

Content Guide
Mandy Lamb and the Full Moon
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Themes: Friendship, identity vs. behavior, resisting temptation, starting a new school, bullying, grief, loss, forgiveness, courage.

Educational Value: Excellent starting point to discuss the dangers of genetic manipulation (which are touched on very lightly in the novel). Also excellent for teaching about the differences between what someone is (which they cannot help) and what they choose to do (which is up to them).

Positive Messages: Friendship transcends all boundaries. None of us can change what we are, but we can change what we choose to do.

Spiritual Messages: No temptation is too strong to be resisted with God's help.

Positive Role Models: Mandy looks different than everyone else and has some minor disabilities (clumsy hands) but she doesn't allow this to prevent her from making friends and fitting in at school. She is a kind girl and from the beginning longs to reach out to lonely James.

James, who is in care, has a tragic past and even greater challenges in his life than Mandy does, but he is quick to defend those more vulnerable than himself and is prepared to fight to the death to protect a friend.

Vincent faces greater temptations than anyone, but he works exceptionally hard to avoid them. His wisdom and kindness have long helped Mandy and soon begin to help James too.

Violence/Gore: Moderate violence, very little gore. A mother sheep defends her lamb from a dog and gets bitten. Bullies corner Mandy and pull her tail, James fights them off, biting one of them. A character grabs another character by the neck and threatens him, before relenting. A pack of wolves try to eat two characters and there are some descriptions of wounds during the fight, which gets a little scary for younger readers. Old scars on one character's leg are described, and at another point the character describes how wolves bit his leg and killed his parents and sister.

Sexuality: None.

Language: Words like heck and darn are used.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: None.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Mandy Lamb and the Full Moon is a heart-warming adventure for teens and mature tweens that teaches valuable lessons about friendship and temptation, through some unusual but very moral characters (a wereboy and a vampire).

Rating Scale: LIGHT TO MODERATE

Light- For all readers.

Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 13 plus

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.