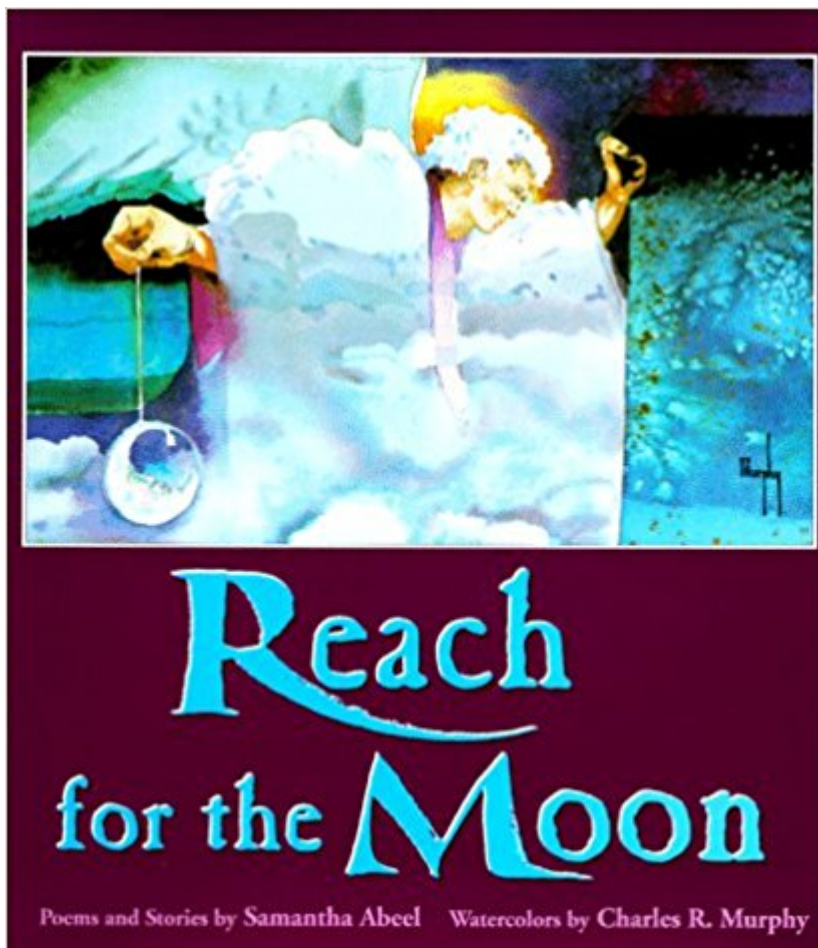


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# Reach For The Moon



## Synopsis

Samantha Abeel is learning disabled and gifted. She does not understand mathematical concepts, but she is an extremely talented writer. Samantha was on the edge of despair when a caring English teacher who recognized her hidden talents intervened, offering Samantha an opportunity to interpret in words the hauntingly beautiful paintings of artist Charles R. Murphy. The result is a visual and verbal masterpiece, a gift of inspiration for parents, teachers, and children. Samantha brings affirmation and hope to everyone who has ever struggled with a disability.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Reach for the Moon is a touching and motivating collections of poems and short stories written when the author was 13 years old . . . The wisdom and symbolism expressed in Samantha Abeel's poetry is timeless and elegant . . . The message will inspire parents, teachers, adults, and children.

-- American Bookseller

Reach for the Moon has one many awards for its young author: \* 1995 Book of Distinction in the older reader category from the International Reading Association \* New York Public Library's 1995 Best Book for the Teen Age \* Nomination as a 1995 Best Book for Young Adults by the American Library Association \* The Boston Book Review selected Reach for the Moon as one of the Ten Best Children's Books of 1994 \* At 15, Samantha Abeel received the 1994 Margot Marek Award, which

honors the best book written on the subject of learning disabilities.

This book was written by a girl with a learning disability. I was told about it the year it was published and bought it. She writes beautifully and it's illustrated nicely also. But the real reason I have bought numerous copies of this book is because my children all had a learning disability of some kind. I would buy this book and give it to their teachers as a Christmas gift. The introduction was written by the author. Then in the back there are 2 other sections one written by the teacher that encouraged her and also her mother. I would highlight 2 different sections one the author wrote in the intro and one the teacher wrote. I love this book!!

This poetry book by a thirteen year old learning disabled child opens the doors for all of us as writers and readers. It allows both children and adults to recognize their own "personal disability", maybe something no one sees, and realize that all are conquerable! The prologue and epilogue include Samantha speaking, her parents, and her english teacher...these three points of view bring an in depth view of the "gift within us all" just waiting to be recognized and nurtured. This is a must read for anyone who touches the lives of children!

I now own two copies of this book, one for me and one to loan to friends and family. This book is in no measure short of a miracle. Putting aside learning disabilities and her youth, Ms. Abeel is a gifted poet and author of exceptional depth. That this began as a middle school writing assignment by a child struggling to survive in an insensitive world makes it a tribute to the difference one or two "seeing" people can make. This book is a must for anyone interested in well expressed observation of the rich tapestry of life. --Dave

Love this book. Love that an adult took the time to encourage this girl to show the world what she could accomplish. We need to listen and encourage more talent in our young people!

This product was sent quickly and was exactly what I wanted. Thanks for providing great service and a great product.

I have been looking for a poetry book to include in my graduate studies project for a children's literature course. I've spent many hours trying to find the right book with the right message for the right audience. This book fits right in with the theme: perseverance. I am astounded by the

giftedness of this writer and the beauty of the watercolors from a remarkable illustrator. I think all my students will be able to relate in some way and find consolation in realizing that success is a matter of tapping into one's gifts. I am pleased on discovering the thoughtful and enlightening personal entries from Samantha, her mother and teacher at the end. What a wonderful story to share!!!

Though this book is recommended for kids, its greatest value is for anyone, adult or child, who is learning disabled. The author, a teenager at the time of writing, was learning to deal with her severe learning disability-dyscalculia- a total inability to deal with numbers. It is evident from reading her poems that what she lacks in arithmetic abilities is more than compensated for by her exceptional way with words and images. The fact that she was only 15 or so when she wrote the poems is even more astounding. a must for anyone who has a learning disability or knows someone who has one. This is one book that should be catalogued under learning disabilities and education!

I haven't read this book, but I did read a feature article about the author in the October issue of Seventeen magazine. I think it's wonderful that someone could overcome an LD and then be so gifted as to write about it. First chance I get, I'm going to read this book.

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