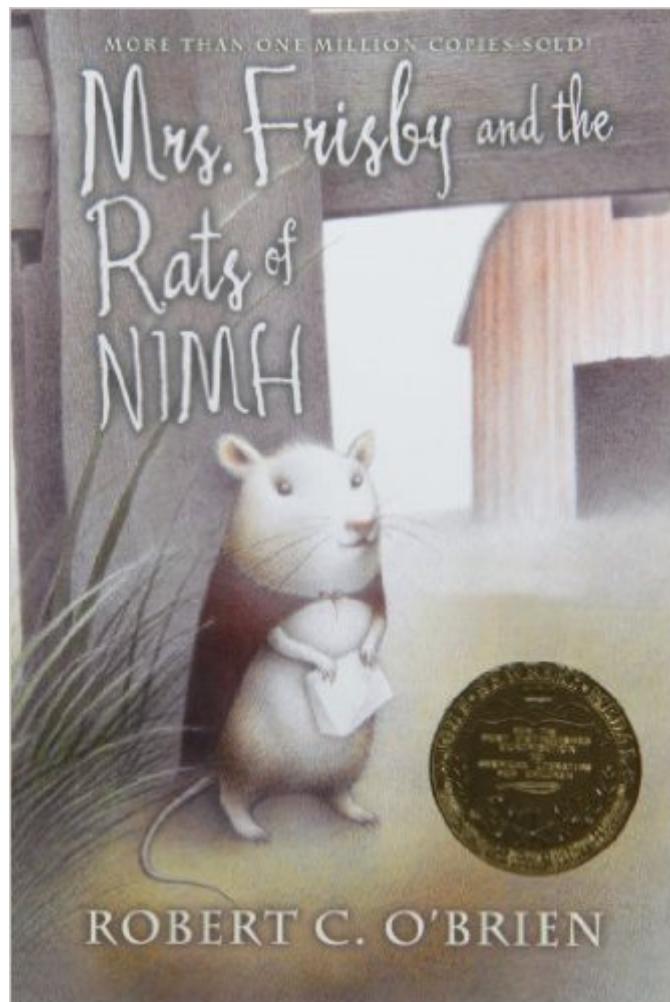


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# Mrs. Frisby And The Rats Of NIMH



## **Synopsis**

Some extraordinary rats come to the aid of a mouse family in this Newbery Medal Award-winning classic by notable children's author Robert C. O'Brien. Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

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## **Customer Reviews**

There's something very strange about the rats living under the rosebush at the Fitzgibbon farm. But Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with a sick child, is in dire straits and must turn to these exceptional creatures for assistance. Soon she finds herself flying on the back of a crow, slipping sleeping powder into a ferocious cat's dinner dish, and helping 108 brilliant, laboratory-enhanced rats escape to a utopian civilization of their own design, no longer to live "on the edge of somebody else's, like fleas on a dog's back." This unusual novel, winner of the Newbery Medal (among a host of other accolades) snags the reader on page one and reels in steadily all the way through to the

exhilarating conclusion. Robert O'Brien has created a small but complete world in which a mother's concern for her son overpowers her fear of all her natural enemies and allows her to make some extraordinary discoveries along the way. O'Brien's incredible tale, along with Zena Bernstein's appealing ink drawings, ensures that readers will never again look at alley rats and field mice in the same way. (Ages 9 to 12) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This is just an excellent (and easy to follow) adventure story that every family will enjoy. The ending is perfect for a "write what comes next" project and the book itself is well-plotted and filled with memorable characters, mostly birds and rodents. My version has illustrations by Zena Bernstein - pen and ink - that are often too confusing and hard to decipher. It might be worth it to buy the book with different illustrations. This was 1971's Newbery winner, and it's a good one. I don't usually agree with the Newbery's more recent selections. Stephen King's book "Firestarter" came out after this book, and also owes a lot to the government-agency-test-subjects-injected-with-secret-chemicals-develop-unusual-powers-and-become-superhuman/superrodent. "Mrs. Frisby" isn't as dark as "Firestarter", but the threat of rediscovery by NIMH is a major plot driver. Very interesting book; it has held up well through four decades. Your kids will enjoy it.

2.15.17//1153hrsMTMy daughter saw the film before reading the book and found the text as intriguing as the film, within obvious limits, or vice versa. She remarked that the plotline mirrors so many real-life human plights so often exploited by the media. I compare it to "Animal Farm" and "Charlotte's Web" without the politico pathos. And, that the suppressed nobility of creatures in any context often must be encouraged (aka - even reverting to subterfuge) to overcome adversity and work toward a greater good and the collective benefit. Worth the time for child and adult. Indy

Absolutely love the story. Every chapter added an exciting piece to the puzzle. Great novel for ESL

students.

Have you ever wondered what might happen if animals could learn to read? Would we better off or in trouble if our pets or even wild animals proved to have created their own civilization? When you find yourself in a predicament, would you have the courage to ask for help from someone who was at least a little bit scary? Are there more caring people in the world than uncaring? What kinds of things might happen if we learned to trust people who were very different from us instead of staying away because they are "different"? In this book you will learn a lot about courage, generosity, trust and caring. The story is suspenseful and full of surprises. "Mrs. Frisby" is a book I have read annually to some child or group of children since its publication! Although it is about a mouse and rats, the story tells a lot about what it means to be both intelligent and caring about others and the world. Not at all moralistic but a great way to start a conversation on what it means to be a wonderful person! I look forward to sharing it now with the third generation in my own family. The book arrived in perfect shape, ahead of the predicted delivery date. The packaging was carefully done, adequate but not excessive - something I really appreciate.

It was good

I bought this bk based on summaries & reviews on when I searched for bks for my 9 yr old 3rd grade daughter to read in the fantasy genre for school; she has not read it yet (she chose to start w/other options I purchased - Mrs Piggle-Wiggle's Birthday, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, & Sideways Stories from Wayside School), but I went ahead; the basic tale is about a widowed mother field mouse who faces the dilemma of needing to move her family from its winter home to its summer home, only one child is ill & not up to the move; this alone is not enough to rope you in, but the story catches you off guard when it goes much deeper; the mouse forms unlikely liaisons w/a crow, an owl, & rats; she takes risks to save her family & becomes a heroine; not only do the lives of animal kingdom characters parallel those of humans in many ways, but the complexities of intelligence & spiritual contemplation are portrayed; as the story evolved, I could not put it down; I was hungry for more & disappointed because of unanswered questions at the end; there is clearly room for a sequel; the research rats' experience reminded me of Daniel Keyes' "Flowers for Algernon" & Dr Oliver Sacks story/"Awakening" movie in that broadening horizons has pros & cons (advances in this story not temporary like in "Flowers" & "Awakenings"); the bk is said to target ages 9-12 or "young adult", but is a sophisticated work; it would only appeal to the most deep thinking

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