



Picture Books

My Cat Isis

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A history lesson by default, a young boy reading about Egypt compares his cat, page by page, to its namesake, the goddess Isis: “Isis was the daughter of the Earth and Sky; I got my Isis when our neighbor’s cat had kittens. (She was my favorite.)” And “Isis stood guard over the living and the dead like a devoted mother; My Isis stands by the bird feeder and protects the seeds.” No value judgment accompanies the young narrator’s declarations, which adds to the book’s gentle humor. Collages of photographs and hieroglyphic-style drawings throughout. Ages four to eight.