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The pretty black cat walked,  
until she saw a perfect fence....

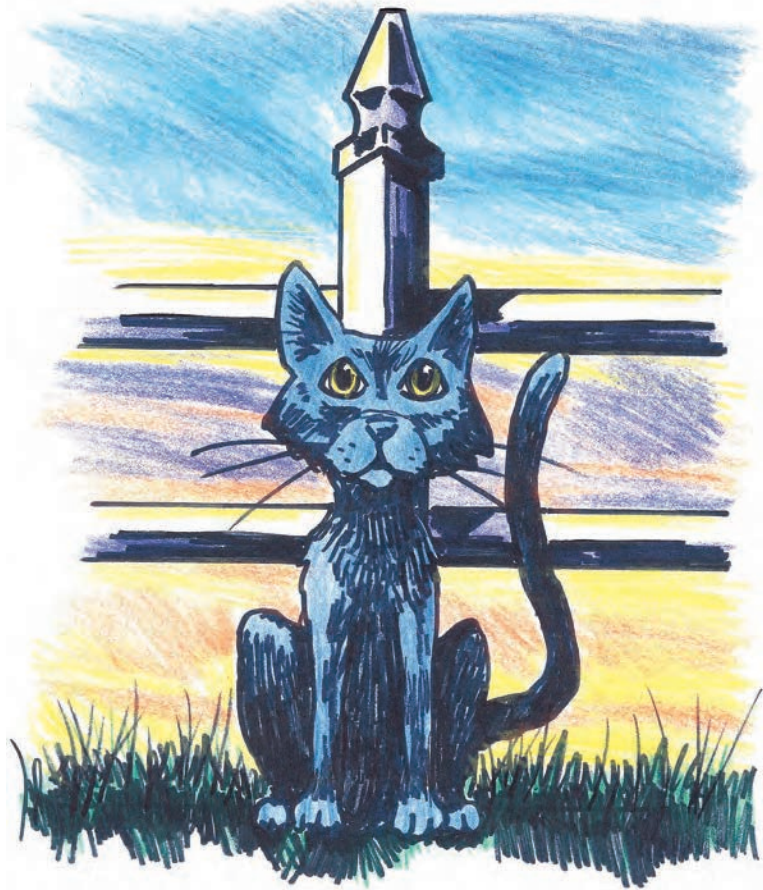


and there she sat.

The cat saw all those  
coming and going  
on the street 'til fall.



You see, the cat was waiting  
for her favorite friend of all...  
for whatever reason,  
the friend only visited in the fall.



Not everyone liked  
the friend of the cat....





...because the friend  
happened to be a bat.



What a *bad* rap for the *bat*!

But everyone knew  
this was a special bat  
and a special friendship indeed.

There they  
sat a cat  
and a bat...



What a  
sight to  
see!

Sometimes they would sing.

Sometimes they would talk.



Sometimes they would swing,  
and if you got too close  
they would gawk.





You see, people expected them to be mean,  
I am not sure why,  
maybe because it happened  
to be at Halloween.

But once you get to know them...



they even seemed a little shy.

This friendship of  
the cat and the bat,  
it really goes to show,

You just never really know



who a good friend may be.

So be kind to all,  
those big and small,  
and let people be  
who they are meant to be.





# Did you know?

A **bad rap** is when people think things about you that are not true.

For example: What a **bad rap** for the bat!

**Gawk:** to stare at stupidly



**Are there any other  
words you need to know better?**

List the words below.



# About the Author

Aunt Goosey



Christy VanValey Conner was born and raised in Parkersburg, West Virginia. In 1997, she relocated to Gainesville, Florida. Her brother nicknamed her **Aunt Goosey** years ago when her niece was born... and the name just stuck. Years later, she started doing storybook scrapbooks and other products that encourage learning through creativity and fun. In 2010, she and her husband, Keith, fostered two baby boys that they adopted a year later. Being up at all hours of the night brought lots of ideas and increased creativity... **The Cat and a Bat** is her first story and **The Squirrel and an Owl** and **The Penguins, The Polar Bear and the Snowflake** shortly followed.

Doug Jones



# About the Illustrator

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A Cat and a Bat is a story of a special friendship.

Be kind to all, because you just never know who a good friend may be!



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