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Editorial Review

Review

This is an absolutely marvelous rendition of Eliot's poetic classic, written for his godchildren and friends in the 1930s, which inspired the Broadway musical Cats. The tales of Mr. Mistoffelees the trickmaster, old Deuteronomy, a laid-back cat, Rum Tum Tugger, a contrary cat, and Macavity, the famous master criminal, are dramatized by Richard Briers, Alan Cumming, Nigel Davenport, Andrew Sachs, and Juliet Stevenson. Unfortunately, some material is repeated on the cassette's second side. Moreover, it comes with another tape that consists of excerpts of forthcoming Penguin audiobooks. This edition seems targeted more toward consumers than libraries. James Dudley, Copiague, N.Y. (*Library Journal*)

From the Back Cover

Mr. T.S. Eliot intimate friends received from time to time typewritten verses which were apparently anonymous but which were always identifiable. The poems which concern cats are presented here.

About the Author

THOMAS STEARNS ELIOT was born in St Louis, Missouri, in 1888. He moved to England in 1914 and published his first book of poems in 1917. He received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1948. Eliot died in 1965.

Edward Gorey (1925-2000) wrote and illustrated such popular books as *The Doubtful Guest*, *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*, and *The Headless Bust*. He was also a very successful set and costume designer, earning a Tony Award for his Broadway production of Edward Gorey's *Dracula*. Animated sequences of his work have introduced the PBS series *Mystery!* since 1980.

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