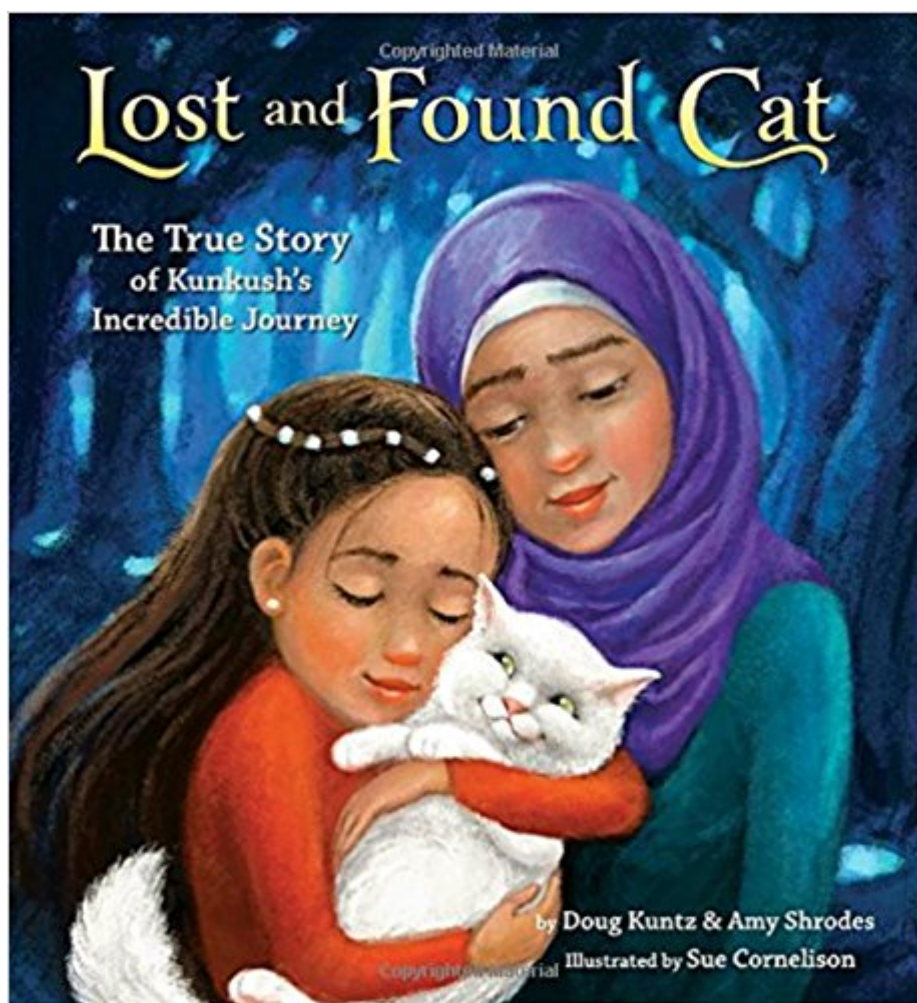


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Lost And Found Cat: The True Story Of Kunkush's Incredible Journey



Synopsis

This heartwarming true story about one lost cat's journey to be reunited with his refugee family gently introduces children to a difficult topic and shows how ordinary people can help with compassion and hope. When an Iraqi family is forced to flee their home, they can't bear to leave their beloved cat, Kunkush, behind. So they carry him with them from Iraq to Greece, keeping their secret passenger hidden away. But during the crowded boat crossing to Greece, his carrier breaks and the frightened cat runs from the chaos. In one moment, he is gone. After an unsuccessful search, his family has to continue their journey, leaving brokenhearted. A few days later, aid workers in Greece find the lost cat. Knowing how much his family has sacrificed already, they are desperate to reunite them with the cat they love so much. A worldwide community comes together to spread the word on the Internet and in the news media, and after several months the impossible happens—Kunkush's family is found, and they finally get their happy ending in their new home. This remarkable true story is told by the real people involved, with the full cooperation of Kunkush's family. "This moving true story will inspire discussions with young readers about what it means to be a refugee, the unexpected consequences of being displaced, and the importance of kindness." "Brightly—Bound to be a hit with cats and kids alike, this picture book tells the harrowing story of a cat who was separated from his family when they fled from Iraq and the amazing way he found his way home again." "People.com—A meaningful message of love and loss, of empathy and outreach, and ultimately, at its core, of compassion, grace and kindness." "The Sag Harbor Express

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Amy Shrodes and Doug Kuntz felt compelled to travel to Greece to help with the refugee crisis, each in their own unique way. Amy as a volunteer helping the arriving refugees and raising awareness back at home through a podcast, and Doug as a photojournalist, who spent five months in Greece, Turkey, France, Germany, and finally Norway, bringing the plight of the refugees to people around the globe. When they met Kunkush, they knew he was very special to someone and they wanted to do everything they could to reunite him with his family.

Sue Cornelison graduated with a BFA from Drake University and continued her studies at the International School of Studio Arts in Florence, Italy. Sue has worked as a full-time illustrator for over a decade. She wrote and illustrated *The Twelve Days of Christmas in Iowa*, as well as illustrated *Sofia's Dream*, *Down by the Bay*, *You're Wearing That to School?!*, and the American Girl Bitty Baby series. Sue works in her backyard treetop studio in a renovated 1909 carriage house in rural Iowa.

This charming and important book has no age limit! It shows us the meaning of devotion, courage, and acceptance of what must be. The reader feels the family's urgent need to find safety in another country, feels the tension as they take along their beloved pet that they won't leave behind, and shares their grief when it disappears. The astonishing true events at the end challenge understanding. A remarkable tale. My grandsons wanted immediately to hear the story a second time!

What an amazing story, extremely well explained and beautifully illustrated....a keeper for many generations to come. This book will help children understand the hardships so many refugee families go through in order to just survive. We should see them all as courageous overcomers.

This is the true story of a refugee family fleeing their country because of a war. Although the story mainly follows the cat, the story is very relatable for kids (a time when you felt scared, alone, got help from someone, etc). I have read this with my classroom of third graders and with my family. Everyone loved it! The kids keep asking to read it over again that I bought another 2 copies for the library! Everyone loves the real photos that are included on the last couple pages of the family and their cat, but (spoiler alert) the best part is the reunion in the end.

a very touching story. Even though it is really too young for her, I read it out-loud to my now 11-year-old granddaughter because of her deep love for a feral cat she "adopted" when she was 2 - a cat that then roamed away about a year ago and came back to her just a few months ago. I offered to give the book to kids a few grades behind her in a school that needs books - but no way would she let it go. She just loved it.

This book was recommended to me. I am an avid children's book reader. I tried it out with a group of 3rd graders. What would you know, but their weekly vocab word was "smuggler". Relevant to the times with refugees, and which child doesn't love cats. I will be reading it to 1st and 2nd grade next week. I will have a deep discussion with 5th grade, many students can relate to their parents being refugees, and students sharing their family story. So adorable, and powerful.

Purchased for my 6-yr old daughter who loves cats. I wanted her to learn about the struggles of others and I had hoped that her love of cats would help her identify with the family in the story. Worked great. Prompted questions and engaged her in events outside her worldview.

My 5 and 8 year old daughters love this book. It is a beautiful story and a great way to start a conversation about our current global refugee crisis in a kid-friendly way.

This book is based on a sad, sweet true story that will touch the hearts of everyone who loves cats and who understands the love between people and their cats. I bought this for my 10 year old grand daughter as a Valentine gift.

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