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The follow-up to *A Letter to My Dog* takes on cats, with celebrities writing letters of love and gratitude to their beloved pet felines.

Alluring, elusive, mysterious—the cats in our lives are not always easy to get to know. But as with all pets, they have unique personalities and stories to tell. Alongside beautiful four-color photos of their cats, *A Letter to My Cat* collects personal letters from celebrities offering love and gratitude for all that their cats bring to their lives.

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Emory says

I received this book for free from Blogging for Books for an honest review.
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As a cat lover and owner, the moment I saw this book I wanted to get my hands on it. The book itself is very pretty; it contains glossy pages with pictures of adorable cats and the letters that their owners wrote to them. The letters range from hilarious to heartwarming- I'll admit I teared up a few times thinking of my past fur babies while reading some of these notes. While it was an entertaining read, I see this as more of a gift you'd buy for your cat loving friends than a book you'd sit down to read seriously. I will admit that I'll most likely pick this up again to flip through my favorite letters and stare at the cute pictures before I pass it on to someone else. Overall this was a cute read with adorable cats and I'm glad to have read it.

Amanda says

This was a wonderful read. The letters from the owners to their cats are lovely. The pictures of the cats are beautiful. Would recommend it to any cat lovers out there.

ERIN SCHMIDT says

A Letter To My Cat, edited by Lisa Erspamer, collects letters by the famous and the not-so-famous, all of whom are the caretakers to extraordinary cats. Among the cats is Lil Bub, who is famous just for being the most adorable thing ever.

Bub was the runt of her litter and has some birth defects, but she is still a being of pure sweetness and light. Then there's Matilda, the official cat of the Algonquin hotel. And Buddy, who saved his human Rick's life when Rick went into sudden cardiac arrest. Buddy wouldn't leave his mommy, Jennifer, alone until Jennifer checked on Rick, and she found Rick not breathing.

Cat can be heroes in lots of ways. Charlie is a certified therapy cat; children can read to him, and he listens and purrs in a totally non-judgmental way, helping them increase their reading confidence. Kinky Girl started life as a stray, but turned out to be the perfect cat for teaching kids to be kind to animals and for ministering to people in hospice. Burma helps her human, Stephen, recover from the psychological effects of being an Iraq War veteran - and inspires him to bring awareness to the issue of homeless veterans.

All the cats are good cats - even if they pee in the bag on the way to the office.

Some of the human caretakers who appear in this book include Rosanna Arquette, comedy writer Ellie Barancik, chef Anne Burrell, reality TV star Mayte Garcia, actress/author Gina Gershon, actress/mental health activist Mariel Hemingway (not really a "cat person," surprisingly, given her granddad Ernest's fondness for polydactyl felines), designer India Hicks, children's book author Nina Laden, (men's) NBA

player Brook Lopez, 'Bridesmaids' actress Wendi McLendon-Covey, Dr. Mehmet Oz, rocker Joe Perry, Kimberly Schlapman of the country band Little Big Town, and 'True Blood' actress Kristin Bauer van Straten.

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Francesca says

Meraviglioso libro, con altrettanto bellissime fotografie, che raccoglie delle lettere dei padroni ai loro gatti.

Chi ha (o ha avuto) un gatto ed è stato conquistato da questi incantevoli e soprannaturali felini, non può non ritrovarsi nelle parole di queste lettere.

Tra righe che fanno sorridere e altre che commuovono, in queste pagine si ritrova tutta la felinità nella sua essenza.

Le bizzarrie che un micio può compiere, le acrobazie più assurde, le manie disperanti, la conquista e il dominio della casa e dei suoi abitanti (e delle loro cose)... Soprattutto, il modo straordinario in cui sanno amare e stare vicino ai loro compagni umani.

Mai invadenti, se non quando vogliono e a modo loro, queste palle di pelo baffute hanno il dono di saper dare calore come nessuna altra creatura, solo con la loro presenza. Il loro accoccolarsi, guardarti silenziosi, avvicinarsi fiduciosi e fare le fusa (le fusa, oserei chiamarle una delle meraviglie più fenomenali di Madre natura), magari concedere un bacio rasposo, è in grado di riempire il cuore, dare coraggio e far sentire meno soli.

Se essere scelti come compagni da un gatto è un privilegio, riuscire a conquistarne il cuore e la fiducia è un processo non scontato o semplice, ma di grande soddisfazione. Anche perché si è sempre su piani ben distinti: il gatto non mendica, ha sempre ragione e si ritiene migliore degli umani.

La loro forza e dignità è un qualcosa di ammirabile, persino malati, deboli e vecchi, fino all'ultimo istante, sanno sostenere il nostro sguardo, avvicinarsi fiduciosi e mettersi a fare le fusa.

