



The Stormy Kromer Kitten

by Erin Byrnes Bailey



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Book Review

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The Stormy Kromer Kitten by Erin Byrnes Bailey narrates the fascinating history behind the Stormy Kromer cap while featuring an adorable calico kitten. The story introduces us to George Kromer, a young man residing in the small town of Kaukauna, Wisconsin. He falls in love with a remarkable woman named Ida. Second to George's adoration of Ida is his love of baseball and his nifty baseball cap. George accepts a job as a railroad engineer so he can provide Ida with a good, stable life. One day, while George is relaxing in the caboose for his train ride home, he discovers a tiny calico kitten curled up inside the brim of his baseball cap. He carries the kitty home to Ida, who names the sweet furball Sidekick. When George's baseball cap suddenly goes missing during the cold winter days, Ida does something incredible to help him (and Sidekick) out.

The Stormy Kromer Kitten by Erin Byrnes Bailey is an entertaining and engaging historical fiction children's book that is guaranteed to put an enormous smile on your face. Wonderfully written and beautifully illustrated, this endearing tale offers readers a delightful exploration of George and Ida Kromer's life as the original creators of the Stormy Kromer cap. Sidekick's role in the story, as Ida's fictional muse, adds a warm and playful tone. Readers, young and old, will fall in love with this charming kitten and his amusing antics. The Stormy Kromer Kitten is the perfect picture book for fans of American history in the early 20th century. If you are a fan of other popular historical fiction books like Laura Ingalls Wilder's Farmer Boy and Little House in the Big Woods, you will adore this one, too. I highly recommend it.