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*Stay alive on the far side of the moon.*

What happens when you get the one thing you wanted most in life? Lonely 16-year-old farm girl Barbara Winton has been following one reality show for years. Then in an instant she goes from fangirl to participant when the call comes from Dr. Keegan Bright: She's been selected out of a horde of applicants to join him on the Moon.

She'll be one of his Bright Sparks, six students with expertise in STEM and plenty of their own ingenuity chosen to work with Dr. Bright and given big responsibilities to undertake new projects important to the growth of the colony. Her first task? Build a radar telescope using an *entire crater* on the far side of the Moon.

But Barbara soon learns that life on a burgeoning frontier outpost like the Moon is a far cry from safe, civilized Earth. The loner from farm country must find a way to weld a functional team out of fiercely independent thinkers. Not only are they a bit trickier to work with than farm robots, not only is the working environment incredibly dangerous—she also has to perform this miracle in front of millions of fans...

## Moon Beam Details

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## From Reader Review Moon Beam for online ebook

### Travis says

Despite the fact that this was a young adult title, I thoroughly enjoyed it. It's a narrative of how overcoming adversity (even if it isn't on earth) doesn't have to be a slog or cause major problems for others. All of the folks in the story did their jobs, everyone coped well with various issues, and the story flowed along quite nicely. Now only if real missions could be resolved so easily when it comes to manned missions, we'd all be in good shape. :)

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### Margaret says

Six young people, the protégées of scientist turned reality broadcast star Dr. Keegan Bright, are the Bright Sparks. Can they set up a massive crater-built radio telescope on the far side of the moon? Will they survive a massive, deadly solar flare? What can the younger kids in the group do when a shuttle crash endangers the main moon base.

I loved this book. While I'm fully aware that it represents many of the stereotypical flaws of traditional science fiction — chiefly a notable weakness in character development — it's nevertheless science fiction the way it used to be: a hopeful rather than dystopian future in which science is a tool which allows humans, and young people especially, to explore strange new worlds and use their brains to triumph in nearly impossibly challenging surroundings.

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### Robert Engle says

Suspension of disbelief didn't happen. In fact the disbelief just kept piling up, from social interaction to physical reality. Gave up in chapter 7.

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### Bruce says

From her family's farm in Iowa to the moon, Barbara Winton's fangirl dream has come true. She has been invited by Dr. Keegan Bright, scientist and television personality, to become one of his "Bright Stars." She becomes one of the half-dozen teen science scholars to join him on his show broadcast from the moon. As the newest member of the team, she's surprised when Bright appoints her as the leader of the latest project. She and three other Bright Stars are to begin construction of a radio telescope on the far side of the moon. But when they arrive on site an unexpected danger erupts putting the project and their lives in peril.

Lots of good hard science and realistic young adult interactions fill this very satisfying lunar adventure. Kudos to the authors.

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## **Katiria says**

\*\*\* Review Moon Beam on Kati's Bookaholic Rambling Reviews \*\*\*

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\*\*\* I received this book on edelweiss in exchanged for an honest review, thank you so much for Baen publishers for giving me the opportunity to read and review Moon Beam! \*\*\*

I thoroughly loved and enjoyed everything in Moon Beam it is a middle grade too young adult book, but it is absolutely great for kids too read this great book. Now Moon Beam is really, really sci-fi that I literally got confuse and my head was spinning a mile a minute while reading all the scientific technology and terms. I am not a major sci-fi person if you are than you will easily understand it, but at first I didn't understand the scientific technology and terms but the author explains everything too you carefully and easily that you can totally understand 100%. There are also some pictures that are like diagrams to me there are the plans that the kids were working on a special project they did for a difficult mission there where going on in Moon Beam. I really don't want too go into any details about Moon Beam because you all should experienced reading this book and see if you like it or not. As you can tell I loved everything about this amazing book. The world building was so complex and amazing that I wish that I lived it that world. The plotline was very unique and refreshing to me that I never read anything quite like this book before. Except maybe I have read a book about a city on the moon before but not quite like this one. The characters ohh the characters are all well rounded and very developed that I love each and every character in Moon Beam, especially there are characters that are diverse which I immediately love that aspect in the book I am all in for diversity in books. The writing style was very descriptive and expressive like I said the book is very sci-fi, but everything is carefully and easily explain to the readers if you are not a big sci-fi person like me that you will be very grateful how the author explains everything for you in the book. The only problem I had with Moon Beam I wish there was an epilogue in Moon Beam because this book is a stand-alone as far as I now. But I just wish it ended with final epilogue if you know what I mean. But other than that, that's my only complain about Moon Beam. I will most definitely try too check out more books by both these authors Travis S. Taylor & Jody Lynn Nye in the near future!

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## **Patricia Kaniasty says**

Excellent story. A little hard to follow at times because of all the tech. language. But I was able to overlook that because the story kept me turning the pages.

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## **dave carpender says**

**A juvie in the style of RAH. The science is as good you expect, Required word count I guess you don't**

Need any other review, from me! Ridiculous! I make clear and concise comments aimed at an intelligent and knowledgeable reader.

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## **Sam says**

### **Good to great juvenile**

This was the best modern science and technology juvenile book in a goodly while. Somewhat realistic with good problem solving by the Bright Sparks team.

One could wish it were not fiction.

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## **Kevin Brown says**

I fell like this novelization for some '70's or '80's sci-fi disaster movie. Only done right with smarter more interesting characters. The younger characters feel like real people. While I never doubted at the very least the main character would survive I did at least feel that the rest of the team was in jeopardy. The narrative itself was very smooth and I got to the end of the book before I realized it. I have only one small niggling little nit to pick. Our main character is introduced as replacement for a never seen but occasionally mention person. They way that person's departure is mentioned/referenced often came out feeling slightly sinister but nothing ever happens regarding it. The book ends and you still don't know what happened to the previous red shirt. Overall still a good read.

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## **Brandon says**

Good YA sci fi about smart kids, interesting and fairly real-world tech and danger on the moon. Romance kept to a very minimum. I hope the author intends to make this a series.

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## **Robert Betts says**

Think Space Camp in space. A really good science fiction tale, with emphasis on science. Likeable characters and good plotting. Young adult emphasis, but totally enjoyable for adults as well.

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## **Jen says**

\*\* I read an advance reader copy of this book. \*\*

Enjoyable middle grade to young adult (leaning more toward the younger side) science-fiction story. Decent world-building and character development but more description of the moon base and the moon itself would have been nice. The mission was interesting but felt a bit rushed at times and I would have preferred more details -- more show rather than tell. Still, all in all this is a decent adventure/sci-fi story for middle graders and young adults. I did quite enjoy the illustrations!

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