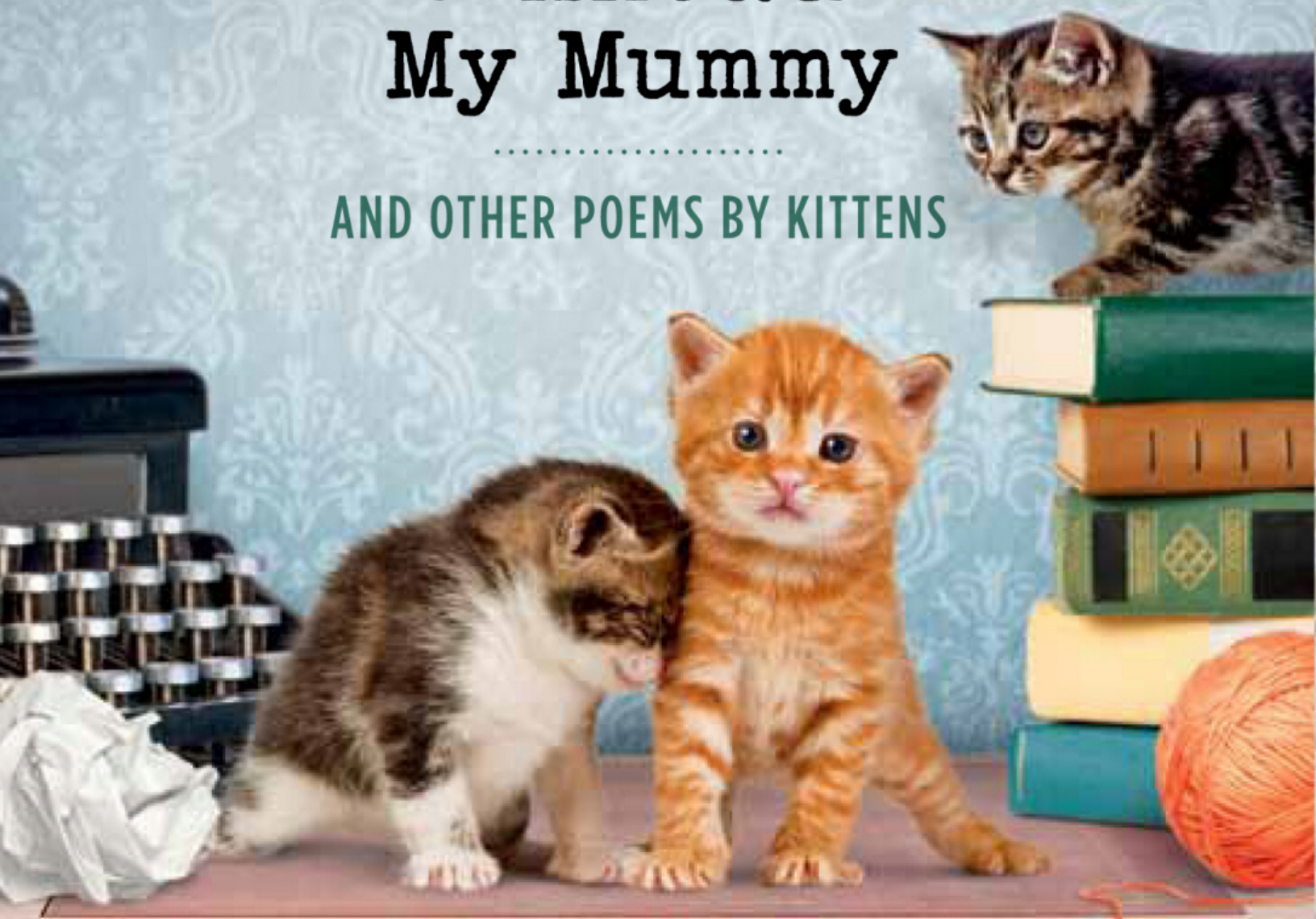


# I Knead My Mummy

.....  
AND OTHER POEMS BY KITTENS



FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO  
AUTHOR OF THE *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING BOOK  
*I COULD PEE ON THIS*





## CONTENTS



Cover

About the Book

About the Author

Title Page

Dedication

Introduction

CHAPTER 1: New World

CHAPTER 2: New Family

CHAPTER 3: New Adventures

CHAPTER 4: Same Old Trouble

Acknowledgments

Copyright

# ABOUT THE BOOK



**Just when you thought things couldn't get any cuter .**

**..**

The kittens of the world have decided to write a book. Of confessional poems, no less. From taking a bath in a bowl of milk to playing keep-away with your car keys and vanquishing the strange lumps at the end of the bed (sorry, turns out those were your toes), these kittens reveal their confused and curious little minds as they discover the world around them.



# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

---

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO is the author of the bestselling books *I Could Pee on This* and *I Could Chew on This*. He writes the internationally syndicated comic strip *Sally Forth* and the webcomic *Medium Large*. He was head writer for the Emmy Award-winning children's series *SeeMore's Playhouse* and has written for Smosh and the Onion News Network. He is on Twitter at [@fmarciuliano](https://twitter.com/fmarciuliano).



# **I Knead My Mummy**

.....

**AND OTHER POEMS BY KITTENS**

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO







DEDICATED TO  
Fluffy and Ginger,  
two beautiful kittens my parents took in,  
and to all the stray cats that need  
a loving home.

# INTRODUCTION



Unbelievably adorable. Exceptionably inquisitive. Overwhelmingly energetic. Presently drenched in your sixty-year-old Scotch. Currently sticking its head out of the middle of the birthday cake you made but had yet to serve. At this very moment holding the cord of the ceiling fan, making a wider and wider circumference of shelf-high book/vase/keepsake destruction before letting go and slamming claws-first into your face with the full force of its love as you slowly count to ten before saying, “You ... are ... so ...cute” into its belly.

These are the words people use to describe their kittens. But how do kittens describe their people? Their kitten experience? Their kitten hopes, their kitten concerns, even their kitten selves? Well, thanks to a highly esteemed team of writing instructors who somehow managed to secure an art grant despite submitting a proposal that included the words “kittens,” “laptops,” and “blank verse,” kittens everywhere can now give full expression to their thoughts through the undeniable power of poetry.

From their first toy that was never meant to be their first toy to the lasting pride that comes from going into something that sort of resembles a litter box, from the joy of moving into their forever home to the thrill of forever redecorating that home, these kittens’ poems will show you the world as seen through their eyes, and through their hearts, and as they try to pass through a toilet paper tube



only to have their head stick out one side and their butt stick out the other, making them look like a kitty cannoli.

Yes, by reading this very collection of their greatest work, you will finally understand why kittens are so inquisitive, where they get their energy from, and, of course, how much they love you. And so maybe the next time your own kitten cuts a swath of destruction through everything you hold dear (but can no longer actually hold because it's all now in pieces) you will be able to look at him or her and say, "I see where you're coming from now. I truly do. I just can't see anything else because you're still holding on to my face with all your claws."