



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.

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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.

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A NEW MYSTERY AWAITS!**

Thea Stilton

AND THE RACE FOR THE GOLD



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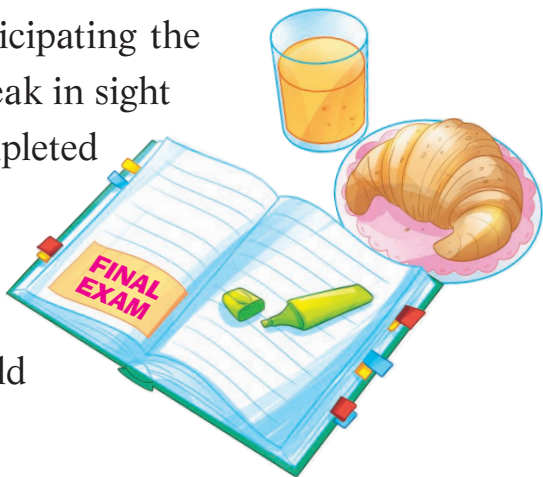
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The Thea Sisters were enjoying a **perfect** breakfast at the beginning of a busy day: fresh-squeezed orange juice, toasted croissants, and good conversation! The end of the term was approaching **quickly**, and for the past few weeks, the five mice had been spending every spare minute preparing for their final **exams**. The friends were eagerly anticipating the long summer break in sight once they completed their **exams**.

“I don’t know about the rest of you, but I could





really use a break from all this **studying**,” Nicky announced. “What if we all plan to meet up later today for a non-study session?”

“I’m in!” Pamela agreed immediately. “I’m heading to the library to focus on my **history** paper, but I should be done soon.”

“Colette and I have to **finish** our science project,” Violet said.

“That’s true, but if we get to work right now, we should be done in a few hours,” Colette said eagerly.

“I’m off to a **computer science** study session now, but I’ll head to our usual spot as soon as it’s over,” Paulina said. “See you all in the garden later?”

The Thea Sisters all nodded enthusiastically and headed off in **DIFFERENT** directions.

Later, the five mice were hard at work studying, writing, and researching when their



cell phones all buzzed at the exact same time. The same message appeared on each screen:



**“These three colors wave to give you a clue.
To a summer of sports: green,
yellow, and blue!”**

Pamela, Nicky, Colette, Violet, and Paulina all glanced down at their phones in confusion. None of them understood the **strange** message.

When the five friends gathered in the garden later that afternoon, they were all thinking about the message.

“I got a very **strange** text message!” Pamela exclaimed.





“That’s strange, me, too,” Violet said. “I think it’s a riddle.”

“I got it, too,” Nicky added. “I didn’t recognize the number. It’s definitely some sort of **puzzle**.”

“**GREEN**, **YELLOW**, and **BLUE**,” reflected Paulina aloud. “The colors must mean something . . .”

“And it said something about sports and the summer,” Paulina added.

“Well, I’ve been thinking,” Paulina said. “What if the colors are from a **FLAG**?” She tapped out something on her tablet and then showed the results to her friends. “It could be the **Brazilian** flag.”

“Of course!” Nicky exclaimed **enthusiastically**. “The Mouselympics will be in Brazil this summer!”





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The message has to have something to do with that.”

“Yes, but what about the Mouselympics?”

Pamela wondered, trying to put together the pieces of the **puzzle**.

The friends were quiet for a minute as they all thought hard about





the **RIDDLE**. Then all at once, they each came to the same conclusion.

“It must be **Beatrice Oliveira**!” Violet shouted suddenly. “She loves sports lives in Brazil — the message must be from her!”

The others nodded in agreement.

“Yes, definitely,” Colette agreed, a **smile** spreading across her snout.

At that moment, Paulina’s **phone** rang: It was a video call from the mouse who had sent the mysterimouse message!

The Thea Sisters hurried to gather around Paulina so they could all fit in the screen. A familiar snout smiled back at them.

“Bea!” Paulina exclaimed happily. “It’s good to hear from you!”

“We were right,” Nicky said, and her friends laughed.

“We put the clues together and knew that



message had to be from you,” Violet added.

“Hi!” Beatrice replied. “I knew you’d figure it out. After all, you’re the Thea Sisters, the best **detectives** on Whale Island!”