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The Moon

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Featuring poetry, essays, and short fiction, the latest thematic Black-and-White anthology series, now in its twenty-second year, focuses on the moon and presents contributions from a wide range of authors. Pieces follow lives unfolding under the moon's eye—sometimes in auspicious, other times alluring.

“Spotlight” follows an inexperienced writer during a workshop in New York City as she struggles with crippling self-doubt. In “Never trust the Moon,” a young, single mother gets stranded during a spontaneous trip to visit her daughter's absent father. “Satellite” finds a family in the aftermath of the unexpected death of a parent.

In other works, voices ponder their pasts and the ties that bind, as well as the consequences of their choices. “Silent Witness” recounts a mother struggling to connect with her 15-year-old during a vacation that turns tragic.

“MoonDiary #1” (the Grand Prize Winner) explores the haunting connection between the moon, nature, and self. Edited by Scott, this moon-oriented collection displays the creative and engaging results of mystical, diverse explorations in ample poetry and prose.

— *Leah Strauss*