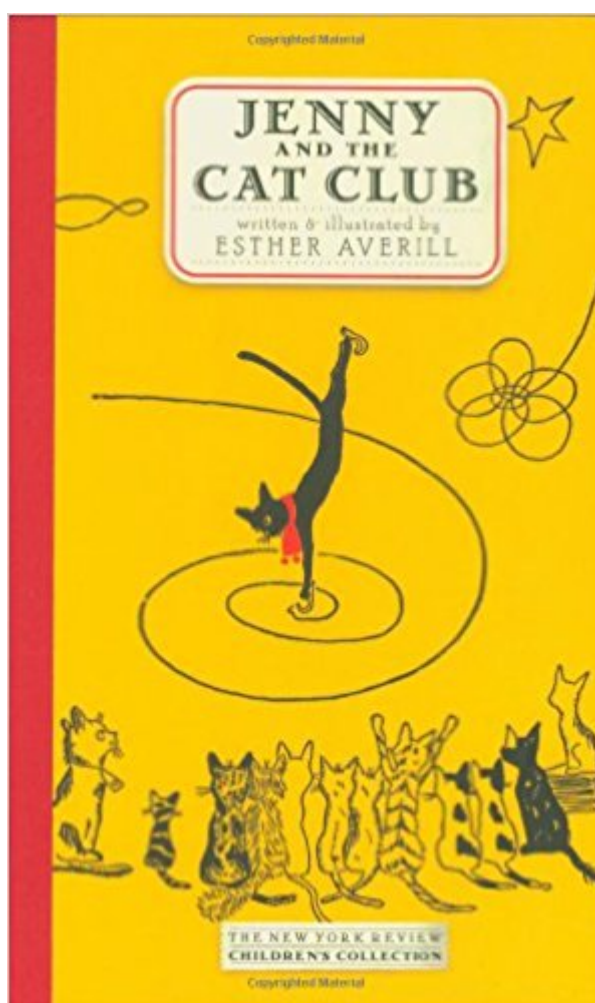


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# Jenny And The Cat Club: A Collection Of Favorite Stories About Jenny Linsky (New York Review Children's Collection)



## Synopsis

In Greenwich Village an orphaned black cat lives happily with her master, a sea captain. Still, the gentle Jenny Linsky would like nothing more than to join the local Cat Club, whose members include Madame Butterfly, an elegant Persian, the high-stepping Macaroni, and stately, plump Mr. President. But can she overcome her fears and prove that she, too, has a special gift? Join Jenny and her friends, including fearless Pickles the Fire Cat, on their spirited downtown adventures and discover why The Atlantic Monthly called Jenny "a personality ranking not far below such giants as Peter Rabbit." **AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, THIS COLLECTION INCLUDES ESTHER AVERILL'S FIVE FAVORITE CAT CLUB STORIES**

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"Esther Averill's collection of Jenny Linsky books deserves special mention. ...Told in clear, simple language that will appeal to younger children, all of these stories are delightful and festooned with simple illustrations every few pages that enhance, but never dominate, the melodious text."

•The San Francisco Chronicle"Averill colors her stories with abundant flights of clever fancy| But the nonchalance with which she delivers these makes them as real as her grounding details| Children will find Jenny's lessons about emotions and behavior helpful and reassuring." •Christina Schwarz, The Atlantic Monthly"The grace and charm of

these little books are not only for children. In wording, illustration, and design they offer to people of all ages a short interview of pure delight." —•The Saturday Review"There is a realness about Jenny, as well as a demure charm, that gives these annals of her doings a distinction lacking in many a more pretentious effort." —•The New Yorker"In Jenny readers meet the perfect friend—•an honest, fun-loving, and loyal playfellow and comrade-in-arms. How good to have Jenny back in print.—•Leonard S. Marcus, author of *Storied City: A Children's Book Walking Tour Guide to New York City*

