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A new kind of graphic novel, with a new kind of eco-hero. 3-D Suki & Finch travel the globe investigating the welfare of all 36 species of wild cats. They start in Canada where they gather data on the Cougar, Bobcat and Canada Lynx – Volume One. It's one big adventure (8 Volumes in all), full of exciting travel and lots of misadventures. Learn about the threats facing all wild cats – loss of habitat, poaching, trophy hunting – set against the backdrop of an ongoing drama. Linked to Google Maps, readers can find Suki & Finch in the Great Bear Rainforest, crossing the North Pole, and landing on the Volga River in Moscow. In Volume Two they're off tracking Eurasian Lynxes and Siberian Tigers in Russia, Snow Leopards in Mongolia, Asiatic Golden Cats in China and the rare Pallas's cat in Nepal. Things never go as planned.

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From Reader Review Wild Cats for online ebook

Donna Maguire says

I was not sure what to make of this book after seeing that the characters were CGI but I was surprised by how good the images were, its a fun book to read. The story centres around two young wildlife enthusiasts who have been chosen to work on an exciting wild cat project. The book comes with some good facts and some absolutely fantastic photos, I look forward to the next in the series. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

SofiaSevero says

A small book to teach children about the big cats of Canada. Suki and Finch begin a journey where 3D 11 year old characters travel the world with no obstacles whatsoever, including parents worries (i wish my parents were as liberal as that. They only get some kind of adult supervision midways. But ok i can excuse it, as this is not supposed to make much sense other than the understanding of different species. I liked that the characters break the fifth wall several times.

Harshita Nair says

"Wild Cats, Around the Globe with Suki and Finch" is a wildlife book featuring four characters Finch, Suki, Ravi and Mia. The friends Suki, a wildlife photographer and Finch, a collector of fur/hair of wild cats, go exploring Canada for wild cats. They are in search of three main wild cats, Cougar, Bobcat and Lynx. In the meanwhile they encounter Tip the wildcat and Screech the scout and the story goes on...

Overall a very interesting book with beautiful 3D pictures. Enjoyed reading. Will be glad to read other volumes too.

Best wishes to the authors for successful launch of subsequent volumes in this series.

Marcia Scurfield says

One of the things I like best about Goodreads's First Reads program is the opportunity to encounter new books for teaching art. While these are Canadian Wild Cats, at least one--the Bobcat--also makes his home in Kansas, and in fact was one of the animals chosen for Kansas Critters: Mammals, A Wildlife Book Written and Illustrated by Kansas Kids.

Samantha Gunning says

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This book introduces kids to wild cats and nature of the North western continent of America. It has a diverse group of human children and animals that appear in 3D.

The text is displayed in messaging bubbles. There's Google map urls that allows the children see the geography of B.C and the Yukon that's mentioned in the book. this book also introduces children to the idea of conservation.

Jade Hatcher says

I was sent this children's graphic novel in exchange for an honest review.

I like the idea of a 3D eco adventure story! But i did not enjoy reading this at all, the story read like a play and there was no real explanation as to why they were sent to look for cats, who was sending them, why they were unsupervised.

Eco facts were just placed randomly in the book, and i don't understand the significance of including one of the kids wetting the bed and the other joking about it!

And why was Santa included????

I will be giving this book to some kids that are within the age range and will update this review if they give positive feedback.

Clare O'Beara says

This is a lovely book for young teens or pre-teens, in the vein of Gannon and Wyatt but for younger and less studious readers. More pictures, less writing. There are stunning landscape and wildlife images, overlaid with graphic characters including a lynx and falcon which come to help Suki and Finch.

The two kids win a contest to travel the globe and study wild cats and their habitats. They do the counting and scooping needed to tell how many are in a particular area, starting, in this book with the boreal forest of Canada. Some of the people they meet are helpful but some are not and like any youngsters they get a little homesick or quarrelsome. Will they see it through? And how many big cats and small cats will they meet on their travels? The pages are so beautiful you could look at them again and again.

Llewellyn says

I won this book for free through GoodReads First Reads.

There are a lot of kids books that are so good and so well written that you can enjoy them at any age.

This is not one of those books.

The art is a little silly. The photos aren't really anything special. The animal facts feel pretty randomly thrown in and unimpressive. And the plot is incredibly goofy.

Suki and Finch are two kids who apply to be junior explorers for wild cat research. They're accepted. They go shopping for supplies. Then they travel around Canada looking for wild cats and randomly meet up with a wild cat and bird who then travel with them.

There is no adult supervision of any kind. Suki and Finch admit that they're not real kids, but that doesn't really help the situations in the book make sense.

At one point Suki and Finch decide to sleep in a cabin that they come across in the woods. When the cabin's owner comes home and isn't pleased to find them, Suki and Finch think that HE is in the wrong. They leave his cabin, then Finch remarks, "I wonder why Angry Guy is so Grumpy... We didn't even do anything to him." What!?

So then they decide to stay in a motel. Suki's cousins randomly show up at the motel and decide to tag along for the rest of their journey.

They find a forest that's been cut down. Suki asks why it was all cut down. Finch tells her it's because people want wood products. Suki says, "Wood floors?" Finch says, "I guess." They go on to talk about how bad it looks, and how much of the Amazon is being cut down, and how it should be on the news. But they make no mention of how many forests are cut down because of animal agriculture and paper products (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, etc). So I felt like the biggest educational opportunity in the entire book was glossed right over.

