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A book of humorous advice written for cats, by cats. The author "discovered" the feline world's best-kept secret in a file hidden on his mother's computer by her cat, Cleo, and now shares it with humanity for the first time. Topics covered range from avoiding visits to the vet, to the artful display of captured prey, to getting in the way of a human trying to read anything, including this paragraph. Upon publication, Cleo denied authorship and hired a team of lawyers, all of whom have their claws out, but despite her best efforts the word is spreading: The Cat Manual is hilarious for cat-lovers of all ages. From the author of Cave Passages and Dark Life.

## **The Cat Manual Details**

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### Melanie says

I always had the opinion that cats are creatures that are constantly plotting to the demise of humankind and, to be honest, this book proves that I was right. Cats are cunning animals who are completely aware of what they're doing and their ultimate goal is no other than global domination.

This book is fun to read, fast paced and scary at some moments. I don't have any animals nor plan to acquire any (allergic parents etc.), but I did hear several accounts of people who raise cats and... well, I can see that most of them will relate to what is written in this book. Highly recommended for cats' people!

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### Devlin Scott says

This is a (humorous) manual written by cats for cats. How to live and exact proper "ownership" upon your human pet is a just description of this work. Anyone having spent time with a cat will quickly recognize their compatriot / nemesis's personalities within these pages.

I found this humorous at first but, soon after reading nearly two-thirds the way through the book, I began having frightening thoughts; what if this is all true. It certainly seems to fit in with feline proclivities. Could they be our replacements for the master race? Tuna for thought...

This is a very clever look at how much our feline family loves and protects us. If you own a cat don't let them catch you reading this. We don't want to tip them off that we know... Just buy an extra copy and leave it lying around the house to screw with their fine dignities. You'll need the extra copy...I'm sure they will destroy the decoy.

While it is filled (for such a short book) with many topics of interest, I am surprised that there isn't a section on "giving the cat a human-type bath". This is the most humiliating / dangerous thing a cat can endure. I wonder why the author neglected this angle.

Of particular interest, found in the 'Computer' section of this book is...PawSense, a genuine anti-cat computer program: <http://www.bitboost.com/pawsense/>  
I didn't know such clever programming existed.

Devlin

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### Linda says

This is an adorable and funny, little book. I could picture one of my cats doing all the things in this book advising cats how to behave. Such as putting your paw over your human's hand when they reach for the computer mouse. I laughed so hard at some of the cat advice written here. If you love cats, you'll love this book.

### **Lisa says**

For years, my family has semi-joked that our beloved cat Skipper Lee Jr. left behind an instruction manual for all the cats that came into our lives after him. After reading this book, I now firmly believe that to be entirely true! This is a delightfully-written instruction book for cats. I do wonder if perhaps it's not the most current version, though, as a few essential tips were missing (e.g., being gravity's helper; sitting on stuff the human is attempting to move; etc.). But, as the author (or should I say, "human facilitator") pointed out in the forward, the copy of the manual he found may not be the "official" version. I truly enjoyed this book - laughing aloud as I realized my cats have memorized it already and have consistently and perfectly executed its instructions. It would appear some have mastered certain skills better than others. For example, Jane was the queen of hiding from vet visits and spitting out her medicine, while Marigold can kill a newspaper better than any cat I know. To know that it was "found" in my beloved home state of Arkansas only further supports my belief that Skip indeed had a copy that he brought with him in the move to Texas. This is an absolute must-read for anyone who is blessed enough to have a cat in their lives. By the way, I've come to realize I'm one of the suckers the book so often mentioned...but, I'm happy to be one!

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### **Cindy says**

This is a story for cat people about the cats that "own" us!

Very cute story for all cat lovers! I read this kindle edition in one sitting and laughed at so many parts. There is no way you could read this and not find numerous incidents that relate to any cats you have known and loved!

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### **Kme\_17 says**

A very cute tounge and cheek book. Light easy read

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### **Diana Hockley says**

I loved this book and laughed many times. Obviously this man has been owned - and is owned - by one determined cat at a time or many cats together.

