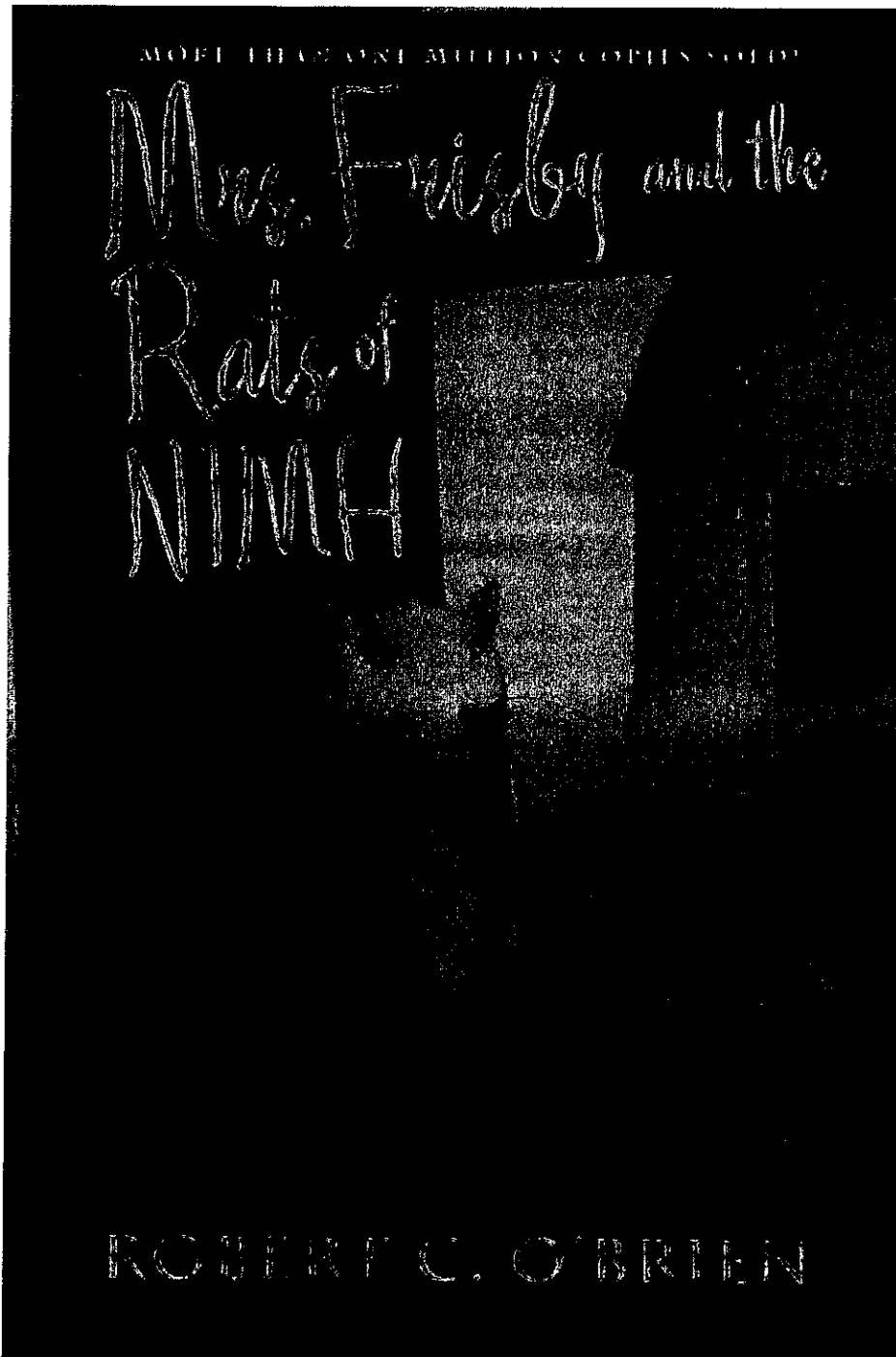


MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH

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Character Sketch for Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

For the second marking period of the 2018-2019 school year, my literature review project will be character sketch. I have chosen the book Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. The author of this book is Robert O'Brien. The genre of this book is fantasy. The book's grade level is 3-6. I will be writing about the main character Mrs. Frisby.

Mrs. Frisby is a loyal widowed mouse. She must move herself and her four small children to their summer home immediately, or die getting plowed by a tractor. Her youngest son Timothy, fell ill with pneumonia. Instead of letting Timothy stay in their winter home and die, Mrs. Frisby and her children stayed with Timothy until they could find a way to move him safely to their summer home. This was an act of loyalty. In the text it states, "Five days, although a respite, was too short. Three weeks, Mr. Ages had said, would be the soonest he could live through a chill night without getting pneumonia. She sighed and felt like weeping. If only the summer house were as warm as the cinder block. But it was not, and even if it were he could not make the long journey." The text also states, "Then she thought about Timothy, and of the big steel plow blade. She told herself: I have no choice. If there is any chance that the owl might be able to help me, advise me, I must go." This shows that Mrs. Frisby is loyal enough to go to the owl to seek help for Timothy. She went to the owl to seek help even though she knew that the owl might not want to help her and might decide to eat her. This shows me Mrs. Frisby is loyal.

Mrs. Frisby is also brave. She went to the rats and to the owl. The owl could have killed her. The text states, "Mrs. Frisby hesitated. She knew something of the dietary habits of owls, and she did not much like the idea of being trapped in his house." This shows that Mrs. Frisby was scared to go inside the owl's house for help because she didn't want to get eaten. Mrs. Frisby was brave and went to the owl for Timothy. Mrs. Frisby also went to the rats. The owl told her to go to the rats. The text states, "To the rats? But I don't know any rats. They have nothing to do with me." This shows that Mrs. Frisby was scared to go to the rats, but she still went to the rats. Mrs. Frisby was also brave because she put the sleeping powder in Dragon the cat's eating bowl. The text states, "And it was doing the same thing, last year, that your husband died" Mrs. Frisby still did this even though her husband died doing it. This shows me that Mrs. Frisby is brave.

In addition, Mrs. Frisby is smart. She knew how to read and write. The text states, "Yes", said Justin, "Do you read much?" "Only a little," said Mrs. Frisby. "This shows that Mrs. Frisby knew how to read. The text then states, "But who had taught him to read?" This shows that Mrs. Frisby was wondering how another mouse knew how to read. This indicates that not many mice knew how to read. Mrs. Frisby was smart because she knew how to read.

Mrs. Frisby is a dark brown mouse with a white underbelly. The text states, "But hens and hens' eggs are too big for a field mouse to cope with." This shows that Mrs. Frisby is a field mouse. Field mice are dark brown with a white underbelly. The text also states that she was

smaller than a rat. It says, "Go away. You're small. I wouldn't want to hurt you." A rat says this. This shows me that Mrs. Frisby was smaller than a rat because the rat said that she was small.

There could be many new adventures that Mrs. Frisby could get herself into. I think a new adventure for her would be to find the rats again, and maybe stay with them. The text states, "She thought it would be pleasant to visit them and see their new home, their small lake and their crops growing." This told me that Mrs. Frisby wanted to see the rats, but didn't know where their new home was.

Excellent Writing!
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