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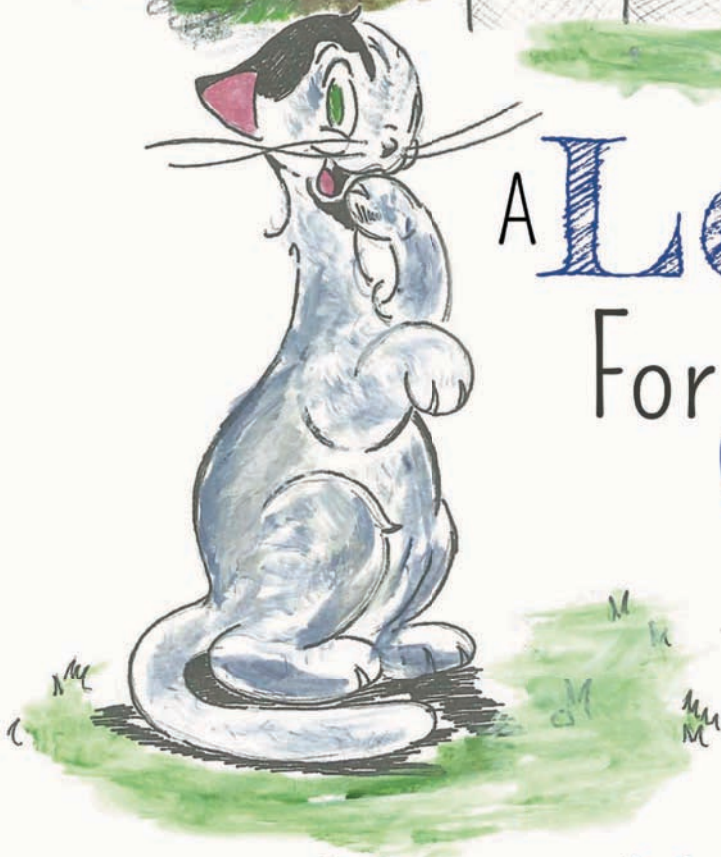
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Jiggs was born in the 1920's and lived in several lighthouses along the Northern California Coastline. The story is written to delight the 4-8 year old child. The author has woven into the story a moral issue that can be discussed as the reader sees fit.

Jiggs is a cocky and overbearing cat that is enlightened to his faults. The story uses a messenger to bring Jiggs this enlightenment. Jiggs doesn't realize that the messenger has become a part of his conscience as he strives to overcome his shortcomings.

