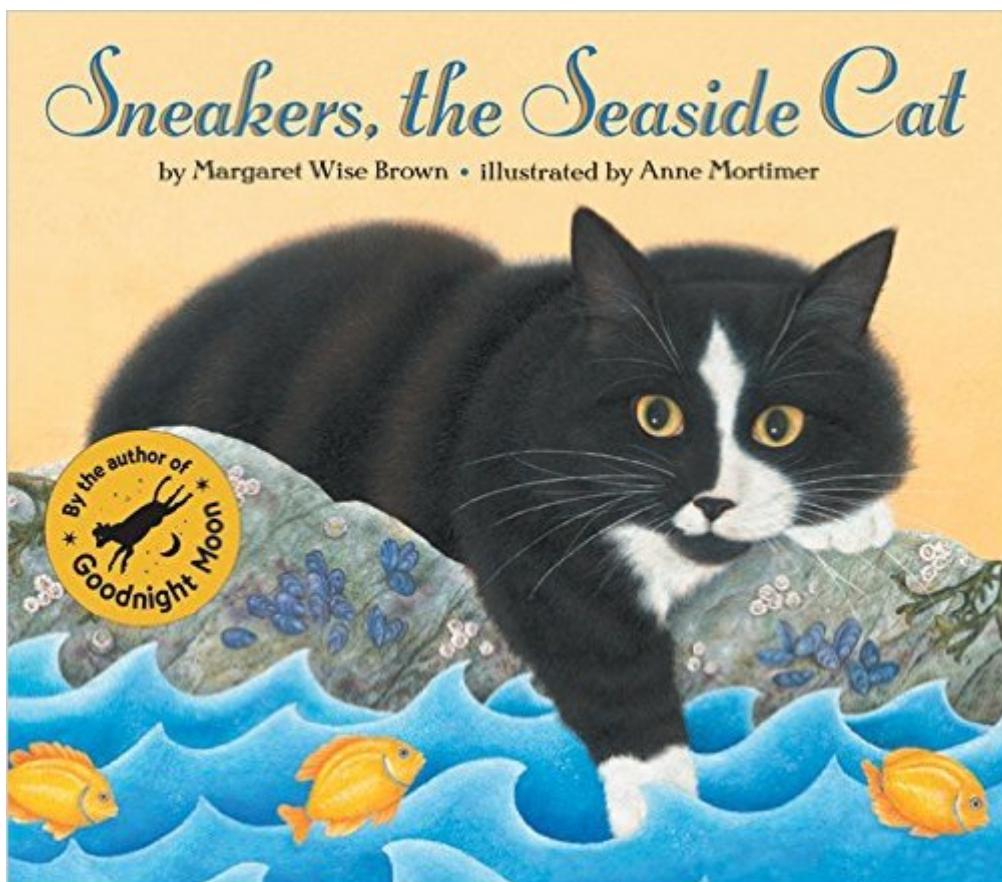


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# Sneakers, The Seaside Cat



## Synopsis

Sneakers saw something. It was yellow and pink on the outside.... Then he crept up to it and peeked in. On Sneakers' first trip to the seaside, his curious paws find surprises in the sand. There's a mischievous crab, playful shrimp, and a shell that echoes the roar of the ocean. A treat for fans of Margaret Wise Brown and cat lovers. Ages 4+

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Margaret Wise Brown, best known for her classic "Goodnight Moon" book, was a prolific author. Her books have been reprinted often of late, usually with a new illustrator more suited to modern tastes and the better printing techniques. In this case cat artist extraordinaire, Anne Mortimer, has been selected and the results are simply stunning. The story itself is fairly simple: Sneakers, a plump and handsome black and white cat, accompanies his human family to the seaside for the first time. He explores the seashore flora and fauna; the repeating line is "My, I am glad I saw that." Brown's writing never condescended to children, who may enjoy the childlike adventures of Sneakers (although adult cat owners may not like the fact that Sneakers is allowed to roam about by himself; the current trend seems toward all indoor cats.) As for the illustrations, they are just stunning. I do like Ms. Mortimer's work as a rule but this time she has outdone herself. The posture and expressions she has captured are among the best I have seen: incredibly naturalistic. On the basis

of illustration alone I would recommend this book, but it would work very well for a pre-school beach/seashore/summer book.

While it is nice to have another book by the classic author, Margaret Wise Brown, *Sneakers*, the *Seaside Cat* is best bought for its illustrations. Anne Mortimer's skill in depicting cats, beach and ocean life and beach scenes is without comparison in any recent children's picture books. In fact, her illustrations alone, without text, would have made this a five-star picture book for youngsters and a GREAT board book. Her illustrations have been paired with Brown's story which is not too exciting but is easy to read and has a good range of words for beginning readers.

I was shopping extensively for an outstanding children's book one Christmas and was lucky enough to stumble upon this gem. As other reviewers have pointed out the illustrations are stunning and the book as a whole teaches an appreciation for nature and the wonders that can be found near the sea. The story is good, but the illustrations bring the characters and scenery to life. The cat, *Sneakers*, is particularly charming and a big hit with children. Over a year after I gave this as a present, it is still this particular child's favorite book and as an adult I appreciated it. There is some special intangible that comes alive through the combination of the author's narrative and illustrators ability. This is a book that you can't go wrong with and that you can appreciate as an adult. Your child will also learn a lot about the sea and beach and be able to identify with the curiosity of the main character. This is a nice launching point for the imagination and good two-way conversations.

Written by the author of *Goodnight Moon*, the story is about a fat little tuxedo cat who goes to the seashore one day with his family -- a place he has never been. While he is there he encounters many new things to him: ocean, sand shrimp, seagulls, crabs, seashells and more. The next day as his family returns home, he has pleasant thoughts about his trip to the seashore. This one left me a tad disappointed. The illustrations were FABULOUS, but the story felt lacking. I also laughed to myself as I've never known a cat who has enjoyed a ride in the car. Story - 3/5 stars - Illustrations 5/5 stars

This arrived immediately and was in excellent condition. I bought it for my grandson because we all love cats and love the sea. It is a very colorful book with a charming story that teaches children about the sea and how curious a cat (or child) can be. He loves it and wants us to read it to him over and over again. He even wants us to read it to his cat too. The price was very reasonable and was

money well spent.

We purchased this book for my 2nd grader to read. She enjoyed the story quite a bit about the curious cat. She likes reading the book herself and having the book read to her. It is not overly challenging but will hold the attention and kids discover the seaside adventures of the cat.

I got this for a curriculum I put together on "seaside" for our kiddos. My three children adore it. The pictures are beautiful and the storyline is great for digging into what a seaside trip is like. Glad we made this purchase.

This book is very nice and my youngest granddaughter, 3 years old is crazy about it. She loves cats and lives near the beach so it's perfect for her. She fell asleep with it the first night i gave it to her...it's really cute..

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