

STEP INTO READING

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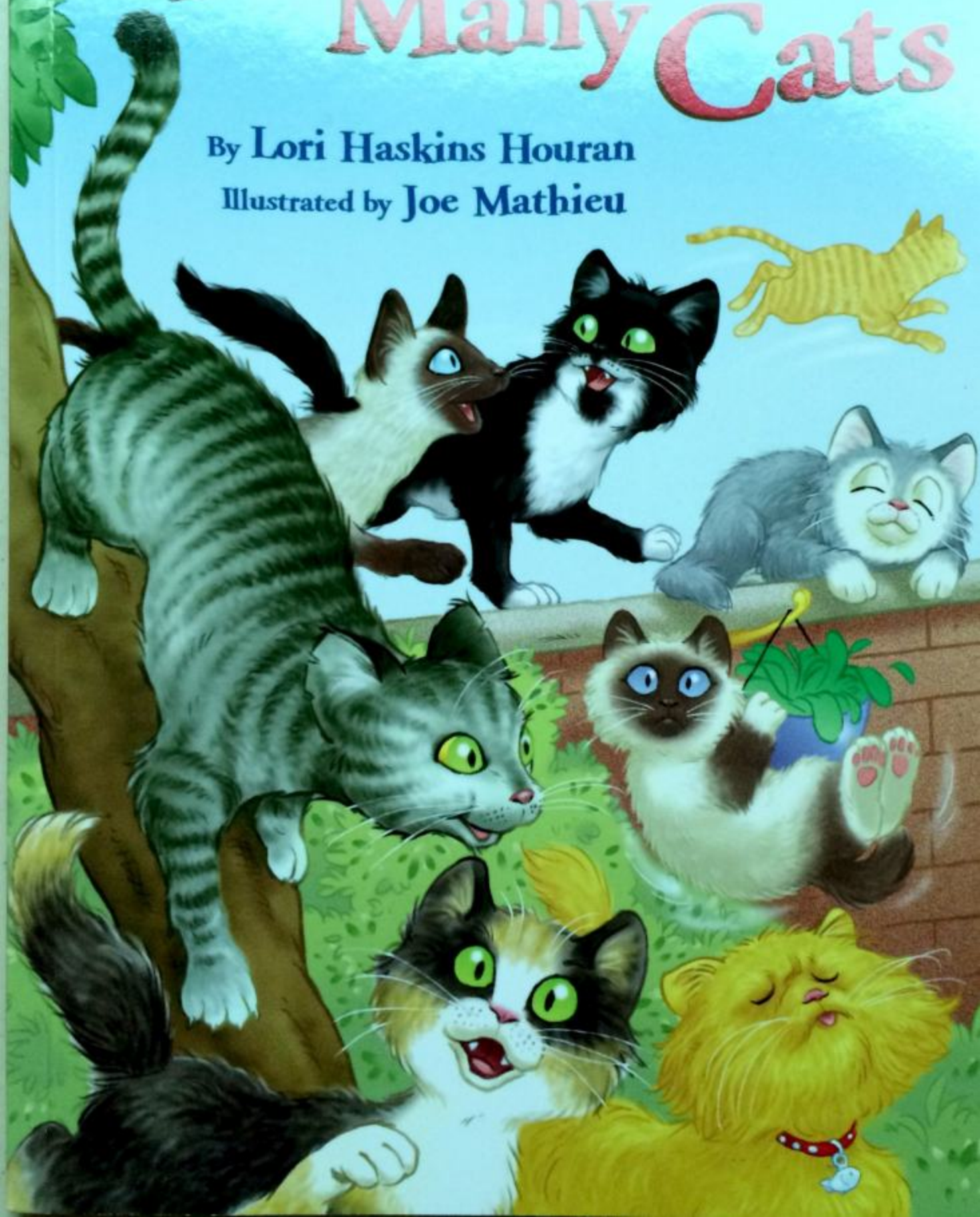
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Too Many Cats

By Lori Haskins Houran

Illustrated by Joe Mathieu



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

your name here!

3 of my favorite books

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!

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To Jameson and Michael, with big kisses—L.H.H.

To my daughter, Professor Kristen—J.M.

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Summary: A woman's cello playing draws all of the neighborhood cats into her yard,
where they wreak havoc before starting to make their own kind of music.

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the right to read.

Black cat.



Gray cat.



Rich cat.

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪
♪ Stray cat.



Any more cats?



Many more cats!

