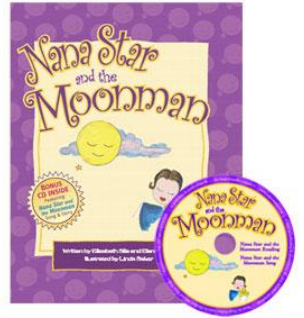




Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Shine shine little star!

I was drawn to the [Nana Star](#) books as the story was inspired by a grandmother's writing to her grandson. I know I had a very special relationship with my own grandfather and though he never wrote me a story, we had many of our own adventures burying treasures and coming up with new and weird contraptions to capture and study pretty much any wild animal we could get our hands on. He would have attempted to do almost anything I asked of him, seriously grandparents are the best.



[Nana Star](#) is a princess in a beautiful blue dress who finds a lost baby star and promises to help get him back to the night sky. Its really a story about what it feels like to feel alone and afraid but realizing that we are really never alone and sometimes helping a friend can really be one of the best gifts. That's a storyline that really any parent can get behind.



The illustrations in each of the Nana Star books is based on the original hand drawn illustrations that the original creator of Nana Star drew on cards to her grandson, and they have sort a warm handmade feel to them, I think that helps kids really identify with the story and the characters. I could go on all day about the book but I thought it would be best to actually share it with you live on the blog. Click play below to watch Nana Star and the Moonman.

As well as watching [Nana Star](#) online, each of the books comes with its own narrated CD so you can listen to Nana Star anytime you are in the car, at bedtime, or just because.

This is actually the second book in the series and it comes by itself or you can purchase it directly from Nana Star as part of a gift set which includes one of the fabulous Nana Star plush at a discount for the combo. Though I really adore the Nana Star books, I have to secretly admit I love the plush even more.

Connor has a Moonman plush, which was the first stuffed friend he ever actually picked up and kissed right away. There is just something appealing about his big moon head. If you press his stomach he lights up and plays the melody heard in the background of the Nana Star narrations. I think Connor loves him a little too much though as he pushed his stomach so much in the first week that we ran out the batteries in no time. heh.



Head on over to [Nana Star](#)'s website and check out the Moonman plush as well as the Nana Star plush! While you're over there you can watch Nana Star's videos including a movie of the first and second book, and each of the books in sign language!

I'm excited, there are rumors of a third book due out soon as well as a new plush wolf! Connor will have a fit over that I'm absolutely sure of that.

You can buy [Nana Star](#)'s books directly from [Nana Star](#) in their [online store](#)!

I have a copy of [Nana Star and the Moonman](#) to give away to one lucky reader! I have a copy of [Nana Star and the Moonman](#) to give away to one lucky reader!

71 Comments

[mannequin](#) said...

The entire site is absolutely gorgeous. What beautiful watercolor colors and the narrator has just the perfect voice! Though I am most fond of Moonman, there was one thing she said in the Nana Star video that struck me. "She was a very pretty girl LIKE ALL GIRLS ARE". "Like all girls are" is a beautiful way to subliminally instill in our girls that they are beautiful too; beauty is not just for princesses in storybooks. Very approachable. I am so impressed with these!

[August 6, 2008 9:13 AM](#)

[mannequin](#) said...

You are in my sidebar. :)

[August 6, 2008 9:14 AM](#)

[jenny](#) said...

wow how cool i love them all i think the dolls are realy cute and well its realy fun when you have a book set as to with a toy that way you can ineract with the story . this is the kind of toys i realy like it also help childern learn too

[August 6, 2008 9:55 AM](#)

[windycindy](#) said...

What adorable characters with remarkable friendships. I like when she falls asleep but is awakened by a faint call. Nana then finds the lost star quivering under a pile of leaves. Then, she and the star fall asleep after eating berries and it is very dark when they awake. The moon takes away their fear of the dark with his bright light! Please enter me in this contest. I think it is so fabulous. Thanks, Cindi
jchoppes[at]hotmail[dot]com

[August 6, 2008 11:03 PM](#)

[itwasn'tme](#) said...

love the colors- this was interesting

[August 7, 2008 11:42 AM](#)

Maja said...

angelina115@hotmail.com

I love it. My son loves Moonman. Great!

[August 7, 2008 11:48 AM](#)

Maja said...

angelina115@hotmail.com

oh, and it's great that toys com with a story

i subscribe

[August 7, 2008 11:49 AM](#)

[Uniquely Yours](#) said...

I love the illustrations! The watercolors make the book. My daughter would love to have a book and it's character to play with as she reads.

[August 7, 2008 12:34 PM](#)

[mverno](#) said...

the dolls

[August 7, 2008 2:59 PM](#)

[agordon10](#) said...

love that you can interact with the story

[August 7, 2008 5:06 PM](#)

[- Marybeth J.](#) said...

I like the original version.

[August 7, 2008 8:18 PM](#)

[- Marybeth J.](#) said...

