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A stylish, illustrated gift book from an award-winning artist that profiles notable cat-loving men throughout history in words and pictures.

Of Cats and Men presents a fresh approach to cat entertainment that's smart, sweet, and driven by beautiful art (instead of tacky photography, as many cat books are). Appealing to both men and women, the "cat men" approach is a fun twist on the "cat lady" stereotype and makes for a highly giftable book. The 30 men profiled range from writers and artists such as Haruki Murakami, T.S. Eliot, William S. Burroughs, and Ai Weiwei, to historical luminaries such as Sir Winston Churchill, Nikola Tesla, and Sir Isaac Newton. In addition to the portraits, the book features beautifully hand-lettered quotes about cats by some of the men, including Twain's "When a man loves cats, I am his friend and comrade, without further introduction."

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Susan Johnston says

Princess Fuzzypants here:

Purr, trill, coo, chirp, warble. And chirrup.

Even though this is WAY ahead of the publication date, I could not resist a book entitled Of Cat and Men.

From my blog and my own family, I know that kitty loving is not just a female occupation. Many of my friends on-line are of the male purrsuasion. They are as crazy about us as the ladies.

It's nice to read a book that highlights some of the biggest cat lovers in history. They span all professions and all times. Their common link is the recognition of the special relationship we felines have bestowed upon the human race.

Unlike dogs, we do not need you so when you have been chosen, it is an honour. We can be your inspiration. We can be your mewse. We simply can be your companion, your equal (if we are feeling magnanimous).

The author admits right up front that he is smitten with kittens as are so many humans. I must commend him for having superlative taste.

I will give this book five purrs and two paws up.

Laura says

This is one of those books that really is for the cat lovers out there. If you love cats, you will want to know what famous men through of these cats, men such as Sir Winston Churchill and Nikola Tesla. T.S. Eliot and Edward Lear. Mark Twain and Sir Isaac Newton. Each one has a quote, and a little bit about how they felt about cats beyond the quote, such as the one by Terry Pratchett, "*In ancient times, cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this.*".

The stories are one page long, with an illustration of each man with his cat. Each story, of course, is how a cat played a part of the great man's life.

This would make a perfect gift book.

Thanks to Netgalley for making this book available for an honest review.

Melissa says

This is a fun book full of anecdotes of famous men and the cats in their lives. Some of those mentioned are Marlon Brando, Ernest Hemingway, Nicola Tesla, Mark Twain, and of course T.S. Eliot. The art work is beautiful and there are also some fun cat quotes sprinkled throughout.

Nikki "The Crazie Betty" V. says

A really fun, fully colored book that looks at famous men in history who were also cat lovers. There are direct quotes from the men that speak directly to how much having a cat affected their lives in positive ways. Half of the quotes I won't to get put onto a sign and hung in my house! I just loved it! Some of the famous people mentioned are Haruki Murakami, Nikola Tesla, David Bowie, Churchill, Sir Issac Newton, Mark Twain, and Marlon Brando. I would highly recommend this short little book to any and all cat lovers! I also loved the artwork in the book, again I want to print them out as posters and hang them all over my house!

Thank you Netgalley for providing me a copy in exchange for my honest review.

Bil says

My review will be included on the week of the book publication date in April 2017, as requested by the publisher.

Joshee Kun (???) says

RTC on April 2017, as requested by the publisher. ^^

Mar says

I really enjoyed reading this book, as I am a cat-lover myself. The main thing I want to talk about is the art. The art in this book is simply amazing: it's not overly done, and there isn't too much going on to distract the eye from the intended message. In fact, the artwork is quite minimal, which I feel like added to the overall quality of this book.

I loved the subtle humor the author included: "it's certainly one of the rarest and most desired books on cats in existence. Besides this one, of course."

The cover is also very cute- I just loved the overall layout and concept of the book. If the author is going to keep writing more books with similar layouts and designs, I'm definitely going to be buying them- how can I resist such adorable books?! The only thing that I didn't like about the book was that I felt like he frequently addressed the male audience only- and there were a couple of times in the book when I thought that perhaps he had written this book solely for men.

