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'It is a little known fact that cats live at the bottom of the sea,' Carter tells us in this agreeable little book that must surely have started life as a bedtime story with its slightly disjointed quality to the telling. Sea-Cat knows he is important because his mother loves him so when the unloved Dragon King tries to bully him into giving up his beautiful suit, he is able to resist. Mother Sea-Cat is then kind enough to make the King a suit of his own so all ends well. If this little tale lacks the Grand Guignol of Carter's adult tales, she creates a most satisfying sea world with its eccentric houses and occupations and asides to the reader (as when she points out, most seriously, that no land creature could possibly live there). Young listeners will love it while a large type-face will encourage young readers.

The book is generously illustrated with black and white, rather vague and loose line drawings which distract from the text; the characterisation of Sea King is particularly disappointing. From her cover, it appears that Tatcheva's colour work is more promising.

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