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“If you love cats or just pictures of cats, Susan Herbert’s new book, Cats Galore is the book for you.” (Paste)

“Cat lovers will be eager to get their claws on this beautiful book.” (WWD)

“A fine, fun picture book for cat and art lovers of all ages.” (The Boston Globe)

“Herbert continues her penchant for unabashedly forcing cats into art history. It sounds like a hilarious construct, but the results are often?even more comically?fairly serious. From the cover of Tutankhamun's coffin to every painting ever created by Renoir, Herbert is leaving no prisoners.” (The Huffington Post)

#### About the Author

Susan Herbert studied at the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art, University of Oxford. After working for English National Opera and the Theatre Royal in London, she specialized in limited-edition prints of theatrical animals and exhibited frequently. She died in September 2014.

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