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Has the moon ever followed you home at night?

Max loves his grandpa. When they must say good-bye after a visit, Grandpa reminds Max that the moon above them at Grandpa's house is the same moon that will follow him all the way home. And on that swervy-curvy car ride back home Max smiles as the moon tags along, thinking of Grandpa. But when the sky darkens and the moon disappears behind clouds, Max worries that it did not follow him home after all. Yet when the clouds part and light streams through his window, he realizes that Grandpa was right—the moon was with him all along. Floyd Cooper received the Coretta Scott King Award for *The Blacker the Berry*, two Coretta Scott King Honors for *Honey in Broomwheat Tea* and *I Have Heard of a Land*, and an NAACP image award. His books have also been named to numerous best books list and been given many Parents Choice Awards. In *Max and the Tag-Along Moon*, his lush paintings perfectly capture the wonder of the moon, the love between grandfather and grandson, and that feeling of magic every child experiences when the moon follows him home.

Max and the Tag-Along Moon Details

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Caryn Caldwell says

Max is sad when it's time to leave "Granpa's" house, but his grandfather reassures Max that the moon will always shine for him as a reminder of his grandfather's love. And, indeed, all the way home along windy, twisty mountain roads Max watches the moon tag along. But a storm comes up just before they arrive, hiding the moon. Max fears that Granpa was wrong about the moon always being there for him, but just as he is about to go to bed he looks out his bedroom window and there it is again, full and bright. Satisfied, Max curls up in bed and falls asleep.

This is a warm, sweet, reassuring story that's perfect for a read-aloud right before bed. The soft yet realistic illustrations complement the text nicely. Max's expressions are realistic, as if he were a real child caught in the act of hugging his grandfather, searching for the missing moon, and marveling at the moonlight out his bedroom window. All in all a quiet but wonderful tale.

Serina says

What a nice surprise for a book that features an African American boy. Little boy on ride home watches the moon follow them home. I had very low expectations for this book, but was quite pleasantly surprised by the easy dialogue and the expressions on the little boys face. The illustrations are done in a different artistic style that gives it a soft, night time feel. I also like the connection that the boy made with his grandfather. Not my personal favorite but I feel that it would definitely appeal to minorities. It's rare to find a solid children's book with someone of color.

SaraLaLa says

I was honestly torn between giving this 3 or 4 stars. I rounded up.

Max is a little boy who observes something every child does at one point or another; the moon "follows you" as you travel. I do remember watching the moon as my parents drove me hither and thither. It was wonderful to look for it as we drove around turns and buildings, over bridges and under tunnels, etc. Max experiences this same exact thing, but it also ties in his loving thoughts of his grandfather (I guess to add an extra layer).

There isn't really much of a plot, but it's still an enjoyable read. The pictures are appropriately soft and fuzzy underneath the moon's glow. It could be a worthy bedtime story, especially before/after going on a car ride with your little one.

Jazmine says

While the artwork and sentiment of this book is fantastic- Max knows he can look at the moon that always

shines whenever he misses Grandpa - I felt that this book was "too old" vocabulary wise for my 3 year old.

We got this through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. ♥

Hannah says

Max and the Tag-Along Moon is an endearing story of a grandpa's promise to his grandson, Max. One night as Max was saying goodbye to his Grandfather he noticed the big glowing moon in the sky. His Grandpa promised that it will always shine for him so during his drive home, he starred up into the night sky and sure enough, the moon was following him. Once Max arrived home the moon tucked behind the clouds so he crawled into bed, missed his grandpa and his tag-along moon. As soon as he started to think that the promise his Grandfather made to him wasn't true, the glow of the moon came peaking into his room and from that night on, whenever he saw the moon, he thought of his Grandpa. One teaching idea inspired from the book is to read it to younger students who are transitioning to the classroom from their home. As the teacher, you could have a symbolic piece in the classroom that will remind a homesick student of their loved ones so they feel less alone. That being said, this is a very well-rounded picture book that could deliver a very important message to young students who need it.

Audrey Spiller says

This book starts out with a boy saying good bye to his grandpa. When he leaves his grandpa tells him that the moon will always shine for him. As Max drives home he sees the moon the whole way, until it is covered by a large cloud. Max knows, however, that the moon will always shine for him, no matter where he is.

A major theme for this would be trust and promises. The grandpa promises that Max will be able to always see the moon, no matter where he goes. However, when the moon goes behind a dark cloud, Max starts to second guess his promise and loses trust in his grandpa. It is a lesson to trust people's promises and trust that they will be true.

5 stars! This book was awesome!

