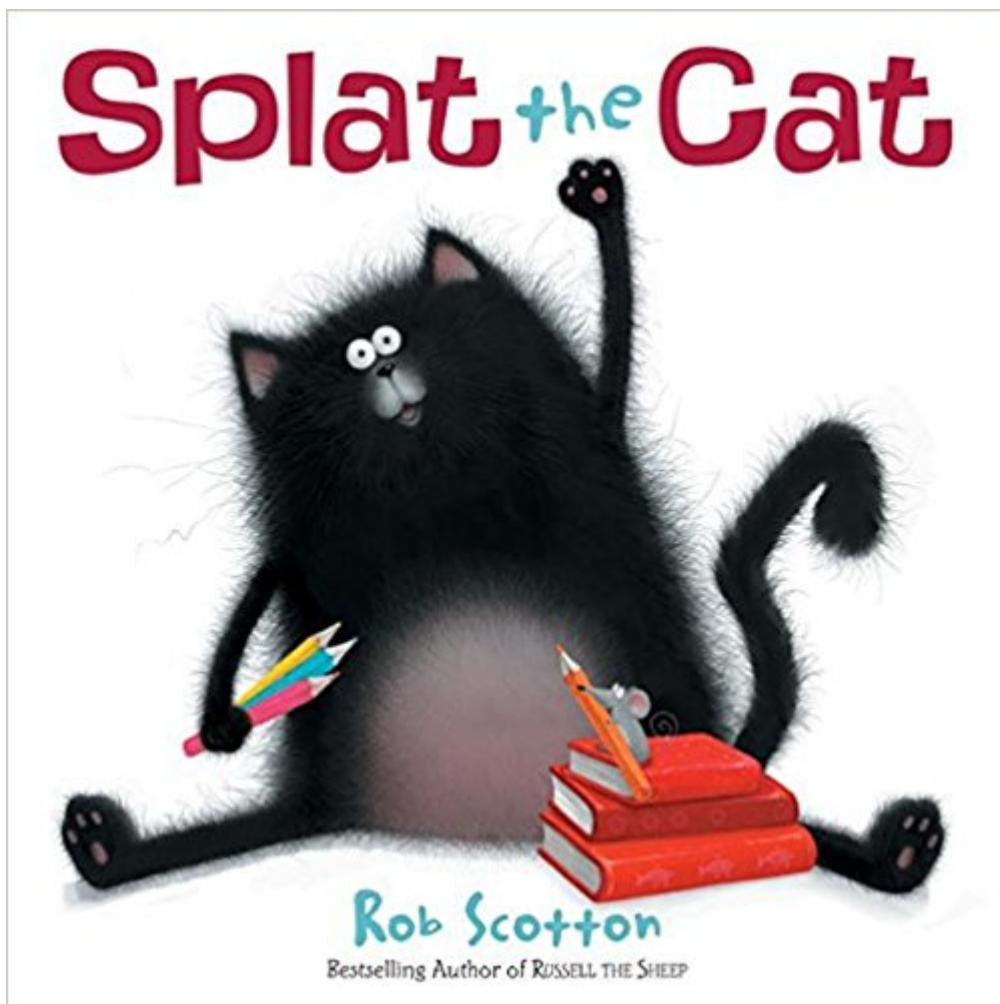


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## Splat The Cat



## Synopsis

It's Splat's first day of school and he's worried. What if he doesn't make any new friends? Just in case, Splat decides to bring along his pet mouse, Seymour, and hides him in his lunchbox. The teacher, Mrs. Wimpydimple, introduces Splat to the class and he soon starts learning all his important cat lessons. But when Seymour escapes and the cats do what cats do (they chase mice!), Splat's worried again. Maybe now he'll lose all his friends, old and new! Just in time, wise Mrs. Wimpydimple takes charge and teaches everyone an important new lesson. Maybe Cat School is going to be okay after all!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 "Fans of Scotton's Russell the Sheep will immediately recognize the offbeat humor in Splat the Cat. The fuzzy black feline is worried about his first day of school, and despite determined attempts to avoid the inevitable, he ends up there. School is a combination of fantastic revelations and baffling mysteries. Most puzzling of all for Splat is the news that cats chase mice. He does not chase mice. In fact, he has a pet mouse whom he has packed in his lunchbox because he wants a friend with him on his first day. The sight of the mouse causes chaos, but proves

