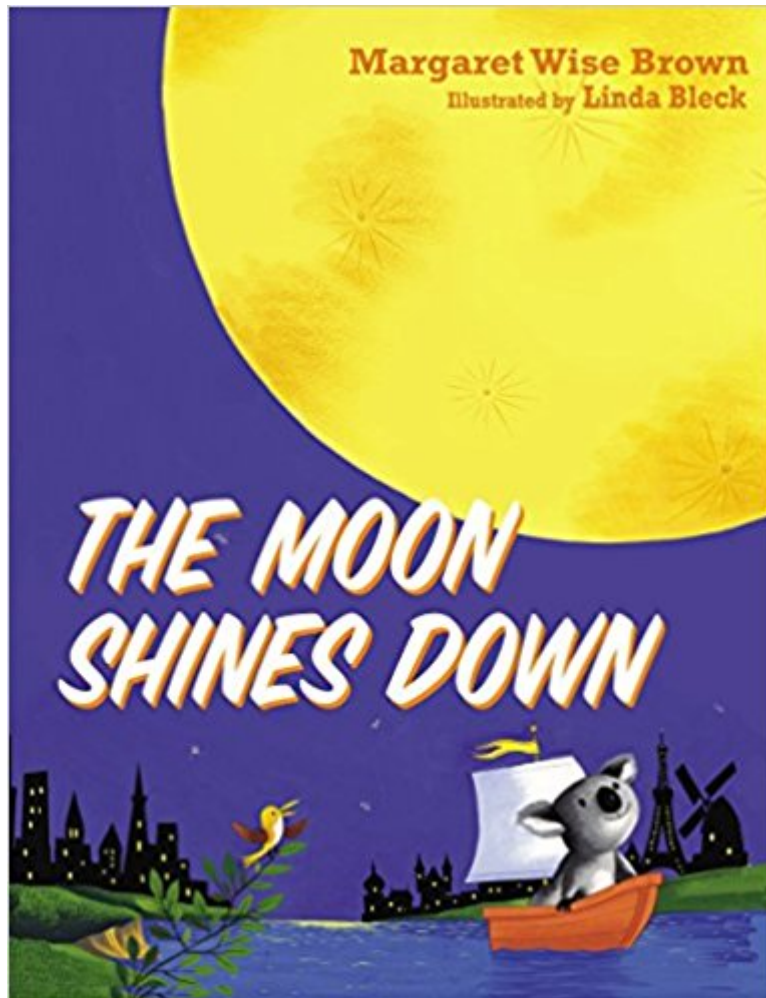




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Synopsis

The Moon Shines Down by Margaret Wise Brown Illustrated by Linda Bleck

Forgotten for decades in a dusty, tucked-away trunk, The Moon Shines Down brings to life once more the unmistakable voice of Margaret Wise Brown. This soon-to-be classic allows a whole new generation of children to discover, cherish, and enjoy the artistry of this beloved author. Never before published, The Moon Shines Down on children all over the world from right next door to across the sea, from where a Dutch boy dreams and cowbells ring to across the sea in the Far, Far East, through the familiar prayer: I see the Moon And the Moon sees me. God bless the Moon, And God bless me. Margaret Wise Brown (1910-1952) was a pioneer of children's literature, choosing to write the stories that children wanted to hear rather than those that grown-ups wanted to tell. She is best known for her now classic Good Night Moon and Runaway Bunny, which remain among the world's best-selling children's books. Margaret was a prolific writer, and, at the peak of her career, she had over 100 books in print. Her untimely death left numerous manuscripts and ideas behind in various stages of completion. After a time, these were tucked away in a cedar trunk and largely forgotten. It is from this forgotten trunk that The Moon Shines Down was rescued.

Illustrator Linda Bleck began her artistic career as a child, drawing on rolls of old blueprint paper supplied by her architect father. Later, she helped her mother, a freelance illustrator for Hallmark, paint in the details of her intricate drawings. Linda's work has appeared in The New Yorker, Time Magazine, and the Wall Street Journal. She is also the writer and illustrator of the Pepper the Dog series, which won the National Parenting Publication Award. Linda and her family now live in southern Wisconsin . . . where the moon shines down on them, one and all.

The Story Behind the Lost Manuscript . . . The Moon Shines Down from MARGARET WISE BROWN, the Author of Goodnight Moon

The Moon Shines Down is being published for the first time 56 years after the death of the beloved children's author Margaret Wise Brown. Amazingly, this unpublished manuscript lay incomplete and forgotten in a cedar trunk in a Vermont barn. When it was discovered, the onionskin paper had yellowed and the paperclips that held the pages together had rusted. Children's book publisher, Laura Minchew, a longtime fan of Brown, took on the challenge to complete the work. Based on the New England Sampler prayer, "God Bless the Moon and God Bless Me," this soon-to-be bedtime classic is a prayer for God's blessing on all the world's children.

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The Moon Shines Down is a recipient of the prestigious Mom's Choice Award. The Mom's Choice Awards honors excellence in family-friendly media, products and services. An esteemed panel of judges includes education, media and other experts as well as parents, children, librarians, performing artists, producers, medical and business professionals, authors, scientists and others. A sampling of the panel members includes: Dr. Twila C. Liggett, Ten-time Emmy-winner, professor and founder of Reading Rainbow; Julie Aigner-Clark, Creator of Baby Einstein and The Safe Side Project; Jodee Blanco, New York Times Best-Selling Author; LeAnn Thieman, Motivational speaker and coauthor of seven Chicken Soup For The Soul books; Tara Paterson, Certified Parent Coach, and founder of the Mom's Choice Awards. Parents and educators look for the Moms Choice Awards seal in selecting quality materials and products for children and families. This book has been honored by this distinguished award. --Mom's Choice Awards

Margaret Wise Brown, author of dozens of beloved children's books including GOODNIGHT MOON and RUNAWAY BUNNY, transformed children's book writing into an artform unlike any other.

Our baby loves all of the Margaret Wise Brown books and this one is no exception. I would say our daughter likes this book the best of the several that we have as all of the pages have color illustrations where most of the others alternate color pages with black and white illustrations. It is

amazing to me that these stories are some 60 plus years old and still captivate children. I would highly recommend this book, and would recommend getting the large sized board book as it is very durable.

Great story, board book perfect for 2.5 year old who is in love with the moon and we wanted to teach her more about different cultures and where the moon shines over all children.

I use to own a copy of this book and I couldn't find it so I was very happy to be able to find a new copy to read to my grandchildren. A wonderful little story to help children relate to other children around the world. Although we are all different, we share so many of the same experiences.

Classic Margaret Wise Brown book that has her magical rhyme & rhythm! I have loved all of her books so far... One more MWB story with superb illustrations... It will mesmerize my baby granddaughter

The cadence of this book is wonderful. It takes you around the world in a lovely sing-song way to places you've never been without leaving your cozy chair. A perfect read-aloud before bed.

This book was originally given to us as a baby gift. My girls both have loved it starting at a really young age. It has bright vivid pictures and a great rhyming story. We now have given this book to many friends/family as a gift.

I had to have this book, because her other books are a favorite in my personal kids library at home. This is cute, and I cannot wait to read it to my grandchildren.

very good quality for being a used book. My son loves to find the koala on every page and is a favorite nighttime book.

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