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Dog lives in a divided world of cats and dogs where dogs must play only dog music, cats only cat music. So what about the one dog that, having heard the beautiful cat music drifting through an open window, wants to buck the system, follow his heart and be a player of cat music?

First he has to learn how to play like the Jazz Cats ? no easy feat as the felines refuse to help. There?s only one way: he must teach himself. Dog borrows books and instruments and sets about the task until the self taught music feels just right.

Then Dog sees a sign outside the theatre announcing a jazz contest but participating would mean jamming with the cats. Dare he do so, especially to a packed theatre of hissing felines and growling canines? The tension is almost overwhelming.

After a brief crisis of confidence, overcome thanks to an encouraging cat, Jazz Dog plays and what follows is almost unbelievable.

Great entertainment and thought provoking too, Marie Voigt?s uplifting story with her splendidly expressive illustrations of musical moments both upbeat and down, demonstrates that being allowed to follow one?s heart is crucial if one is to feel fulfilled. Everyone can try their best to stand up not only for themselves but for others too.

A tale of inclusion and togetherness to share and discuss at home or in school.

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