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## Mooncake Recipe

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I admired the bear's dedication (he spent months building that spacecraft!) and was glad that he was pleased with the outcome of his endeavor. Maybe the message is, if your friends are happy in their errors, don't disillusion them?

Since I have not yet read Pavese's novel, I can't say what this story has in common with the one I wanted to order. Maybe they both have "seasons" marked as a key word, or something simplistic like that. I'll update if I ever figure it out. ...more

## Mooncake Calories

\*contains spoilers\*

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This book was a staple of my childhood. It taught me many lessons. Sadly, my copy is missing a page, but the illustration helps me remember what happened on the missing page. ...more

This review has been hidden because it contains spoilers. To view it, [click here](#).

I read this book several times every year since my childhood. I love the dream. I love the explorer. I love the journey of building and construction. I love his critical friend. Simple yet inspired, this book is something I cherish.

## Mooncake Festival

This is a story of the determined, hardworking, and inventive main character named Bear. One day Bear and his trusty side-kick, Little Bird, were watching the moon when they realized that they were hungry and that is when Bear comes up with the idea to take a bite out of the moon for he thinks it will be delicious. After one failed attempt at reaching the moon, Little Bird and Bear decide to build a rocket ship all summer long to help them travel to the moon. Bear enters in the rocket ship and before taking off falls asleep only to wake up to the ground covered in something he had never seen before, snow. Bear believes he made it to the moon and of course has to make a moon cake out of the snow to celebrate. Bear returns to Little Bird with a smile upon his face and good news as to how the moon tastes.

This book contained a central plot where bear wanted to reach the moon so he could take a bite out of it, luckily the ending is resolved and leaves the readers happy and content. Bear, the main character, was very believable and brought out the theme of the story that you can do anything as long as you put the work and effort needed into it. He showed great persistence and faith throughout the whole story.

The illustrations in this book depicted what Bear and Little Bird were doing and helped move the story along. The illustrations were mainly composed of simple colors so as to not distract from the story, but enough to tell the story, visually, in a simple way.

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I'm late to them, but am loving Frank Asch's books.

## Mooncake Near Me

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The story starts with Bear and Bird one night looking at the moon. Bird mentions that he is hungry and bear is also hungry, and then he reveals his deepest Desiree to eat the moon. Bird and Bear talk about what the moon might taste like, and if it is even possible. They both go to Bears house and Bear gets his bow and arrow. Bear ties a spoon at the end and shoots it at the moon, but fails. Then Bear decides he is going to build a rocket. When he finishes building the rocket it is the start of w The story starts with Bear and Bird one night looking at the moon. Bird mentions that he is hungry and bear is also hungry, and then he reveals his deepest Desiree to eat the moon. Bird and Bear talk about what the moon might taste like, and if it is even possible. They both go to Bears house and Bear gets his bow and arrow. Bear ties a spoon at the end and shoots it at the moon, but fails. Then Bear decides he is going to build a rocket. When he finishes building the rocket it is the start of winter, and Bird migrates to the south, and Bear gets in his rocket. He then falls asleep in the rocket and Bear is then woken up and thinks he is at the moon. Bear then eats what he believes is the moon, and he likes it. He goes back in the rocket and falls asleep and wakes up back on earth and bird asks how it was and Bear says it was delicious.

The picture book was written in in 1987 by Frank Asch. The visuals look like they were created using construction paper, similar to how south park is animated. In the beginning the story text was written on the left of the book by itself and the pictures were on the right side. As the story progressed the text slowly moved towards the middle under the pictures, then finally at the end it moved to the right and mirrored the beginning of the story. Only the picture is on the right and the text is on the right. This is very similar to where the wild things are, when the pictures first start off small then get bigger as the story progresses. Personally I felt the story needed more action, I found it kinda boring and to simple of a story good visuals, So 3 stars. ...more

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A beloved classic, this is a perfect bedtime story for parents and young children to share. It's delightfully silly in a way that young children appreciate and the underlying theme of friendship is an important one for all children to learn.

Highly recommended.

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## Mooncake Mold

This book is okay. The plot is sufficiently quaint about a bear who wants to go to the moon, but this plot I find to be a bit too cluttered to be sufficiently whimsical for a children's book. I don't think it helps that the illustrations are rather pedestrian as well. Never mind the fact that the dense wordiness subtracts from the included images, but said images are mainly just flat colors lacking a lot of interesting depth. Comboed with the fact that there are multiple instances where assets like faces are reused, this picture book, while perfectly inoffensive, doesn't really excel in either the textual or illustrative areas. ...more

Mooncake is an entertaining book for beginning readers that tells a story of a bear that goes on an adventure to taste the moon. The images are creative and pull the reader into the story. They are simple but I liked how when the characters are having a conversation, the illustration changes to the shape of a circle. It gave a nice break from the square borders the other images have.

## Mooncakes San Francisco

Cute, although I wonder if even Bear would be unable to differentiate snow from dirt. I do wish it had made a little more clear that Bear was hibernating, which is why he slept so long and without awareness. Otherwise, it doesn't make much sense. Overall, it's cute enough, but not up to the standard set by some of the other titles in the series.

Cute, simple book good for preschoolers.

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## Mooncake Story

My favorite book when I was a child.

