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An adorable tale about the mice of Mouseton Abbey!

It's Cheesemas at "Mouseton Abbey." And at Cheesemas, the Mouseton family pass around the Great Big Cheesy Diamond and everyone gets to make a wish. But this year, there's a problem. The house is clean, the feast is being prepared, but the Great Big Cheesy Diamond is missing!

Join Lord Mouseton and his servants as they search for the missing diamond. Will Cheesemas be ruined? Or will they find the Cheesy Diamond in time?

With beautiful, hand-knitted characters and ornate, illustrated backgrounds, the unique visual style of this book will delight young readers and adults alike. Nick Page's charming and witty story makes this book perfect for reading with young children!

**Features & Benefits:** Beautiful, hand-knitted characters and stunning illustrations bring the story to life. Witty, charming tale of an adorable family of mice and their entertaining mishaps. An ideal book for adults and children to share together.

Devised by Joanna Bicknell; illustrations by Tim Hutchinson; Mice by Jo Bishop, Caroline hart and Carole Meredith; designed by Annie Simpson; photography by Andy Snaith; research by Hayley Down.

## **Mouseton Abbey: The Missing Diamond Details**

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## **From Reader Review Mouseton Abbey: The Missing Diamond for online ebook**

### **Heidi-Marie says**

I saw this in Barnes & Noble and skimmed really quickly. Enough that I smiled, but I had no time to read all the text. So now that the library has a copy, I managed time to read. First, the crocheted mice are adorable. Definitely my favorite part. Well, favorite right up there with their names! Hilarious! As a cheese lover, I very much enjoyed that. The story was all right. A little eh, but not bad. Kids don't need to be (and I would hope aren't!) familiar with its origin to get the humor. There is plenty of kid-aimed humor that works in any setting and will certainly please the school age crowd. And the historical setting flows just fine; I don't think it would detract from the kids following what's happening.

It's not fabulous and I personally don't think it is award winning. But it is funny. A humorous addition to the extras for the Downton fans, while also being a simple picture book kids can enjoy.

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### **Allie says**

The plot is lame, but the concept is really delightful, and I love anthropomorphic mice.

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### **Courtney says**

Very cute children's book. I love the illustrations mixed with the small knitted characters.

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### **Suzanne says**

For parents who watch Downton Abbey, now they can read this to their children! Adorably knitted mouse figures portray the family and their servants; all named after cheeses; Roquefort, the Earl of Mouseton, Lady Brie, Miss Swiss etc. With the subtitle "The Missing Diamond", forgetful Lord Mouseton loses the family's Great Big Cheesy Diamond and we follow him and the rest of the characters all through the mansion. Of course in the end the diamond is found in what is hopefully a surprising place and all is well. While the characters are appealing, the background drawings of the house are not as well done. Reading the standard text against the background of the leafy, beige wallpaper was slightly annoying. Might be good for primary grade readers, on their own. Mostly fun!

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### **diane says**

a very cute children's book!

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## **Stacie (MagicOfBooks) says**

I will also do a video review here at my channel: <http://www.youtube.com/magicofbooks>

"Mouseton Abbey: The Missing Diamond" by Joanna Bicknell and Nick Page is a children's picture book that follows the Mouseton family on Cheesemas Eve as they search for the missing Great Big Cheesy Diamond that grants wishes every year.

