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Cat Person is a collection of comics by cartoonist Seo Kim. Begun as a personal challenge to create daily, the comics feature a variety of themes from the silly to the serious. Characterized by a charming drawing style and frequently featuring the cartoonist and her farcical feline Jimmy, these are the best Sunday comics you've never seen.

Cat Person Details

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From Reader Review Cat Person for online ebook

Peter Derk says

It's a quick read and a good laugh. Maybe like Hyperbole & a Half, but a bit more out there in terms of what happens and the illustrations.

Can I ask something? Who decided that in the world, there are cat people and dog people? How are those the two options? What about a lizard? That seems a lot more different. Or a parrot. If someone owns a dog or cat, that doesn't necessarily tell me a lot about them. If they own a parrot? It tells me the one thing I need to know, which is that we will never hang out at their house.

Also, when are we finished excusing that thing where a cat brings you a dead bird? That's crazy. And where did that cat even learn to do that? That would be like if my mom did something really nice, and as a reward I went out, broke into the museum, and brought her a tiger pelt so that she would stay warm all winter. It's like a million thousand years since we did that. You say the cat is just showing its appreciation, I say the cat is kinda dim. I mean, hasn't this guy noticed how much time I spend making the place nice and clean? And I'm a human. Obviously, if I want a bunch of bird corpses around, I can make that happen. I have not made that happen, which I think is a pretty good indicator that I don't want it to happen.

Finally, can someone invent a pill that makes cat pee not smell? And by that I mean either a pill to change the chemistry of cat pee or disable a very specific portion of my sense of smell. Because that would really change lives.

Erin says

So the illustrations weren't anything special but the parts that focused on Seo and Jimmy the Cat were laugh out loud funny.

Athena Shardbearer says

Only a cat person can understand another cat person, its this weird in-sync feeling you get when you talk about how weird your cat is, how different they are and their personalities.

I've been a cat person since I was a kid. The first being a black cat name Shadow, later when I was 13 a tabby name Oliver, and then much later when I was 21 and was surprised with 3 month old Sphinx that I named Attila. Now I'm mommy to Jezebel and Shiboo as well! The love of cats is like a love hate relationship with chocolate. You know you need to stay away and you want more but anymore can be bad for you. I recently had to put down my baby Attila, he contracted a disease that is common for Sphinx, and I needed a way to help remember him. This book reminds me of my little cow.

Seo Kim, I love your sketch/art work, I have never heard of your work before but consider yourself stalked!!! I laughed my entire way through this book and a few tears were shed but all in the name of silly kitties.

Callie Rose Tyler says

Surprisingly not all of the comics in this book are about cats...which was kind of a bummer since the cat comics were really the ones I loved. In general the comics consisted of the cartoonist, her cat, her boyfriend, and the procrastination involved in the creative process. Some of these were laugh out loud funny, others were very relateable, but some were a little confusing or just a little too simple to the point where I was unsure of what was happening.

The art aesthetic is not really my cup of tea but it had a certain charm.

Overall this was a cute fast read.

Melissa says

This speaks to me on an essential level of my being. I miss having a cat in my life):

Melissa Chung says

OMG so funny. Just random comics by this author. Some of them have cats in it. Things cats do a lot that other people can find funny. Things you do on your own that people can find funny. Things you do with your

significant other, sometimes with cats that people will find funny. The End.

Sam Quixote says

If you read lots of contemporary indie comics like me, you'll probably notice that Seo Kim's Cat Person is a lot like them - A LOT. Checklist for an indie comic these days: cats, your slobbish self, and your other half.

Kim loves her cat Jimmy and plays around with him in her place. Besides the cat, she makes comics about eating too many oreos, texting too much, and lots of other mundane activities. And finally she makes comics about her boyfriend.

In subject matter, Cat Person is near identical to Liz Prince's comics, and shares a lot of common themes with Claire Belton (she of Pusheen the Cat fame), Philippa Rice, Kate Beaton and Julia Wertz (who, like Kim, is also on Koyama Press). That's not to say her book is bad, nor is it just female cartoonists' who focus on their feline pals - Jeffrey Brown's done two books on cats alone and James Kochalka's work frequently features his cats Spandy and Nooko (though I think Spandy might've passed on at this point).

And I can understand why - cats are cute (I had 2 growing up and loved them dearly) - but also cartoonists are inside most of the time working on their comics. There aren't many opportunities to go out and have adventures with others so a cartoonist's experiences are going to be mostly ordinary stuff in the house with their pet.

I do wish though that cartoonists like Kim and the others I mentioned would produce books that weren't quite so similar. Kim's art is competent but not particularly accomplished or intricate - many strips look thrown together in a rush and drawing hands and feet well is something that eludes her.

