

## Wilderness House Literary Review 10/2

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### **The Moon in Daytime**

Look at the pretty moon, Mom.

Only lazy girls look at the moon in the daytime.

I hate the zoo. Why do I always have to do what you want?

Life isn't fair.

But everyone else is going to the beach.

If everyone else jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge, would you?

What if I want to go to college back East? Why do I have to stay in California?

Home is where the heart is.

What was it like growing up on the sugar beet farm?

You can't live in the past.

Mom, talk to me.

Silence is golden.

Why did you quit your job at the ornament factory when you married Dad?

A woman's place is in the home.

Did you ever want something else?

Children should be seen and not heard.

I wish I knew you better.

If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride.

Mom, I forgot what I wanted to say.

Must have been a lie.