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Join Splat the Cat on a school trip to the zoo in *New York Times* bestselling author-artist Rob Scotton's hilarious new adventure, *Splat and the Cool School Trip*.

Splat the Cat is so excited when Mrs. Wimpydimple announces that the class will be going to the zoo. While everyone calls out his or her favorite animal—Elephant! Giraffe! Monkey!—Splat only wants to see the penguins. After all, penguins are perfect; they are black and white, just like Splat!

All day long, Splat just can't wait. But when the smallest animal makes the biggest splash and shuts down the penguin exhibit, Splat goes home disappointed and alone . . . or does he?

Fans of Splat the Cat will delight in this story about zoo animals and enjoy Splat's always-present enthusiasm.

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## **From Reader Review Splat and the Cool School Trip for online ebook**

### **The Brothers says**

Splat is super excited to be going on a field trip to the zoo so he can see the penguins. Unfortunately, he can't bring his mouse Seymour as mice scare elephants. Seymour is not one to be left behind and finds a way to get to the zoo by himself, where he does indeed scare the elephant. The frightened pachyderm crashes into the penguin exhibit, thus Splat is unable to see his favorite animal.

Feeling bad, Seymour fashions a plan to make sure that his friend will be able to see his much beloved penguins.

Very fun illustrations!

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### **Sunah Chung says**

Splat the Cat was looking forward to seeing penguins during the school trip to a zoo. Unfortunately, Seymour the Mouse scared an elephant, and the elephant destroyed the wall of the penguin pool. Splat was disappointed, and Seymour brought penguins to the bathtub of the house to save the day.

I do not think it was a good way for Seymour bringing penguins to the home to resolve the problem. My understanding of his solution was stealing penguins from the zoo to make up his faults. Before the school trip, Splat told Seymour that he could not go to the zoo because elephants would scare mice. Instead of taking penguins to the home, Seymour should find other solutions to make Splat cheer up. It seemed that penguins did not care much about enjoying the water in the bathtub because they could not swim in the penguin pool at the zoo anyway, but I expected better ways to resolve the mistake.

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### **Alice says**

I guess I just don't Get Splat the Cat. Nothing like going to the zoo on a class trip and not getting to see what you wanted to see most..THE PENGUINS and then your friend steals the penguins from the zoo and takes them home and puts them in your bathroom. (insert eye roll) I guess kids will think this book is fun, I thought it wasn't anything to rave about. But if you need a book about going to the zoo...here it is! (PS Elephants are scared of Mice...that is why mice can't come on a field trip to the zoo...it just ruins the whole day..mice in general are only good as a food source for other animals like hawks, snakes etc. I DO NOT LIKE MICE!!!)

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### **Leah NYC says**

Another sweet read aloud book.

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### **Bogdan says**

This is a bestseller but the cat looks like one from a horror movie... I don't know how the kids like it...

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### **Anna says**

Fun illustrations and great story. Overall it's a great book I just have one tiny problem with it. It's not the story I have a problem with, but with one of the illustrations. It's the one where Splat and his class get to the zoo and Splat gets so excited about seeing penguins that the illustration shows he's trying to go down the path to the penguin area and the teacher is yanking on his tail to stop him from going. This irritates me as a cat owner because pulling a cat's tail in real life is awful. It hurts them, they don't like it, and it's just rude. So I a part of me felt like if you're reading this to children and they see this illustration, some of them might think that it's okay to pull a cat's tail. That's the only problem I have with this book. Otherwise, the story is great and silly and the illustrations (aside from that one) are awesome.

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### **Erma Talamante says**

We are currently in a "cat" phase right now... so Splat! is obviously a cat.

Splat and his friend Seymour, a mouse, are excited - they are going to go to the zoo for a school field trip! But both become disappointed - Seymour, when Splat tells him he cannot go, and Splat, when his favorite animals' exhibit is closed due to a rampaging elephant (gee, who did that?). Splat had been looking forward to seeing the penguins! Now, there are no penguins.

