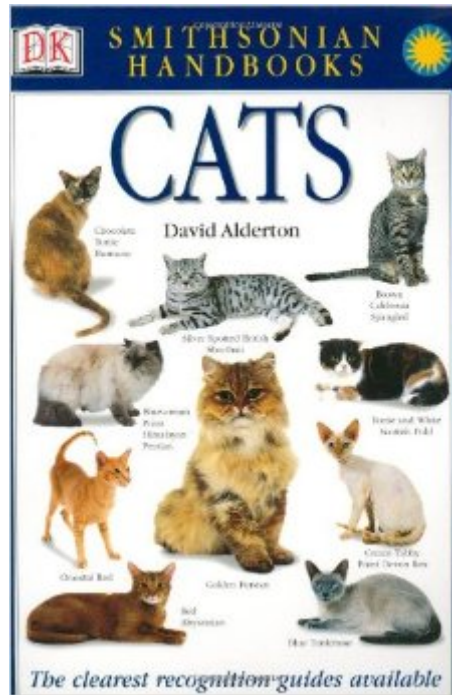


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Over 700 photos of 250-plus types of cats. Entries include pictures, description, features, and more.

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If you ever need to know the difference between a Lilac Tabby Point and a Lilac Tortie Tabby Point, this Eyewitness Handbook of "Cats" will enlighten you with good, clear photographs of both coat colors. There are even photographs of cats with no coat at all (Sphynx). I own three of the Eyewitness Handbooks ("Cats", "Horses", "Gems") and they are a browser's delight. The "Cats" handbook purports to be a "visual guide to more than 250 types of cats from around the world," and if you count all of the different color variations of say, Persians, as a different type, this is undoubtedly true. Two small, fact-filled paragraphs labeled 'Features' and 'Remarks' accompany each of the 'types' (most of which are recognized cat breeds), along with a short history of that particular feline variation. The text and photographs are slanted toward British standards, although the differences are minor for most breeds. If you happen to be a Persian fancier or have attended any North American cat shows, then you'll probably notice from this book's photographs that the British Persians have more sensible noses than their American counterparts. There are also differences on acceptable breed colors and markings, depending on which side of the Atlantic you happen to live. "Cats" is easy to use and fun to browse. I had no idea that cats came in so many different colors: cream point; red silver mackerel tabby; platinum; mink; sable; chocolate smoke;

sepia agouti; cinnamon tortie---Eye-candy for all cat lovers!

I've never been disappointed in any of the Eyewitness books I've purchased. I don't know a lot about cat breeds, so my impression is not guided by that standard. The initial sections on general cat characteristics and physical categorizations are well-illustrated and interesting. The sections about the different breeds of cats are much different than dog breeds. For this reason, I am not sure that the breed presentation is what most cat lovers would expect. We keep many stray cats, and enjoy knowing more about the origins of their physical characteristics. Actual breed standards is not an issue. The pictures, as always in any Eyewitness book, are gorgeous, perfectly reproduced, and every page is covered with them in an eye-pleasing layout.

Ideal for people who like cats, or for people who hate cats but want to know their enemy.

Lots of pics and general info on cats of all kinds, but little on particular breeds. For the price not bad. The retailer I received my book from said it was very good condition, not sure how but still reads just the outside cover more screwed up than expected got it fast, but don't know if maybe chewed upon by previous owners dog or cat. More interesting than the previous book I posted a review for. If you spend the money I would get this one not the other it was a cat breed encyclopedia. This book offers more and takes up less space on your shelf.

I haven't read a whole book since graduate school but have never stopped learning about things. We have the entire collection and I now devour them cover to cover. I purchased almost all of them on for \$5-\$13 each (verses the \$20 cover price). My kids and I LOVE to read these books and learn about the rocks, fossils and nature we find camping and fishing. Who knew there were so many different kinds of cats?!

I ordered this for my son. He is 8, a high reader, and loves cats & this book. The shopper should be aware that this is not a book written with children in mind. It is also not a big book (11-12") like many of the DK books for children. It is 8.5" tall, 320 pages. The font is very small, but it is packed with detailed information and the same high quality illustrations expected in a DK book. So if considering this book for a child, it may be above their reading level. However, if interest in cats is high, your child may take on the challenge and will certainly enjoy the variety of illustrations. I am giving it 4 stars due to the font size.

I bought this book for my students to do research on cats with! It really helped with the types of breeds section! Eye Witness books are great as a start for basic research! They really loved it and it produced some awesome work!

I read the book "cats" by: David Alderton and this book tells everything from kittens being born to the ancestry of these felines. This book has facts about every cat just about and their body weight and lots more. This book has everything on them, whether it's just for your pleasure or for the facts this books got it. I loved this book I thought it was very good, it has a lot of very good information and facts, it also has over 700 colorful pictures. This book tells you anything and everything about cats. It's a great book for children to learn about both domestic and exotic cats and kittens. This book helps you with your decision on buying or adopting a cat and picking out which one's right for you. It talks about how to groom them this book even tells you which breeds of cats always win shows and awards and how to win one with your feline. It tells you how many months it takes before a kitten is fully weaned off its mother's milk and doesn't need its mother anymore."BUY THIS BOOK "this is a very good and interesting and factual book. This book is great for children or cat lovers of any age. It is very unique and could tell you just about anything you need and want to know about cats and kittens.

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