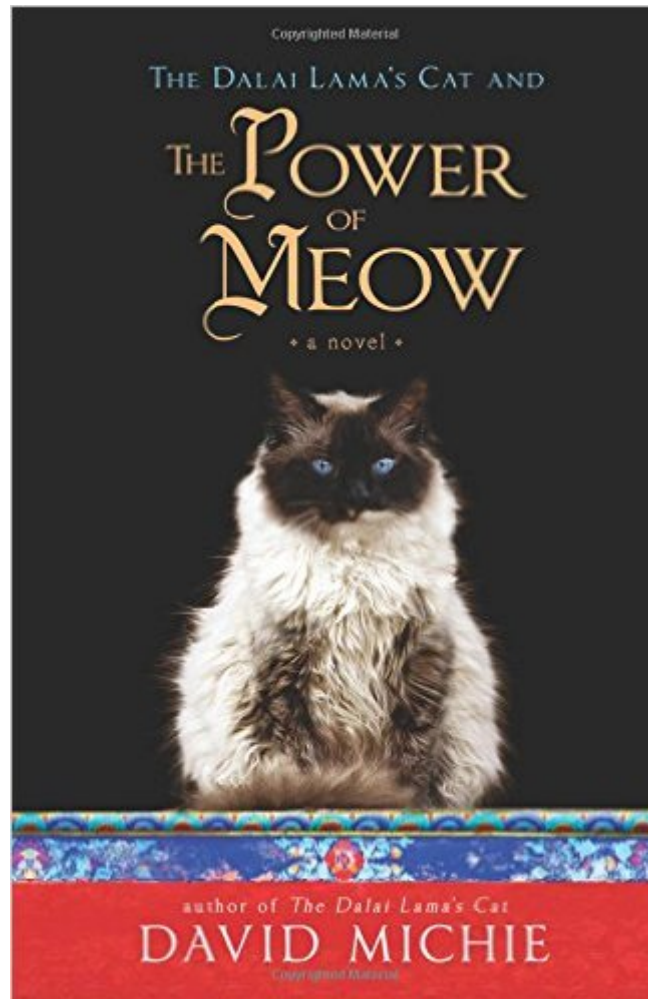


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The Dalai Lama's Cat And The Power Of Meow



Synopsis

• If you ever doubted that your feline companion has her own inner life, just watch what happens when she falls asleep, and loses conscious control of her physical being . . . a twitching of limbs, a quivering of the jaw, sometimes, perhaps, a snuffling noise or a meow. . . . Cats may indeed be capable of great mindfulness, but we are thinking beings too. In my own case, unfortunately, a being who thinks rather too much. • In the latest installment of the Dalai Lama's Cat series, His Holiness's Cat (HHC) is on a mission: to think less, to experience more, to live in the moment. She soon learns the proper phrase for this, being mindful, or, a concept better known to her as the power of meow. What ensues is a journey to discover her own true nature, to gain a deeper understanding of her mind, and to experience life's greatest joy, the here and now. • Throughout, there are encounters with familiar inhabitants of Dharamsala, as well as a whole new cast of characters: a senior exec from one of Silicon Valley's most famous social media companies (hint: the name rhymes with "litter"), the Pope's beloved dog (who shares a shockingly similar title: HHD, His Holiness's Dog), and a public health inspector who threatens to have our poor narrator banned from the Himalaya Book Café. • In this follow-up to the Dalai Lama's Cat and the Art of Purring, readers escape to the enchanting and exotic world of the Dalai Lama's monastery in the Himalayas, and take a peek inside the mind of a delightfully imperfect creature on the path to enlightenment. By accompanying HHC on her journey, you will learn new ways to relate to your own mind: slowing down, finding peace, and abiding in the boundless radiance and benevolence that is your own true nature.

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