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The bestselling Catwings series!

Mrs. Jane Tabby can't explain why her four precious kittens were born with wings, but she's grateful that they are able to use their flying skills to soar away from the dangerous city slums where they were born. However, once the kittens escape the big city, they learn that country life can be just as difficult!

## Catwings Details

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## From Reader Review Catwings for online ebook

### Kim says

I'm just glad my fat cats can't fly.

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### Susan says

Four winged kittens set out to find a better place to live than the city. But country life has its challenges, too. Charming illustrations, a storyteller who tells the truth “slant” as Emily Dickinson said, some humor, and a happy ending made a delightful, fabulous story.

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### Ashley \*Hufflepuff Kitten\* says

Adorable little book. The thing I love about children's books (and by extension, a lot of MG stories) is that they don't tend to spend as much time as YA or adult stories *explaining* themselves. Like, the kittens were born with wings. How? Who cares? Moving on. And I think that's incredibly important, because the *how* or the *why* isn't the point of the story.

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### Mathew says

The first in the series of these early reader books which seem to those 'first chapter' books. The story was quick to read and Schindler's illustrations were absolutely gorgeous. As always, the reader is treated to some wonderful prose by Le Guin and it would be wrong to deny the children reader a chance to explore and enjoy the author's utterly wonderful mastery of word and wisdom. Plus, it has flying cats.

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### J.L. Sutton says

I'd read the Earthsea Series (and a few other of LeGuin's books) in high school, but Catwings wasn't on my radar. LeGuin creates a sense of wonder; there is something very simplistic and charming about this short tale of a litter of kittens born with wings. What's a mother to do? How do other animals react when it's time for the kittens to (stretch their wings and) leave home? Quick read that stays with you for a while.

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### Magrat Ajostiernos says

Un cuento suuuuper cortiro al más puro estilo de las fábulas tradicionales. Entrañable y divertido, los pequeños lo disfrutarán especialmente, y me han encantado las ilustraciones (también muy clásicas).

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### **Emily says**

Cute purry cats with wings and Ursula Le Guin -- back in 1988, this combination did not really work for me. I was too much in awe of Leguin's mind-expanding stories and her rich humane wisdom to feel comfortable with her as the writer of what is, quite frankly, a rather simplistic children's book.

Parenthood changes many things. I've now found that its very simplicity makes this an excellent read aloud book. True it's not particularly deep, but the fineness of the prose shines through if you give it a chance -- the slower pace of reading aloud makes it easier to appreciate. And the kittens' wings are furry.

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### **Jayaprakash Satyamurthy says**

It's a book about cats. With wings. By Ursula Le Guin. Of course I loved it even if I'm about 24 years older than its target audience.

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### **Caro M. says**

This cute little story is all about cats. The Winged Cats. What's not to love? <3

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### **Rebecca McNutt says**

I'm glad that this great book is still in print even after all these years. It's a short but wonderful little novel and the illustrations are really nice, too.

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### **Rachel says**

I loved this book/series so much when I was a child that as an adult I got a tattoo of one of the illustrations. :)

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### **Jerry says**

Cute illustrations, good writing...but a bit too short and lightweight for my tastes.

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### **Ariya says**

Now I need more Catwings series in my life.

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## Cheri says

I read this children's book a few days ago just because it was by Ursula K. Le Guin -- I'm a big fan of exposing kids to fine writing. It seemed like a good book to read to a child, nicely written but nothing spectacular. However, I find that the book keeps coming to mind. There are a number of issues raised (pros and cons of being different, adjusting to new situations, accepting inevitabilities, deciding whom to trust, supporting family members) in ways that would be appealing to children and that simply make a good story. It was thought provoking enough that I bothered to rate and review it!

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## Berfin Kanat says

Ursula'dan çok tatlı bir çocuk kitabı. Çocukların za hayvan sevgisi a?lamak isterseniz okutabilirsiniz, ayrıca hayal güçlerini de besleyecektir.

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## Ruthie Jones says

Holy Cats, this teeny tiny story is absolutely adorable!

On the surface, this tale is about four sibling cats (born with wings, mind you), who are encouraged by their mother to fly away from the bad neighborhood of their birth and seek a new and safe place to live. The cats do just that, and they encounter danger along the way before finally discovering a couple of human children in the country who mean them no harm.

Just below the surface, however, is a story about acceptance in a world where being different is not acceptable. Whoever heard of cats with wings anyway? Birds are supposed to have wings, and when flying cats come along, the birds' avian lives are disrupted and threatened. Don't rock the boat and mess with the status quo, Catwings!

Amidst the danger and discrimination, the flying cats discover two children who see the cats' differences as wonderful, even though they know they must keep the cats a secret to protect them from a world that would only see them as anomalies to be exploited or maybe even destroyed: " 'And we'll never ever tell anybody else,' Hank said, rather fiercely. 'Ever! Because—you know how people are. If people saw them—' "

And now I must go find the next ones in this Catwings series because these little cats with wings are just too dang cute!

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## Susie says

I read this series of short books aloud to my daughter when she was in the first grade. We both were mesmerized by this sweet and subtly deep story about a litter of cats born with wings. There is no magic in these books, and yet they are pure magic. Definitely recommended, and they really kept my attention as well. Subtle lessons about compassion and how different people react to others with unusual traits.

## Tatiana says

It's no secret that I love Ursula K. Le Guin. I decided to read everything by her, so I got these kids books, the Catwings series. This is the first. They have the same solid reality and aching sense of longing that many of her fantasies for adult readers give. These would make a great introduction for any child to UKL's work, but are jewels of great beauty for grown-ups to cherish as well. The idea of cats with wings is so perfect. It just rings true, for some reason. UKL's books always have a sense of rightness about them, like that, that defies explanation. The things she invents feel as though they were discovered and not made up. She shares that quality with Tolkien, and consequently they're the only two fantasy writers I truly love.

I'm brokenhearted today for a completely non-cat- non-wing-related reason, but somehow these charming characters are just what I needed to feed and heal me. I'm taking them tomorrow to someone I dearly love, whom I hope may feel the rush of wings and brush of tail, and be fed and healed as was I.

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## Hannah Greendale says

*Catwings* is a heartwarming coming-of-age, but contemporary issues and symbolism simmer beneath the surface for those willing to paw their way to greater meaning. In just forty-eight pages, Le Guin's memorable tale of four winged-kittens explores marginalized communities, race, and compassion.

*Mrs. Jane Tabby could not explain why all four of her children had wings.*

*"I suppose their father was a fly-by-night," a neighbor said, and laughed unpleasantly, sneaking round the dumpster.*

*"Maybe they have wings because I dreamed, before they were born, that I could fly away from this neighborhood," said Mrs. Jane Tabby.*

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## Rick says

Another perfect little modern fable for bedtime stories. This time the subject is a group of cats born with wings. Sweet and charming, Le Guin is real master at this type of storytelling. The art is delightful as well, and very evocative of early 20th century children's literature. There's a lot of complex social concepts presented for children in a context that makes them readily digestible. Le Guin is (sorry, it's still so recent) ... was a genius.

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