But I did more or less enjoy Cat Person. Not for the dumb cat strips but for her everyday ones. Little things like rushing to an appointment and swearing at some pigeons who talk back to her are quite charming, and social networking/gadgets do get in the way of life while supposedly enhancing them. I'm not saying these observations are revelatory in any way but they're entertaining - Seo Kim does have some fun snapshots of modern life here.

That said, many of the strips in this book are too forgettable for me to say that this is must-read. One strip has her burning her grilled cheese sandwich; another has her accidentally spraying granola over a table. Yup. So...?

I suppose if you're into cat comics (I do think this is now a sub-genre of the medium!) you might get something about of Seo Kim's book, or if you enjoy indie comics and don't mind reading stuff you've probably read elsewhere. But come on guys, do we need any more cat comics? Cats are delightful but they're all the same - get over it and stop putting slices of bread over their heads!

dathomira says

I love this and also Alex ghost wrote this

Raina says

Not a cat person.
Still enjoyed it.

Jennifer says

I laughed out loud, a LOT.

Katie says

This is hilarious! And stupid, as many cat comics/crappily-drawn comics are. My husband and I both read it and would burst out laughing at the same ones. I especially liked when he said from the other room, "Why are all cats the same!" If you think it's going to be a serious book please take a look at the cover.

Also my man and I both lolled at the burnt sandwich. Glad I'm not the only one.

Sarah Andersen says

I bought this as a gift for my mom but it's so hysterical and cute that I'm now mourning the fact that I have to give it away. Might go buy another copy....and so should you!

karen says

yeah, yeah, yeah, ANOTHER cartoon book centered around cats, go ahead and groan.

and now *stop* groaning, because this title is a tricksy one and it's only the first part of the book that is cat-centric. the rest focuses on the author/illustrator and her day-to day-life, romantic relationship, and it only occasionally returns to her cat.

i was cross about this discovery and i shouted my cross feelings, which woke up my cat and she yawned and her mouth was soooo big and triangle-shaped, i melted a little and returned to my reading.

the drawing-style varies from the very colorful and detailed:

to ... this:

and i didn't understand why until i realized that this book is a collection growing out of a self-imposed challenge - to draw a cartoon each day, no matter how busy/tired/uninspired. and since i am someone who loves a good challenge (or even a shitty one), i stopped crying over being so grossly misled and betrayed by this not being a "true" cat book, and i learned that sometimes people can be interesting, too!

or maybe i'm just narcissistic enough to relate to all the snacking, not-sleeping, social awkwardness and disproportionate feelings of triumph over reaching very small goals that pepper the book.

it's not perfect through-and-through; when you set parameters like this, obviously there are going to be days where the well is wetter than others, but for fans of Adulthood is a Myth: A "Sarah's Scribbles" Collection, this frequently covers the exact same ground.

i.e:

and

and on and on.

she has a knack for making the most mundane things seem fresh and funny, even though they definitely shouldn't be.

and by "funny", i obviously mean "tragic" because that was *cheese*, man! CHEESE!

but again - narcissism means i have to support anyone with bird-frustrations

and there's just so many troooths in here, mostly involving those little fuzzy bastards we love so much.

like apologizing to your cat when you walk in on them using the litterbox. i do that! and it's weird! why do i do that?

and suffering through uncomfortable positions so you don't have to relocate a peacefully sleeping kitty who

is also a bed-or-chair-hog.

and how the best way to make a cat endure your affection involves stealth and some light choking

these are troooths!

also explored - the mystery of how adding two pellets of dry food turns this

into this

why, cat, WHY???

and here's a fun game to play along at home:

slug

drumstick

croissant

boat

otter

chicken nugget

this is the advanced chicken nugget, where the tail covers the face entirely.

and, as always, it is hard to argue with science:

and

so, basically, it's Adulthood is a Myth: A "Sarah's Scribbles" Collection with MOAR CATS.

and better endpapers

and that's never a bad thing.

does she have a tumblr??

don't ask such silly questions

does she have an instagram??

what did i just say??

any other links you're gonna have to track down yourselves. try the internet.

here are four more maggie-charades - feel free to play along at home or submit your own:

Amy says

While this book was very relatable and the comics amusing, I was sad that only half of it involved cats.

The art style didn't bother me too much (because the main focus is the humor in the situation), BUT, what was up with her nose? That was the most distracting thing in the whole book and it loses a star just because of that. (The other star lost for not enough cats).

Anne ? says

A quick read that made me smile but overall wasn't a 'laugh out loud funny' experience for me. I appreciated the drawing style, and the cat cartoons were amusing and relatable, but the rest of it was just 'ok'.
