

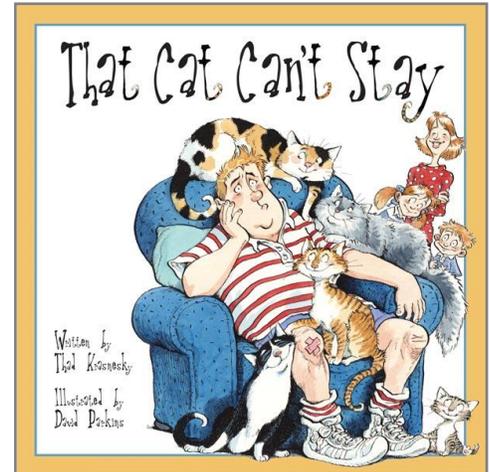
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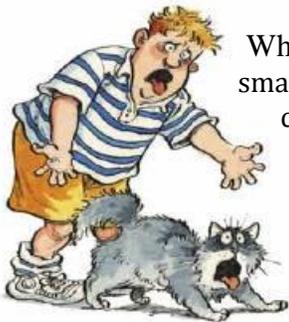
Cats. You either love 'em or hate 'em.

NEW YORK: But what happens when Mom loves cats and Dad doesn't? It's a pet adoption dilemma! Despite Dad's dogged opposition, and to the delight of the cat-loving children, Mom wants to save every stray she finds:

Mom found a little calico.
 Dad said, "That thing has got to go.
 There's no use begging. Don't say please.
 I don't like cats. They scratch my knees.
 They carry fleas. They make me sneeze.
 They're always getting stuck in trees.
 And I don't want to have to shout,
 so kindly put that cat-thing out."



Clever Mom convinces Dad to let each cat stay for a short time. Then, once it's comfy in the house, it never leaves! One stray, then two, then three move in, and poor Dad is at his wit's end. His objections get more and more absurd in a cumulative rant that will have kids collapsing in giggles and chiming along.



When the little girl finally brings home a tiny stray kitten, she encourages Dad to give it one small squeeze. Dad manages, with trepidation, to stick out his pinkie and pet the teensy creature. But with five cats taking over his favorite chair, Dad *must* take a stand. He sadly leaves the house... only to return with a big, fat puppy from the pound! Now Dad can blissfully ignore the cats, and everyone gets the furry friend they fancy.

With hilarious ink and watercolor illustrations, *That Cat Can't Stay* purr-fectly captures the resourcefulness and compromises of a pet-loving family. It's a rowdy romp for dog-lovers, cat-lovers, and even cat-haters.

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