You are in my side bar also. Great prize - thanks for hosting another good giveaway

[August 7, 2008 8:44 PM](#)

[denyse](#) said...

I love the colors and the simple easy reading!

[August 8, 2008 9:37 AM](#)

[Claire](#) said...

I would love to have this, my daughter would love it!!!! She calls her Great Grandmother Nana! What a sweet story!!!!

claireevans@my2.tupperware.com

or cle3479@yahoo.com

[August 8, 2008 10:30 AM](#)

[TheAngelForever](#) said...

What fabulous stories. I love how the stories have bright illustrations and teach kids to work through fears (specifically the dark, being alone and scared).

Thanks for the great giveaway!

the_angel_forever at yahoo dot com

[August 8, 2008 1:17 PM](#)

[TheAngelForever](#) said...

I also subscribe to your RSS feed :)

the_angel_forever at yahoo dot com

[August 8, 2008 1:18 PM](#)

[kristilb19](#) said...

I love how it's interactive!

kristilb19@yahoo.com

[August 8, 2008 7:25 PM](#)

[miriama](#) said...

My favorite part is about the moon taking care of their fear of the dark....I collect stars and moons, even have a tattoo so my granddaughter and I spend a lot of time talking about them. Would love this for her.

[August 9, 2008 4:58 AM](#)

[janetfaye](#) said...

This is a beautiful book and story.

In Nana Star video I like the part where she woke up to a sound and followed it, hearing someone calling her. Then she found a glow under the leaves and she found a star who is asking where's my Nana.

Thank you!

janetfaye (at) gmail (dot) com

[August 10, 2008 12:13 AM](#)

[janetfaye](#) said...

You are on my sidebar.

<http://grammyjanetsplace.blogspot.com/>

janetfaye (at) gmail (dot) com

[August 10, 2008 12:20 AM](#)

[mogrill](#) said...

I love the interactive aspect of it!

[August 10, 2008 1:38 AM](#)

[kygirl](#) said...

I like that it has bright illustrations and teach kids to work through fears (specifically the dark, being alone and scared).

[August 10, 2008 11:52 AM](#)

[Cuddle Cottage](#) said...

I love the big, bright moon being a comfort in the dark - as a child, I remember the moon being a friendly presence on dark nights too!

belinda_streak(at)hotmail(dot)com

[August 10, 2008 1:13 PM](#)

[Cuddle Cottage](#) said...

I'm subscribed via email.

belinda_streak(at)hotmail(dot)com

[August 10, 2008 1:15 PM](#)

[jennem](#) said...

I like Mimi the Butterfly.
jennifer, jennem22 at yahoo dot com

[August 10, 2008 2:08 PM](#)

[Sue Wintz](#) said...

I love that the princess was described as having "a heart that loved to share." Very nice stories!

[August 10, 2008 2:23 PM](#)

[Millie](#) said...

The amazing watercolors make the book just fantastic. I love the illustrations! My sons would love to have a book and it's character to play with as they read.

[August 10, 2008 2:49 PM](#)

[Millie](#) said...

I am a subscriber as well as the button on my sidebar :) Thanks for the extra credit!

[August 10, 2008 2:50 PM](#)

[Anna](#) said...

I like the fact it helps teach kids things like not being afraid. My niece could benefit from this as she is frightened and fearful very easily.

[August 10, 2008 9:42 PM](#)

[Mary512](#) said...

I like the beautiful images in the video with all the flowers and butterflies and insects. Great giveaway, thanks!

[August 11, 2008 11:20 PM](#)

[Mary512](#) said...

Blogged ya:

<http://mommyland512.blogspot.com/2008/08/giveaways-over-at-seven-dogs-baby.html>

Thanks again!

[August 11, 2008 11:20 PM](#)

[Michele](#) said...

"She's a very pretty girl...like all girls are."

This quote is THE MOST AWESOME OF AWESOME things to have a character say in children's literature!!!! I have little niece, and since she was about 4 years old she has talked about not being pretty enough. It makes me so sad!!

Thanks so much for leading me to such a great site and literature!!

Thanks!

Michele R. (CA)
luvkittysmeowmail@gmail.com

[August 12, 2008 12:30 AM](#)

[Michele](#) said...

I'm subscribed!!

Thanks!
Michele R. (CA)
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[August 12, 2008 12:31 AM](#)

[Wehaf](#) said...

My favorite part is where she finds the star, quivering and glowing under a pile of fallen leaves. It is so beautiful!

urchiken at gmail dot com

[August 12, 2008 5:44 PM](#)

[ginny](#) said...

I like that it is interactive.

ginnyswe at gmail . com

[August 12, 2008 9:31 PM](#)

[ginny](#) said...

I also subscribe.

ginnyswe at gmail . com

[August 12, 2008 9:32 PM](#)

[Julie D](#) said...

I like how the princess likes to share.

[August 13, 2008 10:46 PM](#)

[Shelly](#) said...

