

The Lighthouse Keeper's Cat

A Gentle Bedtime Story About a Very Small Night Watch

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Every night Mr. Bell climbs the hundred and one steps, lights the great lamp, and says the same thing to his cat: "Tibbs, you have the watch." Then he pulls the blanket up to his moustache and snores like a sleepy foghorn.

The lighthouse belongs to Tibbs now.

Tibbs checks the lamp. He licks a smudge off the glass (he likes the taste of salt). He nudges the little brass wheel whenever the light begins to slow. And when the fog comes creeping in like a grey blanket, Tibbs rings the fog bell — ding, ding, ding — and somewhere out in the dark a boy in a yellow coat, and a dog who does not like fog one bit, hear it and row safely home.

By morning, Tibbs is asleep inside the keeper's wool cap, and there is a fish and a thank-you note on the doorstep.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Cat is a warm, quietly funny read-aloud picture book for ages 4 to 7. Inside you will find:

- Short, read-aloud sentences — just two or three to a page, perfect for bedtime
- One full illustration on every spread, so children can follow the whole story in pictures
- A cosy, gentle night-time adventure with a brave little tabby cat
- A calm ending that settles everybody down for sleep
- A short note for the grown-up, with real facts about lighthouse keepers and the cats who lived with them



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