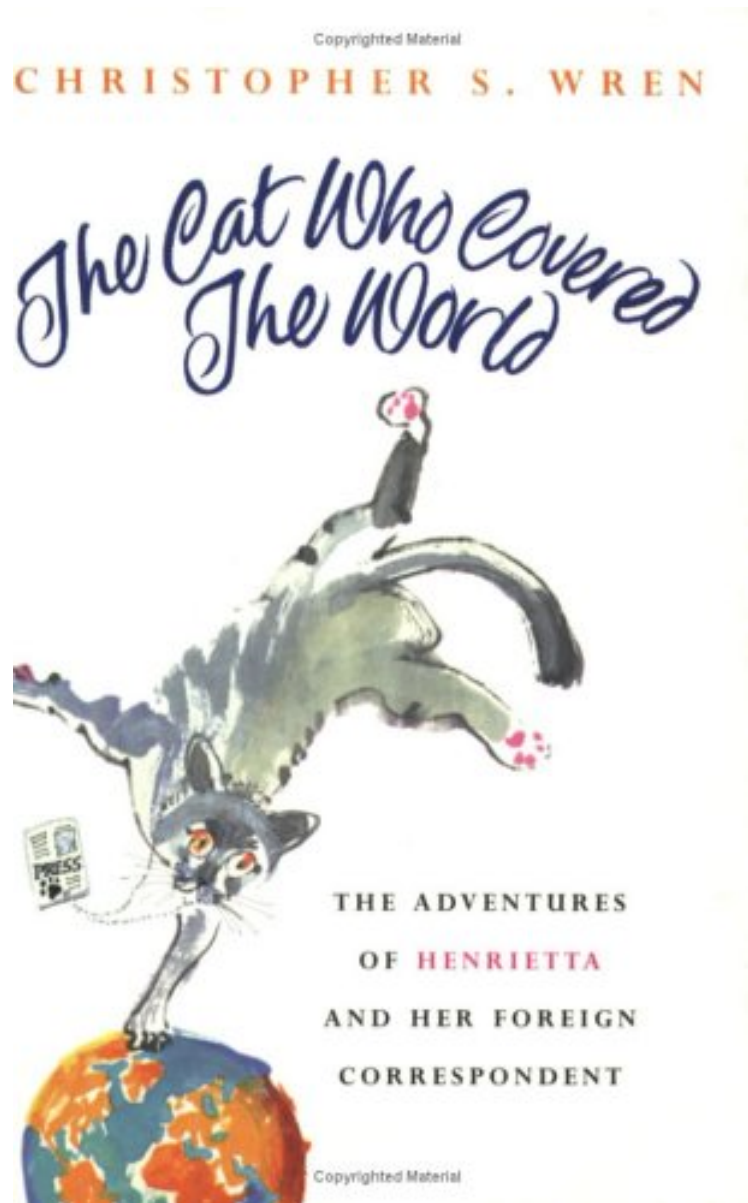


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15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Never take kitty litter for grantedBy Mr. JoeSince our own two

cats hate even riding in a car, it was with envy and admiration that I read *THE CAT WHO COVERED THE WORLD*, the globetrotting adventures of Henrietta and her foreign correspondent owner. As a writer for the New York Times, Christopher Wren and his family lived abroad in such widely separated cities as Moscow, Cairo, Beijing, Ottawa and Johannesburg. Accompanying them everywhere over her 18-year lifespan was Henrietta, the family feline, herself a native of New York City. Amazingly adaptable, Henrietta coped with airplane baggage holds, Nile River rats, Haded ibises, African ants, a People's Liberation Army veterinarian, and a scarcity of kitty litter. At the same time, she developed a taste for caviar, cockroaches, yellow fish, cabbage, prosciutto, sturgeon, herbal tea bags, and gongbao jiding. Considering the timespan and distances covered, this book is relatively short at 200 pages. The devotion and affection that the Wren family has for their furry pal is striking, as when Chris drags a 26-pound sack of cat litter home to litterless Beijing from Hong Kong. Or the distress the family feels when Henrietta goes missing for several weeks in Cairo. Though sometimes Chris lapses into a newsreporter's matter-of-factual style, the humor and poignancy of life with Kitty in exotic places always shows through. For example, in bed after being assaulted by Soviet security goons, Chris writes: "And then I felt something hop softly on the bed. I opened my eyes and saw Henrietta ... She liked to curl up with the children and (wife) Jaqueline, but had never seen fit to favor me with such a visit ... Then I heard her purr. I reached down and lightly caressed the soft fur along her neck. She snuggled in tighter until my sore mouth and gut no longer throbbed. There is something consoling about stoking a pet when you feel frightened and alone. For the first time, it was clear that Henrietta and I belonged together." I've not been worked over by Red thugs. However, as I write this, my cat Trouble is perched on the back of my chair close to my neck ...purring. Yeah, I can relate.

