

RECOMMENDED READS, MOVIES & MORE!

9 Purr-fect Books for International Cat Day

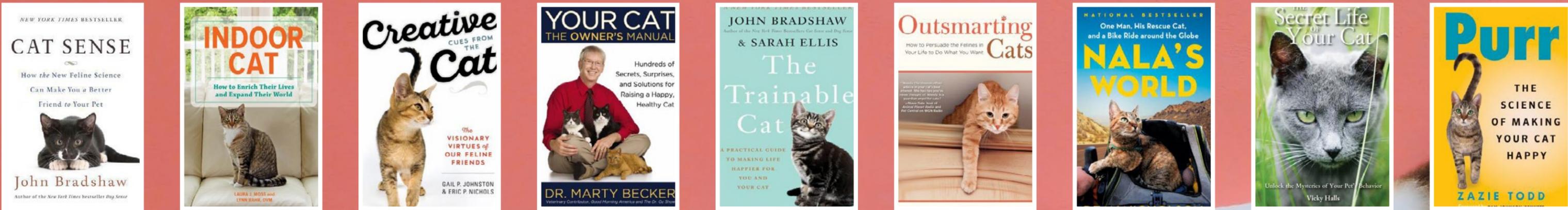
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9 Purr-fect Adult Books for International Cat Day

Cat Sense

by John Bradshaw

Famous anthrozoologist John Bradshaw captures the true nature of cats and unravels the secrets of their mystifying behavior. A science-based book to help you build a strong relationship with your furry friend.

Indoor Cat

by Laura J. Moss and Lynn Bahr

Are you looking for new ways to make your indoor cat's life more exciting? This comprehensive guide provides expert opinions and practical advice on how to care for and enrich your pet's life.

Creative Cues from the Cat

by Gail P. Johnston and Eric P. Nichols

Our feline friends are much smarter than we think. This fun-to-read book features the traits of cats and some valuable lessons we can learn and apply in life.

Your Cat

by Marty Becker

How to ensure proper nutrition and get the best medical care for your cat? In this informative read, Dr. Becker will guide you through all the steps necessary to create a healthy environment for your feline companion.

The Trainable Cat

by John Bradshaw and Sarah Ellis

Do cats need to be trained and can they be trained? Full of amazing tips and techniques, this manual highlights the importance of proper training and shows how to make it easy both for cats and their owners.

Outsmarting Cats

by Wendy Christensen

It's not a secret that cats live in a world all their own. This fascinating resource will give you a better understanding of feline nature and help you channel your cat's behaviour into desirable directions.

Nala's World

by Dean Nicholson

This sweet story follows adventurous Dean and his rescue cat, Nala, as they form a special bond and travel together to explore the world. A spectacular memoir about their friendship and incredible journey.

The Secret Life of your Cat

by Vicky Halls

Accessible and practical, this book examines our feline friends' biological and physiological characteristics and exposes the secrets of their behaviour. A valuable guide for any cat lover.

Purr

by Zazie Todd

In this insightful book, animal behaviour expert Zazie Todd shares useful tips on how to address your cat's unique needs without causing harm. Find out what you can do to keep your pet healthy and happy.



10 Icy Adult Reads to Beat the Summer Heat

[Split Tooth](#)

by Tanya Tagaq

Inuk throat singer Tagaq makes her writing debut with this haunting, mystical novel following an unnamed girl growing up in the arctic in the 1970's. Tagaq uses prose and poetry to showcase the beauty and harshness of the northern landscape.

[How the Penguins Saved Veronica](#)

by Hazel Prior

Wealthy Veronica decides at 85 that she must leave a legacy, so she journeys to Antarctica to save endangered penguins. Along for the ride is her grandson Patrick whom she never knew existed. The icy backdrop sets the stage for a heartwarming novel.

[Whiteout](#)

by Sage Walker

VR, climate change, corporate conspiracy, Antarctica and more await readers in this Sci-Fi read from 1996 that's set not too far from now. It's always interesting to compare speculative fiction's tech to the real world when time catches up.

