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This just in: Three adorable house cats are reporting the most hilarious breaking news! Based on author/illustrator Georgia Dunn's real life pets, Elvis, Lupin, and Puck strap on neckties and pick up microphones to provide the most up-to-date relevant news stories (at least according to them).

Cats reporting on the news that matters to cats with stories such as The Vacuum Cleaner Is Back!, The Woman Is Cooking Bacon!, and The Ceiling Cats Are Everywhere Tonight! Cynical, no nonsense Elvis and shy, sweet, sensitive Puck are the reporter kitties in the field, while the adventurous jokester Lupin serves as anchor cat. Together they break headlines on the food bowl, new plants, mysterious red dots, strange cats in the yard, and all the daily happenings in their home.

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## **From Reader Review Breaking Cat News: Cats Reporting on the News that Matters to Cats for online ebook**

### **Skye Kilaen says**

Cats, but as if they're reporters for a feline news network, relating dramatic events within the household. Three adults and one ten year old in my household read this book, and none of us could keep from laughing out loud. Unless you despise cats and all their cat-related ways, give this a try.

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### **Nenia ? Queen of Literary Trash, Protector of Out-of-Print Gems, Khaleesi of Bodice Rippers, Mother of Smut, the Unrepentant, Breaker of Convention ? Campbell says**

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I just got into Neko Atsume and it's really fun, like having a zen garden of virtual cats. Cats are just really cute, okay? And they get a bad rap. People think that cats are jerks because they aren't unconditionally loving, like dogs. Cats are individualistic - they have different personalities, like people, so you never know what you're going to get. They're the chocolate variety box of pets. That's one of the things I like about Neko Atsume: the cats play with different toys and warm up to you at different rates. It's what I like about this book, too. The cat main characters - Lupin, Puck, and Elvis - are all completely different, and react to various scenarios in different ways.

I got this as an ARC from Andrews McMeel over a month ago but haven't been able to read it until now. Honestly, BREAKING CAT NEWS is like the cat version of Anchorman. You have these three cat bros who run their own news station "cat news," where they report on events like "there's another cat in the window," "there are fireworks in the sky, the world is ending," and "the human bought a new kind of cat food, the horror." As someone who has owned cats for the better part of a decade, I can attest to the accuracy of this comic, and I've definitely had my shoes puked in when a change in cat food was found unsatisfactory.

The illustrations are round and soft and very good, and I always found it hilarious when the artist drew them puffed up with rage. Lupin, the white one, is probably my favorite cat because he's the calmest. Puck is curious and mischievous and Elvis is quick to anger and kind of mean-spirited. Elvis also has a rivalry with one of the neighborcats, who likes to press against their windows and get belly rubs from the humans - something which makes him fluffy with rage.

BREAKING CAT NEWS is definitely a book for cat owners and cat lovers. If you don't own cats or like cats, I don't think you'll be able to appreciate this in the same way, just like how I wouldn't be able to

properly appreciate a comic that was dedicated to the love of dogs. I don't *hate* dogs, but I've never owned any, either, and I don't always understand why people are so crazy about them. A dog comic would be a very poor choice of entertainment for me. But if you're a cat lover, this will definitely make you smile - it captures the furry idiosyncrasy that is cat pretty well.

P.S. At one point, one of the cats said, "CN News." Cat News News? That seems a bit redundant, like saying "ATM machine," or "estimated ETA."

3 stars.

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### **abby says**

*Breaking Cat News* is the program where cats report on the news that matters to cats. And what's the news that matters to cats? Only the most pressing geopolitical issues of our time, that's what. Stories covered include: what's the deal with that cat living outside? why is the food bowl still empty at 7:30 on a Saturday morning? what's with this new houseplant? is the woman who lives here cooking bacon? eeeeek vacuum!

