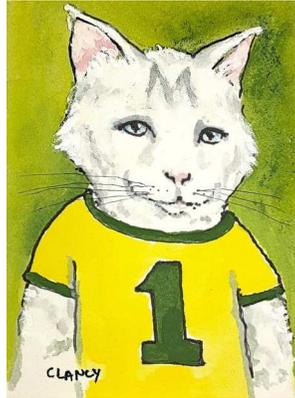


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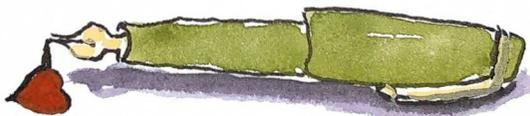
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Created especially for Pearson and Jane

and for Sam, Tom, Tobin, Brooklynn, Jack, Hoke, Clayton, Hoss,
Willow and Raven
- and all of the other children and grandchildren of my friends

Extra special thanks goes to Leslie who was the first to ask
"When are you going to do a book about numbers?"

Special thanks also goes to Suzan who was the first to ask
"When are you going to do a book about cats?"

A heartfelt "couldn't have done it without you" thank you goes to the following friends who generously shared stories and photos of their cats to serve as models for my illustrations in this book: Tom, Stephanie, Suzan, Leslie, Laura, Terri, Janet, Judy, Lisa, Barb, Kevin, Carolyn and Susan B.

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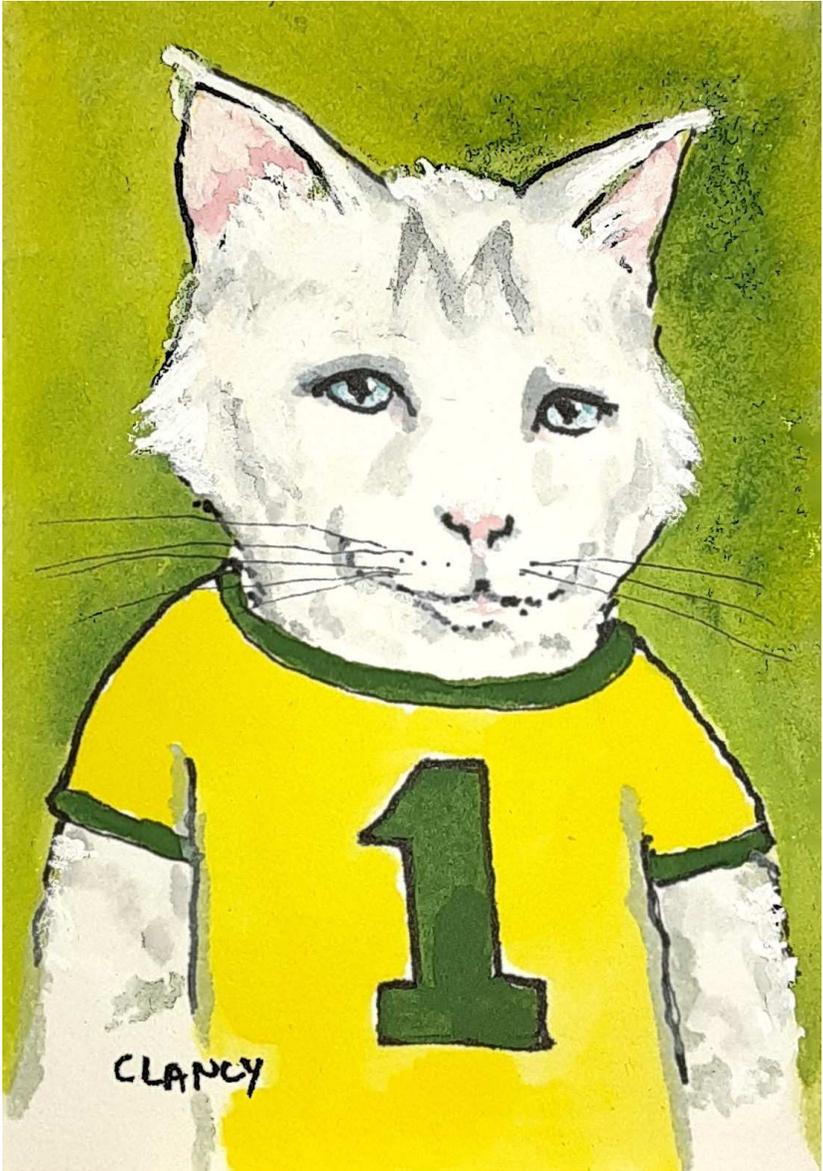
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Zero has nothing but wants to eat



