

Skygazing with Carolinda

It's been a wonderful year so far for looking at the sky!



This summer, against a black velvet night sky, we saw the Teapot constellation up near a gorgeous crescent Moon. Actually, Teapot is an asterism, or star pattern, not a constellation. It's situated within Sagittarius (the archer) and is made up of eight bright stars, and it's easy to see because it sits in the densest part of the Milky Way. Look up before September is gone!

The full Harvest Moon in September will be a Blood Moon. Why a Blood Moon? Because there will be a total lunar eclipse on September 7 and 8. Make sure to look up when Earth shadows the big disk in the sky.



On other sky news, there will be several minor meteor showers in September, including the September ϵ -Perseids peaking around September 9, the ϵ -Eridanids around September 12, and the χ -Cygnids peaking around September 14.



The new school year has begun, and what better gift for kids (grandkids, nieces, nephews, and even their pre-schools/kindergartens) than books—particularly books about nature? All three of my colorfully illustrated picture books are told in cheerful rhyme and encourage children to appreciate nature. (Parents tell me that they learn lots of stuff as well!)

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