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The *New York Times* bestselling kitty boy blasts off into another hilarious adventure. Buckle up, amigos—everyone's favorite kitty boy is about to lift off. You'll want to be there when the brave Skippito gets lost in spice!

That's right, spice. Skippy knows—from his big ears to his toes—that the planet Mars is red because it's covered in spicy red pepper. To prove it, he's off on a space jaunt replete with craters, crazies, and creatures from Mars. His new adventure is packed with witty wordplay, Spanish phrases, and Judy Schachner's trademark hilarity. This rollicking romp is simply out of this world.

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## **Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice Details**

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## **Sarah says**

Words can not express my hatred for this children's book. It is the most annoying book ever.

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## **Julivete Skelton says**

Last summer I worked for a YMCA kids day camp and my youngest campers loved this book so much that I read it aloud to them almost everyday. The cadence of this book is fun to read and it's easy to make it exciting! Skippyjon Jones is a silly little cat that likes to go on adventures. He's a little mischievous but has the best imagination. In this book he goes on a space adventure. This book is so fun to read and it even includes some Spanish vocabulary so it's a great way to introduce another language and it is also a great way for inclusion if you have Spanish speaking English Language learners in your class. I also loved the illustrations. They are very detailed and full of color. Skippyjon Jones is a fun series and I would recommend it to all young readers, especially for read aloud in the classroom.

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## **Laurie says**

Parents need to know that this is the fifth in the bestselling series of Skippyjon Jones books, and includes a CD on which the author reads the story and the songs are put to music.

### Educational value

May encourage kids to learn more about Mars. Also teaches some Spanish words.

### Positive messages

Shows the wonderful power of imagination, but also a slight disregard for a parent's rules.

### Positive role models

Skippyjon Jones uses his imagination and has a ball, however he does spill chili powder all over his room after his mom told him not to.

Violence & scariness

Not applicable

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Publishers Weekly (September 14, 2009)

Skippyjon Jones, the Siamese kitten who thinks he's a Chihuahua, is also "nuts about Mars," which he decides to visit via a trip to his closet. Passing through the constellations, the space-suited (really, it's a snowsuit) feline encounters Los Chimichangos, who appear in a fiery comet, as well as his green Martian double once he reaches the red planet, which is covered in chili powder. Skippyjon's ludicrous adventures and energetic personality will keep fans happy that his imagination remains unchecked. A recording of the story read by the author is also included. Ages 3-5. (Sept.) Copyright 2009 Reed Business Information.

School Library Journal (July 1, 2011)

Gr 1-3-?Hola! The cat with identity issues meets a body double-green, one-eyed, but otherwise not so different-on Mars, which is rightly dubbed the Red Planet because it's covered in chili powder! Tumultuous pictures capture the pace and humor of this latest episode in the exploits of the would-be Chihuahua perfectly. (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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## **Siena Trehy says**

This book is both a picture book and an audiobook. My copy of this book came with a bonus CD, which I listened to with my young brothers. Skippy is a book written for imaginative elementary schoolers.

I chose to give this book 5 stars, because it is one of the most enjoyable picture books I have ever read. The young protagonist, a kitten named Skippyjon Jones, is not enthused by his sisters or his mothers plans for the evening, so he suits up to go on an imaginary trip to outer space. His favorite color is red, so he wants to go to a red planet. He creates this using chili powder from the kitchen, making a terrible mess.

This story moves through multiple plot progressions, from dinner with family, to flying through outer space on a red planet. The plot devices are new, inventive, and engaging. The book is complex, using complete dialogues, many different characters, and it uses made-up and often hyphenated words. These can be difficult for some readers to move past quickly. The illustrations are brilliantly colored and greatly add to the experience of this book. The art is made using multi-media: colored pencils, paint, collages, etc. There are many very detailed and enthralling pages to spend time mulling over. I can see this text being great for learning to read in schools, but also a great way to get kids excited about reading on their own.

I highly recommend.

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## McCall Donnelly says

Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice is the story of a kitty boy with an obsession of the planet Mars. This kitty boy also believes that he is Spanish chihuahua dog. As his mom and sister make dinner, Skippyjon ventures into "spice" and meets his martian twin, Uno ojo. He is knocked all the way back to Earth after fighting Uno ojo for his sock monkey. Before bed, Skippyjon stares at the night sky and thinks about Mars and the Martians that he met that day.