Then they decide to hitchhike. They head up to the north pole and visit Santa. That's right, Santa in an educational book. They admit that Santa is a cartoon guy, like they are, rather than a real person, but still. It's kind of goofy and off topic. Santa then gives them a ride to Russia. The end.

Bleh. I'll probably give this book to my neighbor kid who is about to turn 9, but I'm afraid that even he will think it's goofy. Yet it's not really very good for much younger kids either because it's not really a book that parents can easily read aloud to them (it's formatted like a play).

amomentsilence says

Wasn't entirely sure what to expect, but I wasn't disappointed with the results. Definitely a new kind of graphic novel for kids that I think they'll gravitate to. It would really be good to hear that there's a tie-in interactive website to go along with this series - kinda like with the wildly popular The 39 Clues series.

Either way, an unexpectedly good read! Great for kids.

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

This is a short book to teach children about the big cats of Canada. In this series Suki and Finch begin a journey where 3D 11 year old characters travel the world to determine the healthy of the "Big Cats". In this book they are in Canada. Children, especially the animal lovers, will love this series that is full of fun and informational facts. It is realistic and current and I believe kids will be able to relate to it. The photography is beautiful and bright. The format of the book is a bit strange with the characters' dialogue happening on the right side of the page like a text conversation. Most of the left side is the animated characters on top of wonderful photos.

Suki and Finch are excited. They are hired by an anonymous organization and sent out into the wilds of Canada. Alone. They meet a Canadian lynx named Tip and a falcon named Screech that help them along the way. They run into cranky grown ups, friendly relatives, ecological devastation and other surprises. There

were some issues in this book for me. At one point, Suki and Finch break into a cabin to spend the night and get upset that the owner is angry with them? They approach wild animals like they are pets, which is something dangerous to teach children. They have an opportunity to teach about clear cutting forests for human needs like furniture, huge farms and the paper industry but just talk about wood floors. The fact that they head off totally unsupervised might give younger children the wrong idea about taking off alone for an adventure. I liked that the characters break the fifth wall several times to tell the reader they are not real, but I do not think that was enough.

If conservation efforts are to be successful, it is important that children learn early on about the wide variety of endangered species and how we can make a difference. Wild Cats also includes facts about the landscape and the various other animals indigenous to the areas explored. While not without problems, Wild Cats has potential. It is a good way to introduce younger readers to the various species of big cats and the threats to their habitat.

I received a copy of Wild Cats volume 1 from the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Margaret says

Wow, What a great book for my 8 year old Granddaughter It is interesting and exciting. Pictures of wild cats in the back. Just a great book. Thank you.

Katbyrdie says

I requested the book because my little cousin is obsessed with animals and I wanted to see if this would be a good thing to buy him. Imagining a 3-d drawn, graphic novel version of Zoobooks, I began it with super high hopes. While it had some great qualities that initially surprised me (non-white female lead and interactive reading), I quickly became bored and slightly annoyed. The book wants to be educational, and it is, but at the same time it wants to be oddly mystical and unrealistic. You need to pick one. Either this is a book of awesome wild-cat facts and exploration, or it's a world where kids can explore dangerous animals by themselves and even try and pet them. Don't talk about all the true details of animals on the right, while on the left characters are within inches of a deadly animal and trying to pet it. Kids aren't that smart. They'll think they can do that. Also, it read like something trying to be interesting, but really written for school. Fact points as dialogue don't entertain. Finally, this obviously had sponsors. Mother of gods. I don't want sponsors in what I read. No thank you. My little cousin may enjoy this during a substitute day at school, but this definitely isn't a birthday present.

Wayne McCoy says

'Wild Cats, around the globe with Suki and Finch: Volume 1' is the beginning of a new kids series. It features real photos and CGI characters on top of them. I had some issues with it.

Suki and Finch are excited. They are hired by an apparently anonymous organization and sent out into the wilds of Canada. Alone. They meet a Canadian lynx named Tip and a falcon named Screech that help them along the way. They run into cranky grown ups, friendly relatives, ecological devastation and other surprises.

The format of the book is a bit strange with the characters dialogue happening on the right side of the page like a text conversation. Most of the left side is the animated characters on top of photos. This doesn't look too bad, for the most part, but I got tired of them breaking the fourth wall to remind readers that they were not real. I had problems with 2 kids being sent into the wilderness with no supervision. They approach wild animals as if they are domesticated, and I find this careless in a book for children. The characters break into a cabin in the woods to spend the night, and the concept of "squatting" is defined. This seems like something rather dangerous to be teaching children. The somewhat heavy ecological issues seems to really clash with the presence of talking animals and other fantasy elements. I like the concept of the book, but the execution left me scratching my head.

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Grayson Stefan says

It's not really a graphic novel, but it's still cool. The eBook anyway. Suki & Finch save the world. Jajajaja.

Angel says

I liked this graphic novel and the idea behind it. I think it will be a good series and look forward to the next one. Suki and Finch travel through Canada and Russia in this volume one. Children, especially the animal lovers, will love this series that is full of fun and informational facts. It is realistic and current and I believe kids will be able to relate to it. The photography is beautiful and bright and will capture the readers heart. I highly recommend it for an educational, informative read. ARC for NetGalley and Bark and Howl Press Ltd.