Ogni lettera svela peculiarità differenti e simili di gatti diversi, ma tutti straordinari, nei quali di sicuro riconosceremo anche tutti i gatti che noi abbiamo incontrato e incontreremo.

Bellissimo libro, imperdibile.

Stacey B. says

OVERALL IMPRESSION: The concept of this book is amazing. I love cats (I have three) and I love reading letters people have written, so this is the perfect combination for me.

The introduction made me laugh out loud thinking about all of the similarities with my cats (and just as I was reading, I got the surprise of one of them jumping up onto the couch and landing right on the open pages of the book). I really enjoyed reading this. I can relate to so many things in this book. I also love the accompanying photographs.

This is a great coffee table book to just leave lying around to pick up and skim through when you're having a bad day or just need a pick-me-up.

COVER: The cover is great. The cat on the front is adorable and I like how they created an envelope with a cute little cat stamp on it.

****I received a finished copy of this book for my honest review.****

Kathy says

A short book at 153 pages, this is filled with beautiful pictures of people's cats. Each cat has a page with a letter written by it's owner. The letters can be about anything....how the cat came into their lives, the funny things they do, how much the owners love them. Some of them are owned by celebrities, others just ordinary people.

thenik says

Absolutely darling book. Heartfelt and lovely on each page. If you love cats, or call yourself a cat-lady or cat-mom or cat-dad, you'd likely love this sweet book.

Karen says

Only complaint is it's too short!! Full of wonderful stories. Keep a box of Kleenex nearby!

Kayla Eklund says

I have always loved cats. There are very few times in my life that I have not had a cat. Right now, I have a black cat named Sir Pig. He is my world. He's just like a child to me. Therefore, I find the idea of people writing letters to their cats very interesting. As soon as I saw this book, I knew I had to read it.

A Letter to My Cat was heartwarming. I was reading it before I fell asleep in bed, and there were parts that I laughed so hard at, I almost woke up my husband. As a cat owner, I can definitely identify with the book because I've seen my cat do a lot of the silly things that the letter writers talk about. Stephen Simmon's story about finding the cat in Iraq was inspiring. It shows that cats truly can change lives.

The book was also heart breaking at times. Nina Laden wrote a letter to her cat Cali that made me bawl. Her cat was dying of cancer. I've went through the pain of losing a cat before, and it's one of the worst things imaginable. I couldn't imagine my life without Sir Pig being there every morning to wake me up with meowing and kitty kisses.

I loved this book. It makes me want to write a letter to my cat. That way, in the future I won't forget about the time we spent together and how much he impacted my life. I recommend this book to cat lovers

everywhere.

William Richardson says

I love cat's and dogs, though I've not had a pet dog in well over 10 years. I've always had cats, and everyone of them had his or her own personality. I really like this book and was amazed at how many cats picked out their owners. These letters were funny, heart warming, some heart wrenching.

I know have two cats but female rescue cats, a black tiger named Mia, and a calico with one green eye and one blue named Sally. I also have living with me the ghost of one of my other cats, a black and white cat called Sammy Cat. Love them all.

Cheryl M-M says

If you're a cat lover and/or a cat owner then this book is probably going to warm your wee cockles. It might make you smile, laugh or perhaps even shed a tear.

This book is a conversation between cats and their owners. An ode to their feline friends, a moment to reflect upon their favourite memories, why they love them and what makes them so special.

It features letters from Rosanna Arquette and Luna, Anne Marie Avey and Colonel Meow, Tony Azevedo and Snow, Ellie Barancik and Francis & Ollie.

Now, cat owners quickly come to the realisation that the cats are running the show. They own their humans and not the other way round.

They are like miniature lions with the attitude of an Egyptian Pharaoh. Their independent nature is what makes them both lovable and exasperating.

The book is what I would call a coffee table book (obviously in hardcover). A visual treat for readers. It is the perfect gift for animal lovers. The photographs are absolutely adorable and certainly do these beautiful creatures plenty of justice.

I received a copy of this book courtesy of Blogging for Books, via Edelweiss.

Amanda says

I received an ARC copy from Netgalley

I requested this book purely because it is about cats. I love reading stories about how they've brightened the lives of their families or overcome terrible odds. I love cats and will read just about anything about them. I could probably fall very easily into 'crazy cat lady' territory.

While I can understand the passing fancy to write your cat a letter (because letter writing is fun!) I just can't bring myself to give this book a very high rating. Because while there are some very touching stories, most of them are just...too sweet and fluffy. That's fine, but it's similar to listening to a stranger talk for hours about their uber-cute children. You don't know these people and the cuteness factor wears off pretty quick. Eventually you just want them to shut up and leave you be.

