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Cats first purred their way into human hearts thousands of years ago, and have been our treasured companions and soul mates ever since. Whether impish kittens, regal adult cats or serene seniors, it's impossible for us to remain indifferent to them--especially at 4 A.M. when the food bowl runs dry! So smile at their many "c'attitudes," and feed your feline passion by "purr-using" wonderful stories like these: A Russian blue comforts his mourning owner by faithfully bringing her flowers An heroic red tabby Manx saves the family he loves from a lethal gas leak in their home A Devon rex with extraordinary talents--including playing the piano--expands people's notions of what a cat can do A fish-loving shorthair nearly loses his head while scavenging in the garbage disposal--but lives to meow about it A three-legged kitty befriends a lonely third-grade girl, transforming her world and inspiring her future success in life

From playful and hilarious accounts of life with cats to heartwarming tales of cat courage, healing and learning, each touching story in Chicken Soup for the Cat Lover's Soul celebrates the special bond we share with our cats.

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Shannon Camarta says

Great if you love cats :) I myself love cats and so naturally, I cried a lot while reading this book. Great real stories from real people! Made me just want to snuggle my kitty all day. This book really embraces the beauty of animals and I think a book like this deserves great recognition. Power to the animals!

Kristin says

I've never been shy about pledging my allegiance to dogs over cats, but I did find these cat stories in short doses to be of my liking. Having never owned a cat, I only know what I do about their nature from books like this and the stories I've heard from my cat-loving friends. These stories did a great deal to educate me, and while I don't see myself adopting one anytime soon, they showed me that cats can be just as loving, friendly, and heroic as dogs, though they make show these things in completely different ways.

Tania says

For Cat Lovers Soul!

Buku yang akan membuat anda menteskan airmata haru akan kesetiaan dan kasih sayang, tertawa bahagia bahkan terpingkal2 dengan perilaku kucing, bahkan tersenyum karena nasehat-nasehat yang diberikan. Diceritakan dengan bahasa yang ringan, setiap pecinta kucing, bahkan semua orang akan mengerti bahwa hewan kecil ini juga bisa menunjukkan sikap setia seperti hewan lainnya.

You should have this book!!

Emily says

Hello everyone! I decided to help out and write this review for my mom. I'm Jupiter. I'm 10 years old. I am a very handsome orange tabby.

I suggest this book to every cat who has a slightly emotional mother. It will guarantee lots of petting. My mom always likes to pet me when she is sad, mad, upset, etc. She would read a story or two out of this book and then totally burst into tears, usually cuz some cat died. I feel bad for the cat who died, but it was the most glorious thing to hear my mom calling, "Jupiter! Ju-ey! I need you!! (sob sob)" I would dutifully run to her and let her pet me for as long as she needed to. Yep, that was rough.

So, I thought that I would write an inspirational story about myself. Perhaps they will want to publish this in the next edition.

My Triumphant Climb, by Jupiter Snow

My mom was feeling bummed and tired this morning. My brother, Rocco, was just sleeping in the bathroom,

using a roll of toilet paper as a pillow. He was not helping her out at all. So I knew I needed to step up and make her smile.

I have struggled with my weight for many years. My vet says that I am a 12 pound cat in a 20 pound body. It's hard for me to get around sometimes. I can't jump up on things like other cats can. So, when I try to do that stuff it always looks funny. But for my mom, I was willing to look like a dork. I decided that instead of getting to the bed on top of my scratching post the normal way (a short jump from the floor), I would jump from the kitchen table.

I can easily get on top of the table if the chairs are not all pushed in. Today someone had been sneaky and tucked the chairs all the way under the table, which I didn't actually notice until I jumped on the chair and bumped my head. So I had to squeeze my belly through a pretty narrow spot and then use my arms to pull myself up onto the table. I heard her start to giggle. It is really hard to get on the table when you are squished against a chair. I might have grunted a little bit, which made her laugh some more.

I finally dragged myself all the way up. I swear I could hear 'Eye of the Tiger' (my favorite song) playing in the background! It was so awesome! I was on top of the world! And my mom laughed! Then I made the several foot jump to my scratching post bed. I stuck the landing and settled in for my day-long nap. My mom laughed her pants off! And...she petted me! See...this is indeed the greatest book ever!

Cheryl says

Hard to give a solid review of a Chicken Soup book, because it contains so many different things. I laughed, I cried, I snuggled my kitty. I learned about amazing things that cats have done and ways that they have brought joy and love to people who know them. My mother gave me this book for Christmas because she knew I would like it and I did -- good job mom. Kitty was pretty sure I should be spending my time loving her, playing with her, and attending to her every wish and whim instead of reading the book -- but she thinks that about every book, so don't go by her opinion.

Veronica Noechel says

This is cheating, a bit, because I wrote the piece, "Romeo and Juliet", a story of two ferals, included in this book. I hope readers enjoy this true story of an extraordinary act of feline bravery and loyalty. The latter is a word seldom used when describing cat, but I think that we underestimate our cats' fierce fidelity when desperate situations arise.

Thanks for reading!

