

Juvenile Mystery

Animal Detectives

Bear Country (Chicken Squad series) Cronin, Doreen (Gr 2-3)

The Chicken Squad is on the case when their beloved human, Barbara, goes missing around the same time they hear a report of a headless bear on the loose.

Ra the Mighty (series: book 1) Greenfield, Amy Butler (Gr 3-5)

In ancient Egypt, the Pharaoh's pampered cat Ra and his scarab-beetle sidekick question the royal palace's animal inhabitants, solve a crime, and exonerate a servant girl falsely accused of theft.

Dog Diaries: Curse of the Mystery Mutt: A Middle School Story Patterson, James (Gr 3-6)

Junior loves life with the Khatchadorian family. But his idyllic life soon turns to terror when a mysterious individual begins to make trouble in the neighborhood. It starts with a mysterious howling in the night. And when Junior's pooch pals realize their favorite toys are missing, things get serious.

Bow Wow (Bowser & Birdie series) Quinn, Spencer (Gr 4-6)

When shark fever spreads through their town, Birdie and Bowser investigate the disappearance of a talented fisherman, the activities of a suspicious bounty hunter, and the conservation plans of a marine biologist.

Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure Smith, Jennifer (Gr 4-6)

Aspiring Professional Adventurer Mr. Penguin and his colleague, Colin the spider, try to find a treasure rumored to be buried in The Museum of Extraordinary Objects before bandits do.

Crimes & Secrets

Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor (series: book 1) Carter, Ally (Gr 4-6)

After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she and four other children are caught up in a mystery related to a missing heir, a lost legacy, and the Phantom.

Lou Lou and Pea and the Mural Mystery (series: book 1) Diamond, Jill (Gr 3-5)

Two best friends with a flair for adventure use their gardening and art skills to catch a criminal during Dia de los Muertos.

***Effie Starr Zook Has One More Question* Freeman, Martha (Gr 3-5)**

City girl Effie Starr Zook is not excited about spending the summer on her aunt and uncle's farm in Nowheresville, Pennsylvania, until she stumbles across a mystery that leads her smack into an old family feud.

***Zap!* Freeman, Martha (Gr 5-7)**

Eleven-year-olds Luis and Maura investigate the cause of a long-term, city-wide power outage in Hampton, New Jersey.

Lion Down (FunJungle series) Gibbs, Stuart (Gr 4-6)

Thirteen-year-old Teddy Fitzroy and his girlfriend, Summer, investigate when a mountain lion is accused of killing a prized dog outside of FunJungle Wild Animal Park in the Texas Hill Country.

Home Sweet Motel (Welcome to Wonderland series: book 1) Grabenstein, Chris (Gr 4-6)

P.T. and his friend Gloria must solve a mystery at the world's wackiest motel: The Wonderland.

Crimes & Secrets cont.

***The Best Mistake Mystery* (Great Mistake Mysteries: book 1) McNicoll, Sylvia (Gr 4-7)**

Dogwalker extraordinaire Stephen Nobel can get a little anxious, but his habit of counting the mistakes he and everyone else makes calms him. His need to analyze gets kicked into hyperdrive after two crazy events happen in one day at school: the bomb squad blows up a backpack and someone smashes a car into the building...

***Murder is Bad Manners* (series: book 1) Stevens, Robin (Gr 4-6)**

At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crime-solving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells struggle to find an exciting mystery to investigate until Hazel discovers the dead body of Miss Bell, the science teacher.

***The Real McCoys: Two's a Crowd* (series: book 2) Swanson, Matthew (Gr 3-5)**

When a baffling mystery strikes Tiddlywhump Elementary, sibling detectives and absolute opposites Moxie and Milton McCoy are on the case. Moxie's friend has received a suspicious letter signed with nothing but a sinister purple squiggle. Then more letters arrive—along with more questions. Who sent them? What do they mean?

***The Harlem Charade* Tarpley, Natasha (Gr 4-7)**

Jin, Alexandra, and Elvin all live in Harlem, and when Elvin's grandfather is attacked they band together to find out who is responsible. The search leads them to an enigmatic artist whose missing masterpieces are worth a fortune, and into conflict with an ambitious politician who wants to turn Harlem into an historic amusement park.

Crimes & Secrets cont.

***Three Times Lucky* (series: book 1) Turnage, Sheila (Gr 3-6)**

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

Disappearances

***Finding Mighty Chari*, Sheela (Gr 4-7)**

Along the train lines north of New York City, 12-year-old neighbors Myla and Peter search for the link between Myla's necklace and the disappearance of Peter's brother, Randall and they are thrown into a world of parkour, graffiti, and diamond smuggling.

***The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel* (series: book 1) Chari, Sheela (Gr 3-7)**

Mars Patel's friend Aurora has disappeared! But Mars refuses to give up--after all, his own dad disappeared when Mars was a toddler, before he and Ma moved from India. Luckily, Mars has a group of loyal friends eager to help--smart Toothpick, strong and stylish JP, and maybe-telepathic Caddie. The clues seem to point toward eccentric tech genius Oliver Pruitt, whose popular podcast now seems to be commenting on their quest...

