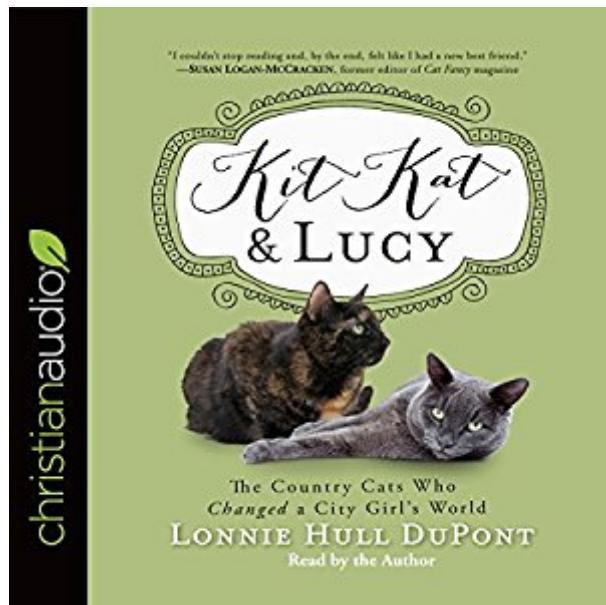


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# Kit Kat & Lucy: The Country Cats Who Changed A City Girl's World



## **Synopsis**

The true story of how two quirky stray cats changed their adopted human forever. After years of loving the vibrant city life in San Francisco, Lonnie Hull DuPont reluctantly trades her three-room apartment on foggy, lively Telegraph Hill for a farmhouse on a quiet plain in Michigan. She immediately misses the rhythm and the pace of the city, and the isolation country living brings has her longing for something more. Enter Kit Kat and Lucy - stray cats who arrive at the farmhouse a year apart and ask to move in. The antics and oddities of these two strong personalities wrapped in fur bring a new light to the farmhouse and DuPont's life. Kit Kat, an obsessive-compulsive tortoiseshell, can purr her new human into a happier state of mind. Lucy, the playful, leaping Russian Blue who can nail a bat right out of the air, makes her laugh. From the hysterical process of getting two strange cats to like each other to the exciting years of watching those cats thrive - and inspire DuPont in the process - this book is an energetic tale of cat and human foibles. Animals enrich our lives, and the heartwarming story of how Kit Kat and Lucy changed one woman's world will leave listeners enchanted.

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## **Customer Reviews**

When I remember Labor Day 2016, what will come to mind most often is Lonnie Hull Dupont's memoir, which spent the better part of the weekend in my hands. Whenever there was a lull in the action, I pulled it out and dove in again to Lonnie's world-charmed, delighted, and comforted all at the same time. Dupont is a master storyteller, weaving her life, her marriage, and her pets in such a

way that this reader could not help but look more favorably on the human race after reading it. Though the pets are constant, so is the story of a strong, good marriage, and in that way I felt much as I did when reading *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner, and *Marley & Me* by John Grogan. This is a rich read, not to be missed.

Lonnie lived for many years in San Francisco and loved the history, hills, weather, and views. Living in the heart of the city for so long, she realizes she missed the rural lifestyle and animals where she had grownup. She and her husband, Joe, decided to move to Michigan. They bought a very old house that was quite large and they loved it. Joe, being allergic to cats, they decided not to adopt any, but one day, a stray cat latched onto Joe. Surprisingly, his allergies were not bothered by the kitty. They named her Kit Kat and she was a tortoiseshell. Joe quickly taught the kitty how to use the litterbox and a scratching post. They grew to love her so much as they learned her many quirky ways. Lonnie has always been a worrier, but she discovered that being around animals calms her. One day, a beautiful Russian blue kitten showed up at their door. Not knowing how Kit Kat would react, they knew they had to keep this beautiful little girl. They named her Lucy and after some time, Lucy and Kit Kat became good friends. The story follows the lives of Lonnie and Joe as their loving kitties become total family to them offering so much love. This is a delightful story of how kitties become so close to us and are like family members. The love they give us is unconditional and everlasting. It made me laugh and, yes, it made me cry. I hope readers will take the time to read this book. It's like a balm for the soul. Copy provided by the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for a fair and honest review.

I loved every word of this memoir of a woman who had her life changed by two very special cats after leaving her big city lifestyle to make a new life for herself and her husband in the country. Have you ever seen that bumper sticker that says "Who Rescued Who?" Both Kit Kat the tortie and Lucy the Russian Blue arrive at a time when no one is aware just how much they're going to be needed in the future. Their personalities couldn't be more different but they form an unbreakable bond with each other and their adoring humans who do whatever is necessary to give their beloved pets the most perfect life possible and in return receive the comfort and loving touch that only a cat can provide. As much as this is a story about the cats, it's also about the author as she faces family issues, bouts with depression and anxiety, and all the mixed feelings that come with such a drastic move. I especially enjoyed the passages about the author's writing and how the cats became her constant companions while she put pen to paper. As someone who has found her cats to be her

greatest writing inspiration, this section really resonated with me. As with all cat books I found myself in tears by the final pages, which I guess is appropriate because that's how the story always ends with our beloved pets. I think that's what makes this book so special: it's a look at one woman's life told through the story of her time with two very special, life-changing cats. Who among us can't identify with that?

**Overview:** The author shares her personal story of when two cats stumbled into her life. The cats bring with them an unexpected soothing presence and hours of fun and playing. **Themes:** cats, anxiety, moving, grieving **Positive elements:** The book was well-written, very detailed descriptions of the cats and their activities. I learned some new things about my cats, too. She has a chapter about a banty hen that adopts them for a summer. I have chickens so I loved reading about the activities of that little hen. **Negative elements:** The pace was slow, a bit too much description for me...maybe because I'm not a cat person? **Conclusion:** I read this book because I have a friend who adores cats. I think she will love reading about all the daily adventures of these cats, how they interact with one another, why they act the way they do, etc. I was hoping to hear more about the transformation of the author through having the cats. She does talk some about how they help with her anxiety, but it is really a story mostly about the cats. I also thought there would be more of a spiritual aspect to the book, but there are only a couple brief references to prayer. I received a copy of this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

What a delightful book! Ms. Dupont has penned a memoir of her and her husbandâ™s life with two quite different cats. Each cat found their special way to let their humans know that they had been claimed. Each one came with their own idiosyncrasies. Each one brought their unique touches, both literally and figuratively to their humans. Kit Kat and Lucy provided Ms. Dupont with quite an education in cat behavior. She was honest in telling that she didnâ™t always do the right things for her cats. But they were quite forgiving and she did learn. She was also honest in her struggles with depression. And that in itself led to many positive experiences with Kit Kat and Lucy. Being a cat person for the last 36 years, many of the catsâ™ antics resonated with me. I really enjoyed reading Kit Kat and Lucy: The Country Cats Who Changed a City Girl's World. They truly did change her world. I received a free copy of the book from NetGalley in exchange for my honest review. Thank you.

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