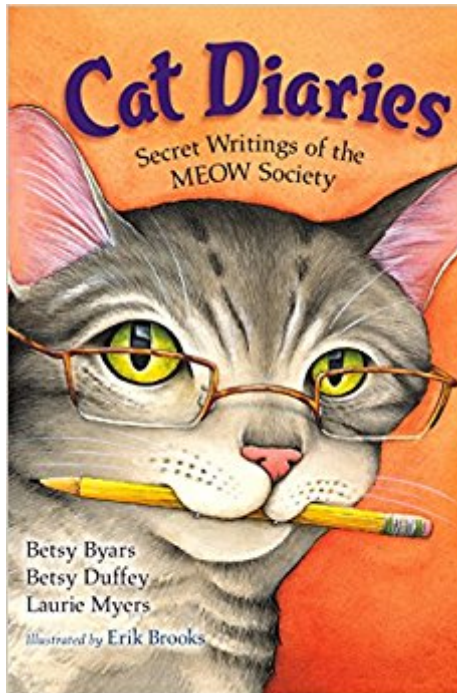




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# Cat Diaries: Secret Writings Of The MEOW Society



## Synopsis

An irresistible collection of short stories for cat lovers. At the annual gathering of the MEOW society, cats of all kinds convene to share their stories and those of their ancestors. Chico, the smallest cat in the world, recounts stopping a crime. The Pirate Cat tells of the fateful day when he discovered a treasure while hunting for mice. And Georgio shares his delectable—and sometimes surprising—recipes. Cat Diaries is a winning companion to Dog Diaries, also by Betsy Byars and her daughters Betsy Duffy and Laurie Myers. With gorgeous black-and-white illustrations by Erik Brooks, animal lovers and reluctant readers will be wooed by the charm, strength, and wit of these feline friends.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 2â€”4â€”MEOW, or Memories Expressed in Our Writing, has gathered cats from all over the world for a night of storytelling. What follows are 11 tales from the diaries of various felines, some going back as far as 2000 B.C.E. (Miu, the Great Cat of Egypt, who must contend with Abu, the Royal Dog). The book has a few standout tales, such as Go-Go's story about a school visit during which he climbs the stage curtains and Whiskers's adventure with a parachute, but the majority are rather pedestrian. Still, the short chapters and whimsical illustrations that appear on almost every page will appeal to reluctant and beginning chapter-book readers. An additional purchase.â€”Beth

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• Drama, humor, excitement, and love fuel these short, well-written stories that are certain to be relished by dog lovers. • Booklist on My Dog, My Hero "[T]his collection will be a hit with its target audience and is perfect for encouraging reluctant readers. • Kirkus Reviews on The SOS File

Bought this book for my book-loving, cat-loving 9 year old. It was easy & quick reading for her, but she loves the book and will re-read it many times.

Looks like a good read, haven't started it yet.

Gave this as a gift. Was told it was "good." Hope that was an honest answer.

Very well written and fun to read! My daughter and I loved this book.

Hope the grandkids like this for Christmas

I want you to write even more books about cat diaries and dog diaries. I loved both of those books.

My kids enjoyed the different stories and styles that were represented in the book. Written from each cat's point of view made it so much more interesting.

I decided to read Cat Diaries because well, I am a cat lover. I thought the idea of cat's having a diary in the first place sounded rather cute. The premise for children would be funny or so I thought. Some of the stories were cute and I appreciated the humor in them but most were so-so. Also, I simply could not figure out why the book started with this big convention and then nothing but the reading of the stories by the various cats. It seemed there should have been more action or something. That was a bit disappointing. However, one thing I did like in the book was near the end. Even though the book is targeted for 2-5 year olds, this seemed something that should have been for the older kids and even adults reading. Essentially, it called for everyone to keep writing their

own stories so they are heard and known. After all, MEOW stands for "Memories Expressed in Our Writing", when we write things down, we are creating those memories to share with others about us. That makes me smile. Overall, not a bad book and I do think young kids would like hearing the stories but it certainly is not for the youngest to read. This is not a picture book and the ages should be adjusted to an emerging reader. 3 stars. Disclosure: I picked up a copy of this book from my local library. The views expressed here are 100% my own and may differ from yours. ~M.M. aka Naila Moon

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