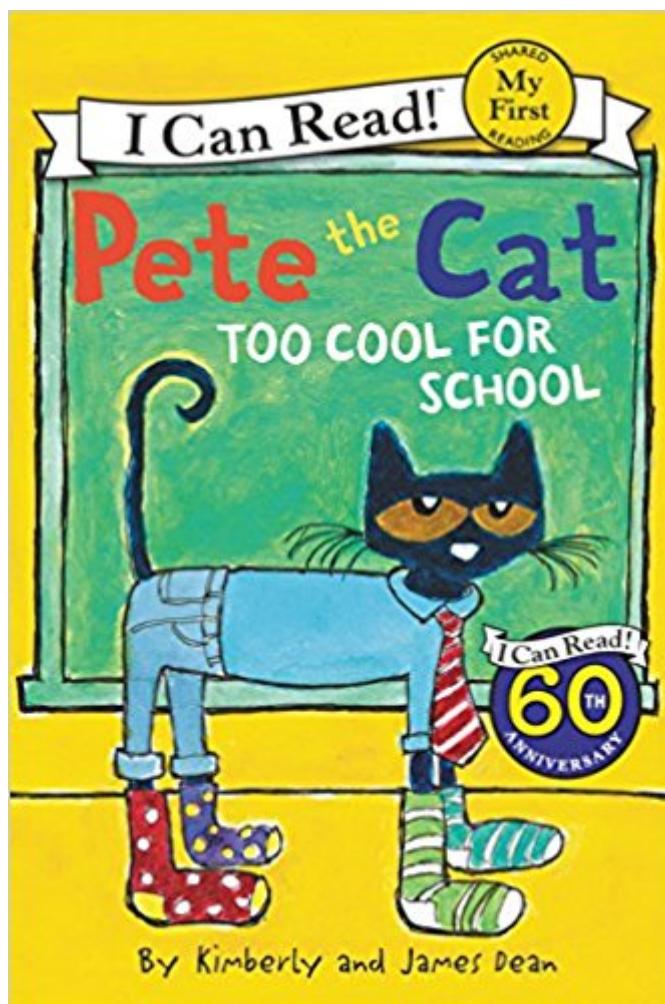


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# Pete The Cat: Too Cool For School (My First I Can Read)



## **Synopsis**

From New York Times bestselling author and artist James Dean, Pete the Cat can't decide what to wear to school in *Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School*. With so many groovy options to choose from, Pete finds the perfect way to show off his creativity. *Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School* is a My First I Can Read book, which means it's perfect for shared reading with a child.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

What should I wear? asks Pete, who wants to look cool. Everyone he asks suggests a different part of his wardrobe, from his mother's favorite, your yellow shirt, to the school bus driver's favorite, your polka dot socks. After trying on three shirts, he adds long pants, short pants, socks, boots, a striped tie, and a baseball hat. A double-page spread shows Pete wearing this assembled outfit and asks, Does he look cool? Kids will know the answer, and so does Pete, who changes into his favorite clothes and knows he looks cool. In both the bright images and simple words, Dean delivers the be yourself message with simplicity, economy, and humor. Beginning readers will find plenty to enjoy here, from the short words, brief sentences, and large type to the bold black lines, plaintive eyes, and vivid colors that define the distinctive

forward-facing characters. An engaging and ultimately amusing book from the Pete the Cat series for beginning readers. Preschool-Grade 1. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Pete the Cat can't decide what to wear to look cool at school. Pete learns it's not what you wear, but how you wear it that makes you cool.

