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Moon Bear

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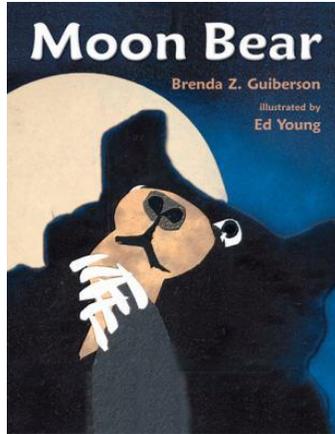
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Guiberson, Brenda Z. *Moon Bear*. Young, Ed. Henry Holt, 2010. ISBN 9780805089776. \$16.99. 40 p.

Reviewer: Debbie Barr

Reading level: Toddler, Preschool, Primary

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Informational, Picture book;

Subject: Asiatic black bear --Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Moon bear wakes up from her long winter sleep hungry and looking for food. She travels through the forests of the Himalayas finding honey, bamboo shoots, ants, and berries to eat. She marks her territory by clawing the trunks of rhododendrons, builds a nest in the trees, and avoids the humans that have come into her forest. After a long year she is chubby and ready for another long sleep. When she awakes the next spring, there's a surprise! She's now mama moon bear, with three baby moon bears to look after.

Author Guiberson's beautiful text is paired with Caldecott medal winning illustrator, Ed Young. Together they have created a truly remarkable book, told with poetic words and gorgeous collage work. *Moon Bear* is a simple, yet remarkable story, following the every-day activities of the endangered moon bear. Included in the back of the book are pictures of real moon bears in bear sanctuaries, as well as a link to a website where children and adults can learn more about this lovely species and how to help moon bears everywhere.

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