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La Primera Luna Llena de Gatita

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Henkes, Kevin. *La primera luna llena de Gatita*. Illustrated by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN 0060872233. \$16.99. 32 p.

Reviewer: Selma Alexandre

Reading Level: Toddler, Preschool

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Picture books;

Subject: Cats--Juvenile fiction; Animals--Infancy--Juvenile fiction; Moon--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

La primera luna llena de Gatita is the Spanish edition of author-illustrator Henkes' 2005 Caldecott award winner *Kitten's First Full Moon*. The delightful tale depicts Gatita wandering in the moonlight determined to reach the shining bowl of milk that lingers in the sky overhead but never seems to get any closer. Following a series of mishaps, Gatita returns home weary and defeated, only to find a delicious bowl of milk waiting for her on the porch.

This charmingly simple story, filled with suspense and enriched by engaging art, will invite young listeners to join in the naïve little kitten's night of misadventure. Readers will smile when Gatita is finally granted her own big bowl of milk. Henkes' rhythmic phrases and attractive black and white drawings with silvery tones capture the mood to make this a successful bedtime story.