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Interesting book It is not at all astronomically accurate, which is not surprising considering when it was written I read it in translation, and I m guessing some nuance and meaning could be lost in that process And I wanted to love it as an example of early science fiction But I did not love it I found the characters behavior weird and off putting and the dialog

almost painfully awkward The concept is that an alien girl of about age 10 showing up in the forest and being found by a group of children collecting mushrooms Her father is coming back from the moon, where he has gone to make emergency repairs on his space ship, that evening to collect her The children want to help, and, refusing to leave her in the woods, take her to their village Of course the adults want to call the police, return her to the asylum, hospitalize her, or otherwise stop her and the children helping her from completing her mission of meeting her father Chaos ensues. My favorite parts were when the girl, Mo, would ask questions about things like the organ grinder s monkey is that a person and when she would talk about her home we don t have towns or countries That s pretty much the only thing that kept me reading, even when her stories began to be repeated. A dream fulfilled There was a copy of this book in my house when I was growing up I have no idea why it was there, but I must have read it 100 times I adored the story and the characters I did not realize until just about a decade ago that it was basically the story of E.T I searched for this book for years It was no longer in local libraries A few copies were available on at very high prices Now, finally, it s been reissued I read it as if I were a starving person eating bread Everything came back to me I remembered every description of every character s facial expression, every incident, every emotion being implied through dialogue or behavior. I think it s a great book And the illustrations I stared at them for minutes at a time, just as I did when I was young Read it Give it to children Keep it alive. #FREE Ë Star Girl Í Mo Falls From Her Father S Spaceship As It Hovers Low Over The Earth, And A Group Of Children Finds Her In The Forest She Tells Them Her Father Will Pick Her Up After Nightfall In A Certain Forest Glade, And The Children Decide To Help Her But Their Troubles Start When None Of The Grown Ups Will Believe Mo S Story Mo Runs Away, The Children After Her, To Spend A Bewildering Day Learning About The Funny And Sometimes Frightening Ways Of Earth S Inhabitants Encounters With a Third Kind, before E.T., Star Girl is about an alien from outer space who is stranded on the Earth, and is found and befriended by children The kids have a lot of adventures, partly because the girl, Mo, may speak the language but she does not understand the culture And partly because the naive kids proudly announce they have founded a girl who had fallen from a space ship, which of course gets the adults pretty worked up. Mo is a beautiful girl with huge violet eyes and fine blond hair At 87 years old, she appears to be 7 or 8 in human years Her world is one of peace and plenty The dissension among the children upsets her She does not understand the concept that food must be purchased, or that bad behavior is punished In Mo s world the children learn from glowing screens, and they love education The only adult who treats them kindly is the librarian, a white haired lady who truly loves children. The kids need to get Mo to an open field where he father is expected to pick her up that night They travel though woods and swamp, and just make it Mo s planet turns out to be Venus The round spaceships gather over the open field, where the adults, searching for this missing children, also gather Mo s father, a tall man dressed in a human suit, thanks the children for

their assistance to his daughter He offers Mo s diamond necklace to the boy who led the group and cared for Mo It will raise his parents from their poverty. The author was a Jew who left Nazi Germany for America He wrote books for adults, and several for children The illustrator was Fritz Wegner and the translator was Kyrill Schabert. This is one of the very first sci fi book I ever read, copyright 1957, I must have read it shortly after that I got the book from our local elementary school library I read it often and am still amazed In 1957 they had the imagination to do this When I got old enough I bought the book for myself and still have it. Mo falls from her father s spaceship as it hovers low over the Earth, and a group of children finds her in the forest She tells them her father will pick her up after nightfall in a certain forest glade, and the children decide to help her This is a 1950 s story I love the way the children were characterized in this book. Mo falls from a spaceship into the woods She finds friends there but some of the adults don t believe that she is what she says she is This is a fun book for younger children with awesome vocabulary You could use this when talking about science and space. I read this book years and years ago I really loved it as a child Will have to find a copy to reread I ve been searching for this book, wracking my 50 yr old brain for the title, and not finding it via Google until I stumbled across Loganberry Books Solved Mysteries in which people have either a great deal of information or very little regarding a book they ve read I waded through pages of books since all I could remember was the little girl was an alien and had a diamond necklace Cannot believe the title was in my head but without the author s name, I couldn t find it. I will have to re read it if I ever find a copy but I wouldn t have searched high and low if I didn t love it as a kid

