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For Joel
(who gave me the idea)

and Hannah
(because it was her rat)



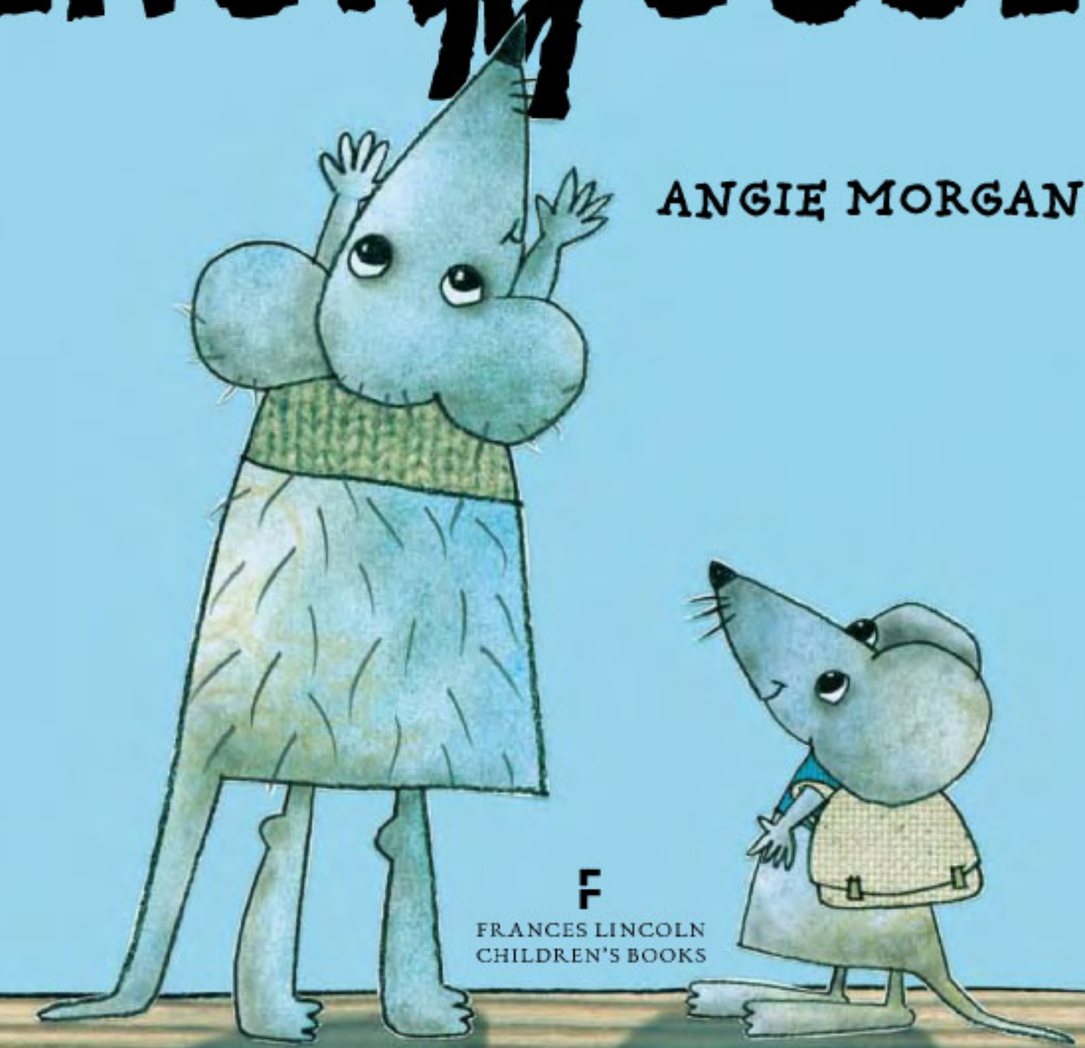
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ENORMOUSE



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Enormouse was

BIG.

He didn't know why.
He just was.

His best friend Tinymouse
tried to help.

"Don't worry, Enormouse.
Being *big* isn't SO bad."

And it wasn't.
Being big was
really quite useful.

When he went exploring
with the other mice
he could reach things
they couldn't reach.

He could lift
REALLY
heavy cheese.

He could carry the
little mice when their
legs got tired.

"I think I know why you're
so big, Enormouse.
You're not a mouse at all...
You're a **RAT!**"

One day, when Enormouse was exploring with Tinymouse, they came across a large book.

The two friends looked at the pictures. They looked at each other.

MICE
The House Mouse
(Mus musculus)

Mice are smaller than **rats.** They have **pointy snouts** and shiny **black eyes** like **beads.** They have **large ears** and soft **fur.** They **steal** their food from **humans** and especially like **chocolate** and **apples.** They make their **homes** under **floors** or in garden **sheds** and they keep them very **clean** and **tidy.**

RATS
The Common Rat
(Rattus Norvegicus)

Rats are **bigger** than mice. They have **long snouts, coarse** fur and scaly tails. They like to live near **dustbins** or rubbish dumps which is where they **find** their **food.** They will eat **anything** and they **specially** like **food** that is **mouldy** and **smelly** and covered with **flies.**

Rats are generally **friendly** but have manners and **never** say **please**

When the other mice found out they laughed.

Poor Enormouse.

All his life he had thought he was a mouse.

Being a rat was rather a shock.

"I don't think I belong in the Mouse House any more,"
he said to himself, sadly.

"I think I should go and find some rats to live with."