The text of this book is interesting. It is mostly English but there is a mix of Spanish words here and there. This book is fun, but it can also teach children a few words in Spanish, like the word green for example. There is also made up Spanish words like "astronaut-ito". A lot of words have had "ito" added to the end by Skippyjon to make them sound Spanish. This is funny to children because they can assume that it is not Spanish but the fact that Skippyjon puts it at the end of a lot of words shows that he is not really Spanish and he just pretends to be.

The text format is sporadic. It changes from page to page and almost never looks the same. Sometimes the font will change or the positioning and even the color. When the word verde is said the text changes to green, indicating that verde means green. There is a part in the book where Skippyjon Jones is describing himself as a red chihuahua and if you search the illustration you can see him looking in the mirror and seeing a red chihuahua looking back at him. The text and illustration interplay works really well in this book.

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## Barbara says

This is a fun read that the kids really love. Spanish words thrown in, and even a sing along or two.

I was wondering, however, did anyone else catch the David Bowie, Space Oddity reference when Mama refers to her kitty boy as Major Tom? I read several of the reviews but didn't see any mention.

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## Ryan says

I've never been a big fan of Skippyjon Jones and this book is part of the reason why. I love the imagination, the hyperactive cat, and the illustrations. But the story always seems lacking to me. This is not lost in Space, it's lost in Spice because Mars is made of chili powder. I can not exactly explain my dislike, all I can say is I rarely finish a book because it feels like it drones on and never gets to the point.

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## Twinholly1 says

Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice by Judy Schachner is a cute, quirky adventure book by Scholastic Inc. Lost In Spice was my first introduction to the series and I can't wait to read others. This book's main character, Skippyjon Jones; is a big eared, feisty, Siamese cat who channels his inner "Chi-wow-wow". We learn his closet is a magical place where his "banditos" and him encounter all sorts of mischief. In this book he uses

Mama June Bug's bottle of red spice, because red is his favorite color, to create an adventure all his own, in none other than "Spice" (not Space). Judy Schachner uses real Spanish words to create a fun way for young readers to learn new words in a language other than English. She also creates her own words by adding "ito" to the end of a word to help with the Spanish flair for young readers. I recommend this book for students in Kindergarten through Second grade. Some of the Spanish words may be tough for new readers, but it's a hilarious book that will keep even struggling readers interested!

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### **Meg McGregor says**

This little kitty has crawled right into my heart and has a permanent resting place there. I love Skippyjon!

The illustrations are wry and whimsical, the text poetic and lively, and it just makes me happy reading this to my little ones!

Skippy is a Siamese Cat who thinks he is a mighty chihuahua. His imagination has no limits and he is just the cutest little thing.

I especially am happy that little ones, who hear this, will be given an introduction to Spanish, in a very pleasing and memorable way!

Speaking of happiness, there is lots of humor in this story and in the illustrations! Little ones will enjoy going over all the pictures again and again!

In this story, Skippyjon Jones is off to the planet, Mars, to see that it is indeed covered with spicy red pepper. He takes off in his Spice suit and taking one giant leap for Chihuahuas everywhere, he lands on the Red Spicy Planet!

My favorite part is when he meets his doppelganger on Mars! You know, Skippy looks great as a Martian!

But Uno Ojo seems to be in love with his reflection and keeps looking at himself in a mirror! Maybe they don't have mirrors or reflective surfaces on the Spice Planet!

I really have to admire Skippy Jon's Mother! She is the model of patience!

So who is the craziest, lovable, and imaginative kitty/chihuahua of all? On this and any other planet?

SKIPPYJON JONES!

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### **Shawn says**

Skippyjon Jones is a very clever cat with a huge imagination. Often it thinks of itself as a dog, because seemingly dogs are free to have more fun. Wonderfully illustrated and with a good smattering of Spanish words, this is a fun book series. In this book, Skippyjon heads to the red planet of Mars and meets aliens all using his imagination.

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## Kristine Hall says

"Dude, you don't need a space suit up here," said Poquito Tito. "You need a SPICE suit! Mars is covered in the chili powder, *chico*." And so it goes in this installment from my favorite cat-who-thinks-he's-a-chihuahua. I love how Skippyjon's imagination runs wild with his alter ego, Skippito, and I love how he adds --ito to the end of words to give them a Spanish flair. The drawings are adorable, the rhymes are fun, and I would challenge any adult to read this aloud (with even minimal enthusiasm) to a child and not find the child engaged and giggly. Learn a little Spanish, have a few laughs, and just go with it! (Favorite nickname Mom has for Skippyjon -- Pinkie Pie!)

Recommended for ages 4-7, but sometimes you just have to read a picture book at any age. Sure has me smiling!

