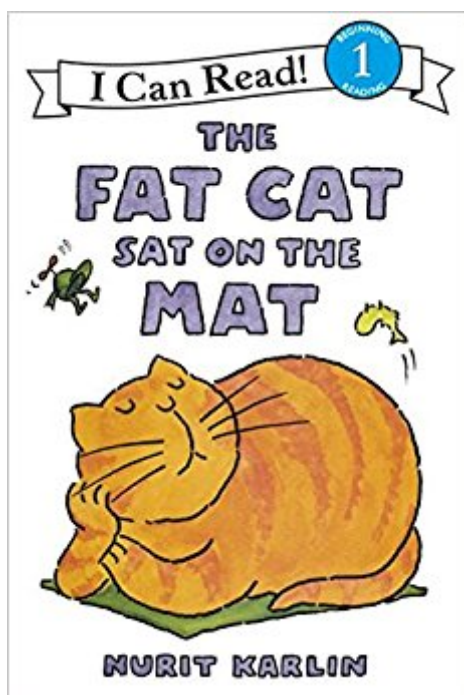


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# The Fat Cat Sat On The Mat (I Can Read Level 1)



## Synopsis

Learn to read with this funny rhyming story starring a big orange tabby cat! The fat cat sat on the mat. "Get off!" said the rat. But the fat cat just sat. Will the rat get the fat cat off the mat? This funny, phonetic Level One I Can Read is perfect for kids learning to sound out words and sentences.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1-Short on plot and long on rhyming words, this series entry is another book of singsong verse that stretches to create a cohesive text. When a fat cat sits on a rat's mat, the rodent tries to convince the animal to move, but to no avail. He calls in his friends bat and hat to help, but it is only after Wilma the witch returns home that the cat moves from the mat. Karlin's illustrations show a golden plump feline just quietly waiting for a confrontation, a timid but determined rat, a somewhat determined bat (the animal variety), and a nondescript hat with two legs and two arms. Soft, gentle colors wash the characters in sunny shades but do not lessen the intensity of the personalities. Emerging readers may have some difficulty in predicting the less-than-logical story line, but the repeated sounds and rhyming words will reinforce their decoding skills. While there are many stronger easy-to-read texts by authors such as Lillian Hoban, Arnold Lobel, and James

Marshall, this title is an acceptable offering for those libraries that never seem to have enough beginning readers. Sharron McElmeel, Cedar Rapids Community Schools, IA Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 1<sup>^</sup>-2. The problem begins when Wilma the witch is out for the evening, leaving at home her pet rat (whom she calls a brat) and her big fat cat. You see, the rat sits on the mat, while the cat sits in the vat, but as soon as Wilma is out of the house, the cat takes over the mat, and since he's so big and fat, he can't be budged, not even when the rat tries to lure him with a fish in a dish. New readers will enjoy the fun of the simple wordplay, even if the book tries too hard at times (the talking hat doesn't really make it). Each page is dotted with the characters, with the big, impervious tabby taking up most of the space. Suitable for readers just starting out. Ilene Cooper --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I purchased this book for my 5 year old daughter. The book is right at her reading level which is why I purchased this one, she loves cats as well. Overall, I was extremely excited with the appearance of the book. The pictures are pleasing and well illustrated. The book was well put together, not coming apart at all. My Daughter absolutely loves this book. I however am not exactly thrilled with some of the wordage used for a child's book. That is me though. This book is easy for her to read, has plenty of her sight words in it! She still needs help on some of the words that aren't sight words but she is just learning to read. If you are one who doesn't like the usage of the words hate, fat and stupid this book isn't for you. If they don't bother you it is a great book. I didn't bother to read reviews when I picked this book and was quite surprised when we read it.

I couldn't understand the harsh words expressed by other reviewers. This book was never intended as a storybook. It is for teaching your 4+ year old how to read. I bought this book for my 6yo who is starting 1st grade next week. It teaches the -at word family and is actually the tale of a clever cat that enjoyed annoying the witch's pet rat. It even has a surprising moral that adults should enjoy--not ridicule. The cat finds a subtle, non-aggressive way of getting everything he wants. Others objected to the wording of this book, but your child will have to learn how to read the word "hate" at some point. As for the cat saying "so what" and the rat's comeback of "so get off," how is that any different than two kids fighting over the same toy. When my oldest objects to her younger sister "borrowing" one of her toys, I remind her that her baby sister will get tired of playing with it soon and she can have it back then. That is exactly what happens in this book. If you take this book

for what it is, an early reader, I don't think you'll be disappointed.

VERY simple book. Great for a starting reader to gain confidence.

I got this for my grandson who thinks he doesn't like reading - until he discovers he can read a whole book with very little help! These level 1 books are great confidence builders for beginning readers.

My kindergartener loves this book.

Bought this at the recommendation from a friend for my beginning reader. He loved the simple words and silly story.

daughter loved it

Omg oh my gosh! I love that and I'm 11! That was so good you should make more like that! I wonder what would happen if the fat cat farted...  $\hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A}$  but that book was too good to be true. Please do the world a favor and make more books like that! Thanks! By Sophia a girl who loves books just like that...

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