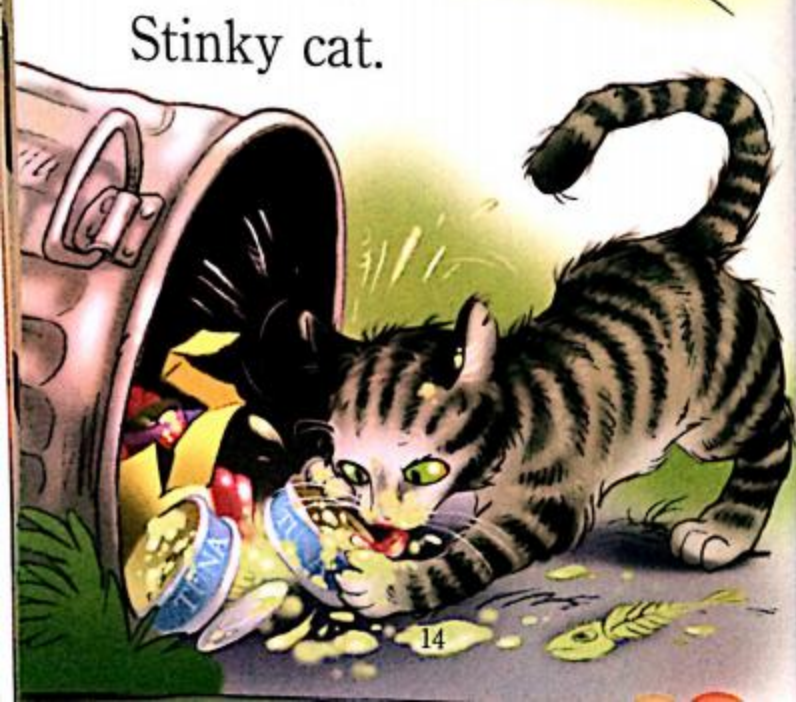




Slinky cat.

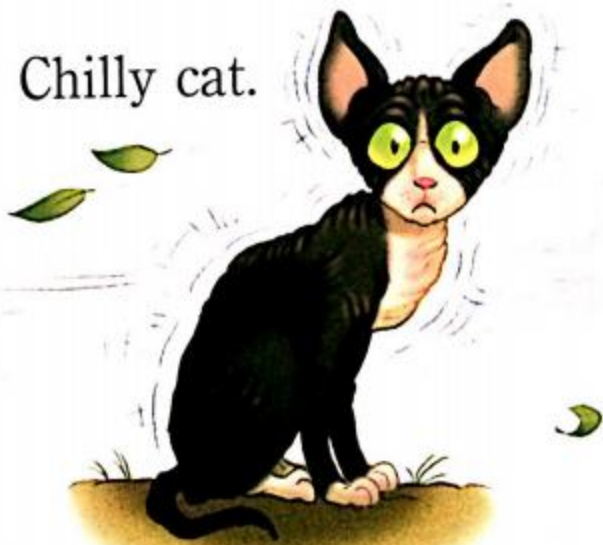


Silly cat.



Stinky cat.

Chilly cat.



Furry cat.



Purry cat.





