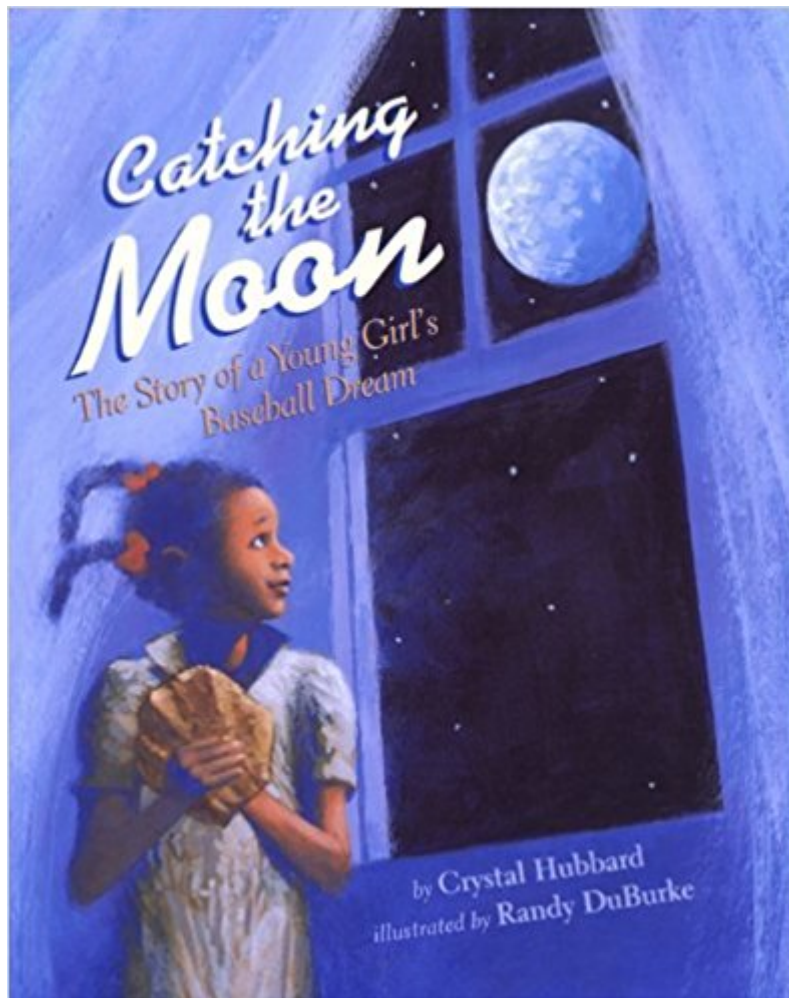




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# Catching The Moon: The Story Of A Young Girl's Baseball Dream



## 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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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3  
This anecdotal tale is based on the childhood of Marcenia Toni Stone Lyle Alberga (1921-1996), who became the first woman to play professional baseball. As a girl, Marcenia dreams only of playing baseball, while her strict but loving parents suggest that she stick to dolls and focus on school. One night she overhears them ruefully acknowledge the limited options that lie in store for most African-American girls: teaching, nursing, or being a maid. Marcenia promises herself that she'll achieve her goal. Opportunity arrives in the form of Gabby Street, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, who runs a free baseball camp for kids. He's impressed by her talent, but doesn't allow girls to participate. The story ends with her acceptance into the camp and

her determination to make her dream come true. An afterword sums up Lyle's name change and her career, including the fact that she filled the spot vacated by Hank Aaron when he joined the Major Leagues. Hubbard's lively text does a fine job of capturing this young heroine's unquenchable spirit. DuBurke's balanced pen-and-ink and acrylic artwork strongly supports the mood and emotion of the text. Much like its winsome, pigtailed heroine, this heartwarming picture book will inspire and engage dreamers young and old.~Marilyn Taniguchi, Beverly Hills Public Library, CA  
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PreS-Gr. 2. In her torn dress and street shoes, Marcenia, who is growing up in the 1920s, bests many of the boys on her baseball team. But her father criticizes her "tomboy" interests, and a scout for a local baseball camp refuses to accept a girl on the team. Marcenia vows to play hard and change the scout's mind, and she finally wins a spot on the team. An afterword explains that Marcenia grew up to become Toni Stone, the first woman to play for a professional baseball team. Hubbard never clarifies which parts of the story, rich in dialogue and detail, are based on true events. She does, however, write with sensory precision that conveys the thrilling feel of playing ("the powdery taste of dust clouds

Sweet, inspirational story for children. Teaches the lesson not to let adults or financial hardship stop you from trying to achieve a dream. Dreams are sometimes bigger than our means, but hard work is just as important.

Although the title doesn't tell you, this is about Toni Stone's early life and how she dreamed of playing baseball -- NOT softball. Its lyrical language is lovely. For encouraging young readers to keep dreaming no matter how big the dream, this is a wonderful choice.

This was an awesome book to read to my son's 3rd grade class

Purchased for a school reading for Black history month. Kids loved the story and were very engaged. It was nice to read about a milestone achievement for a young female.

I needed this book for a lesson plan for a substitute teacher. It arrived just before I needed it. It's based on a true story.

This book teaches so much. It teaches children to persevere and that no matter what obstacles are thrown your way to never give up. It also makes children think about what they would do if problems like that still existed today. I use a lot with the students I teach. Each class loves to read it and they ask me to reread it over and over again.

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.

My class loved it to compare to the 3 Little Pigs!

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