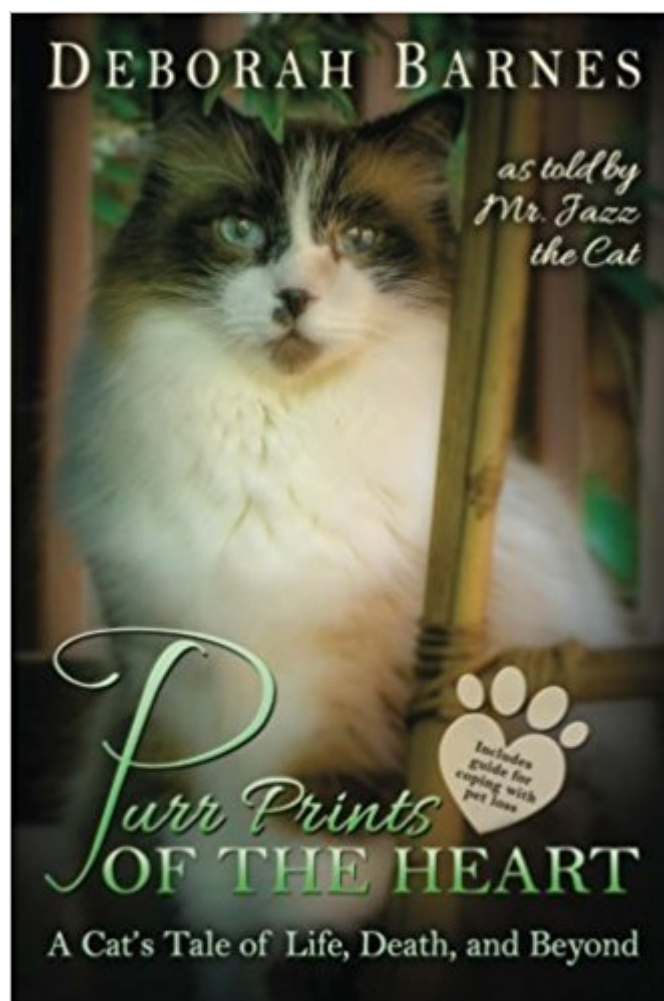


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Purr Prints Of The Heart: A Cat's Tale Of Life, Death, And Beyond



Synopsis

Told by Mr. Jazz himself, an ordinary cat by his own admission, "Purr Prints of the Heart" is a touching meow-memoir that will strike a chord with anyone whose heart carries paw-prints of love as he shares the story of his life from kitten hood to his final days on earth in the physical sense. Cleverly written in cat likeness with incredible insight, candor, wisdom, and humor, Mr. Jazz takes readers on a heartfelt journey in book form to offer comfort to all who have had to deal with (or will have to deal with), the inevitable loss of a beloved pet. Replete with memorable moments that will have readers laughing, crying, and nodding in recognition, Mr. Jazz, carries an astute conversation with readers, putting them in real-life situations they can easily relate to and empathize with - from his days as a kitten that nobody wanted, to finally being adopted into a loving human and multi-pet filled family that had its share of ups and downs, to his final months whereby his health was declining and he had to deal with things like frequent visits to the vet, being force fed food, resentment issues, litter issues, and the finality of coming to terms with the fact he was dying and needing to convince his beloved humans to let him go. The ending is a welcoming upturn, a refreshing reminder of the celebration of life and the indelible purr prints cats leave on our hearts and includes an invaluable "Coping With Pet Loss" section to help readers on all levels - emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and even physically to empower themselves with ways to positively honor the journey of the pet lost as well as ways to find the strength to heal and mend a broken heart.

