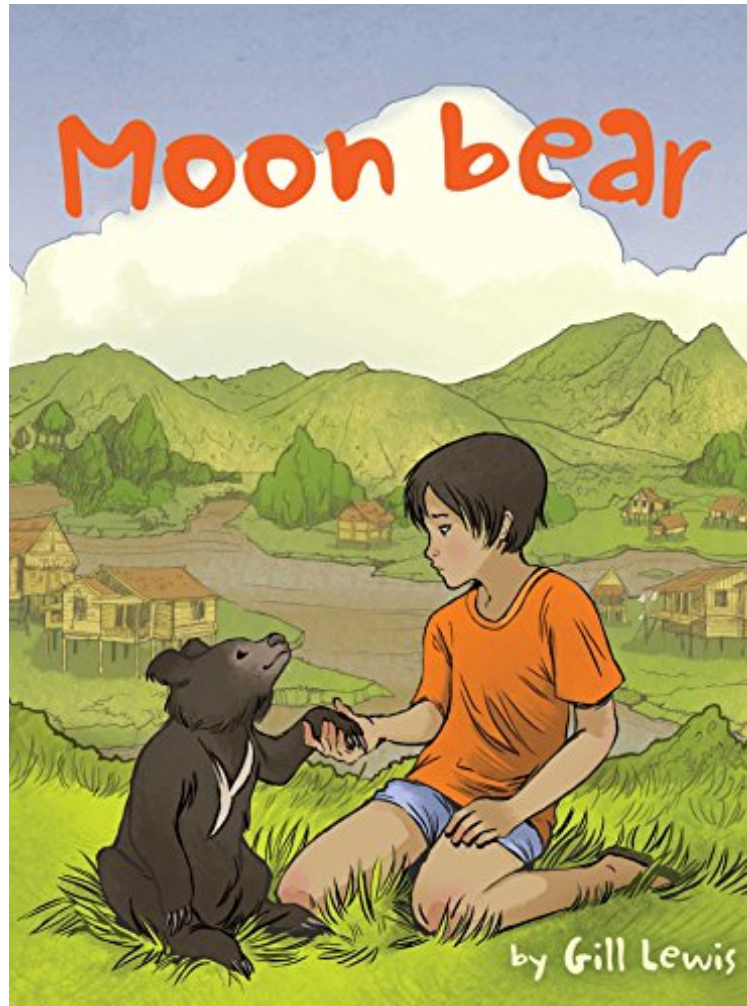


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**Von Gill Lewis : Moon Bear (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Bear (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Interesting ... but also shockingVon MaximusI, m/50, learnt about bear bile farming only about 3 weeks ago. I was (and still am) deeply shocked that something like this existed in our world! Since then, I've done a lot of reading about this and found this book.Right at the beginning, there are some 'critics' of kids between 8 and 13 years of age. I then thought: oh, so I bought a children's book, and started reading. Now, having finished it, I must say: in MY opinion, this is NOT a children's book! Some of the descriptions (i.e. how the bears are being milked) are so horrible, I cannot imagine how an 8 years young kid can comprehend the significance of what's being described.However, the book itself is exciting, a real page-turner. And the story is deeply moving. And considering, there are still thousands of bears

being held captive in tiny cages for their bile, makes me very, very sad.

KurzbeschreibungBoth torn from their homes in Laos, a boy and a moon bear cub form a deep bond in this moving and memorable (Kirkus s, starred review) tale of impossible odds and resilient hope, based on true and tragic conditions in Eastern Asia. Twelve-year-old Tam, on a dare, ventures into a moon bear den in the mountains of Northern Laos. His goal is to steal the cub and sell it, making a fortune for his family. But the mother bears unexpected return upends Tams plan, and he barely escapes with his life. Then his life implodes anyway: his entire mountain village is forced to relocate to make room for a new highway. Lured by the promise of electricity, running water, and a television, Tams people move to an overcrowded village, where Tams father is killed by a stray landmine. Now the family breadwinner, Tam is forced to work hundreds of miles away in the city of Laos, at a moon bear farm where bile from bear gall bladders is used for medicine. It is a cruel, miserable place, and when a familiar face the very cub hed seen in the den in Vietnamis sold to the bear farm, Tam knows he must save this moon bear, no matter what it takes. Deeply and powerfully moving, Moon Bear is an unforgettable story of compassion, hope, and bravery against overwhelming odds, and brings to light the real-life, heartwrenching plight of Asias endangered moon bears. Pressestimmen'Moving, gripping and full of well-drawn, convincing characters, this is a powerful and inspirational book.' The Daily Mail 'She writes an utterly convincing story of ursine - and human - behaviour.' Mary Hoffman, Guardian '(Gill Lewis) is most definitely a writer to watch' Fiona Noble, Children's Bookseller 'Gill Lewis is an expert storyteller' Red House 'a tale of friendship and moral courage' Martine Chilton, Telegraph Online 'This is an eye opening, educational experience for young readers, which provides a wealth of information about bears in Asia...Moon Bear purifies a potentially miserable story with a natural magic and several beautiful friendships' www.welovethisbook.com 'It packs in adventure, love, loyalty, betrayal and an education in south-east Asian history. This is a cracking read, and Gill Lewis' moral compass points to true north.' Kitty Empire, Observer 'A moving animal adventure beautifully told, and perfect for fans of Michael Morpurgo.' TBK Magazine 'Gill Lewis' eye-opening account of bear farming is utterly chilling.' Julia Eccleshare, The Guardian 'Moon Bear by Gill Lewis is a moving story about a boy and a bear in captivity in Laos. It shows how ideas of freedom are relative to one another, particularly nature and mankind, the city and the jungle.' Jon Walter, WRD magazine 'It's rare when an exploration of so many important social issues is accomplished in such an entertaining and moving manner.' Chris Brandon Whitaker, KidlitteratiKurzbeschreibungBoth torn from their homes in Laos, a boy and a moon bear cub form a deep bond in this moving and memorable (Kirkus s, starred review) tale of impossible odds and resilient hope, based on true and tragic conditions in Eastern Asia. Twelve-year-old Tam, on a dare, ventures into a moon bear den in the mountains of Northern Laos. His goal is to steal the cub and sell it, making a fortune for his family. But the mother bears unexpected return upends Tams plan, and he barely escapes with his life. Then his life implodes anyway: his entire mountain village is forced to relocate to make room for a new highway. Lured by the promise of electricity, running water, and a television, Tams people move to an overcrowded village, where Tams father is killed by a stray landmine. Now the family breadwinner, Tam is forced to work hundreds of miles away in the city of Laos, at a moon bear farm where bile from bear gall bladders is used for medicine. It is a cruel, miserable place, and when a familiar face the very cub hed seen in the den in Vietnamis sold to the bear farm, Tam knows he must save this moon bear, no matter what it takes. Deeply and powerfully moving, Moon Bear is an unforgettable story of compassion, hope, and bravery against overwhelming odds, and brings to light the real-life, heartwrenching plight of Asias endangered moon bears.