



## HELLO, I'M THEA!

I'm *Geronimo Stilton's* sister.

As I'm sure you know from my brother's bestselling novels, I'm a special correspondent for *The Rodent's Gazette*, Mouse Island's most famous newspaper. Unlike my 'fraidy mouse brother, I absolutely adore traveling, having adventures, and meeting rodents from all around the world!

The adventure I want to tell you about begins at Mouseford Academy, the school I went to when I was a young mouseling. I had such a great experience there as a student that I came back to teach a journalism class.

When I returned as a grown mouse, I met five really special students: Colette, Nicky, Pamela, Paulina, and Violet. You could hardly imagine five more different mouselings, but they became great friends right away. And they liked me so much that they decided to name their group after me: the Thea Sisters! I was so touched by that, I decided to write about their adventures. So turn the page to read a fabumouse adventure about the

## THEA SISTERS!



## colette

She has a passion for clothing and style, especially anything pink. When she grows up, she wants to be a fashion editor.



## Paulina

Cheerful and kind, she loves traveling and meeting rodents from all over the world. She has a magic touch when it comes to technology.



## violet

She's the bookworm of the group, and she loves learning. She enjoys classical music and dreams of becoming a famous violinist.

# THE THEA SISTERS



## Nicky

She comes from Australia and is very enthusiastic about sports and nature. She loves being outside and is always ready to get up and go!



## Pamela

She is a great mechanic: Give her a screwdriver and she'll fix anything! She loves pizza, which she eats every day, and she loves to cook.



**Do you want to help the Thea Sisters in this new adventure? It's not hard – just follow the clues!**

**When you see this magnifying glass, pay attention: It means there's an important clue on the page. Each time one appears, we'll review the clues so we don't miss anything.**

**ARE YOU READY?  
A NEW MYSTERY AWAITS!**

# Geronimo Stilton

## Thea Stilton AND THE HOLLYWOOD HOAX



Scholastic Inc.

If you purchased this book without a cover, you should be aware that this book is stolen property. It was reported as “unsold and destroyed” to the publisher, and neither the author nor the publisher has received any payment for this “stripped book.”

Copyright © 2015 by Edizioni Piemme S.p.A., Palazzo Mondadori, Via Mondadori 1, 20090 Segrate, Italy. International Rights © Atlantyca S.p.A. English translation © 2016 by Atlantyca S.p.A.

The publisher does not have any control over and does not assume any responsibility for author or third-party websites or their content.

GERONIMO STILTON and THEA STILTON names, characters, and related indicia are copyright, trademark, and exclusive license of Atlantyca S.p.A. All rights reserved. The moral right of the author has been asserted. Based on an original idea by Elisabetta Dami. [www.geronimostilton.com](http://www.geronimostilton.com)

Published by Scholastic Inc., *Publishers since 1920*, 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. SCHOLASTIC and associated logos are trademarks and/or registered trademarks of Scholastic Inc.

*Stilton is the name of a famous English cheese. It is a registered trademark of the Stilton Cheese Makers' Association. For more information, go to [www.stiltoncheese.com](http://www.stiltoncheese.com).*

No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without written permission of the copyright holder. For information regarding permission, please contact: Atlantyca S.p.A., Via Leopardi 8, 20123 Milan, Italy; e-mail [foreignrights@atlantyca.it](mailto:foreignrights@atlantyca.it), [www.atlantyca.com](http://www.atlantyca.com).

This book is a work of fiction. Names, characters, places, and incidents are either the product of the author's imagination or are used fictitiously, and any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, business establishments, events, or locales is entirely coincidental.

ISBN 978-0-545-87242-3

Text by Thea Stilton

Original title *Colpo di scena a Hollywood*

Cover by Chiara Balleello (design) and Flavio Ferron (color) with Kristine Brideson

Illustrations by Barbara Pellizzari and Chiara Balleello (design), and Valentina Grassini (color)

Graphics by Elena Dal Maso

Special thanks to Beth Dunfey

Translated by Emily Clement

Interior design by Becky James

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

16 17 18 19 20

Printed in the U.S.A.

