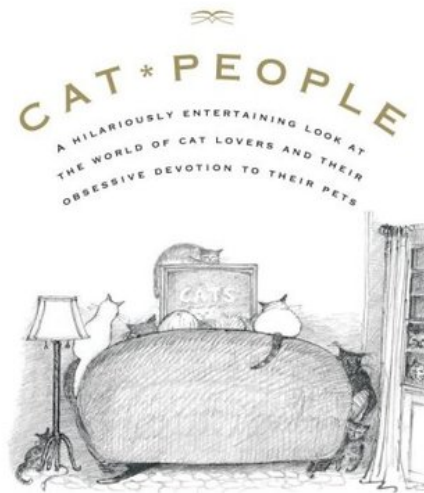


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## **Cat People** Michael Korda , Margaret Korda

With characteristic wit, self-effacing charm and sheer, exuberant love of a good cat story, New York Times bestselling author Michael Korda and his wife Margaret Korda recount their lives as "cat people," beginning with Margaret's passion for cats (and Michael's reluctant mid-life transformation into a cat person), and introducing readers to a hilarious assortment of people whose life revolves—often to an extraordinary degree—around their cat, or cats, from Cleopatra a transatlantic traveler who found happiness in Paris to Wally, the epitome of feline dignity.

Here are people who just can't say no to another cat, who "world-travel" with their cat, who build their social life around their cats—and of course the cats themselves, for the Kordas celebrate the beguiling power of cats, including many of their own, who have complemented, complicated and changed their lives together over the years. Here are charming, often hilarious and sometimes sad portraits of such cats as Margaret's beloved Irving, whose favorite abode was the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, and Mumsie, who arrived unexpectedly at the door with her two kittens, and special cats like Jake and the gentle Chutney, as well as "difficult" cats like Chui and poor Mrs. Bumble, and Mr. McT., the bully who found love late in life. Here are graceful cats and cats like Kit-Kat that never look before they jump, in short, countless cats the reader will never forget, even those with many cats of their own.

## **Cat People Details**

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## **Kat says**

A cute collection of stories about the various cats in a couple's life and the amount of variety in personality cats can have, as well as showcasing their independence. Cute, short read that will resonate with cat lovers.

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## **Barbara says**

Hilarious? Not even a little bit. I have no idea why I took the precious time to read the whole thing, except it was relatively short. As much as I like cats, this was poorly written, with no definite voice, and would have turned me into a cat hater if I was inclined to give this book that much power. Letting cats on counters and tables at meal times? Yeah, I don't think so!

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## **Luthien says**

Overall, a cute, quick read; I really don't understand all the negative reviews. As someone who's had cats all her life and whose family is currently providing food and shelter for a lovable stray that comes and goes when he pleases, I found this book to be by turns touching, relatable, and amusing.

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## **Amena says**

I enjoyed it at first, even if I disagreed with some of their tidbits on cat personalities. It started off funny, but then, as it went on, it started getting quite repetitive, and I wasn't finding the stories to have much of a point. They seemed disorganized and didn't have much structure. Like a bunch of thoughts clumped together without flow. Okay book to read if you need to pass the time.

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## **Linda says**

Cute. A nostalgic collection of cat anecdotes by two serious cat lovers.

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## **wonkagranny says**

Fun read for one sitting. For people who love cats. Nothing deep just fun and fast read.

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## **Lara says**

Firstly, don't pay any attention to the reviews below mine, as apparently the writers don't actually GET cats, though one of them claims to like them. Apparently, whatever they were expecting, this book did not fulfill their needs, but they are DEAD wrong in their reviews.

Now to continue with why this book IS so special and enjoyable which, apparently, these dolts missed completely.

Anyone who has ever lived with cats (after all, THEY own the place - YOU keep it up) and loved them will die laughing reading this book, tear up in passages or laugh AND cry at the same time as the Kordas detail their adventures with the cats in their lives. I found myself nodding in agreement over most of the pages as they describe their cats' antics and personalities.

(Margaret Korda is just like me. Every cat she meets, she wants to bring home (and often does) while Michael, her husband, protests weakly, but only for appearance's sake.)

Cat people will find it comfortingly familiar, while dog lovers, perhaps puzzled by the "other", would do well to read this book and learn some secrets as to how cats tick.

In the end, the book confirms what all cat lovers already know: each one is different but all are special.

