

★★★★☆ Though a writer, I couldn't have written this., May 10, 2006 (Amazon Review)

By Benjamin

When I began reading this book, it was not comfortable, not quite like anything I would have written. It wasn't about me or anyone necessarily like me and, by the time I finished it, I was very glad of this. The story didn't feel forced. Instead, it was as though I had watched some part of the life of a very real little girl unfold before me, through her eyes. It was her story and I was better for having known her. I felt she had really lived, I wanted to believe she had lived and that I had been there for her... even if only somewhere in me. The illustrations are cleverly rendered from the child's point of view. This gave the work a feeling of intimacy, as though peeking into someone's journal. There are things in the narrative which don't make sense at first--perhaps exaggerated or romanticized, one wonders--but the authentic perspective of a child comes through as the reasons and the motives begin to come together. As a father of two daughters, I believe any parent would find this work a special glimpse into the joys and the pains of children. I didn't want to put it down until I had finished.

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*Man in the Moon* can be read by anyone from age 8 to 80. You'll enjoy each character and adventure. It would be a pleasure to read or give as a gift.

--Helen Perry, M. S., Biblical Marriage Counselor

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It was a really great story. I liked it.

--Jordan Smith, third-grader

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Ah, the memories of growing up in a small, rural community...K. A. Young has captured them in *Man in the Moon*. I found myself reliving the struggles of friendships, recognition, acceptance, and personal victories through the eyes of a very REAL girl, Maxey. K. A. Young addresses contemporary issues with humor and sensitivity. The important role of family—whether single, blended, or traditional—is clearly demonstrated throughout this engaging story.

--Joleen Yeager, Mother and Home School Teacher

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A true to life, wonderful story with great character lessons.

--Vicki Clark, Elementary School Teacher

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*Man in the Moon* portrays the struggles, the achievements, and the emotional and spiritual growth of a young girl. It's easy reading, realistic—a really delightful story.

--Elizabeth Caldwell Barrett

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