

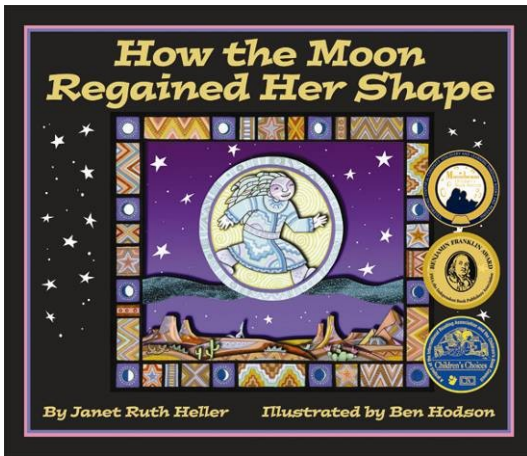
How the Moon Regained Her Shape

By Janet Ruth Heller
Illustrated by Ben Hodson

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"How the Moon Regained Her Shape has much to offer the young reader, and indeed, any adult reading the book with the child. While it does have a strong message, which becomes quite obvious rather soon in the book, there are many little lessons packed into very few pages. This work has won multiple awards and just one reading will allow the reader to know why." – *Books for Kids*

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"I would recommend this story. It is one of seeing yourself as who you were created to be. It could be a great springboard for discussion on different cultures and beliefs, how to gain confidence, and how to see ourselves through the eyes of God." – *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*

From the days of early humans,

people have used folklore to explain why events of nature occur. Influenced by Native American folktales, *How the Moon Regained Her Shape* explains the phases of the moon while providing a life lesson for children as they observe how the moon was able to overcome bullying and build self-confidence. After the sun insults her, the moon is very hurt and disappears—much to the chagrin of the rabbits who miss their moonlight romps. With the help of her many friends and admirers, the moon regains her self-confidence until she is back to her full size.



Children, parents, and teachers will love the "For Creative Minds" educational section, which was vetted for scientific accuracy by the Von Braun Astronomical Society. The section includes:

- Moon Observations and Fun Facts
- Native American names for full moons
- Moon Projects such as a recipe for Moon Cookies
- Lunar Graphics explaining the moon's phases and rotation
- How to deal with Bullies

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About the Author and Illustrator

Author **Janet Ruth Heller** has her Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago. She is an assistant professor for the English Department at Western Michigan University. Over the years, she has taught a wide variety of classes, including creative writing and literature for children. Janet is a prolific writer of poetry and stories that have been published in a wide variety of magazines and journals. She is a founding mother of *Primavera*, a literary magazine based in Chicago. Her book of literary criticism, *Coleridge, Lamb, Hazlitt, and the Reader of Drama*, was published in 1990 by the University of Missouri Press. Janet is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and lives in Michigan with her family.



Ben Hodson illustrates full-time from his home in Ottawa, Canada. He loves a good adventure, like hiking the Pacific Crest Trail with a team of wild burros or living in a small village in Nepal. His published works for Sylvan Dell include *In Arctic Waters* and *How the Moon Regained Her Shape*. Other books include: *I Love Yoga*, *Pigs Aren't Dirty*, *Bears Aren't Slow* and *Other Truths about Misunderstood Animals*, and *Wishes and Worries: A Story to Help Children Understand a Parent Who Drinks Too Much Alcohol*. Ben's artwork for *How the Moon Regained Her Shape* was selected for the Society of Illustrators' 26th Annual Original Art Exhibition, and Ben was the 2004 recipient of the Glass Slipper Award from the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' Canadian Conference.



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