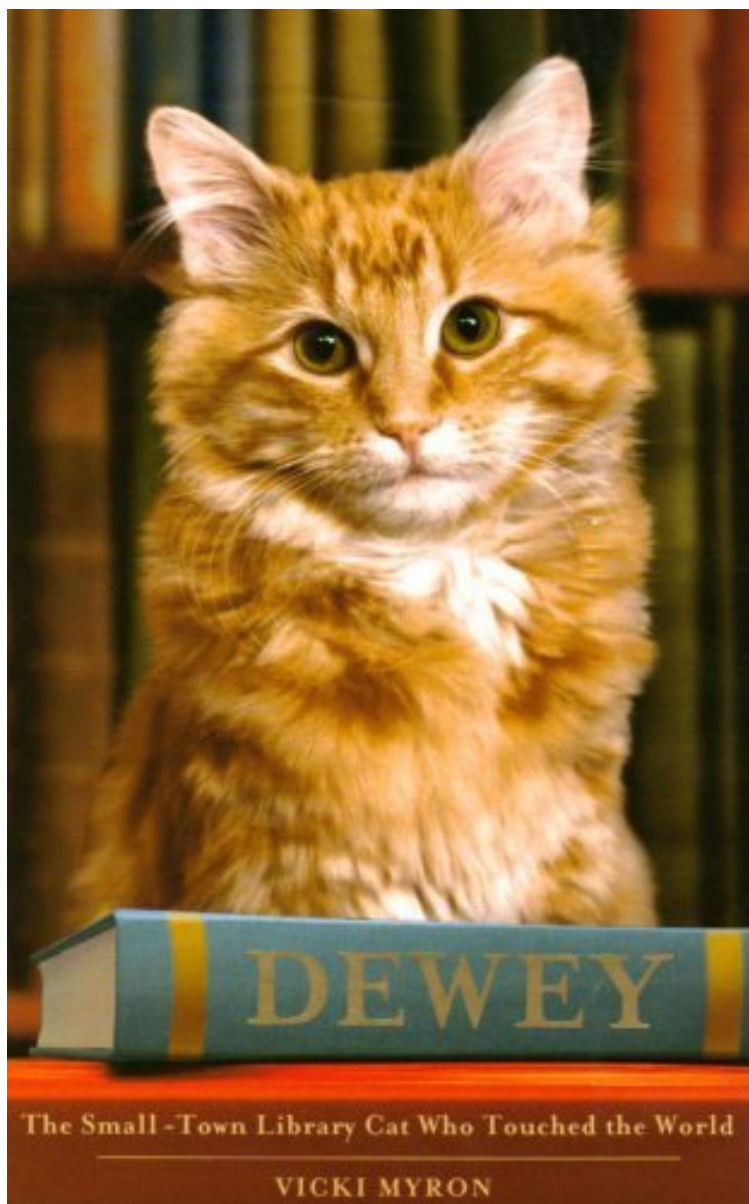


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## Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurHow many lives can one abandoned kitten touch?This is the heart-warming and unforgettable story of a truly idiosyncratic cat with a strong sense of loyalty and love, and a taste for fast-food.When he was just a few weeks old, Dewey Readmore Books was shoved through the book returns slot of his local library in a sleepy town. Starving, terrified and bruised after being battered by falling books, Dewey curled up into the arms of the library director Vicky. Vicky was a single mother who had escaped a

violent husband and was struggling to bring up her little girl Jodi alone. Vicky fell in love with the little bundle of fur in her arms and campaigned to allow Dewey to stay and become the library cat. She didn't know what she was letting herself in for. Dewey's arrival transformed Vicky and Jodi's lives, as well as the staff at the library and eventually the fortunes of an entire town. Dewey was an instant hit with the library regulars and had an amazing instinct to cuddle up close to visitors that were going through a tough time. Vicky tells the incredible story of one severely disabled, wheelchair-bound girl that Dewey took a shine to and how he would climb inside her jacket as she giggled hysterically and her eyes, usually almost catatonic, burst into life. He supervised children's reading groups and ensured no child felt left out by snuggling into the laps of any outsiders. He was a ball of mischievous energy and relished in turning the hitherto quiet and predictable routines of the library upside down. Dewey became the town's number one attraction and he began regularly appearing in the national and international media. Fans from all over the world visited the small town to pay

homage to the world's most beloved cat. From Publishers Weekly One frigid Midwestern winter night in 1988, a ginger kitten was shoved into the after-hours book-return slot at the public library in Spencer, Iowa.

And in this tender story, Myron, the library director, tells of the impact the cat, named Dewey, had on the library and its patrons, and on Myron herself. Through her developing relationship with the feline, Myron recounts the economic and social history of Spencer as well as her own success story despite an alcoholic husband, living on welfare, and health problems ranging from the difficult birth of her daughter, Jodi, to breast cancer. After her divorce, Myron graduated college (the first in her family) and stumbled into a library job. She quickly rose to become director, realizing early on that this was a job I could

love for the rest of my life. Dewey, meanwhile, brings disabled children out of their shells, invites businessmen to pet him with one hand while holding the Wall Street Journal with the other, eats rubber bands and becomes a media darling. The book is not only a tribute to a cat anthropomorphized to a degree that can strain credulity (Dewey plays hide and seek with Myron, can read her thoughts, is mortified by his hair balls) it's a love letter to libraries. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Inspiring hope and happiness (Daily Telegraph) feel good feline biography (Evening Standard) Even confirmed cat-haters would warm to the true story of Dewey... Far more than just a cute cat book, it is a real feel good story about the whole community whose lives Dewey touched (The Bookseller) An irresistible story... This is a wonderful book about the foibles of small-town America and the people who live there - it's Peyton Place with a cat.... (Daily Mail) 'heart-warming' \*\*\*\*\*

(Star Magazine)