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# The Cat Manual



## **Synopsis**

Humorous advice for cats, by cats. The author "discovered" the feline world's best-kept secret in a file hidden on his mother's computer by her cat, Cleo, and now shares it with humanity for the first time. Topics covered range from avoiding visits to the vet, to the artful display of captured prey, to getting in the way of a human trying to read anything, including this paragraph. Upon publication, Cleo denied authorship and hired a team of lawyers with their claws out, but despite her best efforts, word is spreading with over 75,000 Kindle downloads: The Cat Manual is hilarious for cat-lovers of all ages. From the author of Cave Passages and Dark Life.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is an easy, fun read especially aimed at cat owners / lovers. Many of the feline characteristics described were applicable to one or more of the cats I have owned / served over the years. Clearly it is true that cats elected to join us at their discretion as opposed to dogs who we coerced to live with us for our own devices. I particularly enjoyed the selection of chapters by the author which enhanced the overall description. I found myself a little nostalgic as I was reading the book and

thought about some of my cats who are gone now and how they exhibited the described behaviors. It is true that cats leave pawprints on your heart when they leave. Recommend the book to anyone.

I ended my day yesterday and began my day today reading this book. I firmly believe that it is important to have humor in my life every day, and reading this book was an excellent way to satisfy that need yesterday and today. It doesn't take long to read the whole book, but it is also easy to read just a bit at a time since the chapters or sections are short. It has been many years since I have had an indoor cat, and I do not remember all the antics described in this book. Those antics are more entertaining to read about than to live with, I am sure. On the other paw, as the author would say, cats do entertain us humans. Perhaps if our cats could teach us humans how to purr, the world might be a more peaceful place. This is, according to Snoopy in today's cartoon, National Cat Week. What better time to read this book!

This best thing about this book is how much it reminded me of my mom and her two cats that she cared for and loved like her babies the last few years of her life. It was an OK read but nothing outstanding. I'm an animal person and have had many different animals including cats. One Maine coon cat was gotten as a kitten and lived as our baby in the house, including having his spot in the bed right beside my head. I include this just so readers of this review do know that I have a soft spot for some cats that I've had the privilege to be a part of their lives. But still I would just say this book is OK. I picked it out of my long to read list because I wanted a quick read at that time and this was a quick short one. As I said it did remind me of my mom and for that reason I loved it. It also reminded me of some girlfriends who definitely are pretty close to the top of the cat people list, whereas I'm an animal person. I think any cat person would love this book and the entire time they would be saying I just knew it had to be. If you live with cats and especially if you think you are a cat person I think you will love this book. Yes, I'm going to recommend it to a girlfriend or two but probably not the dog lady. But then again she just might laugh and say she knew those cat people were crazy all along. If you have friends or family that are confirmed cat people you have probably heard a lot of these same stories, albeit in a different context perhaps, from them.

"The Cat Manual" is a humorous short work by author Michael Ray Taylor. This Kindle e-book was a 128 Kb download and was priced at \$0.99 at the time of writing this review. This tongue-in-cheek 'manual' is actually reported to be an old tome of cat lore that has been passed down through the centuries. It has undergone occasional updates to reflect the newer technologies and devices found

in modern day life. The book was, and still is intended to be a primer for kittens and young cats who need some guidance and advice on acceptable adult cat behavior. Being a cat lover (or 'sucker' as we're referred to in this book) I can relate to the various topics for discussion that are put forth in many of the chapters. i.e. living with a dog(s), waking humans, gifts for the family (both live and dead varieties), thunderstorms, trips to the Vets etc., only to mention a few. All topics are told with the uncanny accuracy of someone that has lived with, and observed the actions of their cats. All accounts are told with a sense of humor that only a cat lover could truly appreciate and find funny. Cover Art... beautifully done and appropriately portrays several sophisticated feline poses... lol

**Conclusion:** A well written little book, filled with many, many accurate feline observations and all related with a warm and gentle sense of mirth. A fun read for any cat lover! 5 Stars

Ray Nicholson

This book was hilariously funny. Talk about advice to cats, this was very descriptive on how cats are. As a fur baby Mommy I can take each story and relate it to one or more of my cats. If you are a cat person and are looking for a bit of cat humor and reality you have to read this book.

Written from the viewpoint of a cat, "The Cat Manual" covers topics such as "Displays of Human Affection", "Helping Humans", "Reading", "Forbidden Rooms", "The Clock", "Thunderstorms", "Computers", "The Vacuum Cleaner", "The Vet", "Medications", and much more. While there have been many books about cats, "The Cat Manual" is one of the best and funniest books I've read on the subject. Author Michael Ray Taylor (who clearly knows a thing or two about cats) had me laughing from the introduction as he explained how he found the manuscript written entirely in "Cat" and how it took him weeks to translate it. The book got even funnier from there. The manual is written as if a cat was writing it for other cats - nice touch. There were so many humorous bits in this book I can't possibly mention them all in this review. The ones that made me laugh the most (and maybe suspect my cats might have written a chapter or two) include "Waking the Human" (my cat loves to lick me awake); "Computers" (I love the cat's take on the mouse and laptop); "Helping Humans" (my cat loves to "help" me carry the laundry upstairs by jumping into the basket); "Tricks" (playing them on humans). These are just a few - really I enjoyed everything in the book. Taylor seems to have covered just about every quirk that cats have - and a few I didn't know about! Taylor does touch on the inevitable loss of the cat in a funny and sensitive way - nicely done. "The Cat Manual" is a fun look at the way cats act and why they act that way.

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