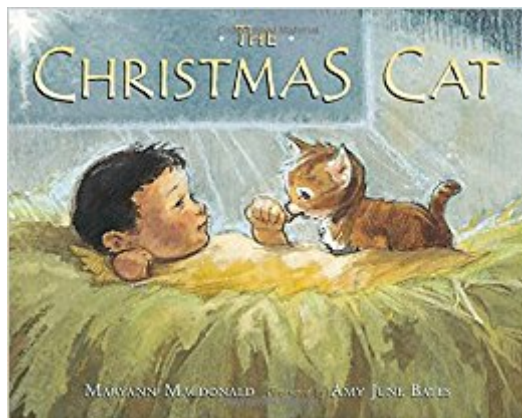


The book was found

The Christmas Cat



Synopsis

A cozy Nativity story for those who love Christmas and cats. All babies are beautiful and all babies cry. Jesus was no exception. On the night he was born, nothing Mary, Joseph, or the animals in the stable could do would comfort him. But when a curious kitten wanted its turn to calm the baby Jesus, a loving friendship blossomed on that very first Christmas. This perfect read-aloud was inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's drawings of La Madonna del Gatto, which show Mary lovingly holding the baby Jesus who is cuddling a cat.

Book Information

Hardcover: 32 pages

Publisher: Dial Books (October 17, 2013)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0803734980

ISBN-13: 978-0803734982

Product Dimensions: 10.4 x 0.3 x 8.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 22 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #882,962 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #116 in [Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Religious Fiction > Christian > Holidays & Celebrations](#) #639 in [Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > New Baby](#) #1697 in [Books > Children's Books > Holidays & Celebrations > Christmas](#)

Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3-According to the author's note, this somewhat lengthy story was inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's drawings of La Madonna del Gatto as well as legends of a cat that purred Jesus to sleep. Only a kitten hiding in the stables can console a crying baby Jesus, and the two newborns form a bond. Later, when the family must flee Herod's forces, the feline can't be found and is seemingly left behind. Much to the delight of a heartbroken Jesus, the cat has secretly stowed away in the family's belongings, helping to keep him quiet as they escape to Egypt. With its focus beyond the Nativity, this story is an interesting change from typical Christmas fare. The expressive characters set against the rich background of watercolors in ochres, blues, and grays are lovely, but the frequent use of white text against this background makes reading a challenge. Cat lovers might be the best

audience for this take on a familiar tale. -Brooke Sheets, Los Angeles Public Library (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

It would be hard to find opening lines as simultaneously surprising and comforting as "Jesus was beautiful, like all babies. And like all babies, he cried." MacDonald (Odette's Secrets, 2013) works to balance the baby Jesus' extraordinary circumstances and his universal humanity in a story suggested by da Vinci's numerous La Madonna del Gatto (The Madonna of the Cat) drawings. After a procession of animals, including a cow, a donkey, and a flock of doves, tries unsuccessfully, only a curious and adorable kitten can quiet the crying Jesus. When Mary and Joseph must flee King Herod's soldiers with their baby, the same feline hitches a ride and calms little Jesus at a crucial moment, cementing a destiny of love and companionship. MacDonald does a seamless job of weaving the feline fancy into the larger tapestry, though young readers unfamiliar with the greatest story ever told will require some extra explanation. Bates' soft, misty lighting casts the characters in the warm glow of history and allegory. Grades K-2. --Jesse Karp

I purchased this as part of our "story book countdown to Christmas," a tradition we have started with our children. I like how this book highlights a part of the Christmas story that is often overlooked. Like other reviews state, this book mentions the role of a cat when Joseph takes Mary and young Jesus into Egypt. I was hoping I'd get a warm fuzzy feeling with the message and the tie into the cat, but it was just "alright." A cat lover would probably like this book more than I have. It is a book that focuses on Jesus' role in Christmas, so I've included it in our collection, but it's not near the top of my list of favorites.

This is the story for cat lovers who want to share the story of baby Jesus with their children. A crying Jesus needs comforting, and a little kitten fits the bill. A story more about friendship with pets than the story of Christ. It's filled with beautiful pictures, and is based on a legend of a cat living in the stable in Bethlehem. It was inspired by the author's childhood trip to an art museum with a picture drawn by Leonardo da Vinci of Mary, Jesus, and the cat.

