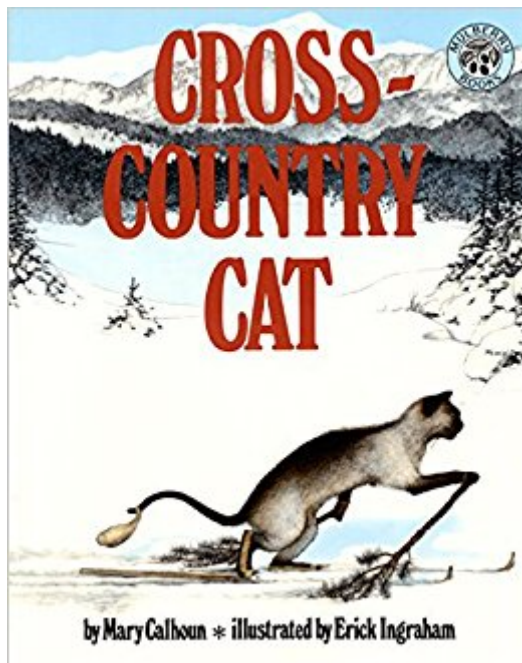


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# Cross-Country Cat



## Synopsis

What kind of cat would go sliding off on skis, and who'd believe it anyway? When the family accidentally leaves Henry, their sassy Siamese, behind at the ski lodge, he takes matters into his own paws in this beguiling adventure.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD770L (What's this?)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

When a cat named Henry gets left behind at a ski lodge, he puts on skis and heads out on his own. PW praised this story, which "races as swiftly as the cocky hero's downhill skis and keeps one in hair-curling suspense. Ingraham's snowy scenes are in exactly the right shades of blue, sepia and gray, set off by glaring white." Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"Fresh in both concept and execution." --"ALA Booklist"  
"Magnificently depicted." --"Horn Book

This book is tied with Harold and the Purple Crayon for my favorite childhood story. I grew up in Denver and we had a place near Silverthorne- I was always pretty sure the cabin in the book was just off hwy9 near the base of Buffalo Mt. but who knows...I give this book as a gift frequently not just because I love the story but because it almost makes me cry every time I read it to my girls (tears of familiarity, I guess - It starts right after the first line, "Henry was a hind-leg walker...")

Anyhow, the "lessons" of the story that Calhoun artfully and subtly teaches are courage, determination, and family loyalty. Ingraham's illustrations are the best I've ever seen in a children's book -- maybe any book! This book lives in me.

I read this to my now grown kids and am now sharing it with my grandkids. They love it and the other Henry stories as well.

A friend recommended this book after I mentioned that my husband, Henry, was out cross country skiing. This book is her five year old daughter's favorite book. I gave the book to my husband for Christmas -- ordering on line, sight unseen. I think it is great! The illustrations are wonderful and the story creative. I really appreciate all the other animals that are drawn into the cat's adventures.

I had never heard of this book until I saw it on . I got it, even knowing it was a story for children, and I found it delightful and engaging. I think the illustrations really make the book, and the story is fine, showing off the resourcefulness of Henry the cat, when he becomes accidentally left behind at a mountain cottage. Having been encouraged earlier by The Kid to try skiing, but turning up his nose at it, Henry must now set out into the wilderness on the skis made especially for him by The Kid. A nifty story all around, with some mild surprises and a slightly scary part, but a happy ending. Nice book to read to the kids by a fireplace in the winter.

This is the book I read to my daughter when she was in 2nd and 3rd grade. She loved it I did, too. She just graduated from high school and mentioned this memory so I found it and bought it for a gift. She still loves it.

I absolutely loved this book as a child. I recently became an Aunt and just had to get this book for his first Christmas! The story is so adorable I found myself laughing and smiling while reading it again 20 years later. I recommend it to anyone building a child's library. Mary Calhoun is a wonderful author.

This is the first book of Henry's adventures. My four year old will randomly quote this book: "Snaa!" "Some smart cat!" and "The Man doesn't like cats." My older child remembers this book from her childhood, and laughs along with us. Cute story. Funny. A nice family read before bed.

It is a darling story. Very happy with purchase and highly recommend ~ especially if you love a good kitty story too !

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