Seymour finds a way to save the day, though. My two-year-old loved pointing out and identifying the animals, and is working on simple words. This book is full of bright illustrations and sneaky little hints for older readers (like the books that Seymour starts to read, encouraging cause-and-effect thinking). A very good book, and I look forward to reading more in the series - my daughter just looks forward to more cats.

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### **Misty (Reds Romance Reviews) says**

Entertaining from start to finish!

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### **Emily says**

Splat the Cat and PENGUINS!!!

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### **LaToya Hixon says**

Seymour is such a nice friend to Splat. He really showed what friendship really means in this book. I read this book three times because it was positive book. Also the artwork in the book was great. It really went with the story to were children that read this would really understand the story. I love cats and reading about them. This book is a great way for children to use their imagination. I thought the author did a great job with this book. I can't wait to read the ones.

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### **Aiden and Jack says**

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### **Aylea says**

Splat is thrilled to be able to go to the zoo with his class on a field trip to see the penguins. He thinks penguins are some of the best animals, and can't wait to see them himself. Seymour can't come because mice scare the elephants, but Seymour does his best to get to the zoo himself anyway when Splat leaves him to go to school. Finally, after waiting for a long time and having to go see lots of other animals first, Splat is on his way to see the penguins when Seymour crashes out of the air on a paper airplane, scares the elephant, and the elephant breaks the pool where the penguins live. Splat is disappointed, but Seymour won't let Splat go home without giving him the opportunity to see his favorite animal. It's Penguin Day for Splat after all!

Splat and the Cool School Trip follows the same pattern as the other Splat the Cat books, setting up Splat for something exciting, something disappointing happens, and then somehow getting what he wanted in a different way. Parents and teachers can talk about how sometimes things we want come in different ways than we might think, but sometimes, unlike Splat, things might not work out after all. Young children will also have the opportunity to identify some animals while reading this book, and older readers can spot the cause and effect things that will lead to later events in the book. Splat the Cat fans will continue to enjoy his mishaps and adventures in this fun field trip book.

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### **Jason Smith says**

Splat is a cat. A cat getting to go on a field trip to the zoo where he wants to see his favorite things. Unfortunately some mischievous hijinks cause him to miss out...what will splat do? I think the thing I enjoyed best about this book was the casual, light, 4th wall breaks. The glint in someone's eye as he looks out of the page, the real feel of the illustrations (I brushed my book a couple of times because I really thought there was loose hairs), and the glossy pages bring to life these realistic drawings. The full bleed pages, the carefully placed text boxes, and the great story really pulled me into this book. I enjoyed it very much. I think this book could be a good teaching tool for kids by letting them experiment with what animals they like. Give them some drawing paper and crayons, maybe put it with some light book report style research and paper, and if nothing else about the value of being a good friend and making up for your mistakes.

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### **Diane says**

Splat's class is going to the zoo. Splat can't wait to see the penguins. Mrs. Wimpydimple tells Splat that Seymour can not come along because he'll scare the elephants. This makes Splat sad. Seymour finds a way to get to the zoo anyway. And because he scare the elephants and the elephants crash through a wall, the penguins can't come outside. Splat is devastated. So Seymour finds a way to make it up to him.

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### **Alexis Gibson says**

Splat the Cat and the cool school trip

Splat the Cat is so excited because his class is going on a field trip to the zoo. All of his classmates talk about their favorite animals at the zoo. Splat can't wait to visit the penguins. When his teacher tells him his friend Seymour can't come on the field trip because elephants are afraid of mice. When Splat finally gets to the penguin exhibit he finds out it is closed, because an elephant knocked all of the water out of their cage. Splat is so disappointed! Read Splat the Cat and the Cool School Field Trip to find out if he ever gets to see the penguins.

Have the students write about or draw a picture about the choice they would make if they were Splat and couldn't see their favorite animal at the zoo.

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