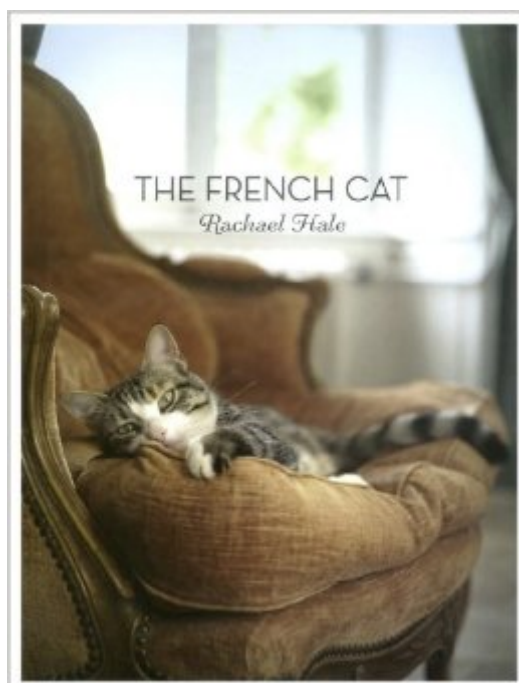


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# The French Cat



## Synopsis

One of the most successful animal photographers in the world today, Rachael McKenna (née Hale) turns her lens toward France—her newly adopted home—and the charismatic cats that inhabit this picturesque backdrop. The result is *The French Cat*, a stunning exploration of the country and its felines. Remarkable French landscapes, both urban and rural, are populated with cats brimming with personality—whether languidly strolling in a quaint village or regally perched on the doorstep of an elegant chateau. Rachael also tells the story of her new life in France with her husband and new baby in tow. This heartwarming narrative—along with engaging quotes from famous French cat lovers and literary greats—accompanies the images, making the eclectic and lushly illustrated record of Rachael's journey an all-around delight for Francophiles and cat lovers alike. Praise for *The French Cat*: "A gorgeous love letter to her adopted country . . . these are evocative, beautifully composed landscapes and interiors that just happen to feature the small, inquisitive face of un petit chat." • "Publishers Weekly" [View quote](#)

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## Customer Reviews

I can't think of anyone who loves cats who wouldn't treasure this book, and if they love cats and France, so much the better. The photos are sensitive, subtle and exquisite, and there are many quotes, familiar and unfamiliar, from French writers on the virtue of cats. As for placing the exact locations, does it matter? The cobblestone streets, winding alleys, open windows and ledges could

be in any village and be equally charming: the focus is the light, the mystery and the cats: street cats, pampered cats, cats in cemeteries and ancient libraries, playful kittens and wise old cats. I'd like to give this as a gift to every cat lover I know.

What a lovely book, ah to be a cat in Paris. I decided to buy this book for a friend for Christmas and realized that I should have one as well. It is beautifully done with wonderful quotes about cats. My friend said that she and all of her sisters enjoyed seeing this wonderful book. Enjoy!

Since I am a Francophile and cat lover, I am enjoying *The French Cat* very much. However, half the pages are printed so faintly, they are difficult to read without a bright light or magnifying glass, and I have good eyes! A little more ink would have made a difference. C'est la vie!

This charming volume combines intimate photographs of nature's most glorious animal framed by elegant and rustic French interiors or the countryside. The text is frequently amusing and, combined with the wonderful photographs, makes this a book to which one will return often and always come away smiling.

If you are interested in France and pictures of crumbling plaster, gardens, cemeteries, and old buildings, then you will enjoy this book. If you are interested in close-up and long shot pictures of cats in their natural environment, then you will enjoy this book. If you are interested in both France and cats then you will love this book. Large and small photographs of French villages, with and without cats, fill this book. Cats, doing their thing, poetry, remarks from the photographer and information about some of the lovely photographed cats themselves, also fill this book. There is even a two page copy of *PUSS IN BOOTS*, by Charles Perrault, included in this beautiful book. Rachael Hale has taken her camera out of the studio and into the world of French Village cats and I am happy that she did.

What a wonderful book for anyone who loves cats and France. High quality paper and photos capture the landscape and moods of the cats beautifully. It would make a lovely coffee table book or a great gift. Highly recommended!

The ultimate cat book! The photography in this book is absolutely fabulous! A trip to France without the jetlag, interspersed with cat related quotes that remind us why we can't live without these

magical creatures.

This sublime photographic book captures the moods, poses and mysteries of cats in rural France. Most of the shots are filtered, and some focused blurring the background but capturing the photographer's artistry and her patience waiting for that "decisive moment" for the best shot. Full page, cameos, les chats noirs, tabbies, orangies, kittens, older and regal cats, shots of the photographer's husband and baby in an old delivery truck personalize this wonderful book. The book is filled with quotes by Apollinaire, Victor Hugo, Gautier and others thus underscoring the mysteries of these intriguing animals with us.

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