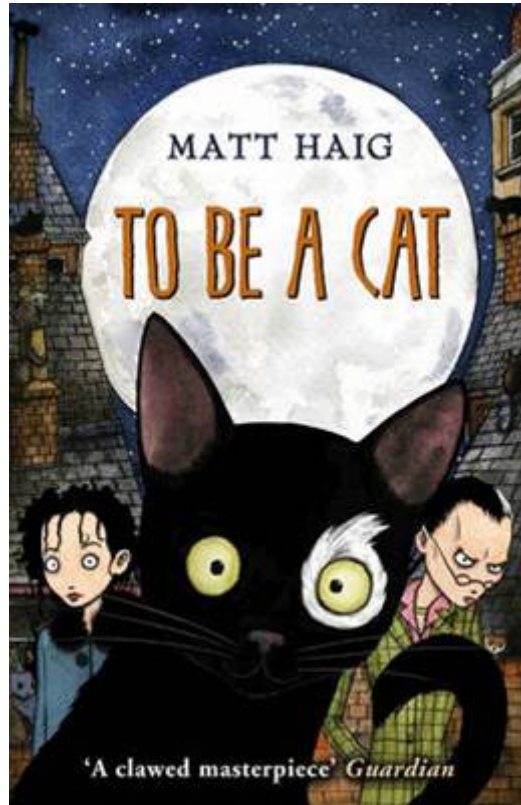


To Be A Cat

By Matt Haig



Blurb: Barney Willow doesn't think life could get much worse: his parents are divorced, he hates his new school, Gavin Needle bullies him ceaselessly and head-teacher, Miss Whipmire, persecutes him. Then his dad mysteriously disappears. A strange thought comes to him: wouldn't life be easier as a cat; fed, pampered, free from bullies and crazy teachers? But a transformed, feline Barney discovers a cat's life is equally perilous. Miss Whipmire has a dastardly plot, Barney's in danger and he realises his old life wasn't quite so bad – but can he return to it?

Mrs Cook's Book Review: I read this one with my son. Cat lovers will want to give this one a go but should be aware that they may never look at cats in the same way again. It would be suitable for KS2 readers for those in Year 4 to Year 6. This book kept us guessing throughout and asking lots of questions. I'm not going to tell you what the questions were as I'm sure you'll have plenty of your own but we did get answers to ours by the end of the book and some of our predictions were correct. We felt quite sorry for the main character, Barney because he seemed to have quite rotten luck. I don't want to give too much away but I will give you a few words of warning; be careful what you wish for...

Age recommendation: 8-11