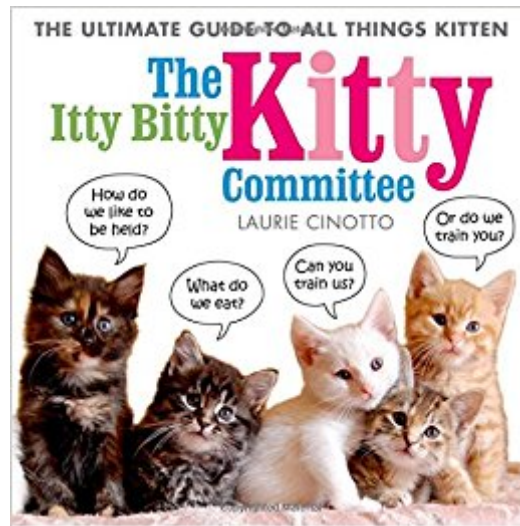




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The Itty Bitty Kitty Committee: The Ultimate Guide To All Things Kitten



Synopsis

The skinny on itty bitty kitties, from a real-life Kitten Wrangler! What do kittens eat? Why do they love to play? How should you hold a kitten? Can you train them? Or do they train you? This photo-heavy, breezy-yet-informative guide book for middle-grade readers and up comes from the hugely popular Itty Bitty Kitty Committee website. It's full of useful information about kittens as well as funny stories about the many kitties the Itty Bitty Kitty Committee has fostered over the years. The author is the site's mastermind, Laurie Cinotto, who brings years of practical kitten experience to bear. She's joined by another pre-eminent expert on raising kittens—Charlene Butterbean, Laurie's permanent adult cat.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 3 Up—This satisfactory addition will warmly introduce families to a potential volunteer service, fostering kittens, yet is more likely to stir up a desire for a pet cat. Cinotto offers up advice mixed with plenty of whimsy. Having fostered more than 200 kittens herself, she incorporates images and stories of many of the cats she's taken in over the years. The photographs are almost ceaselessly cute and there's even a page of suggestions on how to get a good kitten photo. There are some solid recommendations here on how to prepare a home for kittens, how to make kitten toys, how to make a house safe for kittens, and what supplies to have ready, as well as suggestions on feeding and litter boxes. There are also a lot of extras, such as a simple pattern for a no-sew

kitten blanket that young children could make, requiring only simple measurements and the ability to tie a knot. "Kitten comics" (series of adorable kitten photos with hilarious speech bubbles) are interspersed throughout. The author includes her own cat, Charlotte Butterbean, who socializes well with the foster kittens, making their home a comforting place. Charlotte even becomes an advice cat in a section where troubled or frustrated kittens write Dear Abby-style letters asking for help. The work that Cinotto has put into kitten fostering will pull at readers' hearts. Though the information is good and the photographs charming, the stories about each of the cats aren't all that notable; the best way to enjoy this package is in small bites. Nancy Call, Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Aptos, CA

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As a long-time fan of the Itty Bitty Kitty Committee website, I've been looking forward to this book for quite some time. It certainly doesn't disappoint -- granted, it's not a complete how-to-raise kittens guide, but that's not the intention. It's filled with charming lessons for kids about how to care for kittens and simple crafts and toys they can create, and wonderfully adorable photos that kids and adults alike will enjoy. Laurie's kitten photography has been amazing me for years, and some of my favorites are included in this book (although she could easily fill a coffee table book with her stunning kitten and cat photography; I wish she would! Maybe next?). The kitty humor and Charlene Butterbean advice columns are completely charming, too, as are the stories about some special kittens that are included. I highly recommend this book for youngsters who love kittens and adults who love cute kitten pictures and stories!

