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## TITLE INFORMATION

### FULL MOON

Ellen Weisberg and Ken Yoffe

Illus. by Kira Gousious

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## BOOK REVIEW

A thoughtful child aims to share candy with a lonely man on the moon in Weisberg and Yoffe's Halloween-themed illustrated book for young readers.

Jessica is excited for trick or treating, especially on a night with a full moon. She and her older sister, Amy—dressed as a witch and a cat, respectively—walk among the other costumed children until Jessica asks about whether a man lives on the moon and whether that location is made of cheese. “Wouldn't the man who lives on the moon get tired of eating moldy cheese all the time?” Jessica asks. However, Amy is focused on getting candy. When Jessica gets home, she's still thinking about the man on the moon; she writes a letter to “men who go to the moon,” asking them to share her sweets with the man up there and also to give him her enclosed witch mask, so he can block out the moon's brightness and get better sleep. After a few days, Jessica discovers a thank-you note under her pillow and notices that the man on the moon's penmanship is a lot like Amy's; older readers are sure to realize that her sibling was paying a lot more attention to Jessica and her questions than the younger sister realized. Weisberg and Yoffe tell the story with enough delicacy that younger readers who believe in such figures as the tooth fairy and Santa Claus may accept the magic of the man in the moon, while older one will realize the real focus of the story is the relationship between two caring siblings. The author varies the amount of text on each page; occasional tricky vocabulary words (*parlor*, *glimpse*) may challenge newly independent readers to stretch their skills. Gousious' full-color illustrations feature strong outlines with softer shades and lines filling in details. Close-up illustrations of Jessica and Amy are especially well executed, but others, such as those set in Jessica's bare-walled room, feel unfinished.

A sweet children's story about doing kind things for others.

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