

**BOOK TITLE:** *Stuart Little*

**AUTHOR:** E. B. White

**POINT OF VIEW:** 3<sup>rd</sup> person

**SETTING:**

**Time:** Probably 1940s-50s

**Place:** New York City

**CHARACTERS:**

**Protagonist:** Stuart Little: a friendly, innocent, outgoing, well-mannered, courageous, fun-loving, energetic, playful little mouse who is not afraid to be himself and can tackle great obstacles.

**Antagonist:** Snowbell the cat

**Others:** The Little family, Dr. Carey, Margalo, Harriet Ames

**Plot Stage 3**

**Climax:** Stuart decides to do this, and writes to Harriet inviting her to go canoeing the next day. He outfits a canoe with great difficulty, and begins to imagine a wonderful day with Harriet. Harriet comes but the canoe has been wrecked by some unknown person.

**Plot Stage 2**

**Conflict, Rising Action:** The **Conflict** is introduced: when Stuart becomes more and more attached to Margalo. **Will he always be able to have Margo in his life?** In the **Rising Action**, Margalo rescues him from a certain death at sea on a garbage barge. One day Margalo receives a message that a cat is plotting against her, and in great fright she flies away, without saying goodbye. Stuart decides to go find her. He visits Dr. Carey, who loans him a car just his size, and sets out, heading north. He spends a day as a substitute teacher in a school, then continues on his way. Stuart arrives in Ames' Crossing and thinks it the finest town he has ever seen. The shopkeeper tells him about Harriet Ames, a girl just his size, and suggests Stuart ask her out on a date.

**Plot Stage 4**

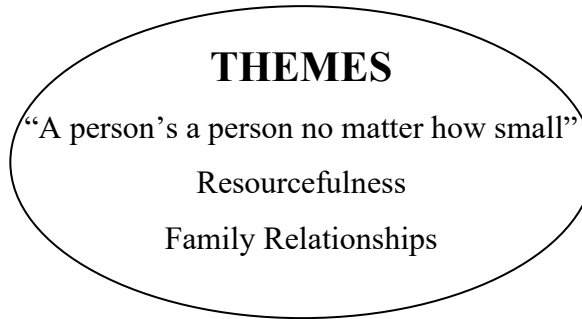
**Denouement:** Harriet suggests all manner of solutions so they can still go canoeing, but Stuart is so disappointed to have his dream spoiled that she finally leaves. Stuart goes to sleep under his canoe in the rain.



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**Plot Stage 1**

**Exposition:** Stuart is a mouse born in New York City to the Little family. They are very surprised but welcome and care for him like any human child. Stuart is precocious and likes adventures, such as sailing a mouse-sized schooner, owned by Dr. Carey, the dentist, on the lake in Central Park. Then a lovely bird named Margalo shows up at the Little's home and is taken in as a guest. Stuart quickly bonds with her.



**Plot Stage 5**

**Conclusion:** Stuart wakes feeling better the next morning and decides he will continue north looking for Margalo. A friendly telephone line repairman encourages him. Stuart continues on his way, sure he will find Margalo one day.

**CONFLICT**

Man vs. Man, Man vs. Self  
Will Stuart be able to always have Margalo in his life?