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*Cleveland Amory*

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**Cleveland Amory : The Cat Who Came for Christmas** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Cat Who Came for Christmas:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's all about the cat and its new owner. By Judith Waldman This is the first in a series of three books written by Cleveland Amory who, to me, is a hilarious writer, especially about his cat Polar Bear who he rescued on one Christmas Eve. The goings on between the two of them will keep you, if not laughing aloud, at least smiling. So any cat lover like me is going to enjoy this book tremendously as Mr. Amory talks about his adventures and tremendous love of, and for, Polar Bear. He also goes off on riffs about other things as well like all the crochity people he's had dealings with and about himself whom he says is one of those people. The book is just delightful 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting musings by Mr. Armory! By NE Curmudgeon "An Enjoyable Read", would be my description of the Cat Who Came for Christmas. I heard Paul Harvey talk about The Cat and the Curmudgeon, the follow up to this book. I wanted to start at the beginning and, ergo, the reason for this choice. I thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Armory's style. I found the cat's antics (catventures?) amusing as well as the author's manner of delving into an animal's psyche. His interweaving of cat tails with social commentary was, for me, a different way of expressing political commentary. To those of us who may consider ourselves also curmudgeons, it introduces a gentler side of a genre often discounted or looked upon with suspicion. As I said, a nice read while sipping a glass or cup of your choice. Now, I guess it's time to sit down and explore the further adventures of Polar Bear as I ready myself the sequel. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. A Warm, Funny Story

to Read and Read Again. By George Webster, Ph.D., If you are a cat person, this book is a must for you. If you are not, it may give you insight on why we cat people love cats so much. One Christmas Eve, Cleveland Amory rescued a dirty, injured cat from a New York City alley. He took it to his apartment and concluded that the cat had never known human affection before. The cat tried frantically to escape, but Amory left out food, water and litter box, and went to bed. The next morning, he awoke to find the cat by his bed, staring at him. "Aeiou," the cat said. "Ow, yourself," Amory replied. "Merry Christmas." This began a touching friendship between cat and curmudgeon. Amory will entertain you with the many traits that he discovers about this big, white cat. Cats like routine and security. Cats do not like to travel, especially on airplanes. Cats do not like new objects or new people. Cats do not like dogs, other cats, or snakes. Above all, cats do not like vacuum sweepers. My cat, Duchess, feels exactly the same. The thing that she does like is to cuddle up close and purr until she goes to sleep. Amory talks to his cat throughout the book. Don't conclude that this is silly. I talk to my cat, and from her reactions I get the creepy feeling that she understands more than I would have imagined. Cats are among the most intelligent of mammals, but they did not evolve speech, so they will devise surprising charades to communicate with you. Amory not only entertains us in this book, he also shows the cat as a creature with feelings, especially the feeling of affection.

'Twas the night before Christmas when a bedraggled stray white feline entered the home, and heart, of Cleveland Amory. At first the relationship seemed a clash of two stubborn wills, but despite the battles, Polar Bear did finally recognize his new name, while he settled into a comfortable friendship. A delightful true tale for anyone who has ever been owned by a cat or any pet.

From Publishers Weekly One Christmas Eve, Amory, the founder and head of the Fund for Animals, found and took home a stray, scrawny cat. Here he "offers an entertaining, if precious, recreation of his first year with Polar Bear" (the cat's name), observed PW of this bestseller. 250,000 first printing; author tour. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Apparently aimed at the holiday gift trade, this is the pleasant, rambling story of a white cat rescued by Amory one Christmas Eve. Struggling to understand his feline friend, he becomes devoted to a degree that not everyone will understand. An animal rights activist, Amory shares his feelings about veterinarians, airlines, hotels, human and animal natures, and the complexities of modern life. Although amusing anecdotes abound, there is little action. Amory's intelligent, educated musings explain life as he and his cat experience it. He also includes interesting trivia on ancient feline history and celebrities who loved or hated cats. Not a necessary purchase, but most cat lovers will adore it. Carolyn I. Alexander, USACDEC Technical Information Ctr., Fort Ord, Cal. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Cleveland Amory founded The Fund for Animals in 1967, an organisation which campaigns against all forms of cruelty to animals throughout the world. He was a distinguished American journalist, satirist and novelist. Cleveland died aged 81 in 1998, and was buried next to his beloved cat, Polar Bear.