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It all started with a little blue cat named Hester. Then along came Sam, and it was love at first sight -- and lots of little Sams! While the cats are perfectly happy stampeding through Uncle Andy's art studio and frolicking among his soup boxes, the humans know things have to change. So Uncle Andy devises a brilliant plan to make his cats famous -- and easier to find homes for. James Warhola's childhood memories of trips to New York City to visit his uncle, Andy Warhol, inspired this warm, funny story of the famous artist's house full of cats. Kids will pore over the illustrations trying to spot all the Sams, as well as some very clever mice.

Uncle Andy's Cats Details

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Jenn Adams says

This was a weird one... I have mixed feelings about it because I liked the idea but it was confusing when I went into it. If I weren't an adult who is already familiar with him, I wouldn't have any idea that the uncle is famous artist Andy Warhol. But maybe that's because there's another Uncle Andy book that precedes this one. I think it's definitely a cool book, but my experience with it wasn't ideal.

Karen Dransfield says

A delightful story by the nephew of Andy Warhol. It's about a true story of Andy and his mum getting a cat, and then a second cat, and the kittens that came from these 2 lovely cats, who mostly ended up being called Sam. And the true story inspired 2 more books. Andy Warhol wrote one and his mum wrote another. They are mentioned in this book, and there are bits and pieces of Andy's artwork throughout the pages. Lovely!

Erica Flory says

cute

Megan says

SPAY AND NEUTER! That's all I have to say about this book.

Claudia says

Uncle Andy...you may know him as Andy Warhol! James Warhola is the nephew of the famous pop-art legend...and his view of Uncle Andy, Bubba (Andy's mother) and Uncle Andy's cats, Hester and Sam....and all the other Sams...is a glimpse into the life of an enigma.

Warhola's illustrations are both an homage to Warhol's work and a sly joke...

The story of Hester and her 'friend' Sam is told in a child's voice. And all the Sam kittens are little miracles, as they would be for children. But too much is too much. And something must be done with all the kittens.

This is a clever book, and I love the connections!

Greta is Erikasbuddy says

This is a cute book told and illustrated by Andy Warhol's nephew.

Andy Warhol and his mother once had one cat.

Then they had 2 cats.

And soon they had a lot more because Sam and Hester had babies and more babies.

They had to do something.

I hope what they did is true because it's darling.

Andy and his Mom painted portraits of all the kittens/cats named Sam (because they looked like their Dad).

Andy put his paintings into the book "25 Cats Name Sam and One Blue Pussy"

And Andy's Mom put her's into the book "Holy Cats".

These were the days before social media but were the best way to guarantee that everyone would want a SAM. And everyone did. All they had to do was come over and get one.

And soon... it was just the ORIGINAL Sam and Hester and that was enough cats for Andy and his Mom.

Sherry says

Cute and entertaining story about an artist, his mother, and their love of cats. First they are given a cat, then adopt another one. Soon, they have a litter of 13, and keep all! Later, another litter of 12 arrives, and the New York brownstone is overrun! They named all of the kittens Sam, after the father cat. A true story, famous artist Andy Warhol and his mother each make their own illustrated book about the cats, which brings people in droves to adopt the excess cats.

Booklegger, grades K/2.

Arlen says

I too am grateful to the NPR review for introducing me to the work of Mr. Warhola. How can you beat a title like Andy's "25 Cats Named Sam and One Blue Pussy"? De-mystifying celebrity for young people is, perhaps, truly noble work.

Sarah Sammis says

It's time for another confession. Sometimes I read pictures books just for the fun of it. Uncle Andy's Cats by James Warhola is one of those books that I saw on display at the library and just had to read it.

The author and title grabbed my attention along with the thought, "as in Andy Warhol?" Yes, as in the artist,

Andy Warhol. Uncle Andy's Cats is a sequel to Uncle Andy, a book I didn't happen to see at the library. This book focuses on the large colony of cats that lived at his "factory."

From an art history perspective, the book is a fascinating slice of history. It's like learning about Ernest Hemingway by way of learning about his cats. That said, I didn't opt to check it out for my children because neither one has heard of Warhol which just leaves his irresponsible cat hording. A picture book seems like an odd choice of venue for this story.

Cheryl says

I wanted to read this book after I heard it favorably reviewed on NPR. Written by Andy Warhol's nephew, this is the true story of his Uncle Andy's prolific cats Hester and Sam. Although the illustrations incorporate a great deal of Warhol's art, the text focuses exclusively on the antics of his cats and their multiple litters of kittens. In the end Andy Warhol and his mother come up with an ingenious plan to find new homes for the numerous offspring of Hester and Sam. The illustrations are immensely detailed and charming. Also, my children love hunting for the mouse that is in every illustration.

2009; Historical

Lidia says

My granddaughter and I read this book together at a bookfair yesterday and we really liked it! I loved the illustrations in this book. There was lots to see on every page. The story was well put together, and the characters were cute. Uncle Andy of course is an a famous artist and James Warhola is his nephew who is telling about his experiences during visits and mostly about Uncle Andy's Cats. It was a very good and delightful read!

Lynn says

Picked up this lovely, funny children's book at the Andy Warhol museum and I'm so glad I did! Not only is it a great little story on its own, but also there are little cameos of Andy Warhol's works scattered throughout, AND there's a wonderful seek and find element. Can you find the bold little mice in every illustration? You've got to be a bold mouse to live in a household with a famous artist and 26 cats (25 of whom are named Sam). Highly recommended for kids and adult art-lovers alike, for both the whimsical story and the great illustrations. If I were a Sam, I'd want to sleep in Uncle Andy's wig drawer too.

Michelle says

Whimsical

Peacegal says

Funny, fun, and of course, very hip, this picture book celebrates Andy Warhol's literal herd of cats. Learn a bit about "Uncle Andy's" life through the eyes of his young nephew, the author, and of course spot lots of references to the artist's famous works throughout the pages.

Discussion topic: Uncle Andy starts out with two cats, and ends up with twenty-six. The cats quickly overwhelm the household, and he is finally forced to give away all but two. In a humorous fashion, we're shown the consequences of letting our pets breed wantonly. This story takes place in the early 1950s, long before spay/neuter became widely known about and practiced. Now, of course, the responsible thing to do is to have your pets fixed...before you end up with 26 cats.

Pam says

I love this book. The illustrations are great, the text is interesting, and I loved having more background on Andy Warhol.
