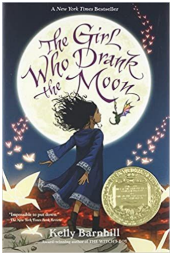


Activities for *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill



This book tells how Luna, after being raised by a witch, must figure out how to handle the magical powers she was accidentally given. Can she learn to control her powers before it's too late? *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* won the 2017 Newbery Medal.

You can check out the audio eBook by visiting denverlibrary.org/downloads and choosing RB Digital.

Visit youtube.com/denverlibrary and check out the Book Explorers playlist to learn more about the book. Then, try one of these activities to extend the experience.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the significance of the name Luna? Look online to learn the meaning of the name. In what ways is that a fitting name for the main character of the book. Place names are also important. How do the names of towns and regions function in the book?
2. Stereotypes are turned upside down in this book. Can you give an example of this in the story? (For example, the stereotype is that witches are ugly and evil, but Xan and Luna are not.)

Other Activities

Write Poetry

The Bog Monster Glerk is always reciting poems written by “The Poet”. There are many kinds of poems. Try writing your own. We talked about how important names are. Maybe your poem will be inspired by your name. What does your name say about you? How do you feel when someone says your name?

Create a map

Maps also play a big role in the story. Create a map of your neighborhood or your house. Can you close your eyes and picture where everything is? Or perhaps an imaginary place you would like to live in or visit. Maybe you will draw a treasure map.