I'm a huge fan of the "Downton Abbey" series, so obviously I had to check out this cute little children's picture book (I think there's another book called "Downton Tabby" that I'd like to get in the future). It's cute, it's light, it's fun, it's basic. It doesn't have any sort of life lesson for children. The whole book is done with this crochet mice with artwork displayed behind them to put them in various scenes. I love that childlike quality to the artwork style of this book, which makes it very sweet. It reminds me of when I was a child and I would play with my toys and sometimes draw up some sort of background to go behind my toys. A very imaginative concept, which I think works. The artwork is just very basic, but there's quite a bit of detail if you look around (you can spot cheese and mice heads all over the place, especially if you look at the decorations in a room). It's not all neat and tidy. If anything, the artwork is kind of childish and hectic---as if drawn quickly. Lines don't always connect, color doesn't always stay in the lines. So it was all very cute. I guess I'm a bit upset that this book didn't have some more "Downton Abbey" inside jokes for the adults who might be reading this book. None of the actual character names are taken (all the mice are named after various cheeses). The one thing I did laugh about was in the character descriptions right at the beginning that reads as follows: "Great Uncle Gorgonzola and Great Aunt Haloumi---Lord Mouseton's relatives, although no one's quite sure how." I think that was the only little remark at "Downton Abbey" because sometimes random characters pop up on the show and they are in somewhat related but it's never actually explained in full how they are related. So I laughed out loud (literally) with that little joke.

Overall, a nice, child friendly book. Like I said, it doesn't teach any sort of life lesson, but still a simple story with easy words to follow that kids will immensely enjoy. But yeah, if you are an adult, like me, don't expect full blown "Downton Abbey" jokes and parallels. The title is about all you get.

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## **Aaron says**

This is a fun little picture book that fans of Downton Abbey will totally eat up! Mouseton Abbey, which is clearly based on the show, introduces readers to the family and servants of the estate. It is very cute in its creativity, with all of the knitted mice having names relating to cheese. The characters also match up quite nicely with the characters on the show.

In this particular book, which I am assuming will be the first in a series, Roquefort, the Earl of Mouston, makes his way throughout the house helping the readers be introduced to all of the characters. Along the way, he tends to create a little bit of trouble and messes in each place, the main staircase, the kitchen, the governess' classroom, etc.

This makes things even more interesting as everyone is preparing for Cheesemas, and Roquefort needs to make sure and get the Cheese Diamond ready for an annual family tradition for Cheesemas dinner. Unfortunately, the diamond has gone missing, and Roquefort finds himself going through the house trying to get everyone, who is now worried what sort of mess he will make in their space, to help in the search.

I thought the book was really fun. I would be interested to see where future books take readers.

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### **Mosley Allen says**

The dolls/art is freaking adorable. At first I thought the story may be dry but by the end I was loving it and thanks to goodreads I now know there are more for me to find so I can share them with my daughter.

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### **Sarah says**

The mice in Mouseton Abbey are caught in catastrophe when forgetful Lord Mouseton loses the precious Cheesy Diamond that is part of their Cheesemas tradition. Where could he have lost it?

(Also look for the other things that are lost throughout the book's pictures; they are listed at the beginning of the book)

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### **Anne says**

I love the cheese puns, but the rest of the book is a solid "meh" for me.

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### **Holly says**

Cute story. Totally got it because I am a Downton Abbey fan. :) Cannot wait to read it to my niece.

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### **Thebruce1314 says**

I just happened to see this book while out shopping yesterday - knitted mice, cute story and Downton Abbey references? Yes please. But I put it back on the shelf, trying to resist...until my dad surprised me with it when we got home. The story is good, if a little "cheesy", but of course I think that is what the author was going for. The illustrations are really sweet and unique, and I think this will be a fun book to share. The only thing I was a little disappointed with was the lack of a nod to Alan Dart, as the knitted mice are clearly made from his patterns. Cute book to add to the collection!

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### **Heidi says**

This is absolutely gorgeous. Between the obvious links to a television show that shall remain nameless, the delightful knitted mice, and the writing, which made me giggle on every page, it's absolutely priceless.

I do rather wish that knitting patterns for the mice were included, but I rather hope that I will be able to work

out how to crochet them eventually. :-)

Meanwhile, I strongly hope that there will be more Mouseton Abbey books on the way.

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**Victoria says**

Such gorgeous illustrations

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**Liesl Stach says**

Nothing at all like "Downton Abbey," but includes some A+ cheese puns and adorable knitted mice.

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