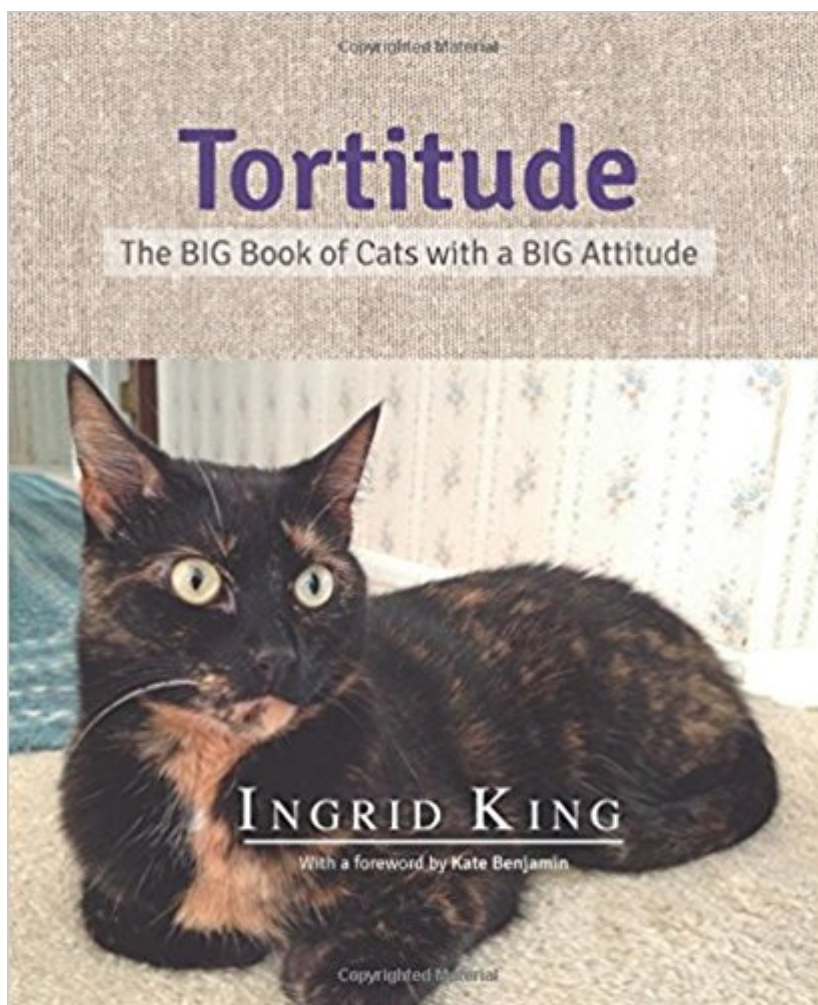


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# Tortitude: The BIG Book Of Cats With A BIG Attitude



## Synopsis

With about 2 million tortoiseshell cats in the United States, these special felines tend to be strong-willed, a bit hot-tempered, and often very possessive of their humans. Other words used to describe torties are fiercely independent, feisty and unpredictable. In *Tortitude: The BIG Book About Cats With a BIG Attitude*, cat expert Ingrid King (The Conscious Cat) brings her professional and personal experience to explore why these cats are so special. With expert insights combined with stunning photography and passages dedicated to the cats and their passionate guardians, King offers a new perspective on these exceptional cats.

