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Great book for teaching cause and effect.

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Betsy says

Consequences of every action is great!

Emma says

I did not realize before I found this at the library that this was a series of books. We own a copy of If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and it is a much loved, oft-repeated story in our house. Maybe that's why I didn't like this one very much. Maybe I started out with some bias. I couldn't help but compare the two stories.

So, in comparison, this one seemed silly and nonsensical whereas Mouse/Cookie was comical. It felt as if the young lady feeding this cat cupcakes (and, for starters, I have it on good authority that few cats would actually eat a cupcake) was dragging out her adventure just to make a book out of it. I mean, what does going to the beach have to do with cupcake sprinkles anyway?

Oh well. You win some, you lose some.

Veronica says

Read for Homosassa Bedtime Stories on 11/10/2009. Theme: Cats. Paired with "Muffin Man" song.

If you give a cat a cupcake, you might have enough material to write a book. Great tie-ins and repetition but the illustrations are a little small for Storytime.

Rusty Russell says

At the intersection of cats and cupcakes, this book categorically takes the (cup)cake.

Paul says

Year One Point Five Plus: Our little one loves it when we turn to the page where the cat is doing karate and we say, "Hi-Yah!" (featuring the basic "If-then" sentence structure!) and do karate-kid-like chops, kicks, and shouts.

Lisa Vegan says

I loved If You Give a Moose a Muffin and really liked If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. Here's another one that uses the alliteration I enjoy. I think that I decided to read this one too because of all the vegan cupcakes I've been eating, and trying to give up. Of course, as with these other If You Give a ... books, cupcakes are a very small part of it. This is a cute addition to these books and it's worth reading if you like the others, and it would be a fine one to start with as well.

Rosy says

Didn't like this one so much, because the sequence of events didn't make sense to me, unlike the other "If you give... " books I've read so far.

Zach Costello says

This book is about giving a cat a cupcake and what will happen after. The cat will want many things that will eventually lead to others. Can the girl who gave the cat a cupcake keep up with what the cat wants? I recommend this book to everyone from kids to parents who enjoy short stories. It is a good book about how to make a cat happy.

Diane says

So I decided to treat myself to this adorable children's book.

If you give a cat a cupcake, he'll ask for some sprinkles to go with it. When you give him the sprinkles, he might spill some on the floor. Cleaning up will make him hot, so you'll give him a bathing suit . . . and that's just the beginning!

This parable teaches kids that if you give a cat a cupcake then soon after the cat expect much more. The cat just asks for sprinkles at first, but next thing you know, the cat's dragging the child to the beach, the amusement park, and the museum, forcing the child to carry all its stuff, and then making the child clean up the mess behind.

The lovable cat who first appeared in If You Give a Pig a Party now has his very own book! Written in the tradition of the bestselling If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond's newest story will show everyone that Cat is where it's at!

A must read for young and old. Fun illustrations and a cute story as well.

Joshua Arnett says

"If you take a cat to the ocean, he'll want to go in the water." Tried this and now my cat hates me. I tried to give him the cupcake this book claims he would love to make up for it. He didn't like that either. More lies from Big Childrens Publishing. Thanks for nothing, Laura Joffe Numeroff.

Burgandy Ice says

I love reading this book with my 7 yr old. The circular logic is hugely entertaining as one thing leads to another... beginning and ending with cupcakes. And who doesn't like cupcakes? The Cat is so mischievousness and the little girl in charge helps the Cat with so much enthusiasm, this book is a fun read. PLUS... my daughter is able to sound out the words she doesn't know easily. It's hard to find a picture book that is fun for kids to read AND fun for parents to hear repeatedly. This book is a winner!!

Greg says

I had no idea all of the trouble giving a cat cupcake would lead to. Now I do know, and if my cat ever wants a cupcake I'm going to say no. No, Mooncheese, you may not have a cupcake. And even if she meows angrily at me I'll still not give in, although then she might do other things that would be even worse than if I had given her a cupcake. Instead I will keep my cat in total ignorance about the existence of cupcakes and save myself a heap of trouble.

Tressa says

Parents, who know all too well that the moment they sit down their children will ask for something, which will lead to something else, and then to something else, will enjoy the tables being turned on some frazzled children trying to appease some needy animals.

In Laura Numeroff's *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*, a kind young girl offers a cat a cupcake. Not satisfied, the cat wants some sprinkles to go with it. When he spills them on the floor and has to sweep them up, he gets hot and is put into a bathing suit and taken to the beach. Before she knows it, the girl has taken him to the gym, a karate class, rock climbing, boat rowing, on a merry-go-round ride, the science museum, and finally back home. The sand emptied from his shoes reminds him of sprinkles, and, of course, he's going to need a cupcake to go with them!

The animals take center stage in this fun series as the girls and boys tire themselves out trying to keep up with their demands.

Other books in the *If You Give* series:

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (1985)

If You Give a Mouse a Muffin (1991)

If You Give a Pig a Pancake (1998)

The Best Mouse Cookie (1999)

If You Take a Mouse to the Movies (2000)

If You Take a Mouse to School (2002)

If You Give a Pig a Party (2005)

Jenna says

Our theme for fall break has been using this series. The kids loved this story, which was clear when they were able to finish the story without the teacher even having to read the last page. Decorating cupcakes was a great fillip activity to this book!

Rebecca says

This may be my favorite in the series -- the little girl looks a lot like my own, and we get to say "HI-YAH" in the course of reading this book. :)

In all seriousness, I've read some criticism from some people about these books (too simplistic), but I think that kids of all ages simply cannot get enough of "this is what happens next when ..." I'd like to think that it helps develop their decision making abilities, even if those go only so far as "this is what happens next if I choose to use this permanent marker on the wall." :)
