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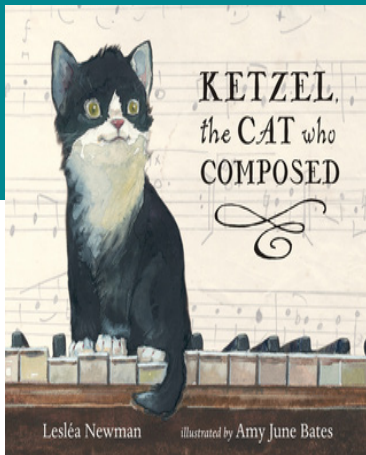
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Book Review

Ketzal the Cat Who Composed

Ketzal is a stray cat, rescued by the composer Moshe Cotel. One day while Moshe is working through a creative block, Ketzal walks across the piano keys. Moshe is so impressed with the music Ketzal creates that he writes it down. He submits the composition to a competition, is awarded special mention, and performs in a concert hall. Ketzal becomes famous for being a cat that composes, and her piano piece is performed all over the world.

This is a simple and enjoyable story with absolutely beautiful illustrations. The watercolors bring the story to life. This book would be a popular one for children who like cats and for those who play the piano. Although the story is simple and does not seem to have much substance, what really makes it exciting is that it is based on a true story! The piece of music composed by Ketzal can be found online and is easy enough for beginner pianist.

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Rating

Excellent

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