

## The Moon's a Balloon: A Fanciful Lunar Dozen

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**L**ast month we offered a dozen factual books about Earth's largest satellite; this month we treat the moon in dream and drama, fantasy and folktale. Shine on!

*Deborah Stevenson, Editor  
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The *Bulletin* Dozen is a monthly theme-based booklist available from the Bulletin's website. Since we're awfully fond of bakers here at the Bulletin, we thought we'd adopt their philosophy of generosity and throw in an extra one or two when we have them to offer — so don't expect an even dozen.

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**Asch, Frank. Happy Birthday, Moon; written and illus. by Frank Asch. Simon, 1982. 3-5 yrs**

Affectionate little Bear seeks to give the moon a birthday present in one of Asch's many charming Moonbear stories.

**Curtis, Carolyn. I Took the Moon for a Walk; illus. by Alison Jay. Barefoot Books, 2004. 4-6 yrs**

A young boy takes the moon for a twilight outing through a fantastical landscape in this lyrical journey. (BCCB 4/04)

**Ehlert, Lois. Moon Rope: A Peruvian Folktale/Un lazo a la luna: una leyenda peruana; written and illus. by Lois Ehlert; translated into Spanish by Amy Prince. Harcourt, 1992. 2-5 yrs**

Crisp, simple text in both English and Spanish, illustrated by Ehlert's striking, high-contrast stylized figures tells the story of an adventurous fox attempting to climb to the moon. (BCCB 12/92)

**Enderle, Dotti. Man in the Moon. Delacorte, 2008. Gr. 4-6**

In a hot Texas summer, a stranger, Mr. Lunas, enters the lives of Janine and her brother, Ricky, in this gentle blend of wonder tale and realistic story. (BCCB 10/08)



**Gerstein, Mordicai. Carolinda Clatter; written and illus. by Mordicai Gerstein. Roaring Brook, 2005. 6-9 yrs**

A poor lonely giant, pining for love of the moon, becomes the bane of the townspeople who dwell upon them until Carolinda takes a hand in the romance. (BCCB 12/05)

**Henkes, Kevin. Kitten's First Full Moon; written and illus. by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow, 2004. 2-5 yrs**

In this Caldecott winner, robust, charming illustrations help carry the story of a young kitten's vexed pursuit of the moon. (BCCB 3/04)

**Hughes, Shirley. Abel's Moon; written and illus. by Shirley Hughes. DK Ink, 1999. 5-8 yrs**  
Abel Grable, family man, spends much of his time traveling away from his family in wild areas where only the moon guides his way, and his young son feels connected to his father by the moon that shines above them both. (BCCB 11/99)

**Jones, Joy. Tambourine Moon; illustrated by Terry Widener. Simon, 1999. 5-8 yrs**

Uneasy when walking home in the dark, Noni is reassured by a tale her grandfather spins that links her grandmother with the shining moon overhead. (BCCB 12/99)

**Kimmel, Eric A., ad. A Cloak for the Moon; illus. by Katya Krenina. Holiday House, 2001. 5-9 yrs**

The tailor Haskel, smitten with the moon, goes on a quest to find her a cloak that will adapt to her waxing and waning shape in this adaptation of a mystical eighteenth-century story. (BCCB 4/01)

**Schaefer, Carole Lexa. Full Moon Barnyard Dance; illus. by Christine Davenier. Candlewick, 2003. 3-5 yrs**

Restless barnyard animals turn the full moon into an occasion for a moonlight dance in this frisky picture book. (BCCB 12/03)

**Tarpley, Natasha. Joe-Joe's First Flight; illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Knopf, 2003. 5-8 yrs**

A young African-American boy, son of an airplane worker who yearns to fly despite the restrictions of the segregated 1920s, dreams of a biplane trip to the moon that fetches flight back for his father and his friends. (BCCB 9/03)

**Thurber, James. Many Moons; illus. by Louis Slobodkin. Harcourt, 1943. 6-9 yrs**

This classic modern fairy tale features Princess Lenore, whose loving father promises to bring her the moon.

**Ward, Helen. Little Moon Dog; illustrated by Wayne Anderson. Dutton, 2007. 4-7 yrs**

Moon tourists drive the Man in the Moon to distraction by luring away his faithful canine companion, so he must search and retrieve his beloved Little Moon Dog in this luminous tale. (BCCB 6/07)

