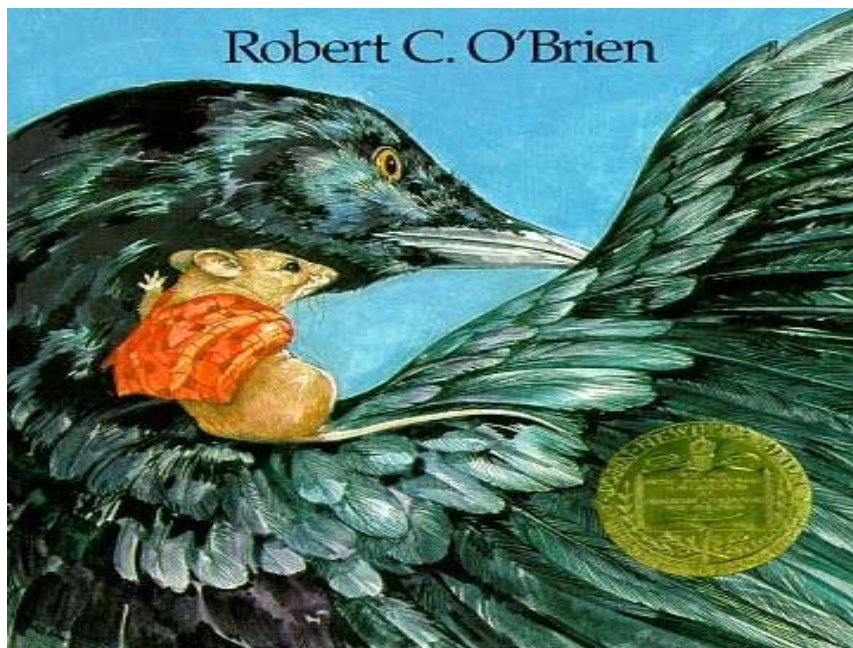


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Mrs. Frisby and the



# RATS OF NIMH





## **Chapters 1-5**

### The Sickness of Timothy Frisby – Five Days

1. Mrs. Frisby remembered that her husband once said, "All doors are hard to unlock unless you \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Why did Jeremy say that he was "in debt" to Mrs. Frisby?
3. What was the name of Farmer Fitzgibbon's cat?
4. Mrs. Frisby was nervous that \_\_\_\_\_ would take place soon now that it was getting warmer out.
5. How long did Mr. Ages say it would take Timothy to recover?
6. What was odd about Mrs. Frisby's encounter with Dragon?
7. What are the names of the Frisby children?
8. What foods did Mrs. Frisby find inside of the stump?
9. What is the name of Mr. Fitzgibbon's youngest son?
10. What was the reason Jeremy tried to pick up the string?
11. Why did Mrs. Frisby keep telling Jeremy to keep quiet?

12. Who did Mrs. Frisby bump into that she spoke to about Moving Day?
13. Why did the family begin to worry about Timothy's sickness?
14. What did Timothy say that his medicine tasted like?
15. After Mrs. Frisby described what was wrong with Timothy, what did Mr. Ages say the problem was?
16. What was Mrs. Frisby's biggest fear when searching for food?
17. How does the author describe Paul, Mr. Fitzgibbon's fifteen year old son?
18. Where did the Frisbys make their summer home?
19. What were the rats doing that Mrs. Frisby spotted?
20. Where did the Frisby family live?
21. What risks did Mrs. Frisby take when she approached Jeremy?

## **Chapters 6-10**

### A Favor for Jeremy – Brutus

1. "Mrs. Frisby hesitated. She knew something about the dietary habits of owls, and did not much like the idea of being trapped in his house." What is she concerned about?
2. Would you have agreed with Mrs. Frisby when she went into the owl's tree? Why or why not?
3. Where does the owl suggest moving the house to?
4. When Mrs. Frisby bumps into Mr. Ages, she notices that he is limping. What happened to him?
5. What does Jeremy say is the "lee of the stone"?
6. When Mrs. Frisby was on Jeremy's back, she looked down and saw "a wide, fearsome snake, blue-green in color, coiling through the woods." What did she see?
7. How did Timothy know that Moving Day was near?
8. The owl tells Mrs. Frisby to go to the rosebush, and tell the security guard, Justin, that she is looking for a rat named \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What time is Jeremy going to meet Mrs. Frisby at her house?
10. How did Mrs. Frisby enter the rosebush?
11. What was standing at the entranceway to the tunnel in the rosebush?

