



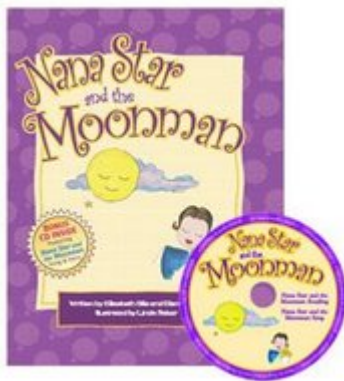
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Review: Nana Star



Have you heard of [Nana Star](#)*? She is just the type of heroine that you would wish for your young daughter. Kind, brave, and adventuresome, Nana Star is trying to return a lost baby star to heaven. Along the way, she meets Moonman, a friend who watches over her and assures her that she is never alone.

The adventures of Nana Star, Baby Star, and Moonman are chronicled in *Nana Star* and *Nana Star and the Moonman*. Created by Elizabeth Owens, the Nana Star characters and stories present positive values such as friendship and kindness in a gentle, imaginative way. I use the word "present" because these are not "beat you over the head with a teachable moment" type books. Instead, Nana Star teaches by example in the context of lovely, old-fashioned stories.



The books themselves are beautifully illustrated. They have a vintage look which is perfectly suited to the classic feel of the stories. Each book is accompanied by a CD with the audio version of the story and a sing-along song.

I adored these books. I loved the simplicity of the stories and the refreshing sweetness and innocence. I loved that there was an actual story told, rather than some of the nonsense that passes for children's literature these days. And, I loved that there was not a hint of diva attitude to be found.



My five year old daughter pronounced the books "kind of cool."

Nana Star (the company) also produces a Nana Star doll. She's fully poseable and comes with a baby star. When I first saw the doll, I immediately thought of the [Groovy Girls](#); Nana Star has the same look and feel. And, considering how crazy my daughter is about [Groovy Girls](#), that's not a bad thing.

The five-year-old critic judged Nana Star "oh, very pretty!"

And, then, there's the Moonman Lovey. When you press Moonman's tummy, his head glows and he plays a lullaby.



When my little one first saw Moonman, she immediately denounced him as "creepy." By the end of the evening, however, she was snuggling him and asking me to make him glow. Why was she asking me, you might ask. Because the little button on Moonman's tummy is nearly impossible to push! Consider yourself warned!

Overall, I was really impressed with the Nana Star products that I received to review. I loved the books, and the doll is really cute. I'll confess that I have a personal aversion to audio books, but the sing-along songs are a **huge** hit; my daughter wants to hear (and sing!) them over and over! In fact, the songs were her favorite thing of all!

To spare us a little confusion (everything** is named Nana Star), here is the link to the [Nana Star website](#). All of the products mentioned in this review can be viewed [there](#).*

Reviewed and written for the [MotherTalk blog tour!](#)

10 comments:

[Mark Salinas](#) said...

Very cool! Thanks for the link.

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[Gretchen](#) said...

So many cute things now. Barney ruled when my daughter was young. I still have nightmares of him.

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[Kristin H.](#) said...

That Moonman is kind of cool.

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[Claudia](#) said...

Totally going out and getting these!

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[Karen Maezen Miller](#) said...

I've yet to find a children's book whose message wasn't intended for me.

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[EatPlayLove](#) said...

very sweet.. we are the library type, so I will have to do a search and see if we can borrow a copy!

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[LarryG](#) said...

This looks terrific.

I love "kind of cool" books.

I think Mo Willems is kind of cool.

At 5 your daughter may have outgrown Gerald and Piggie, but you may still enjoy them.

I am going to check out Nana Star the next time I am books a million :)

Thanks sweetie!

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[THopgood](#) said...

Never heard of them... thanks for the info!

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[Daisy](#) said...

Moonman looks sweet. My kids would have liked them when they were little.

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[The Little Window Shoppe](#) said...

I haven't heard of Nana Star before - thanks for this post! :)

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