

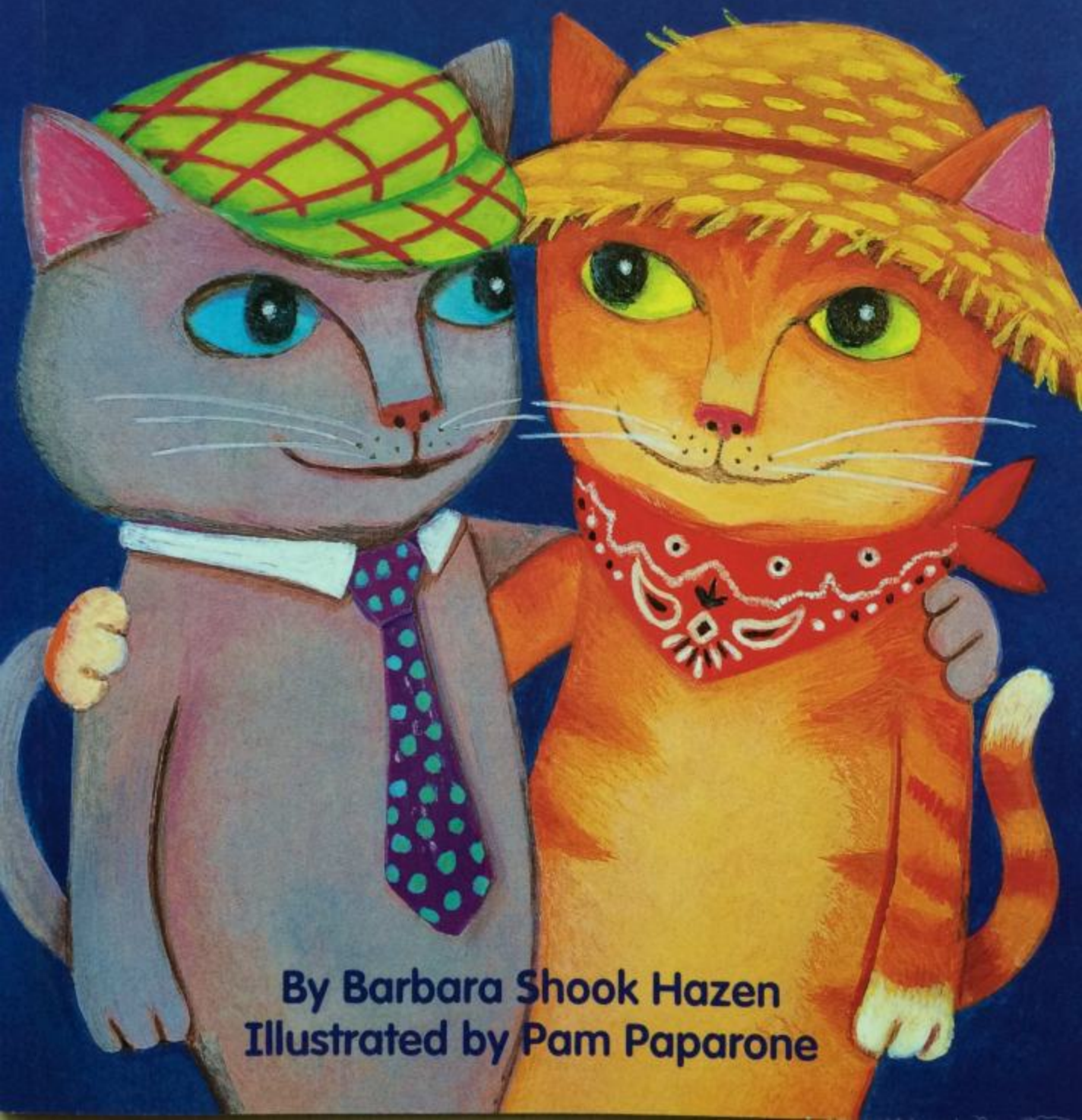
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ready to read

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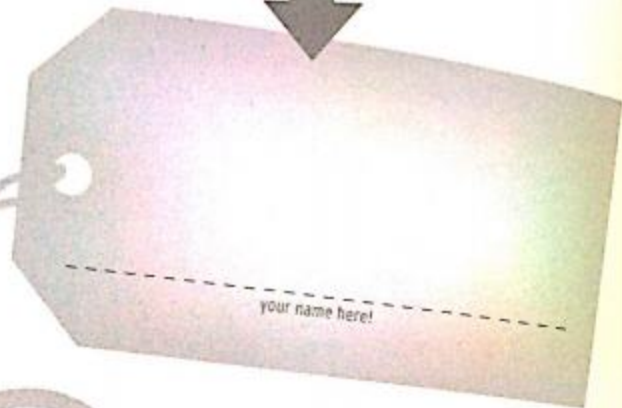
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City Cats, Country Cats