[White Plague](#)

by James Abel

A US Navy submarine is on fire under Arctic ice, and as if that isn't bad enough, it's carrying a virus that could cause a global plague, and an enemy vessel is bearing down on it. Joe Rush has only 36 hours to save the crew and the boat's secrets.

[The Children's Blizzard](#)

by Melanie Benjamin

The Great Plains Blizzard of 1888 provides the setting for this compelling historical fiction novel. A reporter follows the stories of two teachers and a servant who risk their lives to protect immigrant children.

[The Terror](#)

by Dan Simmons

As if the ill-fated Franklin expedition of 1845 to find the Northwest Passage wasn't scary enough, Simmons introduces a supernatural "thing" that preys on the crews of the two ships. This well-researched historical horror spawned a tv show.

[Stranded](#)

by Bracken MacLeod

The crew of the Arctic Promise awaken after a storm to discover their ship trapped in ice as far as they can see when the night before there had been only open ocean. The book picks up new genres as it goes but always stays in horror mode.

[The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street](#)

by Susan Jane Gilman

At 75, Lillian faces federal tax evasion charges as she believes "only the little people pay taxes." This darkly humorous novel examines Lillian's rise to power from humble beginnings as a Russian Jewish immigrant to ice-cream mogul.

[Winter Sisters](#)

by Robin Oliveira

Two sisters, aged 7 and 10, go missing after a blizzard killed their parents in 1879. Physicians Mary and William Stipp make it their mission to find them in this historical mystery.

[The Ice Twins](#)

by S. K. Tremayne

A family moves to a tiny Scottish island after the death of Lydia, one of their identical twin daughters. But was it Lydia that died? Kirstie, the surviving daughter, says no. Identical twins are creepy enough without psychological damage thrown in.



10 Engaging YA Books about College Life

[Every Body Looking](#)

by Candice Iloh

In this moving novel written in verse, first-year university student Ada grapples with her past trauma and her parents' expectations while trying to figure out who she wants to be.

[Admission](#)

by Julie Buxbaum

In this gripping, ripped-from-the-headlines novel, privileged teen Chloe's future is put at risk when her family is implicated in a college admissions scandal.

[Check, Please!](#)

by Ngozi Ukazu

Figure skater turned hockey player Eric "Bitty" Bittle struggles to fit in with his teammates on the varsity hockey team, who don't know he is gay. A heartwarming and funny story about acceptance.

[Finding My Voice](#)

by Marie G. Lee

At home, Ellen faces pressure from her parents and racist comments from her classmates. But when she starts visiting colleges, she begins to imagine life outside her small town. An honest and poignant coming-of-age story.

[By Any Means Necessary](#)

by Candice Montgomery

Torrey's college plans are interrupted when he learns the bank is foreclosing on the bee farm his late uncle left him. A thought-provoking look at the conflict between family loyalty and pursuing your own dreams.

[What I Want You to See](#)

by Catherine Linka

Determined to keep her scholarship, Sabine seeks help from grad student Adam. But is he leading her down the wrong path? A suspenseful story that touches on the high cost of education and the pressure to succeed.

[Satoko and Nada](#)

by Yupechika

In this charming and funny manga series, two college roommates from very different cultures develop a friendship while adapting to life in the U.S.

[The Stand-in](#)

by Steven L. Bloom

When high school senior Brooks Rattigan is offered money in exchange for taking his friend's socially awkward cousin to Homecoming, he discovers a lucrative new way to earn money for college. A funny and sarcastic book with a side of romance.

[I Hate Everyone but You](#)

by Gaby Dunn

In this fast-paced story told through texts and emails, best friends Gen and Ava try to maintain their friendship while attending colleges on opposite sides of the country.

[David Tung Can't Have a Girlfriend Until He Gets into an Ivy League College](#)

by Ed Lin

In this character-driven, slice-of-life novel, David works hard to please his parents, who want him to get into a good school and forbid him from dating. But his routine life is thrown a curveball when a popular girl asks him to the school dance.



10 YA Novels for the Digital Age

Slay

by Brittney Morris

Keira, tired of being the “voice of blackness” at her predominantly white high school, secretly develops an MMORPG, *SLAY*, as a safe space for black gamers. When the media gets wind of a murdered player, Keira fights to protect her community.

