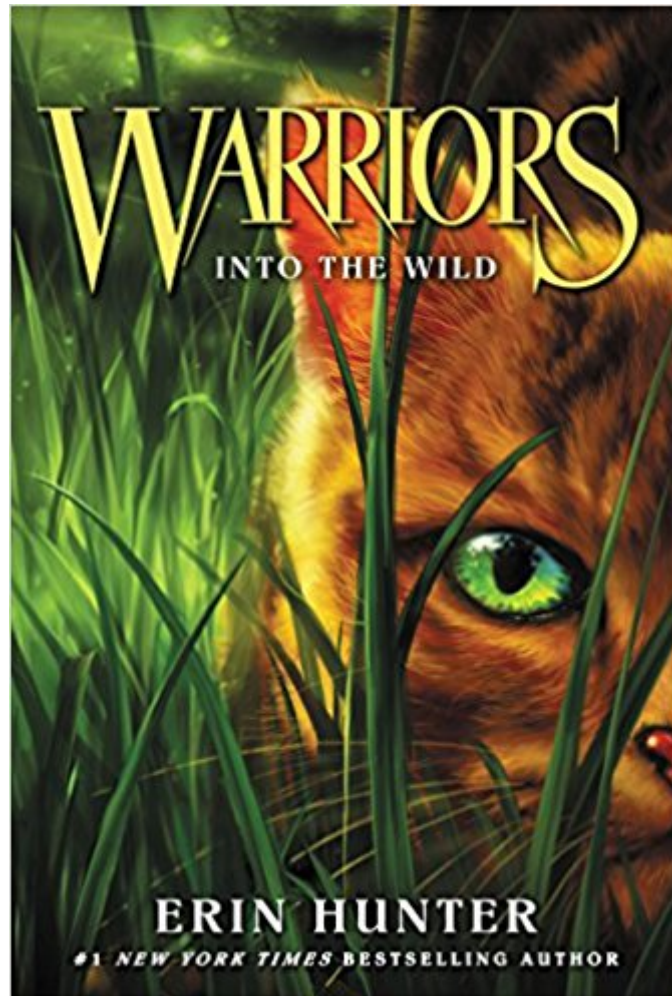




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Warriors #1: Into The Wild (Warriors: The Prophecies Begin)



Synopsis

Epic adventures. Fierce warrior cats. A thrilling fantasy world. It all begins here. Read the book that began a phenomenon and join the legion of fans who have made Erin Hunter's Warriors series a #1 national bestseller. For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by their ancestors. But the warrior code has been threatened, and the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger. The sinister ShadowClan grows stronger every day. Noble warriors are dying and some deaths are more mysterious than others. In the midst of this turmoil appears an ordinary housecat named Rusty who may turn out to be the bravest warrior of them all.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 5 Up-Rusty, a young "kittypet" (house cat), yearns for adventure. When he's offered the chance to join the ThunderClan, one of the gangs of feral cats in the area, he doesn't hesitate. Renamed Firepaw, he becomes an apprentice and begins to train as a warrior. After rescuing Yellowfang, ex-medicine cat for the ShadowClan who has fled for her life, Firepaw and the other ThunderClan members find themselves in the middle of a turf war against the rival gang, led by the nefarious Brokenstar. There's a traitor in their midst, though, and Firepaw must learn more than just hunting and fighting to survive. The author has created an intriguing world with an intricate structure

and mythology, and an engaging young hero. The supporting cast of players is large and a little confusing, but there are standouts who give dimension to the tale. The difficult life of a feral cat is described in some detail, and a fair amount of violence is included. The ending is left ambiguous-there is definitely more to come. This is not as elegantly written as Brian Jacques's "Redwall" series (Philomel), but it's another option for fans of animal adventure/fantasy stories. Mara Alpert, Los Angeles Public Library Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Gr. 6-9. For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to laws laid down by powerful ancestral clans. But now things are changing: ShadowClan has banished WindClan and is threatening RiverClan and ThunderClan by insisting on hunting rights within their territories. What's more, each year the TwoLegs encroach further into the forest, and prey is becoming scarce. A prophecy reveals, "Fire alone can save [the] Clan." Into this dangerous situation wanders a "kittypet," a young, bright orange tomcat whose courage earns him, despite objections by some, a place as an apprentice ThunderClan warrior and the new name of Firepaw. In this first spine-tingling episode in the planned Warriors series, Firepaw learns the ways of the wild life, facing many dangers and treachery both within and without his new clan. Intelligence notwithstanding, the cat characters are true to their feline nature, making this sure to appeal to fans of Clare Bell's long-popular Ratha's Creature (1983) and its sequels and also to followers of Brian Jacques' ongoing Redwall series. Sally Estes Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Enter a complex, interesting, and entertaining society of cats, filled with rulers, warriors, hunters, healers, caregivers, apprentices and elders. Each clan has order, rules of conduct and levels of hierarchy which help it to run and function smoothly. Rusty, a kitty-pet, owned by two-legs, gets restless with his pampered, uneventful life. He ventured beyond the safe boundaries of his yard, tussled with and then made friends with members of the ThunderClan. While training as an apprentice warrior, Rusty learns about bravery, fear, trust, suspicion, loyalty, suffering, grieving, avenging and celebrating. An interesting storyline filled with complex feline characters. An enjoyable read.