I am a subscriber

[August 14, 2008 12:54 PM](#)

[Shelly](#) said...

My daughter would love that it is interactive - and I love the watercolors

[August 14, 2008 12:55 PM](#)

carol drury said...

the illustrations look amazing!!!
cdrury@gmail.com

[August 16, 2008 1:14 PM](#)

[jceko77](#) said...

My favorite part is the story line and the plush animals that go along with it. I love the moon baby:)
jceko77@yahoo.com

[August 18, 2008 9:11 AM](#)

Sandra Jensen said...

I love how the bugs move through the pictures - the bee, butterfly, and lady bug are cute and add interest to the video :-)

sajdakota@yahoo.com

[August 18, 2008 8:28 PM](#)

Sandra Jensen said...

I think I subscribed :-P I'm not real good with computers, but I try!

sajdakota@yahoo.com

[August 18, 2008 8:29 PM](#)

[MMrussianadoption](#) said...

It is a great interactive sight. Thanks for pointing it out.

[August 19, 2008 3:03 PM](#)

[Karen](#) said...

Can't decide on my fav.

[August 19, 2008 8:10 PM](#)

[bison61](#) said...

I like the beautiful colors with the animals and flowers. My favorite part would be when she finds the star under the leaves asking for Nana

tiramisu392 (at) yahoo.com

[August 20, 2008 8:07 AM](#)

[wigget](#) said...

they inspire character

[August 20, 2008 1:06 PM](#)

Anonymous said...

how the bugs move through the pictures

[August 25, 2008 6:13 AM](#)

[vboackle](#) said...

i like mimi the butterfly.

[August 25, 2008 1:41 PM](#)

[klp1965](#) said...

i think books that come with stuffed characters are fabulous...they give the kids a piece of the book to hug and love :)

[August 25, 2008 4:31 PM](#)

[Erica G](#) said...

In the first video I like that she "sees" things in the clouds. I used to sit with my grandma and do that. In the Moonman video I liked the way the star shined brighter when it felt happy and safe. They both are done really well.

egreca (at) hotmail {dot} com

[August 29, 2008 4:47 PM](#)

Betsy said...

The Moonman's reassurance and comfort was my favorite story part. However, I also liked the cute and colorful illustrations.

betsypz@yahoo.com

[August 29, 2008 9:17 PM](#)

[jodene](#) said...

When she found the star!

[August 30, 2008 8:41 AM](#)

[LMcLendon](#) said...

What an awesome way to share and pass along my love of the moon and stars to young loved ones!

[August 30, 2008 9:35 AM](#)

Tiffanie W. said...

I love how encouraging the story is. All of the color in the illustrations are beautiful too!

sparkofutterance@hotmail.com

[August 30, 2008 12:30 PM](#)

[yellowlabs](#) said...

I love how it's interactive!

[August 30, 2008 3:29 PM](#)

[blueviolet](#) said...

I really like the theme of friendship and acceptance.

doot65{at}comcast[dot]net

Elizabeth

[August 30, 2008 5:09 PM](#)

[blueviolet](#) said...

I subscribe too.
doot65{at}comcast[dot]net
Elizabeth

[August 30, 2008 5:10 PM](#)

[SeahorseLady](#) said...

Such a beautiful site. Christmas is just around the corner and this would make a very special gift. I like how the moon helps with fear of the dark. Many children are afraid of the dark and I was one of them so I understand. This could certainly bring instant comfort. Thanks for another great giveaway.

[August 30, 2008 6:14 PM](#)

[SeahorseLady](#) said...

I'm also a subscriber.

[August 30, 2008 6:14 PM](#)

[judybrittle](#) said...

I love that the dolls come with stories. That is really great. Thank you!

[August 31, 2008 5:34 AM](#)

[judybrittle](#) said...

I'm subscribed

[August 31, 2008 5:35 AM](#)

[purango](#) said...

I like the moon taking away their fear of the dark. The colors and illustrations are beautiful. garrettsambo@aol.com

[August 31, 2008 1:08 PM](#)

Anonymous said...

When the star is found
theyyyguy@yahoo.com

[August 31, 2008 1:23 PM](#)

[dolls123](#) said...

Nana Star and the Moonman

luckydolls123[at]verizon[dot]net

[August 31, 2008 5:32 PM](#)

[donna444444](#) said...

I like the illustrations

[August 31, 2008 7:26 PM](#)

[donna444444](#) said...

I subscribed

[August 31, 2008 7:26 PM](#)

[sharon](#) said...

great site, like interactive nature of the story

[August 31, 2008 8:08 PM](#)

[masonsgranny59](#) said...

My grandson loves Moonman.

[August 31, 2008 9:30 PM](#)

Carolyn said...

Love the illustrations!
ceimusic@aol.com

[August 31, 2008 9:49 PM](#)

Anonymous said...

Bright colors.
NAUnick15@aol.com

[August 31, 2008 9:50 PM](#)