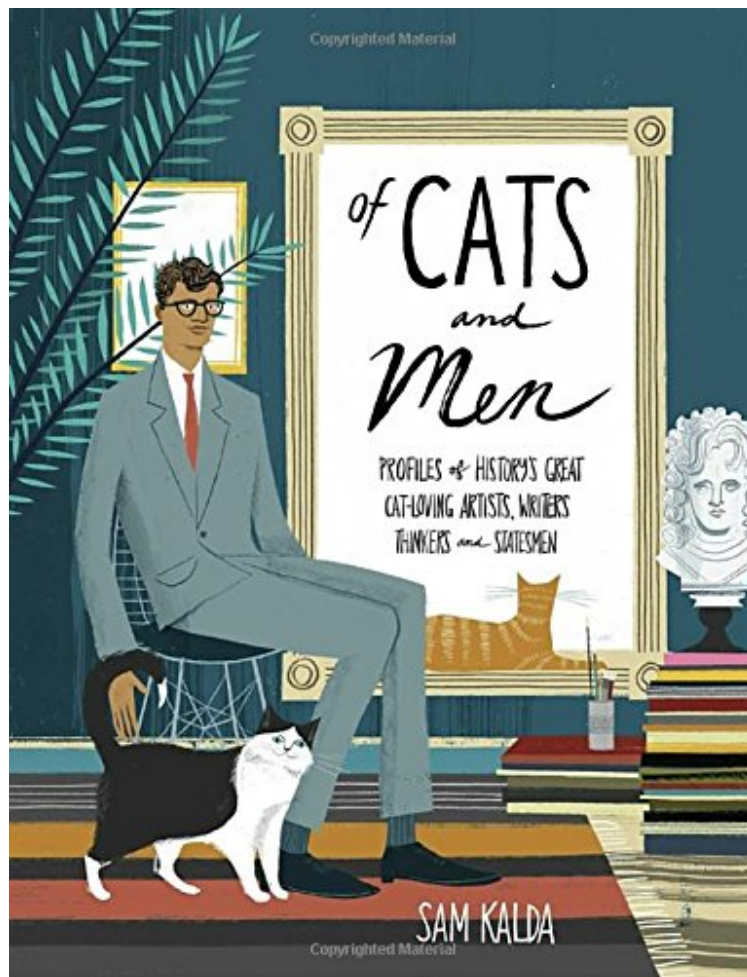


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Sam Kalda : Of Cats and Men: Profiles of History's Great Cat-Loving Artists, Writers, Thinkers, and Statesmen before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Of Cats and Men: Profiles of History's Great Cat-Loving Artists, Writers, Thinkers, and Statesmen:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Smart, Gorgeous, Feminist (not me, the book) By Alysia Constantine This is a smart, quirky, feminist and fun collection of brief biographies of famous men who've bucked gender constraints and loved them some cats. First, the writing is great, the biographies are smart and just telling enough to sate the uncurious and whet the appetites of more interested folks. But most importantly, the illustrations

here are gorgeous--distinctly styled but not gimmicky, clever but not ONLY clever. As a cat-lover (who is, however, not a "crazy cat lady"... this is my ONLY book about cats) and a lover of redemptive history, this is one of my new favorite books. I show it to everyone. One sometimes gets in trouble on this site for using the "q" word that rhymes with "cheer," so I'll simply say it's fulfilling to those of us who care about gender nonconformity and unearthing the ways in which our Official History has bulldozed over actual human stories that don't quite fit. Even Hemmingway's. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Come out of the proverbial cat closet

