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Telling Time With Big Mama Cat



Synopsis

A snack at 9:00, a nap at 10:00, sneaking onto the forbidden chair at 11:00--telling time is the only way Big Mama Cat can remember all the important things she has to do. Follow Big Mama Cat from sunrise till day's end, and you can learn to tell time, too! A sturdy fold-out page at the front of the book reveals a clock with movable plastic hands. Young readers can change the time as Big Mama Cat moves from one adventure to the next in her busy day.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

A cat who knows how to tell time? "How else could I keep my busy day on schedule?" asks Big Mama Cat. Harper, in his first book, cleverly employs the cat narrator to recount a grueling schedule of napping, stretching, "prewashing" the dirty dishes and lingering nearby if a snack seems forthcoming. A page featuring a clock with movable plastic hands shows through the die-cut cover, and folds out so readers can move the clock hands to the times cited in the book. The handsome illustrations, composed by Cara Moser and painted in watercolors by Barry Moser (the father-daughter team also illustrated *Eagle Boy: A Traditional Navajo Legend*), capture expressions and poses that will be familiar to cat lovers: looking unrepentant as she is "helped down" from the forbidden new chair and licking her chops at the dinner table ("I'm not invited, but I grab a seat and look hungry"). One humorous spread shows the sly feline at the door, on the left, wanting to go

outside at 10:30 a.m.; on the right, at 10:45 (displayed on a cat clock), she peers in from the outside and wants in? a tiny mouse pictured inside the house provides the explanation. With activities every hour, and sometimes more often, Big Mama Cat will likely succeed in teaching young cat lovers to clock their days with confidence. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 2-A feline claims, "Some people think cats don't know much-but I, Big Mama Cat, know how to tell time. How else could I keep my busy day on schedule?" Readers quickly discover the irony in this assertion, as illustrations soon reveal that her busy day consists of napping, eating, or waiting to do one or the other. Her proprietary interest in the goings-on of her domain are manifest in her awareness of the humans' schedule, from the morning rituals of baby feedings and the school bus to the family's evening routine of dinner and a bedtime story. The simple, consistent arrangement of text and pictures on each page gently frames the humor and perfectly captures the everyday dramas of naptime and tea parties. Humor is furthered by visual details, including birds and mice of which the proud feline narrator seems completely unaware. Clocks showing the times noted in the text are clearly visible on every page and can be supplemented by a clock with moveable plastic hands that is part of the front cover. The tongue-in-cheek tone of the story and high-quality art are so engrossing, however, that the cover clock might be entirely ignored. Buy several copies; this combination is guaranteed to please those learning to tell time as well as their younger siblings. Tana Elias, Meadowridge Branch Library, Madison, WI Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gentle little story with a clock with working hands that can be turned to show the time. I have taught preschoolers to tell basic time with this story. They get the hour and half hours very quickly. Anyway, the story is a good one. It's just about Mama Cat and what she does throughout her day. The illustrations are priceless!

This book was a big hit with my grandson. He even shared it with his class.

This one is a frequent bedtime story at our house and has been for the last two years (he's 5 1/2 now and still loves it). The built-in little clock is great, though a little unwieldy to use when lying in bed to read as the cover isn't stiff enough to avoid flopping around a bit and this makes the book hard to hold. Not enough to not use the clock, though it isn't required to read the book. There is a different clock or watch on every page, which my son enjoyed when he was going through his clock

obsession stage.

This book is very sweet. The photos are beautiful as well. I bought this as a gift for my 4 yo nephew because he is very interested in clocks and telling time. This book is perfect and I would recommend it in a heartbeat. My 18 month old also approved of it. Each page has a clock on it and allows you to follow along with your own clock too. My only complaint is that the hands on the clock could be a little smoother to adjust but it's not a big enough deal for it not to be 5/5. Cute book!

I purchased this as a gift for a child learning to tell time. It looked very appropriate and she loved it. I especially liked how the cat has nap time, snack time, bed time, and others that a child could relate to and it shows how the cat uses a clock to direct her through her day. It also has a large cardboard clock incorporated into the book with moving hands so an adult and child reader can practice reading a clock using the book. One of the better time telling books I saw when I was shopping for this gift.

My class loves this book..

I read this warm and wonderful book to my 2 year old grandson every day - we read it at least twice or three times. He just loves it. He has a cat at home and can relate to Big Mama Cat. He also loves clocks and goes around our house collecting them during the day. This is a great book for helping to teach a child how to tell time or just to familiarize them with the clock and how it works. At 2 years old, my grandson is a little young for learning how to tell time but he really does enjoy this book and I believe he is learning something about "time" every time we read it. I highly recommend this book.

GREAT BOOK. GREAT introduction to telling time. Absolutely recommend it. Was used for a three year old grand daughter and four year old grandson ! They loved the book and were anxious to learn to tell time !!

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