

A Full Moon Is Rising

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Nature, Astronomy, World Cultures

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

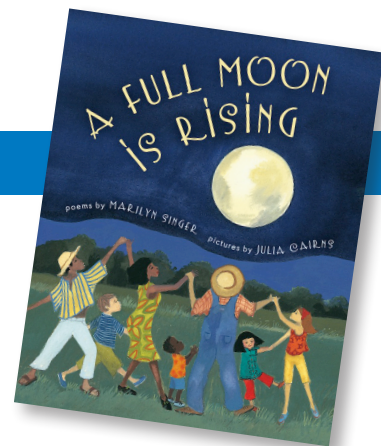
Book Brief: This book is a collection of poems about the moon as it's seen around the world—and even from outer space!

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make predictions:

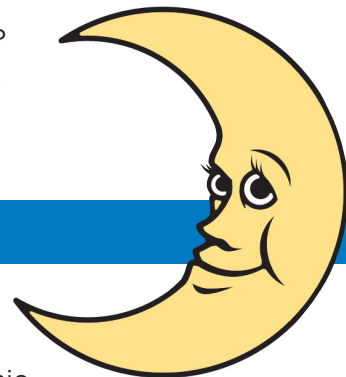
Who are the people on the cover? Where are they from? What are they looking at?

While reading, find the setting: Each poem is set in a different part of the world. Use the map in the front of the book to locate each country. How far is it from where you live?

After reading, ask questions:

This book will work best if you read a few poems at a time rather than all at once. Talk about each poem after reading.

- ◆ What is it about?
- ◆ What kind of poem is it?
- ◆ What does it have to do with the moon?



RELATED ACTIVITIES

EASY CHINESE “MOON CAKES”

Ingredients: 1/4 c. sugar, 2 egg yolks, 1/2 c. butter (softened), 1 c. flour, 1 c. jam

Stir together sugar, eggs, and butter. Add flour. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and chill for 30 mins. When cool, roll into small balls and place on cookie sheet. Make a small dent in each cookie with your thumb and fill with about 1/2 teaspoon of jam. Bake for 20 mins. at 375*. For a more authentic version, try using red bean paste instead of jam.

MOON MYTHS

Materials: paper, markers or crayons

A long time ago, people made up *myths*, or stories, to explain how the world worked. Write your own myth to explain how the moon was created. Where did it come from? How did it get all those craters? Why is it

grey? Why does it orbit Earth? Turn your myth into a picture book or comic strip. Don't forget to give it a title!

FORGET ME NOT!

Materials: paper, markers or crayons

Uh-oh! It looks like the author forgot to include a poem set in your hometown! Find your town on the map in the front of the book. Then write a poem with a “moon” theme to add to the book! Illustrate your poem.

TECHNOLOGY LINK

With Google Earth, you can take a video tour of all the Apollo moon landing sites—narrated by the astronauts themselves! (www.google.com/earth)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Tallulah's Tutu (2011),

I'm Your Bus (2009),

The Boy Who Cried Alien (2012).



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