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## Books Ring Mah Bell says

Hey you! Yes you, the one having unsafe sex! Knock it off or you'll be forced to read this kind of crap to a kid.

Words cannot adequately express my disdain for this book, but I'll try.

### **I HATE SKIPPYJON JONES! HATE HATE HATE!**

First, he's a Siamese cat who thinks he's a "chi-wow-wow", which, perhaps he is. Maybe mama cat had a fling with the local "chi-wow-wow." Ugh.

Second, in this book he is referred to as Skippyjon Jones, Pinky Pie, Kitty Boy, Skippito Friskito, sometimes just Skippyjon, sometimes just Skippito. Maybe this is good for all those kids with ADD.

Third... Spanglish from hell.

Skippito.

cuckoo-rito.

shiver-ito.

monk-ito.

moon-ito.

chili-ritos.

astronaut-ito.

Double UGH!

Fourth.

Way the hell too many "dudes" in the book.

DUDE! Hispanic surfer dudes on Mars! DUDE!

On a positive note, my son loves it and there's plenty of Spanish thrown in to feed his little brain.

But I still hate Skippyjon.  
Or kitty boy.  
Whatever his name is.

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### **Courtney Heard says**

If your kid is interested in space and astronauts, this is definitely a book for your kid to read about mars. Caution they might get some silly ideas and want to try some of the things that happens in the book.

Six + 1 Traits: presentation  
DRA Level: 30  
Lexile: AD610L

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### **Kim BookJunkie says**

My son is 10.5 years old yet we hang onto this book and read it together once in awhile because we love it so much. Judy schachner is brilliant and hilarious!

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### **Megan Powell says**

This is another cute book! It is definitely for early elementary kids. I found this book when one of the kindergarteners at my work had me read it to them one day. This is another book that has quite a bit of rhyming in it and it also has Spanish words so that can introduce some culture to the students! I liked this book when I read it the first time and the rest of the books in the series are really cute too.

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### **Beth says**

Skippyjon Jones anything is a must read at least 100 times over. The imagination and language is phenomenal. Love the rhyming, singing, everything about these books. If you have children I promise they will love Skippyjon Jones! This one focuses on things that are out of this world. Adorable.

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### **Laquita Covington says**

Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice is a hilarious children's adventure story that would be a great read for grades K-2. The main character is Skippyjon Jones, a young and active Siamese cat that thinks he is a Chihuahua. In the book Skippyjon wants to be the first dog to bounce into space. Skippyjon is ready to take off on an adventurous trip to Mars, using a bottle of his mother's red spice. When he first blasts off into space,



Skippyjon meets up with his gang of friends, “Los Chimichangos”. The gang is planning to build a chili polvo pipeline from Mars to Earth, but encounters a problem when they are attacked by the “Verde Martians”. Teachers can use this story to help teach students onomatopoeia. I loved this book because of the author’s use of Spanish words within the text. My students also enjoyed hearing this story. During recess some of them pretended to have their own Los Chimichangos gang adventure.

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### **J-Lynn says**

This is the best developed Skippyjon Jones book yet. The story progresses logically, the Skippy songs are well placed to get the students involved in the story, even the Chimichango's song makes sense to the overall plot. Plus, the idea of Skippy meeting martians and getting into a tug of war makes for a fun story.

The book also uses more actual Spanish words instead of adding -o or -ito to the end of English words and pretending it makes them Spanish. This is the first book where I felt more comfortable reading it to Spanish speaking students because I felt like it valued their language more and allowed them to share with other students what the characters were saying in Spanish.

But, the pictures are the real star in this book. Skippyjon Jones, with his oversized ears, is as cute as ever. But, the martian Skippy look alike, Uno Ojo, is a great addition. And the vertical two page spread where the two Skippies meet is a real eye-catcher. The reds of Mars against the greens of the martians and the multiple colors of the Chimichangos make the pictures vibrant and worth studying.

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### **Kat says**

Basic Plot: Skippyjon Jones goes on an expedition to Mars! Via his closet...

The Skippyjon Jones books continue to be amusing and well-written. Schachner has a formula, and by sticking to it she creates fun stories for little kids to follow (and fun for parents to read!) The art continues to be interesting and good but not as polished as I prefer. I guess I can't get everything I want.

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### **Melissa Namba says**

a cute book that my nieces and nephews will enjoy. but is there anyone else concerned that this book might be seen as racist? skippyjon is a cat who wants to be a dog and speaks in an accent when he pretends to be a dog. also he eats south American inspired foods. this time he goes to Mars and meets a martian. and his sisters are not that nice.

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