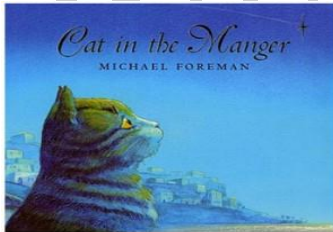




## Fr. Michael Goetz Library Learning Commons Teacher's Book Review



***Cat in the Manger* by Michael Foreman**  
**Reviewed by Ms. Cosgrove, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

I really enjoy old stories told through a new perspective. It allows me, as a reader, to see and understand things in a different way. The story of the nativity, of course, finds its origins in the gospels of the New Testament. The author of today's picture book uses the lens of a barnyard cat to tell the story of the birth of Jesus and the effect is quite beautiful.

I loved the art work in this work. Each illustration features the tiger striped cat witnessing the various scenes of the nativity starting with the arrival of Mary and Joseph, moving on to the shepherds and the magi, and ending with the departure of the Holy Family, the very next morning. The medium is pastel and watercolour and the effect is dramatic. The highlight of sharing this book with a younger child would be helping him or her to find the cat, which is often cleverly hidden on each page.

This book is a wonderful addition to our collection of picture books. You could take a quiet moment this month to read it in the library or you could take it home and share it with a younger sibling who would be sure to enjoy it.