



[A Beautiful Book Named Nana Star](#)

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This book first of all blew me away. When we received the book I wasn't quite sure what to expect. The name of course threw me. Before I introduced it to L and J I flipped through the pages and the illustrations were so beautiful and the little girl was very pretty with her blue dress and curly ponytail with a blue ribbon, I actually couldn't wait to read the book especially with L. L of course loved that the book came with a [posable Nana Star doll](#) (which was added to her bedtime collection).



We sat down to read the book and the kids were actually silent. They sat still and listened intently as we eagerly turned the pages to see what Nana Star and the baby star were going to do, for she was on a mission to return that baby star to the heavens so he could be with his Nana. We were actually disappointed when the book ended and we didn't know if he returned home or not. L did ask me if he made it home, to which I replied "I'm not sure". Every book comes with an audio cd with the story and song you can sing with your kids. L enjoys listening to music in her room so she really enjoys the cd. Also the absolute coolest "parent" part of the book is that the authors have included a spelling mistake on purpose. They

encourage young readers to find that mistake and send Nana Star a postcard telling her about the mistake. When the child sends in their card they automatically become special members of Nana Star's Little Twinkles Club. "Little Twinkles receive an autographed photo of the real Nana Star with a personalized message, as well as a certificate of membership." Now I could tell you where the spelling mistake is but I wouldn't want you or your child to miss out on reading this book.

The story behind the book is the real winner here. The story of Nana Star was first a love between grandma and grandson. Elizabeth Owens and her grandson Vance had a very special relationship. They would gaze at the stars and he would ask his grandmother is the Moonman was really up there. She would say that the Moonman was always there for him. When Vance moved away his grandmother kept in touch by hand making cards out of construction paper with hand drawn characters and stickers. The grandmother, or Elizabeth became "Nana Star" in the cards, that way Vance always knew she was with him. Several generations have now brought the story to life through books and toys relating to the books. Elizabeth Owen's daughter Linda Saker is the series' illustrator; her granddaughter's Elizabeth Sills and Elena Patrice, write and publish the stories and of course her five great grandchildren help a little with the inspiration. Just in case you want to read the beautiful story of this family, because I could never do it justice here's the link to their [About Us](#) page.

As if this all weren't enough they have started a wonderful foundation named, of course the [Nana Star Foundation](#). A portion of all Nana Star product sales goes directly to their foundation. The foundation was started to help children who attend an under-resourced, inner city school or terminally ill children. "Through the Nana Star Foundation, we wrap hope around books and toys for thousands of children who need a reason to smile."- quoted from their website [www.nanastar.com](#).

This really is a beautiful book with a beautiful story and think all children will enjoy this story. [Nana Star](#) is the first book in this delightful series. After you've read the first why not check out [Nana Star and the Moonman](#) the second installment. Or you could also own the [Moonman](#) himself.

Check out the website, I know I mentioned it slightly earlier in the post but it's a very good website. They have videos that read the story in sign language (how cool is that). There are also activities for kids like coloring pages. [www.nanastar.com](#)

