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Mr. Pusskins doesn't want to play mouse games.

He thinks snuggling is for the birds.

Having his fur combed?

Listening to cozy bedtime stories?

Boring!

Mr. Pusskins goes in search of adventure.

But along the way he finds out how much love is waiting for him at home.

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Kate says

I will say this knowing full well the repercussions this statement could possibly have (and knowing this is why I write this blog fairly anonymously): I am not a cat person. Sigh. There you go. I said it.

It's not that I don't like cats or anything. The main reason we don't mix is that I'm allergic to them. Beyond that, I guess I'm just a dog person. Odd for a library employee, I know, since it seems being a librarian and cat lover are synonymous. But that's that. Let's move on.

Mr. Pusskins and the sequel are pretty darn cute. Mr. Pusskins is (you guessed it) a cat. When we first meet him, he's a rather grumpy cat who doesn't appreciate the love his owner Emily bestows upon him. She strokes his fur and tries to play games with him, but he is just not having it. So he decides to run off and be a bad cat, hanging with the wrong crowd and leaving Emily worried sick. Of course there's a happy ending, but it's a fun journey getting there and teaching kids there's no place like home.

Taken from my blog: libchickreads.wordpress.com

Tegan says

Cute book. I like how it shows the relationship from both sides. Mr. Pusskins is super cute.

Saffron says

One of my all-time favourite picture books. It tells the story of Mr Pusskins, who is doted on by his owner, Emily, but he craves a more exciting life so he escapes to the streets. After getting in with a bad crowd, he soon gets lonely and calls home to be rescued. He is eventually reunited with Emily and he finally appreciates how much she loves him.

The illustrations are superb - brightly coloured and Mr Pusskins himself is fantastically grumpy and spoiled-looking. I have read this to many classes and is suitable for Yrs 2&3. It is always a hit, and like all the best picture books, the illustrations offer extra layers to the story, so it makes for good re-reading for children to do on their own, even if it has been read aloud in class.

Robin says

Reads aloud extremely well. Great characters, dynamic illustrations, genuinely funny. Grouchy pampered cat embarks on the hero's journey.

Dolly says

This is an entertaining tale about a contrarian cat who would rather be outside carousing and caterwauling than at home with his loving owner. He seems to be rather disagreeable and grumpy, but eventually has a change of heart. It's a good example of the maxim that 'the grass is always greener on the other side.'

The illustrations are very colorful and expressive and our girls loved Mr. Pusskins. We enjoyed reading this book together and have put Mr. Pusskins and Little Whiskers: Another Love Story on hold at our local library.

Angela Bailey says

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Plot summary:

"Grumpy Mr. Pusskins hates doing ordinary cat things such as playing with his owner Emily but a night out on the streets in search of adventure makes him reconsider the advantages of a loving home" (NoveList).

Considerations or precautions for readers advisory:

cats, friendship, girls and pets

Review citation:

"Humorous illustrations capture this fluffy, ginger-colored sourpuss in all of his grouchy glory, and his big, round eyes convey a range of expressions, from haughtiness to remorse. This sassy love story will be a storytime hit" (Linda Ludke in School Library Journal).

Section source used to find the material:

MCPL: Bright Beginnings Booklist - Preschoolers (4-5 years).

Recommended age: Ages 4 - 6.

Kate Hastings says

A grouchy kitty finds out he's got it good.

Cassie says

How could you not love that face?!? Mr. Pusskins is my new favorite cat book character. He's a grumpy, ole

puss who learns that the grass isn't always greener on the other side. The bold illustrations are eye-catching and the expressions are priceless. A great choice for storytime or one-on-one sharing. Couple this with Nick Bruel's *Bad Kitty* or Melanie Watt's *Chester* for a frolicking, feline time.

4cats says

Mr Pusskins, bloomin' marvellous!

