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Delightful and thoughtful picture book enlightens and teaches children and parents about the joys of adopting a pet.

“One Cat, Happy Cat!” is Sally Lee’s latest book for children exploring the joy of caring and loving an adopted animal. A girl adopts a cat and watches as the cat grows from a scared, hungry cat, to a loving, playful, joyful cat.

DANVERS, Mass. (www.sallyleebooks.com) Sally Lee has written her latest book “One Cat, Happy Cat!” What a joy it is to adopt a pet! Many people worry about adopting pets because they are not sure what kind of animal they will receive. But there are so many animals who need love and a home, and they can bring so much joy to a family. It also teaches children about caring for someone else (feeding, cleaning, litter box, etc.)

When asked what inspired Lee to write this particular story, she said, “I just adopted a cat a few months ago. I had been thinking about it for a while and finally decided to take the plunge. My cat has brought me so much joy, and I feel like I have really been able to give a life to someone and in turn he has shown me love too.

I do understand that not all adoptions work but with the right combination of people and animals, it can be such an enriching life experience. There are so many animals that need love and attention and a good home. My cat did not have a happy childhood so It is even more uplifting that I am able to give him a happy, safe place where he can live life.

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For more information or to request a free review copy, members of the press can contact the author at info@leepublishing.net or sally@csail.mit.edu. Also, the book can be downloaded for free on her web site, www.sallyleebook.com.

“One Cat, Happy Cat!” is available online at Amazon.com and through additional wholesale and retail channels worldwide. The book is available in soft cover and will be available in hard cover soon.

About the Author

Sally O. Lee earned her BA in Studio Art and Art History (with Distinction) from Colby College and then went on to study graphic design and painting in Boston (Art Institute of Boston) and in New York City (New York Studio School). She has had several shows of her work and received an art grant from The Massachusetts Institute of Technology to conceive and create a series of paintings, and from this came her 2002 exhibition- A Journey In to Abstraction. Some of Ms. Lee's paintings are in various private collections in the US.

In recent years, Ms. Lee has begun to write and illustrate children's books. Some of them deal with the struggles of living with some form of handicap...or, as the author prefers to call it, imperfection. Many of her illustrations have been published and she has earned both academic and public recognition for her important work in children's books. She has had illustrations published in Worldlink Magazine, IEEE Magazine, and several other publications.

Sally has won several awards including the **Pinnacle Book Achievement Award (4 times)**, the **Reviewer's Choice Award (twice)**, and **2009 Family Choice Award (twice)**.

Sally lives and works in Massachusetts.

Sally Lee writes "I think of myself as a macabre children's book writer and illustrator. I am not really about cookies and cream and everything nice. Some kids have to deal with bullies, cruelty, violence, neglect, poverty, and hatred. Other kids may experience love, tenderness, trust, affection, affluence, health, and support. (And then there are kids with disabilities which add another layer of complication).

Growing up can be challenging and difficult, and it can also be filled with joy and wonder. I like to write and illustrate books that can speak to all kids. I don't appreciate kid's books that treat kids like they are idiots (two-dimensional) or that they don't know anything. Most kids can see right through that anyway. I think my books are the ones that parents and kids alike quietly smile at with their flashlights under the blanket thinking about the mischief and wonder of the characters. I don't think life unfolds in any cookie cutter type fashion, so I don't think kid's books should either.

Also, my children's books are an extension of my work as a painter. Writing is a new addition for me, and I am enjoying it very much. And creating the illustrations is a perfect way to continue my painting in a new direction and a nice way to complement my writing. I hope to write and illustrate many more. I am surprised that my creativity took off in this direction. It is totally unexpected."

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