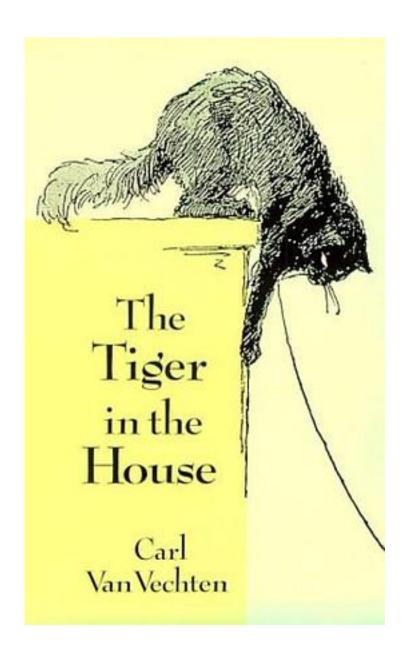
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"A god, a companion to sorceresses at the Witches' Sabbath, a beast who is royal in Siam, who in Japan is called 'the tiger that eats from the hand,' the adored of Mohammed, Laura's rival with Petrarch, the friend of Richelieu, the favorite of poets"—such are just a few of the feline distinctions that Carl Van Vechten records in this glorious historical overview of humanity's long love affair with the cat. As delightful as it is learned, Tiger in the House explores science, art, and history to assemble a treasury of cat lore, while Van Vechten's sumptuous baroque prose
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