



Moon's First Friends: One Giant Leap for Friendship

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With subtle celebrations of exploration and inventiveness, *Moon's First Friends* works toward the Apollo 11 landing from a singular perspective: that of the moon upon which the vessel landed. The beautiful, lonely moon waits for her eventual visitors for millions of years, shining in the heavens and down on Earth with the hope that the creatures beneath her will come up to meet her. But despite her welcoming, glittering glow, creatures from dinosaurs to the first humans do not come to visit.

When Apollo shows up with its astronauts and flag, the moon is all too ready to bestow them with blooms of moon dust and gifts in return—all in hope that someone else will be charmed, too, and come to visit in their wake. A QR code at the front adds an interactive element: young readers charmed by the stars will be able to scan it and hear voices from the actual Apollo 11 mission.

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