One lists numbers of friends
who can meet



Two proposes a potluck fondue



Three invites him, her, them and you



Four brings jugs of heavy sweet cream



Five fetches trout in from the stream



Six tallies the tables and chairs



Seven moves them from under the stairs



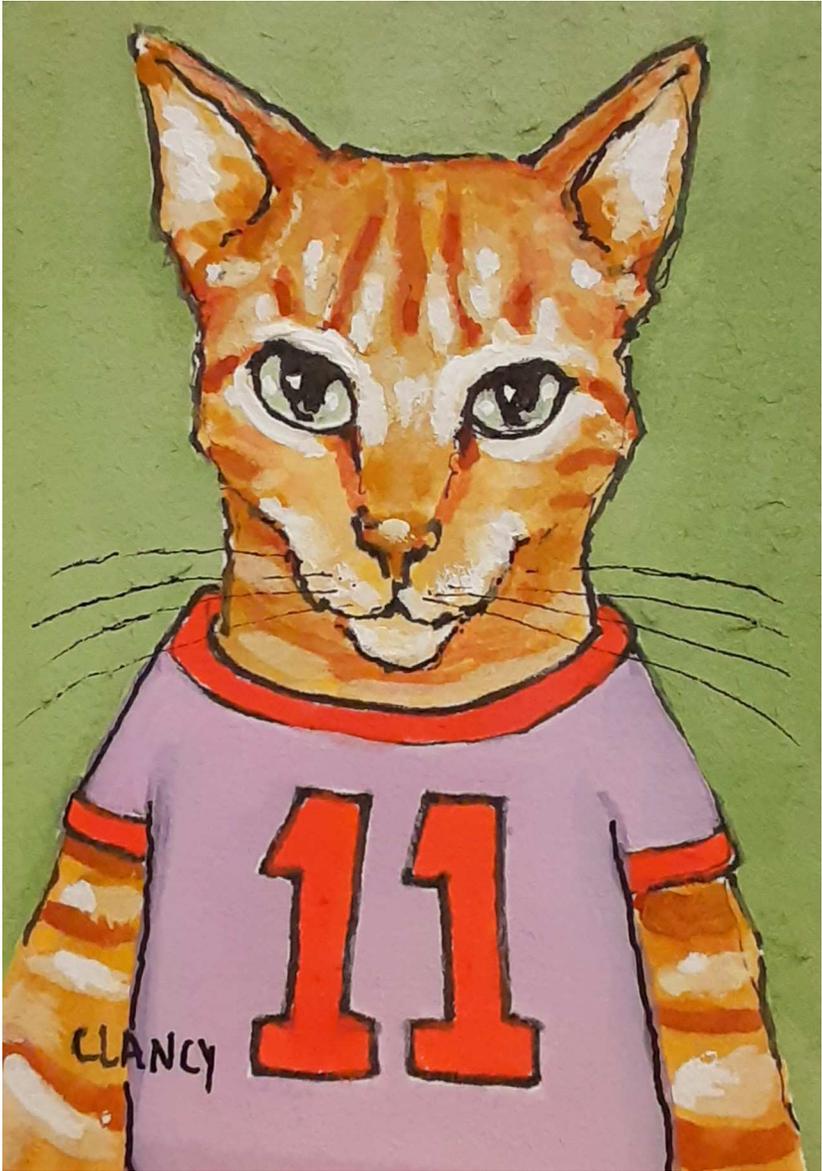
Eight divides the large wheels of Brie



Nine adds mice caught in the lea



Ten has a bird as big as the sky



Eleven bakes a vegetable pie



Twelve spoons out all of the treats



Thirteen plans who will sit in which seats



Fourteen carries dishes piled so high



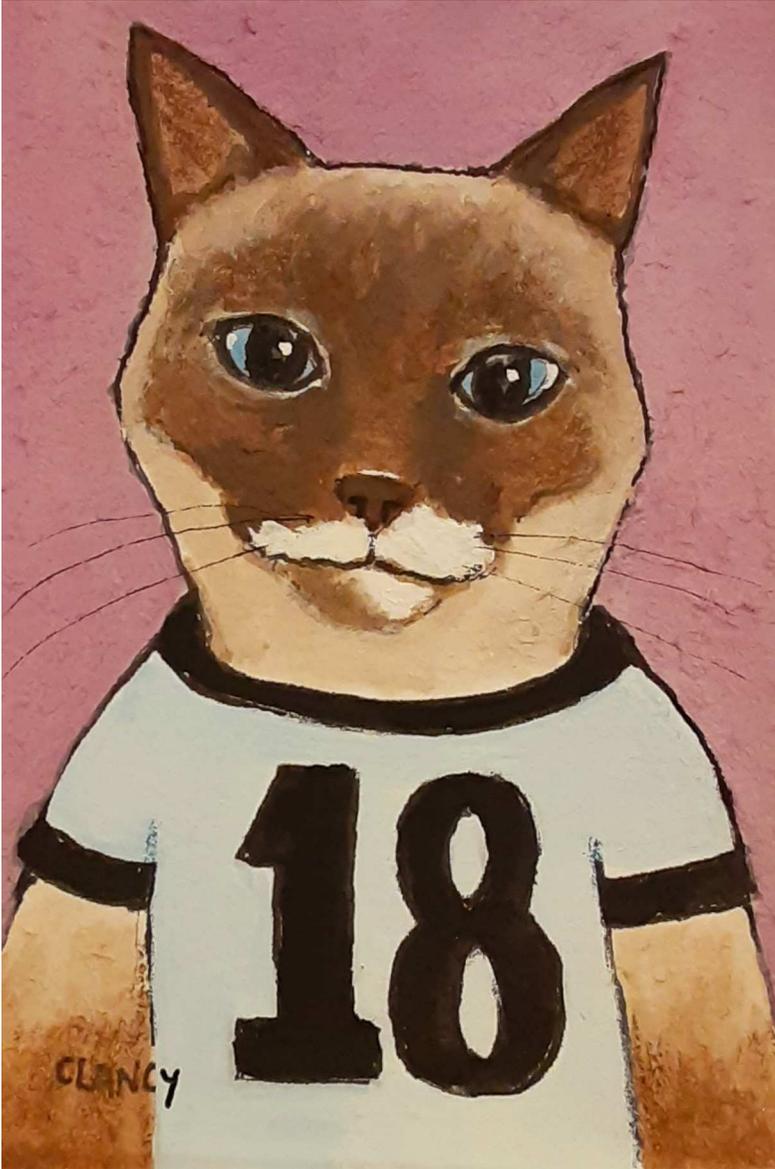
Fifteen slices the roasted magpie



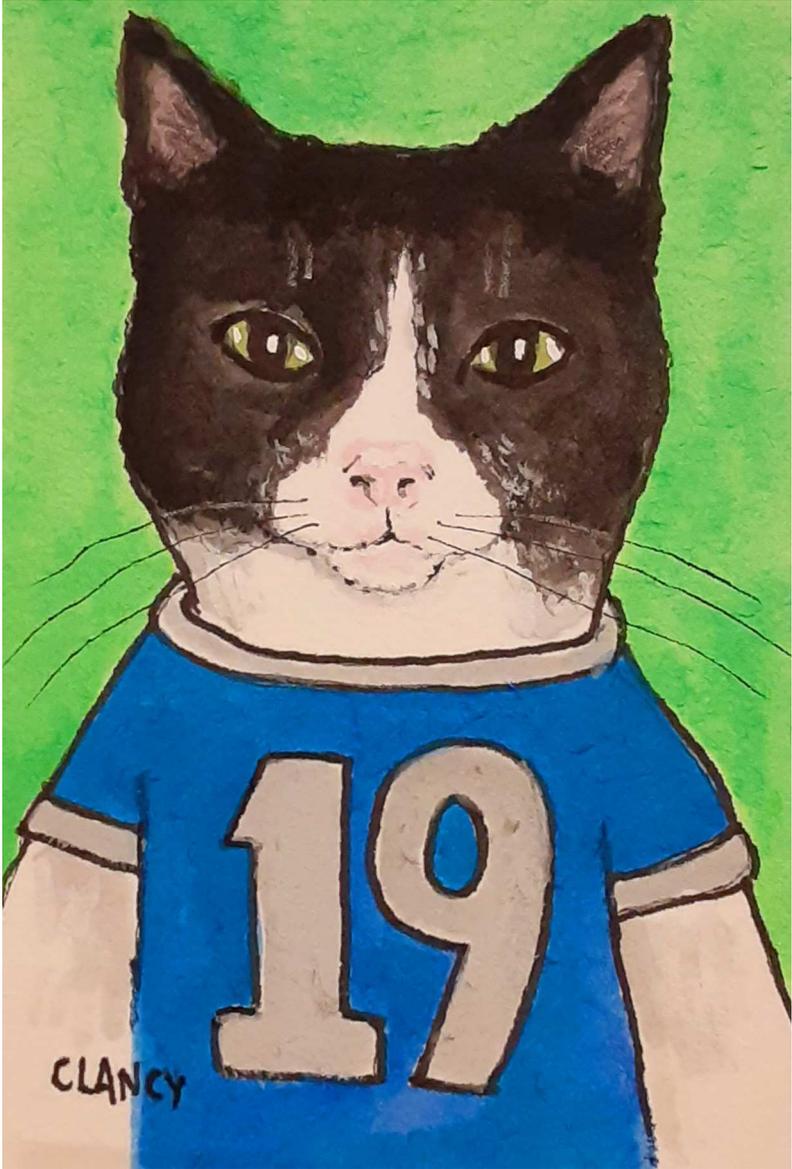
Sixteen puts flowers out on a whim



Seventeen pours saucers of milk
labeled skim



Eighteen opens fish oil, good for the fur



Nineteen is so happy she starts to purr



Twenty butters bread, risen with yeast



and it all ...



... sums up ...