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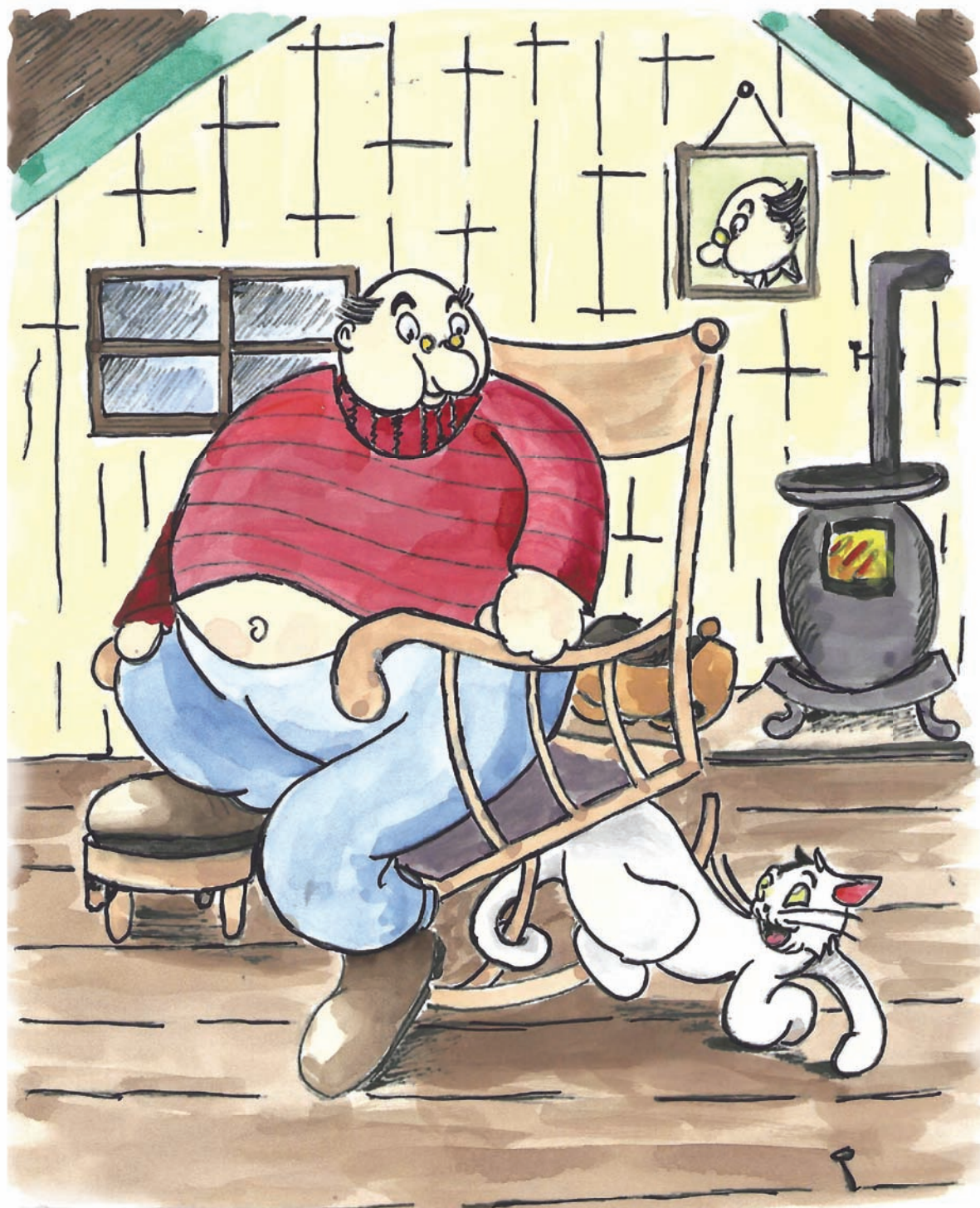
Hello, I am Jiggs. That is, my name is Jiggs, or was Jiggs. You see, I am a cat, or I was a cat. Let me put it this way... in the first of my nine lives, I was a cat.





I had a wonderful life.
My master's name was James.

We lived in the Point Pinos Lighthouse, in Pacific Grove, California.



Let's first set the record straight, I was the MASTER!



James fed me, scratched under my chin, and opened the door for me whenever I demanded. Of course, I was the master.





Point Pinos Lighthouse, Pacific Grove, California.

