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# Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

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Fox, Mem. *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*. Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. Harcourt, 2008. ISBN 9780152060572. \$16.00. 32 p.

Reviewer: Marsha D. Broadway

Reading Level: Toddler;

Rating: Excellent;

Genre: Contemporary realistic poetry;

Subject; Babies--Juvenile fiction; Fingers--Juvenile fiction; Toes--Juvenile fiction; Stories in rhyme; Books--Reviews;

Regardless of where they are born, what their ethnicity is, or how they are different, babies bring tender, happy feelings to most people. Fox captures the universal pleasure and love that babies inspire by contrasting differences with the repeated refrain, "And both these babies, as everyone knows, had ten little fingers and ten little toes."

This celebration of babies features Fox's gentle verse complimented by Oxenbury's endearing pencil and watercolor illustrations. Laughing, smiling, round-cheeked infants fill the pages with cheerfulness. A good choice for a baby gift, and an enjoyable read-aloud book to infants. This book will also win the hearts of many adults.

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