

## Bookfolio for **One-Eyed Cat**

**Author:** [Paula Fox](#)

**First Publication Date:** 1984

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**Recommended for:** [Grades 5-8](#)

**Classification:** Fiction

**Genre:** [Realistic Fiction](#)

**Story Summary:** Ned is the only child of a minister. He lives a quiet life because his mother is an invalid. He is a thoughtful boy who is somewhat afraid of the sullen housekeeper, Mrs. Scallop. When his Uncle Hilary gives him a gun for Christmas, his father forbids Ned to have it. Ned sneaks up to the attic to take the gun out and then shoots at a shadow in the moonlight. He finds out that he has blinded a wild gray cat who lives in the barn of an elderly neighbor, Mr. Scully. The cat recovers from the wound though still blind. Ned grows close to Mr. Scully. He must learn to cope with his feelings about his isolated family, the death of his friend Mr. Scully, and the changes in his schoolmates. He finally realizes the true nature of love when he can confess to his mother what he has done after he sees the cat and her kitten playing in the moonlight.

**Read-aloud Recommendation:** Chapter 3, "The Old Man."

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:  
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

One-Eyed Cat - Independent Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">Language of Comparison</a> (Recognizing similes)	R , W
2. <a href="#">Finding Connections</a> (Identifying with story characters or events)	W
3. <a href="#">Ned's Old Friend</a> (Writing a character sketch)	W
4. <a href="#">Silvery Feelings</a> (Illustrating a scene)	D
5. <a href="#">Thoughts Collage</a> (Making a collage)	D , W
6. <a href="#">The Great Depression</a> (Researching a topic)	R , S , W
One-Eyed Cat - Group Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">A Paula Fox Forum</a> (Finding recurring themes)	R , S , W
2. <a href="#">Secrets</a> (Discussing conflicts)	S
3. <a href="#">Face in the Window</a> (Mapping a story)	S , W
4. <a href="#">Splinters in the Mind</a> (Writing about problem solving)	W
5. <a href="#">The Gun Report</a> (Conducting a survey)	S , W
6. <a href="#">"Let's Talk About..."</a> (Discussing the story)	L , S

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