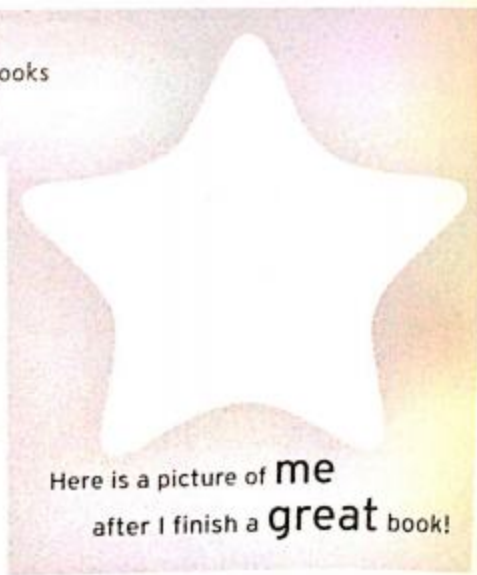
By Barbara Shook Hazen
Illustrated by Pam Papparone

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO



3 of my favorite books

1
2
3



Here is a picture of me
after I finish a great book!



Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!

STEP INTO READING* will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics First Steps! Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something for every child.

Learning to Read, Step by Step!



Ready to Read Preschool–Kindergarten

• big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues
For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



Reading with Help Preschool–Grade 1

• basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories
For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



Reading on Your Own Grades 1–3

• engaging characters • easy-to-follow plots • popular topics
For children who are ready to read on their own.



Reading Paragraphs Grades 2–3

• challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories
For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



Ready for Chapters Grades 2–4

• chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art
For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

STEP INTO READING* is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

STEP INTO READING

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City Cats, Country Cats

*For city cats Agatha, Geisha, Cleo, Houdini,
and all their Otis country cousins.—B.S.H.*

To Sam—P.P.



