

Ithys Press has pleasure in announcing the first-ever appearance in print of

James Joyce's story for children

THE CATS OF COPENHAGEN



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Exquisite, surprising, and with a keen, almost anarchic subtext, **THE CATS OF COPENHAGEN** is a slightly younger twin sister to *The Cat and the Devil*, the only other known example of **James Joyce** writing a story for young children.

Both works, penned within a few weeks of each other, are in letters posted to his only grandchild, Stephen James Joyce. At the time of writing, Joyce was taking a much-needed break in Denmark and four-year-old Stephen was staying at the Villa des Roses in Menthon-St-Bernard.

This first edition is set from the text of the original manuscript letter dated 5 September 1936. The letter is among the many items donated to the Zurich James Joyce Foundation by Hans E. Jahnke, son of Giorgio Joyce's second wife, Asta. Nearly lost and forgotten, it is a joy to see this delightful story in print at last.

Joyce's internationalist spirit and eccentric humour inspire the design. Michael Caine has printed this large-format letterpress edition with virtuoso skill, setting the text in a wondrously expressive array of original, early twentieth-century hand-cut Italian and French founts to capture the imagination of readers young and old. Casey Sorrow brings to life Joyce's curious 'Københavnere' with ingeniously playful pen-and-ink drawings, specially commissioned, and printed by typographique cliché.

The Lettered deluxe issue, printed on the last sheets of Crisbrook Waterleaf from the renowned and now historic Barcham Green handmade papermakers, is in loose imperial quartos, with paper-wrappers of Christopher Rowlett's hand-marbled fantasia and presented in a vibrant cloth-covered slip-case. The Numbered issue, printed on Fedrigoni Freelifel Vellum, is in double-elephant sextos and hand-bound in one-quarter cloth over marbled boards.

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