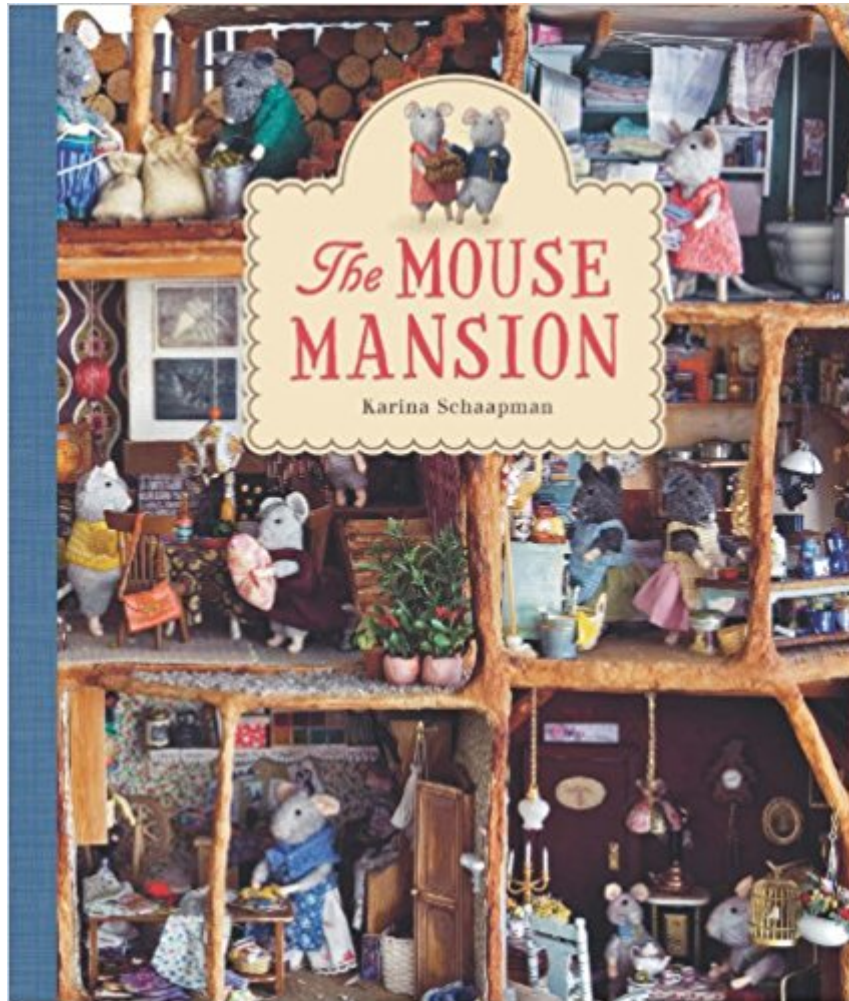




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# The Mouse Mansion



## 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

K-Gr 2 Schaapman has woven a tale around an elaborate dollhouse with more than 100 rooms that she has created from cardboard and papier-mâché (photographed by Bouwer). Sam and Julia are mice friends who live with their families in the Mouse Mansion. Julia lives on the top floor, while Sam lives in the middle. The full-page color photos draw readers into the intriguing world of adventurous mice. Even though some of the images are dark, lending a bit of mystery to the mice excursions, children will enjoy the detail on every page and will be engaged. One page cleverly requires turning the book vertically to more fully appreciate "hoisting time," which is a day

when the mice pull food from the lower floors to the upper floors using pulleys. There is a definite European flavor to the chapters, such as the one about the ragman who comes to pick up items from the recycling room. While some children will not relate to the experiences of the mice or find their story particularly memorable, there will be other contemplative children who will gladly pore over the details in Schaapman's artwork.~•Blair Christolon, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VA

~•"Frankly,~ things don't get much cozier than The Mouse Mansion, an enchanting oversize book filled with pictures of undersize wonders."~•The Wall Street Journal\* "Schaapman's ingenious miniature interiors are certain to captivate all ages."~•Kirkus Reviews, starred review\* "Dollhouse aficionados will be thunderstruck by Schaapman's engrossing debut...The mice lead humble, contented lives, and their mansion is sure to astonish."~•Publishers Weekly, starred review

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 with out 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.

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.

This book is charming and visiting the real mouse mansion in the Amsterdam public library a real treat! I have given The Mouse Mansion to a 3, a 4, and a 5 year old, 2 boys and a girl. They all were very engaged with the story, the characters and the pictures. I got thumbs up from all the parents. Highly recommended.

My daughter loves this book! It is in little chapters so you can read the whole thing through or pick and choose. It is so fun to see all the details of this miniature world.

This book is a labor of love. The storytelling, the little world created by hand and the wonderful photography just put it over the top for me. My daughter loves it and I love reading it to her. Makes a fantastic gift!

A most charming and magical book. A treasure to my collection.

Adorable, creative, and meticulously detailed! Every child and adult will love this whimsical book. There is so much to look at here.

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