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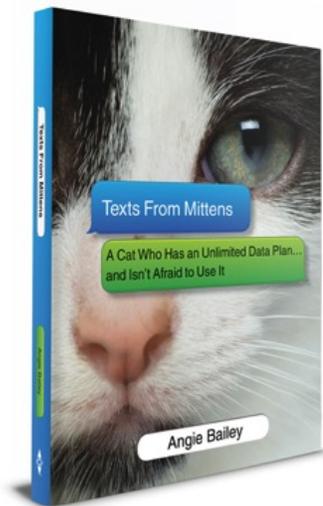
Exclusive Interview, Review & Giveaway. Texts From Mittens

Fri, 2015-03-27 12:24 — Robin Olson

Imagine what your life would be like if your cat not only had his own phone, but was able to send you text messages from it. What do you think he might say? Would you enjoy the conversation or realize you've created a monster?

This was the impetus for cat-writer & humorist Angie Bailey's sophomore book, "**Texts from Mittens.**" ^[1]

TFM is a full-color, beautifully bound hardcover with page after page of screen shots of text message conversations between Mittens, a slightly neurotic, cat-liver-treat-obsessed, dog-hating, cat and his human-Mom, named, well, Mom.



There's an additional cast of characters ranging from under-sexed and over-boozed-up neighbor, Drunk Patty; to Phil, the annoying-dog, to Stumpy, Mitty's BFF (Best Feline Friend) and lastly, Grandma who always serves up the best goodies while Mom is away.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I began reading TFM, but it was quickly apparent that I was in for a treat. *Texts From Mittens* is engaging, with a light-hearted tone that made me laugh out loud. Mittens has a big personality and his relationship with Mom feels all too familiar-that is IF I could talk to my own cats.

TFM is a quick read, but I discovered I was wishing for more as I came to the last page. **Bailey takes us on a journey that is thoroughly enjoying and entertaining and I would heartily recommend this book to readers of any age.**



I had a chance to sit down with Angie Bailey and Mittens to ask them about their book. Here's what they had to say:

CICH: What inspired you to write your first Texts From Mittens post?

AB: I've always loved thinking about cats doing human things. In my first book, *whiskerslist: the kitty classifieds* ^[2], cats used a craigslist-type site to find dates, sell their stuff and join clubs. My imagination is more than a little vivid, and the idea of kitties sitting at a laptop, wheeling and dealing completely cracked me up. That led into Texts from Mittens. I tested it on Catster.com, and it became a bi-weekly column.

CICH: If someone developed an app so cats could text their guardians would you buy it for your cats?

AB: Yes, but it'd be silenced a lot of the time. I feel like Cosmo would be relentless with the texts.

CICH: How many cats do you currently share your life with? What are their names and tell us a little bit about each one.

AB: I share my life with three cats.

Saffy is nearly 14 years old and is a totally laid-back Daddy lover. She gives him the ol' goo-goo eyes -- it's adorable. Also, she has about three good teeth and floofy gray fur.

Cosmo is my 13-year-old tuxie man. He follows me everywhere and would love nothing more than my carrying him around in a Snugli baby carrier.

Phoebe is nearly 10 years old and is the queen of the castle. She's barely seven pounds, but has more attitude and sass than the other two cats put together.

CICH: Mittens has been a wildly successful character. What's next for Mitty?

AB: Right now he's focusing on the book launch and making sure I give him enough publicity -- he's so demanding. He's still posting texts every day and hanging out with his girlfriend Fiona and best friend Stumpy. He's like me to produce little stuffed Mittens toys. We probably will, but not right now. He also has a lot of Judge Judy to catch up with on the DVR.

CICH: Are Mom and Drunk Patty ever going on a double date?

AB: Maybe. Drunk Patty dates Rusty, a competitive eater, and Mom just can't seem to find the right guy. Mittens hijacks her dating site and tries to help, but he only pushes prospective dates further away. One day she'll find the perfect guy, and hopefully Mittens will approve.

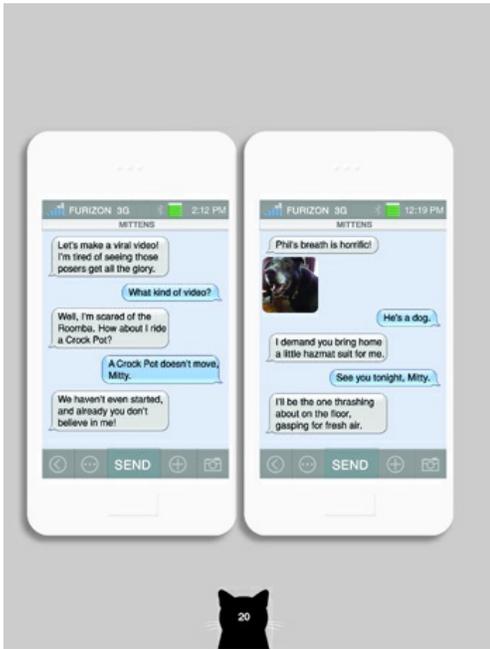
CICH: How's Phil doing?

AB: Phil is doing great! He's 13 years old and is enjoying a life of retirement. Mittens wishes he'd retire to Florida.

CICH: Who's one of your favorite Cat Bloggers? :-D

AB: Um ... there's this weird one named Robin. I think her blog's called Covered in Bat Hair or something. I hear she's kind of a

nut, but I'd probably like her.