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Heart warming and beautiful true story about Henrietta the cat who loved travel as much as her human family. By Berta One of the best books I've read. Henrietta, a feline "diplomat" and her foreign correspondent human Christopher Wren of the NY Times travel the World with Mr. Wren's family. An incredible story about a much loved cat who made friends the world over. She would enjoy walking through airplane cabins getting stroked by passengers, getting special gourmet fish treats, like salmon mousse, from stewardesses, eating Russian caviar regularly during their stay in the Soviet Union when she wasn't sitting on the lap of Soviet officials. Her human family had a heart of gold, as well. People visiting China while Mr. Wren and Henrietta were stationed there received phone calls from Americans that they were coming into China the following week and wanted to meet Henrietta. One of the visitors told Mr. Wren he had to write a book about Henrietta--previously, he had written a story for the NY Times about his cat.

45 of 46 people found the following review helpful. If its good enough for NPR...By M. Godawski I heard about this book on NPR and HAD to go right out and buy it! Its a wonderfully uplifting story for any cat-lover. I give it 5 MEOWS, m'self.

Henrietta was just a city cat until she ventured overseas with foreign correspondent Christopher S. Wren, his wife and two children. Over seventeen years and tens of thousands of miles she became a plucky, indispensable companion for the reporter as he covered world events in Moscow, Cairo, Beijing, Ottawa and Johannesburg. Henrietta acquired a taste for caviar, survived the unforgiving streets of Cairo, jostled with exotic birds and fought against apartheid's guard dogs. Add to this mix Henrietta's explorations of airport terminals and confrontations with customs inspectors, and the result is an often hilarious, sometimes poignant account of one family's adventures criss-crossing the globe as they cope with chaos in faraway places - always with the help of their ever-resourceful cat.

.com There are plenty of entertaining stories written about the public mishaps and accomplishments of dogs; they are social animals and can play highly public roles in everything from television sitcoms to real-life emergency situations. The cat, as feline admirers will not hesitate to agree, is more select in its level of tolerance for lowly humans, and thus few true stories are told that revolve around cats in public life. And then there's Henrietta. Christopher Wren belonged to Henrietta the cat, and Christopher Wren travels far and wide in his work as a foreign news correspondent. Of course Henrietta insisted on being brought along to Moscow, Paris, Beijing, Tokyo, and all the other cities the Wrens visited. And of course Henrietta got into all sorts of scrapes--cats can cause enough trouble right in their own living rooms! *The Cat Who Covered the World* is a tremendously entertaining memoir and travelogue, covering 17 years in the life of a busy cat and her accommodating family. Wherever she went, she charmed, and tales of flight attendants bestowing free portions of salmon mousse and Italian taxi drivers blowing kisses into her cage while ignoring the traffic are intertwined with more typical cat stories of sudden escapes into fields, food stealing, and incessant yowling at inappropriate times. For this book, Wren sets aside his investigations and simply enjoys, culling quotes about cats from Mark Twain, Christopher Smart, Deng Xiaoping, and Herodotus for a bit of added depth. His conclusion about the cat/journalist relationship will have all feline fanciers smiling in agreement: "I have met enough celebrity journalists whose smug self-importance might have been ameliorated or corrected altogether by the ownership of a couple of cats." --Jill Lightner

From Publishers Weekly New York Times editor Wren (Hacks) spins a cutesy tale of his 18 years as a foreign correspondent, which he shared with his cat, Henrietta (as well as wife Jacqueline and children Celia and Chris). A month-old ball of gray fluff delivered by a fellow newswoman on Christmas Eve (with a bottle of Scotch to secure the deal), Henrietta became a full-fledged member of this globe-trotting family, following the author

to his posts (Moscow, Cairo, Beijing, Ottawa, New York and Johannesburg, with stopovers and vacations in Italy, Japan and Vermont), winning hearts on airplanes and in hotels, cadging snacks from shopkeepers and diplomats. On board for Anwar Sadat's famous pact with Israel, the slow crumbling of the Soviet Union and the release of Nelson Mandela from prison, the eight-pound New York tabby has witnessed international dramas few humans have. But for all her frequent flier miles, Henrietta's actual exploits differ little from the average house cat's. They just occur against exotic backdrops. For instance, when Henrietta shows her affection to an official houseguest by delivering a dead mouse (the feline version of passing the hors d'oeuvres), she makes her presentation to the Pakistani ambassador. When she finally died at the ripe old age of 18 (well past 90 in human years) it was after being stalked by ibises in Johannesburg. Sometimes amusing and sweet but mostly slight, Wren's book is purely for extreme cat devotees. Others will find it as cloying as a hairball. (Nov.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal Adult/High School - Wren has written a delightful biography of Henrietta, the family's cat that accompanied him on his assignments as a foreign correspondent for the New York Times. By writing in first person, the author gathers and maintains interest as he chronicles the feline's escapades in Moscow, Cairo, Beijing, Ottawa, and Johannesburg. Probably the most unusual was her presentation of a dying mouse to the ambassador of Pakistan at a full diplomatic dinner. Wren describes the frequent immigration problems that the family faced and the unusual physicals their pet had to pass. The book is fast moving, and many details of life of foreign cultures are presented with a light touch in an entertaining manner. A few whimsical illustrations of Henrietta reveal her moods and expressions. This will be most popular if booktalked. -Claudia Moore, W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.