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The cat that captured America's hearts returns, to share more of his special brand of magic.

Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World was a blockbuster bestseller and a publishing phenomenon. It has sold nearly a million copies, spawned three children's books, and will be the basis for an upcoming movie. No doubt about it, Dewey has created a community. Dewey touched readers everywhere, who realized that no matter how difficult their lives might seem, or how ordinary their talents, they can-and should- make a positive difference to those around them. Now, Dewey is back, with even more heartwarming moments and life lessons to share.

Dewey's Nine Lives offers nine funny, inspiring, and heartwarming stories about cats--all told from the perspective of "Dewey's Mom," librarian Vicki Myron. The amazing felines in this book include Dewey, of course, whose further never-before-told adventures are shared, and several others who Vicki found out about when their owners reached out to her. Vicki learned, through extensive interviews and story sharing, what made these cats special, and how they fit into Dewey's community of perseverance and love. From a divorced mother in Alaska who saved a drowning kitten on Christmas Eve to a troubled Vietnam veteran whose heart was opened by his long relationship with a rescued cat, these Dewey-style stories will inspire readers to laugh, cry, care, and, most importantly, believe in the magic of animals to touch individual lives.

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Annette says

I did not read the first book before reading this one. Indeed I had no idea there even was a first book. Fortunately it did not matter.

For any person who is owned by cats - this is a must read. Sometimes you think you are alone (or crazy) because your life is consumed by your love of your cats. This book highlights the beautiful stories collected by cat companions across the country that were sent to Vicki, the librarian who found Dewey in a book return slot years ago. Dewey who became a world sensation. These people sent her their stories to let her know how much their animals touched their lives as Dewey had touched hers.

There were parts that rang so true and so deep that I sat at work crying on break. It had me giggling hysterically at some parts. But the best thing is this book made me finally realize not to be ashamed or embarrassed to love an animal with all of your heart. If people do not understand, it is their loss, their emptiness at that lack of understanding.

It brought back such vivid memories of my first cat Princess. How much I still miss her 26 years later. How yes, she was my best friend. How growing up sometimes I had literally nothing - no family that cared, no new clothes, sometimes no food. Nothing except for the love of my cat to pull me through.

"You never forget your first love...especially when he taught you to love...when so much of your previous love had been misplaced and flawed." - Dewey's Nine Lives

Barbara says

A very enjoyable look at cats and those who love them.

Lydia Presley says

Every once in a while I enjoy a good "feel good" story. Dewey's Nine Lives gave me that story and Vicki Myron did a great job of pulling together the lives of some fairly ordinary people and making them interesting, thought-provoking and heart-warming. It always amazes me when I see the bond between people and their animals. I have a cat, and while I love him (and sometimes folks, it's HARD to love him), sometimes he can drive me so batty.

I think my favorite kitty story was about Ninja, the karate move cat. My own cat can do so many strange things it cracks me up.

My kitty is Sergei Rachmaninoff. Sergei for short. I rescued Sergei from the pound when he was a mere 3

months old (and the size of a full-grown cat). I picked him up, took one look at his large paws and knew that this kitty was going to be my Rachmaninoff.

Sergei is soft, large, noisy, cuddly, tolerant and kind. He doesn't hesitate to voice his opinion, loves to chase the Boxer Dog (Guinness) around the house. He is a cockroach killer, bat capturer and ball fetcher. He loves dog food (even though I try to keep him away from it) and has eaten everything from scraps to the meatloaf right off my nephews plate.

He can be a pain in the butt, but he's also taught me about how easy it is to fall in love with an animal.

And so, I appreciated this book for what it was- a feel good book that speaks to the heart with stories of the love between animals and their companions.

Bookworm says

Quite frankly, I was disappointed in this book. I had read it was not a sequel to the original, but I was not expecting therapy for the writers involved. I get that their cats helped them through tough times and were a great comfort to them, but this book read a lot more like catharsis for those writers than about their cats.

It was sometimes confused as to when the POV switched over from Vicki Myron to the narrator of each particular segment, especially since it appears Myron knows several of the people involved. I am also really skeptical about the last story--Glenn. It read a bit too much like a sob story that was a little too unbelievable. No one gossiped or questioned when one of his exes apparently had a group of bikers at their house?

I get it's easy to make the man the villain, but I am shocked that there was not a whiff of gossip or blame placed on the wife. Quite frankly, I wonder how much effort he put into trying to keep in touch with his kids as well. I really do think his story was probably cleaned up a bit because he's now the partner of the author. It's really sweet that they got together, but don't ask the reader to play completely dumb.

Judy says

I have not read the original Dewey book, but I felt like I now know Dewey and his person, Vicki. This book relates 9 stories shared with Vicki by lovers of Dewey and of Dewey's story. It is indeed his legacy. Vicki says of Dewey that the lessons Dewey taught her were, *Find your place. Be happy with what you have. Treat everyone well. Live a good life. It isn't about material things; it's about love. And you can never anticipate love.*

In this book also we learn Vicki Myron's story too. If you are at all an animal person, cat or dog or other, I recommend this book. The stories are poignant, heart-warming mostly good stories. Not overly sad, though there is some sadness.

