

A close-up, textured illustration of a black and white cat's face. The cat has large, bright yellow eyes with black pupils. Its fur is black and white, with a white patch on its forehead and muzzle. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a night scene or a cave. The overall style is painterly and expressive.

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I've Lost My Cat!

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For ...

Moe and Ivey
Two Great Cats!



**Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?**

It's Aunty Pat,
Standing on the front door mat.
"I've lost my cat!"
Says Aunty Pat.

Fancy that!



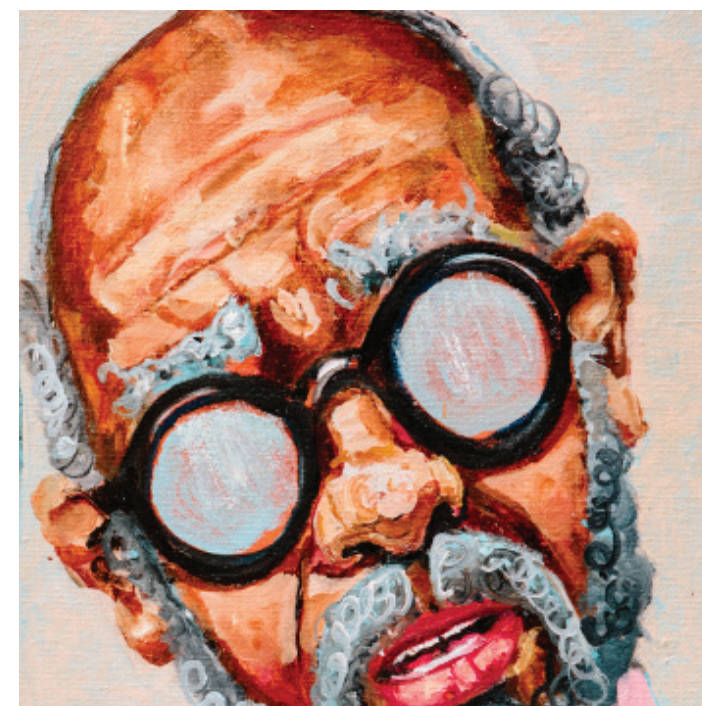
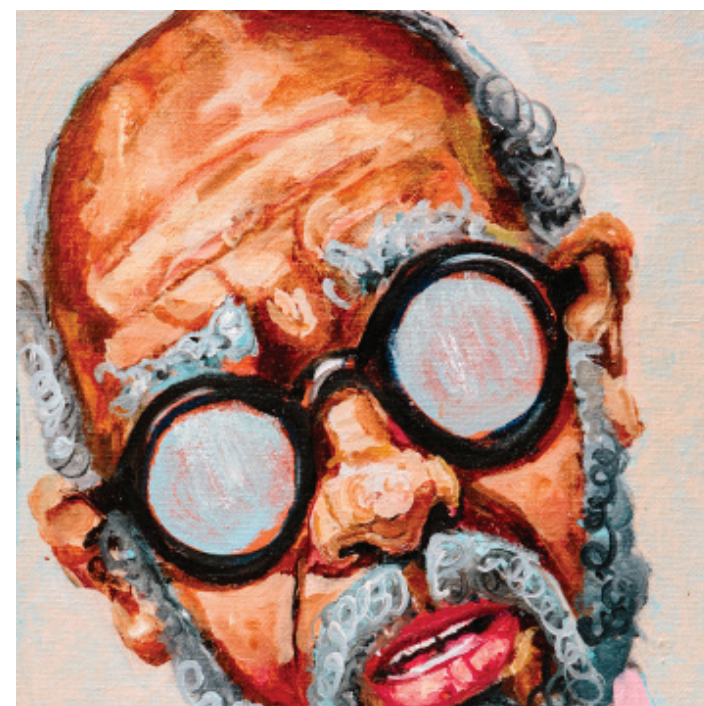
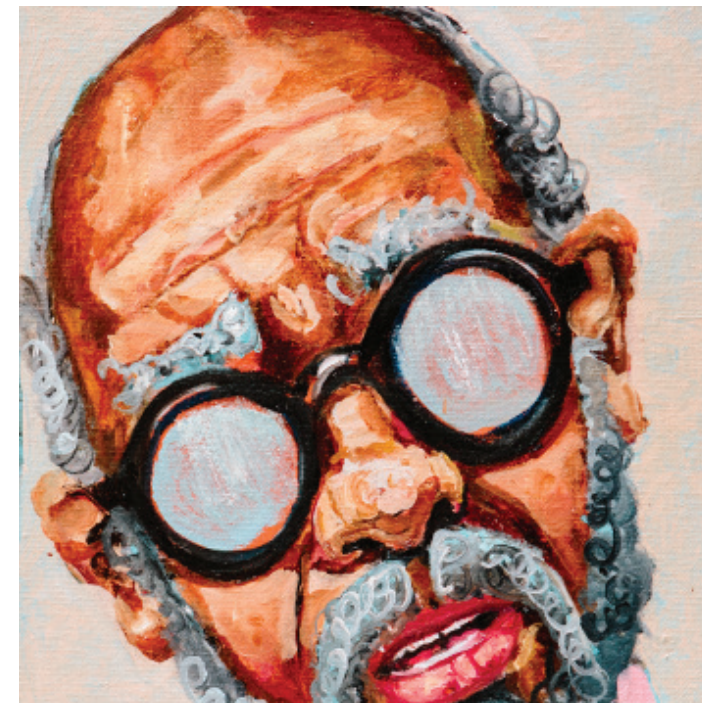
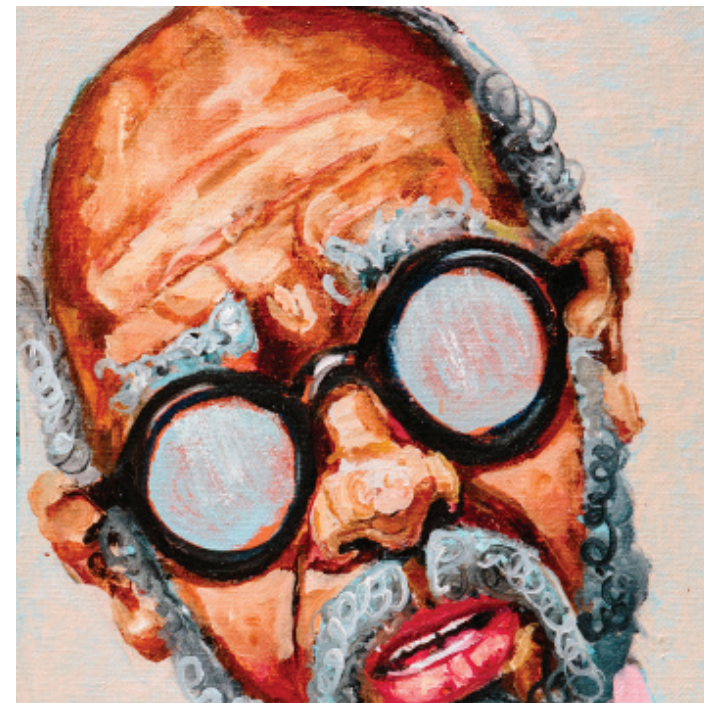


**Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?**

It's Uncle Jack,
Standing on the front door mat.
"Have you seen your Aunty Pat?"
asks Uncle Jack.

"She's lost her cat and I've lost your
Aunty!"

Fancy that!





Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?

It's my friend Zack,
Standing on the front door mat.
"I'm looking for your Aunty Pat
and Uncle Jack," says Zack.

"I've found their cat!"

Fancy that!







**Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?**

It's Uncle Jack coming back.
"That's not Pat's cat!"
Says Uncle Jack.
"Her cat is black!"

Fancy that!





Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?

It's Aunty Pat coming back.
"That's not my cat!" says
Aunty Pat.

"Have you seen Uncle Jack?"
"I've lost your Uncle and my
cat!"

Fancy that!





Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?

It's Uncle Jack standing on
the front door mat.
"I've found Pat's cat!" says
Uncle Jack.

"And now I've found your
Aunty Pat!"
Fancy that!







**Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?**

It's Zack's friend Mack.
"Hello," says Mack.
"I'm looking for my friend
Zack.
Someone told me he found
my cat."
Fancy that!



"Is that your cat?" Aunty Pat asks Mack.

"That's not my cat," Mack says to Aunty Pat.



“And that’s Pat’s cat,” says
Uncle Jack.

Fancy that!



Mmmm ... So Mack has lost
his cat and is looking for Zack.
But Aunty Pat has found her
cat

And Uncle Jack has found
Aunty Pat.

Fancy that!





**Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?**

Here's Zack with another cat!
Standing on the front door
mat.

"That's my cat!" says Mack.

Fancy that!





So whose cat is that?

"That's not my cat," says Aunty Pat.

"That's not Aunty Pat's cat," says Uncle Jack.

"That's not my cat," says Zack's friend Mack.

"That's not Mack's cat," says Zack, "or Aunty Pat's."

Fancy that!







Rat-a-tat-tat!
Who's
that?

It's Anat.
"That's my cat!" says Anat.
"He's been living out the back.
But he chased a mouse out of
the house!"

Fancy That!





**“And Mom says
I can keep him!”**



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Rat-a-tat-tat! I've Lost My Cat! is a picture story book written by renowned literacy scholar Denny Taylor to entertain and be great fun for children learning to read. When read aloud the story hums, and the rhythm of the highly predictable text makes it easy for children to read. The paintings of the charismatic characters and the irresistible cats are bold and brilliantly painted by the acclaimed conceptual artist, Shelton Walsmith.

