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Every kid sometimes wants to be someone else. And so, it turns out, do some cats. Kids will relate to how hard it is for each cat to try to be like the other. They'll also love the true-to-life way that, after the fur stops flying, an unexpected change occurs, making both cats happy to be just exactly who they are.

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Julie says

This is a fun, brightly illustrated picture book that teaches about the importance of being yourself and being proud of what you are good at. This is a great book for story time!

Hannah Higson says

Great book about two different coloured cats who do not get on. Secretly they just want to be like each other. So they try and change the way they look in order to act like the other one. They work together to achieve this but soon realise that they are happy being themselves. By the end the cats realise that they can be different and still be friends.

This book would be great for getting children to understand how just because people look or act different does not mean that they are not able to be friends and that sometimes opposites attract.

Ariana says

3.5 and though the book was ok, the pictures were fantastic and different!

Melanie says

This is a story of two cat: Red cat and Blue cat. They don't like each other at all, and sometimes they want to be like the other. But when they try on their own to be like the other nothing comes out right. So they return to being themselves and realize that each cat is it's own being but they have become friends. Then a yellow cat moves into the neighborhood...

My complaint with this book is that the story is contrived and the illustrations are beyond sloppy, even for a children's book.

The Library Lady says

Fun art and a nice story about just being yourself.

However, Mama Bella Underfoot, my 13 year old tabby, wants you to know that this is terribly un-catlike. No self-respecting cat would want to be some other cat--they know that they are the most wonderful cat the world has ever seen?

(Molly,our 7 month old kitten may differ. I think she wants to be just like Bella when she grows up. And Bella wants to know if anyone out there wants a black and white kitten...)

Anna says

I love this book! The illustrations are so awesome, I love it so much! I love the style, the colors, the medium, everything about the art. The story is great too! I love how the ending did a total circle and connected with everything with what happened. The illustrations showed us more about the ending too which I loved.

I recommend this to all cat lovers!

[SPOILERS AHEAD]

It's about a red cat and a blue cat who want to be more like each other secretly. One day they decide just that and try to change their colors by eating things that are the opposites colors. Red cat would eat blue things to be blue and vice versa. It didn't work though so they admitted to each other that they wanted to be like each other a little bit. They taught each other the things they wanted to learn from each other, but soon got tired and went back to being themselves. They ended up becoming friends and it ends with them up in a tree looking at a yellow cat who sings. The illustrations show us that the cats try to be yellow the same way they tried to be red or blue (by eating yellow things). I thought it was a funny and clever way to end the book.

Angie Boyter says

Ever so often I sneak into the children's department at the local library and borrow a children's book I've heard about to indulge my whimsy. If you are so inclined, this little picture book is sure to delight you. It is about a red cat and a blue cat who live in the same household but cannot get along. Secretly the red cat wants to be like the blue cat, and the blue cat wants to be like the red cat.... You can imagine the consequences. BTW "red" and "blue" have nothing to do with politics; this is a british book.

Mathew says

Having found Desmond's illustrative style in The Blue Whale I knew I was in for a visual treat with Red Cat, Blue Cat, a simple story about two cats who don't get on and who secretly are envious of each other's skills. The narrative has a nice pace and I enjoy the way that Desmond is playing with the placement of the text and framing - it doesn't quite work for me at all times but this is someone having great fun with the format and I'm excited about seeing more of her work.

Desmond's story is full of humour and the movement of both cats is just wonderful. She also uses endpapers in an engaging way and with a little mouse hiding on each page, there is something to encourage close-looking among the younger audience. I felt the story missed its mark at the end with them wanting to be 'yellow' since it said to me that they had not learned the lesson of being happy with who they are but this is still a vibrant read with two humorous, well-observed little cats.

Mario says

Con un buen mensaje en esencia, un final predecible pero es un cuento infantil, no se puede pedir más. Gato rojo was my fav ;)

Miss Sarah says

A blue cat and a red cat live in the same house and don't get along. Can they find a way to coexist? Cute twist ending and importance on pictures. Preschool and up.

Maureen Agnes says

Must buy

midnightfaerie says

This was an enchanting book about a red cat and a blue cat that just don't seem to see eye to eye and realizes it's because they're jealous of the other. Once they figure that out, they use their not to bright intelligence to come up with silly ways to be more like the other, starting with trying to change their color. When they finally learn their lesson and become friends, they meet a yellow cat, and it seems they haven't quite learned the lesson that was given. My 5 yr old loved the story, my preschoolers, not so much. But it was a fun read for me, something more for the family.

Lizzie says

That plot twist, las ilustraciones, la historia, el mensaje. Estos libros serán parte de mi librero algún día.

Tammy says

The best!!!! I want to read it every day; to myself, to my class, to my daughter!!! The illustrations are outstanding and the message is relatable and relevant. LOVE!!!!

SarahEmily1990 says

Lovely little story about being yourself and no one else. Every one has different strengths and is different
