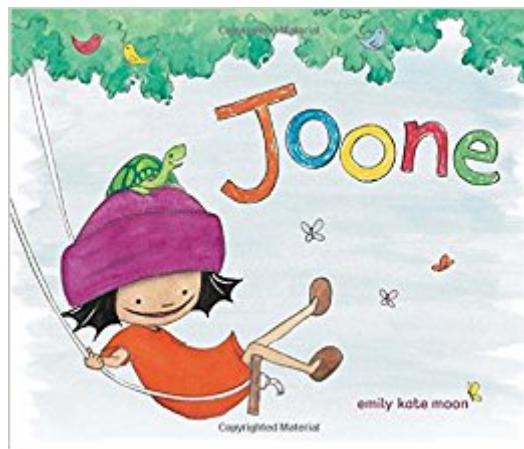


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## Joone



## Synopsis

Joone likes the color orange, ice-cream sandwiches, and playing outside. She lives in a yurt with her grandfather and her pet turtle, Dr. Chin, who rides around on her hat. Grandpa teaches Joone something new every day. Sometimes Joone teaches him something new, too, like how to make a daisy chain. Together they enjoy life—small joys—sunsets, tree houses, and most of all, each other. Emily Kate Moon's debut picture book is a charming tribute to the outdoors and a tender portrait of a grandfather and granddaughter's loving relationship. Fans of *Ladybug Girl*, *Freckleface Strawberry*, and even *Dora the Explorer* will fall in love with this independent, free-spirited little girl.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 1-A sweet, gentle narrative about a child who is being raised by her grandfather. The text, which celebrates the small things in life that a child might appreciate, reads smoothly and is written with some flair; but with very little plot, it lacks a real hook for a young audience. Joone's solo swim does add some humor and adventure, but it may be hard to explain, within a realistic story, that Grandpa is absent in this scene. The bucolic setting, Joone's home (a yurt on the banks of a small body of water with a tree house in the backyard), and the mood (quiet and loving) are more central to the book than the action. Moon shows promise, not only as a picture-book writer, but as an

illustrator as well. The gouache and pencil illustrations are bright, colorful, and full of interesting detail. Rather than a book to read to groups, Joone is best suited for sharing one-on-one.-Maralita L. Freeny, District of Columbia Public LibraryÂ  Â (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

"Joone could be a contemporary, country-dwelling cousin to Eloise: another precocious, articulate and turtle-loving child with charm to spare." - Kirkus Reviews "A sweet, gentle narrative about a child who is being raised by her grandfather." Moon shows promise, not only as a picture-book writer, but as an illustrator as well." - School Library Journal "Moon's ability to convey her heroine's self-assured contentment and love for her grandfather without resorting to the twee or overly literal is the mark of a real, if nascent talent." - Publishers Weekly

I fell in love with Joone on the first page when she spelled her name with a smiley face instead of a "u." This book is a treasure. Children love Joone because she's fun to get to know! They can relate to her, and the book gets them thinking of ways they are like Joone, and also what is special about them that they could share like Joone. As a teacher, this book is priceless to me. I use it to introduce and explain so many concepts and ideas. It is perfect for teaching about adding details, because Joone shares so many details about her life in the story! It's also the best book for teaching small moments in narrative writing. And, if you aren't a child or a teacher, but just love a sweet book that will make you happy- this is the book for you! I can't wait for more! Emily Kate Moon is such a talent to write and illustrate this book. You can just tell by the cover that it's a happy book and a must have for a child's or teacher's library!

Some years ago I rented a furnished condo for a weekend in Austin from a struggling young artist who let her condo out now and then to make ends meet. The condo was decorated with many pieces of the artist's beautiful, uplifting and highly original artwork, in various stages of completion. Although I did not know it, I was viewing Joone in progress. I purchased the book for my neighbors' little boys (2 and 4 year olds), and had the pleasure of watching as their mom read it to them for the first time. They loved it, and so did their mom! The artwork is beautiful, and the characters (Joone, her grandfather, and her pet turtle, who live together in a very nice yurt) will soon be favorites. Joone is surely destined to become a must-have children's classic.

I am always looking for something new to read with my 3 year old son. A friend told me about Joone

and I am glad I listened and purchased this book. He loves finding different things on each page and the repeating themes. It is set up great for practice counting and color identification. So not only is the story very nice and fun to follow but it can be used as a learning tool in many ways. Moon has done a wonderful job with the illustrations and creating a children's story for the ages...all ages. I have an 8 month old girl too and I am certain this will be a favorite once she is ready for books.

Joone may not be the perfect little girl, but her whimsical and loving nature bring the purity of intent into all her adventures. Grandpa is her hero and Dr. Chin her constant companion in an unconventional world that includes a beautiful home in a yurt and a playground in a tree. Miss Moon's artwork is captivating, and you and your children will spend much time discovering so many story details hidden in the pictures. This is a must-have storybook, especially for our children growing up in a building-bound digital world, to share the joys of living simply and embracing the natural world.

Joone is the free-spirited, honest, playful, loving, whimsical, and curious kid who will remind adult readers of all they once were and all they imagine themselves still-to-be in an ideal existence. Oh, right--this is a book for kids! It certainly is, and it will delight and inspire a gazillion requests to read and re-read again and again, and you won't mind doing so, not a bit. Joone had me and my kids at "hello". She's sure to capture your heart, as she has the many kids (and their grown-ups) to whom I've gifted this book. It's a treasure. Eagerly awaiting the next book in the series. Yes, series! (Please?!!)

The illustrations in this book are charming, irreverent, beautiful. Joone spells her name with a smiley face, lives an unconventional life with her grandfather as a guardian, and always wears a neon orange dress, a big pink hat, (I love pink and orange together!) and a big happy smile. Spoiler alert: the happiness in this book is infectious. My children loved this book, laughing as they turned every page. Emily Kate Moon is a shining new talent in the world of children's picture books, and I look forward to her next one.

I bought 2 copies for my nieces and I can't wait to give it to them. Great book for girls that doesn't train them to be a princess. Update- Gave this to my nieces for Christmas and they couldn't wait until bedtime to have it read to them. They wanted to go to bed EARLY just to have it read to them. This book has beautiful illustrations that will delight children and grown-ups alike. In fact, I'm trying to

convince my wife that we need a yert in our backyard right now. Go Joone!

Super cute fun story. Love that the grandpa is the one in the picture and it is just a fact of life, really normalizes that parenting situation.

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