



Picture Books

**Gracie the Lighthouse Cat**

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An English shipwreck in 1838 serves as the backdrop for this intimate story of another rescue—that of a mother cat’s search for her curious kitten, lost in the same turbulent storm. The book’s finely drawn watercolor illustrations work well in concert with the story’s simple words to fully communicate the fear, confusion, and, ultimately, relief attending such a scene. Terms like “cozy” and “parlor” shine like beacons in this tale, reminding the more fortunate among us that there’s no place like home. Ages four to nine.