



## Title: The Mysterious Cheese Thief Author: Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo Stilton is a reporter and cheese lover, so when Stilton cheese begins disappearing he can't help but get to the bottom of the case. His sister Thea, nephew Benjamin and his cheeseologist cousin Trap join in on the adventure and turn mystery to mayhem. Where will this mystery take them and will they still like each other when they return?

### Let's Talk

Where does your name come from? What does it mean?

What is your favorite kind of cheese? Have you ever traveled outside the United States? Where?

Many of the words in the book are printed in different colors, shapes and sizes. Do you like it, or is it **distracting**?

Have you ever been to a family reunion or large family gathering? How many cousins do you have? What is a cousin?

Why is cousin Trap so difficult for Geronimo? Why does Geronimo go after him at the end of the story?

### Try This

Have a cheese tasting! Everyone can bring one kind of cheese to try. Make sure to have Stilton cheese and some crackers.

Toward the end of the book are recipes for Stilton Tagliatelle and Stilton Potato Wedges. Why not make one for dinner?

Try to make cheese for yourself with only a few ingredients. For more info: [www.wikihow.com/Make-Cheese-at-Home](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Cheese-at-Home)

Investigate where different cheeses originate. Stilton is an actual cheese from England. Brie often comes from France. What about mozzarella? Parmesan?

There are maps at the back of the book of fictional places. Create a map of a fictional place you would like to visit.

Be a detective and play twenty questions. A person thinks of something and you can ask 20 questions yes/no questions to help you guess what it is.

### Explore More in the Library

Thea Stilton and the Journey to the Lion's Den by Thea Stilton (J Paperback Stilton)

The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith

Robot Rumble, The Hardy Boys Secret Files #11 by Franklin W. Dixon (J Paperback Dixon)

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew. #2 : Scream for Ice Cream by Carolyn Keene (J Paperback Keene)

Judy Moody, Girl Detective by Megan McDonald (J Paperback McDonald)

Babymouse. #1 : Queen of the World! by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm (J GN Holm)

Poppy by Avi (J Fiction Avi)

Home Cheese Making : Recipes for 75 Homemade Cheeses by Ricki Carroll (637.3 Carroll 2002)

Geronimo Stilton Volume 1 (J DVD Geronimo 1)

The Great Mouse Detective (J DVD Disney)