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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 2-4?Daly bases his retelling on a legend told by Elphinstone Dayrell in Folk Stories from Southern Nigeria West Africa, (Green & Co., 1910; o.p.). The social customs of the Ibibio tribe are manifested in the tale of the Sun's insistent invitation to the Sea to come visit his home in order to return her hospitality. When the Sea arrives, with all her children in tow, the Sun and Moon, flooded out of their house, are forced to live in the sky. Daly's version is more sophisticated than the original; his Moon is a materialistic wife who, annoyed with her husband's foolishness, flees to "the dark side of time, where Sun and Moon never meet." Framed cartoonlike watercolor illustrations in shades of blue, brown, and rust on cream-colored backgrounds show indications of the Earth's beginning (a rainbow with dove and hands reaching from the sky, a large egg hatching, a dinosaur feeding at a tree) mingled with details reminiscent of the Renaissance period in the Sun's house. Blair Lent's illustrated edition of the original Dayrell tale (Houghton, 1990) is a more authentic representation of Nigerian folklore with illustrations indicative of African culture.?Susan Scheps, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH

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Ages 4^-7. Daly takes a familiar bibio (Nigerian) folktale and reinterprets it using some unusual, very appealing illustrations. Sun, an adventurous roamer, lives on earth with Moon, a domestic homebody. Sun invites Sea and all her children to visit, but Sea floods the house, causing great distress for Moon. The flooding forces Sun and Moon into the sky, where they have been to this day. Daly's watercolor illustrations personify Sun and Moon as lord and lady of the manor, with Renaissance images (astronomical and otherwise) adding a sense of play and personality. Daly uses a palette of muted golds and blues, and has framed the images with lines of burnt sienna. Although the illustrations do not reflect the culture of the tale's origin, the sophisticated imagery is sure to "amuse the gods and entertain the reader." The size and format make the book acceptable for reading aloud to groups, but the details of the pictures demand a closer look. No specific source notes are given. *Janice Del Negro*

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