

I'll Be the Moon

Reader's Guide

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Main Idea & Key Details

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Main Idea:

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Author's Purpose/ Message/Theme

Author's Purpose Why did the author write this book?

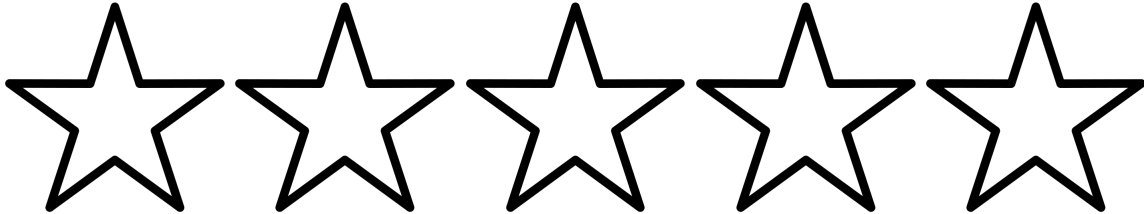
Message/Lesson What is this book trying to teach me?

Theme What are some big ideas about life expressed in the book?

Book Review

My Rating:

Fill in the stars with your rating of this book!






My Thoughts:

Share why you gave the book this rating.

See, Think, Wonder

The pictures below depict aspects of **migration**. Write what you see, think, and wonder when you look at them. Based on these images, what do you think **migration** is?



See 	Think 	Wonder 
I see...	I think...	I wonder...

About Migration

Migration is movement from one place to another. People, just like animals, migrate for different reasons, and it's a natural part of life!

In *I'll Be the Moon*, a child and her mother are migrating from Mexico to the United States. Many families and individuals from Mexico choose to move to the United States in search of better opportunities and a brighter future. Some people leave their homes because they want to find better jobs, get an education, or be closer to their loved ones already living in the U.S. Others leave their homes for safety reasons.

Migration happens all around the world, not just from Mexico to the U.S. border. For example, some animals, like birds, migrate too! They fly long distances to find warmer climates or places with more food. Just like us, they have reasons to move and find a better place to live.

In some parts of the world, people have been migrating for thousands of years. Sometimes, it's because of changes in the environment, like droughts or floods, that make it hard to live in their original homes. Other times, it's because they want to trade goods with different communities and learn from each other's cultures.

Why do you think the child and her mother in *I'll Be the Moon* might be migrating to the U.S.?

I think they are migrating to the U.S. because _____

I think this because _____

Figurative Language

Simile

A comparison of one thing to another using the words "like" or "as"

"The honeysuckle sways like a goodbye wave"

Write another example of simile:

Metaphor

A comparison of one thing to another by saying it IS that

"The moon is love"

Write another example of metaphor:

Personification

A literary device that gives human attributes to non-human things

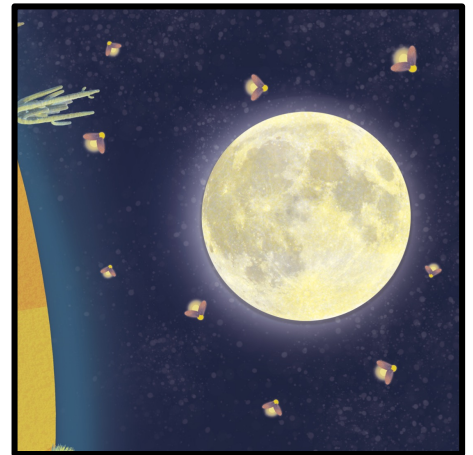
"the moon also pushes memories forward"

Write another example of personification:

Figurative Language Illustration Match

Draw a line between each example of text and the illustration from the book. Then, on the line below, write what kind(s) of figurative language are included in the text.

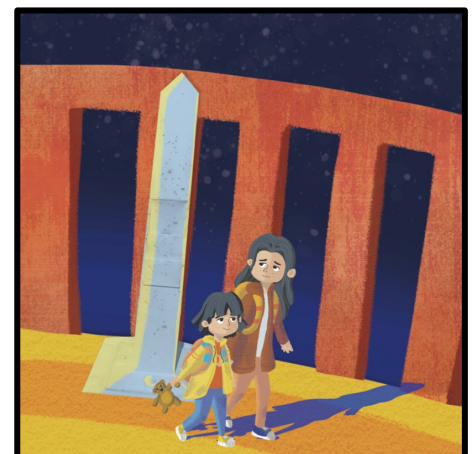
The moon is a phoenix;
she rises behind us
despite not knowing
what happens next.



