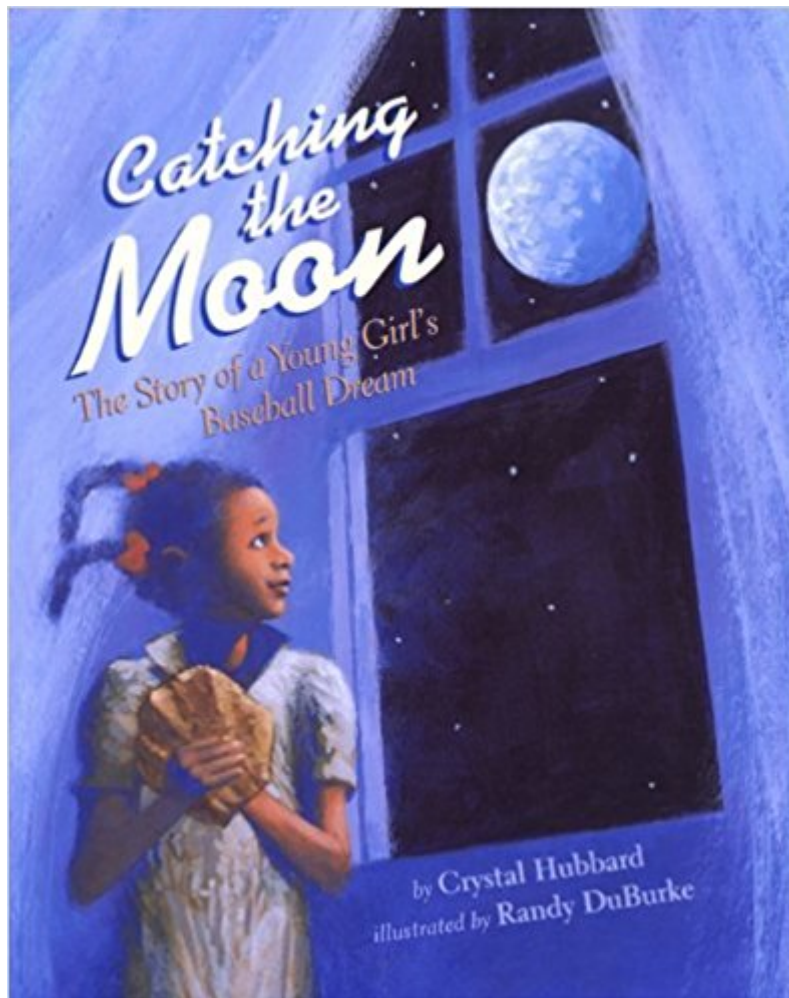




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# Catching The Moon: The Story Of A Young Girl's Baseball Dream



## Synopsis

Now in paperback, the true story of Marcenia Lyle, an African American girl who grew up to become "Toni Stone," the first woman to play for a professional baseball team. One day in the 1930s, Marcenia and the boys she plays ball with learn that Gabby Street, a famous baseball manager, is scouting children for a baseball summer camp sponsored by the St. Louis Cardinals. Eager to earn a spot, Marcenia plays her best, but is discouraged when Mr. Street tells her there are no girls in his camp. Convinced that baseball is her destiny, Marcenia won't give up, ultimately proving her skill and passion to Mr. Street and her dubious parents.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Tomboy Marcenia wants to play baseball but knows the options for an African-American girl in the 1920's are limited. That doesn't stop her and in the Author's Afterward the reader finds Marcenia's persistence and love of the game prevails over adversity. Children will enjoy the acrylic illustrations which convey the action of the game.

Catching The Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream is the story of a little girl named Marcenia, who dreams of being a professional baseball player. This ambition is most unlikely since Marcenia is a female black child growing up in America in the 1930s. Catching The Moon is a

fantastic example of how determination and hard work can make any dream no matter how improbably it seems to come true. This true story of Marcenia Lyle, who really did grow up to be the first woman to play baseball in the Negro Leagues, is inspiring not just to children but to anyone who thinks it may be too late to pursue a dream. This book serves as an example to all that anything is possible. It is truly a remarkable story brilliantly told by Crystal Hubbard and wonderfully illustrated by Randy DuBurke.

absolutely love this book. I used it as mentor text! There is also a video on youtube with Kevin Costner reading it incase you want to change it up a bit. Kids loved the video and I love having the book in hand to refer back to certain pages. It has great vocabulary to teach out of too! This is one of my favorite books!

Crystal Hubbard...you are a gift from the Gods! Catching the Moon is the most incredible story that I have ever been surprised by. After researching over 500 baseball books myself while writing my own books, this one jumps to the Olympic podium of medals! How inspiring and motivating, it totally makes me want to recommend it to 10 people that I know immediately, and of course, my own kids got the first "you got to read this now, check it out". Marcenica was lovely, warm, cute and yet with fire in the belly. How could you not be routing for little Marcenia - lol. You knew she could not fail, or would she be stopped because you also know what a cruel world we live in. I was hanging on every page, hoping her sweet polite manners, in that little woman package, would triumph! Spoiler patrol.... I wont say any more. This book deserves every award out there, including the illustrations that captured every emotion on every page. There should be a grant out there to supply every library. Every library should own one copy at minimum. I will carry this book myself, recommending it... if you like The Hometown All Stars, you will also like this.....and show them "Catching the Moon"! I will take this to every book fair/event that I take my own books to. It will be only the second one worthy of my critical reviews. My mission is.....More books for more kids. Books written and executed appropriately and well done. There are so few out there. The other is Jon Bullers 20,000 Baseball cards under the sea. Afterword: Following the story and coming here to post a worthy review, I found out more about Crystal Hubbard and a little of her life story and passion. With that incredible smile.....you put a cherry on top of "Catching the Moon" !

This was a surprisingly good book for my students. We had covered the topic of black history month in heavy detail in February and just recently enjoyed learning with this book. It gave a wonderful

history of African American equality struggles and how the main character persevered to become one of the first females to become prominent in baseball.

In the early 1930s, Marcenia Lyle was a young girl who loved baseball and could hit, field, and run better than the best of the boys. When Gabby Street (the baseball manager of the St. Louis Cardinals) came to recruit children for his baseball camp, Marcenia realized that his camp could be her first step from the sand lot to playing baseball with the pros. But Mr. Street didn't allow girls at his camp and Marcenia's parents want her to give up her baseball dreams and act like other girls her age. Dramatically told by Crystal Hubbard and superbly illustrated by Randy DuBurke, *Catching The Moon: The Story Of A Young Girl's Baseball Dream* is a picturebook for young readers based on the true story of the determination and passion of a young girl who would one day become the first woman to play professional baseball in the Negro league. Highly recommended -- especially for school and community libraries of the inner cities.

Every baseball fan, young and old, should read this book to learn about Marcenia Lyle, the determined little girl who grew up to be the first roster member of a men's baseball team. This book is sheer delight from the first page to the last. Crystal Hubbard's text bounces off the page while managing to capture Marcenia's drive to succeed. The story is perfectly told from the point of view of the child, including the words she overhears from her parents, which accurately sums up the obstacles Marcenia faces. I very much enjoyed how Marcenia set her sights as high as the moon and achieved her goal. What makes this book even more powerful is that it's an anecdotal telling of a true story. *Catching The Moon* gives readers young and old the idea that any dream is within grasp if you're willing to work for it. My children and I adored this book.

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