I follow Laurie Cinotto's IBKC blog, and had been awaiting this release. This dear book is even better than I expected! For children, this book is such a sweet read. It has a great balance of words and photographs, and a nice variety of how the material is presented with kitten comics, stories, beautiful photographs of kittens, hints and tips, etc. I can see children going back to it on the bookshelf again and again. I think that the narratives about the families of kittens are just the right length for the age group to which the book is addressed. I think this book could be one that even

reluctant young readers can get engaged in, too, because you can open it to any page and just start reading. I'm a lot older than children, and that's how I feel about it! I'm purchasing copies for my sister's fourth grade class (she's the teacher) and I think the kids will love learning about people who provide foster care for homeless kittens, learning about kittens themselves, and of course, looking at sweet kittens.

As a long-time follower of the Itty Bitty Kitty Committee blog, I had high hopes for this book. Laurie takes magnificent photos of her foster kittens and describes them and their doings with warmth and humor, and there's plenty of both in the book as well as in the blog. The book also adds advice for those raising or fostering kittens and cat-related craft projects. The book certainly wouldn't work as an only source for somebody planning to raise kittens (that's not the intention, even) but it's great for somebody looking for general kitten advice, a gift for a cat lover, or simply a charming book to leaf through. My one disappointment is that the book is rather itty-bitty, too, so many of the photos are close to thumbnail-sized. I personally would have liked more photos and even more of a coffee-table book presentation. However, this is a small grumble.

I've been hoping that the world of IBKC would make it to the printed page and it does NOT disappoint! All the wonder of the blog is here - the gorgeous photos that capture kittens like no one else, the clever captions and stories, plus some helpful tips about kitten care and what they like, galleries of certain poses...I just love it. This is what the blog has done so well for so many years plus some added features, all in one place for easy browsing. I bought several as gifts to introduce the IBKC world to my friends. I also like that it's friendly for all ages. Laurie Cinotto is not only a talented writer and photographer, but she did a great job creating a book that encapsulates YEARS of what it's like to be a kitten foster mom and shares all that she's learned along the way. Everyone I've given a copy to is over the moon, there's just no other book like it.

disclaimer: I have one of these kittens. She is beautiful and smart and worth being in a book. IBKC has a loyal following of readers who adore the sweet pictures and charming posts of Laurie Cinotto. If you love kitties of all ages, you will love this book. It is perfect for children of all ages, because it is FULL of pictures (especially my adorable kitty). I read it from cover to cover and loved it. I think the Vine participants should NOT have given the book a bad review since they were actually reviewing the Vine program- not the book. They should take that up with and not act like they were reviewing the real book! So ignore them. I bought several of these and plan to buy a few more as Christmas

gifts for the little kids I know. I'm going to go read it again. See how much I like it?

I've followed the IBKC blog for a while and was excited to see it in book form! Kitten families come and go regularly on the blog as they are fostered and adopted out to homes. In the book, it's nice to look back at past kitten celebrities, remember the ones I've read about before and meet some new ones who were around before I started reading IBKC. In addition, the book is full of tips for raising kittens - toys to build, what to feed them, how to manage the litter boxes, etc. These tips are phrased as aimed for kids (e.g. they often mention "you will need an adult to do this part") but useful info for any family adopting new furry friends.

I'm a fan of the Itty Bitty Kitty Committee, and have had this pre-ordered for what seems like ages. Of course I dropped everything and read the book when it arrived! The photographs are uniformly fuzzy, having been taken with the author's smallish camera that isn't up to book-quality photography. Who knew she would wind up writing a book? Each adorable litter is commemorated. The kittens' auntie, the beauteous Charlene Butterbean unveils an advice column. Wylla Stout (these names!), the rescue of all rescues, gets her own chapter. The book is delightful as the blog.

A lovely book that is nicely presented with fun fonts and graphics mixed with adorable photos of kittens doing what kittens do. It is not a "everything you need to know in minute detail about raising kittens" book. The book showcases what a foster "kitten" mom does to nurture litters, their ups and downs and their silly interactions, till they are able to find their forever homes. The photos are beautiful and will make you smile...

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