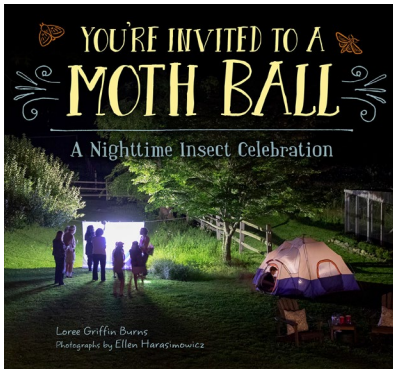




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**You're Invited to a
Moth Ball**
Charlesbridge



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Author



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Illustrator

Summary

"Kids are usually asleep when moths come out at night. But discovering the diverse moth population is simple--stay up late and set up a party for moths! Nature centers and museums host events called moth balls each summer, but kids can create their own right at home. Captivating photographs show how to lure in moths to study them. Direct address to the reader shows kids the magic of science found at home." (amazon.com)

Genre

Informational

Book Conversation

After reading the story aloud, you may use the following questions to prompt a book conversation with students.

- What is a moth? Why are moths important to the environment?
- What was the mixture the kids used to make the "bait" or nectar for the moths? Is there anything else they could use to make the bait?
- How do you know for sure if you are looking at a moth or a butterfly?
- The moth has a four-part life cycle, what are they? Explain.

Florida Statute 1003.42.2 requires that K-12 public school instructional staff teach specific character education, cultural, and historical topics. This book may assist teachers in partial fulfillment of that requirement.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=1000-1099/1003/Sections/1003.42.html



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Extension Activities

- YouTube video: "What's the difference between a moth and a butterfly?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMOpkngDO5s>
- YouTube video: Moth for kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrrO5TQgwKA>
- Have the students make nectar for moths with the bananas and sugar, then let the student brush the nectar on a piece of fabric, then pin the fabric on the board and sit it outside in a secure place to trap the moths for research purposes the next day in class.
- Students can research, draw, and label different kinds of moths and share them with the class.

Websites

- Meet the author: <https://loreeburns.com>
- Meet the Illustrator: <https://www.ellenharasimowicz.com>
- Watch a read aloud of the book:

Diversity and Multicultural Features

Author: female

Illustrator: female