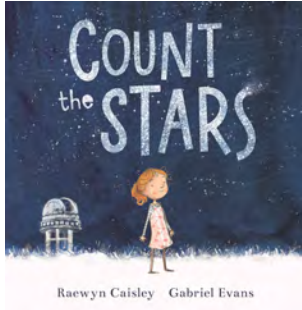




# Walker Books Classroom Ideas



## Count The Stars

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## Outline:

From the parallel lines of moonlight pouring through her bedroom blinds, to counting daisy petals in the garden, Maddie adores maths. If only she had a friend who marvelled at it as she does. Then Dad takes Maddie, along with her new classmate Priya, to the observatory where the unfathomable numbers of stars take their breath away.

## Author/Illustrator Information:

Raewyn Caisley has enjoyed a long, and in her own words with 35 titles to her name her work has found its way into libraries and homes all over the world. She's been shortlisted multiple times, (for the Patricia Wrightson Award, the WA Premier's Award, and the Adelaide Festival Children's Literature Award), won the Speech Pathology Book of the Year and the coveted SCBWI Crystal Kite, and even had one of her titles named among the top 15 picture books published worldwide. Her literary contribution to Western Australia has recently been recognised by the WA Museum. In Primary School maths was one of Raewyn's favourite subjects. Mr Foy taught her about the solar system, starting a lifelong love of cosmology, but it was dear Mr Derby who introduced her to books. Her father had a huge influence on her too, telling her girls can do anything. Raewyn lives in Fremantle WA with her husband, Terry, and her creative, musical son, Jack.

## How to Use These Notes:

This story works on many levels. The suggested activities are therefore for a wide age and ability range. Please select accordingly.

Ages: From 4 to 8 years

Key Learning Areas: English

Genre: Picture Book



