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Now Zoey's cell phone doesn't work, there's no fast food in sight, and massive earthquakes keep rattling the land. Prim, proper Prudence Charity and her way-too-pregnant mother are the first people Zoey sees, but they don't believe her story—until they meet up with Chickasaw Chief Kalopin and his beautiful Choctaw bride. Kalopin is convinced that the Great Spirit has cursed him for stealing Laughing Eyes from Chief Copiah, and that soon, the river will swallow up his village and everyone in it. Zoey knows they're headed for disaster, but can she find the courage to save them?

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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 4-7—Set in two time periods, Moonshower's novel is a riveting look at actual earthquakes in New Madrid, MO, in 1811-12 and a compelling drama. Zoey, a modern 13-year-old, is embarrassed by her Native American heritage and her midwife mother. While on a school field trip, a storm hits and she is whipped back into the past. She meets Prudence, whose mother is struggling with a pregnancy and whose minister father is away converting Indians. Prudence is enamored with Chief Kalopin, a legendary Chickasaw chief who fell in love with a Choctaw maiden. Their marriage is said to have caused the curse that changed the course of the Mississippi River and created Lake Reelfoot. The lives of these characters, some fictional and some real, intertwine amid the famous earthquakes. The narrative alternates between Prudence and Zoey, using a journal/diary format to relate the story. Zoey helps Prudence's mother with the birthing process and gains a new respect for her mother's work. The experience makes her appreciate her background and gain a knowledge of history and her ancestors. Some clever details are mixed in with the conclusion to give readers a feeling that the whole time-travel incident really happened. Moonshower captures the perfect blend of fact and fantasy, past and present, adventure and characterization to make this a compelling first novel. It's a must-purchase for libraries in the Tennessee and Missouri regions. Other libraries should also consider it worthwhile.—*Debbie Whitbeck, West Ottawa Public Schools, Holland, MI*

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From [Booklist](#)

Gr. 4-6. When a freak storm forces children on a field trip off the school bus, contemporary middle-schooler Zoey Smith-Jones is plunged back in time to 1811 and the beginning of a geophysical assault known as the New Madrid earthquakes. Zoey's experiences, told in entries in her diary, which she carries throughout her time-travel adventures, are interspersed among those of her nineteenth-century counterpart, Prudence, the daughter of white settlers. The plot weaves together two urgent experiences: the earthquakes, described with much attention to sensory detail, and Zoey's struggle to come to terms with her Native American ancestry. Both girls are brave, resourceful, and credible products of their times, and their contact with one another opens their awareness to mysteries that neither science nor religion can explain. Zoey's feelings about her relationship to the local native peoples seem contrived, but children are likely to focus mostly on her bravery when faced with the discomforts of the past and on the oddities that accompany her return to her own times.

Francisca Goldsmith

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