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Customer Reviews

Deborah Barnes resides in the tropical paradise of South Florida with her fianc  and feline family of seven (including newest additions, rescues Kizmet and Jazmine). She is the author of the 5-star rated books, *The Chronicles of Zee & Zoey - A Journey of the Extraordinarily Ordinary* and *Purr Prints of the Heart - A Cat's Tale of Life, Death, and Beyond*, as well as the award winning blog, *Zee & Zoey's Cat Chronicles* that covers the everyday journey she shares with her feline friends along with topics from the humorous behaviors of cats to very serious subjects on pet responsibility. Deborah was awarded 2013 "Writer of the Year" by Friskies Purina on behalf of the Cat Writers' Association and she is also the Secretary of the nonprofit, Pawsitively Humane, Inc. of Miami, Florida, whose mission is to create public awareness and reduce the numbers of animals on the streets and in shelters through an extensive educational campaign. She has also contributed to *Cat Fancy* magazine and is a council member of the Cat Writer's Association. You can visit Deborah and her cats at www.zeezoey.com/blog.

Purr Prints of the Heart is told from Jazz the cat's point of view. He tells us humans that helping a pet cross the rainbow bridge is the kind and expected thing to do. According to Jazz, pets actually ask to cross. Having just lost my Morris cat in November, and having lost another cat and a dog in the past few years, reading this book was very helpful. I cried like a baby during some parts. My cat Boo, jumped on my lap to comfort me while I was reading about Jazz's final days. Anyone who has lost a pet should read this book. Heck, anyone who HAS pets should read it.

I bought this book when it was recommended to me just a couple weeks after the loss of my beloved kitty Taz. I have to admit, my loss was recent, the hurting so fresh that I didn't make it past the second sentence of Mr. Jazz's foreward! But healing is a process and much like continuing therapy, I soon kept reading and found myself absorbed in the life of Mr. Jazz. Whether you've had a pet, wanted a pet, lost a pet or are about to lose a pet, every reader will find something to cherish in the life story as told by Mr. Jazz himself. As a reader who has recently "helped a cat to Rainbow Bridge" I found it comforting to view the experience through the eyes of a cat. I found so many similarities to my situation and though I had to go through the book slowly and often had to put it away for a time because the pain was too raw, it was definitely beneficial in the healing process. Having never dealt with the long illness and eventual loss of a pet, it was comforting to read another "person's" experiences. It was like a warm blanket that I clutched, at times and cried - for me, for my beloved Taz, for Mr. Jazz and for Deborah and her entire family. I highly recommend this book for anyone who is having difficulty dealing with the illness or loss of their beloved pet. And for anyone

looking for a warm, fuzzy story filled with a short lifetime of happiness, sadness and all of life's ups and downs and experiences, through the eyes of a cat of course, this is a wonderful book. In her writing, Deborah Barnes shares the knowledge she has gained through the lives and experiences of the many pets she has loved and lost. Her writing is unique and uplifting. I'm looking forward to ordering "The Chronicles of Zee & Zoey" and would buy anything Deborah writes in the future! Great book! 5 stars by me. Thanks Deborah for helping to heal my heart, one tiny paw print at a time...

I read this book within days of the sudden loss of my 14 year old cat - my best friend, my confidant, my traveling buddy, and my healer. Told from a cat's perspective, it's charming and amusing as he tells his life story, but it's also full of words of strength, wisdom, and comfort to help you through the process of grieving the loss of a treasured friend. This book was a great help to me in a time of great sorrow. I'm sure I will return to its pages many times while learning to say goodbye and thank you to my beloved pet.

Although this was a hard book to get through because of the reality of life. I really loved reading the story through his eyes and point of view. Just be forewarned, Tissue alert.

Deb Barnes weaves a tale of love and compassion in the telling of the story of her beloved Mr Jazz and Harley. It's a book for anyone who has loved and lost a 'soul' animal. It will move you and touch you and plug out your heartstrings but you will find Deb's strange twist of fate and how Mr Jazz helped heal Deb's wounded heart. I recommend this to everyone who loves animals.

Just finished Purr Prints of the Heart...loved it! Was a sad subject for sure but I still enjoyed it and am not ashamed to admit that I shed a few tears. I think this makes for a good gift for a loved one going through the death of the pet. Again, very sad, but also very comforting and even funny. Great book!

I both laughed and cried reading this book...it is beautifully written and so comforting to all of us pet moms who have lost a faithful cat or dog friend and companion.

wonderful book, Have a tissue ready.

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