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Following on from Tom's life with six cats in 'Under The Paw', he now picks up the story in 'Talk To The Tail', updating readers on what has happened with his feline friends as well as looking back for more confessions about his animal-loving past.

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Freya says

A 3.5 really, it was a bit of a strange book at first as it appeared to ramble all over the place, however, once I got used to the style I enjoyed it a lot.

It's a mostly funny read, with some sad moments and fun observations about mostly cats, but also relationships with others (friends, family etc.) and the occasional perils of work! The author is the guy behind 'MY SAD CAT', which has been funny to follow in my Facebook feed.

It both reminded me of how much I would like a cat, but also of how much chaos they can create... perhaps a good thing to be reminded of since I cannot get a cat yet!

I will be looking out for other books he's written, as I want to read more.

Janean says

Tom regards his cats as individuals with personalities and quirks of their own. The author begins this book with six cats and a wife. The book ends with less of each but it never feels sad or depressing. Cox writes with a dry wry humor, similar to other British authors I adore.

Vivienne says

This was another highly enjoyable memoir about his life 'under the paw' from Tom Cox. As the title and synopsis indicates in this second book he ventures out to experience other animals besides cats.

His insights are so spot on. Like me he has a cat with over-active thyroid so knows the struggle for getting the daily pills into cat and the chapter outlining the steps for this had me weeping with laughter.

A delightful memoir even though there are a few sad bits as is inevitable in this kind of memoir.

Bethnoir says

It's strange reading an autobiographical book when you have knowledge of what comes later, but it didn't detract from this amusingly written selection of recollections. With long chapters detailing particular events, some funny, some sad and short bits to dip into there is much to enjoy.

The stories about Tom's parents and childhood really appeals to me, but it is the cats he writes about with such affection that I love most. Writing about felines without being twee is an accomplishment in itself and

Tom's style is very easy to get on with. A pleasure.

Sophie says

amusing, well written book, although not as much about cats as the first in the series, very enjoyable and laugh out loud funny. I like how the style of writing changes like how some of it is written from the cats point of view. Would recommend, even to people who aren't huge cat fans.

Angela Maher says

This book will be loved by anyone who has, or has had, cats in their life. Not the whole book is about cats, but the other tales don't feel out of place. It's written in a friendly, candid, and often humorous way. It's a comfortable book to read, like a conversation with an old friend.

Rinda Elwakil says

Cat men and ladies , this is YOUR book!

For the love of fur balls that taught me how to love.

Kirsti says

This is the kind of book any cat lover and owner can relate to. If you've owned multiple cats, then you know how unique and individual each one is. Tom Cox describes each of his in such a funny light that I found myself laughing (with them, not at them, the last thing you'll ever do is laugh AT a cat) It's just a really great book! I love the way he writes, and I love his sense of humor. I love the cats, and now I'm going to go out and somehow find a copy of his first book this one was just that good. So highly recommend I can't even put it into words, and a definite five star book!

Alice says

I didn't enjoy this as much as Under the Paw; it was more disjointed, reading more like a collection of columns. But that's still quite a lot of enjoyment, and I loved being reunited with Cox's feline family. Sentimental, touching, hilarious, gross and above all *real* tales from the cat-owning battlefield.

Moira says

Another amusing, delightful book on Tom Cox's companions of the furry variety but this time he widens his

subject to include others. the sections on his father and his exploits in Kenya are especially amusing. Another enjoyable, light holiday read.

Morv says

I loved the first book Under the Paw: Confessions of a Cat Man it was hilarious and heart-warming to read, at the same time I also found myself agreeing with certain things the author was saying about his cats when thinking of my own cat.

However this book seemed to have lost it's way a bit, there was humour, but there was something lacking, it felt less about the cats and owners and more about the owner and the life he has outside his bubble of cats. It could have been me though thinking that, but I love the personalities that Ralph, The Bear, Janet, Bootsie and Pablo brought to the book, what we learn about them and then suddenly we are taken away from the cats to look at a new angle of horse riding? It wasn't even a little story, a little humour tale, but it was a full chapter's worth about horse riding.

My way of thinking about it, is the author was using the space to write about his relationship with his wife Dee, but in doing so he was making the book an autobiography of himself and at times not with the cats that were the focus and whole point of the book.

There was a few sad moments in there, one about Janet and another about a neighbour.

This book could have done better, though it did still have the humour of the last book, it wasn't as funny, however I will see what the latest book The Good, The Bad and The Furry: Life with the World's Most Melancholy Cat and Other Whiskery Friends is like, I have higher hopes for it.

Ely Green says

This is THE book for any animal lover! It's cute, it's funny and even bittersweet at parts, but the love the author feels for his six (yes, SIX) cats is truly heartwarming. We follow him through cat-fights, hairballs, dog walks and hilarious family members; also coming across tigers, sheep, bats and human animals.

There are ups and downs and happiness interspersed with sorrow, and even if some parts seem a bit flat or over the top, his wry, wacky and witty humour shines genuinely through. I found myself wishing the book would have been longer because as a cat owner myself and having gone through what the author has, I know that not even twelve books that size could possibly contain all the adventures and misadventures he writes about. What made the book enjoyable is the varied chapters and diary excerpts (and puns in the titles) because not even one was boring or slow. Oh, and I mustn't forget the cat language dictionary. I assure you this is the only place where you can find cat swear words or names for the fur they leave around the house! I also loved the way he sees his cats as persons-holding dialogues and arguments with them, making them perfect human characters, only a little hairier.

Even those who may profess themselves as cat haters will find this an endearing read.

Next on my to-read list? Tom Cox's first book-Under the Paw!!!

Megan says

Some truly laugh out loud bits in this book - while the relationship side is dealt with through the cats. A few bits I didn't like, but on the whole it was great.

Amanda says

Sweet and poignant, especially due to Janet, but a little more disjointed and less cat oriented than the previous novel.

Lucy says

This book made me want more cats. All the cats! But most importantly it reassured me that I'm not totally deranged for committing so much time and money to my elderly, diabetic, irritably-boweled mess-machine.
