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**Count on *Absolutely One Thing* for a singularly funny look at simple math as encountered by Charlie and Lola.**

Sometimes, as a treat, Mom takes Charlie and Lola to the store and says they may choose *one thing*. "One thing to share?" Lola asks. No, it's one thing *each*, explains Charlie, or two actual things *between two*. Lola is nine minutes late getting ready, and on the way, there are ladybugs and birds to count and maybe a squillion leaves on a tree. At the store, Lola says she'll choose *three* things, or possibly *two*. "How about *no* things?" asks Mom. With Lola hilariously bending everyday numbers to her will, the math goes down easy in this charming picture book loaded with visual appeal.

## Absolutely One Thing (Charlie and Lola) Details

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## **From Reader Review Absolutely One Thing (Charlie and Lola) for online ebook**

### **Amanda Sass-Henke says**

“That was a good book. It had math in it.” The tone of awe from the reader was clear. The goodness in this book lies in the fact that Charlie has a goofy, but always entertaining, younger sister named Lola who never fails to bring about giggles. In Charlie and Lola’s latest story (it’s a delightful series), the family is going to a store where they get to pick out ONE thing. Young readers (and parents) will be delighted by Lola’s “number sense” and her ability to negotiate.

Recommended for ages 3 and up, but the sweet spot really seems to be around 1st grade.

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### **Matthew Hunter says**

The kids love Charlie and Lola, so they had fun with this humorous math-centered book. Nothing special, just typical Lauren Child-ish humor and math.

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### **Erica Flory says**

cute, I can hear their British voices in my head.

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### **Stephanie Fujii says**

This is a book about numbers, and counting. I liked it for the most part, but there was some parts where the text was not clear - it was trying to be "cute" and "fun", but that made it hard to follow logically.

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### **Pam says**

A fun story with every day math.

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### **Kara says**

Big brother Charlie guides little sister Lola through rules numbers as they trek to the store, where their mom has promised them one toy each. Younger readers will enjoy correcting Lola’s miscountings, while older readers can join Charlie in calculating simple math problems that arise during the journey — such as, how many stickers does Lola have left after sticking five on the pavement, three on a tree, two on her shoes, one

on her brother and one on the dog? (Answer: zero.) Though the pages are chock full of numbers, the sibling humor, well-paced plot and funky illustrations make for a breezy read.

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### **Jennie says**

Lauren Child's ever present humour permeates this delightful story of Charlie and his little sister Lola who are allowed to choose one thing each at the shops. The different mathematical conceptual understanding between the ages is brilliantly portrayed and numbers are explored with some complexity. At the end it is clearly understood that one is better than none!

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### **Heather says**

Absolutely One Thing by Lauren Child tells the story of Charlie and his little sister Lola has the count everything around them in their environment on their way to the store. The mixed media illustrations make creative use of cartoon drawings, textures, and creative layout of the words and numbers from the story. This numbers book would be excellent for middle grade students as it makes great use of adding, subtracting, multiplication, and division in a way that shows it's importance to the real world.

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### **Jessica says**

This is a super fun book for math concepts. I am glad to see Charlie and Lola again.

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### **Cheryl says**

Thank goodness for Charlie and Lola. They give me much the same warm amusement that Elephant and Piggie do, and now that series is done, I'm looking for others. Charlie is so patient, Lola so imaginative. This is much more than simple counting, and probably better for kids Charlie's age than Lola's. No familiarity w/ the TV show necessary... but maybe I should see if I can find a video of it.

What are your recommendations?

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### **Hannah says**

All about numbers! Charlie is very patient with his younger sister Lola as she tries to figure out what comes after 11 and how to count the leaves on a tree. She also figures out how many minutes it will take her to get ready and how long half-a-second really is!

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## **Casandria says**

Charlie and Lola have an adventure with counting. It would be best used reading one-on-one.

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## **Antchie says**

This is a fun book for kids who learn their numbers.

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## **Kim Schmitt says**

Charlie and Lola books are always cute, and this one is a great read aloud for introducing number concepts.

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## **Kelli says**

Absolutely one thing I love is reading to my children. Absolutely another thing I love is reading Charlie and Lola. I cannot help using my fine-tuned British accent, which my kids pretend to hate but probably actually like. I clocked several hours watching Charlie and Lola when the kids were younger and I think I do a spot-on impression. This new book has all of the elements that have made the others shine: funky artwork, vibrant scenes, a fun yet relatable storyline, and of course, Charlie and Lola. When I saw that this was about counting I expected it would be too easy, but in Lauren Child's capable hands, expect numbers to be presented in a whole new and fun way! My kids loved it and gave it a "squillion" stars.

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