

THE
MOONHAVEN
CHRONICLES

THE
**LAST
WOLF**

ROB BIDDULPH

READING GUIDE FOR TEACHERS & LIBRARIANS

Suitable for UKS2 / Ages 9+

THEMES:

- ✓ Friendship & Teamwork
- ✓ Myth & Folklore
- ✓ Good vs Evil
- ✓ Writing & Illustration

CURRICULUM LINKS:

- Reading: inference, prediction, vocabulary, authorial intent
- Writing: character description, narrative, explanation, myth writing
- Science: living things and habitats
- Art & Design: illustration and visual storytelling
- Spoken Language: discussion and debate

BEFORE READING

Before you begin reading, complete these quick challenges.

Challenge 1: Moon Magic

Did you know?

Long before calendars, people named each full moon to help mark the seasons.

- Look at the full moon calendar at the very beginning of the book.

Challenge:

Which name is your favourite? Which moon falls in your birthday month? What do you think each one tells us about life hundreds of years ago?

Challenge 2: What Do You Know About Werewolves?

Create a spider diagram with Werewolves in the centre.

Include:

- Books
- Films or TV
- Games
- What they look like
- Their powers
- Things you're curious about

Then, after reading the novel, return to your diagram. Circle the ideas that appeared in *The Last Wolf* and add any new facts you learned.



DURING READING

Discussion Questions after each chapter:

- What are the rules of Moonhaven?
- Who do you trust the most?
- Who are you suspicious of?
- What is still a mystery to you?
- Which Moonlighter has the most at stake?
- What motivates each character?
- What is the villain’s goal?
- What do you predict will happen next?

Making Sense of Moonhaven

Rob Biddulph creates a whole world with specific rules. Note down definitions of each of the terms below as you read. Add more words and definitions as you come across them.

Moonhaven	
Moonlighters	
Moonstruck	
The Nighthawks	
The Wolf Slayers	
The L-gene	
The Silver Variant	



Meeting the Moonlighters

Create a profile page for each member of the Moonlighters. For each character, record:

- First impressions
- Strengths and talents – and weaknesses
- What role they play in the team
- A favourite quote or moment



JAX WINTER



JOVI WINTER

ESAU MONDAY



WILLIAM RUSSELL-HOOD IV
(FOURTH)



LOWELLA WOEBEGONE
(PURPLE)



One space has been left blank. Who would you add as an honorary member and why?



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Becoming an Illustration Detective

Did you know?

Rob Biddulph is both the author and the illustrator of *The Last Wolf*.

Choose your favourite three illustrations from the novel.

Investigate:

- What does the illustration tell you before you read?
- How do the pictures create atmosphere?
- Which emotions can you identify from the characters' expressions?
- Does the illustration reveal something the text doesn't?

AFTER READING

Discussion Questions after each chapter:

Activity 1: Full Moon Tracker

For one week, become a Moon Watcher.

Use a notebook or calendar to record:

- the date
- the shape (phase) of the Moon
- the time you saw it
- the weather
- where it appeared in the sky

Research the next full moon:

- What is its traditional name?
- Why was it given that name?
- Does your family or culture have any stories or traditions connected to the Moon?



Activity 2: Wolves – Myth or Reality? (Science)

Wolves have appeared in myths, fairy tales and legends for thousands of years. But how much do these stories match the real animal?

Become a **Myth Buster** and investigate the truth about wolves.

Research reliable sources to decide whether each statement is **Fact**, **Fiction** or **Partly True**. Be prepared to explain your answer using evidence.

STATEMENT	FACT	FICTION	PARTLY TRUE	WHAT DID YOU DISCOVER?
Wolves howl at the Moon.				
Wolves always hunt in packs.				
Wolves are dangerous to humans.				
Wolves live in close family groups.				
Wolves are important to healthy ecosystems.				

After completing your research, discuss:

- Why do you think wolves have been feared throughout history?
- Which myths about wolves do you think inspired stories like *The Last Wolf*?
- Has learning about real wolves changed your opinion? Explain why.

Challenge:

Can you think of another animal that is often misunderstood? What myths or stories have influenced the way people think about it?



Activity 3: Invent a Mythical Creature

Many mythical creatures begin with a real animal.

Examples include:

- Griffin = eagle + lion
- Mermaid = human + fish
- Minotaur = human + bull
- Werewolf = human + wolf

Choose a real animal and invent your own mythical creature.

Include:

- an illustration
- a name
- where it lives
- its magical abilities
- its weaknesses
- the legend explaining how it came to exist

Finally, write a paragraph beginning:

'Legend says that long ago...'

Activity 4: Moonhaven Field Guide

Imagine the Moonlighters are creating a guide for new recruits.

Design a page for the guide including:

- important locations
- creatures to watch out for
- useful equipment
- survival tips
- Moonhaven rules
- a danger rating

Include illustrations, maps and warning symbols to help future Moonlighters stay safe.

