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# Moon Runner



## Synopsis

"A quiet, lyrical story that sensitively explores issues of friendship and being true to oneself."

When Mina, a self-professed "girly-girl," discovers that she excels at track, her friends are as surprised as she is, especially competitive Ruth. Even more surprising is the way running seems to lift Mina up and make her happy. When Coach chooses her to run the fifty-meter against Ruth, Mina is torn. Should she slow down and let Ruth hold on to the spotlight? Or let herself soar? With subtlety and insight, Carolyn Marsden explores the delicate subject of competition between friends.

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My daughter didn't like to read but I bought this hoping it would trigger an interest. She was adopted from China. She loved the book and is now an avid reader.

I think this story is a true and inspiring book that shows young readers that if you follow your

passions and what you believe in, life is good. It teaches not to laugh at people but to laugh with people, even displaying what comes around goes around. I give this book five stars and a double thumbs up. I would recommend this book for all readers. Over all, this book has made an impact in my life and I love it because it focuses on the positive side of life.

I read Moon Runner and loved it. I'm going to buy copies of all of Marsden's books for my nieces. With Moon Runner, Gold-Threaded Dress, and The Quail Club, Marsden is developing her own beautiful genre: moving, multicultural chapter books that speak to the hearts of elementary school children. From the very first page of each book she presents nuanced portraits of kids with important decisions to make. What I love about Marsden's characters is that they seem so real, not cardboard or over dramatized. Each moment, each decision the children make is honored and described. In between the plot points is rich detail, and crystalline moments where we can feel and experience some of the pleasures of being alive. She's creating something rare and valuable: nourishing, contemporary literature that kids will find accessible and fun to read.

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