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Monica wants the moon to play with, so her Papa sets out to get it. It isn't easy to climb to the moon, but he finally succeeds -- only to find the moon is too big to carry home. Children will love the joyful way in which this problem is solved.

Now available as a Classic Board Book edition, this delightful story literally unfolds as pages open dramatically, extending both outward and upward.

Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me Details

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Kaia Calhoun says

Love the illustrations and the story!

Jason says

Sure, it sets impossible standards for myself as a father whose limits are planted firmly within reality. And sure, it plays fast and loose with the laws of physics. But my two-year-old loves it, from the angular paintings to the fold-out pages, from the daddy and daughter to the moon and stars. And isn't that all that really matters?

Kristen says

I got this for my hubby for Father's Day. Since my daughter was born, I get him a daddy book every year for Father's Day and sign it with my daughter's name (and now the 2nd one we're expecting!). I was especially excited about this one because it's a daddy and daughter book, and it's Eric Carle. I love his books and illustrations.

This is a sweet book showing the lengths that a dad will go to for his daughter. It also shows the stages of the moon. This book has pages that pull out to get big and then one big pop up in the middle of the book for when the moon is full. It was very well done and my daughter really enjoyed reading it with her daddy. The only thing I have to say is that it felt like the book added a little abruptly. Otherwise I loved it.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Beautiful tale of a father who will do anything for his daughter.

Kristen Dutkiewicz says

First, my Kindergarten students all enjoyed how each page folded a different way. Secondly, I loved how papa was willing to climb all the way to the moon for his daughter.

Hayley Swanson says

I remember “reading” this book as a child on VHS, on the “Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Stories” tape

that my mom got me as a kid (which also included the “Very Quiet Cricket.”) This was my first time experiencing the book in book form as opposed to animated film form. It was an interesting experience.

The little girl in the narrative asks her father to get the moon for her, since she is too short and can't reach it, but she wants to play with it. Her father fetches a very long ladder, climbs a very high mountain, and leans the ladder against the moon. However, once he gets to the top, the moon is too full for him to get it for her, so he waits until the moon's just a small crescent. Eventually the girl plays with it until the moon disappears, finally becoming “new,” and reappearing in the sky.

Ignoring the father's obvious idiocy regarding being up miles above the ground and then trying to grab the thing that's keeping him from falling to his death, this book is a great way to introduce kids to the cycle of the moon.

Tory says

Fun fold outs augment the simple story. Also some nice simple astronomy.

Amy Clinton says

"Papa, please get the moon for me" is about a little girl who wants to play with the moon. Her father tries to climb up to it and bring it down, but it is too large. The moon tells him that he gets smaller each night, so they waited until he was small enough to bring home and play with. The little girl played with the moon until it disappeared. It then reappeared in the sky the next night.

This is a really cute toy picture book that allows the reader to dream big. The illustrations were made by paintings and are very vibrant in color. The cover of the story is a picture of the moon (which has a little face) and a ladder reaching up to it. It relates to the story because the girl's father had to use a really long ladder to reach the moon, so it ties in well.

This would be a good story to use in the classroom if you are working on the phases of the moon. Although you can not really pull the moon from the sky, you are able to see that the moon's appearance changes over time. It can work well from preschool to 1st grade.

Sylvia says

Okay, I first need to say that the standard placed on parents from this book is impossible.

Now, the way I see this book is that it has two lessons to share. First lesson is to the parents to not get pushed over and bullied by their children no matter how much they want to give them the moon, the world, everything. The second lesson is to the children. No matter how much you want something, be happy with what your parents do for you to have what you do have.

Alexis Espinosa says

Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me is a picture book that has pages that unfold the story as readers turn each page. The main character Monica wants the moon to play with her so she asks her papa to get the moon for her. The moon is high but he gets it, the only problem is that it is too big for him to bring it home.

Comments/observations: My emotional readers response was that the interactive illustrations engaged the readers and overall made the book more interesting. The story was good and the theme was family, the solar system, perseverance, and determination. The reading level for this book is kindergarten to third grade.

How I can use this book in a classroom: I would use this book as a class activity where I divide the class into four groups. Each group has a job whether it be painting, cutting, or putting stuff together. And as a class we will make the cover of this book using Eric Carle's illustration style. Another idea is for students to research the moon and its phases, how big it is, and what it consists of. I could even use this book for a play or for kids to act out the story and in that we would learn about all elements of the story including literary elements. I think this would teach teamwork.

Carle, E. (1986). *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*. New York, NY. Simon Schuster Books.

Elissa Still says

Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me is about a young girl named Monica who loves the moon. She tries to reach the moon but she can't make it, and so she asks her father to get the moon for her. The reading level of this book is kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Comments/observations: This book, like many of Carle's other ingenious books, has an interactive element and the pages literally fold out and pop up as the reader goes through the story. This book is heartwarming as it shows a father's love in unconditional. This book is also unique because it seamlessly introduces the lunar cycle to young readers. The main topic within this book is the lunar cycle.

Using this book in the classroom: After reading this book out loud to the class we would discuss the lunar cycle and I would start by asking the class if anyone knew any of the phases. Then I would have students come up to the board and draw what they think each phase looks like, and then draw the actual phase so that they could compare and contrast.

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Rob says

What kind of message was Eric Carle sending here? The "Papa" in this story is a hopeless push-over -- the way that little girl bosses him around! Going for whimsy and fantasy is one thing but this little brat has done nothing to earn the heroic feat that her father performs. And then she acts all surprised when the waning moon disappears? She looked old enough to have put together the pieces of lunar dynamics on her own.

I will say this though: the way the pages fold out is extra creative. For that: ★★★★★

Rebecca says

sigh

Bookishrealm says

Absolutely loved. I mean it was great and gave me the feel of wanting to read it every night before I went to bed. Eric Carle is a genius in his own right. The artwork and the storyline proved to be truly captivating.

J says

Pretty cool book. I read it to some preschoolers and their parents. They seemed to like it.
