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"Five little ghosts floated off one day/over the hills and far away. /Mama Ghost said 'Fly back to me!'/ How many ghostlings can you see?" This counting book repeats this rhyme, a variation on "Five Little Ducks," to create a Halloween-themed story for young readers. After each iteration, readers are invited to lift the flaps on the page to find the mischievous ghostlings. From the forest to a cozy living room to an outside playground, the ghostlings hide in various places. But they are also disappearing. Five ghostlings go out, but only four are to be found. Then these four zoom off, but only three are found. Finally, Mama Ghost is missing all her spooky brood when she calls them all home with a loud "Whoo! Whoo!" The flap reveals everyone together as they happily reply, "Boo!"

This is a good story for one-on-one time. Children will quickly learn to look for the flaps to reveal the hiding place of each ghost, some of which are cleverly disguised. The pages seem sturdy enough while new, but expect it to acquire the usual worn attributes of a well-loved book.