by Barbara Shook Hazen
illustrated by Pam Paparone

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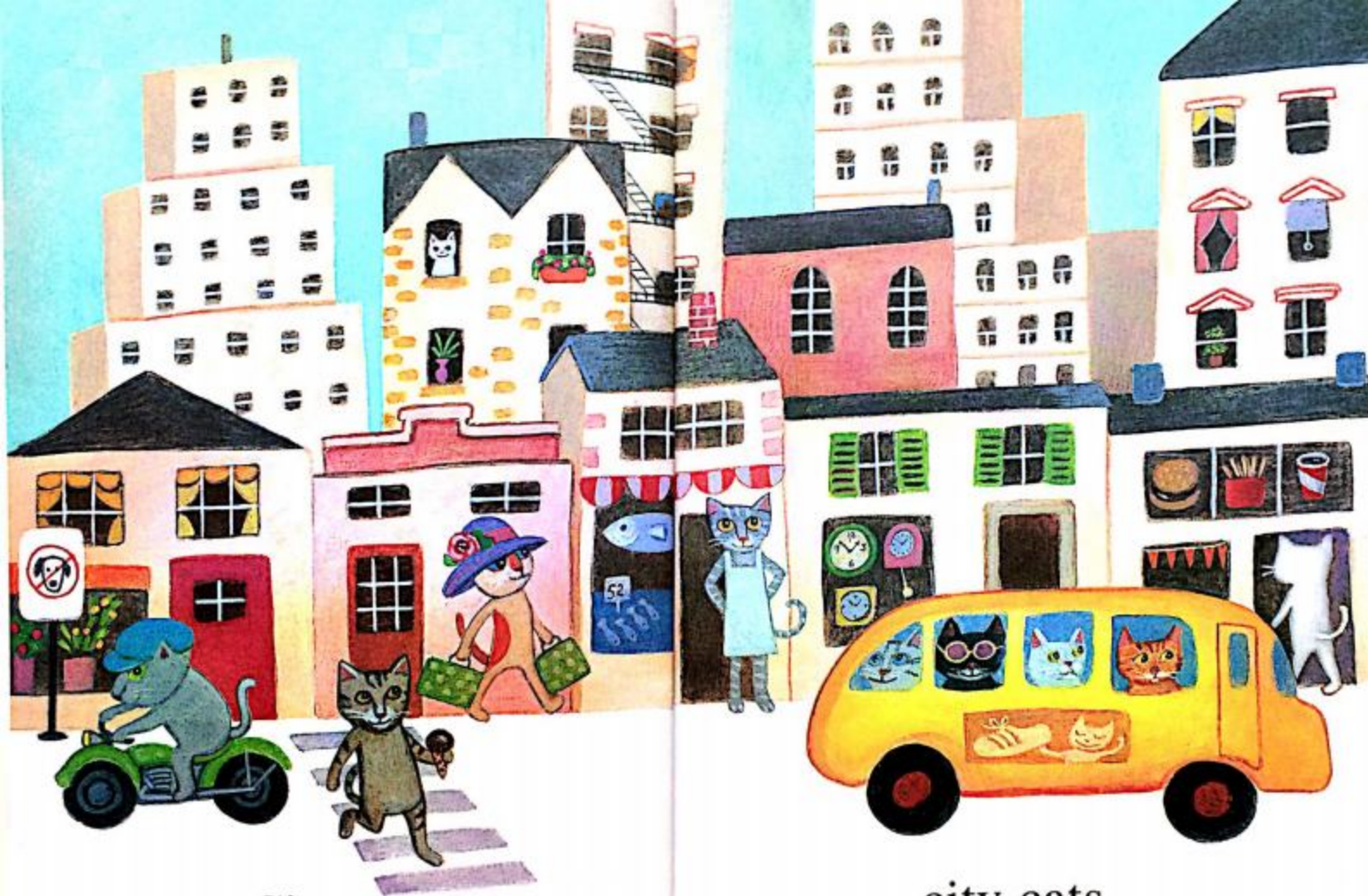
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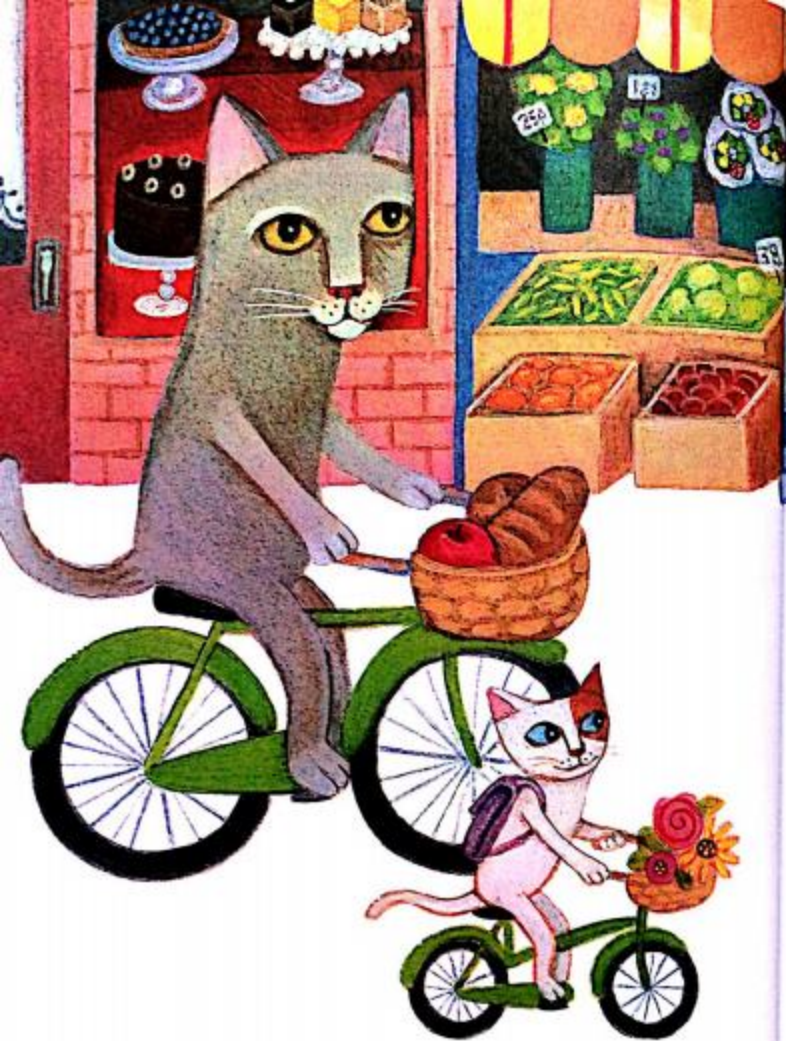
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City cats,

