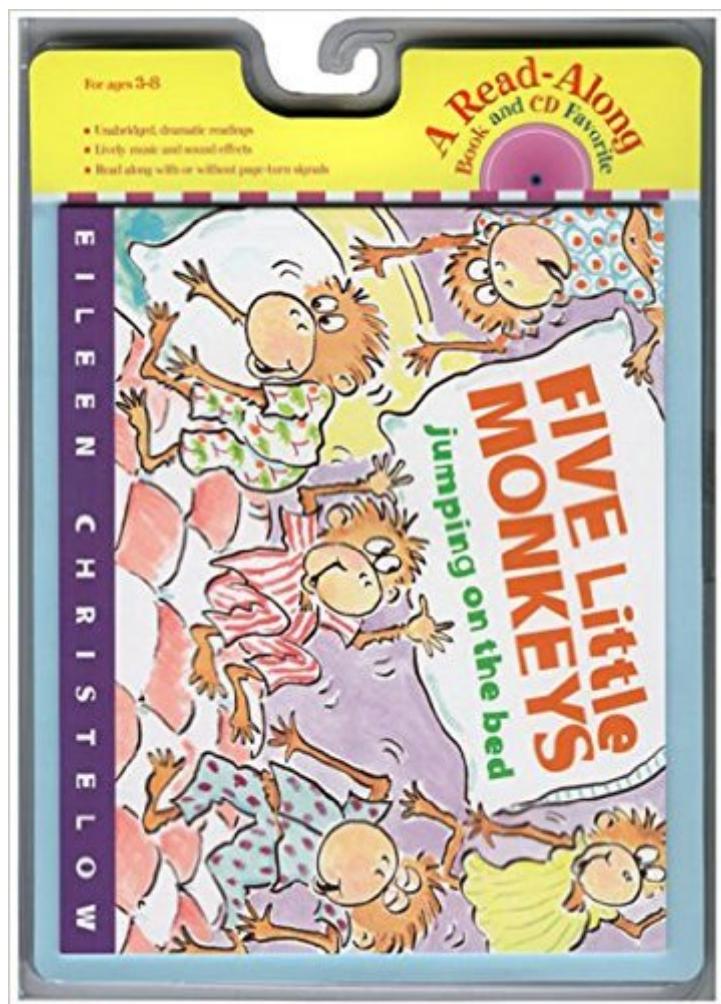


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# Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed (Book & CD)



## Synopsis

As soon as they say good night to Mama, the five little monkeys start to jump on their bed. But trouble lies ahead as, one by one, they fall off and hurt themselves.

## Book Information

Audio CD: 32 pages

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

If you're an ambitious person with a particular yen to write children's books, there's a sure-fire painless way to do so. Just take an already existing kid's song in the public domain and accompany your own particular brand of pictures to it. Sound easy? Thousands of would-be writers do it every day. Eileen Christelow's a little different, though. When she decided to bring, "Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed" to vivid life, she did so in the knowledge that the song itself hasn't much of a beginning or conclusion. Add a little nip here and a little tuck there and voila! Suddenly you've a plausible believable picture book that's so popular that it inspired sequels upon sequels. And it all began right here. It's bedtime and a family of five monkey siblings bathe, dress, and brush their teeth for slumber. Their mama says good night to them, but it doesn't take long for pandemonium to ensue. If you know the song then you know what happens. One by one the free-spirited primates fall head over heels off the safety of the mattress and land hard on their noggins. With each additional injury the doctor, called by a frantic mama, gives the no nonsense answer of, "No more monkeys jumping on the bed!". By the end the multiple concussions render the little monkeys into an obligatory sleeping state. And in the next room? Why there's mama, finally given the chance to

do a little bed jumping herself! Text-wise, I did kind of wish that Christelow had taken the time to make the beginning and ending of the book rhyme. As it stands right now, these words are straightforward descriptive sentences. How hard would it have been to maintain the jouncy bouncy flavor of the song? Not hard. It's a peculiar choice on the part of the author. Still, aside from that this is a fun book.

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