She can push my tired
feet forward like a
magnet across this
desert sea.



as satellites and twinkling
lights whirl above me like
glow bugs in the sky



Figurative Language Matching Game

Cut out the cards below, each of which has an example of figurative language from the book or the name of a type of figurative language. Sort the examples under the three headings– simile, metaphor, and personification.

Simile

Metaphor

Personification

she is as
bittersweet as
honey and lemon
for a sore throat

She hides behind clouds
making their way
through the night, until
she's ready to jump out
in her radiance

Every grain of sand,
every pebble is
someone else's story,
another immigrant's
dream

The moon is the
watchful eye of
my mother

The moon is a
riddle I just
can't solve

a string of lights
flickering in the
distance, dancing
in freedom

She brightens
desert sands to
snow

a canopy of stars
like flickering
lampposts

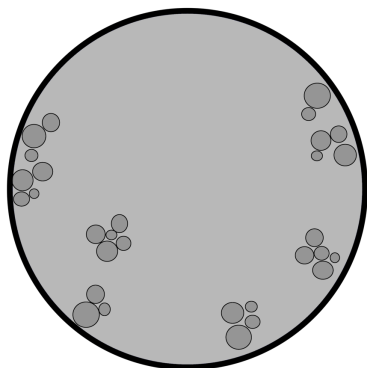
his proud gaze
like a jazz note
filling up the
galaxy

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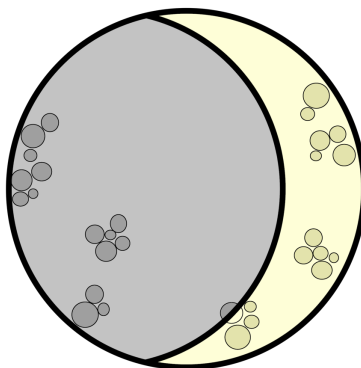
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The Moon's Phases

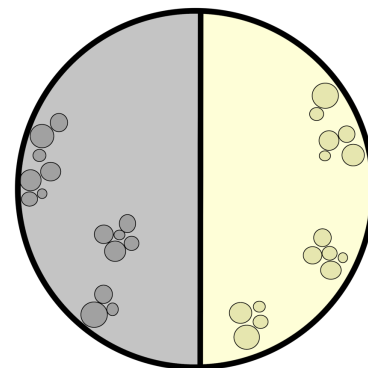
Look at the phases of the moon below. The moon goes through all of these in a month! Next, look through the book and identify what phases you see in the illustrations! On this page, circle any of the phases you see in the book.



