

Wild Moon

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Author Dean Coe has created another adventure for young readers with his first chapter book titled Wild Moon. Coe's newest book is set on the unique ecosystem of beautiful Cape Cod, home to a variety of animal and plant species. The story engages the reader through a plot that opens the door to complex social and environmental topics through the eyes of both wild animals and children.

Chesterton, a good-natured and lovable weasel, and his wildlife friends are concerned about how their habitat is being impacted by humans and the changing climate. Even though not all the animals get along (we're talking prey and predators here), they can all agree on one thing: protecting their home. They must overcome their differences in order to work together to save their environment. But the animals aren't the only ones who can help. A little boy named Dylan, who has the unique ability to connect and communicate with animals, advocates and raises awareness for the survival and protection of the wild animals on the fragile peninsula they all call home.

Readers will enjoy the vivid imagery and descriptive language that makes the story and its characters come to life. The concepts of respecting differences and working collaboratively are intertwined with the importance of protecting the environment. The reading level is appropriate for readers in about 3rd to 5th grade but the universal themes ring true to readers of all ages.

If you're already a Chesterton lover or if this is your first of Coe's books, get ready to have some fun while learning about our delicate and unique natural environment.