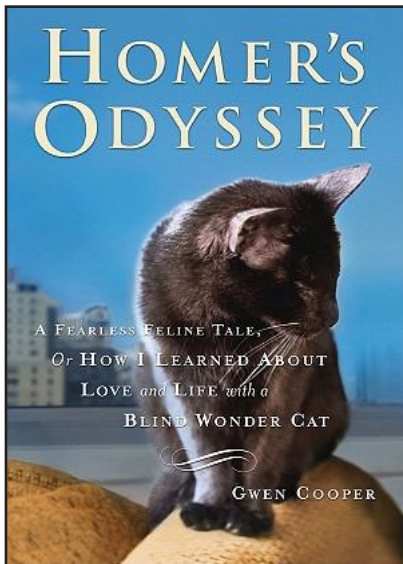


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## **HOMER'S ODYSSEY: A Fearless Feline Tale, Or How I Learned About Love and Life with a Blind Wonder Cat** **AUTHOR: Gwen Cooper**

Once in nine lives, something extraordinary happens...

The last thing Gwen Cooper wanted was another cat. She already had two, not to mention a phenomenally underpaying job and a recently broken heart. Then Gwen's veterinarian called with a story about a three-week-old eyeless kitten who'd been abandoned. It was love at first sight.

Everyone warned that Homer would always be an "underachiever," never as playful or independent as other cats. But the kitten nobody believed in quickly grew into a three-pound dynamo, a tiny daredevil with a giant heart who eagerly made friends with every human who crossed his path. Homer scaled seven-foot bookcases with ease and leapt five feet into the air to catch flies in mid-buzz. He survived being trapped alone for days after 9/11 in an apartment near the World Trade Center, and even saved Gwen's life when he chased off an intruder who broke into their home in the middle of the night.

But it was Homer's unswerving loyalty, his infinite capacity for love, and his joy in the face of all obstacles that inspired Gwen daily and transformed her life. And by the time she met the man she would marry, she realized Homer had taught her the most important lesson of all: Love isn't something you see with your eyes.

Homer's Odyssey is the once-in-a-lifetime story of an extraordinary cat and his human companion. It celebrates the refusal to accept limits—on love, ability, or hope against overwhelming odds. By turns jubilant and moving, it's a memoir for anybody who's ever fallen completely and helplessly in love with a pet.

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#### **SONIA SOTOMAYOR: The True American Dream by Antonia Felix.**

This is a very uplifting, informative book that allows readers to be exposed to challenges that are perhaps not of their experience yet affords a feeling of triumphant celebration for Sonia Sotomayor. This depiction epitomizes what this country stands for in that all things are possible regardless of where you come from, what you look like or the obstacles you might confront. Therefore, given her sense of community and an outstanding resume, it is hoped that Justice Sotomayor will forever render decisions that are of the people, by the people and for the people.

**A WHITE HOUSE GARDEN COOKBOOK: Healthy Ideas From the First Family for Your Family by Clara Silverstein.** Michelle Obama is passionate about her desire to educate the children in this land, to change their eating habits and avoid the path that leads to obesity. Sallie Shadd, a freed slave who made a wonderful confection from homegrown strawberries from Virginia for James Madison's inaugural celebration. It was strawberry ice cream. Thomas Jefferson was an avid gardener and some of the seeds and sprouts in the present White House garden were heirlooms from his garden at Monticello. These are but two of the many wonderful stories of celebrations that were highlighted by the food that was served as well as of the hands that provided it. It might prompt you to cook, eat and perhaps even to frolic without coaxing. Whatever the outcome, do it for yourselves and, most of all, for your families.

**A THOUSAND SISTERS, My Journey Into the Worst Place on Earth to be a Woman by Lisa J. Shannon. Forward by Zainab Salbi, founder of Women for Women International.** Ms. Shannon must be categorized as a very courageous, caring and determined woman. She left all creature comforts and immersed herself in an area of the world that no woman should ever tread. The horror and evil that she was exposed to was beyond belief. Gripping stories that attacked one's soul and touched depths that are unimaginable were shared with her in every village she visited. Lisa, through her foundation, Run for Congo Women, endeavored to bring hope to these women through personal contact, financial support and whispered hope for the future to enable them to search for work so they could feed their families and survive.