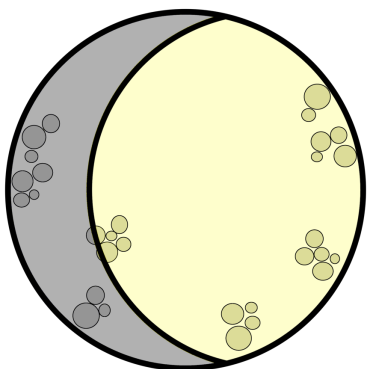
New Moon



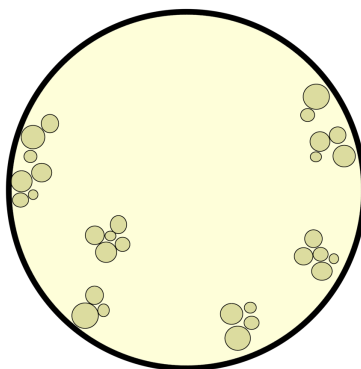
Waxing Crescent



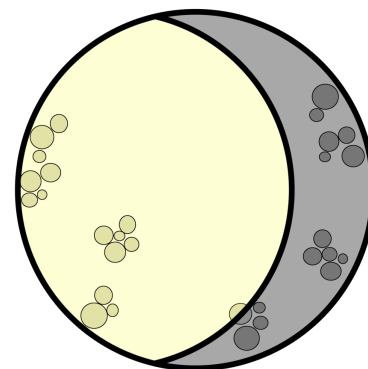
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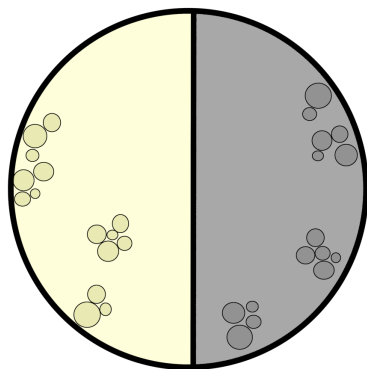
Waxing Gibbous



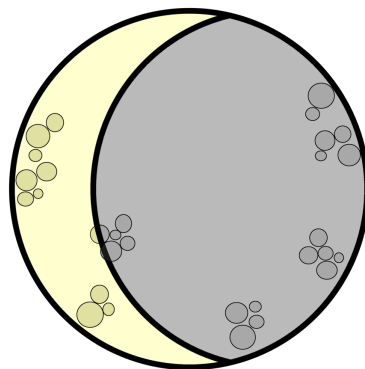
Full Moon



Waning Gibbous



Third Quarter



Waning Crescent

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Meaning of the Moon

The moon is an amazing part of our night sky. In *I'll Be the Moon*, a child watches the moon on her journey north and reflects on all it represents. The moon gives her hope and keeps her going.

Did you know the moon holds a special place in the hearts of people from different cultures around the world? Let's explore the meaning of the moon in some of these cultures!



In many ancient cultures, the moon was seen as a symbol of change and cycles. Just like how it goes through phases, growing from a tiny sliver to a bright full circle and then back again, people thought of it as a sign of life's changes. They believed the moon guided the seasons and helped farmers know when to plant and harvest crops.

For some Native American tribes, the moon was a timekeeper and a way to mark important events. Each full moon had a name, like the "Harvest Moon" or the "Wolf Moon." These names helped them keep track of time and celebrate special occasions like harvest festivals or gatherings.

In Chinese culture, the moon is an important part of the Mid-Autumn Festival, a joyful holiday where families come together to give thanks and enjoy mooncakes, delicious sweet treats shaped like the moon. They believe the full moon brings good luck and happiness.

In Hindu mythology, the moon has a special role too. It's connected to stories of gods and goddesses, and people believe that gazing at the moon can bring calmness to their minds and hearts.

Isn't it fascinating how the moon means different things to people all over the world? What is the moon to you?

Drawing & Description

What is the moon to you? Come up with a new example of figurative language to describe it, then draw an illustration that goes with it.

Figurative language about the moon:

This is an example of (circle one):

Simile

Metaphor

Personification



Word Search

I E B M E X I C O D R Z F T Q
D M H T I Q E V P T I T F L V
F I G J O U R N E Y D O A I E
Z G O G S M F W F L D G T G H
V R O D V U O S I O L E H H P
U A D R P F A R Z V E T E T M
K T B E H R R K R E S H R N E
D I Y A N O O E L O X E Z O M
R O E M H I R M E M W R K R O
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A A P S P E Y H Z S O T L H I
M O G M E S B J T O E M H H E
E T R I C K S T E R N J K E S
R S C J U Y U M L S X C W T R
S J M O O N P H O E N I X C U

Find and circle these words!

migration
journey
north
goodbye
Mexico
moon

sky
riddle
phoenix
hope
tomorrow
trickster

father
memories
together
love
mother
dream

night
freedom
dreamers
horizon
light
promise

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Hello, I'm Elizabeth!

I am a mom, educator, and content creator specializing in children's books. I am especially passionate about inclusive kid lit, especially social-emotional learning (SEL) titles that have useful applications in kids' lives. I hope you enjoy this Readers' Guide as much as I enjoyed creating it!



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Credits

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Brain by Meaghan Hendricks from Noun Project

think by Kirby Wu from Noun Project

Moon Clip Art:



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