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From queen cat lady Yasmine Surovec comes a cuddly new chapter book series about a cat in need of a pet human. Oliver is an independent kitty. He has his run of the neighborhood and looks at his animal friends with their fussing humans with pity. But when a freckle-faced girl moves into town, Oliver sees the opportunity to train a human to provide him with a few creature comforts. And if he can help her adjust to her life and make a new friend, that's just all in a day's work. The real surprise comes, however, when Oliver needs Freckles just as much as she needs him. Not a comic book and not a traditional illustrated chapter book, *My Pet Human* is truly a hybrid of text and art that could only come from the whimsical and brilliant mind of Yasmine Surovec.

My Pet Human Details

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From Reader Review My Pet Human for online ebook

Ms. Yingling says

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This illustrated notebook novel, which is 112 pages long, covers the story of a cat who loves to live on his own. He appreciates the benefits that humans can offer, and is glad to get his share from his friends. Ben lives with lots of young humans and has good toys, Farrah is a cat who lives in a fancy penthouse, and George the rat (who goes around in a plastic ball) lives with a boy who plays video games all day. He finds a girl who has just moved in to his neighborhood, and after getting her to feed him tuna, decides he will stay around. She is a little too attentive, so he introduces her to George's human. When the girl saves him from being taken to the pound, the cat, named Oliver by the girl, decides that having a pet human isn't a bad idea at all.

Strengths: Even though I don't care for cats, this was engaging. Since I can never have enough notebook novels, will definitely order this. Appealing pictures and good message.

Weaknesses: How does George get out of the apartment and make it across town? Hmmmm.

What I really think: A definite purchase for elementary schools, and a possible one for middle school if there is a huge demand for notebook novels or books about cats.

Vernon Area Public Library KIDS says

Independent, smart, and sassy, Oliver the Cat loves to scam food from unsuspecting humans. Even though he relishes his aloof nature (as any cat would), Oliver does admit that there are some benefits to having a pet human, especially when animal control is giving him the shake down. So when a young girl moves into his neighborhood, he sees an opportunity that cannot be passed up and proceeds to wow her with his kitty cuteness in return for cat treats. The story takes a turn and a mutual friendship is born between the two that softens this self-reliant cat's heart. An appropriate mix of illustrations and text makes this a great beginning chapter book for children in grades 1-3. Reviewed by: Alyson D., Youth Services, Vernon Area Public Library

Jennifer (JenIsNotaBookSnob) says

This is definitely for the 'just barely into chapter books' age category. I enjoy some juvenile fiction and a lot of YA fiction. This one is okay. My 6 year old enjoyed it, we took turns reading it as she is just finishing kindergarten and definitely can't read the whole thing yet. It's very repetitive in its' vocabulary, which it would have to be for the targeted age range.

This is a book for beginning chapter book readers and really no one else. It's not bad, but, it's not that charming either. I think it really does all it can with the text though while still staying at a reading level suitable for beginning chapter book readers.

Sam says

I read this book with my 5 year old, it was fun and entertaining. my daughter loved every minute of it!

Robin says

A cat who likes olives is my kind of cat.

Gigi says

I am not a "cat person", but I really enjoyed this book. Writing early chapter books is tricky and Yasmine Surovec has done it beautifully. Kids will LOVE this book!

Jamie says

SSYRA Jr.

Super cute story about a stray cat who doesn't need a pet human like his friends...or does he?

Sarah says

What a charming little book! I always like it when animals talk about their "pet humans" and see our person-pet relationship differently than we do. Graphic novel? Heavily illustrated? This is a good blend of pictures and text. The pictures of the kitty giving "the look", making his eyes big and irresistible is adorable. I also liked it when he "hugged" his person. As I have a tuxedo cat, too, I kept imagining her being like that. The ending where the cat's plan works out is unbelievable, but who cares? It was just what we wanted.

Sarah Sammis says

Awww. Adorable.

<http://pussreboots.com/blog/2017/comm...>

Ray says

what happens when a feral cat whose used to independence and I stand alone attitude meets the perfect human (pet)?

Elissa Schaeffer says

Our unnamed cat narrator tells us how much he loves living on his own--doing what he wants, going where he wants, seeing who he wants. But is he really happy without a pet human of his own? When a family moves into the empty house near his favorite tree, he smells something delicious and ventures in to find a "little human" who gives him treats. He decides to stay. For the food. And for a little while. But will that be enough for both of them?

This was a short, sweet, and ADORABLE book. Short chapters and short paragraphs on each page with lots of simple but effective illustrations. Our nameless cat talks a good talk, but you can tell it's not how he really wants to live, although he's reluctant to even admit it to himself. I'll be happy to recommend this to my library's patrons as it fits wonderfully well into that midway category for kids who are moving out of leveled readers and into chapter books. Recommended for grades 1 to 2 and up.

And yes, I'm a sucker for books that show us the absurd inner voice of cats. :)

Kaethe says

A homeless street cat narrates the 're of finding a family and a friend for his new pet human. The anime style of "the look" that elicits good from humans is worth it, all in its own.

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Hilda says

This story begins with an adorable stray cat!

This little guy is so smart he's mastered THE LOOK.

I loved the story. It's the perfect combination of words and pictures. I can't wait for My Pet Human Takes Center Stage! ~Torres

This story is PUURRRRRfect! ~Luis, 8 years old

This book is terrific! ~Arthur G., 8 years old

My favorite part in the story was when the girl hugged Ben and said, "I love you for ever and ever, amen!" ~Alexis, 9 years old

Olivia says

It was a quick and easy book but I loved reading it ??

Emily Stueven says

I wanted to love this book! I'm a big fan of Surovec's web comic, and I thought her recent picture books (especially *A Bed for Kitty*) were really cute and lovely--perfect for story time. This illustrated beginning chapter book, though, is pretty disappointing. The illustrations are nice enough, I guess, but maybe it's because they're in black-and-white only (when I'm used to full-color *Cat vs Human*) that they feel a little flat. I think what bums me out the most is that the feline narrator just doesn't sound catty enough (maybe the author's simply better at writing about cats than she is writing from a cat's POV); again, his voice feels flat. While I was expecting (and excited about) reading a cutesy, girly little kitteh confection, I was mostly "meh" over this boring, contrived effort.
