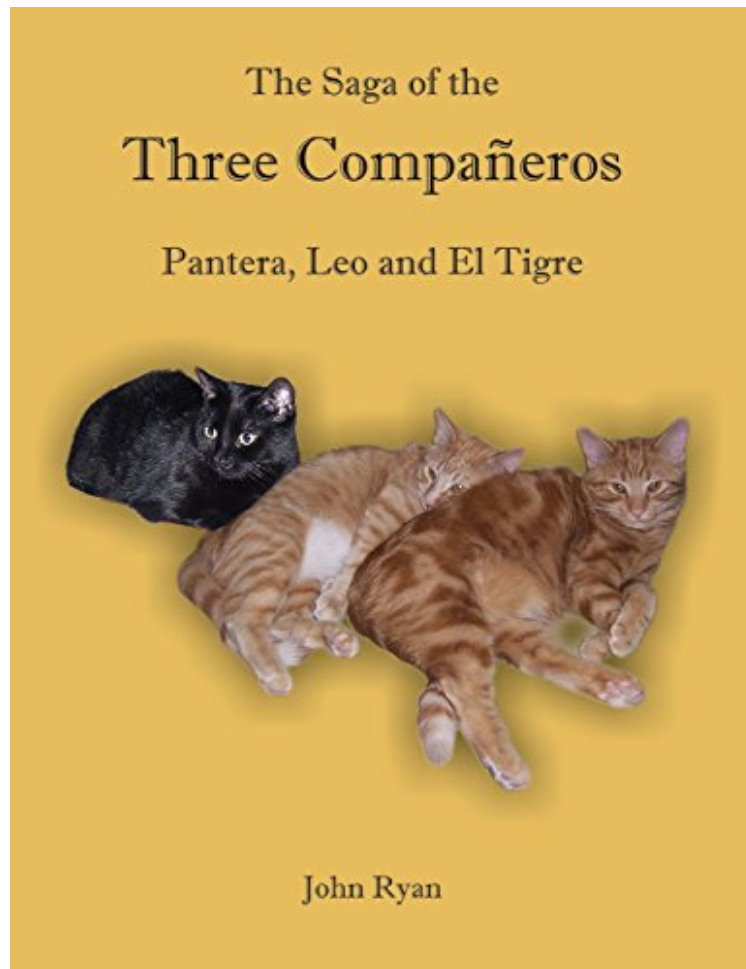


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**John Ryan : The Saga of the Three Companeros - Pantera, Leo and El Tigre** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Saga of the Three Companeros - Pantera, Leo and El Tigre:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A book for all ages, even three-year olds! By Camille Armstrong  
Review by Camille Armstrong, a California teacher  
As an elementary grade teacher of 30 years, I am always seeking great, real-life stories to share with children. I assumed this book about three kittens and one human, "The Saga of the Three Compañeros," by John Ryan, was written for adults, however, as I read I began to postulate it could be enjoyed by people of all ages. I found myself continuously smiling, chuckling, and engaged by this uplifting story of deep friendship between the four compañeros - and the amazing humorous and serious adventures that the kittens survived. This heartwarming tale is delightfully presented by action-packed, cleverly captioned photos, wonderful vocabulary, and enriching, interesting related information. If I could not put the book down, maybe children would be

captivated as well. I decided to check out my theory on the nearest available audience by offering the book to my three-year-old, twin nephews at nap time. Sure enough, the front and back cover grabbed their attention and we began a lively "picture walk," as they cradled their two stuffed, toy tabby cats. At each photo, I would ask the boys to tell me what they thought was happening, and following their interpretations, I would read the author's descriptive captions. By the second day, the twins had named their well-loved toy cats after two of the feline characters, Pantera and Leo. As the boys interacted with the multitude of photos, they were intrigued by the amazing indoor and outdoor adventures, predicaments and rescues, and one of the cat's fearless and clever attempts to escape the backyard by brilliant tree, fence, and ladder climbing. At the third nap time reading, as we studied the bonus photo gallery at the end of the book, the boys delighted in following the photos that showed the kittens growing up. Unbelievably, the next time we shared the book, they were ready and eager to hear the actual story text. Do yourself a favor; enjoy your own reading adventure by sharing this uplifting story with a young person. This is a book for all ages, even three-year olds!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A beautifully crafted, true story...By LisaThe Saga of the Three Companeros - Pantera, Leo and El Tigre is a beautifully crafted, true story of how three little kittens were rescued from almost certain death and given a wonderful new life. Under the loving care and protection of author, John Ryan, these three amigos frolic and finesse their way into our hearts. John encourages the emergence of each kitten's distinct personality and revels in their wide-eyed curiosity and good-natured mischief. Through John's descriptive narrative and many wonderful photos, we are invited to experience the evolution of an extraordinary bond between the three sibling cats and the person without whom this story would never have been told.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. From A Dog PersonBy CustomerI am a dog person. So I was a little surprised when I received this book about, of all things cats, as a Christmas gift from a dear friend. My friend is a cat person, so I suspect this was a ploy to make me see things from the cat's side of the table. If that was the plan, these three "little duffers" as the author refers to them, were remarkably successful. From the very first pages of the cruel abandonment of these little kitties to their miraculous recovery by the author, I was enchanted with this book. The stories of their exploits entertained me, made me laugh and in particular make me root for Leo to keep outsmarting any attempt to contain his wanderlust. I was moved by the obvious love and affection these three have for each other and for their "human". Dog people see loyalty as one of the best of their companion's characteristics. These four players show the same devotion to one another. The photos were beautiful and funny and the paper and print was very high quality. The author has been generous with sharing not only photos of his beloved and mischievous cats but of his lovely home as well. I was particularly pleased with the little bookmark which was included. A very nice "extra" touch. I am looking forward to reading this book with my grandchildren (grade school to teens) as well as sharing it with my "dog people" friends. Well done, John Ryan. I am looking forward to your next book as soon as it is released.

This is a sensitively written enchanting story of three pussycats - a chronicle of the experiences of kittens growing and maturing into fully grown felines. As kittens, just a month old, they almost died a horrific death were it not for their ultra intelligent mamma who alerted the author, John Ryan, to their perilous situation. Once rescued, these little compañeros took over the author's home and his heart. This is a tale of the trials and tribulations of kittens learning about the world around them. Every day was a new adventure and from time to time whole new worlds opened up to them and everything was explored with boundless enthusiasm. Actually, this rambunctious trek toward maturity is simply training for their careers as cats! Throughout all this, and even now as mature felines, they have been inseparable companions, comrades, compañeros, who rely on one another to face life's challenges. What is remarkable about these cats is the attachment, love and affection they have for one another - from their very beginnings as kittens till the present day. This is an uplifting story that will appeal to all cat lovers and to those who love to read stories to their children.