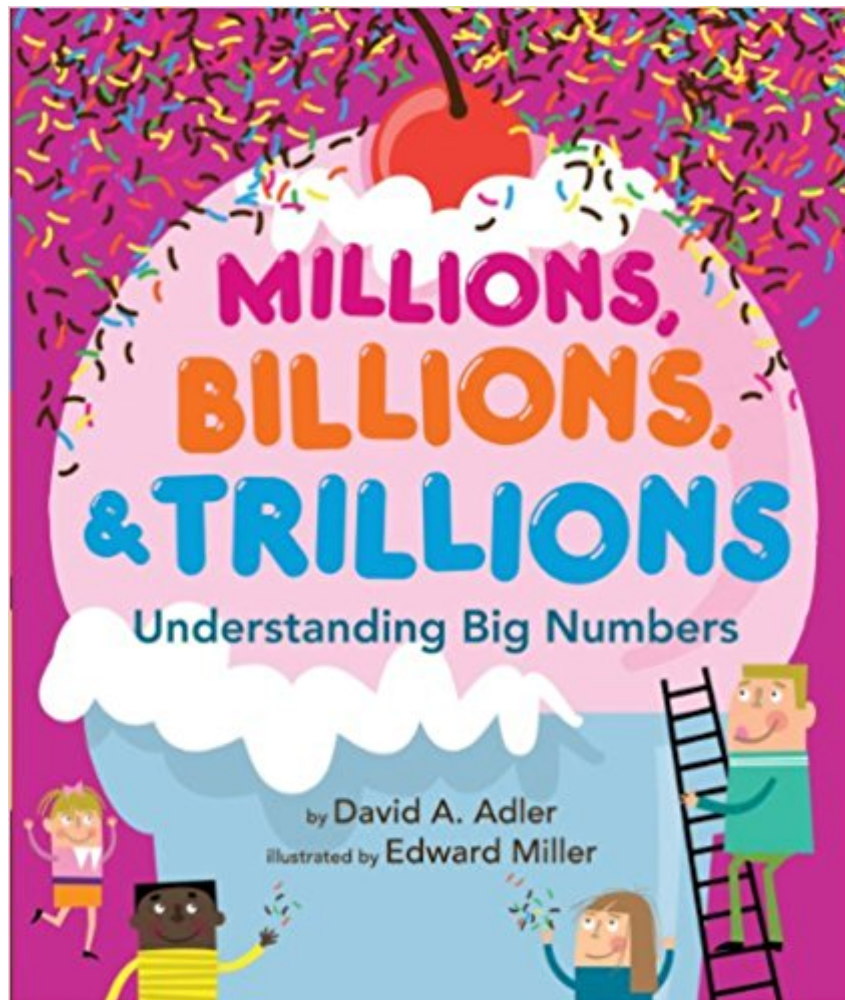




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# Millions, Billions, & Trillions: Understanding Big Numbers



## Synopsis

What does a million look like? A billion? A trillion? These huge numbers are hard to visualize. This book explains quantities in terms children can understand. For example, one million dollars could buy two full pizzas a day for more than sixty-eight years, it would take the heads of ten thousand people together to have one billion hairs. This dynamic math duo explains the concepts of millions, billions, and trillions in a lighthearted way.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 3-5-Adler does a wonderful job of helping school-age children understand the concept that a million is a heck of a lot. He begins his explanations with things that children know. For example, he asks how many slices of pizza a million dollars would buy and tells readers they could acquire two entire pizza pies every day for 68 years. Grounding their thinking in something they already know helps youngsters begin to understand the enormity of the number. Similarly, he describes one billion in terms of how many hairs are on a typical human's head. One hundred thousand! If you gathered together ten thousand people you would have about one billion hairs. Trillions are difficult to imagine, and the book gives an example a good shot. Knowing that it is virtually uncountable is all that any of us needs to know. Miller's clean, clear digital graphics are lively and colorful, adding an extra bit of fun to the presentation. The book is perfectly suited to elementary students, who are able

to think conceptually, and their foundational knowledge of math will help them make the leaps they will need to take to understand millions, billions, and trillions. For curious children who find numbers intriguing, this book is right on the money. -Joan Kindig, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA  
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This accessible picture book presents big numbers, considers how we use them, and offers a sense of the quantities they represent. For instance, we use millions to talk about the populations of cities. To see one million grains of sugar (or close to it), readers are instructed to spill a quarter cup of sugar onto a piece of dark construction paper. Though billions and trillions are trickier to represent in the kitchen or on the page, the book provides examples of how the terms are used. In an appended note, Adler comments on even bigger numbers: a quadrillion, a quintillion, and a sextillion, all obligingly written out in large numerals. An interesting note comments that different terminology is used in other parts of the world, where our billion is others' milliard, and a trillion in the U.S. is a billion elsewhere. Inevitably, minds may still boggle at the large numbers represented here, but Adler's text is imaginative as well as logical, and Miller's brightly colored digital illustrations are cheerful and inventive. Grades K-3. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This is a charming book. The examples are just right for explaining how large a number is and since it goes in sequential order, kids can see how the numbers get bigger and bigger. Kids and adults will get a kick out of the comparisons. It will be mindboggling for the readers to see how big these numbers are. The back page states this book meets one of the Common Core standards for 4th grade math. It certainly would be a good introduction, but its worth extends far beyond this age and interest level. I would buy this book again.

super cool book that makes big numbers understandable. my kids love it

The book is great for my son, who loves numbers big and small, but the binding is terrible. Already starting to come apart on first opening it. Lot's of tape is in my future.

Love the book! Great way to learn about large numbers.

Everything that David Adler does for children is amazing! He finds ways to teach difficult concepts to children of all ages in a way that they understand! Nothing is more important and better than that!

Really cool book to explain large numbers.

It was a gift for my grandson

This book really helped my sons get a handle on the concept of these really big numbers, and was fun, too!

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