

White Chin

by Marilyn Edwards

Illustrated by France Bauduin

The debut novel for children and cat-loving adults by the hugely popular author of *The Cats of Moon Cottage*

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White Chin, The Cat that Walked by his Wild Lone is the story of a cat abandoned by his owners and forced to live in the wild. He must learn to hunt, defend himself in the wild and avoid predators. White Chin gradually moves from the wild back into domestic life courtesy of Kirstie, a farmer's daughter, who has been searching for him since she saw him being abandoned. Interwoven with the account of White Chin's life in the wild and on the farm is a strong portrayal of tensions within the farming community.

Author Marilyn Edwards is best known for her hugely successful and much-loved cat books including *The Cats of Moon Cottage* series and *The Coach House Cats* which between them have sold over 80 000 copies in the UK alone.

Marilyn lives in the village of Hutton Roof overlooking the Howgills and one of Yorkshire's famous Three Peaks with her husband and their four cats, Fannie, Titus, Pushkin and Gilly. Her interests include reading, singing, birdwatching, riding, swimming, part-time farming and all things to do with nature and natural history. She loves all animals, not just cats, although cats do have a special place in her heart.

Robert Snuggs, Managing Director of Catnip Publishing says, "It's fantastic for us to be able to publish the first children's novel by such a brilliant author as Marilyn Edwards. We're sure this will rapidly establish itself as a contemporary classic to sit proudly alongside *Call of the Wild* and *Tarka the Otter*"

Marilyn Edwards says, "I have been passionate about nature and wild animals all my life and have a strong fondness for cats. So it was a pure joy to write a book about a cat in search of a home in the wilds of the Cumbrian fells. When Catnip, an independent publisher whose reputation I knew and revered, expressed such enthusiasm for the book I was completely thrilled. And how could I resist a publisher with that logo!"

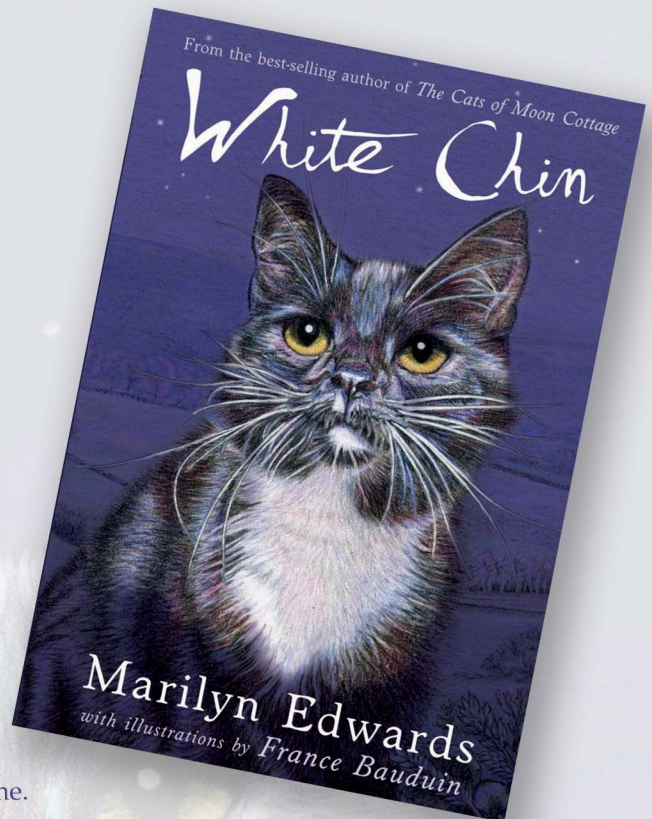
Early praise for *White Chin*:

"Closely observed and very moving, complemented perfectly by fine detailed illustrations" **Michael Foreman**

"*White Chin* is a terrific animal adventure and an incredibly heart-warming story [...] Children and adults of almost any age who might have read timeless classics such as *Black Beauty*, *Tarka the Otter* or even *The Incredible Journey*, will laugh and smile as White Chin gets up to all sorts of cheeky antics [...] There are times too when acute sadness envelopes Chin's world but ultimately it's a very uplifting story" **LoveReading4kids**

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