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Join the legion of fans who have made Erin Hunter's Warriors series a #1 national bestseller--with new editions featuring a striking new look! More thrilling fantasy, fierce warrior cats, and epic adventures await in Warriors #2: Fire and Ice.

Deep in the heart of the forest, four Clans of warrior cats coexist in uneasy harmony--but uncertain times are upon them, and dangers threaten the precarious balance of the forest.

Fireheart is a ThunderClan warrior now, but his troubles are far from over. The cats of rival RiverClan grow restless, while WindClan is weak and faces threats from all sides. Now Fireheart faces not only imminent battle, but betrayal from within his own Clan.

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## Fire and Ice Details

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### Savita says

Favorite Series!

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Fire and Ice is a children's fantasy novel, the second book in the Warriors series, written by Kate Cary under the pen name of Erin Hunter. The plot centers around Fireheart and Graystripe, newly promoted warriors of ThunderClan, which is one of the four groups of feral cats living in the wilderness. Fireheart learns that his best friend Graystripe has fallen in love with Silverstream, a warrior from RiverClan, even though it is against the cats' "warrior code".

The book was first published on June 1, 2003 in the US as a hardcover. Since then, Fire and Ice has been released in paperback and e-book format in other languages. The main theme of the book is that the type of person one is inside is more important than the way one seems from the outside. The book received mixed reviews: the negative reviews criticized the flat characters, and how troublesome it was to flip back to the characters list due to the large number of cats; positive reviews praised the suspense and rising tensions in the book.

Fire and Ice takes place in a fictional forest which is home to four Clans of wild cats, ThunderClan, RiverClan, ShadowClan and WindClan, each of which lives in a territory best suited to their skills. The authors based the forest on New Forest in southern England.

- Fireheart is the main protagonist of the book. Originally a house cat named Rusty, he left his human owners to become an apprentice in ThunderClan. He is sent with Graystripe to find WindClan, who were chased out of their home by ShadowClan. Later, he realizes that Graystripe is in love with Silverstream, a warrior in RiverClan. Although he advises Graystripe against meeting her secretly, Fireheart agrees to keep it a secret.
- Graystripe is Fireheart's best friend. After receiving his warrior name, Graystripe is sent with Fireheart to find WindClan, who were chased out of their home by ShadowClan. During a patrol, Graystripe is saved by Silverstream, a RiverClan warrior, when he falls into the river, and almost drowns. As a result, Graystripe and Silverstream fall in love and begin to meet each other in secret, against Fireheart's warnings.
- Silverstream is a RiverClan warrior and the daughter of RiverClan's leader, Crookedstar. After saving Graystripe from drowning in the river, the two fall in love. Since the warrior code forbids cats from different Clans to be in love, they begin to meet in secret, sneaking out of camp in order to see each other.
- Tigerclaw is the main antagonist. Tigerclaw had previously killed his own Clanmate, Redtail, in hope of taking Redtail's place as deputy. Instead, Lionheart becomes deputy, but he too, later dies. Tigerclaw then finally becomes deputy. Only Fireheart, Graystripe and Ravenpaw know of Tigerclaw's plans, but they do not tell anyone out of fear of him.

Fire and Ice begins with Fireheart and Graystripe performing a traditional silent vigil after their promotion to warrior status in Into the Wild. As their first task as warriors, Fireheart and Graystripe are assigned to find and bring back WindClan, which had been driven out by ShadowClan, and bring them home. They succeed, finding WindClan under a tangle of Thunderpaths (probably a highway interchange), and bring them home. Soon after, Bluestar apprentices Cinderpaw to Fireheart, and Brackenpaw to Graystripe. During a hunting patrol, Graystripe almost drowns after chasing a vole onto thin ice, falling in the river separating RiverClan and ThunderClan, but is rescued by Silverstream, a RiverClan warrior. Graystripe and Silverstream fall in

love; however, this is against the warrior code, a code of honor that all warriors must follow. Fireheart discovers their relationship, and unsuccessfully attempts to discourage them from seeing each other. Graystripe finally agrees to meet Silverstream only at the full moon at the Gathering, when the four Clans meet to share news. Fireheart, later realizes that Graystripe has not been keeping his promise. Because Graystripe is often gone to see Silverstream, Fireheart takes over training of Brackenpaw, as well as training his own apprentice.

Tigerclaw, in his ambition to become leader, sets a trap for Bluestar by the Thunderpath (road), intending to kill her, thus bringing him closer to becoming leader. Instead, Cinderpaw is crippled by the trap. Her leg is broken, and when it heals, she has a permanent limp, preventing her from becoming a warrior. She then trains under Yellowfang to become a medicine cat.

