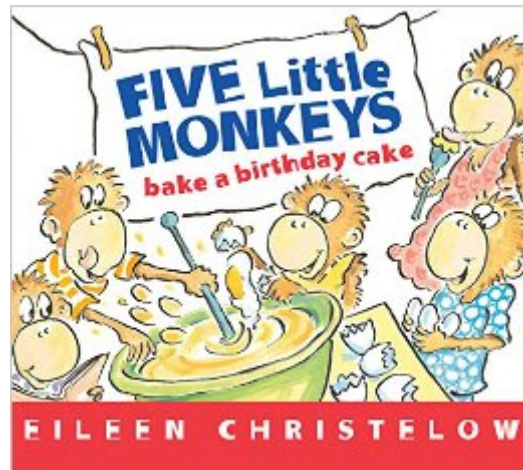


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# Five Little Monkeys Bake A Birthday Cake (A Five Little Monkeys Story)



## Synopsis

Five little monkeys wake up with the sun. Today is their mama's birthday and they are going to bake a cake. They'll have to measure the flour and mix in the right number of eggs, and get it all into the oven in time for the birthday surprise--without waking up Mama! Eileen Christelow has created an original, high-energy romp, sure to delight any child who has tried to plan a surprise.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My 4 yr old granddaughter loves this book so much her mother has to read it to her at least twice a day and at bedtime every night since I sent it to her for her birthday. She is so into monkeys right now and this was just a perfect gift to give her! Love this series of books!

The other books in the series are bigger. This one is smaller. Not a fan of that. Other than that fast shipping. Can't wait to read this book to my son! Love the series and had to get the rest for him!

I was surprised to see negative reviews of this book. This book, like all of the Five Little Monkey books, is one of my five year old's favorites. The story, about the five little monkeys baking a cake, is really silly and funny. It also helps teach math - when the recipe calls for 2 eggs, four monkeys each add 2 eggs, etc. My husband's birthday is tomorrow and my son is insisting that we bake a cake for his birthday following the recipe in the book.

Lacks the rhythm of most classic 5 Little Monkeys stories/chants. There's no subtractive counting (as when the monkeys fall off the bed or get snatched by the crocodile"). I've had to suffer through this story on CD during innumerable car rides. My kids love it. I turn the volume down in the front seat, but I can still hear it. Not as well written as the others, which is saying something about the author and her franchise, as *Jumping on the Bed*, and *Sitting in a Tree* are "traditional" and didn't require authorship at all. Clearly, Ms. Christelow is a better illustrator, and should stick to that. Why would Mama rain on their parade by telling them her birthday is tomorrow? How callous of her.

My grandson is autistic and he will not usually allow us to read stories \*or\* read to us, but he loves these stories, so I buy them all. The monkeys appeal to his sense of humor and this book in particular had lots of things going wrong, so he thought it was very funny. If you have a child who loves to laugh when silly things happen, this is a good book for him or her.

The five little monkeys are back, ready to charm and delight toddlers everywhere. This time they wake up early to bake a surprise birthday cake for Mama, with each scene punctuated by the refrain, "Shhh! Don't wake Mama!" Much hilarity ensues as their well-intended efforts culminate in a visit from the fire department, and finally they wake Mama with a loud birthday song. This is a likably repetitive story that preschoolers will love for its simple humor. Its pleasant characters and slapstick humor create an undeniable appeal, and parents will appreciate the fact that the children work together to express their love toward their mother, who deserves a break after all she's put up with from them.

However this book is beyond painful for me to read. All the Five Little Monkeys books are. The repetitiveness of this book makes me dread to read it, but my toddler son absolutely loves this book. He's crazy about cooking and baking and this book definitely fit the bill for him. So if you're willing to take one for the kids, and your little one likes cooking/baking, this book is great. The pictures are cute too, though (spoiler) it concerns me that Mama is in bed with earmuffs on while her five hooligans are causing havoc in the house. I read too much into these things, I admit.

Any book you get for your child is a good book. I have a degree in English and happen to be a very big advocate for reading to infants. I know most people will not read Shakespeare, Poe, Keller or Rowling like I do, but I also love reading her children's books. I have all the Monkey books for Azalea and she loves them. I find the pictures keep her interest as I read. She is always going for

the Monkey books when she wants to be read to. Highly recommendedâ |

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