40

First printing 2016



# WAKE UP, SLEEPYSNOUT!

The minute she opened her **EYES** that morning, Pam had a funny feeling in her fur. It just took a glance at the clock for her to realize what was wrong. She was **late**! She and the other Thea Sisters should have been ready for class half an hour ago!

The five mouselets — known as the **THEA SISTERS**, after their friend and teacher, Thea Stilton — were best friends. They shared rooms in the dorm at their school, Mouseford Academy.

“Coco! **WAKE UP!**” Pam shouted to Colette. “Let’s go, sleepysnout!”

“Mmm . . . Just **FIVE MORE MINUTES** . . .” Colette mumbled.



## WAKE UP, SLEEPYSNOUT!

“We don’t have **Five minutes!**  
We’re already late!”

Finally, Colette shook herself awake.  
“What time is . . . **WHAT?! Nine?!**”

She leaped to her paws and started running  
around **faster** than a hyperactive hamster  
on a treadmill. All at once Colette was

*Come on, hurry up!*





brushing her fur, getting dressed, and packing her **BOOK BAG**.

“How did it get so late? Why didn’t Paulina and Nicky and Violet wake up?” she **moaned**. “They must have forgotten to set the alarm . . .”

The night before, all five friends had been up late watching a **MOVIE** — *Love in the Age of Cheese*, starring the famous

actor **JOHNNY RATT**.

They’d stayed up way past their usual bedtime.

Colette and Pam were almost ready when someone knocked on their door. “Mouselets! We’re laaaate!

**COME ONNNNN!**”

It was Paulina and Nicky, looking disheveled. Nicky’s fur stuck out every which





way, like a porcupine. Behind them, Violet could barely keep her eyes open. “Yawn . . . okay, **let’s haul tail!**”

The five mouselets scampered downstairs and into the hallway that led to their **CLASSROOMS.**



“Hey, **LOOK!**” Pam cried, stopping suddenly. She pointed to the bulletin board, where a photo of a mouselet with a sweet **smile** was tacked up. “That’s Jenna!”

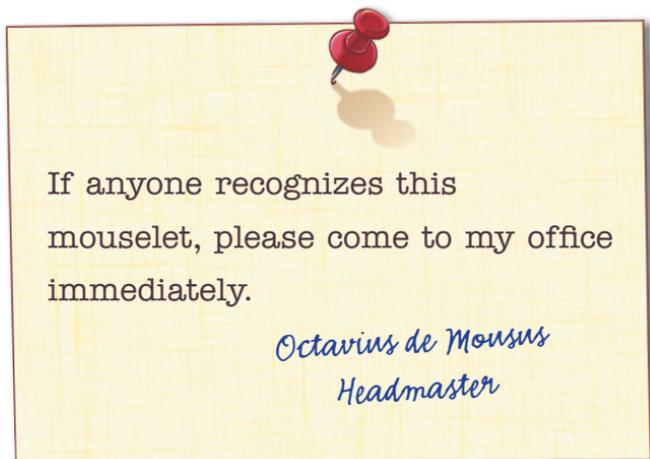
Her friends looked at one another in confusion.

“Who?” Violet asked.

“You know — Jenna, my friend from New York,” Pam explained. “She lives in **Los Angeles** now, so I don’t know what her picture is doing here . . .”



“Check it out, Pam,” said Nicky. “There’s a *Note* from the headmaster.”



“Let’s go find him!” Pam suggested.

“But our class . . .” Violet **objected**.

Colette checked her watch. “We still have **FIVE MINUTES**. We can make it. Besides,” she added, taking her friend by the paw, “if the headmaster says **‘immediately’** . . .”

“We better scurry along!” Violet finished.