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Reviewer's Choice

Kung Fu Kitty

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Kung Fu Kitty is a charming and enthralling novella with an included DVD adaptation. The adventure is loosely based on the Biblical book of Exodus: in land far and away, the race of monkeys has enslaved the race of cats. The oppressed cats suffer terribly, and though they appear to be in the strong position, they are also harmed by their society's over-dependence on their feline slaves. Into this world, the will of the river god brings two girls together as friends: Wu Zhua, a brave kitten, and Shuang Wei, the two-tailed monkey princess destined to succeed to the throne (since her brother's arrogance and uncouth behavior leave him unfit to rule). Together, these two are destined to help their respective societies change for the better. Shaung Wei must teach the monkeys independence, while Wu Zhua learns the strength that comes with martial arts (kung fu) and shares that strength, preparing the cats to leave the monkey kingdom and find their own destiny. Simple black-and-white illustrations pepper this captivating storybook, which is sure to appeal not only to children but also cat lovers (and monkey fans) of all ages.

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