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We humans love our cats and these surprising true stories will prove our cats love us back! This collection of tales of playfulness, friendship, heroism, and inspiration is sure to touch the soul, tickle the funny bone, and inspire animal lovers everywhere to be the best kitty caretakers and companions they can be. There's Bambi, whose owners taught her to respond to commands in American Sign Language; Millie, who loves exploring the outdoors and goes rock climbing with her owner; Leo, a rescued lion who changed the life of one South African family forever, and more.

*From the Hardcover edition.*

## Cat Tales: True Stories of Kindness and Companionship with Kitties Details

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**Brooke says**

Eye-catching photographs and heart-felt stories about Cats and the charming roles they play in their families!

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**Kristi Bernard says**

Lots of people love cats. Cats also love their owners. This guide shares 23 stories of compassion, ingenuity and bravery and will most likely tug on your heart.

Exciting photos and stories of cats and some of the most amazing encounters and obstacles they've overcome. You'll meet owners and you'll see a section on Ask An Expert so you can get the truth about the secret life of cats.

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**Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says**

**Cat Tales: True Stories** is a small book that is made to be easy to handle. It is 160 pages long, but at least half those pages are purrfect pictures of pussycats. The layout is one that cat lovers everywhere can appreciate. **Cats are sorted into groups such as "Awesome", "Caring", "Adventurous", "Hardworking" and "Curious"**. It's definitely a book that appreciates the awesomeness of our resident felines. You will also find some of these cats mentioned in 125 Pet Rescues.

One of the sections involved is "Just for Fun" which includes some information I'd never heard about and that did, indeed, make me grin. Such as cat mail! Another is "Ask an Expert" and the questions they chose to ask and answer were definitely interesting. It is also filled with tips and tricks on being a good owner. (Includes things like recognizing what a cat's body language is saying, and providing them the stimulation or lack of that they need.) **Cat Tales: True Stories** is cute and informative!

The piece on celebrity cats will contain some very familiar faces. However, this book isn't all about the widely famous cats, but instead about the cats that stand out in other ways. **Some are super travelers, some are life savers, and some are just plain awesome in other ways.**

**This is a book that both kids and adults can enjoy.** I loved looking through it. The person it was truly a hit with, though, was my child. She has read the book at least 4 times since we received it. Every time through, she giggles and points out her favorite cats and reads what she thinks are the coolest parts out loud to me. At this point, the book is an old friend for her that she'll never get rid of.

**Cat Tales: True Stories** with Kitties is a great book.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book free from the publisher for review consideration.

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## Hope Irvin Marston says

Intriguing mini-bios of 23 unique cats and their owners that will enchant cat lovers of all ages. Full page photos of the featured animals bleed off the pages, and throughout the book eye-catching, fascinating action shots will capture the interest of younger children who will enjoy having the book read to them. The text is not difficult reading though the font is small for young readers. The "Ask an Expert" section contains curious cat questions with answers by veterinarian Dr. Gary Weitzman.

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## Kelsey says

Alexander Newman, A. (2017). Cat tales: True stories of kindness and companionship with kitties. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society

They All Saw A Cat and Cat Tales: True Stories of Kindness and Companionship with Kitties pair very well together. The book They All Saw a Cat is a great book to teach students about perspective and differences. This is such a fun simple story about how differently people can see things. Cat Tales is a collection of true stories about cats. It has real photos and great short stories about cats being adventurous, hardworking, awesome, caring, and curious. The text feature that I will be teaching to my kindergartner class would be contents. I would first read the fiction story and guide a discussion about how now we are going to read another story about a cat, but this time it is a nonfiction story. Within that discussion, I would explain that one text feature of a nonfiction book is a Table of Contents. I would show them how to find the specific story that I plan to read. This would need to be one of many examples of introducing and using the Table of Contents. I always use our math curriculum guide to assist in teaching because it gives such a good example of how helpful a Table of Contents can be. The reading strategy would be becoming familiar with nonfiction text features. As a lesson extension, I would have a multitude of nonfiction books with Tables of Contents and post-it notes. I would have students use the post-it notes to mark the Tables of Contents. At the kindergarten level, this is the perfect way to practice identifying text features.

Twin Text- Wenzel, B. (2016). They saw a cat. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books

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## Tima says

Kittens are absolutely adorable. And what better way to spend some time than reading about cats and how they've blessed us with their presence. Cats have personalities as unique as humans. Some of the stories include a little cat that rock climbs with it's owner, a seeing-eye cat, a cat who is an official train station master, and a very large cat that isn't your typical size. The book is small, making it the perfect book to tuck into a purse or book bag for those occasions when you only have a few moments to read. The book is filled with colorful photography, helpful tips from experts, and information about each cat in the stories, including their breed and location.