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Big cats,
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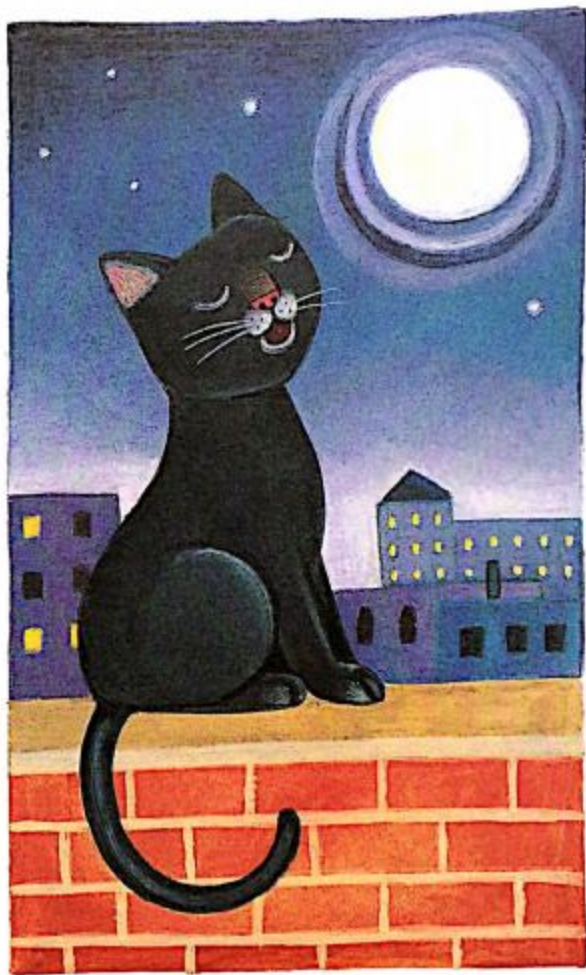
Short cats,
tall cats.



