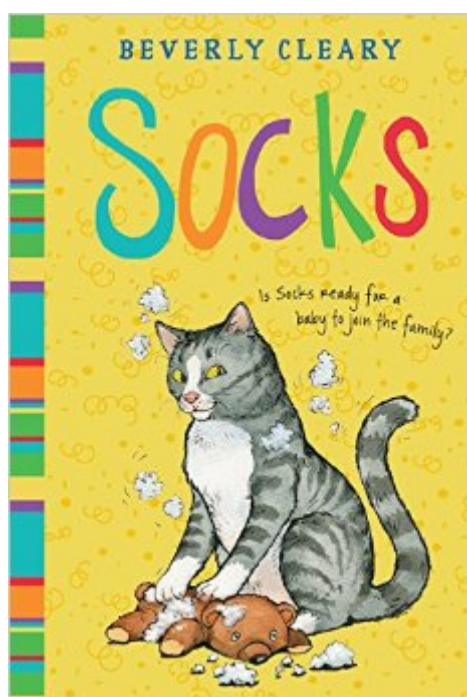


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# Socks



## Synopsis

Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary charms readers with yet another lovable character—Socks, a jealous cat who must learn to share his owners with their new baby. Socks is one happy cat. He lives the good life with his affectionate owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bricker. Ever since the day they saved him from a life spent in a mailbox drop slot, Socks has been the center of their world. And he always has everything he needs—tasty kitty treats and all the lap room he could want! But when a new baby arrives, suddenly the Brickers have less and less time for Socks. Little Charles William is the one getting all the attention. Socks feels left out—and to show it, he starts getting into all sorts of trouble! What will it take to make Socks realize just how much the Brickers care about him? For generations, Beverly Cleary has entertained readers of all ages with the hilarious scrapes and hijinks of characters such as Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, Ribsy, and Ralph S. Mouse. Socks is no exception—as School Library Journal raves, it will make "both children and adults with roar with laughter."

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Socks is a great book, but it's terrible that the publisher threw out the great illustrations by Beatrice Darwin in favor of some Saturday-morning-cartoon "illustrations" that turn Socks into an anthropomorphic "character," instead of a cat. Darwin's great pictures capture the personality of

Socks in a way that stuck with me for 25 years. Any cat-lover should look into finding an older copy of this wonderful book.

This book is about a gray kitten with white paws named Socks. Socks is bought by a couple living in a small house. The couple decided to have a baby. The baby was receiving all of the attention Socks normally received. Socks decided to leave the house. Running away from home caused Socks to get in a fight with another cat in the neighborhood. Socks returned home needing attention for his injuries. The couple saw the cuts and sores on Socks. Socks received lots of loving care and a nice comfortable bed to sleep in. There is a happy ending to the story. You'll need to read the book to find out the ending. I recommend this book for readers who love animals. I enjoy reading about any kind of animal. Animals add more excitement and comedy to a story.

This may be my favorite Beverly Cleary book, which is saying a lot because I'm one huge fan of Henry and Ramona. It takes a lot of creativity and perspective to write a book entirely from the point of view of a cat, and have it come across as real and touching, not as schlock. Socks the book and Socks the cat are well worth reading again and again, especially the hilarious final chapter.

Beverly Cleary tells the charming story of a cat whose position as the beloved center of the family is upset by the arrival of a new baby. Her refusal to anthropomorphize the cat added to my appreciation of this book immensely. The theme of pet jealousy was particularly relevant for me just now since my wife and I have four cats and we are also expecting our first child. I have an old edition and I agree with the reviewers who prefer the original illustrations by Beatrice Darwin. This is the first story I have read to my as-yet-unborn son. I look forward to reading it with him again one day.

Debbie and her brother, George, go out in the city with a box of kittens. On the box, it said 25 cents per kitten. Three bratty children wanted to keep Debbie's favorite kitten, but Debbie hid him in the mailbox. Then the mailman came and let Socks out. The Brickers bought the kitten and loved him for year. Then Mrs. Bricker gets a new pet...a baby! They put Socks in the basement. The baby bothers the kitten for a long time. Then Socks gets to know the baby and they become best friends.

Imagine that you are a cat that is really jealous of your family. This book is called "Socks". I like this book because it is funny and cute. Socks is a tabby cat that is jealous and gets into trouble. Charles William is a cute and funny baby. The problem in the story is that Socks is jealous of Charles

William because Charles William gets more attention than Socks. The solution is that Charles William and Socks become friends. Charles William was throwing cotton balls out of his crib and Socks was catching them and ripping them up. This was a game they had fun playing. I recommend this book to people who like cute books. I think you should read this book.

I read Socks three times when I was in third grade. I still think of it as one of my favorite childhood books.

According to my son, this book is 4 stars. My son enjoyed this novel saying how funny and interesting it was as the main character was a cat and the narrative written in the point of view of the cat. My son liked the cat's thoughts and "theories" as the cat wasn't privy to the culture and clues of the humans. My son says that this story "stands out", very memorable compared to other books in his library.

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