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Book Review

Title: Gata Unbound: A Series for Ailurophiles of All Ages, Books 3 & 4
Subtitle: Gata's Date with Destiny, Santo & Rini Vow to Save 'em All
Author: Noland & Russell
Genre: Children - Action



Review: Reviewed by Emily-Jane Hills Orford for Readers' Favorite

Gata has a passion for Greek baking, especially making baklava. After another phone call with her mother in Santorini, Gata is intent on making the best baklava with the ingredients her mother recommends. The conversation is frequently interrupted by the incessant meows of her mother's cats, an obsession Gata doesn't believe she's inherited. But when a chance encounter with a feral cat causes her baklava to look like the feral and becoming a new invention known as catlava, Gata finds she has inherited a love for cats and ends up adopting two left in a cardboard box on the roadside. As her baking enterprise grows, so does her love for her new feline friends. And, there is of course, the mysterious feral who inspired her novel creation in the first place.

Lucy Noland and S.J. Russell have written another ailurophile treasure. Gata's Date with Destiny, Santo & Rini Vow to Save 'em All includes books three and four of the cat-centric Gata series. Accompanied by beautifully colorful illustrations, this story would appeal to readers of all ages. There are some complicated words, so young readers might need assistance as they read the story, but what better way to learn some of these big words than through a charming selection of cat stories. The characters include Gata and her mother and, of course, their unique cats, each with their own characteristics. There is plenty of dialogue, between Gata and her mother and between the cats as well. There is a touch of humor in the catlava creation, and compassion as Gata's rescued cats vow to become cat rescuers themselves. A fun read.