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## Customer Reviews

It is said that torties have big personalities, which can sometimes translate into being high-strung and more sensitive to their surroundings. A recent study done by UC Davis suggests there is scientific evidence to prove torties and their 3-colored, calico cousins can be "challenging" to live with. The one thing they don't mention is how devoted these cats can be to one person in their human family. I wonder if torties live big and love big, too? Exploring that proposition is Ingrid King, author of the multi-award-winning blog, *The Conscious Cat*. In her latest book, *Tortitude*, the *BIG Book of Cats with a BIG Attitude*, King explores the mystique of these confetti-colored creatures. King is a long time tortie-devotee, stemming from her first tortie, Virginia, over a decade ago, to her girls Allegra and Ruby, who share their home with her today. *Tortitude*, in many ways, is a love story, as told by King and championed in the forward by Catification expert, Kate Benjamin. In

addition to their personal tortie-tales are fun facts about tortie-DNA and tortie-folklore. What makes up the majority of the book are carefully curated images of torties paired with charming quotes about cats. [Full disclosure, three of my own photos are in the book, but I'd still give it a high rating, regardless.] Ingrid King clearly adores torties (there are no crazy cats here) and to anyone else who also shares her passion, this is THE book to choose if you want to celebrate the wonder of these multi-colored marvels. The only thing lacking is I wish there were even more photos (can't get enough) and a picky request that I wish the paper was glossy, to bring out the full glory of the images. But even with that minor issue it's clear that if you love these sassy beauties, you'll love this book.

I love torties and I am owned by a tortie. Ingrid's book captures the tortoiseshell cat perfectly. She has mixed fact and folklore to perfection. Most cats can capture your heart - a tortie will keep hold of it forever. My Lucy is featured in this beautiful book. I haven't told her yet - she would be unbearable. Read it and dare to hope that at some point you will be allowed to share the life of a tortoiseshell cat.

Anyone who has ever shared their home with a tortie (or a torbie, for that matter), understands the meaning of Tortitude. In this sweet book, author Ingrid King shares facts, explains myths, and showcases torties from around the world. The photos and famous cat quotes will warm every cat lover's heart.

I got it so I could learn more about my Torti cat, but it's about two to three pages of actual information then then 30+ pages of other people's cats with quotes from their owners. It didn't really teach me a lot about my cat.

Ingrid King has put together a wonderful compilation of photos of Tortoiseshell cats from all over the world (including our lovely Cocoabean). Beautifully put together, tons of photos of "Torties" from all over the world, with lovely quotes, commentary and information. A purrfect (sorry couldn't resist!) gift for any cat lover.

A nice book of sayings and information about calico and tortoiseshell cats but it was not at all what I expected. From the title I thought I would finally learn what people mean when they say things like "She has a calico cat attitude" or just "typical calico cat behavior" I have had both calicos and torties

and torbies and even a male torbie. They are loveable like are all cats but I never noticed any difference in attitude or behavior from any cat based on fur coloring!

"The Smallest Feline is a Masterpiece." Readers may not have been able to attribute this quote to DaVinci prior to reading "Tortitude," but many will have already known it to be true. This is a great book for those who have a special interest in the uniqueness of tortoiseshell cats as well as those who have followed the musings of Ruby and Allegra on author Ingrid King's website, The Conscious Cat. Filled with pictures of these enigmatic animals, "Tortitude" is a colorful addition to our coffee table cat book collection, as well as a valuable reference. Now the world is waiting for a collection of stories about the adventures of Ruby and Allegra all of their own!

This is a fun book-a 'pick me up and let the pages fall open' photo collective of real-life kitties taken by their real-life humans. I guess a bit of a disclaimer is in order-that I get to work with cats on a day to day basis-so they are an addiction and it's not lost on me that these are treasured and spoiled (as they ought to be) creatures where I can feel a real connection between them and their two-legged companions. And a neat plus is that these submissions are almost a travel log from around the world. From "Gigi" with what I call "that no nonsense Tortie glare" to the coy "Buffy", "Daisy's" sideways glance, innocent and surprised "Cinnaminnie" and the beautiful and quite intimidating "Stirfry", I love taking in each photo and considering these special personalities. It's not lost on me that Torties belong to a particular club (to which I am excluded at this point in life). It's nice, though, to be reminded of my old friend Lorraine who, although I only knew her during the last few months of her life, filled our home with a lifetime's worth of Tortitude.

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