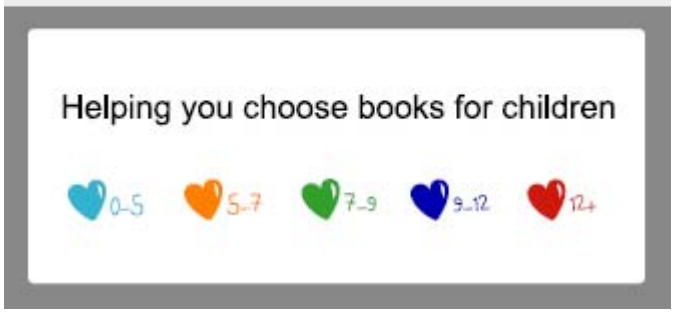
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Suzy was a little striped cat.
She lived in France with a fisherman who had four sons;
Pierre was ten, Henri was eight, Paul was six and Gaby was four.
When they stood in a row they looked like a set of steps.

Gaby didn't know the proper way to stroke a cat.
Most cats like being stroked from head to tail, the way the fur lies.
But Gaby always stroked Suzy backwards from tail to head
and Suzy LOVED it.

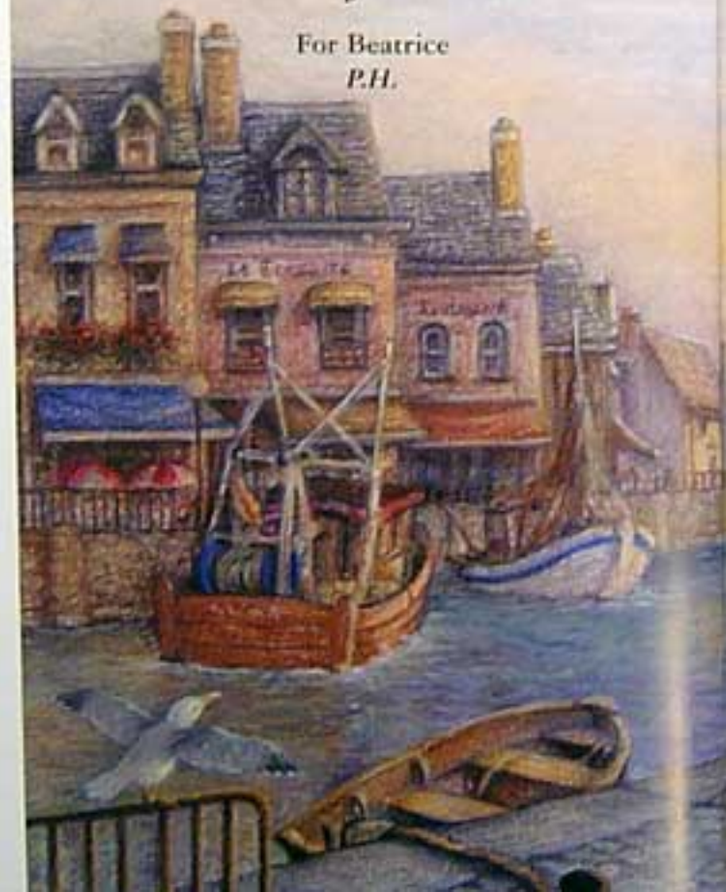


Chez-moi	(Sounds like shay-mwa) Meaning: My home
Merci	(Sounds like marc-see) Meaning: Thank you
Au Revoir	(Sounds like oh revwar) Meaning: Goodbye

