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A gorgeous picture book that tells a whimsical origin story of the phases of the moon, from award-winning, bestselling author-illustrator Grace Lin

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## A Big Mooncake For Little Star Read Aloud

Little Star's soft feet tiptoed to the Big Mooncake.

## A Big Mooncake For Little Star Summary

Little Star loves the delicious Mooncake that she bakes with her mama. But she's not supposed to eat any yet! What happens when she can't resist a nibble?

## A Big Mooncake For Little Star Activities

In this stunning picture book that shines as bright as the stars in the sky, Newbery Honor author Grace Lin creates a heartwarming original story that explains phases of the moon.

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## A Big Mooncake For Little Star Pdf

This is really cute and really different. It's a short, sweet (pun intended) take on an origin story about the phases of the moon. Little Star and her mother bake a Big Mooncake and the mother hangs it up in the sky and tells her daughter not to touch it. But, of course, Little Star can't sleep and thinks of nothing but going back for another nibble. Surely her mother won't notice if she just has a little bit of the Big Mooncake. But, eventually, the Big Mooncake is whittled away until it's noth This is really cute and really different. It's a short, sweet (pun intended) take on an origin story about the phases of the moon. Little Star and her mother bake a Big Mooncake and the mother hangs it up in the sky and tells her daughter not to touch it. But, of course, Little Star can't sleep and thinks of nothing but going back for another nibble. Surely her mother won't notice if she just has a little bit of the Big Mooncake. But, eventually, the Big Mooncake is whittled away until it's nothing but crumbs sparkling in the sky, and mother and daughter have to bake another one.

The illustrations are really unique; I don't think I've ever seen anything like them in a children's book before. The backgrounds are all black to represent the night sky, and since Little Star and her mother are dressed in black as well, the only way we can see their bodies is because their outfits are covered in stars. I thought that was a neat touch. The pages showing Little Star eating her way through the phases of the moon (from full moon to new moon) are quite cute. If I have one complaint at all, it's that the story doesn't explain the phases of the moon going the other way (which would require a growing mooncake); kids might not take issue with that, though... and if they do, it's a good excuse to have a discussion about how the moon waxes and wanes.

Overall, this is a strong picture book with a different sort of aesthetic. I'd definitely recommend this one!

Quotable moment:

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The illustrations were not my favourite style-wise, but they were very sweet! And, I really liked that the pages in this book all have a black backdrop, because it makes the moon and stars stand out quite nicely! As you can see in the photo above, it also brings into emphasis things like the salt or sugar that Little Star is pouring into the mooncake mixture. This book also really made me crave some mooncake! The ones with duck egg in the centre are my favourite, and I'll have to run to the store now to find some! ...more

## A Big Mooncake For Little Star Review

Beautiful book!

Little Star and her mama bake a delicious-looking mooncake in this original pourquoi story explaining how the phases of the moon came to be. Warned not to snack, Little Star goes obediently to bed, only to wake in the darkness of the night hungry. Slowly, over time, she nibbles away at the mooncake, until it is all gone. Then she and Mama must bake a new one...

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## A Big Mooncake For Little Star Caldecott

This could be a fable about how the moon wanes. However, it does not explain the moon waxing. It's sweet to imagine a little girl disobeying her mother just a little bit each night but the mother seems to expect the disobedience, which feels unaddressed. I appreciate the negative space of the night sky illustrations.

Enchanting!

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## A Big Mooncake For Little Star Award

Lovely. Lin has created an original myth/origin story that enchants in both text and illustrations.

The art is sublime--the black on black, the stars, the dust that becomes the universe....love it. Going on the shortlist for gifts for babies and kids. Better get a Caldecott too.

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## A Big Mooncake For Little Star Publisher

Charming and child-centered, strikingly illustrated on an aptly black background (the starry yellow-on-black pajamas are brilliant, and I just love how the mooncake crumbs turn into stars). Grace Lin has a knack for inventing stories that feel like re-tellings of tales that have been handed down over generations. Classic.

Cute story and mooncakes are yummy.