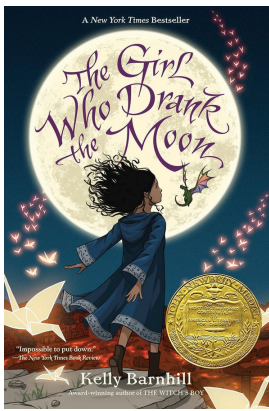


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The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

** I'd recommend this book for grades 7+. Please know there are trigger warnings related to addiction and extreme poverty. More about this information can be found in the video description box. **

What's It About?

Every- year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is kind. She shares her home with a wise Swamp Monster and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon. Xan rescues the children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey. One year, Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight, filling the ordinary child with extraordinary magic. Xan decides she must raise this girl, whom she calls Luna, as her own. As Luna's thirteenth birthday approaches, her magic begins to emerge— with dangerous consequences. Meanwhile, a young man from the Protectorate is determined to free his people by killing the witch. Deadly birds with uncertain intentions flock nearby. A volcano, quiet for centuries, rumbles just beneath the earth's surface. And the woman with the Tiger's heart is on the prowl...

Who Wrote It?

Kelly describes herself as an author, teacher, mom, Newbery medalist, Terrible gardener. Maker of pie. About her time as a teacher, Kelly says this, 'I loved my students very much. And I trained an entire team of seventh graders - 120 in all - to spend an entire school year referring to me as Princess Barnhill. Which is pretty much the best thing ever.' About being a writer, she says this, 'Every day I sit at my desk, and every day I must ask the characters in my head, what do you think you're doing? And every day they look at me coyly and they refuse to answer my questions. To be a writer you must be part detective, part interrogator, part friend, part lover, part nosy neighbor. And so we work. Very, very, very hard. Kelly has more delightful things to say on her website, which is: www.kellybarnhill.wordpress.com/faq/



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Lexile Level: 640L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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