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Who's ever heard of a cat that doesn't eat birds? This is the story of a barn kitten who learns first hand what it's like to raise and protect a mockingbird from birth, when one falls from its nest and onto her head!

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Grace says

i loved this book because, it was amazing how they teach flea to fly!i learned that you may not like this person but you must not tell them that or they may feel bad.

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

Another cute on from Carol and Bill Wallace, based on the antics of their own animals. I should have read this one before That Furball Puppy and Me. I'm kind of anal about needing to read books in proper sequence. This story is about Gray, a young cat new to the farm, who helps a baby mockingbird learn how to fly. The Wallaces certainly know their cat behavior! The story is told from the point of view of Gray. I can't wait to read more by this pair. Recommended for 2nd to 5th graders.

Stephani says

I read this to my 4 year old as one of our first read-aloud chapter books. It was great for her because of the easy to understand story line, the fun characters, and the basic vocabulary. It had a few more words that expanded vocabulary. Looking forward to reading this again when my younger ones are ready for a read-aloud!

Tisha says

My boys loved this chapter book. It definitely had a plot that would appeal to 5-year-olds. It's definitely not the book that most of you would want to rush out and read. You would probably find it boring. However, as a read-aloud to children it was just right.

Ellen says

The Flying Flea, Callie, and Me is a fairly decent 2-3rd grade chapter book about a cat that does not - repeat, does not - eat birds and befriends a baby bird who is abandoned after she refuses to fly south with her family. Even though he doesn't eat birds, our cat narrator is an excellent mouser and leaves many trophies for his house family on the back porch now that Callie, an older cat, can no longer catch them. The three characters have some adventures with rats in the barn and a snake in the woodpile. The story is simple, but a satisfying read for youngsters that like animal-character stories.

Malia says

A silly and funny book.

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If you love cats, you will enjoy Gray's adventures. New to the farm, Gray was picked out of his litter to be a mouser for the House People. He is a very good mouser, but he finds that he has a lot to learn about living on a farm. Gray is also not like most cats for he does NOT eat birds. Lucky for one young bird who is convinced that he can't fly. Gray names the bird Flea and begins catching food for him and teaches him to fly. Gray also learns a valuable lesson in the process. I loved it when Gray would leave his "trophy" (a dead mouse) on the mat for the House Mama. He was always so proud. I loved the story.

Chazzi says

This story is told from the perspective of Cat, a young farm cat whose job is to be a mouser. He is to take over the job Callie was doing, before she got too old.

He is a pretty good mouser and is able to present a catch almost every morning, on the front porch for the House People. He is also still learning about the world he lives in.

Come spring a pair of mockingbirds set up housekeeping in a nearby tree. Seems they do this every year. Cat is quite curious to see what is in the nest, but the female bird is quite the dive bomber and able to keep Cat away. If not her, then the male does a good job too.

Over time he finds that there are baby birds, and he watches as they grow and learn to fly. When time comes for the birds to fly south, there is one baby who refuses to fly. Seems she experienced a fall from the nest, earlier, and is now afraid to even try!

When she falls out of the nest and lands on Cat's head, she wants him to eat her and get things over with. All the other birds have left and she has no food. The problem with the request is that Cat doesn't eat birds!

Cat takes on the responsibility of protecting Flea (the name he gives the bird). Seems there are other critters on the farm that consider birds a nice treat. Cat does manage to teach the bird to fly and gets it to fly south, but he also learns a few things about himself.

Another chapter book with illustrations that I bought for the great-gran, but had to read. It was an entertaining story. Hope she enjoys it too.

Gina says

This was a cute one. Although I thought it might have a little more closure, with Gray getting a little self confidence of his own or Flea successfully making the trip back north, it didn't detract too much from the cuteness.

Amy says

This was a darling chapter book. I read it to my daughter in the hopes of getting her more interested in chapter books. It seems as if she is gravitating towards books with animals as the main characters. She really enjoyed the book and me reading it to her and it has a sweet and simple message. Basically, Gray is the new cat on the farm. He makes friends with Callie, the old farm cat and even Bullsake. Unexpectedly, a baby bird lands on his back and Gray can't seem to get him off! Gray doesn't like eating birds, just mice and an unexpected friendship begins. But there's one problem: baby bird needs to learn to fly so she can go south with the rest of the birds. Gray and Callie work with Flea(Gray's name for the bird) to get her to fly. Soon, Gray and Callie concoct an idea to get Flea to fly and it all has to do with her confidence!

Flower says

Written from a cat view. Good!

Beth Bacon says

The narrator of this fun little book, Ideal for fourth graders, is a cat. A farm cat. Farm cats are supposed to chase birds. But this cat's best friend is a bird named Callie. The cat saved Callie when she fell out of a tree and Callie is afraid to fly. So the cat has to teach Callie to fly. Callie and the cat go through this experience with the help (and sometimes criticism) of the other animals in the farmyard. Even though we all know Callie is supposed to fly away at the end, it's sad to see her go.

Jamie Leeper says

Here's cat that doesn't eat birds! Very funny story! I like the fact that the cat tells the story. I will read this again.

Peggi Warner-lalonde says

A delightful little book.

Callie says

I bought this book from the book order, because it has my name in it. It's really short though, and I read it in maybe an hour, because I was stopping in between to talk to Jenessa who was reading eclipse at the same time. It was an interesting book, but not much plotline, which made it seem stupid and childish.
