

Books on mice are twice as nice as having houses full of mice: children's books about mice

We have a mouse—or maybe we have mice—scampering through our house in broad daylight, without a care in the world, happy as can be. The traps are apparently no trouble to avoid, the treats in the traps are apparently not appealing at all, and every day I am able to get a little closer to this darling, stealthy little creature. But I can't get close enough to catch him.

I would like to live in a mouse-free house one day. And I would like that day to come soon. But I am at peace with the fact that this situation seems to be beyond my control. Weeks ago we engaged professional help. My husband and I are on a first-name basis with our pest control man, who is baffled.

"I've never had a mouse I couldn't catch," he told me this week. He mentioned that his wife had suggested that maybe I was imagining seeing it.

"You don't understand," he told her. "She showed me a picture!"

I don't know how to break it to him that I have more pictures.



And a video.

I've also started talking to the mouse, rather than yelling, "Eeeeeek! Go get your father!"

While we are sharing our space with at least one mouse, I find myself thinking of the many books where mice are portrayed beautifully, either as main or supporting characters.

I've captured a few favorites here—some mine and others recommended by friends

and family. I'd love to hear yours.

[Ralph S. Mouse](#), [The Mouse and the Motorcycle](#), and [Runaway Ralph](#)

✘ [Stuart Little](#)

[Mouse House](#) by Rumer Godden

And who could forget Reepicheep in [Prince Caspian](#) and [Voyage of the Dawn Treader](#) by C.S. Lewis?

[The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear](#)

[Mouse Soup](#) and [Mouse Tales](#) by Arnold Lobel

[Frederick](#) by Leo Lionni

✘ [Mortimer's Christmas Manger](#)

[The King, the Mice, and the Cheese](#) (out of print, but so wonderful)

[If You Give a Mouse a Cookie](#)

[Mouse Mess](#)

[Mouse Paint](#)

[The Geronimo Stilton series](#)

✘ [Angelina Ballerina](#)

[The "Mouse's First" series](#) by Lauren Thompson

[The Maisy series](#)

[Basil of Baker Street: The Great Mouse Detective](#)

[Norman the Doorman](#)

[Anatole](#)

[The Tale of Desperaux](#)

What I really love is [this poem that one of my sisters remembered](#). It's lovely, and it makes me feel better about sharing my home with mice.

Goodness. Maybe mice books are like mice themselves. There are always more there than you realize. What am I missing? Have I overlooked one of your favorites? If we expanded to include rats, we'd have so many more!