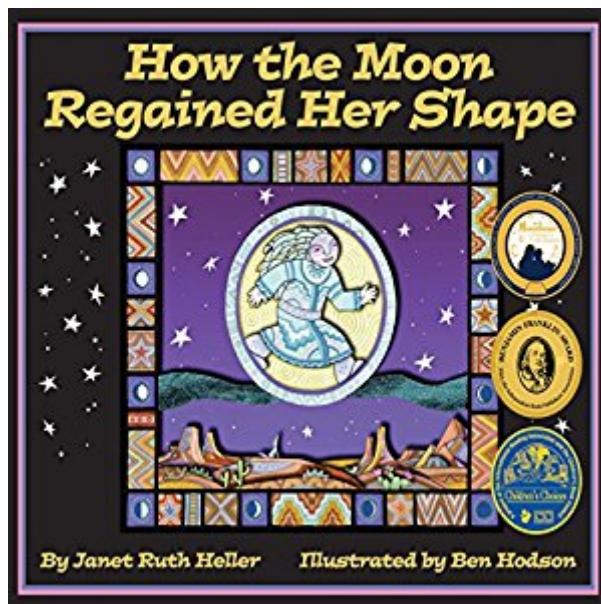


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How The Moon Regained Her Shape



Synopsis

This fascinating story influenced by Native American folktales explains why the moon changes shape and helps children deal with bullies. After the sun insults and bullies her, the moon feels so badly hurt that she shrinks and leaves the sky. The moon turns to a comet and her many friends on Earth to comfort her. Her friends include rabbits and Native Americans. Then she regains her full shape, happiness, and self-esteem. The moon also returns to her orbit. An educational appendix called "For Creative Minds" gives advice about bullying, scientific information about the moon, and ideas for related crafts, recipes, and games for children.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a wonderful addition to any library for so many reasons. First, it is a wonderful Native American folktale explaining how the phases of the moon came to be. The round moon happily danced across the sky until one day she danced across the sun and eclipsed it. The sun became angry and belittled her. She shrunk herself and slithered across the sky until there was almost nothing left of her. One day she meets a comet who suggests that she visit his friend Round Arms on earth. Round Arms is a kindly Native American woman who takes Moon to visit with friends who miss her appearance in the night sky. She meets a painter, some rabbits and dancers. They convince Moon that she is a valued friend and encourage her to return home to her place in the sky. Now when someone insults her, she remembers her friends on earth and is encouraged to be brave and grow again to her former self. Children and adults will readily appreciate the relationship of this folktale to bullying. The angry sun caused the moon to lose her self esteem and in that process hurt

not only her feelings but those who depended on her. There is a page detailing the ways a child can deal with bullies included at the end of the story. The language of the story flows along. You get the message without being overpowered by it. The hundred women who danced and sang express their hope in a beautiful poem. The reader learns about good and bad feelings and how to deal with them. Yet there is still much more to be learned from this book. At the end of the text readers will find a chart containing the names that Native Americans used for the moon during the calendar year. There is a "Creative Mind" activity encouraging children to expand their knowledge of the moon's phases.

My son and I reviewed this book for Mother Daughter Book Reviews. Here are excerpts from our reviews:
SON SAYS: This book is about the moon who is dancing in the sky and then she crosses the sun who says mean things to her. She gets very sad and then goes to visit Round Arms on Earth who brings her to see people who love the moon. Then the moon feels happy again. I liked the pictures. I really liked the pictures of the changing moons in the corners of the pages. My favorite part of the book is when the comet comes because he has a boomerang in his hand and I like boomerangs. I really liked all of the story. I can't pick just one part. I learned that everyone needs the moon. Everybody has someone who cares about them and loves them. I loved the book. It was a good story and it had really nice pictures. I think kids who are 5 years and older and their parents would like this book.
MOM SAYS: My Thoughts: This book is truly a gem. Borrowing from Native American folklore, *How the Moon Regained Her Shape* tells the story of the moon who dances happily across the sky night after night until one day she crosses the sun who angrily tells her she is neither needed nor loved. This (literally) diminishes the moon who sinks into a depression and loses the will to walk along her skypath. Her friend, the comet, notices his friend the moon whose head hangs low and goes to visit her out of concern for her well-being. He recommends that she visits a woman on Earth called Round Arms who greets her warmly and showers her with affection and kindness. Round Arms demonstrates to the moon how she is appreciated and loved by many on Earth. Filled to the brim with joy, she once again becomes full. Poignantly...

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