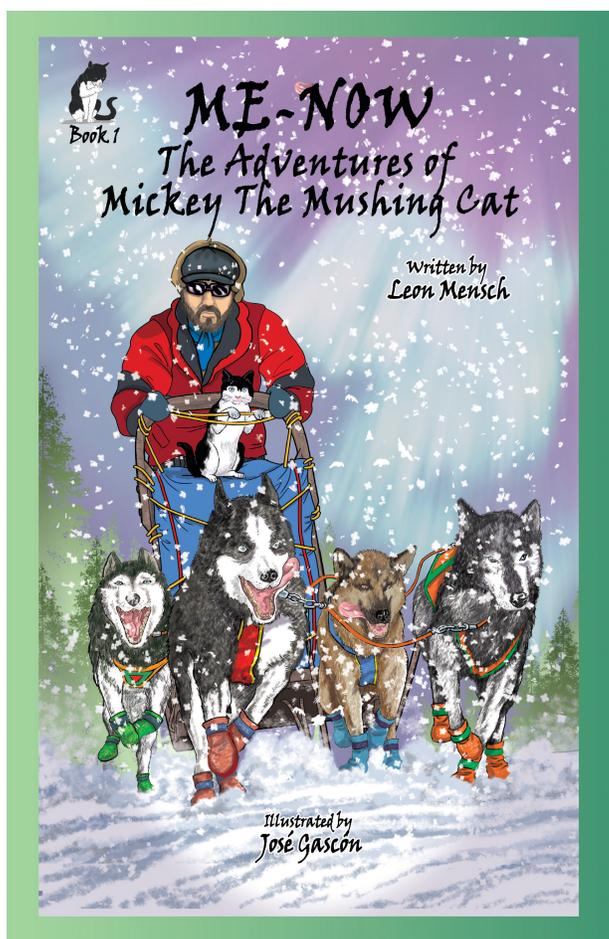


ME-NOW, THE ADVENTURES OF MICKEY THE MUSHING CAT

BY LEON MENSCH



These are the memoirs of Mickey who was born a stray cat. Alone and hungry, Mickey tries to brave the world in search of food and shelter but is thwarted at every turn. Mistreated by cruel people and attacked by other animals, four angels find him starving and injured. They rescue Mickey from the rough streets and place him in an adopted home in Vermont.

After years of enjoying Vermont, he travels across country to move to Alaska, where his owners start a sled dog kennel and begin learning the art of dog mushing. Mickey hates snow! He isn't very fond of dogs either, but he's determined after his childhood never to be left alone again.

One day, Mickey sneaks out of the house and into a sled loaded on top of the family truck. There he accidentally drifts off to sleep. Later, he wakes up on the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, a world-famous race from Anchorage to Nome. Can Mickey and his team survive the 900+ mile journey in bitter cold with many frozen rivers, deep gorges, and thin ice, not to mention the other dog teams on the trail that want to eat him?

Kristy Berington, 2020 Iditarod Musher, is a friend of author Leon Mensch and the basis for his character "Kristy," an incredible musher who saves Mickey on the trail. Kristy Berington is helping promote *Me-Now, The Adventures of Mickey the Mushing Cat* on her dog sled trailer.

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Leon S. Mensch lives in Kasilof, Alaska with his wife, Beth, and 22 sled dogs. He and his wife, along with Mickey, moved to Alaska from Vermont in 2011 looking for an adventure and to pursue Leon's passion for dog sledding. Together they opened *Winds of Time Kennel* in January 2014, with their first nine sled dogs, which are part of Mickey's adventures in Leon's debut book, Me-Now.



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