SouthWestZippy says

A collection of nine short stories of cat owners and their cats as told to Vicki Myron after her first book Dewey come out. Vicki also added a few good and bad stories of what happen to her after Dewey come out. Some stories bring you to tears and some are a bit strange. Overall it is a good book but not what I was

expecting. I do recommend it if you are a cat lover.

William Blair says

If you liked Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World, then you will like this book. If you loved Dewey, you might, or might not, like this book. Dewey was a tear jerker. But folks react differently to tear jerkers. My brother-in-law's wife said she didn't cry in the case of the first book, but did with this one, because in the first [book], "Dewey led a full and happy life, and death is the natural end of that," whereas in the second (book) [this book], "there is genuine tragedy." In most cases, the tragedy is human, not cat, and of course the cats help rescue the humans.

This book is not the story of Dewey, nor his aftermath, but nine stories about nine different people (or families) and how cats helped them, saved them, restored them, and loved them, as well as how and why they were loved back. It's definitely a tear jerker, too, more so in my opinion because there are at least 16 different cases where a good supply of Kleenex is necessary. The last chapter (the ninth) is upbeat; not a real tear-jerker, but I can't tell you why without spoiling it for you.

Please, read this book from front to last. That said, if you are the type that likes to skip around, all nine chapters are stand-alone, and have nothing to do with each other. So, this is a perfect vacation or go to the doctor's office book.

If you don't like cats, and you've read this far ... well, maybe there's hope for you. But read "Dewey" first ... then this book, OK? Just don't forget the Kleenex, not matter how much you think you won't need it.

So why not the top rating? The book was written by Vicki "with" Bret. I guess Vicky can't write well. I don't judge her for that (I can't write at all). But Bret should have done a better job of "editing." I know now, after reading this book, why she needed a co-writer. God bless her. Thank God for Bret, but the book could have been half as long, easier to read, and much better. Vicki complained about having to leave stories out of this book. Well, she should have included more, and wrote half as many words about each. That said, I loved it ... worth a whole box of Kleenex.

Mary (BookHounds) says

This is a wonderful collection of stories inspired by readers of Vicki Myron's other book and is filled with the healing properties that animals can bring to your life. Several of the stories really touched my heart, especially Spooky which tells the tale of a Vietnam vet who is suffering from undiagnosed PTSD and the redemption he finds with a black cat who truly had nine lives. This cat was literally dropped onto the roof of his car one night by a bird of prey and Bill takes the cat to a nearby vet in hopes that the animal can be saved. The cat lives and survives more animal encounters with a bear and a coyote. The most incredible part of the story is how this cat truly helps Bill overcome his own issues by providing unconditional love.

My other favorite is the story of Cookie, another cat who is not supposed to live and the woman who adopts her even though she doesn't have room for another cat. Cookie demands to be taken home from a no kill shelter and quickly establishes herself as ruler of the domain she presides over. No matter what kind of day Lynda has, Cookie is there for her. The stories in this book just make you feel good with warm fuzzies. A few of the stories are a bit sad, but they are also very uplifting at the same time. I can't imagine another book that is more perfect for gift giving to your favorite animal person this holiday season.

LORI CASWELL says

After the first book about Dewey, Dewey's mom, Vicki Myron started to hear from all over about some other Amazing Cats!

In this book she narrates just nine of the incredible stories she was told and also includes some more details about Dewey that didn't make the first book. Vicki took time to interview everyone involved with these cats to find out just how special these cats were and that like Dewey had a strong perseverance and capacity for love. The stories range from a cat found drowning on Christmas Eve to a Ninja kitty and more.

This is an enjoyable book especially for cat enthusiasts who understand that cats are the bosses and mere humans are their pets.

Each of these stories will touch your hearts or tickle your funny bone, sometimes both.

Each chapter is an entirely new story with Dewey's compassion interwoven seamlessly throughout. The stories are truly inspirational and remarkably different. Any pet lover knows the unconditional love affair between a pet and their human and included in this book of just 9 stories when there could have been hundreds. I don't think this will be the last we will hear from these authors or Dewey.

Oh, and if you think you are not a cat lover, stop by any humane society and cuddle with one or two, it could change your life.

Be sure to check out Dewey's webpage
<http://www.deweyreadmorebooks.com/>
and check out the children's books too.

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Shanwow says

I had very high expectations for this book and I couldn't even finish it. I read, loved and cherished Dewey so when I came across this book I was excited to hear more Dewey stories. As I got further into the book the author Vicki Myron attempted to draw more and more parallels to Dewey's life and her own. If you talk to enough people you will find people who have very similar stories to you. I felt that drawing these parallels in the middle of these other cat stories really took away from Dewey's legacy. If you read the first book you'll find this book very redundant. It was same story over and over again about being a single mother who battled a sickness and found comfort in a cat. I finally gave up on page 137 after 6 pages of going on about how similar the lives were of the author and the contributor of the story. "When Vicki Kluever wrote me, she mentioned how moved she was by the similarities in our lives. And she promised: It wasn't just that we had

the same name spelled the same unusual way.” Its was lines like this throughout the book that added unnecessary fluff and really took away from what could have been an amazing book full of inspirational cat stories. I hope that Vicki Myron doesn't collaborate on another Dewey book. This book was a bad idea and she should let Dewey and his legacy live on through the way she so wonderfully told it in her first book Dewey.

