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Book Review

Title: How to Bicycle to the Moon to Plant Sunflowers: A Simple but Brilliant Plan in 24 Easy Steps

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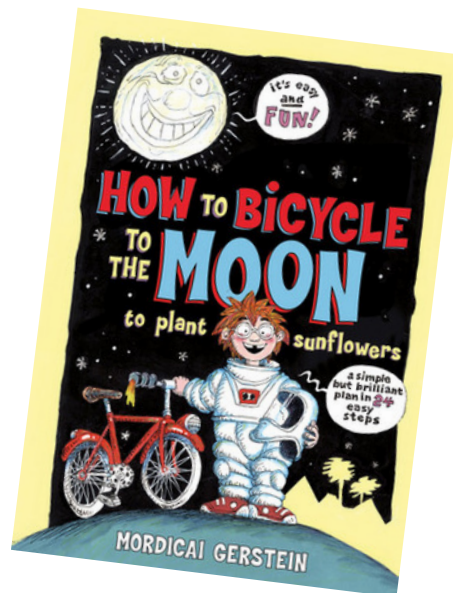
ISBN: 9781596435124

Number of Pages: 40

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Review



The author laid out a realistic but fantastical twenty-four step plan to cheer up the moon. Since he is currently busy with school, soccer practice, and other activities, he's writing the plan for us as readers to follow. Using average household items we'll build a slingshot connecting 238,900 miles of garden hose to the moon. Then, with a little help from NASA, we'll hop in our space suit and pedal the distance to plant sunflowers. Don't forget to pack snacks and a shovel! We'll be celebrated as heroes when we return and the bright flowers that were planted will certainly cheer the moon up.

This cute story will appeal to dreamers of all ages. The plan seems logical enough and I think young readers will be excited to come up with their own outrageous plans. The text appeals to preschool through elementary ages. The illustrations and the way the steps are laid out look a little like a graphic novel format which can hook some more reluctant readers. The story would also be great for sequencing lesson plans. This story is fun, unique, and a must have for elementary grades.