

Paper Plate Education

"Serving the Universe on a Paper Plate"

Good(night) Moons Rising



The classic children's book *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown has excellent illustrations by Clement Hurd. Notice the location of the moon in the great green room's window. The clocks--on the mantle and on the nightstand--advance in 10-minute increments as the full moon rises appropriately in the evening.

7:10 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:10 p.m.



Two clocks show the passage of time.



Meanwhile, the painting over the fireplace of the cow jumping over the moon accurately portrays a waxing crescent moon setting in the evening sky.



More good moons rising:





Papa, please get the moon for me.

Author/Illustrator: Eric Carle

Simon and Schuster

Throughout the story the moon segues through its phases in the proper order. (However, it does error in showing the waxing crescent just after sunset. See [More Faux Phases.](#))



Happy Birthday, Moon

Author/Illustrator: Frank Asch

Aladdin Paperbacks

During the night bear "waited and watched while the [full] moon slowly crept up through the branches..."

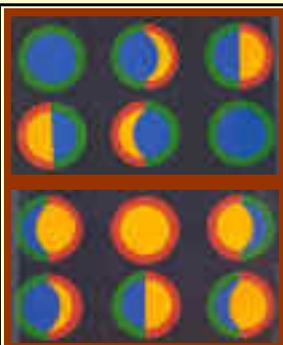


The Moon Singer

Author: Clyde Robert Bulla

Illustrator: Trina Hyman

"The [full] moon rose. By its light they saw the boy..."



Mole's Hill

Author/Illustrator: Lois Ehlert

Harcourt Brace & Company

"Each night Mole kept digging... Many moons passed."

Note: These two pages are side by side; read across the top row, then the bottom row.

See [Bad Moons Rising](#) for examples of inaccurate depictions of moon phases in many children's books. Please send examples both of bad moons and of good moons rising through our [Feedback](#) page. Thank you.

Make a [Moon Finder](#) to correlate the moon's position with any given phase and time.

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