And our Exclusive Interview with Mittens

CICH: What's your take on being an indoor-only cat? Do you feel your principals are being violated?

MITTY: Have you seen the evil squirrels and chipmunks that lurk outdoors? My only violation is getting breathed on by Drunk Patty.

CICH: You seem to have a lot of emergencies. Have you considered getting one of those pendants that allow you to get help with the push of a button?

MITTY: Is there such a thing?? Are you offering to send me one? #yesplease

CICH: Do you hope your Mom finds you a new Dad some day?

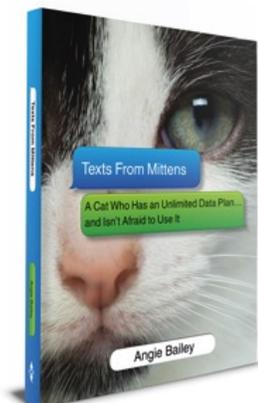
MITTY: Only if it doesn't take away from Mittens time. I would look past some of his imperfections if he were heir to a liver treat company.

CICH: Where's the most exotic place you've ever barfed?

MITTY: On Mom's World Market receipt. Then she wasn't able to return that Moroccan pillow sham. Too bad because it was ugly.

CICH: How do you feel about Judge Judy's contract being renewed until 2020?

MITTY: It's just wrong. It should have been extended until 2021. She was ripped off.



Texts From Mittens hits bookstores starting **March 31, 2015** (but you can order it **NOW**) for **\$10.14 (hardcover)** and **\$6.64 (Kindle)** via this [LINK](#) ^[1] on Amazon.com

If you can't get enough Mitty, you can follow his exploits below.

Texts From Mittens [Web Site](#) ^[3]

TFM on Facebook ^[4]

TFM on Twitter ^[5]

BOOK GIVEAWAY

If you'd like to win your very own copy of **Texts From Mittens** simply leave a comment below (**ONLY ONE COMMENT PER PERSON**). Your comment should be a message you think your cat would text you. Funniest entry (*as chosen by me*) wins! There will be only **ONE book given away** so make it your most clever and crazy message ever. Winner must be a resident of the United States of America due to insane costs of shipping overseas. **DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2015** (my birthday) 2:22 PM EST.



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Fri, 2015-03-27 15:19 — [Annabelle \(not verified\)](#) ^[11]

Text from Mittens ^[12]

Hey Mom before you get home just know the poop fairy has been here while you were away.

Love,

Annabelle

Fri, 2015-03-27 22:33 — [ZoeEmEffGee](#) ^[13]

Contest entry ^[14]

Huge Mitty fan here!

RAYNE: Mom! There are birds outside! A lot of them! They look small.... I can take them...

MOM: Those are turkeys. They are big, just fast away so they look sma--

RAYNE: TURKEY?? I LOVE TURKEY! LET'S GET THEM! #ThanksgivingCameEarly

Sat, 2015-03-28 01:09 — JA macTavish (not verified)

Mittens does remind me of someone... ^[15]

SPEAKER: Hello, human? I am on the roof again.

ME: Oh, Speaker, again? I have to borrow a ladder every time you do this.

SPEAKER: And your point is? It gets you out of the house! You don't get out of the house enough. Look at me!

ME: Yes, impressive, stuck on the roof.

Speaker: Hey, at least I can get on the roof without a ladder. It's hard work, though. I feel faint. Think you can bring some treats this time? I'm not coming down without treats.

ME: Extortionst.

Sat, 2015-03-28 08:06 — Bobbi Hahn (not verified)

Cat Texts ^[16]

Annabelle: I CAN SEE THE BOTTOM OF MY FOOD BOWL!

Mom: There's still lots of food in there.

Annabelle: I CAN SEE THE BOTTOM OF MY FOOD BOWL! I'M GOING TO STARVE!

Mom: I promise you won't starve.

Annabelle: I always knew you didn't love me . . .

Sat, 2015-03-28 14:35 — [Angie Bailey \(not verified\)](#) ^[17]

Thank You ^[18]

Thank you for the nice review, interview and giveaway!

We love you and your bat hair! xoxo Ang and Mitty

Sat, 2015-03-28 16:28 — kathyh (not verified)

contest ^[19]

Vinny: hey mom, let me downstairs.

Me: Will you promise to leave Sophie alone?

Vinny: of course, I love her!

Me: fine, be nice to her.

(Minutes later)

Sophie: mom, help! He's got me cornered on the windowsill!

Me: Vinny...

Vinny: wot? I was asleep on the sofa...

Me: sure you were.....

Vinny: (snore)

Mon, 2015-03-30 11:36 — [Catherine \(not verified\)](#) ^[20]

Giveaway Entry ^[21]

Nishka: Meow

Mom: Yes Nishka

Nishka: Now that I have your attention, when is Daddy coming home.

Mom: Around 5:30, why?

Nishka: I have a surprise for him.

Mom: What?

Nishka: Remember the mouse you saw this morning?

Mom: Yes Nishka

Nishka: He is now my friend and Daddy is the only one who will appreciate it.

Mon, 2015-03-30 13:46 — Jocelyn DeWeerd (not verified)

Don't bring home anymore ^[22]

Don't bring home anymore rescues! -Pinball

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