A classic

## Mooncakes Chinese New Year

Now that is a solid picture book- cute, absurd; truly and utterly illogical. Also- features a bird in a hat.

Bear and his best friend Little Bird are staring at the night sky when they both realize that they are hungry! Bear tells his friend that he wishes he could eat the Moon because it looks so delicious! Little Bird is a little leery of eating the moon because it is so far away but Bear goes into his house and forms a spoon ended bow and arrow and tries to get a scoop out of the moon. His plan fails but Bear is determined to have a bite! The next day, Bear gathers materials and builds a rocket with Bear and his best friend Little Bird are staring at the night sky when they both realize that they are hungry! Bear tells his friend that he wishes he could eat the Moon because it looks so delicious! Little Bird is a little leery of eating the moon because it is so far away but Bear goes into his house and forms a spoon ended bow and arrow and tries to get a scoop out of the moon. His plan fails but Bear is determined to have a bite! The next day, Bear gathers materials and builds a rocket with the help of his friend, Little Bird. Bear's friend, Little Bird, helps Bear build the rocket until he has to leave to fly south with his flock since it is autumn. Bear continues his progress on the Rocket until he completes it. Then the time comes for lift off, but before Bear can count down to one he falls asleep because it's now winter. He wakes up to find that there is white stuff all around him so he believes it to be the moon. He climbs out of his rocket and makes a moon cake out of the white stuff on the floor and finally get a bite of the delicious moon cake he has been waiting for.

Overall, this book is not one of my favorites. The story line seems legit until you actually read about the events that occur. This story is one about believing that you can do anything if you put in the effort to accomplish the task. Bear built the ship and put in a lot of time and effort to accomplish this one task so he could try a piece of the moon. When he falls asleep only to wake up to white snow, Bear thinks that he must be on the moon since it is also white. I find the story a little lacking in educational content, but overall it was not too bad of a book. The friend Little Bird seems like a supportive friend until he suddenly disappears for months on end. The artwork of the book is bold colors and simple outlines but it comes across very well done. The text is always on its own page or beneath the picture which makes it easy to find but there are no emphasized words or sounds that I normally associate with fiction such as this.

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## Mooncake Filling

Bear wants to taste the moon.

He shoots a spoon attached to an arrow towards the moon.

It misses.

So Bear and his friend Little Bird spend the summer building a rocket built from junk so they can fly to the moon.

Fall comes and Little Bird flies south before the rocket is finished.

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He falls asleep by the end of his countdown. Snow falls. The wind blows.

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Bear scoops some snow together to make a mooncake.

Bear walks around the moon until he comes upon his own tracks.

Thinking they were made by a monster Bear runs back to his ship and begins the countdown. He falls asleep again and wakes up in the spring.

Little Bird returns and asks how the moon tastes.

This is such a fun story to share with children. It is filled with wonder and questions and solutions and silliness. When I share it with a group of children I like to ask questions. "Do you think the arrow will reach the moon?" "Where did the arrow land?" I ask the children to do the countdown with Bear. We hold up our hands and lower fingers as we count together backwards from 10. My voice gets softer and softer as we near "one", as that's when Bear drifts off to sleep. On the page where the rocket tips over I pretend my arm is a rocket and ask the children to turn their arms into rockets. Then we all lower our arms KABOOM! When Bear makes a mooncake we all pretend to scoop some snow together and pat it into a ball and then take a bite and rub our tummies -- MMMMMmmm. When Bear goes on a walk we either use our hands to pat our legs to make walking sounds or we all stand up and walk in place.

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So the story is revolving around a little bird and a bear relaxing by a tree in the middle of the night. When one of them begins to get hungry, the bear decides, "Hey I wanna eat the moon". So he grabbed a bow and arrow, tied a spoon to it, and tried shooting the moon, but to no avail. Then the bird suggests bear build a rocket ship (cause you know, making a bowl of soup is SO much harder then mastering

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astro-physics). After months of working on the project, the bird flies home to see his family. So the story is revolving around a little bird and a bear relaxing by a tree in the middle of the night. When one of them begins to get hungry, the bear decides, "Hey I wanna eat the moon". So he grabbed a bow and arrow, tied a spoon to it, and tried shooting the moon, but to no avail. Then the bird suggests bear build a rocket ship (cause you know, making a bowl of soup is SO much harder than mastering astro-physics). After months of working on the project, the bird flies home to see his family instead of helping bear finish the rocket (which he painted red, which is kind of a big deal because it is very very reminiscent to the short with Wallace and Gromit where they built a rocket as well to GO TO THE MOON... oh my god it's the same story...). Just before taking off, bear fell asleep in the rocket, and for the entire winter he slept, with no food in his belly, and somehow the wind knocked over the rocket, that has a bear in it, over on its side. And when bear awoke, he saw the snow, and made a 'mooncake' and ate the snow. After eating bear decided to look around the moon, but when he saw a footprint of a possible moon bear, or moon monster he hopped back in his ship, only to fall asleep again. He awakes in spring, to be greeted by bird, and much like the late and great Richard Nixon, bear lies his butt off and tells bird did he not only go to the moon, but had delicious mooncake as well. The only possible use for this story in the classroom setting would be to show them to 'never give up on their dreams'. I do apologize for my, less than serious commentary, I'm just having a bit too much fun writing in this fashion. ...more