

# **Cloister Cats Richard Surman - The Feline Masters of the Monastery**

When thinking of monasteries, serene images of peaceful gardens, monks in robes, and ancient spiritual practices often come to mind. However, there is another, lesser-known group of creatures that has shared an intimate connection with these sacred spaces for centuries - the Cloister Cats, masterfully portrayed by Richard Surman.

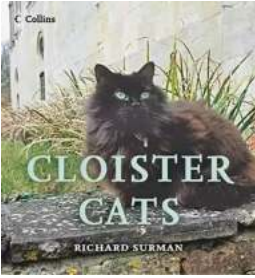


Richard Surman is a renowned artist famous for capturing the essence and mystique of these magnificent animals. With his unique artistic style, Surman manages to convey the wisdom, elegance, and mysterious aura surrounding the Cloister Cats.

**Cloister Cats** by Richard Surman(Kindle Edition)

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Cloister Cats are no ordinary felines. They are special creatures that have chosen to dwell in monasteries, seeking a spiritual connection that transcends the world of humans. Legends say that these cats possess ancient knowledge and act as guardians of the monastic life.

## **The Mysterious Connection**

The origins of the Cloister Cats' affinity for monastic life are shrouded in mystery. Some believe that these cats were once companions to ancient mystics and their spiritual journeys created a deep bond, leading the cats to choose the monastic way of life. Others argue that the cats themselves possess innate spiritual qualities, making monasteries the ideal environment for them.

Richard Surman's artwork delves into this enigmatic connection, capturing the cats in various poses that evoke a sense of tranquility, wisdom, and introspection. It is as if Surman's brushstrokes uncover the mystical layer that separates the Cloister Cats from ordinary felines.

## **The Essence of the Cloister Cats**

Surman's masterpieces allow us to gaze into the eyes of these magnificent creatures and discover their deep inner wisdom. The eyes of a Cloister Cat reveal

a lifetime of contemplation and spiritual growth, inviting us to embark on our own introspective journeys.

His use of light and shadow adds depth and texture to his paintings, enhancing the mysterious qualities that surround the Cloister Cats. Surman's attention to detail in every stroke brings the cats' fur to life, making it seem as if we can reach out and feel its softness.

## **Monastic Muses**

The Cloister Cats are more than just subjects for Surman's art. They play an integral role in monastic life, acting as silent companions to the monks. Their presence brings comfort and serenity, as well as a touch of whimsy, to the sometimes austere environment of the monastery.

Surman's talent lies not only in capturing their physical traits but also in conveying the cats' personalities through his brushstrokes. Each cat's unique character shines through in his paintings, reminding us that although they may embody spiritual wisdom, they are still very much individual beings with distinct temperaments.

## **A Deep Spiritual Connection**

One cannot help but feel a sense of awe and reverence when observing Surman's artwork. The Cloister Cats seem to exude an ethereal aura that speaks to our own spiritual yearnings. It is as if they are guiding us towards a deeper understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

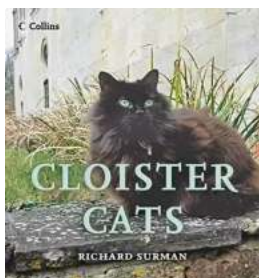
Cloister Cats Richard Surman's paintings have the power to transport us to the tranquil world of the monastery, where we can momentarily escape the chaos and

distractions of everyday life. They remind us to embrace stillness, seek wisdom, and strive for spiritual growth.

## A Timeless Legacy

The legacy of the Cloister Cats lives on through Richard Surman's art. His paintings preserve their esteemed place in monastic history, allowing future generations to gain insight into their significance and the spiritual connection they share with monasteries across the world.

So let us continue to marvel at Surman's creations and honor the profound wisdom embodied by the Cloister Cats. They are the mystical guardians of the monastery, silently guiding us towards a deeper understanding of ourselves and the divine.



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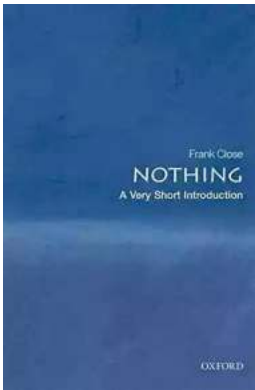


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Cloister Cats explores a wide range of cats and their buildings that are now, or have historically, been home to ecclesiastical communities.

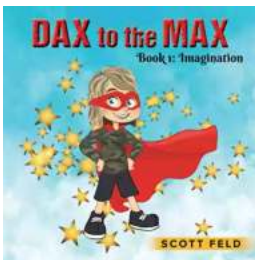
From traditional monasteries in ancient settings to modern-day communities in suburban houses, and from followers of Celtic Christianity, via Anglican and Catholic monasticism, to Buddhists, the spread of geography, style and history here is wonderfully appealing.

With the addition of a “quick guide” to each place featured, and using quirky descriptions of the cats’ lives in and around the grounds to get across key points of interest about the buildings and gardens, this is not just a lovely gift, but also a fascinating insight into monastic life historically and today.



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