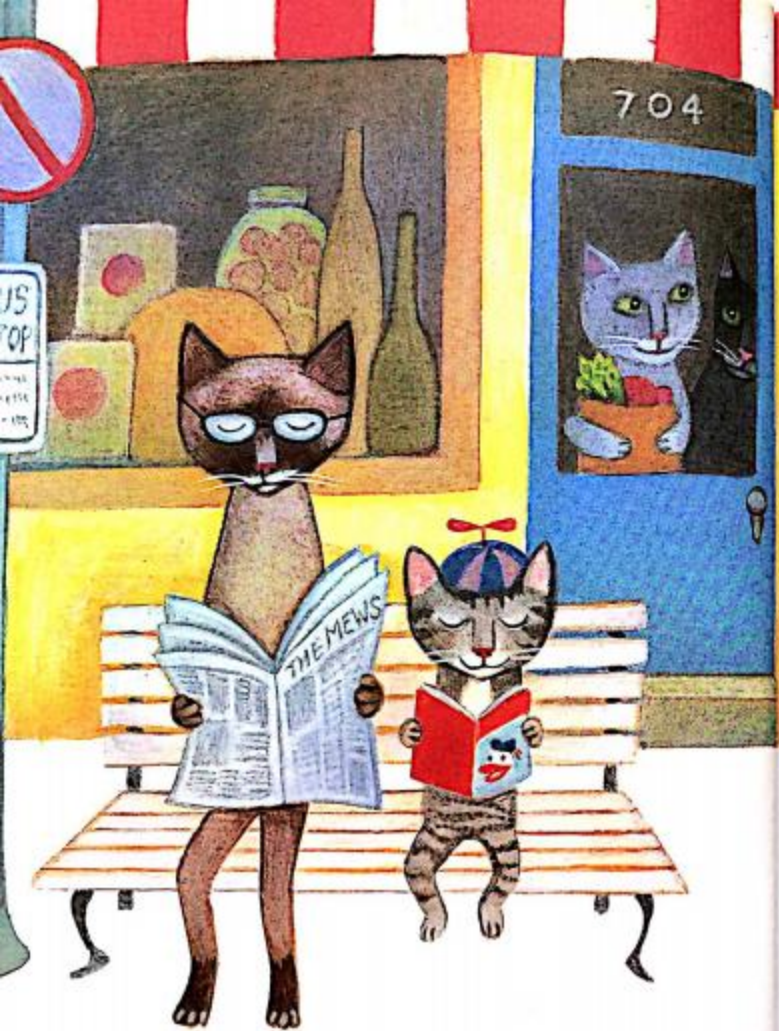
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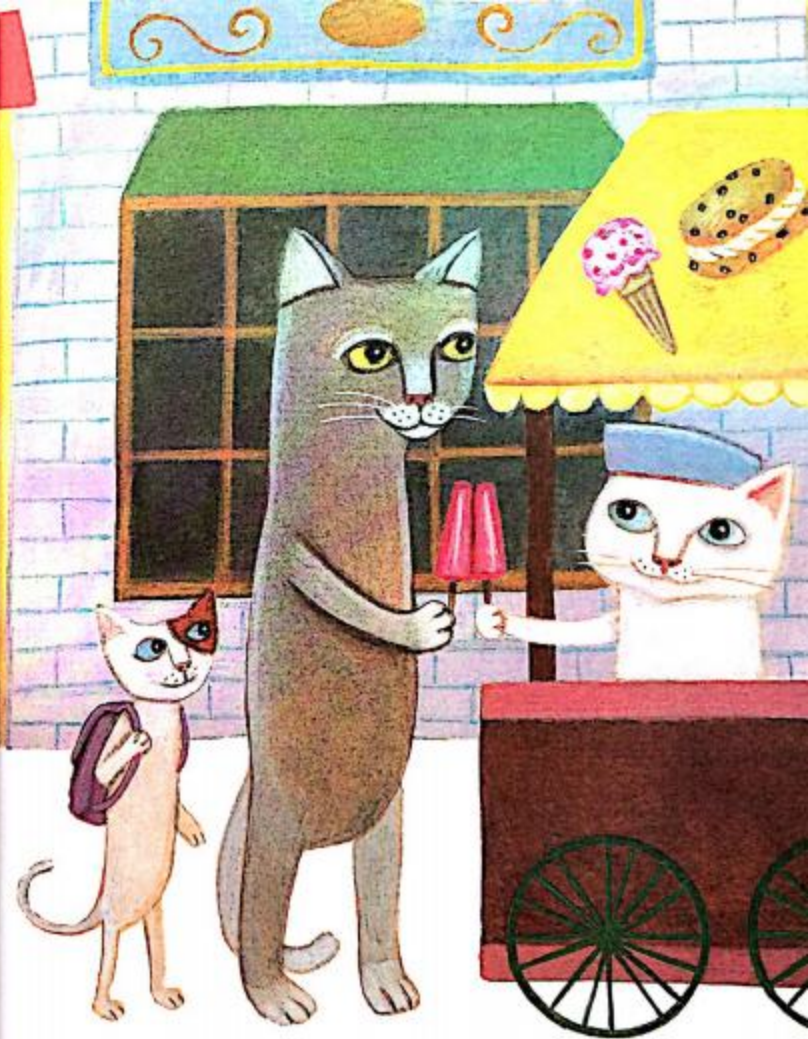
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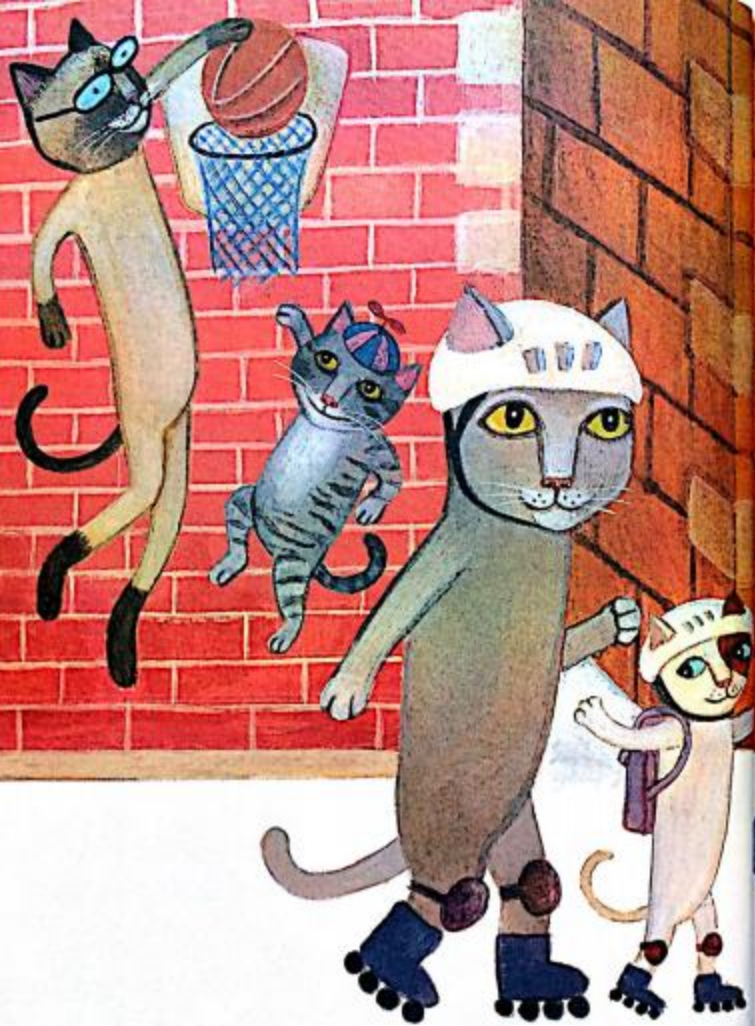
Black as night cats.