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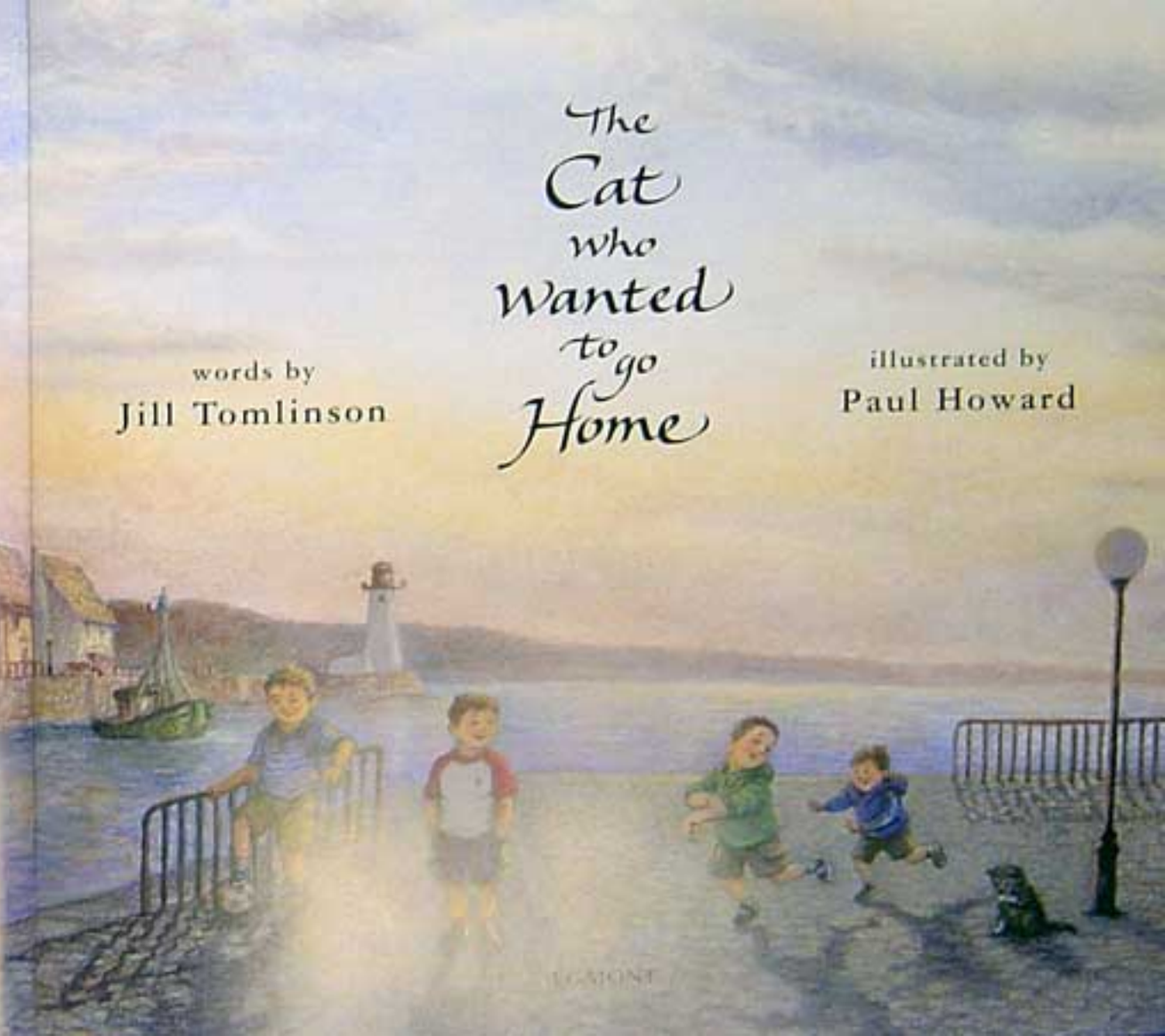
For Beatrice
P.H.



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One day, Suzy found a huge basket in a field. She climbed in, settled in the shade under a stool and was soon fast asleep.

When she woke up, the basket was in the sky! There was a man with her.

"Hello, little cat," he said. "You will have to come with me to England."

Suzy didn't want to go. She wanted to stay in France with the boys.



"CHEZ-MOI!" she wailed. She wanted to go home.