

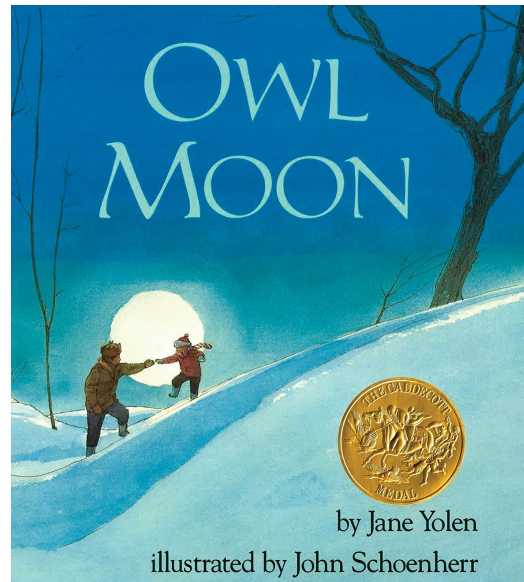


OWL MOON

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SUMMARY

A young kid and their father go into the woods to go owling. Through the cold, through the night, they trek through the forest, with the father occasionally doing owl calls. Will they ever find an owl? What will they do if they find one? Is it more important to find an owl, or to have this special time together?



Questions:

1. Have you ever been out in the snow late at night? How do you think it would feel, if not? How did it feel, if so?
2. Do you like it when things are silent, or do you prefer it when things are loud? Some people are almost afraid of silence and have to fill it up with talking. Have you ever felt uncomfortable in the silence?
3. Is there anything that you've ever wanted to do with someone so badly that when it finally happens, you wouldn't do anything to ruin it? How does it feel to have something that special with someone else?
4. What would the woods feel like late at night? Do you think everyone would feel the same way? What if you grew up near the woods? What if you grew up in a city? How would you feel differently going into the woods at night?
5. How do you feel about snow? How might you feel differently if you grew up without ever seeing snow? How would you feel if you grew up somewhere where there was only sometimes snow? If there was always snow?
6. Was there ever a time you had to be brave? Can you be brave if you aren't scared? Is it okay to be scared?
7. How do you think they felt when they didn't hear anything after Pa did the owl call? How do you think they felt when they heard the owl answer?
8. How do you think they felt when they saw the owl? How do you think the owl felt?
9. When you go owling you don't need anything but hope. Have you ever done anything where you had to have a lot of hope? Did things work out? How would you feel if your hopes came true? How would you feel if they didn't?
10. What do you think was more important to the main character- seeing the owl or spending time alone with Pa? Why is quality time important? How does it make you feel?