

Geronimo Stilton

Thea Stilton AND THE PRINCE'S EMERALD



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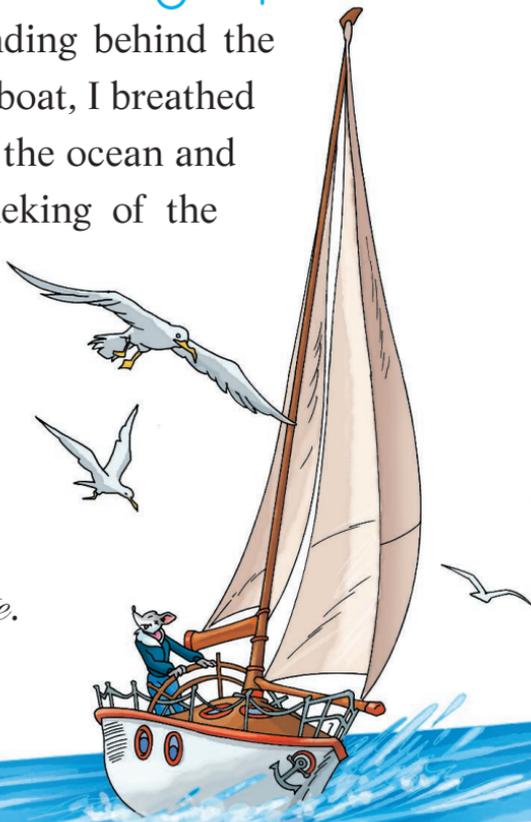
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A SOLO SOJOURN

I, Thea Stilton, was smack-dab in the middle of the Mousific Ocean. It had been a week since I'd **LEFT** Mouse Island. Today the **sea** was calm. The **sunshine** reflected on the smooth waves, and a **LiGHT** breeze filled the sails. Standing behind the helm of my little sailboat, I breathed in the **smell** of the ocean and listened to the shrieking of the seagulls and the slosh of the waves.

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FOR THEA STILTON!
read the front-page
headline of *The
Rodent's Gazette*.
But this wasn't a





pleasure cruise. I was a mouse on a mission! I'd set sail to inspect the state of the ocean's health. Every day, I took samples of **water**, recorded the movements of a school of sardines, and took notes on my **laptop**. I was used to traveling alone, especially for work, so I wasn't lonely. But this particular morning was so *beautiful* that I longed to share it with my friends.

At that moment, I heard the sound of an incoming call on my computer.

Beep! Beep! Beep!

The call was from my dear friends the **THEA SISTERS**! I'm sure you know all about them. A little while back, I'd been invited to teach a class in adventure journalism at my old school, **MOUSEFORD ACADEMY**. *Colette*, *Nicky*, **PAMELA**, **PAULINA**, and **Violet** — the Thea Sisters —



were in my class. Without a doubt, they are the five brightest young rodents I've ever met.

I glanced at the caller ID. To my surprise, the call was coming from . . .

“**INDIA?!**” I asked, astounded. “In the name of all that’s **cheesy** and delicious, what brings you to India, mouselings?”

“Thea, it’s a story longer than an elephant’s trunk,” Violet replied.

“We’ve had the most **incredible** adventure!” Colette added.





“You can squeak that again! It’s been a trip we’ll never forget,” Pamela confirmed with **EXCITEMENT**.

Those were strong words coming from the Thea Sisters! Their **adventures** had led them all over the globe. I knew I was in for a good story, so I sat down and curled up my tail.



“Okay, **mouselets**, I’m all ears! Something tells me that my next book will be set in India. . . .”

And I was right: On the busy **streets** of Chennai, India, my friends the Thea Sisters had lived through one of their **most fabulous** adventures! Want to know more? Grab yourself a cup of hot cheese, get comfy, and **READ** on!