I liked the way it was written as from one cat to another and recognised all the strategies described. :)

Our 20 year old cat, Fuss, has obviously read this manual or a fore-runner and even at her vast age, is still capable of following most of the advice.

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### **Robin says**

Great humor. Very relatable to any cat care-taker. My only wish is that I could get a paper copy of this book to present to my elderly mother who does not internet or technology savvy. She would get loads of enjoyment from reading it!

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### **Jennifer says**

I got this today from amazon.com & had to read this asap! This is from a cat's point of view & its pretty true to what or how we believe cats think. Its definately worth the read. Took me no time to finish it.

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### **Allison says**

This is definitely a book for cat lovers and owners - if you're neither, don't even bother reading it because you simply won't get it.

I liked that the angle for the book was different - a cat manual written by cats for cats.

It's filled with humour and good advice for fellow cats, and of course gives us lowly humans insight into why cats do the things they do.

Cute book, I would recommend this as a gift for any cat owner or lover.

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### **Lauren Stoolfire says**

This advice manual for cats by cats is being shared for the first time by Michael Ray Taylor after finding it hidden on his mother's computer by her cat. Its topics include change, helping humans, gifts, reading, forbidden rooms, waking the human, the death of the newspaper, the vacuum cleaner, and more. This book is pretty funny and I found myself laughing out loud at times. Cleo sounds very much like my own cat, Finn, when it comes to some things! If he could talk these are some of the words he would probably say to me. The tricks section rings a bell because I was just reading an article about "teaching" your cat tricks with food incentives. Let's just say that these days, Finn doesn't put up with it!

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### **Rachna says**

Anyone who has ever been owned by a cat will identify with this book 100%. It details how deviously the cat's mind works in its attempt to rule the planet

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### **Jami says**

This was awesome! It is written from the feline perspective and I was laughing throughout. Not only was it hysterical, but it was spot on! My cats could have written this, as they do these things; perhaps they had read the manual! The last chapter was heartwarming and unexpected after the light tone of the previous pages. I

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recommend this for any human owned by a cat!!

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## **Grammar\*Kitten says**

*The Cat Manual.* Not what it sounds - this is not a manual for owners of cats. This is a manual for cats - by cats - about owning humans.

A gloriously humorous take on what it is to be a cat and what they really think of the 'suckers' that treat them like royalty.

An absolute must read for anyone with feline influences in their lives or homes!

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## **Ellen Gail says**

**The fabulous felines Penny & Chloe are back with their three choice rules of catitude, which when questioned they firmly deny came from *The Cat Manual*. They will not admit such a thing exists, or that they are secretly thrilled that their human has read it, as this can only mean more treats.**

*The intelligent adult feline can tolerate only so much snuggly-wuggums.*

Penny: Ugh. Human snuggles. There's nothing worse.

Chloe: I think human snuggles are kind of nice. I think you're nice!

Penny: Shut up.

*Nothing the human can read is more interesting than you. Therefore, when the human picks up a book, magazine, or newspaper, you may best assist him or her by interposing your magnificent Self between the page and humanity.*

Penny: Why does she do that? She lays around for hours at a time and stares at nothing and giggles or cries at it like a moron. Although, the shelf is quite comfortable.

Chloe: Is it not a game?

Penny: Please explain yourself, slightly tinier furball.

Chloe: A game to see how long it takes me to get her to put it down and give me chin scratches?

Penny: Hmm. Interesting. I may consider this. What about the game where we prevent the human from standing?

Chloe: I'm still winning.

*How much attention is too much? Need we even ask?*

Penny: The human knows she must dote upon me regularly if she wishes to go about her day. Plus, I am an integral part of her routine! I guard the toilet from water thieves!

Penny: I also guard the computer, to make sure those birds I saw that one time for two minutes don't escape from it!

Chloe: Well, I, I...I give her a very important belly to rub! Her hands could freeze to death otherwise!

Penny: Whatever. I heard you purring during it.

Penny: What was that? The food scoop?

Chloe: Food? Food?

Penny: I'm starving over here, its about time.

Chloe: Food?

Penny: As yes dinner! That smells delicious.

Chloe: Food!