

# Mr Tibbs

*Hello everyone. My goodness, we have had some wet weather lately – my garden is like a bog. Fizzy & Wolfe have been rolling about in the mud and then making paw-print patterns all over the kitchen floor for the staff to admire! I haven't been out much because I don't like getting my paws and fur wet (and I certainly don't like getting muddy!!!) so I have been napping and reading about the adventures of my Facebook friend Bingo. Bingo has written several books and I thought everybody would like to hear about them, so here is what he told me:*



**"There was a farmer had a dog and Bingo was his name-O."  
Wait, wait, wait . . . that is not quite right. My name is Bingo, but I am not a dog! I am a CAT! However, I do have my own personal farmer (who I call the Tall Lady) and together we have written a few children's books - picture books to show the happenings on our little farm in California.**

My first story, *Bingo's Big Adventure*, tells the story of my first outing on my farm where I meet a pesky rooster (cockerel) and learn about chickens. *Bingo Explores the Farm*, my second book, is a mini-mystery in which I discover the horses and find a human playmate. It appears that children between the ages of 3 and 9 are enjoying my stories and the Tall Lady has told me that the children at elementary schools where she presents assemblies find my tales of adventure exciting.



You can see, I am a young tabby cat who explores and discovers, so I call myself a "Mighty Adventurer". When the Tall Lady first brought me to her farm she noticed I was the perfect cat to show children about farm life and a more natural world. She thought that if children were given a chance to read my book they would find connections to simpler times. They could see the excitement and fun of being chased by a rooster, pretending to drive a car, watching horses frolic, climbing a tree, or meeting new human friends. With my books, I show kids how they might entertain themselves outside rather than watching TV or playing video games.

While collaborating with the Tall Lady I allow her to take pictures of me which she uses to illustrate my adventures in bright natural colours within "our" books. When I see her following me I like to walk over and rub her legs, but she usually shoos me away and tells me to "do something." Sometimes I oblige her, sometimes I don't. I may have a dog's name, but after all, I am a cat.

I often find the Tall Lady laying on the ground with her camera pointed at me. She told me pictures from the ground level capture the spirit of my exploration. I find it very odd indeed, but she says it gives the best photographic vantage point to provide a "cat's eye view" of the world. Coincidentally, it is also the perfect way for me to rub my face on the camera and apply fur to her lens and face. Children might see the world from a similar elevation as me - at least that is what the Tall Lady thinks. She says that a child can relate to how I view the world and that is the overriding theme in my books!

Bingo Explores the Farm and Bingo's Big Adventure can be previewed at [www.bingoadventures.com](http://www.bingoadventures.com). My books can also be purchased for your iPad and there are real children's voices reading the story on each page! Discounts are available for purchases of 10 or more books from King Publishing and the books can also be purchased from Amazon.



*Thank you so much for sharing that with us Bingo – you are a very talented cat indeed and I hope lots of people buy your books.*

*Do follow us on Twitter & Facebook – we have a great time, lots of fun and also make some serious points about animal welfare which we help to bring to a wider audience.*

*I'm off for another little nap now so see you all next time.*

*Mr Tibbs*

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