



A Cat Compound in Cihangir

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BOOK DETAILS

Title: *A Cat Compound in Cihangir*

Author: Shao-Ying

Illustrator: Samantha Mautner (BFA, Illustration MICA)

Format: Premium Trade Paperback with French Flaps

Dimensions: 7.25" x 10" (18.4 x 25.4 cm)

Extent: 56 Pages on 140gsm Art Paper

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Publisher: Ege Yayınları (a premier Istanbul-based publisher)

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NARRATIVE

A Cat Compound in Cihangir is a richly illustrated graphic story set in Istanbul's bohemian Cihangir neighborhood. Following a young mother cat, her kittens, and her streetwise companions living in a cat housing compound built by their human neighbors, the story reveals the warmth, charm, and rhythms of daily life in this much-loved old Istanbul neighborhood.

VISUAL EXPERIENCE

A 56-page visual immersion that pairs engaging storytelling with warm, detailed hand-drawn illustrations. A restrained, 1930s-inspired palette evokes a sense of nostalgia special to Cihangir, while the vivid rendering of cobblestone slopes, aging apartment facades, storefronts, teahouses, mosques, and views toward the Bosphorus transports readers into the lived-in neighborhood of Istanbul.

KEDI (2016) INSPIRATION

The book is dedicated to *Kedi* opening with: "Special thanks to the beautiful documentary *Kedi* (2016); it's what brought us to Istanbul in the first place."

"It really is so lovely reading about your adventures with the cats of Istanbul; and the illustrations so wonderful."

—Ceyda Torun, Director of *Kedi*

RETAILER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Visual Appeal:** Highly immersive storytelling on 140gsm art paper; perfect for gift, travel, or display sections.
- **Broad Market:** Unique Istanbul setting and authentic cultural detail – appeals to travelers, cat lovers, families, and fans of boutique graphic narratives.
- **Social Impact:** A portion of proceeds authors receive supports Istanbul's TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) volunteer programs.

EARLY PRESTIGE IN ISTANBUL

Curated by **Robinson Crusoe 389** an iconic Istanbul independent bookstore and a fixture of the city's literary scene housed within the prestigious SALT Beyoğlu Art Museum.

Featured in "Meet the Artist" events hosted by **Robinson Crusoe 389** and **Minoa Pera** (*London Book Fair Bookstore of the Year 2023*).

Carried by major English-language independent bookstores in Istanbul.

DIGITAL PRESENCE

An on-going active collaboration with @cathunter.app (255k+ followers), featured in their "The Book" story highlight, with special reels about the book extending its reach and visibility across social media and digital storytelling platforms, providing a ready-made, high-intent global audience for retailers.

ORDERING & DISTRIBUTION

Line Art Press handles all North American wholesale and consignment orders on behalf of the publisher Ege Yayınları.

Limited review or display copies available upon request.

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