I bought this book originally to gain the interest of my son in the details of the Christmas story. To make it more immersive for him. This turned out to be the perfect book! It teaches the bible story of

Jesus' birth and the family's flight from Bethlehem, but also shows the special bond between a boy and his cat. We have read it multiple times together. One noted side affect: My son has insisted on being a cat and lying on the floor next to the manger purring during our church nativity play.

Great Book. This is a good book to read to your young child. Perfect for a boy or girl. Great book to give to a child for Christmas. This book is a wonderful book for cat lovers and for people who love Christmas.

This is a great book for cat lovers. Read it to my grandchildren. They enjoyed the story (which could be true) and the illustrations.

Beautiful book. I like the concept that it was inspired by Di Vinci's sketch of Madonna and Child---with the Child holding a kitten. I think most cat lovers will love this book!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading it with my granddaughter.

. The baby Jesus is crying and needs someone to comfort him-- none of the animals succeed but the purring of a baby kitten stops the crying of Little Lord Jesus. Its a sweet book about friendship and goes beyond just the nativity. A great Christmas book for children.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Cats: Cat Breeding for beginners - Cat Breeding 101 - Cat Breeds and Types, Cat Breeding, Training, Whelping (Cat people Books - Cat Breeds - Cat Lovers Books) CAT CARE: BEGINNERS GUIDE TO KITTEN CARE AND TRAINING TIPS (Cat care, cat care books, cat care manual, cat care products, cat care kit, cat care supplies) Very Cutest Cat Cutest Kittens Cats Photobook for Kids Cat Memes Baby Kittens Cats Photobook, Cat Sebastian, Cat bybee, Cat) Vol.2 (Photo book) Very Cutest Cat Cutest Kittens Cats Photobook for Kids Cat Memes Baby Kittens Cats Photobook, Cat Sebastian, Cat bybee, Cat) Vol.3 (Photo book 1) Pete the Cat Audio CD Pack : Includes 3 Audio CDs : Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons CD / Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes CD / Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes CD (Pete the Cat Audio CDs) The Complete Cat Care Guide For the New Cat Owner: Basic Details On Caring for Cats And Kittens Including Information On Cat Breeds, Cat Diet, Cat ... Possible Care and Keep Him Happy And Healthy Christmas Gifts for Kids: Colouring Book Merry Christmas; Colouring Books Christmas in all Departments; Christmas Colouring Books for Kids in Books; ... and Games; Christmas Stockings in

all Dep Cutest Kittens: 1500+ Picture Cutest Kittens Cats Photobook for Kids Lv.3 (BABY KITTENS Cats Dogs Cute Fluffy Animals For Children ,Cat Memes,cat photobook ... sebastian,cat bybee,Cat School,Cutest Kitt) Pete the Cat Set (Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes, Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes, and Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons) by Eric Litwin (2013) Paperback Who Is That, Cat the Cat? (Cat the Cat Mini) Christmas- The Story of Christmas Reusable Static Sticker-Children s Bible-Christmas Carol-Christmas Gifts-Angels-Baby Jesus-Joseph-Mary-Manger-Bright ... 2nd Edition Soft Cover (Static Sticker Bible) Christmas Dreams: The Christmas Wreath/Evergreen/Searching for the Star/Christmas Baby (Inspirational Christmas Romance Collection) How to draw cat's face: Colored Pencil Guides for Kids and Adults, Step-By-Step Drawing Tutorial How to Draw Cute Cat in Realistic Style, Learn to Draw ... and Animals, How to Draw Cat, Close-up Eyes Oh, the Places on Earth! A Cat in the Hat's Learning Library Collection (Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!: Cat in the Hat's Learning Library) Cat vs. Cat: Keeping Peace When You Have More Than One Cat Cat Training: The Definitive Step By Step Guide to Training Your Cat Positively, With Minimal Effort (Cat training, Potty training, Kitten training, Toilet ... Scratching, Care, Litter Box, Aggression) Cat Training: The Ultimate Cat Training Guide - Learn How To Train Your Cat And Solve Behavior Problems (Cats Care & Health, Kitten Care, Animal Care) Adult Coloring Book: Christmas Wish: The Perfect Christmas Coloring Book Gift of Love, Blessings, Relaxation and Stress Relief - Christmas Coloring Book Pages Christmas Carols for Trombone and Easy Piano: 20 Traditional Christmas Carols arranged for Trombone with easy Piano accompaniment. Play with first 20 ... Terrific Trombone Book of Christmas Carols. Jesus Birth! A Christmas Story Book For Kids About The First Christmas In Bethlehem (Childrens Christmas Books 1)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)