

### A Literary Essay on "Spaghetti"

In the story "Spaghetti" by Cynthia Rylant, a poor, young boy named Gabriel was feeling very lonely and unhappy. After finding a kitten, his outlook changed, and he wasn't that lonely anymore. Pets can bring joy to an unhappy or lonely person.

In the beginning of the story "Spaghetti," Gabriel was sitting outside of his building feeling very lonely and upset. "He wished for some company." The story also said that Gabriel thought that living outside all of the time, among the coyotes, would be better than the situation he was currently in. These points clearly indicate that Gabriel was a very lonely and unhappy boy.

After feeling depressed for a while, Gabriel found a tiny, gray kitten that he thought smelled like spaghetti. Almost instantly, Gabriel's outlook on life started to change. "Gabriel was amazed. He had never imagined he would be lucky enough one day to find a kitten." For many people, having an animal's love and compassion can take away all of the worries in the world.

By the end of the story, Gabriel was pretty content with his life. "Gabriel no longer wanted to live outside." Gabriel may not have gotten rich, but his heart was full. He faced his reality with more hope than before. Finding Spaghetti, brought some joy to an otherwise unhappy boy.

Gabriel's life changed for the better when he found a kitten to love. Many people are given the strength they need to carry on through the love of an animal. My dog, Heidi, really truly is my best buddy. She knows when I'm having a bad day and just how to cheer me up. Next time one of your friends or family members is feeling blue, maybe you should suggest they get a pet to help lift their spirits.