My children and I really loved this book. The stories have heart and the pictures make it a great book to read with children. But as an adult, I also enjoyed it very much. This is definitely a book we'll be keeping. But it would also make an excellent gift for the cat lover, or child in your life.

I received a copy of this book from Goodreads. All thoughts expressed are my own.

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### **Sumner says**

Upbeat and heartwarming, but not overly sentimental. The stories draw a reader in, and the extra factual tidbits peppered throughout are just enough to whet the curiosity to seek out more information, which I think is a perfect balance for this sort of book.

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### **Lyndsi says**

Cats are amazing creatures. I love them so much. They are very resilient. Even though they don't act like they love their owners sometimes, they definitely do. I have three cats and they are my fur babies.

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### **Peacegal says**

If you most frequently are found reading with a cat on your lap, this is the book for you. Featuring appealing, full-page photos and short, magazine-style articles, CAT TALES profiles multiple unique and amazing felines--some who have overcome hardship, others who simply do cute or amazing things.

While mostly upbeat and positive, CAT TALES could occasionally be tone-deaf to the basic welfare of the very creatures it celebrates. A section with blurbs about "Celebrity Cats" had me facepalming the hardest. Felicette is identified as an "astrocat" whose "favorite hangout" was outer space. The text jovially notes: *She was strapped into a capsule, attached to a rocket, and blasted into space for 15 minutes, while electrodes implanted in her head sent signals back to earth. Scientists learned a lot, and she was safely recovered.* (It does not state that Felicette was euthanized 3 months after her "safe recovery" so her body could be studied.) Felicette was one of numerous cats subjected to some of the darker examples of Cold War-era animal experimentation. Their photographs are widely available, and it's nothing cute, funny, or fun. Opening a helpless creature's skull and permanently wiring her brain with electrodes is *not* an example of "kindness and companionship with kitties," and the Felicette passage seems woefully out-of-step with the tone of this book.

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### **Stacie says**

Our family has always been a "cat family". When I met my husband, he had two cats and I had one. Our children grew up with our cats as pets and then after long and happy lives, our cats died peacefully. Two years ago this summer, we found a kitten in our garbage can and nursed her, sang to her, and were patient with her until she was ready to come close to us. She has been in our home ever since.

The stories of special cats in CAT TALES will warm your heart and surprise you with their amazing feats of bravery and kindness that these cats shared with others. I was especially fond of Holly's story. Holly found her way back home walking 190 miles to find her owners after she ran away from them on a vacation. Holly was determined to find her way back home and her story was amazing. Our cat, Buddy, many years ago, ran away from home. We thought we would never see him again, but then one night, exactly 30 days later, my husband saw him walking up the driveway. We have no idea where he went or what he had been doing for

30 days, but we were sure glad he was back home. Much like us, Jacob and Bonnie welcomed Holly back home and cared for her after her long journey home. I'm sure they wish Holly could tell them all about her journey!

Other stories, like Monty, who was chosen at a shelter, ended up saving the life of his owner after she suffered from a diabetic attack. With no training, Monty has alerted his owner numerous times to low blood sugar.

This small book is packed full of amazing stories of average cats and even celebrity cats and what makes them so special. Each story is full of photography of the featured cat in his environment and doing what they love.

Children would love having these stories read to them and older children will appreciate reading a story or two during a car ride or before bed. They are quick reads and will leave you feeling happy.

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### **Sheri says**

Sweet stories that cat lovers will enjoy.

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### **Mrs Mommy Booknerd <http://mrsmommybooknerd.blogspot.com> says**

If you love cats this book is for you. Any curiosity questions you have about cats will be answered here. From birth to death, the life of a cat is fascinating. From how they track, to how they find there way around to how they bond with their owners this book is jam packed with just "fur" fun facts, pictures and stories of love, dedication and inspiration. I was completely engaged while reading about all 23 cats featured in this book. A delight for any cat lover!!!!

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### **Lisa says**

The pictures are adorable and the stories in this book are so heart touching. I always thought that cats were cute and playful but at the heart of it they were just little jerks. It is like what the book says they love you they just show it in a different way.

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### **Penny Olson says**

I received this book through a Goodreads giveaway and I'm so glad I did. This is a great little book. Perfect for cat lovers of all ages with the pictures, cat facts and stories. It also makes for great bedtime reading for kids as there is a big variety of cat stories, all real and all fascinating. There is a cat who surfs, a cat who rides public transit and cats who help other animals and people. There is even a lion. It would make a wonderful gift for any cat person or kid in your life.

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## **Moonlight Sonata says**

Its such a adorable little cat book! It has little stories about different little amazing cats.It has some tips and the pictures are beautiful.Its a very cute book all cat lovers out there be a great gift to.I'm so happy that I was lucky to have won a copy.

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