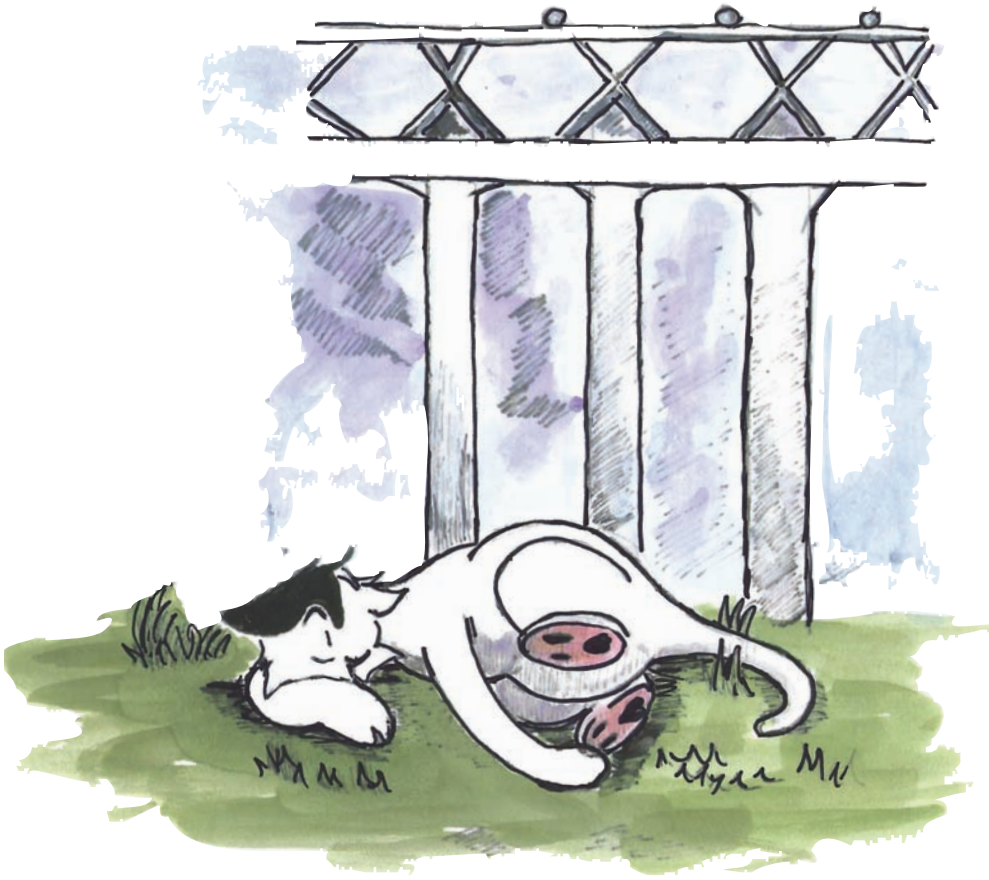
My most important job was to remind James when
to turn on the light in the lighthouse.

Ship captains used this light to warn them of the rocky shores.

My other jobs were to catch mice, to meet the mailman, and to carry the mail to James.



My story begins not so long ago.

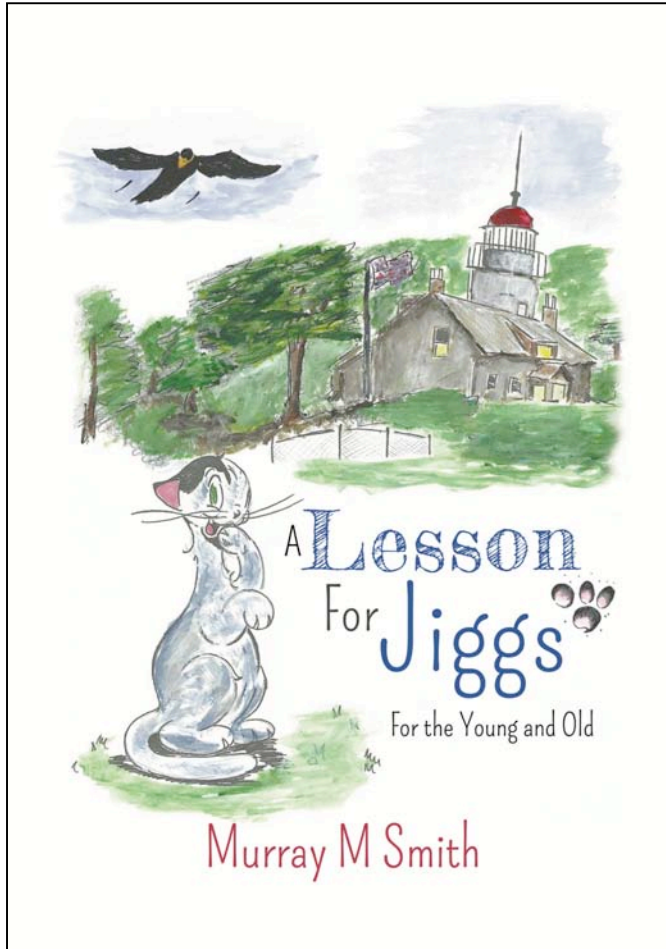


One spring day, I
was napping in our
yard and enjoying
the warm sunshine.

