



A Barefoot
Discussion
Guide

Firefly Galaxy

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Exploring the Cover

- 1) Look at the book cover together and read the title. What do you think this book will be about?
- 2) Have you ever seen fireflies? When? What did the fireflies look like to you?
- 3) What is a galaxy? Do stars and fireflies have anything in common?

Exploring the Story

- 1) Why is it so difficult for Sofia to wait? What is hard for you about waiting?
- 2) Why do you think Sofia wants to catch a firefly and keep it?
- 3) Why does Sofia decide to let her firefly go?
- 4) How does Sofia feel after letting the firefly zoom away?
- 5) Why does Sofia call the night a “firefly galaxy”?

Exploring the Back Matter

- 1) What is a firefly? What are two reasons why fireflies flash?
- 2) How does a firefly change throughout its life cycle?
- 3) When and where can we see fireflies?
- 4) Can you think of any places where you might find fireflies in your neighborhood or region?
- 5) What are some ways your family (or school) could help fireflies?



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POEM FOR THE NIGHT

Activity created by Sarah Nelson

Writing a poem is a little like painting a picture with words. Good poems wake up our senses. They help us see, hear, and feel. They help us notice the world or ourselves in new ways.

Close your eyes and image the night where you live. If it's evening, look out your window at the night. What do you see in the night? What sounds do you hear? What do you feel at night?

Draw a picture of the night in the space below to help you get more ideas. Then use the poetry frame on the next page to create a poem all your own. (The littlest authors can tell their poem; parents and teachers do the actual writing.)



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POEM FOR THE NIGHT, *continued*

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Poem for the Night

At night, the moon is _____.

The stars are _____.

I hear _____ in the night

and _____.

I see _____.

I feel _____.

The night is _____.

The night is _____.

I _____ the night



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