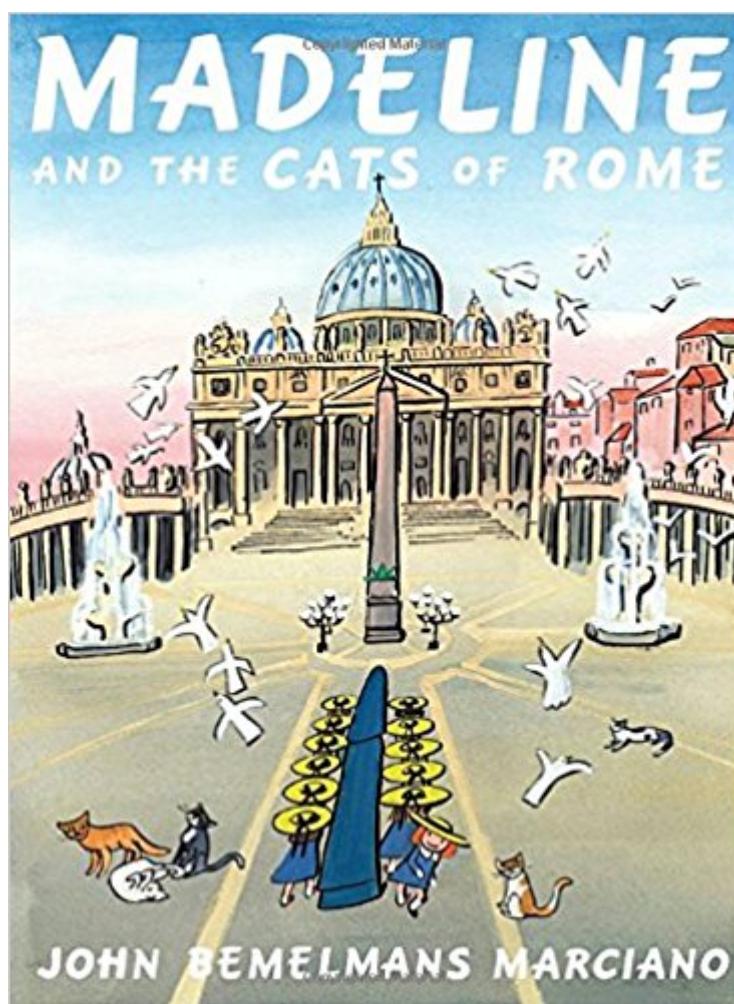


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# Madeline And The Cats Of Rome



## **Synopsis**

The Paris skies are gray, so Miss Clavel and the twelve little girls are leaving for brighter weather? spring in Rome. Rome has wonderful sights to see and delicious things to eat, but Madeline also finds an unexpected adventure, involving a thief, a chase, and many, many cats. The first all-new Madeline book in close to fifty years combines a lively story with luminous gouache and watercolor illustrations. Beloved Madeline returns, as brave and irrepressible as ever!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 2  
In the first all-new Madeline book in almost 50 years, Ludwig Bemelmans's grandson tries his hand at re-creating the magic and charm of the boisterous little French girl. In this escapade, Miss Clavel and the girls escape the cold, rainy weather in Paris to enjoy spring in Rome. But when their camera is stolen, Madeline races off to catch the culprit. She tracks her down and discovers one of the hiding places of the famed cats of Rome. When the thief, Caterina, lures Madeline into one of her schemes, both girls are taken to the police station. Madeline is reunited with her teacher and classmates and decides to help Caterina stage a "rescue operation" for the cats. After successfully finding homes for all of the felines, Miss Clavel, Madeline,

and the girls bid a fond "Ciao!" to Italy. Marciano includes a list of Roman sites found in the illustrations. Missing, however, is a much-needed author's note explaining the history and significance of the more than 300,000 stray cats that live among the city's monuments and ruins. The artwork isn't as sharp and polished as in the original titles, the plot gets muddled, and the rhythm and rhyme of the text are slightly forced and stilted. Nonetheless, libraries with a large Madeline fan base may want to include this new adventure alongside the originals. •Rachel Kamin, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, Highland Park, IL Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

In this sequel to the familiar Madeline picture books written and illustrated by Bemelmans' grandson, Miss Clavel takes the twelve little girls in two straight lines from cold, rainy Paris to warm, sunny Rome. On a sightseeing expedition, they pose in the street while Miss Clavel takes their picture. Suddenly, an Italian girl snatches the camera and runs. Madeline and her dog, Genevieve, give chase through the streets of Rome and make a couple of surprising discoveries before their adventure ends. Though the text breaks down here and there, usually when the near rhymes go too far astray, Marciano does a good job of recapturing the look and the verve of his grandfather's artwork without slavish imitation. Some of the illustrations are in full color, while others use bold, black lines and two shades of yellow. Marciano's previous works include the manners book *Madeline Says Merci* (2001) and the board book *Madeline Loves Animals* (2005). Madeline fans will welcome this. Preschool-Grade 1. --Carolyn Phelan

My grand daughter loves fountains and statues and another Madeline book she has. I was taken back to learn it was about stealing. I would have preferred not to even introduce the thought. Otherwise it is a nice book.

I enjoyed this book, and I felt like the story and art stayed true to the original. If you don't like it, it's probably because you're a fascist.

I assumed the cats would be those in the ruins - they even sell T-shirts there - but instead they were in a house. Good story, writing certainly matched the originals books for style and wit, and the drawings are charming!

My three-year-old says 4 stars

The author is a grandson of Ludwig Bemelmans and carries on in like tradition. A very good story for young ones.

I was asked to read to a first grade class which consisted of 20 six year old boys & girls. I had lived in Rome for several years, consequently the John Bemelmans Marciano book "Madeline And The Cats of Rome" appealed to me. It is a very well put together work with wonderful art work which is true to the city. The children loved it and had many questions and opinions about the city and the cats. They all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the tale and wanted to talk about it, after the reading. For me, it was a very rewarding experience to see the children enjoying themselves being transported to a beautiful place with an exciting story about other children and the famous cats of Rome. I give it an AAA + Sincerely, John Ryckman, San Francisco, Ca.

excellent

For my granddaughter, she said she enjoyed reading about Madeline.

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