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Dear Vicki Myron,

Greetings from Bellevue, Nebraska. I've just recently finished your latest book, Dewey. I found the book heartwarming, touching, and humorous. Dewey reminded me so much of all our cats; Tiffany, Anastasia, Olivia, Thomas, Sophie, Kitty, and my cat, Hannah. Like Dewey, all of our cats were rescued, whether we found them on the streets, in a shelter, or taken in when a neighbor didn't want it anymore.

There are many similarities between Dewey and my cats. I wish to save Tiffany and Anastasia for last, but Olivia relates to Dewey because she's flaky. Unlike Dewey she was flaky when she was younger, and mellowed out when she got older while Dewey was the exact opposite. Thomas is like Dewey because he has the idea that the house is his, and he's a VERY picky eater. Sophie is like Dewey because she loves to be the center of attention, only... if another cat is getting more attention than her at the moment, she gets extremely jealous and runs and hides.

Both Kitty and Hannah were rescued from a very poor animal shelter that had many sick animals. Somehow, both my sister and I happened to pick sick ones. But the effort of bringing them back to health was worth getting up every few hours of the night to take care of them. They both are living a life shelter cats only dream about. They are pampered and spoiled rotten...of course... like Dewey.

Kitty relates to Dewey because he's very fat, and loves people food, especially spaghetti. Hannah never really plays with store bought toys, but always steals little things from around the house. Instead of a ball of yarn as her favorite toy, she chooses to play with Legos by batting them around on the laminate floors. She enjoys it, maybe because of the sound it makes. She'll also steal Barbie furniture and accessories, Littlest Pet Shop toys, twisty ties, rubber bands (a Dewey favorite). She even digs through my mom's sewing pin jar! Let's just say that she's not the sharpest tool in the shed and leave it at that!

The end was also sad. I found it difficult to keep from crying. You see, we had to put down Anastasia and Tiffany because they too had cancer. Like Dewey, we'll miss them, but we'll always remember how much we loved them.

Sincerely,

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