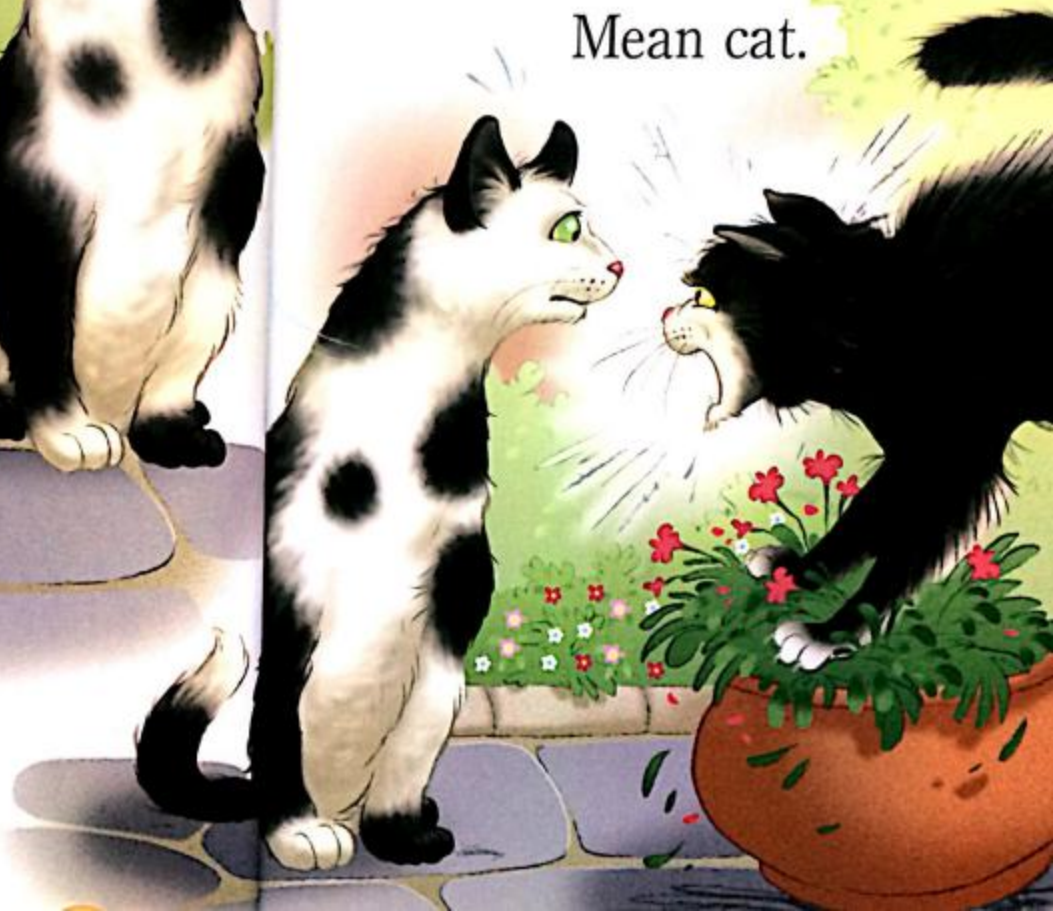
Hurry, hurry, hurry, cat!



Nice cat.




Mean cat.





**WET
PAINT**

White cat.



Green cat!

All these cats,
they like one thing.

All these cats,
they like to . . .



... sing.

HOWL!

SCREECH!

YOWL!



SCAT, CATS!



MEOW!



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

B IS FOR BOOKS!

BARBIE: A DRESS-UP DAY ☆
BARBIE: LOVE IS IN THE AIR ☆
BARBIE: ONE PINK SHOE ☆
BARBIE: ON YOUR TOES ☆
BARBIE: SCHOOL DAYS ☆
BEAR HUGS

THE BERENSTAIN BEARS:
BIG BEAR, SMALL BEAR
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS
RIDE THE THUNDERBOLT
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS:

WE LIKE KITES
BEST DAD IN THE SEA ○

BIG EGG

BOATS!

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DRAGON EGG

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FRIENDS FOR A PRINCESS ○

GORDON'S NEW VIEW >

THE GREAT RACE >

HAPPY ALPHABET ◆

HARRY AND HIS BUCKET FULL

OF DINOSAURS: UH-OH!

HOG AND DOG

HOP, HOP, HOP!

HOT DOG

I LIKE BUGS

I LIKE STARS

JACK AND JILL AND BIG DOG BILL ◆

JUST KEEP SWIMMING ○

JUST LIKE ME ○

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

ME TOO, WOODY! ○

MOUSE MAKES WORDS ◆

MOUSE'S HIDE-AND-SEEK WORDS ◆

PANDA KISSES

PIGLET FEELS SMALL ○

POOH'S CHRISTMAS SLED RIDE ○

THE PUP SPEAKS UP ◆

RACE TEAM ○

RUN, REMY, RUN! ○

SLEEPY DOG

SMASH TRASH! ○

THE SNOWBALL

THE SNOWMAN

SUNSHINE, MOONSHINE

SUPER FRIENDS: FLYING HIGH

TAE KWON DO!

THOMAS AND PERCY AND

THE DRAGON >

THOMAS AND THE JET ENGINE >

THOMAS COMES

TO BREAKFAST >

THOMAS GOES FISHING > ♀

TOO MANY CATS

TOO MANY DOGS

WATCH YOUR STEP, MR. RABBIT!

WHAT IS A PRINCESS? ○

WHEELS!



A Barbie Reader



A Disney Reader



A Phonics Reader



A Thomas the Tank Engine Reader



A Write-In Reader

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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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Too many whiskers. Too many paws.

Too many tails. Too many claws.

Too many cats!



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