**LIFE WITH McDUFF: Lessons Learned from a Therapy Dog by Judy McFadden.** This book will have a profound impact on you and compel you to remember the wonderful animals that have touched your lives. As they did, this account of McDuff's life will provide comfort, warmth, humor, hope and compassion. Trust in the fact that you will not be disappointed and, if anything, will be enriched by the wisdom and sincerity of this splendid creature.

**DEALING WITH THE TOUGH STUFF: Practical Wisdom for Running a Values-Driven Business by Margot Fraser and Lisa Lorimer.** A most appropriate book to have been chosen because one of the most significant contributions this organization has made is to assist women in realizing their visions for the future. The message that is conveyed in this detailed account is relevant to their aspirations as is our commitment to continue to allow these women to "dare to dream!"

**THE COLLABORATIVE HABIT: Life Lessons for Working Together by Twyla Tharp.** Twyla Tharp has been known the world over for her brilliance as a choreographer. In this literary sequel to her bestseller *The Creative Habit*, Ms. Tharp takes the reader into the world of collaborative thinking and defines creative applications of this process to everyday living as well as references to the workplace. This book is really about life lessons that revolve around partnership challenges and change. Ms. Tharp makes it very clear that the applications can be utilized in the boardroom as well as the bedroom because the most important word in the slogan, "Yes we can," is the word we. It is a very unique book in that it challenges the reader to put a perspective on life that, perhaps, has been given less attention due to our need for self-gratification.

**MICHELLE OBAMA: A Portrait of the First Lady by the editors of LIFE magazine.** Before the historic presidential election of 2008, LIFE Books published a best-selling volume entitled *The American Journey of Barack Obama*. In researching it, the editors came to be deeply impressed not only by the exotic story of the candidate himself but also by the life and personality of the woman who would, if Obama were to prevail, enter the White House at his side. This is Michelle's story, from her girlhood to her current crucial role. It is not the story of the President's wife. It is the complete, illustrated biography of one of the most intriguing and captivating women in America.

**DOROTHEA LANGE: A Life Beyond Limits by Linda Gordon.** Dorothea Lange was considered to be the greatest documentary photographer of her time. Linda Gordon is a remarkable historian. Through her detailed research, intimate information regarding the life of Dorothea Lange is revealed in a vivid manner.

#### **THE PINK LADY: The Many Lives of Helen Gahagan Douglas by Sally Denton.**

This remarkable biography, deftly rendered by Sally Denton, portrays a woman of character, strength and the determination to satisfy her desires first in the theatre and then in the political arena. Your spirits will rise in a joyful hallelujah when you read this book because most people do not live long enough to see justice served. Fortunately, Helen did. She watched the man who had demolished her, both personally and professionally, thrust from his high perch in disgrace with the world watching as the tears streamed down his face.

**WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present by Gail Collins.** Gail Collins displays an uncanny ability to make this subject an exciting, important discovery. Her approach is so skillful that you get the feeling you are actually absorbing the depth of this era for the first time.

**THE CLOAK AND DAGGER COOK, A CIA Memoir by Kay Shaw Nelson.** Ms. Nelson, a former CIA operative, shares the interesting and sometimes dangerous experiences she had while accompanying her husband to many distant parts of the world in his role as an intelligence officer. At the same time, she became quite the gastronome and eventually wrote culinary articles and cookbooks based upon her exposure. You will not be disappointed in this book. Bon Appetit!

**POEMS FROM THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, Edited by Honor Moore.** This book, in its powerful simplicity, needs no embellishment. The tears, joy, bitterness or promise that comprise 'woman' is captured within these pages. We are now demanding to be heard as well as seen and fulfillment is no longer just on the horizon.

**A SHARE OF HONOR: Virginia Women 1600-1945. Essay by Suzanne Lebock, Checklist and Catalogue Entries by Kym S. Rice for The Virginia Women's Cultural History Project, Richmond, Virginia.** The extent of the research that was done to produce this book is revealed not only in the content but the photographs, as well. Viewing the numerous images that are portrayed truly makes the past come alive. An important facet of this book is that it covers all women in Virginia, regardless of race, creed or cultural status. As a result, it provides information that may be surprising as well as informative. It is a comprehensive profile of the women of Virginia from the 1600's to 1945

**I DIDN'T WORK THIS HARD JUST TO GET MARRIED: Successful Single Black Women Speak Out by Nika C. Beamon.** This book introduces the reader to eighteen successful black women from all walks of life. They expand on how exciting their lives are, how wonderful it is to be in such a favorable place in their existence and the fact that it has all evolved due to their efforts.

