

## Fonchito and the Moon

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Fonchito has a crush on the most beautiful girl in his class, Nereida. When he asks if he can kiss her on the cheek, Nereida says she will let him if he can bring the moon down to her. Discouraged but determined, Fonchito finds a way to capture the moon—and a kiss. Dreamy illustrations and moody palettes play with the contrast of light and shadow in this sweet tale about first loves and childhood imagination.

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