McGuffy Morris says

This is a special collection of true stories, all centered on our feline friends and their undeniable "purrsonality".

Divided into sections, the stories vary in age of cat and the lesson or moral of each story. There is definitely

something for every cat lover in this wonderful book. Each account is heartfelt and will leave you feeling good.

I the section on Love, Oscar the Garbage Can Kitty, lived in a garbage can. Then he ends up moving into the hearts and home of some kind people. I connected with this story because I knew a cat like this in my lifetime.

Other sections include Celebrating the Bond, A Furry RX, Rescue Me, and One of the Family. Each section has several stories of the special friendship and bond between human and cat. The feline personality and intelligence is showcased and celebrated.

This book is indeed "Chicken Soup for the Cat Lover's Soul". It is a book to savour, share, and read again.

Octavia22 says

I found the book interesting. It's filled with touching stories that remind me of my cat who's a rascal. I think most people would like this book (Unless they don't like cats.).If you're a fast reader like I am I'd suggest this book for a cool down. It doesn't leave you hanging so you can read a story eat lunch and read the next story. I've read a lot of cat stories but this book defiantly has some of my favorites. In one of the stories a group of soldiers were in their hide out when a cat came and the cat became their mascot. That was my favorite. Some of the stories I find hard to believe because it seems so unreal but like they say cats have nine lives. Normally you'd think nonfiction is boring stuff but not this book, so if you're told to read a non-fiction book I suggest this one.

Pamela S says

This book is such a pleasure and heartwarming one to read. Some stories are just too amazing to believe that it's a true story; just reading it could instantly lift my mood. After reading this, i think i'm ready to welcome another litter of kittens to my mansion!

SouthWestZippy says

Great book for a cat lover. Some sad, some uplifting and some happy ending stories.

Erin Brady says

This is an incredibly touching series of stories about the amazing exploits of the feline species. I identified so much with some of these stories, while others warmed my heart and made me look forward to the future years with my cats. I love the Chicken Soup For the Soul books!

Melissa says

I'm a cat person. I currently have two of my own and could only wish for more. So, on this streak of Chicken Soup books that I've been reading lately, it only seemed appropriate to read the Cat Lover's Soul book.

Chicken Soup for the Cat Lover's Soul is filled with the normal short stories of the Chicken Soup series. They are broken down into different chapters titled, "On Love", "Celebrating the Bond", "A Furry RX", "Cat-Egorically Wonderful", "Cats as Teachers", "Farewell, My Love", "Rescue Me!", and "One of the Family." Each of these chapters has several short stories relating to the themes and of course, they are all about cats. There are stories of adopting special cats, cats alerting their owners to danger or illness, and many other things. I especially liked the story "The Call of the Lobster" about a cat who talks to a special toy, because one of my mom's cats does the same thing with a fuzzy ball she carries around. I knew she was strange, but at least she's not alone in her strangeness. There were other stories I didn't like though, like the one about a lady who rescued a cat with FIV and then after treating it at the vet let it roam with her other cats (yes FIV can be contained and treated, but it can be infectious and it seemed an unnecessary risk to her other cats).

I'm of the opinion that all cats are pretty wonderful. It's the owners that I sometimes don't care for. There are a lot of people out there that are just cruel to animals (including a story in this book where four teenage boys are practicing target shooting on a cat) and it hurts to read about people like that. Granted, there are just as many if not more wonderful people in this book who adopt cats and take care of them, so it does have that redeeming quality to it. But really, it's the cats that make this book worthwhile and it showcases them.

I will admit that there were quite a few stories in here that made me laugh or cry. The cat getting its head stuck in the garbage disposer (it was rescued successfully) made me giggle. But, despite there being a specific chapter for cat death "Farewell, My Love", kitty death was rampant through this book. I'm fairly convinced that the people at Chicken Soup aren't happy unless there's a death of a person, animal, plant, whatever, every ten pages or so in their books. Not sure what's so inspiring about that, but they've sold a lot of books so it much be working. I just wish there was more life than death in these books, especially this one since I appreciate my kitties being alive and don't want to think about their eventual deaths right now. Still, they had a lot of good stories in this book.

Overall this is one of the better Chicken Soup books. As a cat lover, I did enjoy it and read it in one sitting.

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Maris Bennett says

A heartwarming read which you will enjoy if you are a feline fanatic. These essays run the gamut from sad to hilarious, and everything in between. Some will make you angry. Many will leave you crying and remembering your own long-passed cats.

I would suggest this as a gift for the cat lovers in your lives, and keep a copy for your own collection.

Theodora R. R. says

This book was heart-warming, funny, and--at times--sad. It's full of stories about cats. Cats who have saved lives, cats who have made a difference in someone's life... there was even a cat who stayed with a troop of soldiers in Iraq until they returned to the United States (the story "Saving Private Hammer").

Any animal lover would enjoy this book. Trust me, if you like animals, you won't be disappointed with this book.

Axel Corlobe says

This book's main idea was cats have the same feelings as humans. When their owners are sad, they play around with them when they are happy they fill up with joy when their owners have fun with them. They are just like having another friend/family member that always want to have a good time all the time.
