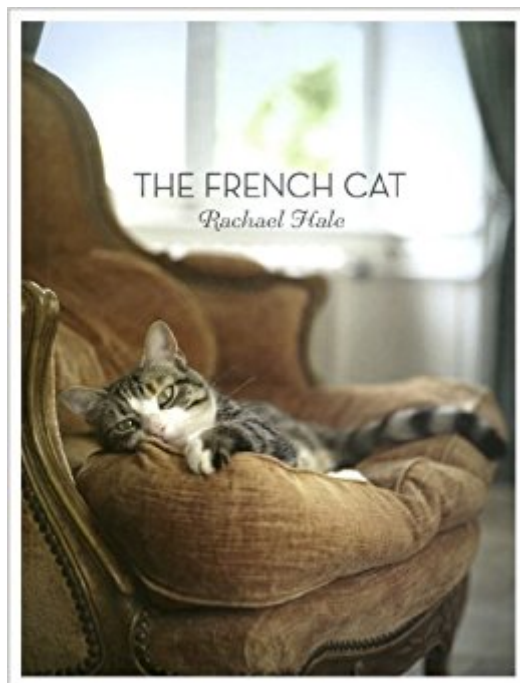


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# The French Cat



## 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

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## Customer Reviews

Rachael McKenna (née Hale) is a photographer and bestselling author whose books—including *101 Cataclysms: For the Love of Cats* and *Smitten: A Kitten's Guide to Happiness*—have sold more than 2.8 million copies. Originally from New Zealand,

Rachael now lives in France with her husband, Andrew, and their daughter, Charlize.

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.

This book just makes me happy. It captures some of my favorite subjects (Provence and cats) in the most beautiful way. From the layout, the paper quality, to the printing, the details of this book are incredible and nothing was overlooked. There's a large image of a misty landscape which alone was printed on a matte surface because a glossier paper would have been distracting and would not have correctly captured the soft light-filled mist in the photo. I took notice of all the little details that were carefully thought out, and I was so impressed!

This is a lovely book! Rachael Hale McKenna is a wonderful photographer and this is a book you can look at over and over again, noticing something new each time. If you love cats and all things French, then this is a good book for you, and would also make a nice gift for the cat lovers you know. I found out about this book because a friend sent me The French Dog first. Both well worth purchasing! Cheers to Ms. McKenna!

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!

I bought this for granddaughter, who hails from a CAT FAMILY for this coming Christmas. I am a dog person. And have been a Rachael fan from years back. I have The French Dog, but I must admit she did the most excellent job with this one! there is so much depth and thought put into this one. And dreamy quality. My granddaughter may cry when she opens this one. A new photographic

turn for both of us.

A lovely little book for cat people and Francophiles. The pictures are so evocative. I liked it so much I bought more to give as gifts.

My girlfriend loves the kitties and cats. Ok, I do too. The author does a great job distracting you from life.

I gave this book to my sister for her birthday. She loves it. This is a beautiful book. Thank you.

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