

Geronimo Stilton

MY NAME IS STILTON, GERONIMO STILTON



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MY NAME IS STILTON

My name is Stilton, Geronimo Stilton.

I like to think of myself as a very normal mouse.

I have a pretty normal job. I am the publisher of *The Rodent's Gazette*. It is the most popular newspaper in New Mouse City.



I like NORMAL things.

Like *classical music* and good books. I always wear a suit and tie. I don't like to stand out in a crowd.

When I order a pizza, I take it plain. No anchovies,



please! I don't like **loud rock music**.
I don't wear clothes with polka dots or stripes
or **bright colors**. And I
will take a slice of bland American cheese
over a chunk of jalapeño hot-pepper cheese
any day.



As you can see, I like my life to be calm
and peaceful. I know some people
might think I'm plain, or even
boring. That may be true. But
that is how I like it!
So why am I telling you all
of this?

Let me explain...