As for the other two reviewers, I suspect (correct that: I KNOW) that if you asked any self-respecting cat as to their opinions of what was written by these two idiots, they would sniff disdainfully and turn their backsides to both ladies. Cats know smart people when they see one – and when they don't.

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## **Nore says**

So, well, this was nothing but a random collection of loosely related stories with no real organization or structure. A quick read. I would recommend it for people who have an unexpected overnight layover at the airport and have nothing better to do.

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## **Rebecca says**

Couldn't put down ...but I am obsessed with cats. I think all readers would enjoy.

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## **Chang-Ching Lin says**

Warm and funny

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### **Greydrakkon says**

While some of the stories are amusing little anecdotes, there's also a few really horrible ones, like when a mother and daughter go to town and the father hires someone to kill every single cat at their barn. Charming. It's reality, but if they were going for a lighthearted book here, they failed. Badly. I also disagree with the opening chapter, on how cats are barely tolerant of humanity and so on. I think anyone who's dealt with cats know that each one has their own personality, and that the "skittish" and "fearful" cats were almost always weren't handled enough by humans during that stage where they imprint easily.

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### **Sarah R says**

I have no idea why this book has so many bad reviews...clearly it must be possible to "love cats" but not actually be a "cat person." I found it completely delightful and laughed out loud through the entire thing. Most of the cat observations I found to be spot on, especially since I haven't "owned" less than 3 cats myself for several years now. If you're a cat lover, ignore all the other stupid Goodreads people and read it. The writing style is, perhaps, a little odd, but I thought it added to the book's charm.

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### **Sylvia Tedesco says**

I love anything Michael Korda writes. Being a Cat Lady Extraordinaire myself, and being in a mood to read happier things, this book hit the spot this week!

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### **Jeanne says**

Supposedly amusing anecdotes from the up-scale life of self-important, well-to-do New Yorkers playing out in their country estate with the beasts and little people. Blech.

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### **Felicia Edens says**

Written by the editor in chief of Simon & Schuster, "Cat People: A Hilariously Entertaining Look At The World Of Cat Lovers And Their Obsessive Devotion to Their Pets" is a charming book about the personalities of cats generally, and of cats in particular. Michael Korda and his wife Margaret share funny stories about their cats and their friend's cats, and anyone who loves and/or owns a cat or cats will most definitely chuckle more than a few times during the introduction with a hearty "yes, that's exactly how (insert name of cat here) is!" Yes, that's exactly how most cats are, and how they have been since ancient Egypt. Korda writes a great first chapter going over the history of cats in the wild and their relationship with humans. He also writes about famous people and their cats, such as Winston Churchill and his cat Nelson.

Korda's stories about cats that have been taken in from the wild are particularly interesting. Stories of how

sometimes it is at first hard to gain their trust or to read into what they want and stories of how to introduce them into the home and to the family. Some will sit at the front porch waiting for someone to let them in, or some will come and go for weeks. Some will make a mess of your home. Some won't. Some cats, once inside, will find a quiet room and just stay there until it's time to eat, then go back. Korda and his wife live in a rural area – with a barn – and they rescue wild cats all the time, if they seem like that's what the cat wants. But it is not always possible to keep a rescued cat. There was one cat they rescued who was gentle and nice and playful, but at the most unexpected instant, she would bite enough to cause significant physical harm. They had taken her to the vet several times, to no avail. When they put her down, it was an especially a sad moment because she was calm and friendly and not in her biting mode.

Korda suggests that what makes some people uncomfortable regarding cats is the fact that while they are soft and furry and can sit on your lap, they are still and always will be wild (as opposed to dogs, which have been fully domesticated). This is neither here nor there, just a fact. There are mean cats, nice cats, loving cats, coy cats, violent cats, social cats, shy cats, fancy cats, sick cats, sad cats, gentlest of gentle cats, and happy cats (in the book you'll meet Irving, Queenie, Chutney, Mumsie, Mr. McT, Tootsie, Ruby 9/11, Kit Kat, and some more who display any combination of all these). And once a cat, as Korda says, is “installed” in your home, it becomes the cat's home, and is no longer solely your own. There are no boundaries with cats. It's their property too. And while this may be mildly disconcerting, there is much to learn from them and their attitudes – particularly, Korda notes, that cats are pets that truly are still free, to the point that it becomes their decision to stay with you, whenever they want, particularly if they are “allowed” outdoors.

“Cat People” is an endearing, light-hearted, and perfectly sized book (especially for travel). It should bring a smile to any cat person's face and encourage them to adore the world's feline friends all the more.

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