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For Hannah, Nathan, and Ryan
–V. M.

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–B. W.



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Every night, people left books in the return box of the library in the small town of Spencer, Iowa. Funny books, big books, truck books, pig books—they left them all.

But one night,

on the coldest night of the year,

someone left a strange surprise…

A tiny kitten.



When Vicki the librarian found him the next morning, the kitten was cold and scared and very, very dirty. Vicki took one look and decided to give him a warm bath. The kitten went into the sink brown and crying, but he came out orange and purring.

“I’m going to keep you,” said Vicki, who already loved him.

“We’ll name you Dewey Readmore Books. You can live here and be our library cat.”

But Dewey had no idea what it meant to be a library cat.
So he did what all kittens do—he played.



He lounged on the newspaper…



Rode the book cart…



And knocked pens to the floor.



He goofed around with Marty Mouse…



Snooped in every open drawer…



And always found at least one rubber band.