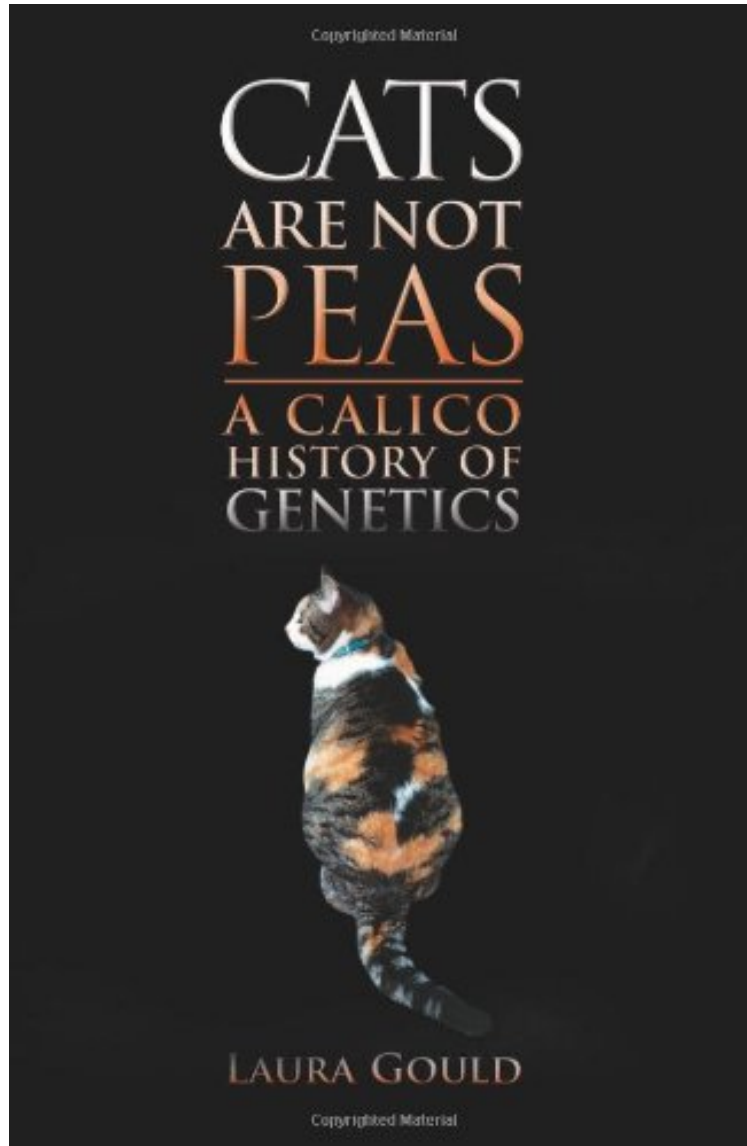


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calico/orange question all that time. In my life the oranges were all male except three. One is nearby now (and she is one of two mothers who had orange kittens - mostly female and one black son). SHE is 100% orange with golden eyes. I treasure this wonderful book for all it promises if I can figure out the basics. I also have an Orange Cat page on my FB and have recommended "Cats are Not Peas" and will continue to do so. It is one that every orange and calico cat parent should have. I call the calicos The Mother of Oranges. And I love this book and encourage cat lovers to get a copy. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating... didn't know feline genetics was this complex..By MamaCatOK.... much like the author, I have an odd colored cat... a black tabby.. yes, black with "ghost stripes" that only show up in bright light... and was curious re how he got that way. This is a fun, chatty book that's as much about the story of the author's search for information on HER odd-colored cat -- a male calico cat -- as it is about the science behind how HE got that way. ( If you wonder why that's interesting, well ... on second thought, gonna make you read the book..!) If you're curious about cats, you'll enjoy this. If you're a Cat Person, you'll definitely enjoy this. And if you're curious about how genetics works but don't want to get hip deep in technical verbiage, you'll enjoy this. It's written in a way that gives you the basics but doesn't dumb it down unnecessarily. Where the technical verbiage arises, there's a glossary to define terms. I'm glad I found this book! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Genetics for The Animal Lover By C. C. LaFever I initially read this book through my local library while looking for books to use in a high school science class room. The science sections of the book might be written at a slightly higher level than I would expect the average high school student to appreciate but the strength of Cat are Not Peas is its ability to interest people in a subject they might not have found that appealing initially. I really enjoyed the book and I'm try to find a way to work all or some of it into my class. I have wondered about the price though, seems a bit hefty for a slim hardcover book.

The Vets Turn Pale. . . George, a male calico, was a genetic anomaly, a manifestation of something that isn't supposed to happen, a creature so rare that even most veterinarians have never seen one. His curious existence sparked Laura Gould's long search through the archives of genetics to unearth the charming and valiant roles played by early cat geneticists, as well as cats themselves, in the study of genes and how they work. For everyone with an interest in cats and cat breeding, this is an unforgettable and often hilarious account of the intersecting lives of cats and geneticists. The field of genetics has exploded since 1992, when the first edition of Cats Are Not Peas was completed. Thus a lengthy Addendum is included in this new edition, providing the reader with the terminology and concepts needed to understand two burgeoning new areas in which cats have again had significant roles to play---the sequencing of genomes and the production of clones. These descriptions allow you to view with increasing wonder the world around you and to think seriously about whether you would like to have your personal genome mapped or your cat cloned, both of which are now possible (if you can afford it).

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