

The Mystery of the Stars

Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin, Astronomer

Marissa Moss

Key Selling Points

- Mixed graphic novel and narrative nonfiction format makes this story of a pivotal astronomical discovery accessible and engaging
- Introduces an important woman scientist few have heard of
- Describes the difficulties facing women in the sciences in the early twentieth century and the hard work needed to succeed

Cecilia had to fight to be a scientist and ended up making the most important astrological discovery of her generation

Summary

Cecilia Payne refused to let the barriers of her time hold her back.

In early twentieth-century England, women couldn't even earn degrees at Cambridge, yet Cecilia pursued her dream of becoming a scientist. Her journey eventually led her to Harvard, where she peered deep into the stars and made a discovery that forever changed our understanding of the universe. Before Cecilia, scientists believed stars were like planets with hotter surfaces, but her work rewrote the story of the cosmos. Bold, brilliant, and ahead of her time, Cecilia Payne deserves a place alongside Isaac Newton, Galileo, and Albert Einstein.

Contributor Bio

Marissa Moss is an author-illustrator of more than eighty books, from picture books to adult graphic novels. Her books have won awards and been included in many state curricula. She lives in California.

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Marketing Plans

National Publicity Campaign, National Review Attention, Special Publicity Mailing to Children's Media Outlets

Illustrations



Comp Titles

Spying on Spies	Moss, Marissa	Harry N. Abrams	3/12/2024	9781419767319 1419767313	\$19.99 USD	Hardcover	Juvenile Nonfiction
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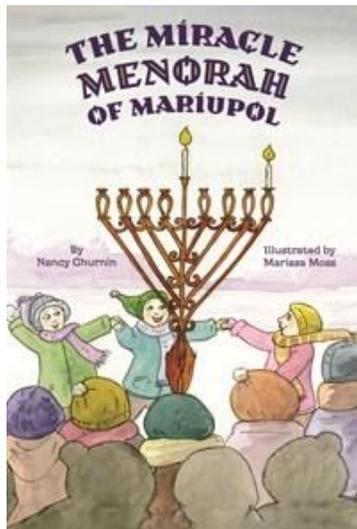
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\$20.99
Discount Code: List
Hardcover

180 Pages
Ages 10 to 15, Grades 5 to 9
Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography & Autobiography
JNF007090

8 in H | 5.5 in W
Status: **FORTHCOMING**

The Woman Who Split the Atom	Moss, Marissa	Harry N. Abrams	4/5/2022	9781419758539 1419758535	\$19.99 USD	Hardcover	Juvenile Nonfiction
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The Miracle Menorah of Mariupol

Nancy Churnin, Marissa Moss

Key Selling Points

- The ancient miracle of the menorah connects to present day history
- A celebration of survival and connection in the darkest days
- A Hanukkah story for confronting dark times

The inspiring story of a real Hanukkah miracle and a Jewish community's survival because of it

Summary

Hanukkah is a holiday known for the miracle of the oil, of light lasting longer than was thought possible. This is the story of a modern-day Hanukkah miracle, a menorah bringing light when it's needed most.

When the synagogue of Mariupol was bombed by Russia in 2022, everyone thought the large menorah that was the center of the Jewish community's Hanukkah celebration was destroyed. But in a modern-day Hanukkah miracle, the menorah was found, just in time to bring its light to the Jews of Mariupol, now refugees scattered all over the world. The candles were lit by a Ukrainian helper and drove away the darkness, uniting everyone in the warm glow of hope.

Contributor Bio

Nancy Churnin is the author of many children's books, including *Martin & Anne*, Sydney Taylor Notable *Irving Berlin*, the *Immigrant Boy Who Made America Sing*, and the Sydney Taylor Honor Book *Dear Mr. Dickens*. She is a full-time writer living in Texas.

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Marketing Plans

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Illustrations



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Juvenile Nonfiction / Holidays & Celebrations
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Comp Titles

Ellis Island Passover	Moss, Marissa	Creston Books	1/7/2025	9781954354326 1954354320	\$19.99 USD	Hardcover Picture Book	Juvenile Fiction
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A Queen to the Rescue	Churnin, Nancy	Creston Books	10/5/2021	9781939547958 \$18.99 1939547954 USD	Hardcover Picture Book	Juvenile Nonfiction
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Animals in the Wild

Rex Luther, Olga Agafonova

Key Selling Points

- Gives readers a peek behind the scenes with exciting flaps
- Durable design is perfect for small hands
- Encourages curiosity and discovery

An interactive lift-the-flap series that rewards curiosity by revealing the hidden wonders of the world, one flap at a time

Summary

Set off on a lift-the-flap journey through some of the world's most exciting habitats with *Animals in the Wild*. From scorching scrublands to the hidden world of the grasslands, every environment is packed with secret surprises waiting to be discovered.

Sturdy flaps invite children to peek behind rocks, trees, and rivers to find the animals that live there. Each flap reveals fascinating creatures and fun facts, making learning hands-on, playful, and full of discovery. Children will love lifting, peeking, and exploring, all while building curiosity about the natural world.

Key benefits include:

- Encouraging curiosity through interactive exploration
- Introducing animals and habitats across the globe
- Making learning engaging, memorable, and fun

With vibrant illustrations and durable design, this interactive book is perfect for curious kids at home, in school, or on the go. *Animals in the Wild* turns reading into a treasure hunt, sparking excitement about the animals and habitats that make our planet extraordinary.

Contributor Bio

Rex Luther, a Cornwall-based writer, was first inspired by one unforgettable family storyteller. Today, Luther writes children's nonfiction that brings truth to life with the same warmth and wonder.

Olga Agafonova is a Montreal-based illustrator passionate about creating bright, joyful characters for children's books. She has illustrated numerous children's books, bringing warmth and happiness to every drawing.

Marketing Plans

National Publicity Campaign, National Review Attention, Special Publicity Mailing to Children's Media Outlets

Comp Titles

My First Book of Bugs	Beetle Books	11/1/2024	9781915461162 1915461162	\$16.99 USD	Hardcover	Juvenile Nonfiction
My First Book of Dinosaurs	Beetle Books	11/1/2024	9781915461155 1915461154	\$16.99 USD	Hardcover	Juvenile Nonfiction
My First Book of Mammals	Beetle Books	3/1/2024	9781915461940 1915461944	\$16.99 USD	Hardcover	Juvenile Nonfiction
My First Book of Ocean Life	Beetle Books	3/1/2024	9781916598607 1916598609	\$16.99 USD	Hardcover	Juvenile Nonfiction

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