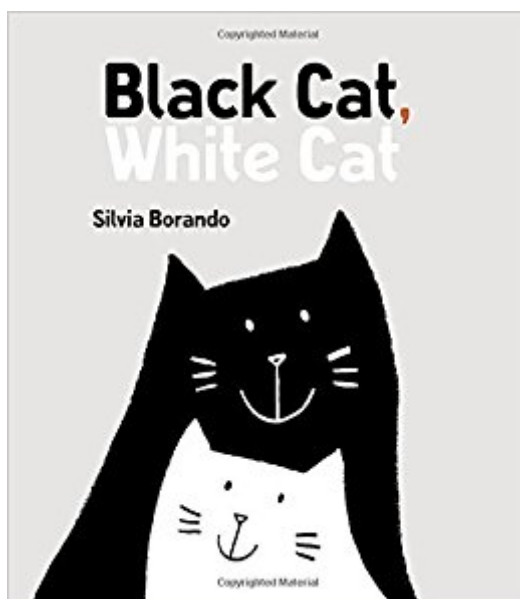


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# Black Cat, White Cat: A Minibombo Book



## Synopsis

Day and night, black and white—this playful tale of opposite personalities celebrates the adventure of sharing life's discoveries with a friend. Black Cat—black from the tips of his ears to the tip of his tail—only ever goes out in the day. But White Cat—white from her whiskers to her four furry paws—only ever goes out at night. He picks daisies, while she gazes at the stars. When they both feel the urge to explore a world beyond their own, Black Cat and White Cat go on a journey of discovery and meet for the very first time. Vividly illustrated with bold black-and-white art, each page paves the way toward a surprise (and surprisingly colorful) ending.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 1—Black Cat is completely black, from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tail. He goes out only during the day. By contrast, White Cat is utterly white from tip to tip and ventures forth only by night. Each savors the particular delights of the diurnal or nocturnal lifestyle, but each is also very curious about the time of day he/she is missing. Finally, White Cat and Black Cat decide to explore the part of the day s/he has never seen before. Each feline meets the other for the first time and acts as a guide to day and night, respectively. The cats are captivated by the miracles they never saw or knew about—and with each other. They become so inseparable that, before

long, they produce six kittens whose color readers are invited to guess at the end. A final page turn reveals a marvelous, unexpected (though unlikely) surprise! This adorable Italian import beguiles with its simplicity—the language is spare, so children not yet reading will comprehend read-alouds readily, and beginner readers should be able to easily navigate the basic text and short but meaningful sentences. The appealing illustrations work beautifully with the story: the art is rendered completely in stark black and white, with each cat and other features set against a page and accompanying type of the opposite color. VERDICT A highly recommended charmer for storytimes in all libraries, exploring concepts of opposites and friendship. This will be a big hit, especially when adult readers draw out that startling reveal at the end. —Carol Goldman, Queens Library, NY

It is a wonderful exercise in juxtaposition. Basic shapes and minimal linework will appeal to the very young, while sophisticated patterning will appeal to all. The charming, cheery text also holds a surprise ending, for which giggles are sure to ensue! Borando creates a genuine affinity between the two felines, her art and text, and readers and page. Simply captivating. —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) A highly recommended charmer for storytimes in all libraries, exploring concepts of opposites and friendship. This will be a big hit, especially when adult readers draw out that startling reveal at the end. —School Library Journal

I love this book. I'm drawn to the high contrast of black and white so the cover caught my eye with its title, color scheme, and simplicity. We originally picked it up at our public library and my daughter and I were sad to take it back so I ordered it shortly after. The story is sweet with a little twist at the end. Perfect for a quick read and a cat loving little girl (or boy).

This book is adorable. My kids both love it.

Sure cute book! Easy concepts!!

Wonderful. Loved it.

Love this book - very striking. It actually would make a great flannel board story. Nice graphics and unexpected ending. Basically there's a black cat who goes out at night, and a white cat who cats around during the day. They each wonder what the night or day is like. So, they decide to change

their pattern and guess what? They meet up. Bet you didn't see that coming! The white cat shows the black cat the wonders of the day. The black cat introduces the mysteries of the night. They become fast friends and that's where the surprise comes in. Kids in pre-school and kindergarten should love this book. Might be fun to do some black and white art projects.

If your child loves cats and simple stories this picture book is sure to be a big hit when you bring it home. The featured cats in this tale are limited to "outing" either during the day or only after dark. When they finally meet all that changes as they both discover that there's lots to see and experience if they broaden their roaming experiences to include both daylight and nighttime adventures. You'll also find that this is a good book for youngsters who are just beginning to read for themselves. The narrative which includes dialogue is easily manageable and your child should be able to tell you the story after a few readings together!

This book is so cute. It's simple and entertaining with a kid joke at the end. If you're doing a symplified take on toys and books this fits perfectly!

Very cute, well written book!

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