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It's the 1.6-million-copy bestseller that skips the jargon and psychobabble, and instead features straight-talking, down-to-earth, clear-cut advice-that of writer and cartoonist Suzy Becker's cat.

"Know all the sunny places."

"Flaunt your hair loss."

"Get mad when you're stepped on."

"Take some time to eat the flowers."

"Be tolerant-but not overly accommodating."

"Make your own hours."

"Scratch when it itches."

"Depend on others without losing your independence."

"Avoid company you do not like."

Altogether, here are over 90 simple life lessons, irresistibly illustrated in full-color. Proving what all cat fanciers suspect about their own pets, Suzy Becker's cat is a fount of wisdom. The book covers everything from grooming, health, and diet to being completely well-adjusted, and imparts perhaps the most valuable piece of advice a cat could give: "There is always time for a nap."

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Barbi Faye (The Book Fae) says

Seriously! How can you NOT read and love a book like this?? I love combining two or more hobbies; kitties and books, or kitties and books, AND a cup of coffee...! It has always been my firm belief that cats are Mother Nature's most purrfect creation and should rightfully rule the world. This book seriously tickled my kitten fancy, and is a purrfect addition to my collection of feline literature.

"Be soft. Be cool. Be mysterious. Know all the sunny places."

There are over ninety felinic life lessons, illustrated teachings in pawsitively pretty full-color pictures, proving that all cats are wise founts of wisdom. This comprehensive kitty guide covers the inner wisdoms of grooming, health, and kitty chow. Remember what the sagacious Catfucious say: "There is always time for a nap...!"

Purrrr!

Selena says

You know, we really ought to learn more from our cats. They have such wonderful lives having us serve them, they must know something we don't, right?

Like the ability to just be absolutely adorable without even trying.

Sadly, this is not directly covered in this book.

It's short with lovably dopey artwork that any cat fan will love and find themselves saying, "Yup. My cat totally does that."

Erika Hébert says

This book is short, clever, and incredibly hilarious! It's the kind of book you'll want to keep on your shelf to refer back to every few years when you're in dire need of a laugh. But if you don't want to buy it, look for it at your library. You'll probably be able to finish it before you can even get to the check out counter.

Kricket says

I received this as a Christmas gift from my aunt, along with a cat jigsaw puzzle and novelty cat socks, because I am THAT niece.

Sort of a graphic novel, sort of a picture book, and very cute.

Anna says

Cute kitty wisdoms. Maybe not the most in-depth wisdom pieces out there, but the book works for the daily life blues. Adorable kitty pictures, just something perfect for the days when you need something cute and simple to be happy.

Vivek Tejuja says

Reading Suzy Becker's book on what cats can teach you made me miss my cats a lot while I was in Singapore. This is where I picked the book from and I couldn't wait to get back home to meet my cats. When I did, I learned something else from them: You leave us and we will ignore you for an hour or so. You will plead and beg and plead some more but we shall not show affection or love. Sigh. But it is true: Cats do teach life lessons which perhaps other humans cannot.

The book is aptly titled; "All I Need to Know I Learned from My Cat (And Then Some)" is a book of cartoons – with some lesson or tidbit wisdom from cats. There are so many truths in these pages – people who have cats and those who don't also will relate to this book.

The illustrations are so plain and cute that they will melt your heart and you would want more. This book is a delight, it is brilliant and it is silly and makes you realize the things that you need to be in touch with and what is absolutely okay to let go of.

"All I Need to Know I Learned from My Cat (And then some) is a meditative book on living and life. Most importantly, it will make you see your cats differently. A lot of Cat Zen and Wisdom in these pages. A must read.

dianne says

Full of the kind of wisdom only a being with much more intact instincts than you can teach. How did i ever enjoy life before i found my 21 lb, jet black, rescue kitty? Delightful, inexplicable, brilliant, completely silly, and totally in touch with what matters.

And yes, of course i have a dog, too, as a proud and practicing bipetual.

And 2 snakes - but they're not furry, or homeothermic.

A fine 10 minute read. For *those* times.

Charlie says

The illustrations were sweet, and it made me smile, as a cat-person.

Patrick Gibson says

Um, okay. But . . . everything I need to know I learned from The Wizard of Oz! I already know how to give humans the silent stare, rip the end of the couch to threads without guilt, nap a huge percent of the day, never come when called, yawn like I mean it, sneeze that'll be the envy of everyone, be tolerant but not overly accommodating, lay on the newspaper (always a hit with friends at Starbucks), pee without getting any on my feet, lick the important parts (don't go there), resist being put in a box (it's a metaphysical statement, not a real box, geez), know where all the sunny spots are, and kill bugs that give me the willies. So I need a book for this? Even one with cute drawings? It was a gift—what can I say? I'll try to re-gift it. Now just don't tell anyone, comprende muchachos? If you do, I will come to your house and recycle the garbage all over the house. I learned this from the book. There! It has some value. When's your birthday? I have something for you.

Evelyn Woagh says

As a cat-owner myself, this book sweetly highlights the many benefits of owning a cat, having such a friend, and the many things I've learned from him. He often "helps," sits or lies down on the spots I've just got up from, is very affectionate, dreams with me, and is loved.

Lesley Looper says

I found this cute little book while going through my mom's belongings, and enjoyed going through it. It brought a smile to my face during a tough week.

Amy says

This is actually a really cute little book with a lot of great advice (lessons).

Gerry says

There are plenty of lessons within these covers that us humans should look at and perhaps obey - or at least try to!

I particularly like 'Avoid company you do not like', 'Just because you're home, you don't have to answer the 'phone' and 'Dream'.

The cartoons to augment the advice are most appropriate.

A fun book.

Sam says

One of my favorites. A cat person can truly appreciate.

Anita says

I found this book randomly in my best friend's bedroom while visiting. It was exactly what I needed while going through a time of many life transitions to begin graduate school, including leaving my own cat for some time. It is short, lovely, and includes adorably amusing drawings. The book is a perfect reminder to value life's small moments and consider a different, all be it, small and furry, perspective.
