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**Amy Goldwasser, Peter Arkle : All Black Cats are Not Alike** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised All Black Cats are Not Alike:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun read if you have a black cat or like them!By MDLIONFun read if you have a black cat or like them!My family only had dogs. But when I moved to an apartment building 16 months ago, I took in a stray black cat with lime eyes who started jumping up onto my lap as I sat on the back porch. I thought a neighbor was calling this cat "Jenna", but he wasn't. He was calling his own cat. So I call the cat "Jenna", though it's male. Which brings me to a cat mentioned in the book:"Despite the Japanese boy name, Yoshi is a 13-year-old girl." (P.88)Also:"Lucky ... poops in the bathtub. (20) ... When they brought him ("Master") home a few years ago, he fired out of the box, puked, put his tail in the air and decided that this would do. (18) ... Jewel Slippers ... eats jewelry and sleeps on slippers" (102)The morning of the day the University of Kentucky men's basketball team lost to North Carolina in the Elite Eight this past Spring, Jenna pooped on my UK slippers. Maybe I could take him to a casino card table and he could poop near hands I could beat or on mine if it is a loser."Rachel and Bret shave him (AC/DC, aka A. C.) down to a lion look every summer." (80)This is the cat I think Jenna looks the most like in the book, only his eyes are lime, not yellow, and his face is slightly thinner."Bat Cat ... likes Cheetos. (22) ... Blackness/BatWing ... likes donuts ... (and) is responsible for the missing hamburger patty." (26)Aside from only dry cat food, Jenna is only willing to eat bits of cornbread I've bought from Kroger and Whole Foods."Darkness is a licker." (28)Oh my goodness, Jenna is a licker!"Koa ... hides when he hears the doorbell" (52)Jenna has done this."Church is a goth ... and

goes into a rigid trance while listening to doom metal on an old record player in a little seaside suburb of St. Petersburg, Florida" (30) Jenna doesn't seem to like it when my radio is on. As a UK Wildcats football game was starting on the radio last season and I told Jenna "The Cats are on!" He didn't raise his head. "Toet ... in the Netherlands ... (likes) to lie around one's shoulders like a stole." (56) Jenna sometimes sleeps on my shoulders when I'm in bed. "Rashid/Dr. Startlepants ... in Seattle ... (likes) talking smack at his archnemesi, a crow who sits on the roof across the street." (114) In describing Jenna and the cats in this book, the back cover sums it up well: "every one is a character." I'll end with some of my favorite profile in the book: "Fester first came in contact with the Cullen Sheehan Household by accident: He was the outline of a cat, quite flat on the road with the exception of a long black tail, straight up. This was 11:30 on an intensely hot night in Derry, Northern Ireland, after Tracy hit him with her car. When she, weeping, went to lift what appeared to be a poor dead creature to the side of the road, suddenly the head twirled around Exorcist-style, opened its large blue-green eyes and spat and hissed repeatedly. Tracy took him home to Donegal. For the next six weeks of cage care, the cat clearly held a grudge - hence the name Fester. People would stop by to watch him spit and snarl and jump the cage across the room like a wild beast." (102) Jenna has unsuccessfully tried to murder a wild bunny rabbit, a wounded bird, and a baby squirrel. His hunting technique is almost exactly like Caesar's, the black Lab our family had for 11 years. Jenna sneaks up on the prey, slowly raising and putting down one paw at a time, before making a wild dash for the intended prey after being discovered. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. All kinds of awesome... By K.A. I bought three extra copies of All Black Cats Are Not Alike. And the operative word here is "extra" — because they make for excellent gifts. It's interesting to note that all the cats in the book are real. They're not imaginary or fictional in any way. And they all live perfectly splendid lives with their human housemates. The illustrations by Peter Arkle are certainly arresting — but I could spend all day reading about these cats: Ringo is a Taurus. Kim is not a Kardashian fan. Mimi is incapable of gaining weight. Koa will attack any person wearing black socks. Princess howls and needs to be told she's a good girl. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant By Darrel Frost This might be the smartest book of the year. What seems at first glance to be merely a charming gift for cat-lovers turns out to be an amazing and insightful bit of art, as meaningful to the heart as it is delicious to the eye. The book is 100+ pages of cat biographies, each only a few sentences yet stuffed with loads of personality and humor. Most made me laugh, some made me cry. And the accompanying illustrations of each cat are both endearing and evocative: dolorous Hampton, duplicitous Cassie, wise Salem... This is a perfect housewarming or wedding present, a perfect treat for yourself, and (obviously) a perfect gift for anyone who loves cats.

Every cat owner knows that no two cats are alike. This pitch-perfect illustrated book proves this simple fact by diving whiskers first into the unique personality, charisma, and character of 50 real all-black cats. From Alfie, who "has no tolerance for wet humans or being ignored," to Sashi, who "enjoys freeze-dried chicken by candlelight and full-on body rubs," each cat comes to life through a lovingly hand-drawn portrait and quick-witted profile. Delightfully quirky and utterly charming, this motley crew of black cats will win over anyone with a dry sense of humor.

"This book...is the pick of the litter" – US Weekly “...real, sometimes darkly hilarious” – The Huffington Post “Yes, your cat is very special” – Fast Company/Co.Design One of the 10 best crowdfunded literary projects – The Guardian UK "Lowbrow, Brilliant...delightful cat taxonomy." – New York Magazine, Approval Matrix "So fun and sweet. Cats!" – Paul Feig, creator of Freaks and Geeks, director of Bridesmaids, Spy, The Heat, and Ghostbusters (2016). "This new book by Amy Goldwasser and Peter Arkle is filled with true-life tales and stunning hand-drawn portraits of 50 entirely unique all black cat characters. This limited-edition hardcover is a loving tribute to feline eccentricity and charm—and the purrrfect (sorry!) gift for the cat lover in your life." – RealSimple.com "Black cats are notoriously hard to photograph — they tend to show up in pictures as dark blobs with demonic glowing eyes, which, when combined with the whole 'unlucky' superstition, has led to a black cat majority in shelters around the world. And they're even harder to draw, which makes a new book, All Black Cats Are Not Alike, by writer-illustrator duo Amy Goldwasser and Peter Arkle, a true feat in the age-old tradition of cat art." – Hyperallergic.com About the Author Amy Goldwasser is an editor and writer, originally from Detroit. Peter Arkle is an illustrator and Scottish. They share a home, an office (Studio Goldsparkle) and two cats (Mimi = All Black Cat; May = other) in New York. Their clients, independently and in collaboration, include magazines, books, websites, newspapers, apps, fashion labels, tech startups, restaurants, running shoes, a scientific research lab, hotels, museums, hair products (styling and loss), schools, whiskies, skyscrapers and other enterprises that keep life interesting.