Author/Illustrator Georgia Dunn has re-imagined her three cats as the cast of a news broadcast program. There's snugly and sweet Puck, straight-talking Siamese Elvis, and the prankster Lupin. The comics collected in this book are cute and fun, although perhaps not all that original. Overall, *Breaking Cat News* is an enjoyable, quick distraction.

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### **Bill Kerwin says**

My favorite comic strip "Breaking Cat News" has produced its first book! How exciting!

"The premise is simple," says writer/cartoonist Georgia Dunn in her introduction: it is "cats reporting on the news that matters to cats." And what kind of news is that? Well, anything that fascinates your cat—or, if you're like Georgia and me, your three cats—for minutes at a time: "7:30 on a Saturday and the food bowl is still empty," "that cat is in the backyard again," "there is a bee in the bathroom," "the people moved the couch, revealing a trove of forgotten artifacts," and "the man is sleeping on the couch," etc., etc. All these topics are guaranteed to fix the attention of a feline, and consequently the attention of its owner—and this reader--as well.

But of course, as with other TV news programs, good stories only come to life when they are covered by intrepid, charismatic journalists, and BCN has three: white cat Lupin at the anchor desk, with shy black cat Puck and irascible (but sentimental) Siamese Elvis as the reporters—all equipped with (very cute) little "BCN" labeled microphones.

Although the focus is always on "the news that matters to cats," we do discover something about the cats'

people too. "The woman" and 'the man"--who Georgia Dunn admits look a lot like herself and her husband—pack up their belongings ("the People are building box forts"), drive a long distance with the BCN staff in separate carriers ("the People have gone insane"), and arrive at a new home ("a strange, unfamiliar world my fellow reporters refuse to explore"). Of course, our cat reporters eventually adjust to their new environment, only later to be confronted by a "strange new creature" ("the People call it a 'baby' and force it to wear tiny hats").

The cartoon cats are adorable, but the behavior they exhibit is characteristically feline, and sharply observed. I believe anybody who likes cats will enjoy reading this book, and if—like me—you live with more than one cat, I bet you will also be continually smiling and nodding your head in recognition.

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### **Gloria Cog says**

This book is purrrrrfect for all cat lovers, a MUST READ!!! Georgia Dunn has a vivid imagination, getting into the heads of her 3 cats and weaving wonderfully charming stories aka broadcasts with beautifully painted illustrations. I have been following her online for a couple of years now, and she just keeps getting better and better. Just when you think you've seen her best work, she tops herself. Every comic is a favorite! I love, love, love Breaking Cat News, and if you check this book out you will too!!! If you can't wait for the sequel, then get caught up at <http://www.breakingcatnews.com/>

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### **Jan Rice says**

The gods must be crazy, or, in this cat's eye view, it's the *people* who must be crazy.

This happy diversion came my way via Bill Kerwin's review. It's not a graphic novel, just a book of cat comic strips. But they do progress in a narrative of sorts, a little like loosely connected short stories. Usually I like the idea of cartoon collections better than the actuality; these, however, tickle the fancy and are eminently readable. I think it took me an hour--a very pleasant one.

The woman trying to use a laptop. The woman in the bathroom a room we can't get into. The time it was 7:31 AM on a Saturday morning, and the food bowl was still empty. The time the man had to get up early the next morning, requiring repeated--ongoing--coverage....

I have not had cats these ten years or more due to widespread cat allergy among the extended family. If I did acquire cats, my house would become a toxic site for many of my family. Choices must be made! Luckily the next-door neighbors have recently upgraded their cat menagerie. And the across-the-street neighbors have a pushy fat cat who condescended to pose with me in a recent photo although could not spare the time for me to get a *good* one. I also whiled away an hour going through a disk of 2000 or so scanned-in family photos to search out some shots of our dear departed kitties.

I have begun giving this little book as a gift....

