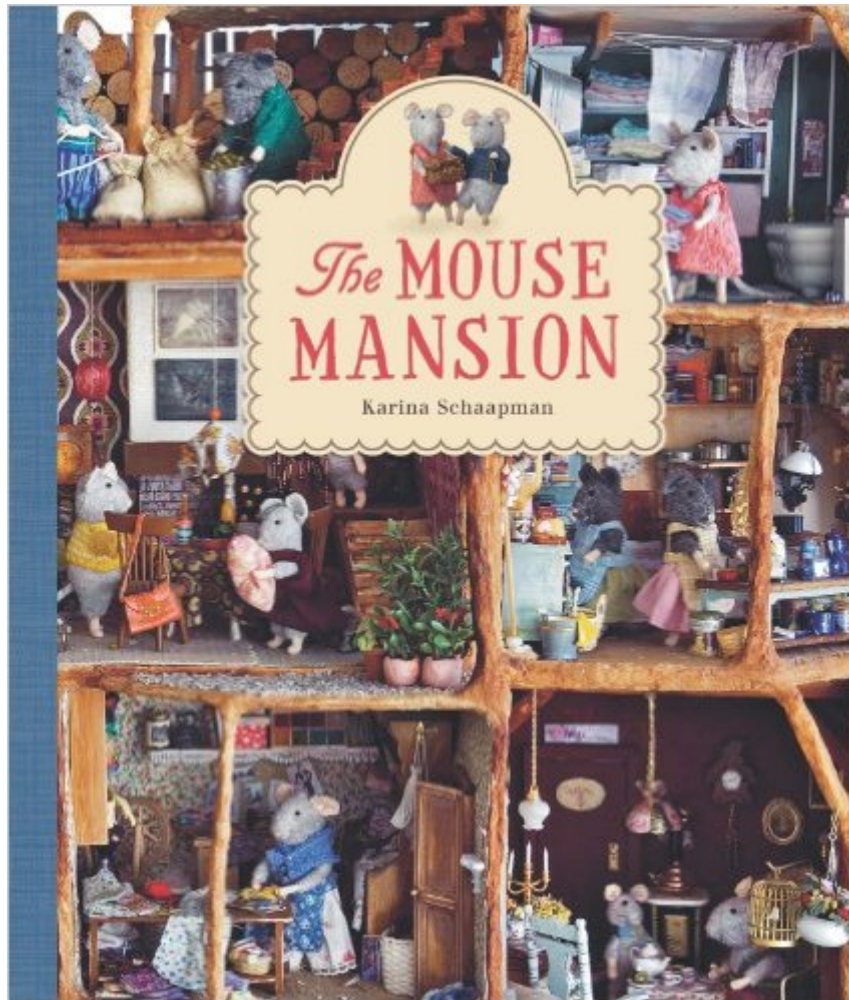


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# The Mouse Mansion



## Synopsis

Beatrix Potter meets I Spy! In this detailed and charming storybook adventure Best friends Julia and Sam are mice who live in the Mouse Mansion. When they're together they find all sorts of adventures and all kinds of trouble! Come with them as they discover a secret hiding place, greet the ragman, and learn to make pancakes. There is a shop that sells everything and a box full of treasure. And oh no! there might even be a rat! The Mouse Mansion is always full of surprises. Author and artist Karina Schaapman spent years building and furnishing the Mouse Mansion in which this collection of stories takes place. The elaborate dollhouse is made of cardboard boxes and papier-mâché and contains more than one hundred rooms to explore.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

As a Dutch expatriate, I was familiar with this book when it came out in the Netherlands. Last week, I bought the American version to share with my American family. I just read it with a 4 and 9 year old. Both girls were absolutely enthralled by the pictures accompanying the short stories. We spent over one hour going slowly over each page. So much to see! I can't wait to read it with my 3 year old grandson next week. I highly recommend this book for toddlers and children grade school age. Young adults and young-at-heart grown-ups will get a kick out of the book as well. And if you are ever lucky enough to visit Amsterdam, you can see the real Mouse Mansion on display in the main branch of the public library. Well worth a visit.

The mansion itself is truly astounding, it is huge and decorated in exceptional detail with many touches of humor. You can return to the book again and again just to look at the photos of each room and you will find new details each time. The photos of the mansion would be great fun even without the story of Sam and Julia. The stories of Sam and Julia's adventures however are very sweet and capture their lovely friendship and nice moments of connection with other family members. This book is already beloved by both children and adults in our house. I think it would be a nice gift for children in the 4-8 age range.

This is a fascinating book that I enjoy looking at as much as my four-year-old daughter does. Any child who loves dollhouses and miniatures will love it. The author's attention to detail is amazing. I also noticed a possibly deeper layer to the story in the placement of "The Diary of Anne Frank" on the bedside, Sam's family's celebration of the Sabbath, and the sinister shadow of a rat that the main characters believe they see (fortunately a false alarm), details that were intriguing given the fact that the author lives in Amsterdam. I wish the book had included more information about the author and her construction of the mouse mansion, such as whether she makes most of the objects in the house and how, etc. The only thing that puzzled me a bit about the book was the fact that the floors and furniture were clearly dusty and cobwebbed in a number of the pictures; it seemed so strange to me that the dollhouse hadn't been tidied up well before the photos were taken. But, maybe mice aren't the best housekeepers.

My 9 year old and 7 year old love the book. The book is a number of short stories all about Sam and Julia (mice children) and their adventures in the mouse mansion. Each story in the book is about a page or so long so it's perfect for a short read right before bed. The stories are interesting, simple and appealing to young children. In addition to the stories, the photos are excellent. It is a very sweet book for any child who likes dollhouses or miniatures. We love looking at the photos and reading the book.

My sister-in-law and I poured over this book for an hour. (Yes...my niece seemed to like it, too!) I think it appeals to a wide age group. The incredible detail provides something for everyone and allows readers to make new discoveries with every reading. I hope that the Dutch author publishes American versions of more books in this series.

A kid friendly theme, great photos, and fascinating construction of the house. Large pages with large photos. The caveat is the the "story" consists one page of a large photo on the theme, such as a mouse with measles, rather than a continuing story as you would expect in a storybook.

Oh my gosh. This book is amazing. You won't believe the hundreds of clever little details and sweet scenes within the Mouse Mansion. It's truly a work of art that is to be admired. I've bought a few of these as they are a wonderful gift.

You can amuse a small child quietly with this book as there is so very much detail! I don't think it's intended for this purpose but if you need a quiet child to carry you through a conversation, church or doctor visit, this is a perfect distraction which I can grab in an instant. I bought it for a friend who makes these felt little things, and she will have to get her own:)

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