



Alpha Cat

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- A charmingly illustrated alphabet of cats and cat facts!
- A perfect gift for all cat-loving readers
- Illustrations are high quality and unique. A great way to learn about cat breeds (each has a short description)
- Cat books are perennial bestsellers, Officina Libraria's cat books have a proven track record: The Well-Read Cat ISBN: 9788889854563 is in its third printing and Cat Lady Chronicles ISBN: 9788889854983 in its second

Alphacats are an elite breed: they are cats with a pedigree (well, most of them) and painted almost hair by hair by scientific illustrator Gabriella Gallerani and here honoured in alphabetical order. Beautifully rendered in full colour, to each, their own letter – around which to climb, hide, stretch, play, yawn or simply show off. Thus, A for Angora, B for Bengal, C for Ceylon, D for Devon Rex – but Alphacats are also the cats that have made history – literature, movies, cartoons, music and the happiness of writers, scientists, kings and politicians. The names of over 300 “alpha” cats, with just as many witty stories and feline anecdotes, creates a repertoire of the unique and memorable characters that make each cat worthy of a name. From Boise, Hemingway’s favourite, to Pulcinella, who inspired Scarlatti’s *Cat’s fugue* sonata, from Brillant, Louis XV’s beautiful Angora to Socks, the Clintons’ pet during their White House tenure, each letter of the alphabet has many inspiring names.

Paola Gallerani is an Italian publisher (Officina Libraria) and art historian. She has two beautiful cats but also loves animals on paper (she is the mind behind *The Well-Read Cat* ISBN: 9788889854563. She is the author of three books. Gabriella Gallerani, after an initial stint as textile designer, has worked as a scientific illustrator for over 40 years. Her drawings have graced the covers and interiors of many books on animals and flowers and her works have been exhibited in Italy and Switzerland. She produces a colourful line of handbags and fashion accessories with hand painted animals and flowers and has a Yorkshire Terrier and a Yellow-crowned Amazon parrot.