I really enjoyed this book because of the family dynamic and the relationship this boy will make between the moon and his grandpa. He will keep that relationship with him even when his grandpa has passed away. The moon will always be a reminder of someone Max loved so deeply.

I would recommend this book for two reasons. One, being the family dynamic that I discussed above. And the second being the fact that this book involves African-American characters. This book will provide cultural diversity and allow kids to be able to see how love in other cultures is the same. It will show kids of every race/culture that families are the same and they all love the same.

Edward Sullivan says

A warm, gentle, comforting story.

Gabrielle Blockton says

Date: October 12th, 2014

Author: Floyd Cooper

Title: Max and the Tag-Along Moon

Plot: Max is a young boy who is told by his grandfather that the moon will always shine for him on and on.

Setting: Grandpa's House, The open road, Max's house, the evening

Characters: Max, Grandpa, the moon

Point-of-View: Third-Person

Theme: The moon will shine on and on (Hope)

Style: Narrative

Copyright: 2013

Notes: This book was good. I personally didn't find the story to be exciting for me. I feel that in a few months, when I see this book on a counter, the first thing I am NOT going to say is "this book was amazing". It was mediocre in my opinion, just like the majority of books I read this week! Next!

Melki says

This brought back warm memories of riding home with my parents at night, watching the moon through the car windows. It was a nice enough story, but I can't imagine a child wanting to hear this one again and again.

Brandi Balzer says

Max and the Tag-Along Moon is about a little boy who loves his Grandpa and getting to see him is his favorite thing. However, when he has to leave his Grandpa he is always sad so hi Grandpa tells him as long as the moon is shining he will always be with him. Max thinks the whole ride home the moon will disappear just like his Grandpa had but it doesn't. As he crawls into bed the moon disappears behind a cloud and Max gets worried that his Grandpa left him and he feels lonely. It is just then that it reappears from behind the cloud and fills his room with light. Max then realizes his grandpa will never really leave him and he is filled with joy. The illustrations are the show stopper of this book. They are watercolor and depict a dimly lit scene transporting the reader into the story.

I rated this book a five. The relationship between the Grandpa and Max is heart warming. The book is a great narrative and is a great read for young readers to realize that even when they can't see there loved ones there

still there and they still love them. Also the images are beautiful and captivating.

Christine Turner says

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Summary

Max loves his grandpa and Grandpa loves Max. So when Max has to say goodbye to Grandpa at the end of his trip, Grandpa reminds Max that the same moon that is above them at Grandpa's house is the very same moon that will follow him all the way home. On the way home, Max watches as the moon tags along and he thinks about his Grandpa. When the sky darkens and the moon disappears behind the cloud, Max worries that the moon did not follow him home after all. It still hasn't reappeared by the time he gets home and Max feels sad and lonely. Then the cloud parts and the moon appears!

Subject: Grandfathers -- Juvenile fiction

Geographic Term:

Moon -- Juvenile fiction.

Carol Ekster says

The illustrations are beautiful and I love the concept, but I feel the writing could have been tighter. I'm surprised that the editor didn't give a few suggestions to improve this picture book with so many strengths.

Kretesha Cotton says

Text to Self Connection

I remember as a child riding with my parents on road trips watching the moon. I always thought the moon was following us on the trips. When we arrived home the moon was also at my house. I was amazed at that the moon could follow us all way back home. I remember asking my mom about the moon following us. My mom responded by telling me the moon will always be wherever I am.

Ben Truong says

Max and the Tag-Along Moon is a children's picture book written and illustrated by Floyd Cooper, which tells a story about a child named Max, his grandfather, and the moon that seems to follow him home.

The text is simplistic and straightforward, yet captures the curiosity, wonderment, and innocence of a child. The illustrations are beautifully rendered and done in pastels, which gives a dreamy feel to the book. In short, the illustrations complement the text rather well.

The premise of the book is about a child named Max leaving his grandfather's house, but Max doesn't really want to go, because he will miss him. Together, they see the moon and his grandfather tells Max that the Moon is the same Moon from his house and that it would follow him home. As Max goes home, he watches as the Moon follows him home through twists and turns the Moon was constantly following him. However, when storm clouds covers the Moon, he is saddened and goes to bed only to have his room illuminating again when the Moon reveals itself as the clouds moves away. He sleeps well that night knowing that when he sees the Moon he would think of his grandfather.

All in all, *Max and the Tag-Along Moon* is a wonderful children's book of family and their connection to the tag-along Moon.

Lizzie says

My favorite part is Max's surprise face- it is so cute and so accurate.