fortunate when Seymour saves the day by crawling through a small hole to unlock the milk pantry. Cheered by the fact that school is, in fact, wonderful, Splat excitedly returns on the second day. This lighthearted story, told with a generous helping of humor and goofy characterizations, will have broad appeal. The backgrounds are full of great details, like the fish-bone wallpaper in Splat's room and one of his classmates clutching a Russell the Sheep doll. There is something new to find with each reading. The use of monochrome in the illustrations, with a touch of color here and there, emphasizes the idea of school as a place of uniformity where fresh ideas are allowed to break through. Splat is a welcome addition to the first-day-jitters canon and a fun book to read any time of year.â "Kara Schaff Dean, Walpole Public Library, MA Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

ScottonÂ offers a feline so fuzzy andÂ appealing that kids will want to reach out and touch. Itâ ™s Splatâ ™s first day at cat school, but instead of jumping joyously out of bed, he hides under the covers,Â tail and paws peeping out and round eyesÂ just visibleÂ beneath the sheet (an extremely clever touch). Alas, Momâ ™s not buying the ruse, so Splat is soon on his way to school, mouse pal, Seymour, in his lunch box. Heâ ™s welcomed enthusiastically by his cat classmates,Â and lessons go smoothlyâ "until he learns that cats are supposed to chase mice! Poor Seymour. A tidy twist at the end, notwithstanding, the story is fairly unremarkable. The artwork, on the other hand, is stellar and lots of fun. Cat-themed details are strategically placed throughout, and a scattering of clean-lined objects in bright colorsÂ provide great contrast toÂ goofy-looking, spindly-legged, coal-black Splat and his toothy, shades-of-gray kitty classmates.Â Splatâ ™s very visible, very childlike enthusiasms and concernsÂ will resonate with kids, who willÂ flip through the pictures more than once. Preschool-Grade 1. --Stephanie Zvirin

For my 4 year old, I found this book to be a little over complicated. Cause and effect aren't really her strong suit yet so the occasional jumps kind of left her confused. As much as I hate reading books to her where everything is uber spelled out, this book taught me the necessity of that which is so loathsome to read as an adult. Regardless, the book is very cute. I was a little worried about this book causing new issues once I started reading it, sometime reading about anxiety in a character can trigger it in a child (I've found), but that was really my own mistake not reading the book ahead of time to prepare myself. Not my daughter, or my own favorite book, but solid, well written, and well illustrated.

This book came highly recommended so I'm not sure why I'm surprised that this was a real treat! Each of my children (ages 1 to 11) enjoyed this book and I so, must of all! The storyline: simple and purrrrrfect the illustration: entrancing and meticulous! I whole-heartedly recommend this book to everyone!

Very cute

Cute book but not much to it.

I have 3 grandchildren between the ages of 2 and 8 years old. They all enjoyed the story!

Great children's book and series. My kids love and admire splat and I recommend this to young children. Splat is a good role model for youngsters.

I downloaded this book for my son to read during the school year for his accelerated reader test. He read the book at night before he went to bed. Woke up the next morning and I quizzed him on the book, he went to school took his AR Test scored a hundred! He was super excited because he only read the book once and he understood what he read. He is a rising 2nd Grade student. I look forward to him reading more books by this author on his Kindle Fire that Santa will be bringing him!

My kids enjoy the story and it displays well on the Kindle Fire. Fairly simple tale about being scared of the first day of school and then finding out its not so bad and actually its fun.

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