

Aljoscha Blau & Jürg Schubiger

The Child in the Moon

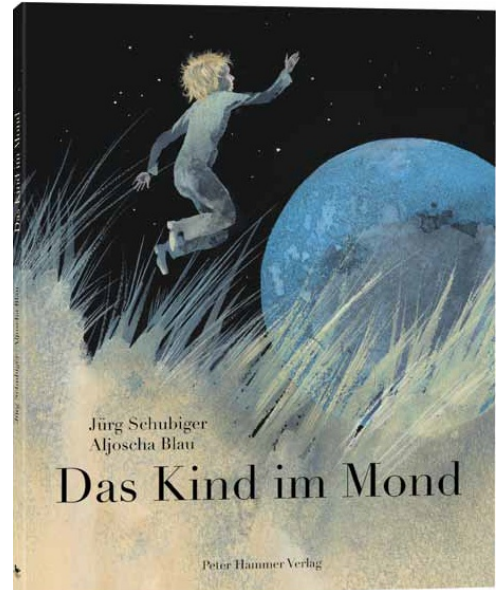
[Das Kind im Mond]

A picture book between dream and reality

The moon - near yet unreachable - captivates our gaze and focuses our desires. But who would have thought that it is just the same the other way round? That there is a man, his wife and a child in the Moon, looking down to Earth and yearning just the same?

This is what it is like in this story by Jürg Schubiger, who has quite a lot to tell about the people up there, even if he is wondering about a few things himself. We learn what the family in the Moon has for breakfast and how they 'watch television' in the evenings by looking at the bright blue planet. The woman in the Moon knows about a lot of things: sausages and fresh bread, black forest cake and snowmen. "Heaven only knows how she knew all of this." The child in the Moon gradually develops a great longing for Earth. And then comes a day when it simply takes off

Aljoscha Blau's magnificent illustrations show us what it looks like on the Moon. He immerses the strangely quiet moon life in a white light and thus gives it an unearthly enchantment. One of the miracles to be found on the Moon is made tangible in a sensational manner: it is a raven with gleaming feathers that flies past with hardly a stroke of its wings, the blue planet far behind it in the black sky. "Heaven only knows where the bird came from", the narrator wonders. And we marvel at the force of these images that shift freely between dream and reality.



- Poetic story
- Fantastic illustrations
- Award-winning author & illustrator

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Jürg Schubiger, born in 1936 in Zurich, writes for children and adults. His book *Als die Welt noch jung war* (Beltz und Gelberg), illustrated by R. S. Berner, won the "Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis", *Der weiße und der schwarze Bär*, illustrated by Eva Muggenthaler, was nominated for the prize. In 2007 Jürg Schubiger's literary work was honoured by the Hans Christian Andersen-Award.

The Illustrator:

Aljoscha Blau was born in St. Petersburg in 1972 and studied illustration and graphic arts in Hamburg. He has had exhibitions in Paris, New York, Hamburg and Bologna and has illustrated numerous picture books. Two of his books were awarded the "Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis" and his book *Rote Wangen* (Aufbau Verlag) received the Bologna Ragazzi Award. More information under www.aljoschablau.com