Miriam says

Grumpy Mr. Pusskins hates his cuddly girl and her stupid games and bedtime stories. But when life in the alley proves rainier than he bargained for, can he find his way home again? And will Emily want him back if he does?

Kathryn says

Oh, gosh! Mr. Pusskins is SO amusing!!! I found myself chuckling just based on the cover art. I have definitely known some Mr. Pusskins-esque cats through my work at the cat sanctuary ;-p The story is told in an endearing and engaging way, although there is nothing really ground-breaking creative here. It's just a sweet, humorous story about how a grumpy cat who begrudges all the love and affection of his owner decides to try independent living for awhile. Though it's pretty obvious how things will end, and what the "moral" of the story will be, I still found myself smiling and chuckling all through the book at Mr. Pusskins' antics and expressions.

Melissa says

Took my son to the library the other day and let him pick the majority of books we read. This was one of them and of course he picked it because..well cats.

Mr. Pusskins is a mean cat. His owner shows him nothing but love. But Mr. Pusskins is not content and decides to venture out into the world. Till one day he realizes just how good he had it when he was back home.

The drawings in the book were fun. Mr. Pusskins was perfectly show to be a curmudgeon. I mean look at that cover! How much meaner can one cat look? Ok so the cat wasn't mean...he was just the stereotypical cat that ignores its owner. I can't tell you how many times my own cat ignores my calls for cuddling or playing with his toy mouse.

I like that the cat missed his owner and in the end became less of a sour puss. My son of course loved the cat even when he was all feral looking. I don't think he picked up on the appreciating what you have message but he enjoyed it all the same.

This one was a 5 out of 5.

AleJandra says

5 Nadie sabe lo que tiene, hasta que lo ve perdido STARS

Hace un par de días lleve a mi hija a una Play date, y la niña a la que visitamos tenia este libro. Y OMG lo ame demasiado, en serio me gusto tanto que me vi tentada a robárselo. LOL.

Creo que me gusto mas a mi que a las niñas.

Las imágenes son hermosas, tiernas y los colores son muy brillantes y llamativos, pero lo mejor es la historia.

Una historia entretenida y divertida, sobre un gato que lo tiene todo y no lo valora hasta que lo pierde. Que si me preguntan, yo creo que es uno de los principales valores que los niños de esta generación necesitan aprender con urgencia: **SER AGRADECIDOS**, valorar lo que los demás hacen por nosotros.

QUIERO ESTE LIBRO, la próxima vez que vaya a la librería seguro lo comprare.

En conclusión: Los gatos no merecen nuestro amor. XD

Alice says

From the cover of this book, Mr Pusskins is the grumpiest cat in the world, more grumpy than Dexter or Goosie. This book is all about "You don't know what you've got until it's gone" Mr Pusskins lives the good life but is tired of the 'good life' so he goes out, parties with some rowdy cats and realizes...he loves his human!!

Becky says

First sentence: This is the story of a little girl called Emily and her dear cat, Mr. Pusskins. Emily adored Mr. Pusskins.

Premise/plot: Mr. Pusskins does not appreciate Emily. At least not when our story opens. What we have here is a story of a prodigal cat: "He went places he wasn't meant to go and did things he wasn't meant to do, and made friends with the Pesky Cat Gang." But after some adventures and misadventures, Mr. Pusskins may be ready to come home again. Will Emily be waiting for him?

My thoughts: I loved, loved, LOVED Mr. Pusskins. Whether or not it's intentional or not on the part of the author, Mr. Pusskins is a near-perfect adaptation of the Prodigal Son. I loved Emily start to finish. Mr. Pusskins is quite the character, quite the transforming character. "The things Mr. Pusskins wasn't supposed to

do weren't fun anymore. And his new friends weren't really very nice. How lovely it would be to have someone brush his fur and tell him how much they loved him. He felt all alone." I thought the text was lovely and heartwarming.

Text: 5 out of 5

Illustrations: 5 out of 5

Total: 10 out of 10