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### **Elizabeth A says**

This book is a collection of comic strips, and if you've ever lived with cats you'll have a smile on your face the entire time. Elvis, Puck, and Lupin are three indoor kitties who jointly run the Cat Network (CN), covering breaking news that matter to cats, which include the appearance of a mysterious red dot, strange cats outside the window, why the food bowl remains empty, and other geopolitical issues of the day. A quick and fun read for all ages.

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### **LibraryDanielle says**

adorable

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### **Morris says**

Oh how I loved "Breaking Cat News." I still have a smile on my face just thinking about it and am going to buy a physical copy the next time I am in a bookstore. Any cat lover is sure to see their own cats in the news team, and it will make a perfect gift for anyone in your life that needs some cheering up. It's also appropriate for children and is sure to get everyone laughing together. Highly recommended!

This review is based upon a complimentary copy provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Molly says**

This was very cute and occasionally made me chuckle - three cats sharing a home act as newscasters reporting the goings-on in their abode. The last half of the book seemed stronger than the first half (or, at the very least, I enjoyed it more).

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### **Jenan says**

Soooooo cute! Yes, it did need five extra o's, it's that cute. I recommend this to all lovers of cats, comics and comedy. So pretty much everyone, yeah?

<http://www.breakingcatnews.com>

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### **Dobby0390 says**

Pawsitively brilliant! Each watercolor panel is a work of art in itself, and the details often hide tiny stories in plain sight - watch out for those robber mice! I've followed the comic strip since Georgia published the first one online, and I'm delighted to see the first of what I hope will be many collections of her work.

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### **Barbara says**

I loved this delightful illustrated book about three cat journalists on the CN (cat news) network who report news of interest to cats. The kitties - Lupin, Elvis, and Puck - are housecats that live with 'the woman' and 'the man.'

The book is filled with entertaining scenes, so I'll just give a few examples.

The woman goes to the bathroom and closes the door....and the cats immediately rush over with their microphones: "CN news, ma'am. What you doing in there?" The cattarazzi proceed to claw at the door and stick their paws underneath as they keep calling, "Ma'am?" "Ma'am?" "Ma'am?.....and the woman just sighs.

Seeing that the woman has a frosted cupcake the cats immediately swarm her. One asks "Do you remember when you let me lick frosting off your finger, ma'am?" Another inquires "Do you remember I'm an excellent boy who deserves frosting?" When the woman declares "Cupcakes are for people" the cats are appalled....but get smiley again when they discover 11 more cupcakes on the kitchen counter.

The woman is under the weather and lying on the sofa (spooning with Puck). A reporter cat observes: "People recover from illness with giant mugs of hot tea and hours of British mystery shows." Later the woman is obviously pregnant and a newscat observes, "The woman has been increasing in size. This week her size has pinned her to the couch where she now lives with Puck watching British mystery shows." [Puck can't comment because if he misses the first ten minutes of the show he won't know what's going on....so true..ha ha ha.]

When the man and woman finally bring the baby home a cat reporter observes that "The people have brought home a strange creature that they force to wear tiny hats." The cats think the baby is a human pupa...and their labeled illustration of this is hilarious!

This book would appeal to everyone who likes a laugh, especially cat lovers. Highly recommended.

Thanks to Netgalley, the author, and the publisher for a copy of this book.

You can follow my reviews at <http://reviewsbybarbsaffer.blogspot.com/>

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### **Ashley West says**

I am a big fan of the online comic so this book was a must-buy for me. The comic started off as short,

standalone sketches of life through the author's cats' eyes, and developed into multi-comic storylines with beautiful and detailed art. This volume ends before the big stories start, but you can already see the artwork really take off.

This is a great introduction to the BCN "world" if you haven't read it before, and a lovely keepsake for longtime readers.

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### **Peacegal says**

Gentle, all-ages humor presents a "cat news network" that will be instantly familiar to anyone who lives with felines. It's not PEANUT BUTTER & JEREMY, but not many things are. BREAKING CAT NEWS will be a cute gift for people who read their comics with a cat on their lap.

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