

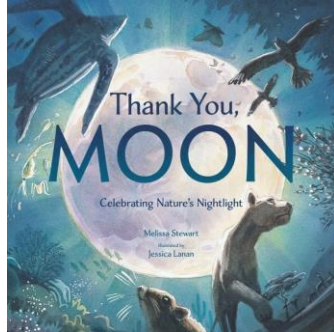


Thank You, Moon: Celebrating Nature's Nightlight

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About the Book



Under the glow of the shimmering Moon, creatures great and small are wide awake hunting, exploring, fending off predators, and building families. As the Moon changes phases, these animals alter their behavior to match its waxing and waning—while we look on in wonder. With luminous illustrations and lyrical text that's part lullaby, part scientific resource, *Thank You, Moon* is a treasure for all ages to enjoy.

Reading to Young Children

Thank You, Moon features two kinds of text. When sharing the book with young children, read the large main text first. Then you can discuss the illustrations and fill in details from the secondary text as appropriate. You may wish to re-read the main text before turning the page.

Before You Read

- Invite children to look at the cover and ask the following questions:
 - Are you grateful for this Moon? How does it make your life better?
 - Why do you think the author calls the Moon “nature’s night light”?
 - Why do you think there are lots of animals on the cover? What do you think the book is about?
- Assign each child one of the animals (or plant) mentioned in the book.

After You Read

- Ask the children to identify the main idea of *Thank You, Moon*. Work with them to make a list of details that support the main idea.
- Review the different ways animals and plants depend on the moon. Which ones depend on the moon to find food? To stay safe? To travel from place to place? To build families? How do humans depend on the moon?
- Encourage each child to draw a picture that shows how their assigned animal (or plant) depends on the moon. Allow time for children to explain their pictures to the rest of the group.