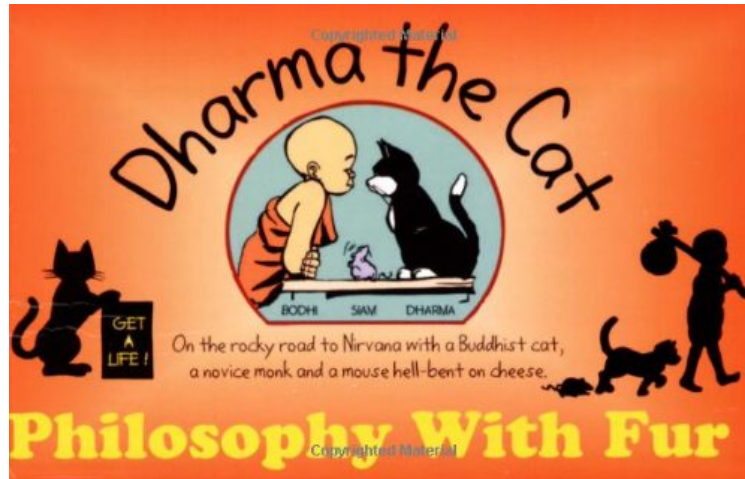


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David Lourie : Dharma The Cat : Philosophy With Fur before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dharma The Cat : Philosophy With Fur:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pocket WisdomBy Ganapathy SubramaniamThis is small book packed with philosophical Buddhist cartoons.One side contains three panels and the other facing page contains a comment by Dharma the cat, and sometimes by Siam the mouse.This involves three charactersBhodi: An aspiring young Buddhist Monk, on his path to enlightenment.Dharma: the pet cat of Bhodi, who thinks he is smarter than HumansSiam: A mouse in the household, whose enlightenment is Cheese.Each cartoon approaches a topic, such as "Ego", "Non-attachment" etc.. and mostly how the efforts are futile, and Dharma would have a last word on it.For instance, Bhodi would talk about How he is so special and efficient in loosing his Ego, which Dharma would be quick to point out.Nice set of cartoons, that can make you think and laugh.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. There's hope!By EnnisAs a struggling Bodhi myself, I could relate to his earnest efforts to know enlightenment. It's as instructive and thought provoking as any "serious" teachings - but in a clever and loving way towards all the Bodhis out there :)2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. om mani padme purrBy madamemusicoVery cute book, clever spins on Buddhism. I only wish there were more cartoon forthcoming!

On the rocky road to Nirvana with a Buddhist cat, a novice monk and a mouse who doesn't care for anything but cheese...Available for the first time in book format, DHARMA THE CAT: PHILOSOPHY WITH FUR is a collection of cartoons that have appeared on the award-winning 'Dharma the Cat' website. The three characters featured in the cartoon strips are Bodhi, the novice monk; Siam, a cheese loving mouse; and Dharma, a cat who searches for meaning and truth, and looks fondly at the foibles of his human companion. The cartoons offer a rare blend of spirituality, philosophy and humour, with a Buddhist tone. The humour is based on a 'how not to' approach o spiritual practice, as the young novice Bodhi stumbles into every pitfall along the path to enlightenment, highlighting the foibles and universal tangles that people recognise in their own lives.

A cat takes a novice Buddhist monk through the big questions . . . Cute, funny and the kind of book that would make a

good Christmas present. -- FROM THE CITY WEEKLY (SYDNEY) NOVEMBER 16th, 2000
From the Author
Welcome to the HOW NOT TO school of gaining wisdom -- a subject in which I have acquired some measure of expertise. Many of these cartoons are autobiographical. I actually live with Siam The Mouse and Dharma The Cat. This coolest of cats teaches me how to be fully absorbed in the now, while Siam the cheese-chaser reminds me that one's spiritual development is always balanced by call of the mundane. So, in these cartoons I am represented by Bodhi, the novice monk who stumbles so earnestly along the Buddha's noble path, while his wise cat Dharma observes from a cool place and offers commentary on my "progress." Meanwhile, Siam continually chases the cheese, and is forever laughing over her shoulder at both of us.
From the Inside Flap
Dharma The Cat is a very cool cat. From a higher plane he wisely observes his earnest young master, Bodhi, stumbling along the path to spiritual enlightenment, while Siam, a single-minded mouse, doesn't care for anything but the cheese.