**A JURY OF HER PEERS: American Women Writers from Anne Bradstreet to Annie Proulx by Elaine Showalter.** With this dramatic portrayal, Elaine Showalter introduces the first African American poet, Phillis Wheatley, in this erudite, literary jewel.

**NATALIE SCOTT: A Magnificent Life by John W. Scott.** The genius behind the framing of this biography is John W. Scott's ability to weave Natalie's words in and around his own literary contributions. You hear her 'speak' through the numerous letters she wrote during her lifetime leaving you with a true sense woman who through her bravery and selfless behaviors as a nurse in France, paved the way for her to receive the Croix de Guerre. A venerate legacy for a remarkable woman.

**THE WOMAN BEHIND the NEW DEAL: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR'S Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience by Kristin Downey.** Named Secretary of Labor in 1933, it was she, through her intellect, compassion, genius and ferocious determination that brought forth the social legislation that changed conditions in the workplace as we know them today. There is no doubt that the New Deal would never have seen the light of day without the passion, great mental capacity and inventive ability of this woman.

**THE OTHER SIDE OF WAR: Women's Stories of Survival and Hope by Zainab Salbi.** Provides a 'lens' into the lives of women from different parts of the world who have suffered and lost due to the ravages of war. Women for Women International, under the guidance of Zainab Salbi, challenged those at risk not to give up but to strive for a place whereby they could begin to determine their own destiny.

**RESISTANCE: A Woman's Journal of Struggle and Defiance in Occupied France by Agnes Humbert.** Resistance is an electrifying account of the journey Agnes Humbert took during the early years of the resistance movement in France, her capture and eventual imprisonment under the Nazi regime.

**CASE OF A LIFETIME: A Criminal Defense Lawyer's Story by Abbe Smith.** Her destiny was determined because she refused to tell a lie and was steadfast in her deliberate attempt to hold on to the truth as her only salvation. Case of a Lifetime is a riveting account of the justice.

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**THE MUSE of the REVOLUTION:** *The Secret Pen of Mercy Otis Warren and the Founding of a Nation* by Nancy Rubin Stuart. The heretofore seemingly obscured name of Mercy Otis Warren is illuminated in this thoroughly researched and revealing biographical account. This book eloquently chronicles the life of this gifted woman who, through her literary acumen, became the voice as well as the conscience of one of the most important times in the history of this country.

**GOVERNESS:** *The Lives and Times of the Real Jane Eyres* by Ruth Brandon. The author reveals the hardships, desperation, loneliness and disillusionment that most of the women who were placed in the position of governess experienced in the nineteenth century and those who paved the way for the changes to come.

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**HELL HATH NO FURY: True Profiles of Women at War from Antiquity to Iraq** by Rosalind Miles and Robin Cross. Many women have demonstrated a natural ability to perform in battle. A comprehensive look at numerous women who proved their worth in the war effort through the arts, journalism, as spies or underground workers and the roadblocks and difficulties which they were dealt.

**THE GREATEST GIFT:** *The Courageous Life and Martyrdom of Sister Dorothy Stang* by Binka Le Breton. The story of this brave, determined Christian woman presents a powerful lesson in the way that she lived, and especially in the way that she died. The memory of Sister Dorothy Stang will be forever distinguished by her unflappable devotion and conspicuous gallantry!

**DAUGHTERS OF MEN: Portraits of African-American Women and Their Fathers** by Rachel Vassel; Foreword by Michael Eric Dyson. Remarkable portraits of 'ordinary' fathers and their extraordinary daughters. However, these fathers are, or were, far from ordinary and persevered to bless their daughters with 'gifts' that could only be received through their very exceptional styles of parenting

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**IN LOVE AND WAR: The Dilemma of an American Girl and a German Diplomat** by Frances Fulenwider Hepp and Ernst Hepp. A courageous story of a beautiful American model and a German foreign correspondent who fall in love and marry with dreams of hope and peace which became threatened by the advent of World War II. Compelled to return to Germany with visions of enabling a compromised peace, they soon became immersed in an atmosphere filled with atrocities, fear and unrelenting evil. A book very relevant for today's world, the Hepps believed, as should we, that there is always hope that someday our children will not have to ask that question. A wonderful read.

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