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1 2 3 Little Donkey - Rindert Kromhout Illustrated by Annemarie van Haeringen

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A bright and attractive counting book with appealing characters.

Mother Donkey comes home with a shopping bag filled with intriguing items. Little Donkey and his friend inspect the contents and discover three bags of treats. They beg to open them. However, Mother puts the bags high up on a kitchen shelf, out of reach. This doesn't deter the youngsters. Instead, they work out a strategy to get hold of the goodies – although it doesn't go entirely to plan.

The simple plot offers many counting opportunities. The storyline carries through to a satisfying end with ten kisses.

Annemarie van Haeringen's illustrations are cheerful and active. Bold numbers and bright colours draw attention to the interesting details.

Printed on strong paper, this hardback publication will withstand many repeat readings. The handy 200 x 200mm size is suitable for pre-schoolers to hold and enjoy turning the pages themselves.

**Reviewed by children's book author,
Jean Bennett.**

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