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Smokejumpers One To Ten



Synopsis

ONE lightning bolt, in a flash, strikes a tree. TWO pilots radio in what they see. THREE rings, the dispatcher answers the call. FOUR eager smokejumpers race down the hall. What are smokejumpers? They are trained wildland firefighters who parachute into remote areas to extinguish fires. They are men and women who are on the front lines fighting forest and wildfires in order to save the environment from fire destruction. They are strong, dedicated, and brave. With action-packed pictures and a simple, informative text, volunteer firefighter and fine artist Chris L. Demarest shows us how smokejumpers perform their unusual and difficult job of keeping all of us safe.

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Customer Reviews

As he did in Firefighters A to Z, Chris L. Demarest now follows the firefighters of the forest in Smokejumpers One to Ten. "One lightning bolt, in a flash, strikes a tree. Two pilots radio in what they see." Dramatic pastels illustrate the action in this informative counting book. Ages 5-8. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 2-This rhyming counting book, from 1 to 10 and down again, starts with 1 lightning bolt striking a tree that sets off a series of events leading to smokejumpers aptly performing their duties to help put out a forest fire. The colorful pastel illustrations are action-packed and make up for

the sometimes weak language. Two additional illustrations, one diagramming a smokejumper outfit and the other showing wildland firefighter gear, frame the counting. Unfamiliar terms such as "misery whip" and "slurry" are explained in an appended author's note aimed at older or adult readers. This section discusses smokejumping as a career, training, equipment, risks, and safety issues. Elaine Landau's *Smokejumpers* (Millbrook, 2002) is loaded with photographs, but is for an older audience. Children will pick up *Smokejumpers One to Ten* right away-the cover is compelling. All told, this is a good choice for browsing and will be useful for fire-safety units. Anne Chapman Callaghan, Racine Public Library, WI Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I love the books that Chris Demarest writes. His pictures are beautiful, accurate and he includes details that really interest my 5 year old, who has loved this book since he was 3. A classic.

I must say that I was apprehensive about a book about smokejumping. My 3 and 5 year old sons are the progeny of former smokejumper parents. They really know smokejumping! Since they loved *Firefighters A to Z* I knew we had to get this book, though. Needless to say we weren't disappointed. The illustrations are large, brilliant, and true to life in their portrayal of the work of the smokejumper. The text is accurate, simple, yet elegantly descriptive. Oh yes! And the kids love to count along with the pictures and text. My son brought this one (proudly) to preschool and it quickly became such a favorite amongst the kids that the teacher had to purchase her own copy for the school.

My two year old grandson loves the book. His parents are smokejumpers and not only does he look at the book he also names the jumpers using his parents name but he also can count and repeat some of the words on his own. He knows the story well. He use to take his sisters book to his room all the time how he has his own. It gets used a lot. The book contains some inaccurate information in what the smokejumpers are doing.

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