12. Who lives in the beech tree, the biggest tree in the entire forest?

13. What helped to discourage trespassers into the rosebush?

14. What is the name of Mrs. Frisby's husband?

15. What is the reason Jeremy collects shiny things?

16. Who is the rat that Mrs. Frisby meets at the entranceway?

17. Why wasn't Timothy told about Mrs. Frisby's trip to see the owl?

18. What was the first piece of advice that the owl gave to Mrs. Frisby?

19. Why did Jeremy say that they must go see the owl at dusk?

20. Who does the owl tell Mrs. Frisby to see?

21. How does the author describe the tree that the owl is living in?

## Chapter 11- 14

### In the Library – The Marketplace

1. When Isabella first bumps into Mrs. Frisby, what does she accuse her of?
2. What were some of the subject that the rats were studying as part of the Plan?
3. Name two reasons the rats had a radio?
4. Why can't any of the rats put the sleeping powder in Dragon's bowl?
5. When Nicodemus, Jenner, and the other rats were in the marketplace, why didn't they notice the white van with NIMH written on it?
6. How did Mr. Frisby die?
7. Nicodemus explains why moving the Frisby house to the lee of the stone would be important. Why?
8. What does Isabella say the Plan has to do with?
9. How was there light in the rats home?
10. What were the two things that Mrs. Frisby noticed immediately about Nicodemus?
11. When the rats have a long project to do, how do they make sure Dragon doesn't bother them?
12. The annual light bulb harvest was like \_\_\_\_\_.

13. What was the first room that the rats and Mrs. Frisby came to?
14. Why did Mrs. Frisby get so nervous on the elevator?
15. Who is Jenner?
16. What did Mrs. Frisby see written on the blackboard?
17. Why did Mrs. Frisby decide not to explore the rats' home?
18. What was the benefit of the rats living in the marketplace?
19. When Mrs. Frisby saw all of the rats, how did she know that visiting strangers was a rare occurrence?
20. What do you think NIMH is? Back up your answer with information from the book.



## **Chapter 15 – 20**

### **In the Cage – The Main Hall**

1. Why did the rats and mice have to clean up after themselves in the Boniface Estate?
2. What was Justin able to read on his cage?
3. Besides the food and shelter, what did the rats and mice think was the greatest treasure of all?
4. Who was the first rat that tried to escape?
5. Who went back to look for the mice, but did not find them?
6. What is a neurologist?
7. Why was Nicodemus unable to chew his way out of the nets that caught him in the marketplace?
8. Why did the group of laboratory rats look to Nicodemus as a leader?
9. Which mouse spoke to Nicodemus about wanting to escape with the rats?
10. What happened to the aging process of the rat group A and the mice group G versus the rest of the lab rats and mice?
11. How did the rats and the mice eventually get through the screen?
12. Why does Mrs. Frisby choose not to kiss her children goodbye before she left for the rosebush again?
13. What is the Plan?

14. Who were Dr. Schultz's assistants?
  
15. How did Justin determine that the air duct would lead to the outside?
  
16. What were some of the differences between the NIMH rats and the street rats they encountered?
  
17. Of the three groups of lab rats, one was a control group. What makes the control group different from the others?
  
18. What was the first word that the rats learned how to read?
  
19. What would happen to the rats in the maze if they went the wrong way?
  
20. Why did the rats decide that they would need a screwdriver? (use the former vocabulary word *debris* in your answer)

## **Chapter 20 – Epilogue**

### The Toy Tinker – Epilogue

1. What clues are there that Mrs. Frisby's children are smarter and will live longer than the average mice?
2. What was the Toy Tinker?
3. What was special about Thorn Mountains National Forest?
4. What was the most important discovery inside of the Toy Tinker?
5. What were some of the benefits of Thorn Valley?
6. Who told Nicodemus about Thorn Valley?
7. What did Nicodemus think the "Rat Race" should really be called?
8. How did Mrs. Frisby get captured?
9. Why didn't Jonathan Frisby tell his wife about what happened to him at NIMH?
10. According to Nicodemus, "a thief's life is always based upon \_\_\_\_\_."
11. What subject did Nicodemus enjoy reading about the most?
12. How many rats are now living in the thorn bush?
13. Name two reasons why Nicodemus said people did not like rats.
14. Where was Mrs. Frisby kept after being captured?

15. What was the final straw for Jenner that caused him to leave?
16. Why was Mrs. Frisby especially determined to escape from the birdcage?
17. How did the rats determine where they should live after leaving the Boniface Estate?
18. What happened to the seven rats at Henderson's hardware store?
19. What was Mrs. Fitzgibbon's reaction to the rosebush being cut down?
20. Who else lived near the Frisby's summer home?
21. Why did the rats keep running in different directions when the gas started being pumped into the rat hole?
22. Who was preventing the rats from moving the Frisby house?
23. The rats don't have time to destroy everything like they planned to. What will they do with the motors, books, and furniture?
24. Why did the Fitzgibbons say Dragon was so lazy?
25. What were the rats most concerned about at the meeting?
26. What clue or description tells us that the doctor was probably Dr. Schultz?
27. Who was the rat that Mr. Ages helped?

28. Before telling her children the story about their father and the rats, what did Mrs. Frisby make the children do?
29. Which of the Frisby children is determined to visit Thorn Valley on Jeremy's back?
30. Why were the rats able to move the house so quickly and with such ease?