"Jenny Linsky, the gallant heroine of these perennially endearing tales, pads through life balancing many of the same emotional ups and downs that crowd every schoolchild's day. Being a cat, Jenny does it all with enviable aplomb, and with a keen eye for her surroundings--the colorful back alleys and gardens of Greenwich Village. In Jenny readers meet the perfect friend--an honest, fun-loving, and loyal playfellow and comrade-in-arms. How good to have Jenny back in print--and the august Cat Club back in session again!" --Leonard S. Marcus, author of *Storied City: A Children's Book Walking Tour Guide to New York City*

There is a way to write, that is simple, yet not condescending. An economy of words that wraps up emotions, actions and adventures with charm and wit while being appropriate for the young and entertaining even for older readers. Knowing this, it's easy and always exciting to come across a classic book. This book IS a classic and I'd never heard of it until this year. I knew it as soon as I opened it and read the first bit, then watched my 7 year old daughter glow about it. We're a homeschooling family and so we buy a lot of books (our local library is dismal, living in a very rural area) to keep our children reading and interested. The whole New York Times review of books is a treasure trove for us that we're excited to explore. In these times we find that reading for the young has become one poor, grouchy, rude, second rate Scholastic book after another, so we search pretty rigorously for books just like this. Our 7 year old, found these a bit below her reading level, but it doesn't change the fact that she loved to read them, they made a reading experience that she'll remember, that was positive, and that's what it's all about. There are no one star reviews for a reason, buy this book.

Our four year old son adores this book -- and now all the Cat Club series. Jenny is shy but brave, curious but caring, providing great starting points for conversations about friendship, family and facing challenges. We read this as a bedtime book and it's a favorite choice. In the six months that

we've owned it, we've read it in full at least 20 times.

I have purchased many copies of this book. We first discovered it at the library when my daughters were young (mid 80's) and read every book in the series. I was delighted to see they have been reissued and have purchased every one for my own library. I read Jenny and the Cat Club every year to my first graders, and I have frequently purchased it to give as a gift to volunteers who have helped in my classroom (so they can read it to their children :)). The stories are delightful and imaginative, but I especially love them because Jenny displays such outstanding character. She's not perfect but in the long run she always chooses to do what is right.

This little children's book is delightful. I remember getting it from the Library's Bookmobile when I was a child. I am now 64 and am enjoying reading it to my granddaughters. The personality of Jenny the cat and her friends in the Cat Club is well explored by the author and allows children to relate to emotions like shyness, fear of rejection, pride of accomplishment, etc. The book is mainly text with a few illustrations in each story. If a child were to be reading this for his/her self, they would probably need to be at a second grade level to be comfortable reading it alone.

I first read the Jenny Linsky books when I was a very small child, and loved them so much that when I was allowed to get a kitten of my own, I chose a little black one, just like Jenny Linsky. These books became part of my childhood memories-when the cats were out, my mother would say they "were at a cat club meeting". I would imagine them dancing the sailor's hornpipe, one playing the nose flute as accompaniment. The influence of the Jenny Linsky books stayed with me, and because of them, I have always had black cats, and learned how special they are. The stories in "Jenny and the Cat Club" are as enchanting as I remember, the illustrations wonderful. Today the stories might be considered "tame" in comparison with our animated space going super hero fascination, but they still have great power to charm a young child's imaginings, and an old lady's memories. Highly recommended!

This is a great book for a student transitioning from early readers to chapter books. The vocabulary used is excellent. My DD loves the story of Jenny Linsky, the little black cat with the red scarf.

This is a collection of Jenny Linsky stories. If you only get one Jenny book, this should be it.

I bought this book for a west coast granddaughter, after being given a copy to read to my east coast grandchildren. The stories are charming, and will be appreciated by cat lovers and non-cat lovers alike. This book makes a good transition from picture books (with little story-line) to a book that early readers can follow. Parents (and grandparents) will enjoy having a real piece of fiction to read to the kids, as well as, the simple illustrations that younger kids will be able to apply their growing imaginations to. I am glad that this book has been reprinted and is now available for modern audiences that are, too often, 'dumbed downed' with overly cute pictures and moralistic stories.

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