We like the Pete the Cat books, which are part of Harper Collins' "My First Level, I Can Read!" series. Pete may not be as well known as Little Critter, Biscuit, Fancy Nancy, or the Berenstain Bears, but he has a kid-size groovy vibe that bests those slightly aging franchise bedrocks. Unlike some of the "I Can Read" books, the Pete books usually have a complete story, with a clear beginning, a couple of developments in the middle, and then a satisfying ending. I like that even in very early readers. What happens makes sense and the endings are satisfying. Each fully illustrated page has two sentences, running from four to seven words each. That's a nice length and a good and fair challenge for a little starting reader. The drawings fully support the text, and while they look a bit amateurish at first the characters are actually expressive and presented effectively. Many of the Pete books have a mild message, (be yourself, do your best). Here, Pete is choosing an outfit to wear to his first day at school. He takes advice from everyone and ends up way, way overdressed and rather silly looking. Finally, Pete takes off everything and puts on what he wants. Be yourself indeed. The message didn't strike me as terribly heavy-handed, but that's mostly because it was hidden under so many layers of silliness. The Pete books vary in their messageness, and this one does fall a bit to the obvious side of the balance. That said, it's fun and a bit ambitious, which is a nice touch for such an early reader. So, all in all, this is one of the few early readers books that strikes me as "set worthy" and we've been happy to collect them all over time. The paperback versions are particularly good value.

So very disappointed that the Pete in this book is so negative. I agree with other reviewers that the loss of Mr Litwin is noticeable in this publication. Pete seems panicky, and negative through the book and not cool like in white shoes and groovy buttons. This book is certianly not worth the money. I will cherish the old pete books!

This book was disappointing. I bought it since my son is a major Pete The Cat fan but he wasnt interested in this book at all and frankly neither was I. There is no song, no asking questions, no fun

story line. It was basically "hey its valentines day, watch me make cards for people, the end." The best part of the whole book was the valentines day cards inside. The poster was incredibly dumb and went in the trash pretty quickly. Its a picture of the cover of the book, and then its a picture of the book showing the cover. Pointless. I wouldn't recommend buying this unless you are only looking to get the valentines day cards.

Like others have said, it's not like previous Pete the Cat books. You can't sing it, it's not as catchy/memorable, so I was a little disappointed. But it is sweet, and my kids dug the inserts. Price for the hardback is MUCH better than ordering through my kid's Scholastic Book Club.

Perfect for my 4-year old who has just started reading. The repetitive characters are great and she really likes them. The books are relatively short and the pages are one or two lines. Perfect for new readers with easy words and relatively few difficult words.

We are huge fans of how Eric Litwin brings Pete to life with songs, questions, rhymes. This book, while still boasting excellent illustrations by Mr Dean, was such a horrible disappointment. Pete thinks V-Day is lame. Callie says it's not, so Pete changes his mind & sets to work drawing cool cards for his friends. The boys' cards, which he draws first, reflect their interests & hobbies & what makes them cool, like sports, cars, guitars, etc. The girls' cards reflect nothing unique or interesting about them. They all get the same-- a heart. I guess the girls in Pete's class have no interests outside of being someone's Valentine. Here's the kicker-- after Callie encourages him to embrace the holiday, helps him create cards for just about everyone he knows (from his classmates to the crossing guards, librarian, etc) & invites him to her party, Pete shows up with no Valentine for her. She immediately forgives him because she's just happy to spend time with him, regardless of his thoughtless, uncaring, disrespectful behavior. It's just a children's book, but the message here really struck me as something that I don't want my young daughter to think is ok. If a guy spends all his time (& yours) creating beautiful, thoughtful cards for everybody with a heartbeat, but shows up at your house empty handed, completely forgetting to show you the same respect & admiration he had for everyone else, by all means allow him in your party, but remember that he is not cool. Not cool at all. No rhymes, no song, no catchy repetitive questions. Just a lame, boring, poorly written story with a terrible message for young girls.

What kid doesn't love Pete the Cat?! I found that this version is different from the same story in

another book, but it's ok. I don't like how flimsy these are, but you get what you pay for and these are priced quite affordably.

This book was full of fun for our Granddaughter! It was good to introduce her to Valentine's Day. She fell in love with Pete the Cat. She really liked making out her little Valentine cards for those she loves. Uncle, Cousin, Gramma, Grampa, Mommy and Daddy! Valentine's Day is over but reading the book is not. The only thing I had a hard time with was explaining to her that the pages were made to tear out of this book. LOL

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