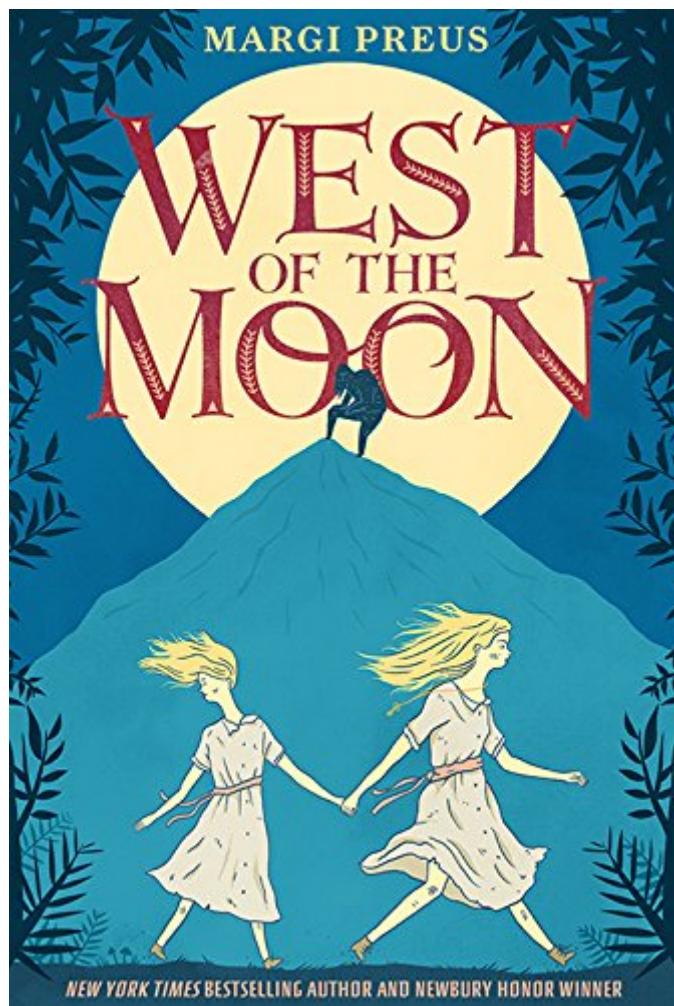


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# West Of The Moon



## **Synopsis**

In *West of the Moon*, award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Margi Preus expertly weaves original fiction with myth and folktale to tell the story of Astri, a young Norwegian girl desperate to join her father in America. After being separated from her sister and sold to a cruel goat farmer, Astri makes a daring escape. She quickly retrieves her little sister, and, armed with a troll treasure, a book of spells and curses, and a possibly magic hairbrush, they set off for America. With a mysterious companion in tow and the malevolent "boatman" in pursuit, the girls head over the Norwegian mountains, through field and forest, and in and out of folktales and dreams as they steadily make their way east of the sun and west of the moon.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A rare melding of true history and mysticism, "*West of the Moon*" teaches its audience why so many Europeans risked their lives to start anew in America while exemplifying why magic and spirits were so believable to the people of a prescientific era. But don't mistake the novel for a light hearted

children's adventure. Ms Preus's story is both dark and heavy - including instances of violence against children, detailed descriptions of serious illness and death. But if proper guidance is provided and the right questions are asked, "West of the Moon" provides an ideal and memorable educational experience.

I read this book because it was chosen for book club- I would not have picked it...or finished reading it if I had. It was basically a fairytale story woven into a little girl's life and imagination. Our book club was divided on opinion- 1/3 liked it, 1/3 didn't like it at all and 1/3 okay or didn't read it all.

I liked the abstract references and the weaving of in of old folklore. I believed Astri was a poor Norwegian country girl in the middle of the nineteenth century

Wonderful mix of folktales, history, adventure. Wonderfully written, a great strong-girl story.

An excellent book that my 4th grader and I both enjoyed!

Was a present directly delivered to the recipient, so I haven't read it myself. According to the recipient, it's a great book.

Haven't finished it.

A beautifully written novel!

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