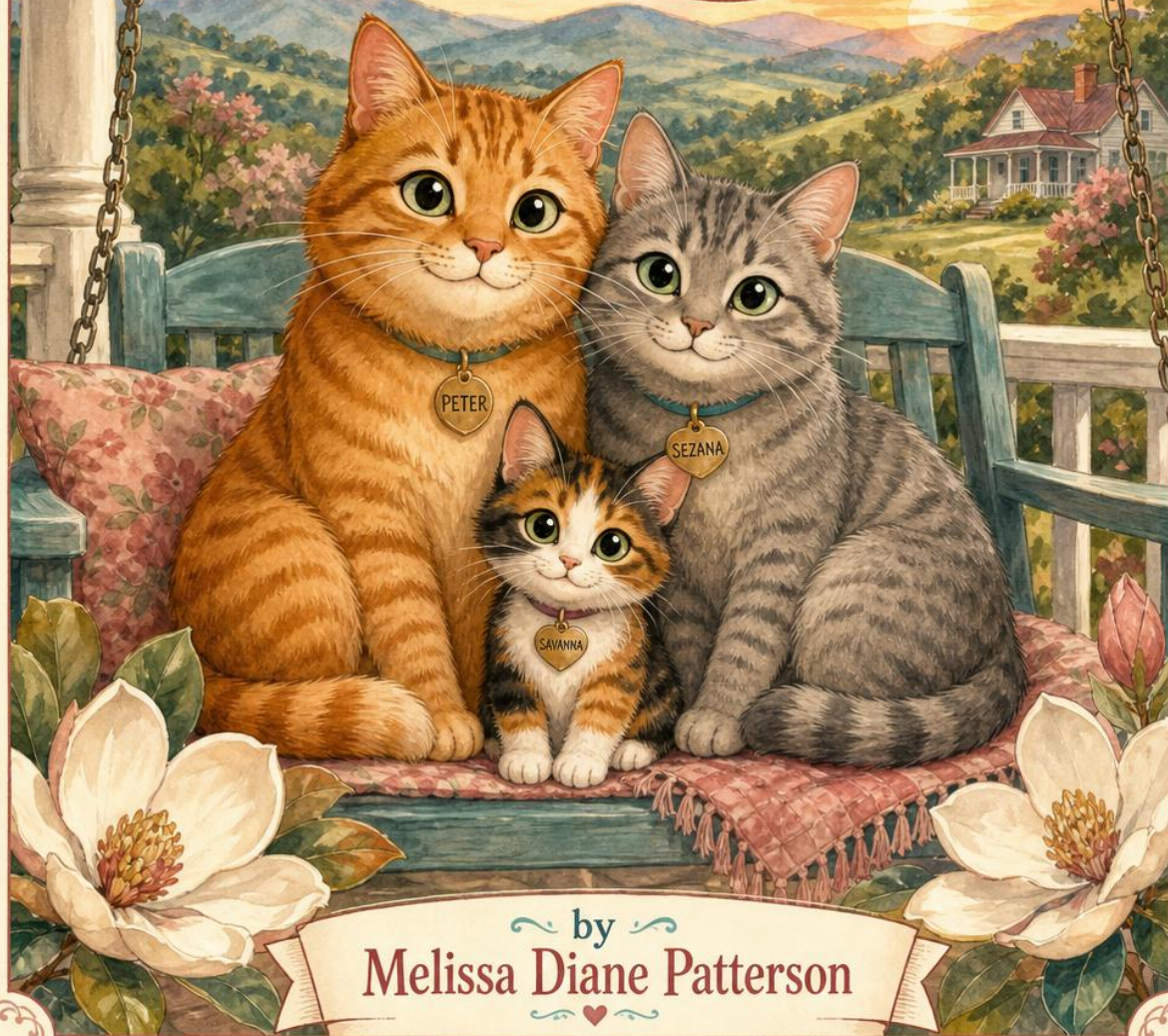


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# The Purrfect Carolina Adventure

*A Southern tale of three little cats*

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*For every little one who has ever loved a cat —  
and for every cat who has ever loved back.*



## Chapter One • Morning on the Porch

The sun rose slow and gold over the North Carolina hills, spilling honey light across the old wooden porch. Peter, a big orange tomcat with a heart just as warm, stretched from nose to tail and yawned so wide the magnolia blossoms trembled.

Beside him, his gentle grey tabby wife **Sezana** blinked awake, purring softly. And there, tumbling out of a dandelion like a little painted surprise, was their tiny calico kitten **Savanna**.

“Y’all,” Peter drawled, “today feels like an adventurin’ kinda day.”



## Chapter Two · Packing the Basket

Sezana folded a red-checkered blanket just so, the way her mama had taught her. Peter tucked biscuits into the picnic basket — buttermilk ones, still warm.

Savanna peeked over the rim with her round green eyes. “Can I bring my ribbon, Mama?” she chirped. Sezana smiled. “Of course, sugar. Every adventure needs a little sparkle.”



### Chapter Three • Down the Country Road

Off they trotted, three little shadows on a dusty red road. Split-rail fences leaned lazy in the sun, and the Blue Ridge mountains hummed in the distance.

A pair of butterflies swooped low, and Savanna chased them clean off the path, tail high and giggling. Peter chuckled. “Slow down, little bit — the river will still be there.”



## Chapter Four • Savanna's Big Splash

When they reached the Eno River, the water sparkled like sweet tea in the sunshine. Savanna leaned closer. Closer. *Just one paw...*

**SPLASH!** Down she went into the cool shallow water, all four paws and a very surprised meow. Peter leapt in after her in a heartbeat, scooping her up safe. Sezana's eyes went wide as sunflowers.

"Oh, baby girl," she breathed, "you gave Mama such a fright."



## Chapter Five • Fireflies and Forgiveness

Sezana wrapped Savanna in the red-checkered blanket and rubbed her dry beneath the old oak tree. Savanna sniffled — not from the cold, but from feeling sorry.

“I didn’t mean to scare you, Mama.” Sezana kissed the top of her tiny head. “Bein’ sorry is a brave thing to say, sweet pea. And bein’ forgiven is just love dryin’ you off and tryin’ again.”



## Chapter Six • Picnic Under the Oak

They spread the blanket in the dappled shade and shared biscuits and a mason jar of sweet tea. Bees hummed. A cardinal sang. Peter told a story about the time he chased his own tail for a whole afternoon.

Savanna giggled so hard she got the hiccups, and Sezana laughed until her whiskers wiggled. It was the kind of afternoon you tuck into your heart and keep forever.



## Chapter Seven • Walking Home in the Glow

As the sky turned peach and lavender, fireflies rose up from the tall grass like tiny lanterns being lit one by one. Peter carried the empty basket. Savanna, tuckered clean out, curled around Sezana's neck and rode home on her mama's soft grey back.

"Best day ever," she whispered, right before her eyes fell shut.



## Chapter Eight • Home Is a Porch Swing

Back at the little farmhouse, the moon climbed high over the hills. Three cats curled together on a patchwork quilt — one big, one soft, and one very tiny in the middle.

Outside, the porch swing creaked a gentle lullaby. Inside, three hearts beat slow and warm and together. And that's how you know you're home.



## A Thankful Heart

Thank you to our Lord God, in the precious name of Jesus, for the inspiration of this little story — for gentle mornings, sun-warmed rivers, red-checkered blankets, and the sweet love between mama, papa, and their little one.

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.”*

— James 1:17

May every child who reads this feel loved, forgiven, and safely held. Amen.

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