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The Sun And The Moon (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 1)



Synopsis

Has the excitement of the total solar eclipse sparked interest in the sun, moon, and stars in your home or classroom? The Sun and the Moon should not be missed! Recommended by Brightly.com in 2017 as a favorite book for kids about astronomy: "This book even has a glossary and science experiments to offer kids a hands-on learning experience." The sun is out in the day and always has a circle shape. The moon's shape seems to change and you can sometimes see it in the daytime and at night. What are the sun and the moon? How are they the same and how do they differ? Hop into your spaceship and find out! With beautiful illustrations and engaging text, *The Sun and the Moon* will guide young readers into a deeper understanding of their observations of the sun and the moon. Featuring a find-out-more section with instructions on how to keep an observation log and how to make moon ice, a glossary of new terms, and web research prompts, this book will begin children's explorations of the sun and the moon. Both the text and the artwork were vetted for accuracy by Bradley J. Thomson, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist at the Boston University Center for Remote Sensing. This is a Level 1 Let's-Read-and-Find-Out, which means the book explores introductory concepts perfect for children in the primary grades and supports the Common Core Learning Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) standards. Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science is the winner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science/Subaru Science Books & Films Prize for Outstanding Science Series.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 1 **★★★★** In this colorful work, a girl and a boy go on a voyage to discover more about the two most noticeable celestial bodies: the sun and the moon. Readers are invited to join in by identifying the sun and moon and discussing how they are seen on a regular basis, including the different phases of the moon. The two protagonists blast off in a spaceship to explore the moon from a closer vantage point. On the way, they learn about Earth's rotation, the distance between the moon and Earth, what the moon's surface consists of, and a few things left on it by previous explorers—from moon buggies to golf balls. Later, they zoom onward for a closer look at the sun and learn about its composition, prominences, solar flares, and sunspots. Illustrations show the pair looking back at Earth in the distance, keeping a sense of perspective along the journey. A glossary of new words, several suggested experiments, and a list of websites add to the book's usefulness and will appeal to students with various learning styles. Brightly colored illustrations by Morley, made from watercolor and traditional media enhanced digitally, augment the text. Each spread offers a different dramatic layout to keep children alert as pages are turned. **VERDICT** A worthy addition to science collections looking for materials for beginner space enthusiasts. **★★★★** —Suzanne LaPierre, Fairfax County Public Library, VA --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

When I told teachers at the National Science Teachers Association convention that I had just embarked on this book project, one teacher called out a specific request: Would I please, PLEASE explicitly make it clear that the Moon is sometimes out during the day? I was thrilled to hear this request, as I had already decided this was a must - but I wanted to do much, much more! **★★★★** In this book, I invite young readers to take an imaginary trip to visit the Sun and the Moon. It is my hope that they will embrace this opportunity to be first-hand observers and emerging scientists who compare and contrast these two bodies for themselves. I wanted to convey a spirit of enthusiastic adventure and fun while providing interesting, age-appropriate information, and a few surprising details. I also wanted to create a science book that is truly fun to read aloud (especially for adults who love a good snuggle while they read to young children in their lives). **★★★★**

After the book was released, I realized I could extend this journey through my author visits. I provide passports with a check list of activities related to learning more about the Sun and the Moon, and I invite children to make post cards about the visit. Sometimes, I even provide the stamps so that the cards can be sent right away to lucky friends and grandparents. I hope readers of all ages enjoy their trip through The Sun and the Moon!

great donation book for a friend's school

My 4 year old grandson & I loved this book. Amazing illustrations! The science projects are perfect for young children & so much fun. We read this all the time one of our favorites. All the books in this series are great...5 stars!

My daughter loves this book. She's still too young to do the science experiments but she loves the illustrations and storyline.

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