By Lisa Ahlstedt We've all heard of the "crazy cat lady" but what about the crazy cat men? There must be some out there. Author Sam Kalda takes a look at some famous men throughout history who loved their feline friends in *Of Cats and Men*. Starting in the 10th century with Welsh King Hywel the Good (who recognized the value of cats as cheap vermin controllers and therefore protected them through law) on down the centuries to the present day, many influential men have been inspired, amused and comforted by cats. This colorful book takes a page to describe the man in question, his history, and his connection to cats. Each page also includes a drawing of the man and his inspirational cat. There are many cat-admiring quotes sprinkled throughout the book as well. Anyone who loves cats will be entertained by the many achievements of cats -- while their owners may take credit, it's really the cats who were responsible for inventing the cat flap (Sir Isaac Newton), alternating current (Nicola Tesla) Companion cats have also inspired poetry, musicals, art and even dance performances. It was also somewhat surprising for me to learn that somewhat stereotypically "gruff" men, including Ernest Hemingway, Mark Twain and Winston Churchill are among the famous cat lovers. You can even follow some of the more outgoing modern cats on social media. This book is a charming look at how cats have been loving, loyal and amusing companions to some of history's greatest leaders, artists and scientists. Those ancient Egyptians, who revered cats as gods, were certainly on to something!

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Charming Informative Book

By DreSno87 If you love witty and charming books with absolutely adorable illustrations, about some of the most notable men in history, who were also very fond of cats, then this book is for you! The covers are beautiful on this book and the pages throughout the entire book are equally beautiful. There are 30 "Cat Men" included inside along with many quotes about the much celebrated cat on the pages by many recognizable names. (Mark Twain, Ray Bradbury, Ernest Hemingway, Karl Lagerfeld to name a few!) If the informative mini history lessons don't draw you in, then the drawings will. I was engaged the entire time reading. The illustrations are really well done. Great concept, well delivered. I look forward to more work from Sam Kalda. I rate this book a 5/5. This book would make a fantastic Father's Day gift for the cat loving man in your life! or a fantastic addition to your coffee table! *FTC DISCLAIMER: This book was sent to me complimentary of Blogging For Books in exchange for my honest review!*

A stylish, illustrated gift book profiling notable cat-loving men throughout history. Some of history's greatest men have been cat lovers, and their cats have contributed to their genius and legacy: the static charge from a cat's fur sparked young Nikola Tesla's interest in electricity; Sir Isaac Newton is said to have invited the first cat flap; visitors to Ernest Hemingway and Winston Churchill's homes still encounter the descendants of their beloved cats; William S. Burroughs and Andy Warhol both wrote books inspired by their feline friends. Stylishly illustrated and full of charming, witty profiles and quotes from history's most notable "cat men," *Of Cats and Men* pays tribute to thirty luminaries and visionaries who have one thing in common: a pure and enduring love of cats.

About the Author SAM KALDA is an illustrator who received a BFA in painting at SUNY Purchase, an MFA at The Fashion Institute of Technology, and who studied at the Yale Norfolk School of Art. He has been recognized by The Society of Illustrators, American Illustration, Society of Illustrators Los Angeles, 3X3 Magazine, and CMYK Magazine's "Top 100 New Creatives." Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.

WHAT IS A CAT MAN? Men are often portrayed in the company of dogs. They hunt together, run happily side by side, and ride shoulder to shoulder in mud-splattered pickups—the perfect image of masculine bliss. The dog is, after all, man's best friend. Some men, that is. For centuries, legions of forward-thinking men—artists, writers, scientists, and philosophers—have shared their libraries and studios with a purring feline or two. In recent years, a new population of proud, cat-loving men has come out of the proverbial "cat closet," embracing the purr, mew, and squint of feline companionship. Women have, for centuries, been chided and maligned for having a cat, let alone several. This "crazy cat lady" stereotype is deeply unfair. Like Prometheus to fire, generations of enlightened fellows have gravitated to the feline species. We stand with our cat-loving sisters as crazy cat men, proudly wearing our scarlet letters in solidarity. Since man first discovered a fallen whisker in the forests of Eden, he has had a twilight bond with cats. We need only imagine the temples of ancient Egypt, where the priests prayed to statues of Bastet, cat goddess of the Egyptian people and protectress against disease and evil spirits. When a cat died, the Egyptians would shave their eyebrows in mourning—theirs was a truly cat-crazy culture. In fact, when a temple of Bastet was excavated in the late nineteenth century, archaeologists uncovered more than three hundred thousand cat mummies. Who knew that a catnap could last over two millennia?