The next thing I
knew, a black crow
swooped down on me.

He was cackling
like an old hen.





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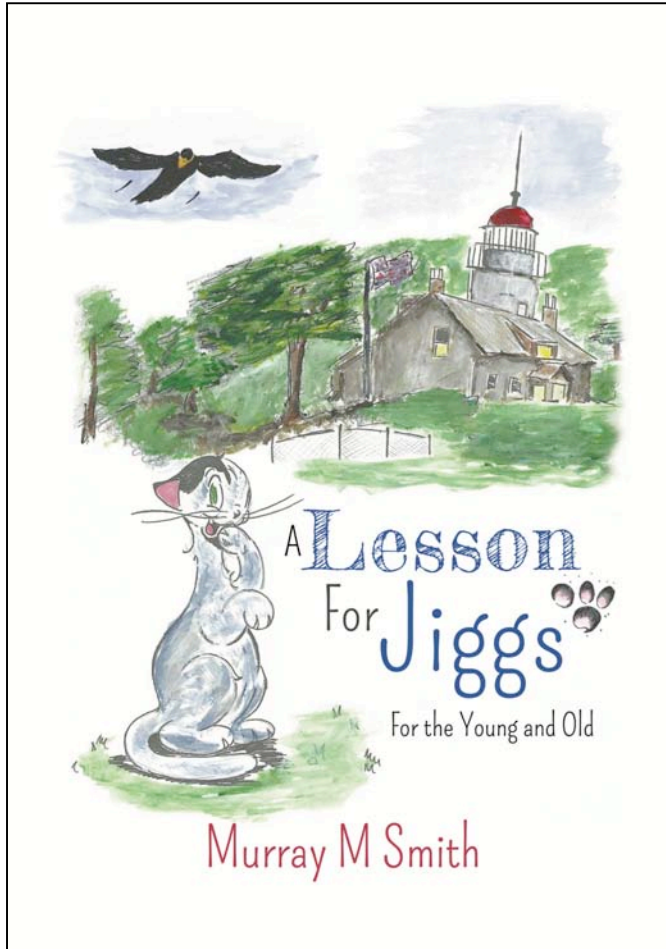
About the Author



Murray M. Smith was born in 1934, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He spent his early years on the east side of Detroit. Murray received a BS degree from Michigan State University after serving a tour of duty with the US Marine Corps. With sheepskin in hand he headed west, and in 1967, Mr. Smith founded a consulting engineering company in Sacramento, California. He served as president and CEO until 1992. The Company, now known as “MSA Engineering,” celebrated its 50th year reunion in 2017, and is still active today. Murray now resides in Hawaii, on the island of Maui, with his wife Carol of fifty years.

The idea of the book came to Murray while playing golf on the Pacific Grove Golf Course upon learning the story of Jiggs. The mix of a fictional story about a real cat intrigued Murray, and eventually led him to write his first children’s book. Murray’s search for an illustrator led him to Jonathan Wilson. Jonathan is a recent graduate of the Art College in Hilo, Hawaii, and now resides on Maui. The two of them worked together on a suitable image for Jiggs, in a comedic style. Jonathan’s work on the illustrations

show a unique talent, which is sure to please the reader. The colorization and artistic touch was added to Jonathon's drawings by Darice McGuire, a local Maui artist, and friend of the Smith's. We hope you enjoy the concerted effort of our team.



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