What I did love was the photographs of the cats. Most of the cats are absolutely stunning. The pictures alone are worth it.

There was one letter that made me sit in silence for a moment just because of how beautiful it was. It was by a US Army Staff Sergeant who rescued a cat from Afghanistan who was being abused repeatedly. He snuck his new friend into the Army base, even though it was against the rules. Not long after, several of the soldier's platoon mates were killed by a bomber. His cat, Koshka, kept him from suicide and gave him hope for the future.

There are a lot of wonderful letters and the book gives a nice glimpse into the lives of other cat lovers. It's worth reading if you like a lot of very sweet, sappy letters and a few deep ones, along with some beautiful photographs.

Brenda says

My cats, Jaxon and Jonas were adopted or should I say adopted me 6 years ago. These letters written by cat owners tell the tales of how they came together. Some were written by celebrities. A nice read.

Maxine (Booklover Catlady) says

Well, I am the Book Lover and the Cat Lady so I dived into this book with much excitement! It got better! Such a STUNNING book, presented with gorgeous photographs of each cat alongside a letter from their human slave (owner) to those special cats.

The book features famous people and their feline friends, it has special cats, cats with disabilities, cats that overcame horrendous things, rescue cats, pedigree cats. There are therapy cats, blind cats, hairless cats, fluffy cats. BUT all in all, much loved cats. Cats everywhere!

Purrrrfecction!

The letters are both funny at times and also some of them choked me up with emotion as a cat lover. This book is a follow on to the hit book A Letter to My Dog and will appeal to ANYONE who is a cat lover, would make a truly wonderful gift book or just something to relish time and time again.

So, in theme with everyone in the book that wrote letters to their cats, here is mine, to my feline babies.

Dear Riley and Toddy,

Riley, I picked you when you were just 8 weeks old and bounced around the room refusing to slow down. I had to wait such a long wait until you were 12 weeks old and could leave your Mummy Cat. You came home for Christmas.

You came into my life at a difficult time and gave me so many cuddles and much love. I adore the way you try to groom my hair at night (does it need a wash?) and the gentle pats on my back if I turn away from you when sleeping. How you manage to take up most of the bed so I am hanging off the edge of it is beyond me, you are not that big my Riley!

I don't like the way you know what annoys me at 5am, like scratching on my wicker chair in the bedroom and walking on the headboard behind my head because you are hungry and want breakfast NOW. When I don't give in you bounce on my head like it's a trampoline (ouch, it's not) but I get up, you purr and weave between my legs as your human slave stumbles with half closed eyes to the kitchen to feed you, my Riley. I adore you. Only one year old and many more to come.

Toddy, I adopted you two months ago, like Riley you are also a stunning lilac Burmese pedigree cat, but SO different from Riley. You are the king of the headbutt love, you can headbutt each member of the family in the face for hours at a time, purring, headbutts, purring, headbutts. It's so beautiful, it makes us happy.

I love the way you eat like you are starving and we never feed you (and try to steal some out of Riley's bowl), we cannot have you in the kitchen if we are preparing cooked chicken, you are the world's fastest chicken stealer EVER.

We adopted you from a home where you were alone all day and were not sleeping as you should sprawled across the bed with the human slaves, you were sad and lonely. I brought you home and you and Riley became the best of buddies after only two days of a bit of hissing and growling (mostly from you) now I love to see the two of you play and be happy with another feline friend to love.

I love the way you do a roly-poly on the bathmat when I brush my teeth in the morning, like we are training for an Olympic sport together and your meows can be heard across town when I am one minute late with your dinner (starving again, you guzzle guts). Bad human mummy!

Toddy, Riley - you bring much laughter, love and joy to our home. From your pink paw pads to your little cute wet noses, I adore all of you (except maybe the litter tray part). I love you to the moon and back.

Mummy

I received a copy of this book thanks to the publishers via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Shelli says

These letters to beloved cats by their doting guardians – both famous and ordinary, young and old, from veterinarians to erstwhile dog lovers – are mostly what you would expect: sweet, heartfelt, and tender. However, there are a few really special letters to some very extraordinary cats tucked in here as well; I'd rather not give away any spoilers, but there are hero kitties; brave, disabled kitties; mutt kitties and kitties of exotic breeds; and one very famous psychic space alien kitty.

If I was evaluating just the text, I would probably only recommend this as a library checkout. However, there are some really exquisite pictures here, and the printing is very high-quality. For cat photography aficionados, this is probably a great choice to add to your collection!
