

Next Time You See the

MOON



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## A NOTE TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS

**T**he books in this series are intended to be read with a child *after* he has had some experience with the featured objects or phenomena. For example, go outside on a clear night, lie on a blanket together and stare up at the Moon. You can find moonrise and moonset times for your area online. Talk about what you observe and what you wonder. Share how you feel as you lie on the Earth and look up at the sky. Over the next few weeks, pay attention to the Moon's changing shape as the days pass. Notice that sometimes you can see the Moon at night and sometimes you see it during the day. You might even keep a record of the changing shapes on a calendar and record your observations and questions in a Moon journal.

Then, after you've had some experiences observing this beautiful satellite of ours, read this book together. Take time to pause and share your learnings and wonderings with each other. You will find that new learnings often lead to more questions.

The *Next Time You See* books are not meant to present facts to be memorised. They were written to inspire a sense of wonder about ordinary objects or phenomena and foster a desire to learn more about the natural world. Children are naturally fascinated by the Moon and when they learn that its changing shape is caused by its orbit around Earth, the Moon becomes even more remarkable. My wish is that after reading this book, you and your child feel a sense of wonder the next time you see the Moon.

– Emily Morgan









The Moon's beauty and changing shape have inspired art, music, poetry and storytelling throughout history. Have you ever wondered why the Moon appears to have different shapes at different times of the month?