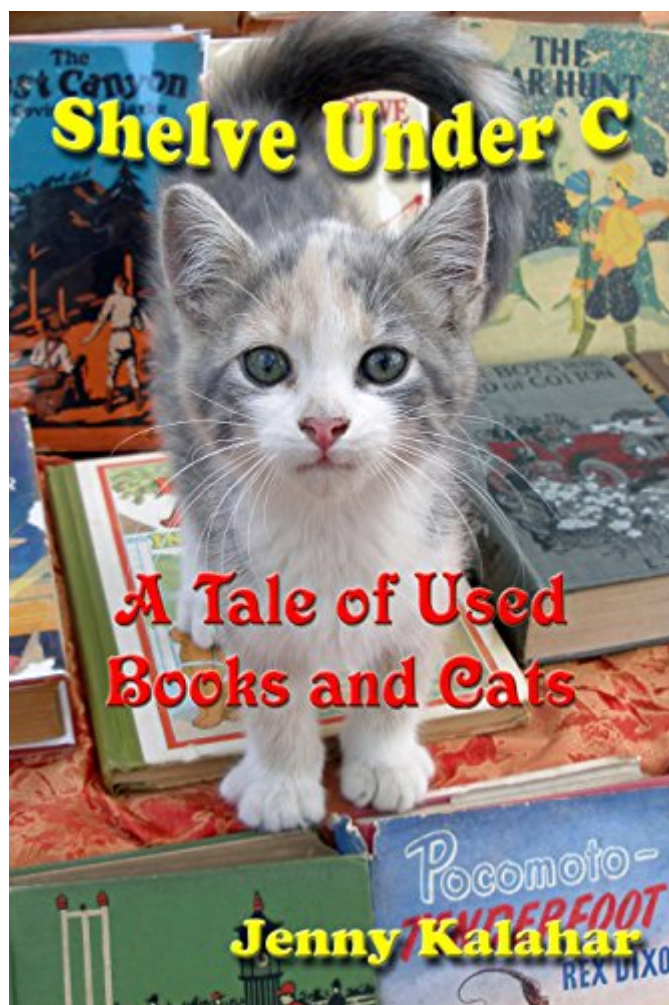


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# Shelve Under C: A Tale Of Used Books And Cats (Turning Pages Book 1)



## Synopsis

A novel for everyone, *Shelve Under C* is a big, leaning stack of humor, heart, stray cat hairs, old book dust, mystery, family drama, longing and hope. Used bookshops often have a cat or two roaming the aisles, sleeping on the shelves, or sleeping on the customers. Here is a novel all about one bookshop and its resident cats, Stomper and Buglit; and about Kris, a 12-year-old boy who apprentices in the shop. Kris is a little bit like the cats: he's a foster child getting used to a new family, and the cats are being fostered in the bookshop for the local shelter. Stomper and Buglit are a little bit like Kris: they get into trouble, have some wild adventures, and find out just what being part of a family really means. Unlike some novels that have a bookstore setting, *Shelve Under C* has the real spirit of the store, its owners, its apprentice, its customers and, especially, its cats as the beating heart of this fuzzy beast. It's full of wonderful characters, a wild storm, a doggy bucking bronco, catnip capers, an almost-deadly chicken salad sandwich, and . . . books! No need to knock -- the door is open. So come on in, grab something to read, and get comfy on the big, red sofa.