All of them



are city cats.



City cats
all like to play.



They like to play
in a city way.



City cats leap.
City cats creep.



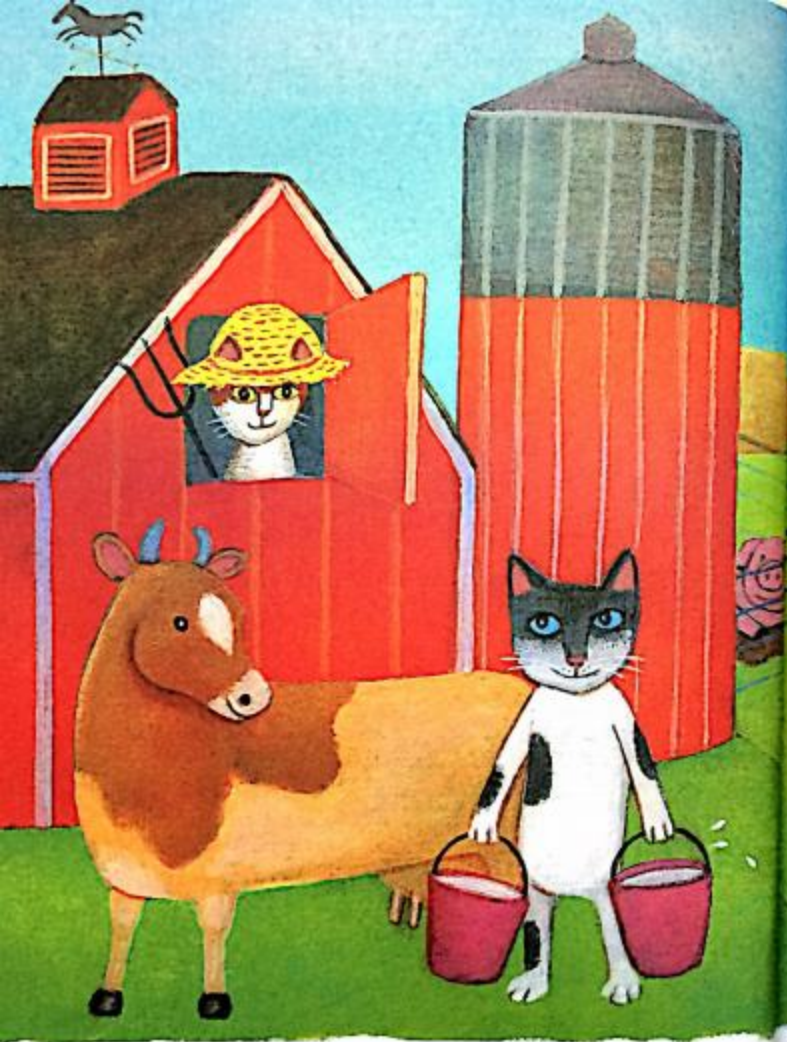
City cats play
and go to sleep.



