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***New York Times* bestseller and fan favorite Judy Schachner presents a warmly affectionate portrait of a family's devotion to their beloved cat.**

Tink has everything he ever wanted ? delicious treats, hugs and kisses, and even a kitten to raise. The only thing missing is wild outdoor adventure. So when the opportunity arises, Tink sneaks out ? and becomes an outdoor cat for one unforgettable night.

Like cozy favorites such as Clare Turlay Newberry's *Marshmallow* and Mo Willems' *City Dog, Country Frog*, and with soft, meltingly tender illustrations that match the poignant tale, Judy Schachner proves what a superlative storyteller she is with this loving family story.

## Bits & Pieces Details

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## **From Reader Review Bits & Pieces for online ebook**

### **Donna Mork says**

Cute story about a silly cat who ends up 20 yrs old and gets lost. His little human sisters look for him and find him with the help of some friends.

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### **Susan says**

"Tink was an odd duck. Perhaps it was because he had been raised by a grannyman... [?!?]?...or maybe it was because his brain was the size of a frozen pea." (?!?)

With a start like that really were else was there to go? Intolerance and insults yay??? I had a difficult time getting past that, especially as the insults continued, literally, to the end. UGH!

Also, I have a cat and really hate it when people call me her mother and/or her my 'fur baby. NO she is not my child, nor is she a cousin of my nieces and nephews (nor would she be a sibling if I had children). YES she is part of my family and YES she is my beloved companion. But no, I am not mother, she is not daughter, etc. UGH!

One star with one extra because the illustrations are cute.

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### **Desi says**

I got this book for John Paul, but really for Frank, given his very strong love of Siamese cats. It's a very touching story, but it tries to cover quite a lot and to me, the narrative arc jumps too quickly in some places.

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### **Edward Sullivan says**

Tink reminds me of my own mentally retarded but irresistible sweet-natured cat.

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### **Toastkat says**

I love "SkippyJonJones", so when I saw a new book with the art and author I love, I was in. "Bits & Pieces" is the story of the life, and a day in the life, of Tink, an elderly Siamese with a little brother to teach and love. Every cat owner will recognize Tink, because he represents cats every owner has had. From the mischievously curious to the downright silly, Tink has a little bit of every cat in him. With a cute story and happy ending, I recommend this book to developing readers (with its simple language and easy-to-follow plot) and any owner of cats.

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**Rachel Watkins says**

This beautifully illustrated story tells of Tink, a beloved cat with not a lot between his ears (seriously!). He is adored by his family but yearns to be an outside cat. You'll buy this for your family's cat lover and read it again and again.

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**Kim says**

This advance copy came with a note about how this book came into being and the story of Tink in real life. The back story made me cry so hard because it was so beautiful. Tink was adopted by an older cat who was near death, and revived to some semblance of life by taking care of Tink. (That is a separate book.) This is Tink's story of his taking care of an adopted kitten and his place in his family. Warm, rich and lovely this a tale that is for all families and proves family is what you create.

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**Dione Basseri says**

Not quite so enjoyable as "The Grannyman," but certainly better than the Skippyjon Jones series (especially in regards to ethnic sensitivities). This is actually a sequel to the Grannyman, following Tink as he serves as mentor to his own kitten, and also has a little adventure that only a really silly cat would take. Do beware, if your kids have ever had a pet run away or get lost, this story features that plotline, though it does end happily. However, for kids who have felt that pain, the happy ending is probably not going to dull the sting.

Schachner is great at portraying the personality of Siamese cats. Some of her images are so graceful, the cats seem made of silk. Others are so ridiculous they look like pudding slammed against a wall. Basically, just like real Siamese cats.

If you've got Siamese cats, certainly buy this. Otherwise, check it out from your library before making a purchase decision.

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**Karen says**

Skippy-Jon Jones is undeniably cute, but this book is so adorably sweet. I love it to bits & pieces.

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**Diana Valdivia-Rodriguez says**

This book is about two cats who become friends. I can teach students about friendships with humans and animals. The book has matte paper, full page bleed, and page break. I can relate this book to the Berenstain Bears book series.

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### **Annie Leonard says**

This picture book is by the author of the much beloved Skippy John Jones series, and although it is humorous, it isn't the same laugh a minute kind of story. Rather, it is a touching love story about particular Siamese cat and his family, perfect for reading aloud. I enjoyed how the vagaries of cat behavior were treated lovingly as matter-of-course, and how the gradual physical failings of the cat were portrayed.

The illustrations are a joyful, colorful mixed media, in a slightly different style from Schachner's previous books.

I love, love, loved this one and look forward to putting it in my customers' hands!

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### **Cheryl Neer says**

Skippyjon Jones author, Judy Schachner, creates another lovable cat story. It seemed tedious at the beginning, but then turns into a heartwarming, charming tale.

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### **Heidi says**

Love this author.

We are first introduced to Tink as a kitten in the story "The Grannyman". In this story, Tink is given his own kitten to raise but accidentally gets outside and has an adventure before being reunited with his family.

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### **Jennifer says**

Oh how I love Judy Schachner. Really, I love these books even more because I heard her speak and saw her photos and I know she is writing mini memoirs in these gorgeous cat books. And who doesn't love their pussycats to bits and pieces? Love, love, love, love, love!

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### **Kalynda says**

Different pages reminded me of my different cats, and pages 4-5 was so Niles! I love how this story was inspired by the author's cats--that is something I hope to do someday...and she captured them so well. If you love cats, or if you have students who love cats, this is a must have story. I am smiling seeing my Niles, Spark, and Wilson in the pages.

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