I came to know of this saga just about a week ago and, being fan of animal stories and seeing the talent of some of the fans art-wise, I decided to give the first book a try (and then found out it is

more than a dozen books long!). I did like the story as it was fast paced and exciting, but Rusty is sometimes a little too marysue. I do not know if it feels that way because, well, it IS a fast paced story, only the first book, and Rusty has his main character cape on so it is not as though everything was not going to go his way anyway. I find the setting to be good enough and there are plenty of likable characters. The story was, I think by today's standard, too predictable most of the time but it was able to be entertaining nevertheless. Recommended for starting readers.

This is my second time reading this book, since I'm restarting the series, and I was really worried that the nostalgia factor was going to be brushed away and I'd be left with a terrible story to replace all my good memories of an epic beginning to such a long-running series. Nope! This is just as good the second time! WOOO!"Into the Wild" introduces us to Rusty, soon to be dubbed Firepaw, a human-owned cat who is enticed into a life in the forest with one of the four Clans of cats living there. They fight one another, but also cooperate with one another, finding a balance in a world ruled by scarcity. There's noble cats and utter villains, and forces of nature that can make both moot. If you've got a kid--or, hell, and adult!--that loves cats or general talking-animal fiction, see if they've tried these books, and, if they haven't, shove them in their faces. These are great additions to any animal-lover's library!

I pick this book up thinking that it might be similar to Redwall which it is not but in some ways it is it's a little more aggressive a little more and that perhaps some of the darker elements of fighting but what really made me laugh out loud when I first started reading it was all the meow and hiss. Hard to overlook at first but then the story really took off it's a great book definitely recommend.

Having imprinted on "Tailchaser's Song," "Ratha's Creature," and "Star Ka'ats" at a young age, those are the standards to which I measure sapient cat stories. Warriors... does not really get there. The characters don't feel quite enough like cats to me, and some of the stuff they do had me yelling at the book, because it just felt un-feline. I had to very consciously tell myself they were cat-like aliens in order to enjoy the book. So if you don't expect "realistic" cats, it's not bad. And my kid -- and many of her friends in elementary school -- **adored** the series for a while.

Very entertaining. Easy to read and holds your attention. A action book where all the players are cats.

Warriors. What if your housecat turned into a warrior? Outside that is. No longer under the control of humans the cats have created their own society. Sorta of like Lord of the Flies. LOL no anyways the cats make their own society and clans, as Warriors versus the kittypets that are house cats. See and Read the Warriors cat series with tons of books, or kindle e-books, or the Warriors comic manga which is not on kindle but should be. Both Children love it as they want to know what the kitties do without us right? Different clans of cats in the series and some kids like other cats more than others. Books have great graphics and storyline. Keeps the kids reading as there are lots of books in the series. Please by all because they are Purrfect!!!

And that gives me more to look forward to! Great for anyone who loves cats - child or adult child, or CCL (Crazy Cat Lady) alike will adore these books if they want to read suspenseful yet sweet - while at the same time non-cutesy - tales about what clowders of cats might be like if they were a bit more like Native American tribes. Of course, the cats speak in English, so we can read it, but they don't "say", the word 'said' is 'meowed' or 'mrrred', they aren't cartoon characters wearing clothes like the oversaturated manga cat-sprites I see far too much of these days and so am subsequently bored with that. This series also amazed me for managing to distill the concept of the difference between 'true power' and 'authority power' so that a 12 year old could understand it, and not feel s/he was being preached at. Congratulations to the Erin Hunter quadra-author-editor 'clan' for making waiting in line, waiting for buses, and relaxing in a difficult apartment to relax in much more tolerable.

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