



A CHEERFUL SPRING MORNING

It was a cheerful **spring** morning in New Mouse City. The birds were singing, the air smelled **fresh** and **clean**, and it seemed as if everyone was **smiling** at me. I left my house **whistling** and headed toward my office at 17 Swiss Cheese Center.





Geronimo



Oh, I'm sorry! I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*. I'm the editor of *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island.

On my way to work, I stopped at the newsstand and bought a copy of my favorite **MAGAZINE**, *The Collector of Cheeses*. Then I saw the **NEWSPAPER** headlines: Someone had **STOLEN** Duchess Catherine Rodenton's seventy-three-carat **diamond** necklace! Holey cheese!

I headed to my favorite **coffee shop** for breakfast. The owner, Flip Hotpaws,





served me my usual order of a cappuccino and a delicious **CHEESE-FILLED** pastry. After my breakfast, I passed the bookstore in **Singing Stone Square** and glanced in the window.

I was happy to see that the bookstore was featuring one of my bestselling books in the front window. An older rodent recognized me and asked for my *autograph*.

I'm a very shy mouse, and I flushed with **embarrassment**.

“What will your next **book** be about, Mr. Stilton?” she asked.

