the Sun, the Moon, and the Origami Grammie

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I wish to thank origami master Robert E. Neale, the ingenious designer of the Magic Pinwheel Ring, for inventing the fantastic transforming eight-piece modular origami model featured in this book. Its elegant simplicity is truly inspirational.

I would also like to express my deep gratitude to the many thousands of students, teachers, librarians, administrators, parents, and grandparents who have participated so enthusiastically in my paper folding sessions and storytelling programs since 1990. Thank you for your generosity and contagious energy. This book is Dedicated to all of you.
Jacob and Isabella stayed with Grammie and her dachshund, Taro, whenever Mom had to work away from home. Mom usually dropped them off on the way to the airport and picked them up a few days later.

Grammie’s house was convenient, and kind of fun, but she had WAY TOO MUCH PAPER!
Grammie loved origami, so she folded paper every day, in and out, over and under, back and forth, up and down, until it didn’t look anything like paper anymore.

When Jacob and Isabella were little, they mispronounced origami as ori-GRAMMIE, which stuck as a nickname for their paper folding grandmother.
Early one morning, Taro whined and scratched at the door until Grammie followed him outside. She was surprised to see that the stubborn moon refused to let go of the night, even though the stars had already surrendered to the rising sun.

The moon and sun in the sky at the same time gave Grammie an origami idea that she couldn’t wait to try.