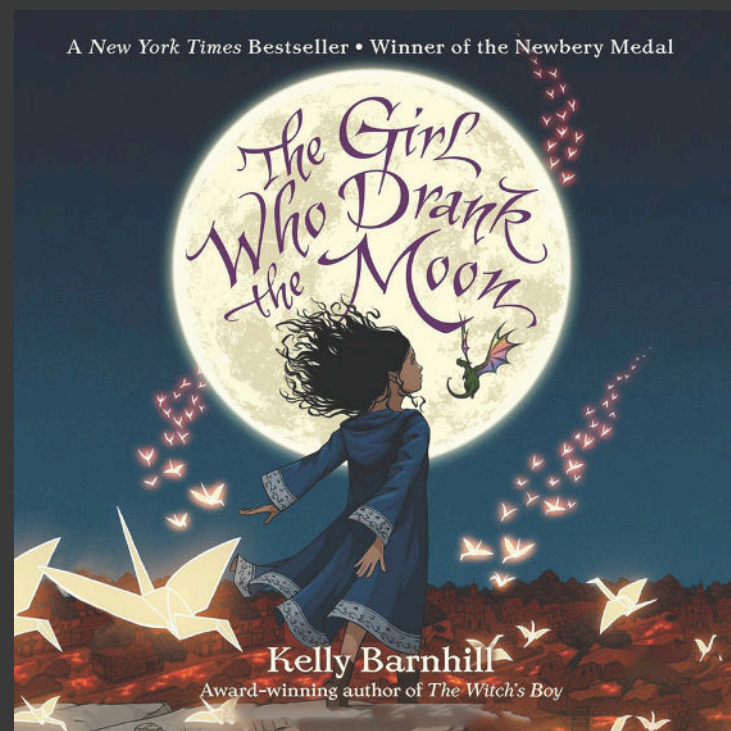
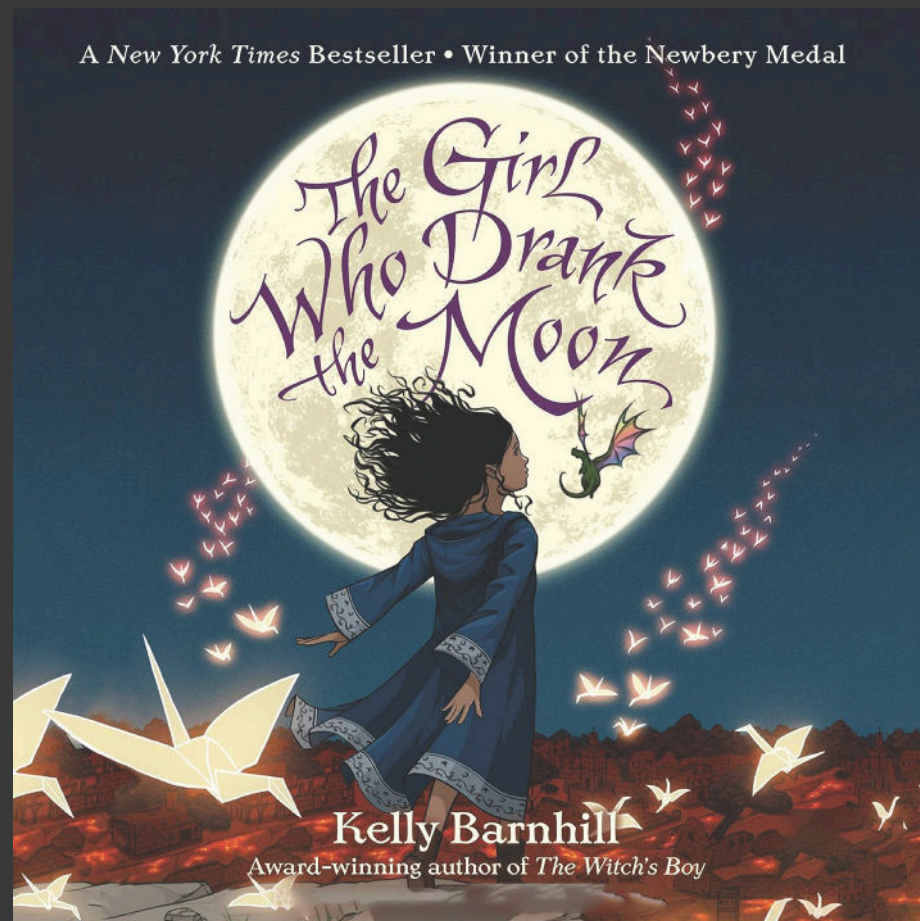




The Girl Who Drank the Moon

Expanded Plot Summary

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What is a plot summary?

A **plot summary** is a description of the show, including key events and characters.

Reading a **plot summary** can help someone:

- know what to expect
- reduce anxiety about unexpected moments
- help understand character actions and emotions
- follow the story more easily

How to Use It:

- read it before attending the show
- use it as a reference during the show
- revisit it after to talk about the story





The Village Is Afraid

A village is afraid of a witch in the forest.

The leaders tell this story to keep people fearful and obedient.

Every year, the villagers leave a baby in the forest as a sacrifice to the witch.

Families feel deep grief, but believe this is the only way to stay safe.



The Truth About the Witch

- The witch, Xan, is actually kind and protective.
- She rescues the babies every year and brings them to safe homes.
- She is trying to help, not harm.
- The village's fear is based on a misunderstanding



Luna Becomes Special

- One baby drinks moonlight by accident instead of starlight.
- Moonlight fills her with powerful magic that is hard to control.
- Xan names her Luna and chooses to raise her.
- To protect Luna, Xan hides her magic until she is older.



Luna's Family

- Luna grows up in a loving and safe home in the forest.
- Xan (the witch), Glerk (a swamp monster), and Fyrian (a dragon) care for her and treat her like family.
- Luna feels loved, but does not know the truth about her past.
- Her hidden magic is part of her, even if she cannot feel it yet.



Luna's Mother and the Secret

- Luna's birth mother is alive but locked away by the village leaders.
- She is called "mad," but she is grieving the loss of her child.
- She continues searching for Luna and does not give up hope.
- The leaders keep secrets and use fear to stay in control.



Luna's Magic Awakens

- As Luna turns 13, her hidden magic begins to return.
- She has headaches and feels confused by what is happening.
- When she begins to understand her power, it grows stronger.
- This is a big change that helps her learn who she really is.



A Journey Begins

- Xan goes into the forest to rescue another baby, even though she is weak.
- Luna follows because she wants to help and protect her.
- Others are also searching, each with their own reason and goal.
- Their paths begin to cross as the story builds toward a turning point.



Facing Danger and Finding Hope

- A dangerous enemy uses people's sadness to become more powerful.
- Luna learns to use her magic and make brave choices.
- The truth about the village begins to come out.
- Fear starts to fade, and people begin to hope again.
- Families are reunited, and change becomes possible.



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