



The Tale of Despereaux – Review

The Tale of Despereaux is an old-fashioned animated **fable** that teaches kids about the importance of courage, loyalty and **soup**. It also features several unlikely heroes: Despereaux, a **brave** mouse banished to the dungeon for speaking with a human; Roscuro, a good-hearted rat who loves light and soup, but is exiled to darkness; Pea, a Princess in a **gloomy** castle who is prisoner to her father's grief; and Mig, a servant girl who longs to be a Princess, but is forced to serve the jailer. Tiny and graced with **oversized** ears, Despereaux was born too big for his little world. Refusing to live his life cowering, he **befriends** a Princess named Pea and learns to read (rather than eat) books--reveling in stories of knights, dragons and fair maidens.



Banished from Mouseworld for being more man than mouse, Despereaux is rescued by another **outcast**, Roscuro, who also wants to hear the tales. But when the Princess dismisses Roscuro's friendship, he becomes the ultimate rat and **plots** revenge with fellow outsider Mig. After Pea is kidnapped, Despereaux discovers he is the only one who can rescue her--and that even the tiniest mouse can find the courage of a **knight** in shining armor. In this tale of bravery, forgiveness and redemption, one small creature will teach a kingdom that it takes only a little light to show the truth: what you look like doesn't equal what you are.



Although the movie, based on Kate DiCamillo's book and adapted by "Big" writer Gary Ross, is simple enough for little kids (there's also some peril that makes its G rating questionable), adults will get caught up in the movie's sweet sincerity. (Teens, on the other hand, may be bored.) Even Disney seldom makes movies like this one anymore, without pop-culture gags or hit songs.

"The Tale of Despereaux" is more like Disney's "Sleeping Beauty," somber, slow and elegant instead of frantic and dazzling. It works like a beloved fairy tale. Despereaux's world is **enchanted** as well as enchanted. What's not to like about a fantasyland where the biggest holiday of the year is soup day? It may not be a classic, but it still has a lot of class.



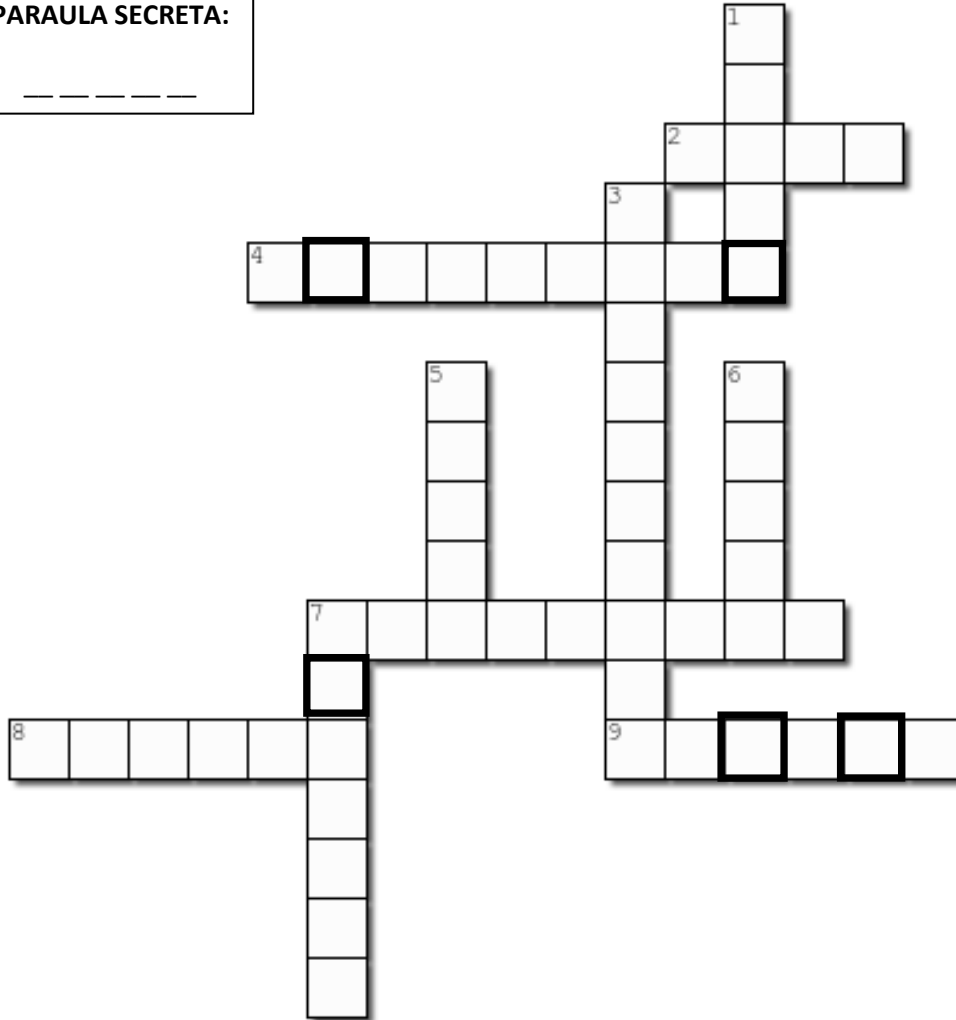
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2. a liquid food that is made by cooking meat or vegetables with water or milk
4. to become friends with someone, treating them in a kind way
7. much larger than usual
8. in the past, an European soldier from a high social class who wore a suit of armour and rode a horse
9. dark in a way that makes you feel sad or a little afraid

DOWN

1. the main story of a film or book
3. very interesting and attractive
5. capable of dealing with danger or pain, without seeming to be frightened
6. a traditional story, usually about animals, that teaches a moral lesson
7. someone who other people will not accept as a member of society or of a particular group or community



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