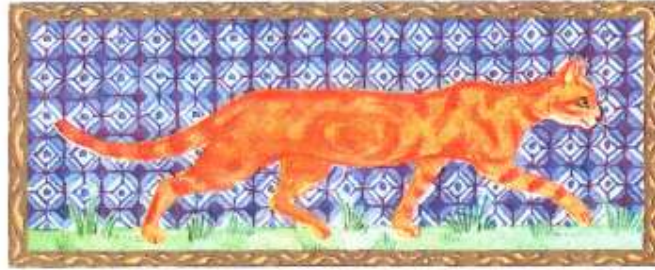


A Glossary of tricky words in the poem

Macavity the Mystery Cat



fakir – self-sufficient holy man

fiend – an evil spirit or demon

feline – member of the cat family

depravity – dishonest actions

by-street – a public road in a city, town or village

looted – to steal goods

rifled – to search through something

Peke – a Pekinese dog

stifled – restrained or stopping an action

treaty – an agreement made by negotiation

deceitfulness – not honest behaviour

suavity – charming, confident and elegant

alibi – a claim that someone was elsewhere when an act of crime took place

Mungojerrie – an impish and fun-loving cat created by T.S. Elliot

Griddlebone – fluffy, dainty and lady-like cat created by T.S. Elliot

Napoleon – a French military and political leader