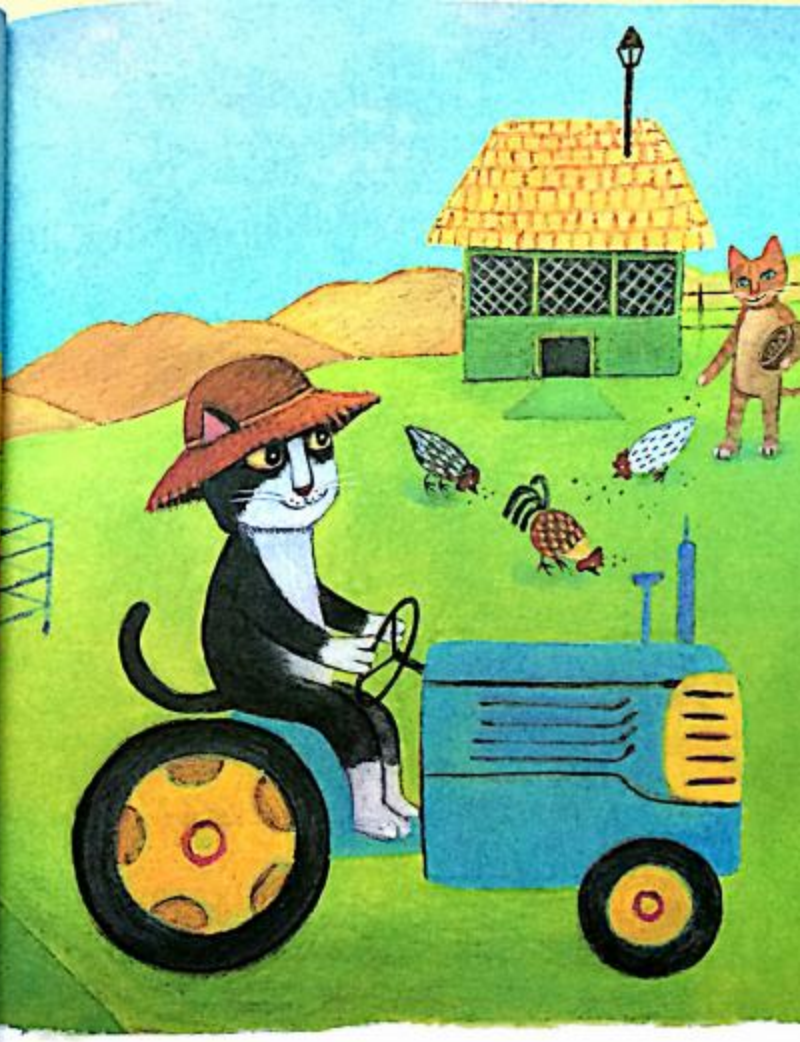
They sleep on mats.
They sleep in hats.



They sleep and dream
of city rats.



Country cats,



country cats.



Big cats,
small cats.



Short cats,
tall cats.



Gray cats,



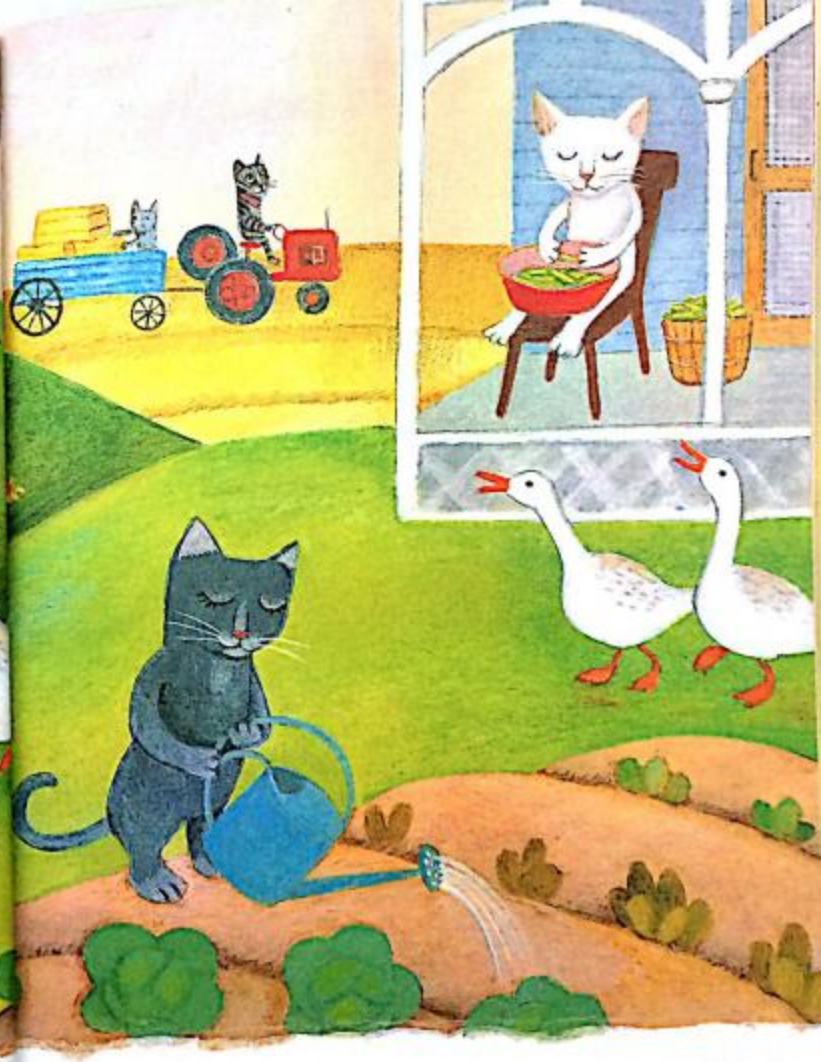
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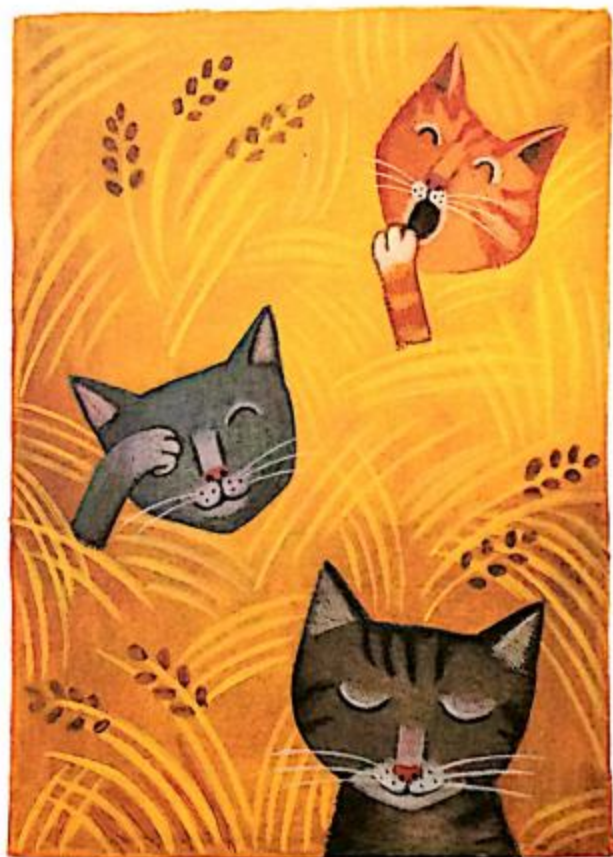
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They sleep in hats.



