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They All Saw A Cat



Synopsis

The cat walked through the world, with its whiskers, ears, and paws . . . In this glorious celebration of observation, curiosity, and imagination, Brendan Wenzel shows us the many lives of one cat, and how perspective shapes what we see. When you see a cat, what do you see?

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

Enchanted by the pre-publication book trailer, I ordered 6 copies of this book. One for my library and the others as gifts for children. Lucky kids! The poetic words and beautiful illustrations create a magical study on perception, point of view, curiosity, and imagination. The publisher, Chronicle Books, offers a free activity kit and discussion to download. Don't miss it! There is drawing, a cat mask, coloring, and a pin the collar on the cat game.[...]

I got this for my 5 year old as a gift to celebrate his first day of kindergarten. He's all about trucks and dinosaurs, but when I read this he became fully absorbed by the different perspectives of each creature encountered by the cat. I had to throw in some extra lines to keep the story going, but what a lovely picture book! I wanted to share with my son that out in the big world everyone has a story and different ways of seeing and experiencing things. I'm very glad this book helped me deliver that message. Thanks Brendan Wenzel!

I am a retired early childhood art teacher. Every illustration in this book stands alone as a piece of art while serving as a wonderful manual to encourage young minds to enjoy and hone their natural observation skills. The story demonstrates without preaching, the fact that every pair of eyes sees the world in their own different way (even their peers). It may also be your kid's first zoology book, since it accurately shows the difference in each animal's capabilities of vision and sense perception. In clear and unfussy language the child gets to travel above ground, underground, fly a bit and go underwater. They will want to do that many times.

This book is really amazing. I'm a sucker for new picture books for my 3.5 year old son. I prefer books with at least a subtle message of social awareness. This cat book we read for the first time tonight and my son immediately wanted to read it again. The words are very simple, but there is a story. The phrasing is repetitive, which is nice for my son because he likes to contribute and quickly figured out the pattern, if you can even call it that and recite the story. The illustrations really make the book. During the first reading, it was hard for my son to always see that each depiction was (really, I promise!) the cat. The message here is that a single being appears different depending on the perspective of the viewer. It's a really lovely message for young children done in a brilliant, simple, engaging way. This is one of my new favorites.

This book is amazing. It's a simple story but also amazingly profound. My toddler asked for it several times in succession before bed, and I found each read to be a lovely experience. The meter is beautiful and the pictures are stunning. I got it today and now I want to tell everyone to run out and get their own copy, too!

They All Saw a Cat offers up a wonderfully effective lesson on perspective as it delivers a whimsical little story about a wandering cat. The text is spare and effective as the cat meets a variety of animals on its wanderings. The repeating phrase "And the cat walked through the world, with its whiskers, ears, and paws" serves to ground a story that flies high on its illustrations. Each animal the cat meets sees it in a different way, and the artist does a beautiful job of illustrating each perspective. The cat seen by the boy is very different than the cat seen by the mouse! An interesting lesson on the natural world lies within these pages. Youngsters will undoubtedly have many questions after seeing the bee's view of the cat, as well as the worm's rather unique take on things. The book ends with the cat getting a good look at his own reflection in a pool, a fitting way to

end his stroll. They All Saw a Cat is a must have for any classroom collection and an interesting addition to any preschool or early elementary student's personal collection. This book provided by the publisher for review purposes

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