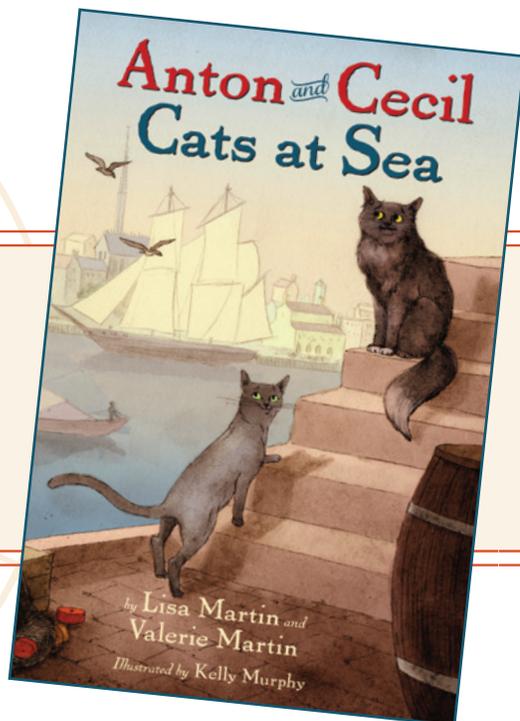




Meet the Cast Anton and Cecil: Cats at Sea



Cecil

Beefy, black, goofy, and omnivorous, Cecil is a cat with an adventurous streak and an appetite to match. He'll eat fish, crabs, mice, and even water beetles. He's a willing mouser on a fishing schooner by day, and by night he watches the tall ships from the balcony of his lighthouse home. Curious about everything and especially ships and the sea, he's fascinated by the mysterious, enormous whales he spies far from shore. Cecil's a loyal brother and friend, a great cat to have on your side if you need to clear out, say, a rat-infested ship's larder.

Anton



Anton, sure-footed and sensitive, is svelte, elegant, and gray as a storm cloud. He's a cautious cat; he likes to plan ahead. A picky eater, he's never developed a taste for mice, but he'll gladly snack on crabs or herring. Anton doesn't share his brother's attraction to the seafaring life—he is a homebody at heart. His favorite napping spot is an old blanket at the lighthouse. He loves the sea shanties that the sailors sing, though, and the music played in the saloon in town draws him out to listen in the evenings. One morning after a long night at the saloon, Anton's worst fear is realized when two sailors grab him, and the next thing he knows, he's at sea.

Billy



The harbormaster's cat must reliably report the important news of the docks to his fellow felines, and Billy takes his job seriously. Though he's never been to sea and is now an elder statescat with a belly that swings like a bag of clamshells, he's learned the ways of ships and sailors and often has good advice for the younger kits. Old Billy may be more of a pet than an adventurer, but he can tell a brig from a barque, and he knows that cats impressed on ships don't often come back.





Gretchen

All white with a mask of black fur around her eyes and ears, young Gretchen is quick and clever as a thief. After being impressed from the dock at Lunenburg, she becomes resourceful and resilient and makes a place for herself aboard a pirate ship. She's fond of cheese and can catch fish with her claws. She can spot a valuable gem in a pile of pirate booty. Gretchen has learned to be tough, but she hasn't altogether forgotten her friends and family back home.



Hieronymus

A noble mouse, Hieronymus is a loyal ally and a grand talker. His brother was eaten by the last cat on board his ship, making Hieronymus the only survivor of a large clan. He is deeply wary of felines, but he and Anton manage to forge a special bond. Hieronymus loves stargazing, telling stories about his ancestors, and munching on biscuits. Determined and dependable, he'll do whatever it takes, even gnaw through solid wood, to help a friend in need.



Other Players

There's a whale out there and he's a Right one. He may even be the right one, as far as Anton and Cecil are concerned. He has an eyebrow of white barnacles and a mouth as wide as a ship. Cecil sees the whale first, spooking his fishermen friends in the bay when he is out playing sea-cat on their schooner. But later, when the brothers are separated, the whale appears to take an interest in their travels. Is he keeping track of them for good or ill? And what on earth and sea is he up to?



Leonardo and Adrianna belong to a pod of the famous Maculato, the fastest dolphins in the ocean. They love to race the tall ships, but only during the fiercest of storms so that the competition is fair. Leonardo dislikes being compared to a whale; dolphins crave excitement. They seldom see cats during storms and are curious about Cecil. Adrianna has some cryptic wisdom to help him in his desperate search.

