

About the Books



The Tilley Pond Mouse books are about a young mouse named Els Oot who goes on unexpected adventures in the wilds beyond his little village of Tilley Pond. In journeys filled with wonder, friendship and some of

the most imaginative interludes in middle grade fiction, young readers will find new friends (creatures big and small), discover the wonders and mysteries lying about among caves, rivers, meadows and swamps and come to find some of the magic that makes reading fun.

Consisting of three books (*Els Oot and the Mapmaker*, *Els Oot and the Baby Dragon* and *Els Oot and the Lost City*), the Tilley Pond Mouse series by children's author **Nelson Suit** has a target audience of young readers ages 9 to 12. However, the books may also be read to a younger audience and enjoyed by an older one as well.

Imagination Matters!

The Tilley Pond Mouse books entice us to that wild space beyond our computers, our houses, our digitized schedules. Els the mouse and his friends still live in an analog world where things are built by hand out of planks of wood and vines. It's a world where imagination matters, a world set in the flow of the rivers, marshlands and meadows where there is time for walks, adventure, wonder and deep friendships.

Young readers have a chance to let their imaginations run, find adventure and

come to love reading and books. Think: *The Wind in the Willows* or *Stuart Little* or George Selden's *The Cricket in Time Square*. But, in the case of Els, also giant turtles, gnarly bats and tupelo swamps!



Els Oot and the Mapmaker (Book 1)

Travel with Els as he journeys by canoe with a nervous cricket, a bird, and the infamous Ice Perka in a search for the lost mapmaker of Tilley Pond.

Els Oot and the Baby Dragon (Book 2)

Discover the friendship between a mouse and a baby dragon as they find their way to the dragons' lair in the far-off Golden Mountains.

Els Oot and the Lost City (Book 3)

Ride on a giant turtle and paddle in a river race made up of odd, inventive and sometimes musical boats as Els and his friends search for the fabled lost city of mice built on the tree tops of a tupelo swamp.

More Information

More information about the Tilley Pond Mouse books may be found on Nelson Suit's author website: **wordcaper.com**.

The books are available on **Amazon**: http://www.amazon.com/Nelson-Suit/e/B008C4B9A6/

An audio excerpt from Chapter 1 of *Els Oot and the Lost City* narrated by voiceover artist **Jill Cofsky** may be found here:

https://soundcloud.com/inkspokes/els-oot-and-the-lost-city-excerpt-chapter-1

About the Author



Nelson Suit has loved animal stories since he was small, whether it was reading the adventures of Rat and Mole in *The Wind in the Willows* or following Basil the mouse detective in solving the great mysteries and crimes of the mouse world in *Basil of Baker Street*.

He also loves being out of doors, in among woods and streams and believes that wild spaces bring important insights to our lives. His books marry his love of animal tales with his love of wild spaces. He believes in the power of stories to help us understand the world around us.

On days when he is not writing, Nelson practices law. He also edits **Inkspokes.com**, an online magazine that features indie (especially children's) authors and children's book illustrators. Nelson studied history and literature at Yale University and has a law degree from Harvard Law School.

Updates on Nelson's writing projects may be found on his website at **wordcaper.com**.

