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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–8—Mimi tells her story in this novel in verse that will resonate with fans of Jacqueline Woodson's *Brown Girl Dreaming* (Penguin, 2014). The seventh grader describes arriving in small-town Vermont from Berkeley in 1969. While filling out a form, the teen is perplexed by which ethnicity to check off: her father is a black college professor, and her mother is Japanese (they married when he was a soldier stationed overseas). In 1969, mixed race is not an option on the form, nor is Oriental the same as Japanese. Mimi is fascinated by space and the moon landing. She designs a science project for school that requires the use of power tools—all this during a time when girls were not expected to be interested in science and were required to take home economics rather than shop. When Mimi bucks convention, there are repercussions and punishments. She weathers these with support from a smart girlfriend as well as a loyal and tender boy next door. Mimi's parents are engaged in and support the budding scientist's projects. This novel stands out with its thoughtful portrayal of race and its embrace of girls in science and technical fields. The verse, though spare, is powerful and evocative, perfectly capturing Mimi's emotional journey. VERDICT An excellent addition to the growing shelf of novels in verse with culturally diverse protagonists.—Amy Thurow, New Glarus School District, WI

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* "Perfect for readers who straddle societies, feel they don't fit in, or need that confirmation of self-celebration."—*Booklist*, STARRED REVIEW

"It is magnificent the way that Hilton sews together words stitching a beautiful quilt of colorfully written poems and sentences. ... This is a treasure and truly so different from other books that it is definitely worth your time."—*The Denver Post*

"Brimming with introspection and strong empathetic undertones, *Full Cicada Moon* is a 'must-read.'"
"—Kendal Rautzhan, Books to Borrow...Books to Buy

"Through the perspective of this clear-eyed, courageous heroine, Hilton (*Found Things*) powerfully recreates a time of momentous transition in American history."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Like *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson, Hilton re-creates a time and place in American history and makes it vividly alive through the eyes of an intelligent, spirited girl...Fans of historical fiction and poetry will enjoy this novel."—VOYA

About the Author

Marilyn Hilton has published numerous short stories, poems, essays, and two previous children's books. She

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