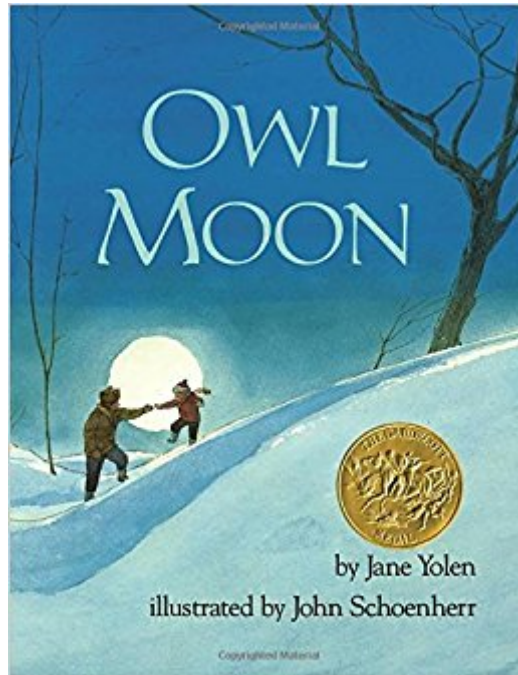




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Owl Moon



Synopsis

Late one winter night a little girl and her father go owling. The trees stand still as statues and the world is silent as a dream. Whoo-whoo-whoo, the father calls to the mysterious nighttime bird. But there is no answer. Wordlessly the two companions walk along, for when you go owling you don't need words. You don't need anything but hope. Sometimes there isn't an owl, but sometimes there is. Distinguished author Jane Yolen has created a gentle, poetic story that lovingly depicts the special companionship of a young child and her father as well as humankind's close relationship to the natural world. Wonderfully complemented by John Schoenherr's soft, exquisite watercolor illustrations, this is a verbal and visual treasure, perfect for reading around and sharing at bedtime.

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Customer Reviews

Among the greatest charms of children is their ability to view a simple activity as a magical adventure. Such as a walk in the woods late at night. Jane Yolen captures this wonderment in a book whose charm rises from its simplicity. "It was late one winter night, long past my bedtime, when Pa and I went owling." The two walked through the woods with nothing but hope and each other in a journey that will fascinate many a child. John Schoenherr's illustrations help bring richness to the countryside adventure. The book won the 1988 Caldecott Medal.

A girl and her father go owling on a moonlit winter night near the farm where they live. Bundled tight in wool clothes, they trudge through snow "whiter than the milk in a cereal bowl"; here and there, hidden in ink-blue shadows, a fox, raccoon, fieldmouse and deer watch them pass. An air of expectancy builds as Pa imitates the Great Horned Owl's call once without answer, then again. From out of the darkness "an echo/ came threading its way/ through the trees." Schoenherr's watercolor washes depict a New England few readers see: the bold stare of a nocturnal owl, a bird's-eye view of a farmhouse. In harmony with the art, the melodious text brings to life an unusual countryside adventure. Ages 2-6. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Jane Yolen is a genius. This book is truly a work of art. When I'm exhausted from reading all day long to my two-year-old, and can't bear the thought of reading one more, he entices me by handing over this one and saying "Mama's favorite."

This is a favorite of mine. I so very much identify with the parent and child shared wonderment and respect for a gift that the parent has which is awesomely shared. It makes a wonderful gift that rewards both the reader and the listener the more times that it is shared. I love this author and her daughter.

One of my favorite kid books! Beautiful illustrations and story!

Story is sweet and illustrations are beautiful.

Nice children's book

I love this book. It's a beautiful story, and my new go to gift for new parents.

This is by far the best book I have ever bought!!! My daughter surprised me when she randomly picked it out at a book fair, but when we got it home and read it we were all immediately in love! The imagery in the writing is amazing! You feel like you can really feel what the characters are feeling. I also love the fact that the main character is never specifically described as a boy or girl either in the text or the illustrations so any child can put themselves in the place of the child telling the story. My girls both love this book and ask for it on a regular basis! Amazing book!

Owl Moon is a really wonderful and peaceful outdoorsy story. Perfect for bedtime. The art is beautiful. Each page it's own portrait. We wore out our copy reading to our kids at night. Especially nice if you have a daughter since its a story about her father and her going owling together one winter night. Presents a strong story and picture of the girl and a warm and protective picture of her father. 16 years later my daughter and I still use several of the memorable lines with each other. "Have to make your own heat" has come to have several special meaning about her being a strong, independent young women. A timeless and beautiful little book.

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