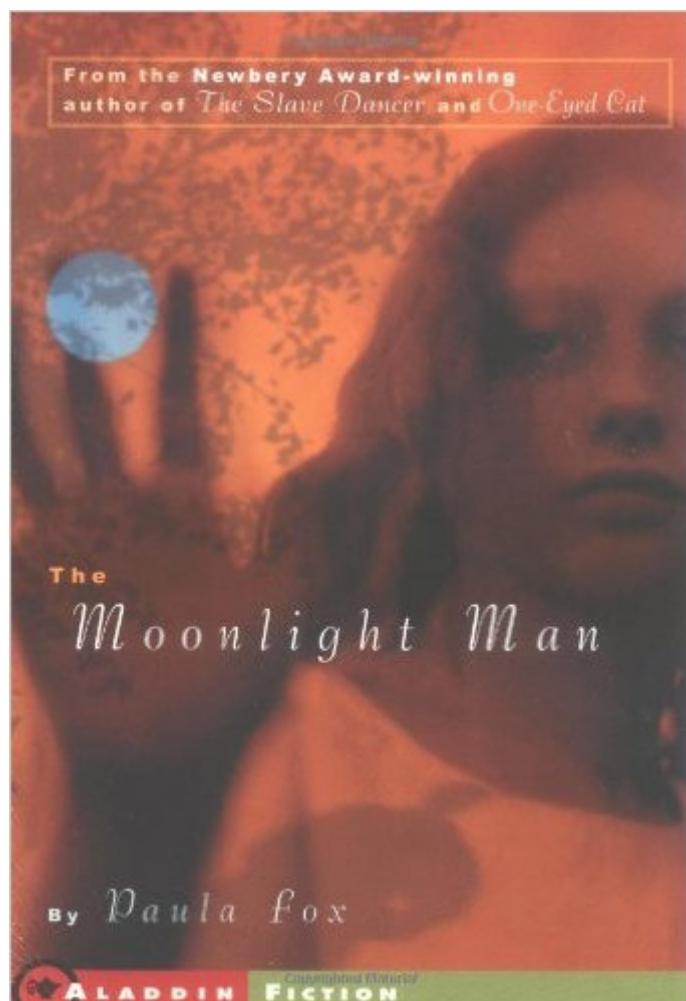


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# The Moonlight Man



## Synopsis

How can one month change everything? Catherine Ames's father is a traveler -- he always has been. And except for fleeting visits which always left Catherine yearning for more, her father has always been a mystery to her. So when Mr. Ames suggests a month-long stay at a summer cabin in Nova Scotia for just the two of them, Catherine is thrilled. Finally, she will know her father as the other girls at school know theirs -- his habits, his laugh, and most of all, his wonderful stories. But their summer of discovery is soon overshadowed by Mr. Ames's unpredictability. He drinks a lot -- more than Catherine imagines other fathers drink. Up close, her fancy-free father seems different -- darker, like the Nova Scotian night sky. As the sun sets on their month together, Catherine struggles against the terrible things she is learning about her father. How can the man she grew up wishing was near seem so far away now? And how can she bring him back to her?

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The previous reviewer clearly misunderstood the rating system and gave this extraordinary book a 1 when s/he meant to rate it as a 5. *Moonlight Man* is an excellent treatment of the predicament of a child with a parent who is deeply flawed yet has admirable qualities and talents that have gone to waste. Like most of Fox's work, it is probably based on autobiographical elements. 15-year-old Catherine waits for her father to pick her up at boarding school so she can spend summer vacation

with him. Out of love for him, she manages to deceive both those at her boarding school and her mother of the fact that he is three weeks late in picking her up. What follows is a harrowing, heartwarming, and tragic story of a child mustering resources to cope with things she should not have to cope with as she deals with the issues of love, loyalty, and letting go. It reminds me of Jeanette Walls's depiction of her parents, especially the father, in her memoir, *The Glass Castle*.

The Moonlight Man by Paula Fox is a very good book. I recommend this book for 13 through 15 year olds. Most of the time i would just sit on my couch and just read for hours and if you now me i don't read that often. It is about this 15 year old girl named Catherine who is going to her dads for the summer. Her dad, Mr. Amos, is not what I would call the best dad in the world. He really dosen't have muck experience being a father cause he has never been there for her. But just read and read to see how she and her dad really bond. At the beginning they do not get along that well or well when he driks that's is. Many wild and crazy things happen sence she only sees her dad a couple oftimes per year ans scence it takes place in Canada she can drive. Most o fhte time she is a designated driver for her dad and his friends. This is a very good book. I don't think I can tell you any more other wise I would give it all away. It is a very good book I would read it 100 more times if i had to. It's a great book. Those are the reasons I recommend The Moonlight Man by Paula Fox.

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