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Mr. Tate's class helps clean up a local beach and listens to the sea as it tells them about all the wildlife that make it their home. One whale, two giant sea turtles, three marlins. . . and more. Of course, the class discovers that "this sea counts!" These Seas Count! explores the environmental impact and importance of the seas, and how crucial it is to keep them healthy. Alison Formento's gentle story and Sarah Snow's amazing collages combine for a powerful message about the environment and what we can do to preserve our oceans.

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Paula says

When Mr. Tate's class helps out on Beach Clean-Up Day, Captain Ned teaches the children the importance of the sea and the impact of not keeping it clean.

Erik This Kid Reviews Books says

Mr Tate's class travels to Sunnyside Beach to help clean it up. Pollution and trash can make the sea life sick. When the kids are at the beach they listen to the ocean and see how all of the wild life at the beach counts (literally and figuratively).

Why I liked this book – I love how Ms. Formento makes her books into a 1-10 counting book with an awesome story behind it. So kids not only learn an important environmental lesson, they also learn to count to 10. I like how in this book, you also learn a little bit about 10 sea animals (one or two sentences each). The illustrations by Sarah Snow are pretty and full of texture (I read that she uses “digital collage” to make them). They add a lot to the story. Ms. Formento really writes a great non-fictiony fiction book, along with the cool illustrations by Ms. Snow, and together they make a wonderful informational book for young kids to enjoy! :D

*NOTE - I got a copy of this book at a book festival

Marcia says

Being partial to marine animals and the sea, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It carries a well-written important message and the illustrations are gorgeous.

Rebecca says

Boring.

Barbara says

The students in Mr. Tate's class help remove debris from the beach and then listen as the sea counts off reasons that seas should matter. Readers will learn--alongside the students--how garbage thrown into the ocean can affect the environment. They also will be reminded of the links among the various parts of the ecosystem. Colorful illustrations draw readers' eyes to the pages while back matter provides additional information about the importance of Earth's seas.

Maddypictures says

My pet peeve is counting books that don't have numbers in them.

H says

Cute book about the environment for kids that teaches counting

Amanda Coppedge says

Great informational picture book for older readers. I love the message that every little bit counts, and that the cleanup efforts of a group of children can benefit the whole world.

Russell says

A grim gripping tale of the horrors that lurk along the shore and in the sea; an innocent child is dashed along the garbage strewn shore in pursuit of an injured crab, another comes face to face with a dead marine animal in a pool of murky liquid. And when Jake dares in interrupt the sea's intonations, Shin ensures Jake speaks no more, as the cultists in The Call of Cthulhu silenced those who would dare prevent their impending "glorious fulfillment."

Useful information at the end of the book. But not the information we're all all reading in hope of discovering: what is Captain Ned's true mission? Who is he really working for?

Rachel says

Alison Formento takes Mr. Tate's class to the seaside, where they meet the knowledgeable Captain Ned. Ned encourages the students to listen to the sea. They hear the many creatures that count on clean ocean water to survive. Captain Ned teaches the students that healthy oceans are important to all earth's creatures. The kids do their part by participating in the beach clean-up. Sarah Snow's digital collage illustrations bring texture and sea-faring color to each page. This picture book introduces clean water and water-cycle concepts in an approachable, easy to understand way.

Elizabeth says

Nice art, might work well in a story time.

Peggy says

This picture, counting book also has an important message. The beaches have to be kept clean for the sea animals, and for us too. Mr. Tate's class cleans up the bottles, plastic and even car tires along the beach. Captain Ned explains about phytoplankton feeding larger animals and creating oxygen. They cannot grow in polluted water. The class takes a boat ride and cleans the water too.

The last two pages of the book contain information for older readers. There is a Bibliography, and a list of web links for further study. The cute and colorful illustrations are digital collage. The book succeeds in being informational without being too preachy.

Penny McGill says

Well. We liked the illustration style and felt that the children's faces and clothing were cheerful enough but the overall tone of the book was very dark. Of course it was meant to be dark - the environmental impact of humans on the oceans is not a good one - but this picture book is 100% sad. Even the sea lions had sad faces in this book! We didn't enjoy the counting part of the book (usually the highlight) and are fairly sure that, if we had read it when the girls were younger, it might even have made us too sad to finish reading the whole book. Not likely to be a book anyone would return to again and again. 2 stars only.

Jennifer says

good message, but tries to be a whole marine ecology unit in one short picture book.

Janet says

Author of this title was going for a double purpose here, counting and the importance of oceans. Very much like a lesson plan a teacher would use--field trip to visit the beach, sea captain tells information about why seas are important and children help to clean the beach of trash. As one reviewer stated no numbers on the page where the counting is happening.
