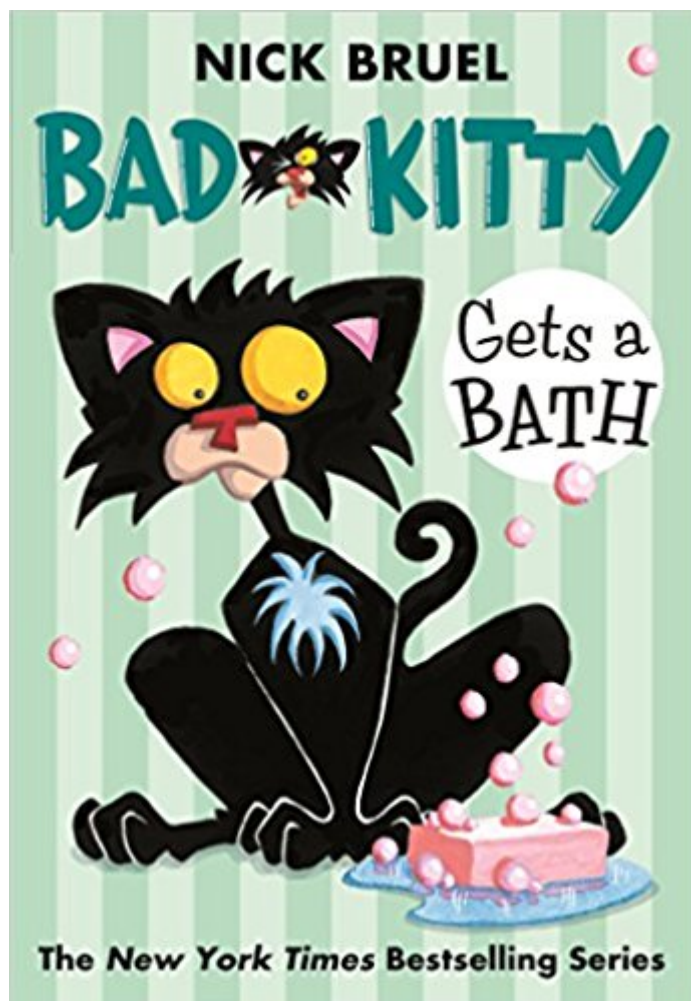


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# Bad Kitty Gets A Bath



## Synopsis

Pet owners beware! Bad Kitty really needs a bath, and she is forced to take one in this hysterical new illustrated how-to for young readers. The following are some items you will need for Kitty's bath: one bathtub, plenty of water, dry towels, a suit of armor, a letter to your loved ones, clean underwear (because stressful situations can cause "accidents"), an ambulance in your driveway with the engine running, and, oh, yeah, you'll also need Kitty . . . but good luck with that! Kitty is at her worst in this riotous how-to guide filled with bad smells, cautionary tales of horror, and hopefully by the end . . . some soap.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Grade 2& "4& "Bad Kitty and Poor Puppy are back. This time they are featured in a funny, heavily illustrated "how-to" chapter book that is reminiscent of Kate Klise and M. Sarah Klise's "Regarding the&|" titles (Harcourt). The instructions for getting the feline into the water include begging, cajoling, and reverse psychology. The text includes clippings from the Daily Nooz, "Uncle Murray's Fun Facts," a "Quick Quiz," a glossary of cat sounds ("fft!"), and two notes from the editor to the author

about what is "unprintable." The resistant cat makes a valiant effort to avoid the procedure but finallyâ€”"YEOWR!," "HISS!"â€”she is bathed. The pup gets his turn in an epilogue, but without any drama. Bruel's zany illustrations incorporate numerous perspectives that heighten the humor.â€”Marilyn Ackerman, Brooklyn Public Library, NY Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This follow-up to *Bad Kitty* (2005) pairs Bruel's witty asides and spastic, tongue-in-cheek commentaries with more high-energy cartoon illustrations. With hyperbolic humor, Bruel describes the dangerous process of cat bathing, from collecting the necessary tools (including cat shampoo and a "suit of armor" for humans), to finding and coaxing Kitty into the water, to dealing with your now-clean-though-very-unhappy animal. (One illustration suggests checking your sneakers for "something awful inside.") Following all of the scratching and hissing and spitting, a brief epilogue depicts bathing Puppy, a ridiculously simple process that cleverly highlights the elaborateness of Kitty's ritual. Packed into the chaos are fun facts, such as explanations for why cats hate water and the hows and whys of hairballs; a glossary of common cat sounds; a few strategically placed editor's notes; and a not-so-serious glossary. Whether they prefer cats or dogs, young and reluctant readers will get plenty of laughs from this comic and informative chapter book. Grades 3-5. --Shelle Rosenfeld --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There really aren't any similarities between 'Bad Kitty' and the 'Wimpy Kid' books (in my opinion Bad Kitty wins hands down!) but I have noticed that kids who enjoyed 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' tend to love the 'Bad Kitty' chapter books like this one. "Bad Kitty Gets a Bath" is my fourth grader's new favorite. Nick Bruel's sense of humor really makes the Bad Kitty stories great! I could hear my daughter giggling the entire time she was reading. She's usually reluctant to read when there's a chance to play online or watch tv but these books have made a big difference. Once or twice I've even seen her step away from the TV and put down the phone when she has a new 'Bad Kitty' book to read!

My younger daughter is right at what I feel is the most difficult phase in learning to read. The easy books that are perfectly at her level are way too boring, and the more interesting books, i.e. the ones her older sister is reading, are way too hard. But, we recently discovered an absolute gem in

Bad Kitty Gets a Bath by Nick Bruel. We first met Bad Kitty a few years ago with the original alphabet book about a kitty forced to eat healthy vegetables. It starts, "She wasn't always a bad kitty. She used to be a good kitty, until one day...." You get the idea. Its good - one of those picture books I'm still happy to pick up because it is perfectly silly with humor that both kids and adults find funny. As opposed to say, Amelia Bedelia. Now Bad Kitty is back in a chapter book and she needs a bath. The drawings are plentiful and expressive, and the pacing of the book is perfect for a 1st grader bored with Nate the Great but not quite ready for Geronimo Stilton. Some pages are a little more difficult with a lot of text, but then some pages have only a couple of lines or even just one word, such as "LICK" or "BATH". There are some difficult words in the book, but it is so engaging that Georgia was encouraged to struggle through them and ask what they mean. There is a glossary at the back of more difficult terms. Of course the glossary is just as silly as the rest of the book and includes a definition of glossary (as it should). This phase of learning to read is challenging for me as a parent because I get impatient and find so many of the books at this level are mind-numbingly simple. At the same time, I know there is a part of Georgia that is reluctant to leap head first into reading by herself because it means I won't read to her as much. If I could find a hundred books like Bad Kitty Gets a Bath, I would be happy to stay in this phase for a long time.- Jessica Wheeler

Anytime you try to give a cat a bath, you know it's going to be something else. Bad Kitty just makes the experience that much funnier!

My granddaughter just loves this book. She and I read it together using different voices for the characters in the book. It sure made reading it fun and we had lots of fun and laughter. With her dyslexia, reading it this way made reading fun for her!

The kids loved it and we all laughed.

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Good read for kids

Birthday present for my baby brother, he's just getting started reading and thus ended up being a great book for him, he loves reading about the crazy cat

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