Fireheart is reunited with his sister, Princess, a kittypet living in a Twolegplace (a human town). Princess gives Fireheart her oldest kit, Cloudkit, to take into the Clan as a new apprentice. Although Fireheart agrees to accept the kit, his Clanmates, with the exception of Frostfur and Graystripe, are reluctant to accept him because of his kittypet blood. Bluestar allows him to stay, and Brindleface becomes his foster mother.

Brokenstar, the former ShadowClan leader, eventually attacks ThunderClan, along with several other exiled ShadowClan warriors. After the battle, the rogues are driven off, with the exception of Brokenstar himself, who is blinded by Yellowfang and is kept as a prisoner. When Fireheart suggested to kill the evil cat, Yellowfang refused, sadly revealing that herself is Brokenstar's mother.

Later, ThunderClan becomes involved in a fight against RiverClan and ShadowClan when RiverClan and ShadowClan unites and tries to drive WindClan out again, and WindClan allies themselves with ThunderClan. When Fireheart is attacked by Leopardfur, the RiverClan deputy, Tigerclaw watches as Leopardfur and Fireheart fight, and does not attempt to help Fireheart. Silverstream attacks Fireheart but releases him; he attacks her but sees Graystripe's look of dismay, and releases her. Darkstripe witnesses the event and reports it to Tigerclaw. Consequently, Fireheart becomes certain that Tigerclaw is not to be trusted.

The main theme of Fire and Ice is that "it doesn't matter where you come from, only who you are inside". Fireheart is challenged by other cats because he was once a kittypet (house cat), despite having proven his loyalty and bravery as a warrior. Similarly, Cloudkit was initially not accepted by the Clan because he had kittypet parents. Other themes include loyalty, betrayal, and forbidden love.

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### **\*Alice♥Cullen\* says**

This book is the best ever(besides twiight), not just this book the whole series. The suspense and interesting events amaze me. If your not sure whether or not to read this book because it's about cats read it!! They act like humans except the hunting. If your not going to read it because of the fighting read it. It's not as violent as you think. WARNING: THESE BOOKS ARE ADDICTING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Don't pick up this book with out having time to read the whole series

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### **Hana says**

I thought this book was exciting because they brought one of the enemy Clans back home after they were driven out. Then Firehearts first apprentice was hit by a "monster" (car) and it was a trap for the clan leader Bluestar, and Fireheart can't convince Bluestar that it was a trap. I would reccomend this book to people who like to read books that follow another like its repetative you know whats going to happen. (FYI: This is my

second time reading this series that should tell you how good it is!:)...).

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### **Julia says**

Firepaw and Graypaw, two apprentices of Thunderclan, have grown well; the clan holds a ceremony to give them their warrior names: Fireheart and Graystripe. As hostilities between Fireheart and Tigerclaw, the clan's new deputy, continue to rise, Fireheart finds his life at risk. Ravenpaw, the apprentice of Tigerclaw, realizes that Tigerclaw is trying to kill him. Fireheart and Graystripe find out about this, and they travel to a distant farm with him so that he may be free from Tigerclaw's grasp.

The two friends announce to the clan that Ravenpaw is dead; this pleases Tigerclaw. But he tells Bluestar the truth in private, as he wants her to understand what her deputy is trying to do.

By chance, Tigerclaw catches Fireheart letting a Riverclan cat, Silverstream, walk away from a fight -- she fights him until Graystripe, her forbidden lover, calls out to her: "Silverstream! No!", and she suddenly recognizes Fireheart. He lets her go, and Tigerclaw can use this to his advantage -- to remove Fireheart from the clan once and for all.

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### **Kirsti says**

Another installment of the Warriors series sees Fireheart facing new struggles, testing both his ties to ThunderClan and his kittypet roots. Although he has been accepted into ThunderClan, it becomes more and more obvious that he wasn't born into this world, and may never fully embrace it. Spotting his sister during training one day rekindles memories long forgotten, and may cause him to lose his place and respect of the Clan.

I enjoyed how this book brought the two different loyalty issues to light. Certainly the issue is not resolved, making the reader want to continue reading even more. I might just get addicted to this books just as I feared! I also liked Cloudfit, and hope for more of his story in future books.

Another great installment; I wonder if I should download the third on my Kindle now or wait until payday since I've already spent close to \$100 on books today? \*wistful\*

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### **Carrissa Cat says**

I still like it, even after reading it for the bajillianth time. haha...

