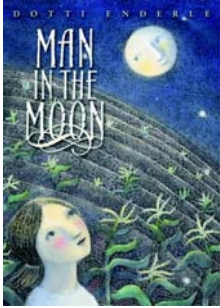


DISCUSSION GUIDE



Man in the Moon

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1. *Man in the Moon* is set in 1961. Do you feel the story would be different if it were set in modern times? How would it be different?
2. Janine hears shaking and movement in the cornfield. What do you think she's hearing?
3. Janine is afraid of getting lockjaw, a disease really called tetanus that causes a person's jaw and neck muscles to stiffen. Why is this such a great fear for Janine? How is it symbolic of her summer?
4. Mr. Lunas suddenly shows up, yet he never says where he came from. Where do you think he came from? Why did he show up when he did?
5. Why do you think Mr. Lunas got fat, then skinny again over the course of the month?
6. Why did Mr. Lunas wait the full month to heal Ricky? What do you think his true purpose was for being there?
7. Why was it so important to Janine to build Ricky's go-cart?
8. How is the go-cart symbolic to the story?
9. Today Janine would be an older woman. What sort of things do you think she could have done through her lifetime with the gift she received from Mr. Lunas?

