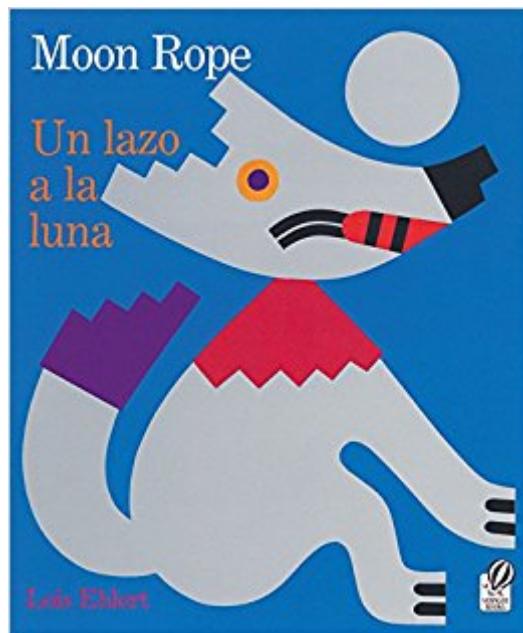


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Synopsis

Fox wants to go to the moon. Mole does not--at least not until he hears about the huge worms waiting up there for him to eat. So the two of them set off on their adventure, with a little help from a rope of grass and their friends the birds. The bilingual text and bold art showcase Lois Ehlert at her captivating best.

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In this imaginative take on an ancient Peruvian tale, Fox persuades Mole to climb with him on a grass rope he has braided and--with the birds' help--hitched to the moon. Fox trains his sight upward and is not seen again except by the birds, who claim they can spy him in the moon still. Mole, nervously looking downward, falls; the birds carry him back to earth amid the jeers of the other animals, and to this day he prefers his solitary tunnel. Simple though it is, this retelling emphasizes its timelessness as a story: on one hand there is the insatiable desire to transcend earthly bounds; on the other, the fear of the unknown. Ehlert's characteristic, highly stylized cut-paper figures, in deep, vibrant colors that are used to set off the evanescent silver of the fox, rope and moon, capture the myth's magic and dexterously suggest its pre-Columbian origins. The book's bilingual text provides valuable material for the ever-growing audience for multicultural children's books. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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that is concise and funny. Mole is a practical fellow who longs only for ``Worms, worms, more worms.'' Fox, however, is a visionary; he wants to go to the moon. He determines: mines his method of access (a grass rope to be hooked around the bow of the crescent), chooses Mole as his companion, and, with the aid of some birds, sets off. He achieves his goal, his friend does not, and bits about the nature of the moon and the mole are explained in the process. Prince's stylish translation really shines. Her fox is so clearly obsessed with his project and so convincing in a used-car-salesman sort of way, that an oral telling cannot help but produce correct, funny inflections. Ehlert's cut-paper illustrations are striking. The bold colors range from earth tones to Day-Glo pinks, purples, and oranges, and her use of silver for Fox and for the moon is masterful. Shapes cut, apparently, by using the lines of rulers and templates as guides produce a remarkable, contemporary rendering of Peruvian folkart. Despite the use of fairly simple lines, the characters have personality and verve. The book's generous size makes this perfect for group sharing. *Moon Rope* can be used to give non-Spanish speakers an idea of the rhythm and cadence of that language. It is a fine purchase for folktale and picture-book collections as well as for ESL programs.

--Ann Welton, Thomas Academy, Kent, WA
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Such an adorable story and I love that it is in Spanish and English. It was the perfect gift for my bilingual niece.

Bilingual book ,English and Spanish, one of the favorite books in our house, my husband used to love to read it to our first girl , and when we got our second child, he enjoyed to much keep the tradition on going, our nephew is expecting a baby soon and we just got this copy for them so they can start their own family tradition, reading this nice book .

I had to buy this book so that I could teach my English Language Development class. My district buys the minimum and then expects the teacher to buy the rest of the program. Good gig.

My son loves this book, and I love that it has the entire story in both English and Spanish side by side. Great teaching tool, and lots of fun to read.

I love this book:) great for Spanish and English! Great pictures:)

Great book! Love that it's both English and Spanish

I don't know. I sent it to my granddaughter in Tennessee along with other things, and the boxes were stolen that I sent to her and her brother. So she never received it.

Lois Ehlert has written and illustrated many great books for children, and this bilingual book, Moon Rope, is another great book by the author. The story is a traditional folk tale and in this version it is the 'fox in the moon' not the rabbit who becomes the face on the moon. The illustrations which were inspired by Peruvian art are big, very bold and in brilliant colors, including silver. The paper and printing are of excellent quality.

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