

The Luna Sisters Battle for the Moon Blossom

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Cooperation, Science Fiction, Siblings, Fantasy

Book Brief: Lucy and Nera battle with wild, imaginative creations until a Galactic Green Goat appears, ready to devour their Moon Flower. To rescue it, the squabbling sisters must unite and outsmart the goat.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the sisters.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, “Have you ever wanted something the same time as someone else? Explain what happened.”

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [vocabulary guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: “While reading, notice why Lucy and Nera act the way they do, and what happens to make them work together?”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Describe the Luna Sisters. How are they the same? How are they different?
- What do Lucy and Nera each want the Moon Blossom for?
- What problem shows up that neither sister expected? How does it change what they do?



Think Aloud: “The Galactic Green Goat is about to eat the blossom. I’m noticing this big event changes Lucy and Nera. Instead of fighting, they decide to work together. That helps me see how what happens in the story makes characters act differently.”

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: “What did Lucy and Nera have to do differently to save the Moon Blossom? Did they need each other?”

Extending Our Thinking: Using [RIF’s Story Map](#), have students identify the characters, setting, and events in the beginning, middle, and end to see how the story fits together.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.

Let them explore more titles about sibling relationships.

- [The Trouble with Sisters and Robots \(2001\)](#)
- [The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family \(2019\)](#)
- [Me and the Boss: A Story About Mending and Love \(2022\)](#)