Overall, this was a quick light read, and very enjoyable, and I really hope Kalda plans on publishing more books because I definitely enjoyed his debut book. He could publish a book on grass and I'd still read it if he includes his amazing art.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. Read my full review at:
<https://bobabooks.wordpress.com/2017/...>

?Misericordia? ~ The Serendipity Aegis ~ ?????? ✨✿♥✿ says

Interesting, even if extremely high-level. It's not even bird's flight height level overview, but rather space flight level. I prefer to get a lot more 'meat' on the subjects I read about.

Anyway, it's just me not the book.

Lynx says

Super adorable and surprisingly informative little book about famous men and their feline friends. Lovely artwork and 2-5 paragraphs about each man so you get a little bio along with their connection to their fur buddies. Perfect gift for any cat lover in your life!

*Thank you Ten Speed Press and Netgalley for this review copy.

Bill Powers says

Cute little illustrated book that men who love cats will appreciate. They are the most precious little beast!

"When a Man Loves Cats, I am his Friend and Comrade without further Introduction." - Mark Twain.

Julie says

Of Cats and Men: Profiles of History's Great Cat- loving Artists, Writers, Thinkers, and Statesmen by Sam Kalda is a 2016 Ten Speed Press publication.

What a delightful book!

As a cat lover, I've heard all the old clichés, and usually laugh along good naturedly, but I'm happy to see people embracing our feline friends more than ever these days, and am especially happy to report more men are stepping out from behind the shadows of us 'crazy cat ladies' to boldly proclaim their love for these most majestic of creatures.

This book is short, mainly made up of some of the most charming illustrations of famous male cat lovers with their furry friends, and gives a brief accounting of the relationship between these famous men and their feline companions, as well as providing some insightful quotes along the way.

The 'blurb' give you a list of the famous cat loving men featured in this book, so I won't go over that again, but one of my favorite quotes was from poet Charles Bukowski:

"If you're feeling bad, you just look at the cats, you'll feel better, because they know that everything is, just as it is. There's nothing to get excited about. They just know. They're saviours. The more cats you have, the longer you live. If you have a hundred cats, you'll ten times longer than if you have ten. Someday this will be discovered, and people will have a thousand cats and live forever. It's truly ridiculous."

The illustrations are what makes this book so special! Wonderful, colorful drawings, that translate surprisingly well in digital format!! So, no matter which format you enjoy, this book is must for cat lovers, and would make a lovely gift!!

4 stars

Kirsty says

My kinda people. Full review to follow.

Malvika says

I want to thank the creator of this book for telling the world that there are crazy cat men too! From T.S. Eliot to Tesla to Freddie Mercury, the book tells us the relationship famous men in history shared with their cats. The best part about the book? The stunning illustrations, of both the men and their beautiful feline companions.

Joe says

Trying to figure out how best to contribute to society in hopes of being included in a future edition of this book.

Stephanie Anze says

The "crazy cat lady" title is easily thrown around but there is a whole other faction of "crazy cat men" and they were/are just as openly enthusiastic about their feline companions. This brief book was both informative and highly entertaining. Giving a short background of famous men that love(d) cats, its the lovely illustrations that really make this book pop. From artists to thinkers and from leaders to statesman, cats have captivated the mind and imagination of a wide range of men. In many cases, heavily influencing their work. In others being part of their trademark itself. The overall sentiment of this work shows that these cats were/are more than mere pets. They were muses, companions, inspiration sources and just a good energy to have around. I definitely understand that thought. A charming and delightful book overall.

One cat that particularly stood out for me was Choupette, Karl Lagerfeld's cat. He came to meet Choupette by chance and could not let her go afterwards. Choupette has to be one of the most pampered cats ever. As the unofficial face of Chanel, Choupette had a brief modeling career that earned her \$3.18 million, has

personal maids and followers on social media in the thousands. Lagerfeld himself said that if it was permitted, he would marry her. So there is that.