Immoral Code

by Lillian Clark

How do you get college money when your billionaire absentee father means no government support? Bellamy does it by assembling 5 friends for a robin-hood style hack/heist. The cast is diverse and fully realized, driving the plot as much as the heist.

Warcross

by Marie Lu

Emika Chen goes from barely scraping by to global fame when she uses a glitch to steal a valuable item in the VR game *Warcross*. Now she has a position on a pro gaming team and a mission from the game’s creator to track down a malicious hacker.

The Chaos of Now

by Erin Jade Lange

Driven by bullying, a student immolates himself in the cafeteria. One year later, his friends recruit Eli into a hacking project that seeks revenge in this compelling angst-filled novel that tackles complex issues.

In Case You Missed It

by Sarah Littman

When hackers air all her family’s secrets to the world, Sammy’s life tumbles into chaos. You may think twice about the size of your digital footprint after finishing this character-driven, frighteningly realistic novel.

Girl Gone Viral

by Arvin Ahmadi

Opal’s father vanished without a trace seven years ago, and her attempts to find answers have all failed. Now, with the help of a VR app, she has the chance to get some answers, but how much privacy is she willing to give up for them?

Antisocial

by Jillian Blake

A hacker disrupts lives at a cliquy, upper-crust private school by airing everyone’s dirty laundry to everyone else. Amidst the chaos, Anna and some hacker friends try to track down the culprit. Realistic teenage (melo)drama.

The Hive

by Barry Lyga

Dystopian social media and mob mentality taken to its logical extreme. Get enough “condemns” on a BLINQ post, and your real life is in danger, as Cassie discovers when a joke post she makes goes viral.

Cure for the Common Universe

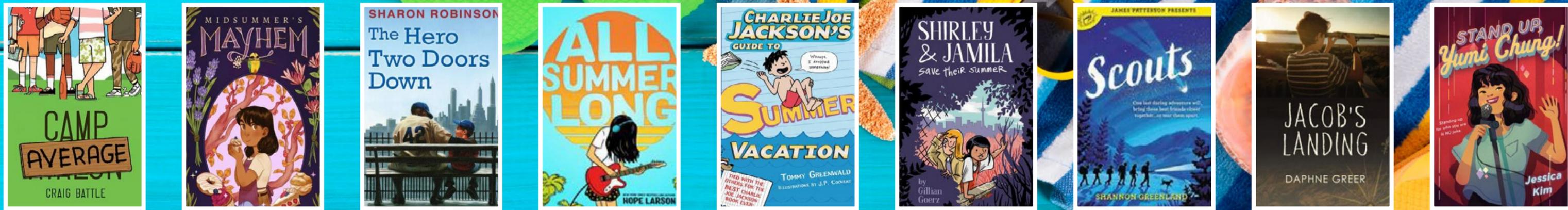
by Christian McKay Heidicker

Jaxon secures a date with Serena the day before being sent to video game rehab. Now he needs to speed-run therapy in four days to make that date, and his quirky new friends help out. While funny, the book doesn’t shy away from deep topics.

Virtually Yours

by Sarvenaz Tash

Mariam is a university freshman questioning her life after a VR dating app says her ex and new best friend are both great matches. A culturally diverse love triangle with great banter and a premise that very well could be a reality in a few years.



9 Spectacular Summer Stories for Kids

Camp Average

by Craig Battle

The boys at Camp Avalon, a.k.a. Camp Average, never win, but their new camp director is determined to change that, whether they like it or not. An amusing underdog story perfect for sports fans.

Midsummer's Mayhem

by Rajani LaRocca

In this whimsical take on Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Mimi gets some help from a group of fairies as she tries to win a baking contest. Her humorous escapades and mouthwatering recipes will leave readers hungry for more.

The Hero Two Doors Down

by Sharon Robinson

When baseball legend Jackie Robinson moves into eight-year-old Steve Satlow's neighbourhood, the two form a surprising friendship. A feel-good novel based on a true story, written by Jackie Robinson's daughter Sharon.

All Summer Long

by Hope Larson

When Bina's best friend, Austin, heads off to summer camp, she finds comfort in music. A brightly illustrated graphic novel about friendship and self-discovery.

