Possum's Harvest Moon
When Possum sees the biggest, brightest, yellowest moon shining down one autumn night, he decorates the grass with lanterns and berries and heads out to invite the mice, the crickets, Racoon, Rabbit and other friends to his "Harvest Soiree".

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

I love this book. I read it to my daughter and now I share it with my students. As a teacher, I have used it as a great introduction to verbs. The illustrations are fabulous too. Anne Hunter does a great job making you feel safe and cozy among the grasses with your best pals. Last year I read it right before the harvest moon came out. As I sat in traffic on my way home from school, I looked out at the big, beautiful harvest moon. It was a great reminder that the best things in life are free.

I used this book in my classroom when I was doing a unit on autumn/harvest. I liked this book because it added a new view of harvest. Usually harvest stories focus around farm life - but this book takes a different twist as the wild animals notice the harvest moon. This book helped my students realize that all creatures notice the coming of autumn. A good read!

I chose this book to share with my preschool class for "Nocturnal Animals" week. The story was
cute and the pictures were beautiful. My class of two year olds enjoyed it even though it was a little longer than the books that we usually read together.

Just a brief note. I recently bought several copies of Possum’s Harvest Moon as gifts for some young relatives. It’s turned out to be one of those books that they just can’t put down! It’s a constant request either at bedtime or during a quite time. The book is especially good because it gives character to some of night’s creatures and also leaves room for the kids imagination!

Possums Harvest Moon by Anne Hunter
Story about a possum that is having a harvest moon party. The other animals tell him why they are not able to attend: gathering nuts for the long winter, eating so they will be fat for the winter, some must burrow underground already. He can hear things - the animals doing their chores, and never imagines they will come to his party...I received this book from National Library Service for my BARD (Braille Audio Reading Device).

I teach young children, and I appreciate this book for two reasons! First of all, most children’s books take place on bright sunny summer days - there aren’t many about the late fall/approaching winter. Secondly, how many children’s books are about possums? Not too many! Makes a nice change from farm animals. There are also mice, crickets, raccoons, and frogs. After the story, it’s fun to put on some music for the children to dance to, like the animals do at the harvest moon party. It mentions “fiddles” so I like to put on some square-dance type music.

A great seasonal story about the change from fall to winter. Illustrations are simple and inviting. Great to imagine animals having their own special harvest party before the long winter. Both my 3 and 6 year old enjoy.

I used to read this book to my daughter, who’s now 20, all the time. It’s so beautifully written and illustrated, and it really helped further her love of all creatures great and small. I think about this book everytime I see a beautiful fall harvest moon, so in the end I don’t know who loved this book more, my daughter or me!

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