Kaethe says

In 2008 Myron published a book about a library cat that went on to become a bestseller. Since then she's met and heard from thousands of people, all of whom had a connection to her book, and many of whom had a story of their own to share. These are stories about hardworking people whose lives are filled with struggles of various kinds, horrible luck, tanking economies, war, disease, and an awful lot of grinding poverty. But in each of these lives there was something special, a grace note that maybe turned their lives around or maybe just made the awful part a little more bearable: a cat who provided unconditional love.

Should Myron decide to run for president I don't think I'd care what the specifics of her party or platform were. She understands hard work, and that sometimes it doesn't pay. And she understands the vital importance of connection, between people in a community, and between peoples and critters.

Read the book. Your heart might not be warmed because, let's face it, the past six years haven't been great for most of the world, but it will be warmer.

Library copy

Linda says

I grabbed this thinking it was the first Dewey book. I saw Dewey on a television report and the book has been on my reading list for a long time. It is always checked out. This book was too much for me; I was not able to finish it. The very first story features the loss of a beloved pet and, missing my own deceased pets terribly, this was too upsetting to read. (Which implies the story is well written since it evoked such a strong emotional response.)

For those who can handle it, I am sure these are good stories. For those who are big softies when it comes to animals, I'd steer clear - unless you need a good cry.

Tita says

As Nove Vidas de Dewey é o segundo livro que Vicki Myron escreve sobre o seu grande amigo Dewey, mas este não é exclusivo de Dewey.

O livro encontra-se dividido em 9 capítulos, em que vamos conhecemos diversas histórias de gatos e os seus donos. Histórias reais, em que algumas delas são histórias de vida mais difíceis mas sempre sobre um amor enorme, entre os seus donos e os seu amigos de 4 patas.

São histórias com alguns episódios divertidos mas que também me emocionam (sim, sim, chorei algumas vezes), pois são gatos muito especiais, que trazem tanta alegria e amor à vida dos seus donos.

Histórias que nos contam, que apesar de tudo, vale sempre a pena, o carinho e amor que os gatinhos nos dão.

Ana says

Foi um bom livro, mas estava à espera de criar mais empatia com as personagens, o que não consegui fazer.

Librariann says

The stories of people and their cats are great. The parts where Vicki Myron draws parallels between her life and the stories of the others in book are not. Cats! I want to hear about the cats, not how you were a single mom.

Favorite: kitten who was dropped by an owl onto the roof of a car and survived.

* I received an advance copy of this book from the publisher *

Roberta Frontini (Blogue FLAMES) says

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CupcakeBlonde says

Another amazing book filled with stories from people I can relate to: cat lovers. I loved the first Dewey book. His story touched me on a level I never thought possible. I have always had a close relationship with every animal I have ever had and Dewey made me realize I am not alone in feeling that way. I loved reading about other people's special relationships with their cats and how Dewey brought us all together. These were some amazing tales and I loved every minute of them all, but the last one, of how the author finally found love again, amazingly through Dewey in a way, was truly special. My only advice would be not to read this book if you are having any sort of health issues with your pet. My girls were going through something and reading about these amazing pets and knowing how they all will end because the reality is we never outlive our furry friends, that is hard to swallow. :)

John Stinebaugh says

Overall the stories in this volume are good representations of the power of the human and animal bond. However, the narrator drones on at a glacial pace that made me use 1.5x speed for the first time. Hard to listen to.

Julie says

I LOVED Vicki Myron's first book, Dewey. I wiped away numerous tears the first time around. This second book however did not do it for me. It seems rather haphazard and carelessly written. Most of the cat stories are not endearing but rather portray crazy behaviors exhibited by some cat owners. I felt sorry for a lot of the cats in the book. One subject even admitted to making up parts of her story. Another discrepancy that I noted was that she states on page 4 that Dewey only liked to sit on someone's right shoulder, but on page 290 (and in the original book) it states only the left shoulder. I could have done without the drawn out introduction to Vicki's new significant other. The best read and written material in my opinion was actually not even done by Vicki but was authored by Kristie Graham about her cat, Marshmallow. That chapter was humorous and delightful to read.

Brittany says

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This was a good read with a lot of touching stories but it could have been better. I feel like the author interjected so much of her opinion into the stories of others instead of just letting the stories happen that it took away from their meaning. she should have let the stories be told and then commented afterwards.

It was like someone telling a conversation and telling you a story to be constantly interrupted. with that being said, Dewey obviously was a very special soul that so many of us find within our pets and animals. I am happy that he could impact so many people during his lifetime. as a fellow Maine coon cat owner I was drawn to him, and this is still a good read.

Having never read the original Dewey, I would like to go back and read it now. 3 stars for me.
