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## The Moon Is a Ball: Stories of Panda and Squirrel

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A squirrel with a big heart and a panda who's prone to ennui are the best of friends in the nine short stories of this upbeat, curiosity-inducing early reader. They teach a just-hatched duckling how to walk and learn the art of asking many questions from a slow, slow snail. They brainstorm ways to reach the moon and muddle through a fight. In the end, they learn that life is all about remembering to "just put one paw in front of the other."

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