

***T-Bird and the Island of Lost Cats***

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*T-Bird and the Island of Lost Cats* is about a young girl named T-Bird and her little black cat, Soot. The two take a trip to her Aunt's beach house right at the edge of the sea. T-Bird meets a boy named Rexie, whom she soon finds herself becoming great friends with. And when T-Bird learns about a mysterious case of all the cats in the coastal neighborhood have gone missing, T-Bird, Soot, and Rexie investigate the matter.

They spy on an odd woman named Lavina, who seems to know a little more than she should; Julia England, who was an old lady who happened to be a very famous author; and a creepy man named Mitch who lives at Julia's and is surly towards everyone. And with help from Old Cesare, who lives in the only house farther down the coastline, T-Bird, Soot, and Rexie find a peculiar island that just might help them solve the mystery of the missing cats, along with the help of a little black magic from her aunt of course.

This story has a very intriguing and appealing storyline with unique and elaborate characters, but I was distracted by the common misuse of grammar in the text. However, *T-Bird and the Island of Lost Cats* tells a very delightful story of two children and a cat solving a mystery that they care deeply about to help others.

This story would be most suitable for children from the age of six up to the tween years, or maybe even the teen years. This charming story would be a nice gift for a cat lover or a kid who likes a little mystery and fantasy. Overall, *T-Bird and the Island of Lost Cats* is an easy read for a range of ages and appeals to many different types of readers.