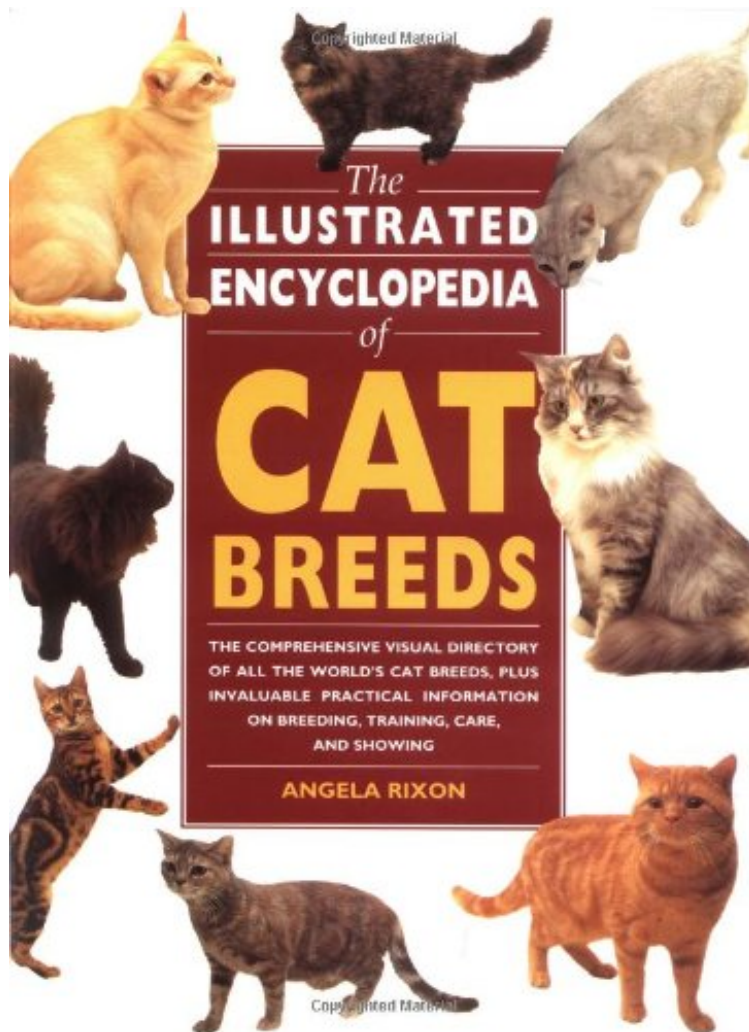


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About the AuthorAngela Rixon, ARPS, is President of the Cat Association of Great Britain. An ex show judge, she is also a cat breeder, and was responsible for the introduction of the Foreign Lilac and the Oriental Spotted breeds into Britain. She has written over 30 books on cats and cat care.