

DOERTHE BINKERT WOMEN AND THEIR CATS

»By associating with the cat, one only risks becoming richer.« Colette

1 million women in Germany have a cat. Could there be a better target group?

Muse, companion, soul sister – for centuries woman and cats have had a particularly intimate relationship. And we are happy to see ourselves reflected in them, since lounge tigers have all the qualities that women have or would like to have. This book depicts all the facets of women's relationships with their cats in an opulent wealth of pictures.

Painters of all periods, fascinated by cats and women, have portrayed them again and again, and none of them more than that lover of both cats and women, Pierre-Auguste Renoir. Even down to our day and the modern period in art the cat has retained its fascination and is dearly loved by women.

"Cats. They are beautiful, charming and elegant, their fur is silken soft and their gaze mysterious. Women have been compared with cats and cats with women forever. Affectionate and self-willed, loyal and yet independent, tender and cuddly, yet a creature with claws to defend itself – that's the way we women would also like to describe ourselves." *Doerthe Binkert*

• Great pictures by famous male and female painters such as Paul Gauguin, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Carl Larsson, Edouard Manet, Franz Marc, Henri Matisse, Berthe Morisot and Pierre-Auguste Renoir. With a personal and inspirational introduction by Eva Demski.

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