

A MIDWEST CONNECTIONS PICK

The Longest Night

by

Marion Dane Bauer

illustrated by

Ted Lewin



This inspiring story by Newbery Honor-winning author Marion Dane Bauer, stunningly illustrated by Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator Ted Lewin, captures a beautifully snowy night woods and the warmth of the dawn.

The snow lies deep. All through the forest, animals long for dawn's warmth on the longest night of the year. Strong and clever creatures—moose, fox, bear, and crow—boast that only they can bring back the sun. But the wind knows better. It will take a tiny and courageous creature to summon the new day and to bring back the spring.

“Bauer’s poetic text reminds readers that endings are often beginnings and the ordinary can be extraordinary. . . . Lewin’s watercolor illustrations evoke the deep darkness of winter woods illuminated by moonlight. Remarkable close-ups of the crow, moose, fox and chickadee convey their natural power and almost magical beauty.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

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