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Having been taught reading, writing, and a little magic by his owner, Jules the kitten is persuaded by fairies that appear through the television set to return with them to fairyland and help save their captive prince.

## Catwitch Details

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Author : Una Woodruff

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## From Reader Review Catwitch for online ebook

### Nicole says

Just found this used on Amazon for a reasonable price--looking forward to sharing it with my daughter when she gets to an age where she can read children's books!

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### Michelle Keil says

Early inspiration for my penchant for talking cats. This book really does have everything.

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### deanna says

since my aunt kiya gave me this book in kindergarten, it remains my all time favourite story...it encouraged me to practice drawing and has filled me with the belief that the magic of nature and personal belief are mystifying and supernatural

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### Robinbp says

what a wonderful book!  
the images and wonderful fantasy story kept me glued in all throughout the 79 pages.  
hard to find, i still have my original copy and i never had to search a library for it but if i could still buy it, i'd get a copy for most of the young kids i know to share the inspiration with them.

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### Leigh Bardugo says

A childhood favorite that I still have on my shelf. A haunting, humorous story, beautifully illustrated— I'd love to see this back in print. But why isn't the amazing Lisa Tuttle credited as well?

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### Lara Messersmith-Glavin says

This book was another childhood favorite for a variety of reasons: one, it was under "restricted circulation" in my grade school library, as a number of incredibly fearful and pathologically ridiculous Christian parents criticized its magical message and deemed a "Satanic influence" on the minds of young readers; two, it is beautiful both in image and text. It was eventually banned by the school, and mother, in her infinite good wisdom and uniquely well-situated position as a library volunteer, rescued the infamous volume from its fate in the burnpile and (after secretly recommending it to a number of curious and brave children) took it home for us to enjoy on our own.

It is a gorgeous children's classic about an orphaned kitten that is taken in during a thunderstorm by an amazing witch, and who becomes a familiar with particularly strong magical gifts. The illustrations are lush and psychedelic, some of which have been burned permanently into my mind's eye. It's unfortunate that Goodreads doesn't have an image available - I recommend tracking this one down.

Hooray for reading banned books!

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### **Kazzmatazz says**

I loved this book as a child, but unfortunately went to a Catholic school where it was deemed 'restricted' in our library. I was only allowed to check it out twice, but often went back to the library to sit and read it repeatedly. The illustrations were gorgeous and the story imaginative and rich.

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### **Connie Ziebarth says**

Gorgeous illustrations!! If you have children that appreciate stories about magic (witches, fairies, unicorns, etc.), I would definitely recommend this one. The book is out of print, but I borrowed a copy from the library.

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### **Erth says**

now i am hooked. This was such a great, easy and creative book. i was hooked after the first page.

The characters were easy to fall in love with and follow, along with the story. the author made the mental visions so easy and vivid of the surroundings and the characters actions felt so real.

i would highly recommend this author and this book.

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### **Amber dePixi says**

Witches! Fairies! Cats who can speak and wear hats! and best of all....UNICORNS?!

I found this book in one of my childhood haunts - the public library. Every summer my grandmother would drive me there so that I could rack up "points" that would earn me entrance into pizza parties during the next school year! What a deal, considering my nose was stuck in a book regardless of potential pizza rewards...

I was right at the reading level where I found myself grabbing thicker, chapter books and toying with the idea of venturing into the "grown up books" when I came across "Catwitch" for the first time. Plucking it from the shelf because of the title, I found myself quickly drawn in by the cover and the illustrations as I flipped through the pages. The illustrations in this book are lovely, pastel, detailed...you can identify the bundles of herbs hanging from the rafters, you can read the spines of the books on the shelves.

I hope to purchase this book before I have kids...aw, hell. I just want to purchase this book NOW!

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### **Jessi Overton says**

This one gets 5 stars for the illustrations if for no other reason. I'm still hoping to one day be able to afford the sometimes astronomical price tag for this BEAUTIFUL out of print book.

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### **Juliette says**

This is a fantastic long out-of-print classic. The illustrations are well done and include fairies, unicorns, cat witches! What more could you want? Keep your eyes peeled for this delightful book at thrift stores.

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### **Erin says**

It is literally a book about a cat that is a witch. HOW COULD YOU NOT LOVE THIS. New favorite children's book.

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### **Farhan Rahman says**

As you may have guessed, this book is about a cat. Who is also a witch. Jules is a kitten who longs for adventure, so he leaves his brethren behind and ends up familiar to a witch (a fading starlet looking to regain her glamor). There's a nefarious real estate developer, a fairy court, and yes, even a unicorn brought to life in absurdly lush illustrations.

I adored this book and must have reread it hundreds of times as a kid. It's one of those books where the illustrations reveal something new with every close perusal. Plus the story has a real sense of darkness and magic, and a plot twist that left my impressionable mind reeling

This is certainly a book which will attract key stage two readers and early key stage three children.

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### **Willa Grant says**

Great magic story from the UK- the best part is that the evil sorcerer looks like Raymond Buckland! LOL

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