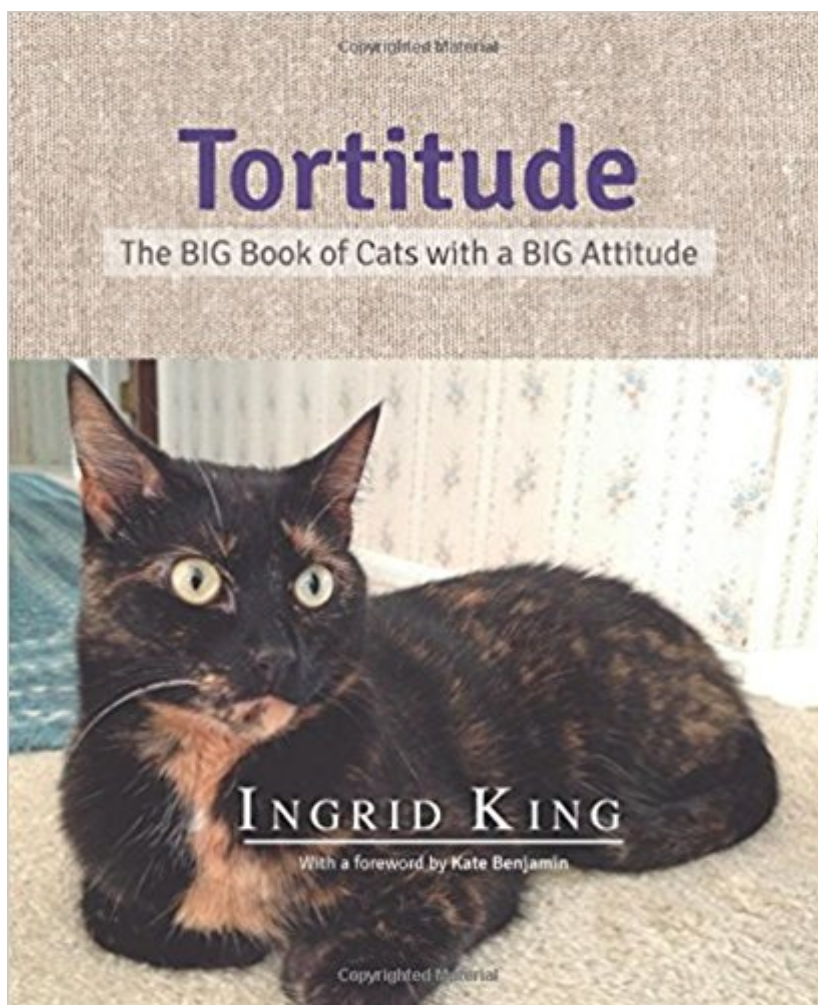


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# Tortitude: The BIG Book Of Cats With A BIG Attitude



## Synopsis

Explore the wonderful world of tortoiseshell cats and tortoiseshell cat behavior. Tortie cat behavior: 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

Ingrid King brings all of her talent, skill and heart to the job of setting the tortie record straight. She has taken the stereotype, turned it on its head, and opened the world's eyes to the true meaning of tortitude. - Jackson Galaxy, Host of *Animal Planet's My Cat From Hell*

Ingrid King is the award-winning author of *Buckley's Story: Lessons from a Feline Master Teacher*, *Purrs of Wisdom: Conscious Living, Feline Style*, and *Adventures in Veterinary Medicine: What Working in Veterinary Hospitals Taught Me About Life, Love and Myself*. She is a former veterinary hospital manager. Her popular blog, *The Conscious Cat*, is a comprehensive resource for

conscious living, health, and happiness for cats and their humans. The Conscious Cat has won multiple awards, including DogTime Media's Pettie for Best Pet Blog in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, and About.com's 2012 Readers Choice Award for Best Website About Cats. Ingrid lives in Northern Virginia with her tortoiseshell cats Allegra and Ruby. For more information about Ingrid, please visit [www.ConsciousCat.com](http://www.ConsciousCat.com).

First of all, it's a cute book. I wouldn't go as far as to call it a big book though, only 150 pages long. The majority of the information in the book is either the author's personal memoirs or quotes from notable figures. The remainder is very general, concise educational material, almost like reading a short essay rather than a book. Not to mention 73 pages of the book are dedicated to a single cat picture. The educational material is very anecdotal, not surprising the lack of professional credentials from the author (she just wrote a handful of books and was an office manager at a vets office, no listing of any education). I would consider this a good children's book but don't rely on this to teach you a whole lot about tortoiseshell cats.

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.

I never even knew what a Tortoiseshell Cat was until I was commandeered by one. Cassiopeia (Cassie for short) broke into my morning walk with my dog, Trey. She followed us home and settled right in. Our alpha cat, Ella, finally agreed that Cassie could stay (as if there was a choice!). Ingrid King's Conscious Cat column and this book are both helping me learn more about Cassie, who very quickly stole my heart.

I recently picked up my copies of the book, and am thrilled about the loving descriptions of these beautiful, yet sometimes misunderstood, cats, and the lovely photos taken mainly by their owners. Of course I am proud that my cat is featured in the book, twice, but I would have loved it anyway. Ingrid's blog is amazing, it's now become my habit to read, while having my second cup of coffee in the morning. I will give one copy to my cat's former owner, just to let her know how much I appreciate having Kajsa in my Life.

When Ingrid King writes a book, It's worth buying! Great writer and greater book. Wonderful photography.

Great book for tortoise shell cat lovers. Have shared with friends, who also like it. The author did a great job. Lots of photos and good info. I learned more about these unique cats. I have owned several, currently two, who of course hate each other.

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