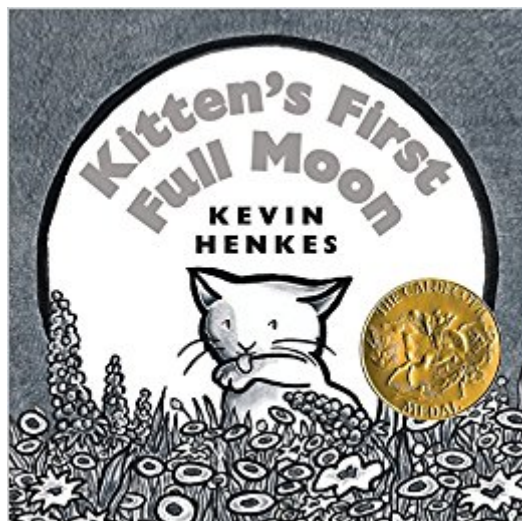


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# Kitten's First Full Moon Board Book



## Synopsis

Kevin Henkes's acclaimed national bestseller about a kitten, the moon, and a bowl of milk was awarded the Caldecott Medal and was a New York Times Best Illustrated Book. This sturdy board book edition is perfect for little hands! Kitten's First Full Moon is an acclaimed modern classic, from one of the most celebrated and beloved picture book creators working in the field today. This memorable character and her suspenseful adventure are just right for the very youngest child. It is Kitten's first full moon, and when she sees it she thinks it is a bowl of milk in the sky. And she wants it. Does she get it? Well, no . . . and yes. What a night! A concise story, large type, and luminescent pictures play second fiddle to the true star of this book: a brave young kitten who sets out into the world on a quest that leaves her bruised, bewildered, and hungry, but that ultimately leads her back home, where something special is waiting just for her. This perfectly sized board book edition introduces Kitten to a new generation of the youngest readers. Winner of the Caldecott Medal, an ALA Notable Book, a New York Times Best Illustrated Book, and winner of the Charlotte Zolotow Award. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

In this beautiful picture book, winner of the 2005 Caldecott Medal, Kevin Henkes, captures the sweet, sometimes slapstick struggle of Kitten, who sees her first full moon and thinks it's a bowl of

milk in the sky. Any child who has yearned for anything will understand how much Kitten wants that elusive bowl of milk. Readers will giggle as she tries to lick the faraway moon and gets a bug on her tongue, or leaps to catch it and falls down the stairs. In an effective refrain, the narrator repeats, "Still, there was the little bowl of milk, just waiting." The winning combination here is the simplicity and humor of the story, paired with gorgeous black-and-white illustrations with thick black lines (mirrored by the thick bold sans-serif font) and shades of grey that are as luminous as a moonlit night should be. Full-moon circles and ovals appear throughout the design: white circle full moons on the endpapers, elliptical flowers by the porch, white circles of firefly light, oval pads on Kitten's paws, and her big round eyes (especially when surprised and soaking wet). Children will love Kitten's quest and ensuing comedy of errors, but what they will love even more is that there's an actual bowl of milk waiting on the porch for Kitten. (Preschool) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

PreSchool-K-An irresistible offering from the multifaceted Henkes. The spare and suspense-filled story concerns a kitten that mistakes the moon for a bowl of milk. When she opens her mouth to lick the treat, she ends up with a bug on her tongue. Next, she launches herself into the air, paws reaching out for the object of her desire, only to tumble down the stairs, "bumping her nose and banging her ear and pinching her tail. Poor Kitten." Again and again, the feline's persistent attempts to reach her goal lead to pain, frustration, and exhaustion. Repetitive phrases introduce each sequence of desire, action, and consequence, until the animal's instincts lead her home to a satisfying resolution. Done in a charcoal and cream-colored palette, the understated illustrations feature thick black outlines, pleasing curves, and swiftly changing expressions that are full of nuance. The rhythmic text and delightful artwork ensure storytime success. Kids will surely applaud this cat's irrepressible spirit. Pair this tale with Frank Asch's classic *Moongame* (S & S, 1987) and Nancy Elizabeth Wallace's *The Sun, the Moon and the Stars* (Houghton, 2003) for nocturnal celebrations.-Wendy Lukehart, Washington DC Public Library Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

My daughter fell in love with this book the first time we read it to her. We were reading the hardcover copy. As she grew older she started to want to hold the book. My husband and I worried she'd accidentally rip the pages so we went in search of a more durable version. Fortunately there is a board book version. Now she holds the book while we read and turns the pages with no worries of

her accidentally destroying it. I also love reading the story to my daughter. The story is cute and I love the sections with predictable text. I feel it is good to have those moments in stories for children to "read" with you as they get older. Not to mention the adorable illustrations. Kevin Henkes is one of my favorites.

I go every week to a pre-school and read various books to a classroom of around 20 children through an organization called Ready Readers. I am always looking for interesting books to read to the class. I also love kitties so I try to find positive and sweet books about kitties and this is definitely one. First, the children were so impressed that it was an award winner because they had just been talking about that in class regarding other books that had awards. I always ask them by the pictures and where we are in the book if they can guess what is going to happen. That made them so interested in what the kitten was going through and what experiences it was having. Even the teachers really loved it and said that was one of the best books so far. I recommend this book highly for pre-school age children.

My baby LOVES this book! She's only 4 months old, but she gets so excited when I read it to her. It's a sweet little story with great big illustrations. I got the board book in an effort to help it withstand the test of time (we plan on having 2-3 more babies), and it's been great so far.

Simple first book but with a cute story. My new grandchild came home to a house with a cat. So I bet as she grows and is read this story she will relate to her kitty.

Another wonderful Kevin Henkes book. My granddaughter is fascinated with the moon and this story is perfect for her.

We've had this book three days and I can recite it by heart- that's how much my granddaughter loves her new book!

Adorable black and white illustrated book with a sweet story.

Great for toddlers who destroy books easily. Cute story about finding what you are looking for at home.

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