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## Customer Reviews

Wonderful reading for children and adults alike. Easy reading, you are done reading it before you

realize it, time flies and you can't help but to want more! Ms. Kalahar is definitely an up and coming author. *Shelve Under C: A Tale of Used Books and Cats (Turning Pages)*

Reading the story of the little bookstore is like climbing into a soft bed, pulling a down comforter over you and settling down in front of a warm fireplace. You become a part of the charming family. The characters are drawn in gently to the story as they should be instead of thrust upon you. Mack O'Malley and his wife share their bookstore and their life with others but they are the axis around which this story is told. Loving to rescue cats, they have Stomper and, with the departure of Rabbit, they take in a very interesting cat named Buglit whose escapades and amazing foresight keep them mystified. The story of a young boy, Kris who is an orphan much like the cats, is woven into the tapestry with his fears and sadness only to find his eyes begin to open as he begins to spent time in the little bookstore. I will say no more about the story except my hat is off to Jenny Kalahar for her marvelous understanding of how lives intertwine and the true elements of love and life. Move on to the next one, Jenny. There is no reason to fear any longer. You have proven yourself as an author. We cannot wait for your sequel. Lubs you...

What a nice, enjoyable little book! I hope to read more from this author. I have been in several used book stores with a resident cat and I think that stores fostering cats would be a wonderful way to find them a home. I loved seeing things through Buglit and Stomper's eyes as well as the people in the book. Reading this book makes me wish that I could really visit this store, chat with the owners, and tickle a cat's belly!

Any story with books and cats is going to draw my attention, but it takes a good story to keep it. In a very shory period of time, the author introduces us to the characters and makes us care about them. They are all realistically portayed (including the cats) rather than one-dimensional archetypes you find in many 'children's' stories. You are occasionally reminded this is a children's story by explained references unnecessary in adult books, but they fit nicely into the flow of the story. The rhythm of the wording practically demands to be read out loud. (And any little ones would love to be read to- so it's a win/win.) Although too long for a bedtime story, I would not be surprised if it is a requested repeat reader. One word of warning- Do not read the ending on your break at work, or you will be explaining the blotchy swollen face and leaky eyes as allergies.

Literally and figuratively both. This book is a wonderful tale about a new book store kittie and his

adventures and mis-adventures. Not fantasy mind you, realistic, altho I think it's a little harder to figure out what's going on in the average feline brain. Even the biggest curmudgeon will have his heart warmed by this book. Great for kids of all ages, and those who love either books or cats. I wish it was available in print versions, too!

I laughed out loud, I cried out loud. I LOVED this book. I'm only sad that it's only available on the kindle right now. I'd love for my 10 year old and my eight year old to read it, and they are not allowed to touch my kindle... Trust me, if you buy this book, you will NOT be disappointed!!!!

The book is designated for ages ten through adult. It should state "even adults who have a very low threshold for whimsy." I would not have touched "Shelve Under C" but for the hearty endorsement of a friend who knows good when he sees it. Even with the recommendation, I still waited almost an entire year before reading. It was my loss.\*The adventures of Stomper and Buglit, two bookshop employees who happen to be cats, and a human boy named Kris, are clever, witty and just exactly whimsical enough that you are not driven to acts of outright evil to restore Universe balance. Jenny Kalahar has a light touch but isn't a lightweight. She creates 3-dimensional characters with real depth to them. Even her cats bring something new to the feline experience. This is a story about surviving, about getting along when things go wrong. And having fun while figuring out what to do next. Lots of fun!The plotting is brisk. Plenty of action is crammed into this slim, easy-to-read volume, and while there are moments that bring you to the brink of tears, it never gets soppy. The book moves quickly and held my interest throughout. A great book for reading aloud, by the way...by adults and kids. The vocabulary is not dumbed down, nor is the plotting. The sentiments are strong and real...no cheap greeting card pathos. And it's nice to know that even those of us who are not a perfect fit can fit in. Good book, good message. I can see this becoming a family favorite. Five shiny stars.\*Word to the wise: When you come across reviews by Don Blankenship, pay attention.

This novel was truly delicious. It was much like eating a creamy chocolate mouse...um, mousse. :-)  
Many animal-related stories, especially ones that revolve around rescue, are sad and difficult to read. Indeed, throughout the entire book my stomach was clenched just waiting for the other paw to drop. But, no, there were no negatives. I laughed out loud a few times and I shed at least one tear--a good tear. Very highly recommended!

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