Midnight On The Moon (Magic Tree House, No. 8)
Synopsis

Jack and Annie are ready for their next fantasy adventure in the bestselling middle-grade seriesâ€”"the Magic Tree House! Three . . . two . . . one . . . BLAST OFF! The Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie off to the moonâ€”and the future. Their mission? To find the last "M" thing that will free Morgan from the spell. Can they do it before the air in their oxygen tank runs out? Will the mysterious moon man help them? And why is Peanut the mouse acting so strange? Visit the Magic Tree House website! MagicTreeHouse.com

Book Information

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Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 starsÂ—See all reviewsÂ—(119 customer reviews)
Age Range: 6 - 9 years
Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Midnight on the Moon is the fourth and final part of the four party "Mystery of the Magic Spell" storyline. Jack and Annie have been able to locate three of the four items needed to release their friend, Morgan le Fay from the spell she is under. In a bit of a departure from the fantasy and adventurous type settings, this time the Magic Tree House transports Jack and Annie onto a moonbase in the future. Jack and Annie find themselves hiding out from a man flying about and now have to figure out a way to get back to the moonbase before their air supply runs out. Quite different than their early adventures this one helps to teach kids about gravity. Sal Murdoca once again provides marvelous illustrations for the story as it reaches its climax. Good but different storyline.
My teenage brother who has cerebral palsy adores the collection of magic treehouse books. They are just small enough for him to hold comfortably with his frail hands and the text is big enough for him to read without having difficulty. The content of this book is interesting for not only kids, but any person who loves adventure stories. For my brother who is confined to a wheelchair, these books are an escape out of reality, where he can feel normal. I would recommend these books for any disabled person based on the effect they have on my brother. Happy reading!

I have an almost 5 year old who is very active but can easily be encouraged to sit and read any of these books. We also have 1-4 and 9 and 11 and have asked for more for birthdays and christmas. The books have structure as they begin and end in a similar fashion and the body of the text is interesting because the two children must figure out a riddle. The books also have occasional illustrations to help little ones having difficulty imagining the time and place of the books theme. My review is for all we have read so far. My husband and I both love the stories as well. It is so exciting to see our son get so excited about reading and to teach him the components of a book such as the table of contents and chapter numbers, identifying the author, etc.

This book is really exciting because it must be fun to be on the moon. I love the Magic Treehouse Books because they take me on great adventures. This book is my favorite because it is really cool. I hope I will be able to go to the moon someday.

O.K., so this book isn’t "War and Peace". But it’s cheerful; the siblings treat each other well; there’s a touch of adventure, and it’s a little sciencey, although in a very shallow way. There aren’t any farts and boogers, faeries, or super dumbed down fantasy elements. The vocabulary is age appropriate and the length is good. If you don’t like a moon visit, well maybe the next one will take place in Rome or the basin. Of greatest importance, my grandkids love these books and read them like crazy. It’s nice to walk into a bedroom when one’s asleep and see one of the volumes, with a bookmark in it, on the bedside table. So, while I wouldn’t recommend a steady diet of them, (the formula can get a bit threadbare), these books certainly seem to have a place in a new reader’s library.

Did Mary Pope Osborne do any research before writing this book? First of all, when Jack and Annie are inside the moon base, there is normal gravity. Then, when they let the air pressure out so they
can go on a moon walk, the gravity gets weaker! GRAVITY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AIR PRESSURE! Secondly, while Jack and Annie are walking around on the moon’s surface, an asteroid falls down from the sky and lands in front of them, blocking their way out of a valley. Um. An asteroid that size would have made a huge crater. We are talking megaton explosion. Jack and Annie should have been space dust. I know, I know, what about my willing suspension of disbelief? These are books about a magic tree house where mice understand human speech and time travel is possible. But why couldn’t they visit a more realistic version of the moon? Osborne could have looked up a few simple scientific facts, couldn’t she? I hate to think of little kids growing up thinking that gravity is caused by air pressure.

The Magic Treehouse books are truly magic, my 8 year old son loves them and I can’t keep up with ordering them. I have purchased 4 at a time and he reads them in days. They are great books and great for his imagination!

A great series of books that engaged by reluctant reader. A nice blending of fiction and nonfiction. I donated a set to two different impoverished elementary schools on native american reservations in the USA.

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