... to a wonderful feast!

I've noticed that my own cats, and the cats of many of my friends, will often bring some delicious morsel, from a cat's point of view; some mouse or bird brought as a gift to the human like a dinner contribution.

To that thought I added the human concept of potluck dinners and how all the various dishes would "add up" or "sum up" to an extravagant meal.

This sprang to my mind when I was asked by Storyberries.com to contribute a new book about some concept related to numbers.

So, I shamelessly asked my friends for photographs and stories about their cats. Those cats became the models for the ink and gouache illustrations in this book. The cat stories my friends told me and what I know of my friends, inspired aspects of my poem.

I hope this book makes you smile.



Here is a photo (by Judy Sullens) of me, Sue Clancy, the person who wrote the poem and painted the cat portraits in this book.

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Can you guess which cat in each photo became which cat number illustration in this book?

answers, left to right: 19, 10, 16, 1



Can you guess which cat in each photo became which cat number illustration in this book?

answers, left to right: 8, 4, 15, 14



Can you guess which cat in each photo became which cat number illustration in this book?

answers, left to right: 6, 9, 7, 5



Can you guess which cat in each photo became which cat number illustration in this book?

answers, left to right: 3, 13, 2, 11

This is an illustrated poem about cats and numbers – a playful summing up of what happens when everyone brings something pleasant to the table. Every contribution counts!

The poem and the cat portraits Sue Clancy created were inspired by the cat stories and photos her friends were kind enough to share. You could say that this book itself is a compounding potluck event – a notion that adds to the fun.