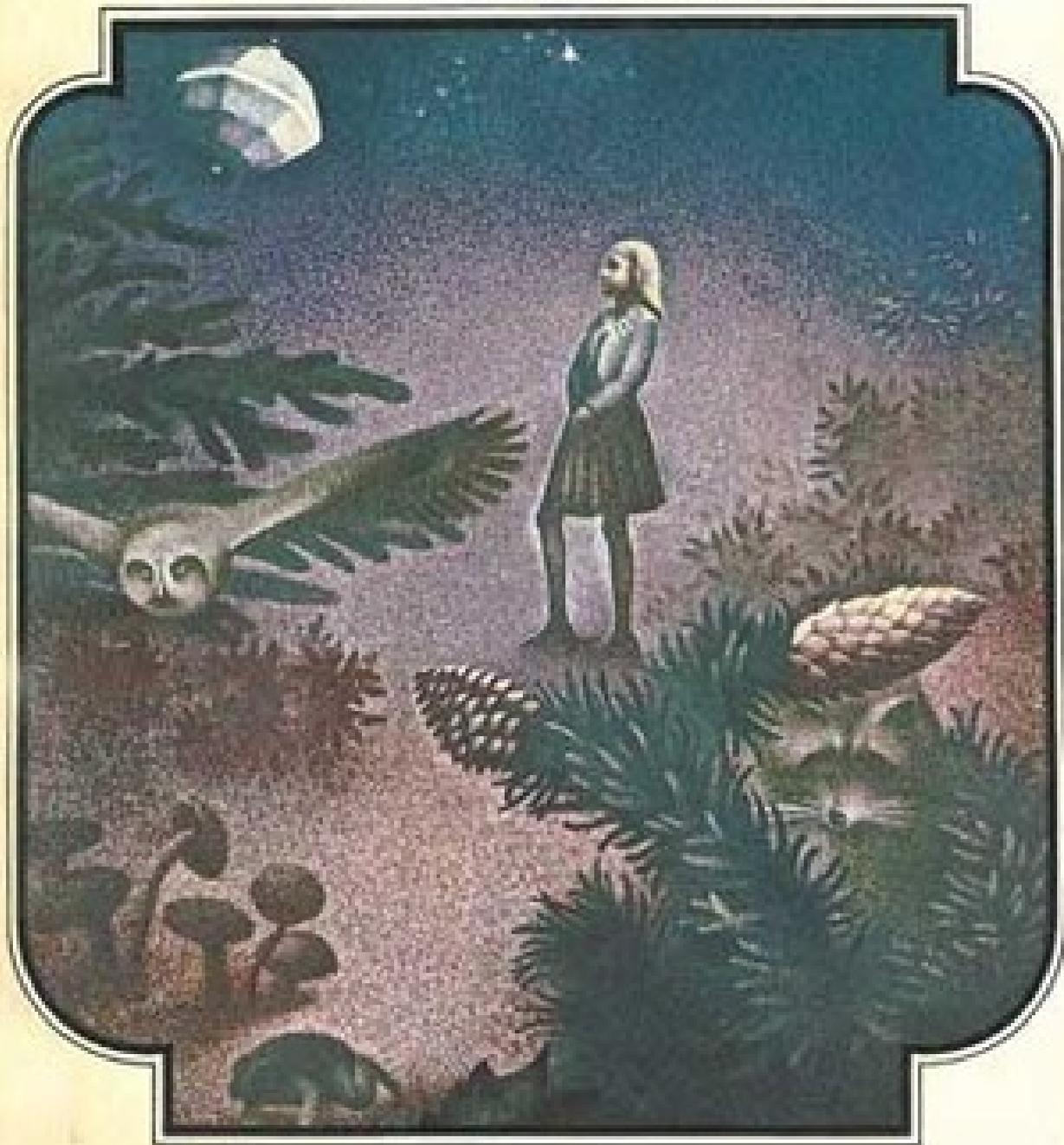


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Star Girl

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Mo falls out of her father's spaceship
and spends an exciting day with Earth children.



For the under 12 SF, here is a wonderful SF book I read it dozens of times when I was 9 and 10 it is out of print now but a paperback was published in 1976 possibly easier to find

that the original 1958 hardcover. I highly recommend it. Mo is discovered by a group of children. She has violet eyes, claims to have fallen from a spaceship and is wearing a necklace. A REAL diamond necklace. When the children take Mo into town, none of the adults will believe Mo's story. But the children are determined to get Mo back to the field by sunset so the spaceship can pick her up. Lots of interesting adventures that afternoon. Here is a summary of a favorite scene I recall. The kids hide out in the local library on a sunny holiday afternoon. Mo: I can't read your language. I just speak it. Children: When the librarian comes in she must THINK you are reading. The library lady asks Mo if she needs help. I read well. Mo replies: But you are reading upside down. Mo hastily turns the book sideways, blowing their cover story. Really well done. Lots of great scenes should be better known and would be if it were to be reprinted. Recommended for anyone of any age. I have re-read it as an adult and I still love it. Read in 1958.

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