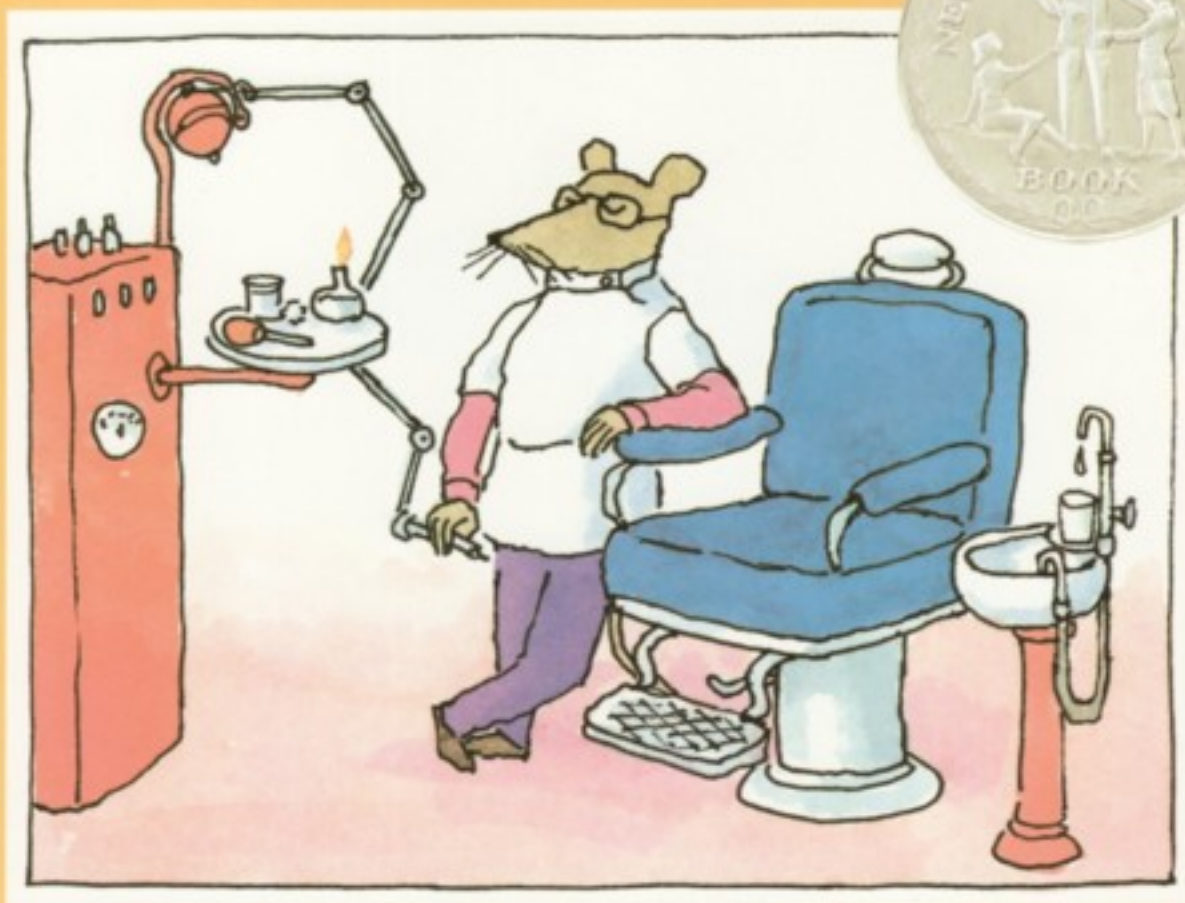


Doctor De Soto



WILLIAM STEIG



Doctor De Soto, the dentist, did very good work, so he had no end of patients. Those close to his own size—moles, chipmunks, et cetera—sat in the regular dentist's chair.

Larger animals sat on the floor, while Doctor De Soto stood on a ladder.

For extra-large animals, he had a special room. There Doctor De Soto was hoisted up to the patient's mouth by his assistant, who also happened to be his wife.





Doctor De Soto was especially popular with the big animals. He was able to work inside their mouths, wearing rubbers to keep his feet dry; and his fingers were so delicate, and his drill so dainty, they could hardly feel any pain.

Doctor De Soto, a compassionate and clever mouse-dentist,
outwits a fox with a toothache *and* an appetite.

I cannot imagine childhood without Steig: Sylvester, Pearl,
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the classic theme. —STARRED/*Kirkus Reviews*



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