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Summer Vacation

by Tom Greenwald

When reluctant reader Charlie is sent to an academic summer camp, he's determined to convince his book-loving fellow campers to hate reading. It turns out they have a lot to learn from each other. A hilarious book perfect for fans of Big Nate.

Shirley & Jamila Save Their Summer

by Gillian Goerz

In this action-packed mystery, Jamila is dreading a summer at science camp in her new town. Things get a lot more interesting when she meets neighbourhood detective Shirley and becomes involved in a search for a missing pet.

Scouts

by Shannon Greenland

Set in 1985, this suspenseful novel follows a group of friends who encounter a series of dangerous challenges as they try to chase down a meteor.

Jacob's Landing

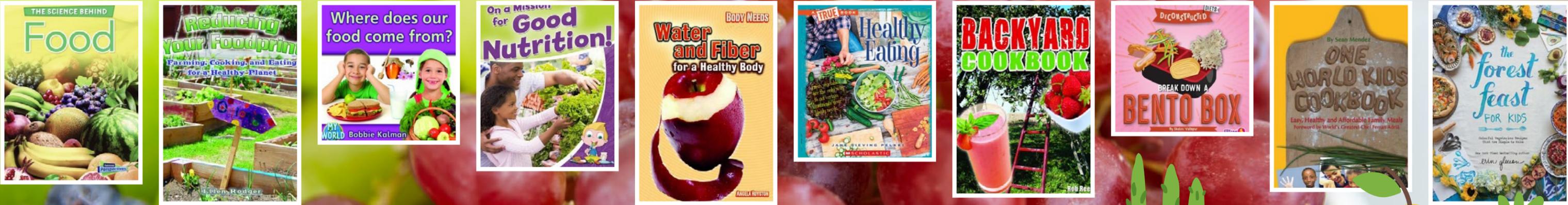
by Daphne Greer

In this emotional novel, Jacob has just lost his father and is sent to live with his estranged, quirky grandparents for the summer in Nova Scotia. The more time he spends there, the more secrets he uncovers about his family.

Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim

When aspiring comic Yumi Chung stumbles into a comedy camp and is mistaken for a student, she plays along. But will she find the courage to show her strict parents her true self? A funny and heartfelt story about standing up for what you want.



10 Books to Get Children Excited about Healthy Eating



Food by Casey Rand
 Have you thought about how your body digests food and where your energy comes from? Approachable and engaging, this book is a great tool to explore the science behind food.

Reducing your Foodprint by Ellen Rodger
 The way we eat has a direct impact on our planet. Insightful and informative, this book provides useful tips on how to be more mindful of our cooking and eating habits.

Where Does Our Food Come From? by Bobbie Kalman
 Do you know where grains, vegetables, and fruits come from? Check out this amazing book to learn more about different food groups and their health benefits.

On a Mission for Good Nutrition! by Rebecca Sjonger
 Why should we eat nutritious foods? Nutrients give our bodies energy and help us be healthy. Let's make smart choices to stay active and happy.

Water and Fiber for a Healthy Body by Angela Royston
 Water and fiber are essential for your body. This brilliant book explains which foods contain these nutrients and why you need to consume them every day.

Healthy Eating by Jane Sieving Pelkki
 A healthy diet makes you stronger, smarter, and more successful in life. Learn how to choose the right foods and encourage your friends to follow your example.

Backyard Cookbook by Rob Rees
 What can be more enjoyable than growing your own fruits and vegetables and turning them into incredible dishes? This colorful guide will inspire you to try healthy seasonal recipes and master the art of cooking.

Break Down a Bento Box by Shalini Vallepur
 Have you heard about a bento box? Let's find out what ingredients we can use to make the most beautiful bento box for a complete and well-balanced meal that is also eco-friendly.

One World Kids Cookbook by Sean Mendez
 Food can be a bridge that connects people from around the world. Embark on this delicious culinary journey and learn more about different cultures while cooking.

The Forest Feast for Kids by Erin Gleeson
 Are you planning a party for your friends? Beautifully illustrated, the book offers easy-to-follow recipes to share with your guests. You'll also find amazing ideas for table decoration. Have fun!



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