They sleep and dream
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Good night, city cats.
Good night, country cats.



Good night, all cats!

If you know the alphabet and are ready to read,
look for these Step into Reading books:

- ALL BETTER
- BAMBI'S HIDE-AND-SEEK ◉
- BARBIE: A DRESS-UP DAY ☆
- BARBIE: ONE PINK SHOE ☆
- BEAR HUGS
- THE BERENSTAIN BEARS:
BIG BEAR, SMALL BEAR
- THE BERENSTAIN BEARS
GO IN AND OUT
- THE BERENSTAIN BEARS
GO UP AND DOWN
- THE BERENSTAIN BEARS
IN THE HOUSE OF MIRRORS
- THE BERENSTAIN BEARS RIDE
- THE THUNDERBOLT
- THE BERENSTAIN BEARS:
WE LIKE KITES
- BIG EGG
- BOATS!
- BUG STEW! ◉
- CAT TRAPS
- CINDERELLA'S COUNTDOWN
TO THE BALL ◉
- CITY CATS, COUNTRY CATS
- COOKING WITH THE CAT
- DANCING DINOS
- DUCKS IN MUCK
- FLY, DUMBO, FLY! ◉
- FRIENDS FOR A PRINCESS ◉
- THE GREAT RACE >
- HAPPY ALPHABET ◆
- HOT DOG
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- I LIKE STARS
- JACK AND JILL AND BIG DOG BILL. ◆
- JUNGLE FRIENDS ◉
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- LITTLE BY LITTLE
ME TOO, WOODY ◉
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- MOUSE'S HIDE-AND-SEEK WORDS ◆
- ORD EATS A PIZZA Δ
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- PIG PARADE
- PIG PICNIC
- PIGLET FEELS SMALL ◉
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- THE PUP SPEAKS UP ◆
- SAY CHEESE!
- SEE THE YAK YAK
- SIX STICKS ◆
- SLEEPY DOG
- THE SNOWBALL
- THE SNOWMAN
- SUNSHINE, MOONSHINE
- SWEET POTATO PIE
- THERE IS A TOWN
- THOMAS AND PERCY AND
THE DRAGON >
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- Δ A Dragon Tales Reader
- ◆ A Math Reader
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STEP
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ready to read

It's time for YOU!
Pick your favorite
spot to read.
This is going to be
a great book!

What this book is about . . .

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