The first series of these books is pure gold- the characters, the plots, the themes, everything! The second book series and the 3rd are okay (Dawn drives me crazy though) and the 4th one... well the further they go the more trouble the author(s) seem to have making up new ideas lets just say. Still, all the serieses are quite good, but the first is by far the best.

Lots of things happen in Fire and Ice, two of the most prominent things being 1. Windclan is being bullied and driven out (almost twice), and 2. the near loss of Graystripe and Fireheart's friendship. There are lots of other problems in the book for the heroes to overcome, and they don't always succeed in making things work out either. Thats one thing that makes the books so good- the characters are believable. :)

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### **Aoife says**

Well, It's been awhile since I've read this but, like all the other Warriors books I found this to be a very exciting read. This is the second book out of the original Warriors arc, and it continues from where the last ends. I don't think I'll get too detailed into the plot or else I'll be writing for ages, but it's definitely not just your typical kids book about cats. It's so detailed and the plot is very cleverly thought out. As you progress through the books, you become really attached to the characters. There is mystery, good, evil, secrets and love. AMAZING. It's a must read! But read the first one before you read this one. These books are best read in order.

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### **Joe says**

The Book Fire and Ice is a Book from The Warriors series. I recommend reading the first book to fully understand the story. Fire and Ice is about a warrior named Fireheart. After having left his life as a kittypet, apprentice Firepaw of the ThunderClan has been given his warrior name of Fireheart and his first mission-to find the WindClan and assist them back to their hunting grounds. The mission was a success. One day Fireheart goes out on patrol with Graystripe. Graystripe decides to bring his apprentice with. When on patrol Graystripe slips onto the ice on thunder paths river. Fireheart tries to save Graystripe but the ice cracks and Graystripe falls into the freezing water. It was all hopeless until a River Clan Warrior saves Graystripe. The River clan warrior was named SilverStream. Silverstream soon fell in love with Graystripe. The Thunder clan deputy accuses Fireheart and Graystripe. In the end Shadow clan and River clan attack Wind clan. Thunder clan comes to the rescue and helps Wind clan. Fireheart battles ferociously and attacks silverstream (on accident). Fireheart lets go of silverstream. This book is an adventure and fantasy. This book is a real heart beater. I hope you take an interest in the Warriors Series!

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### **Emily says**

This series continues to be really cute and fun. I can see why kids (and adults) love it. I've been listening to the audio book version and the guy that reads them is really good. I love all the different voices that he does for the characters. He's so good, I prefer to listen than actually read.

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### **JJ says**

I love Warriors!

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### **Mariam says**

Reread: 8/18/17 - THIS IS BETTER THAN I REMEMBERED!

Blood is being spilled, a traitor is on the loose, forbidden love creates tension between Clans, friendships are destroyed; it seems like every possible tragedy strikes ThunderClan. If this was any other book, it would seem overdone- but book two of the Warriors series is well-written.

I'm not kidding when I say the battle scenes left me breathless.

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### **Daniel says**

Cute kittens are cute. But still there are also lots of serious and somber moments. But never the less if you like cats this an fun read.

And it's always fun to read about kittens having fun, meow meow :D

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### **Kayla says**

#### **Second read: August 19-September 6, 2017**

Continuing to reread the series and I'm enjoying it. :)

#### **First read: August 6-7, 2009**

I enjoy how this author writes her books, she doesn't recap everything that happened in previous books. And Book 2: Fire and Ice started up right where book 1 left off. I enjoy reading the Warrior books and at the moment can't seem put them down. :-)

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### **Josiah says**

"(He) felt lost and alone without his old friend, though he barely recognized him anymore. He wondered if they could ever be friends again."

—*Fire and Ice*, P. 218

This second installment in the Warriors series is, to me, even more gripping and compelling than the first. Whichever Erin Hunter wrote this novel tackled some deep and complex interpersonal issues, including loyalty to oneself and one's people, friendship and the painful barbed obstacles that can come between even boon companions, the effects of love (both old and new) on one's life, and what it means to feel alone and significantly different from everyone else.

The author navigates these thorny subjects with skill and tender feeling, allowing the reader to identify with the characters on a deeply personal level. Along the way plot revelations are made and surprising developments come from the new relationships that are formed.

*Fire and Ice* does an excellent job taking the reader further into the fantasy world of the cat clans and keeping a high level of interest. I'm impressed by both book and author.

I would give three and a half stars to this novel that so surpassed my expectations.

"It's not easy being different."

—Fireheart, *Fire and Ice*, P. 193

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