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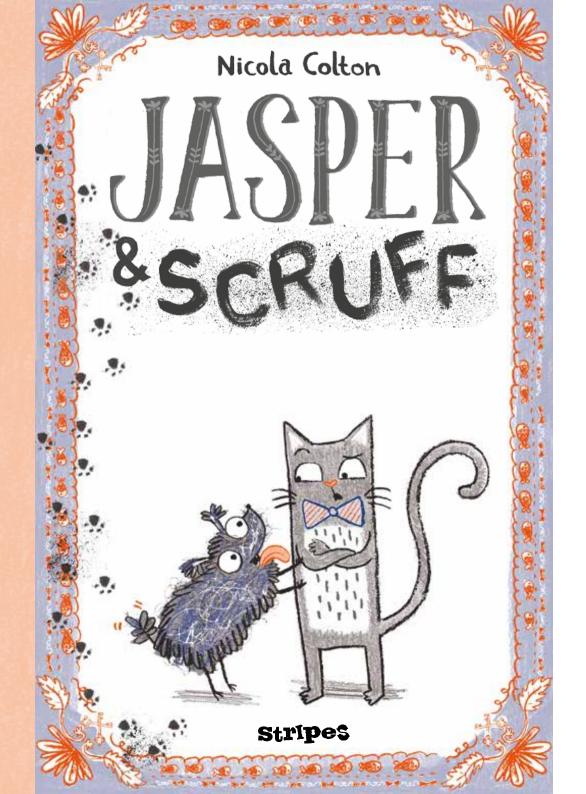


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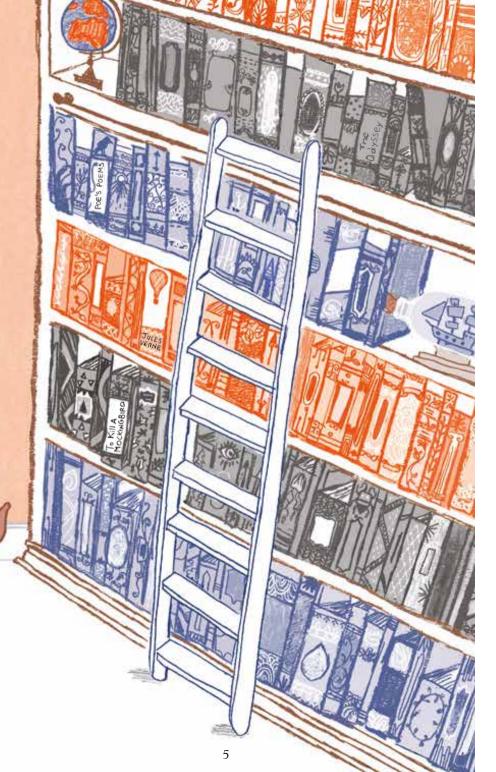




He liked having a large bookcase full of impressive books, which he had arranged by colour.

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But there was one thing that Jasper did not have – the *right* friends. More than anything he wanted to be a member of

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The Sophisticats,

the society for exceptional felines.

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Members received tickets to all the snazziest events, dined in the swankiest restaurants and attended the glitziest parties.

Only the finest felines were invited to join and Jasper had a plan to get in...

1. INVITE THE SOPHISTICATS TO PINNER

3. BECOMEA 2. IMPRESS THEM MEMBER Jasper waited ... and waited for The Sophisticats to reply to his invitation.



He was ironing his bow tie one morning when something sharp hit him on the back of the head.

Floating to the ground was a handsome envelope with his name printed on it in brilliant gold.

He picked it up and carefully opened it.

The Sophisticats Dear Jasper, The Sophisticats have accepted your dinner party invitation. We shall be gracing you with our presence on Saturday, at 7pm sharp. We expect only the finest dining and top-notch entertainment, Everything must be absolutely purrfect if you wish to become a member of our rather exclusive club. Cattiest regards, The Sophisticats

Jasper checked his diary. "But that's only two days away!" he panicked. With no time to waste, Jasper set to work...

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He polished the silverware until it gleamed. He dusted his art collection. He fetched all the recipe books from his bookcase. He wrote a shopping list. He *even* had a bath.

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