

## The Midnight Panther

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Rich colors and spellbinding patterns add a dreamlike quality to this fable about being true to yourself. Panther wishes he was bold like Tiger or dazzling like Leopard, so he sets out in search of a way to be special. He fashions a mane from feathers, but Wind blows them away. He sticks wet leaves to his fur, but Sun dries his makeshift spots. As Moon rises proudly in the sky, Panther discovers a new way to shine that is all his own.

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