***The Lost Twin* (Scarlet and Ivy series: book 1) Cleverly, Sophie (Gr 4-7)**

After her troublemaking twin, Scarlet, vanishes from Rookwood Boarding School, shy Ivy tries to track her down, using pieces of Scarlet's journal carefully hidden all over the school for Ivy to find.

***Smashie McPerter and the Mystery of the Missing Goop Griffin*, N. (Gr 3-6)**

When the third-graders of Room 11 learn that they all must take part in a musical, Smashie can't wait. But the others are not so eager. Luckily, Charlene's mom has agreed to donate her special gel that lengthens and sculpts hair into shapes, and soon, all the kids are raring to go. That is, until their jars of goop go missing!

Disappearances cont.

Sherlock Holmes & the Disappearing Diamond (Baker Street Academy: book 1)

Hearn, Sam (Gr 3-5)

While on a school trip to the British Arts & Antiquities Museum, John Watson and his friends from the Baker Street Academy get involved in a mystery when the Alpine Star, a famous diamond, is stolen.

Mighty Muskrats: The Case of Windy Lake (Book 1) Hutchinson, Michael (Gr 4-6)

Sam, Otter, Atim, and Chickadee are cousins growing up on the Windy Lake First Nation. When a visiting archeologist goes missing, they decide to solve the mystery. In the midst of community conflict, family concerns, and environmental protests, the kids get busy - from their fort made out of an old school bus, the Mighty Muskrats won't let anything stop them from solving their case!

Kate Wolfe Investigates (series: book 1) St. John, Lauren (Gr 4-6)

In Dorset, England, twelve-year-old Kat Wolfe opens a pet-sitting business, but the owner of her first client goes missing and only her new friend shares Kat's conviction that the parrot's owner is the victim of foul play.

Worth a Thousand Words Young, Brigit (Gr 4-5)

Ever since a car accident left Tillie Green with lasting painful injuries, she's hidden behind her camera. She watches her family and classmates through the lens, tracking down misplaced items and spotting the small details. But she isn't prepared for class clown Jake's request: to find his father...

Hauntings & Supernatural Elements

***Midnight at the Barclay Hotel* Bradley, Fleur (Gr 3-7)**

Five murder suspects are invited to the haunted Barclay Hotel for a weekend getaway, and it is up to twelve-year-old JJ and eleven-year-old Penny--and a lonely ghost--to figure out who committed the crime.

***The Ghost in Apartment 2R* Markell, Denis (Gr 5-7)**

After discovering a ghost in his apartment, twelve-year-old Danny and his friends traverse Brooklyn's diverse neighborhood together to learn the spirit's origins and bring it to rest.

***Henry and Eva and the Castle on the Cliff* Portes, Andrea (Gr 4-6)**

Henry's and Eva's lives change forever when their parents die in a mysterious accident. Their uncle and his awful girlfriend move into the children's house on the cliff "to take care of them," but Eva has her doubts about their intentions. And when some spooky visitors appear with a message, Henry and Eva realize that their parents' deaths might not have been as cut-and-dried as everyone thinks.

***Ollie Oxley and the Ghost: The Search for Lost Gold* Schmid, Lisa (Gr 3-5)**

Twelve-year-old Ollie Oxley isn't expecting his first friend in town to be a ghost, but together they team up to save his mom's theater and take down the school bully by finding a lost treasure.

***Vampires on the Run: A Quinnie Boyd Mystery* Surrisi, Cynthia (Gr 4-5)**

Two suspicious writers from New York arrive in Quinnie Boyd's small Maine town. They claim to be the confidants of a vampire count. But Quinnie begins to wonder if the authors are vampires themselves.

Hauntings & Supernatural Elements cont.

Digging Up Danger West, Jacqueline (Gr 3-5)

Amateur ghost expert Eliza, thirteen, joins her botanist mother on a job in a very old flower shop, where each investigates some highly unusual things.

Lost Treasures & Missing Art

The Impossible Crime (Mac B. Kid Spy) Barnett, Mac (Gr 3-5)

In 1989 someone is threatening to steal the crown jewels, so the Queen of England summons Mac B. to protect them--and when they are stolen from a locked dungeon cell, it is up to Mac to figure out how they were stolen, and whether the thief is the descendant of an Irish soldier-of-fortune who tried to steal them in 1671, or someone else entirely.

Secrets from the Deep Fairstein, Linda A. (Gr 4-6)

While on vacation in Martha's Vineyard, twelve-year-old Devlin Quick discovers a genuine pirate doubloon and investigates its origins.

Word Travelers and the Taj Mahal Mystery_Haldar, Raj (Gr 2-4)

After looking up the word "pajamas," the Awesome Enchanted Book (AEB) whisks Eddie and Molly Jean away to India, the country of the word's origins. There they meet a boy searching for a lost family treasure to rebuild his school. A fast-paced mystery with a series of hidden clues, secret passageways, and even a dastardly moustache-twirling villain.

Lost Treasures & Missing Art cont.

***The Parker Inheritance* Johnson, Varian (Gr 4-6)**

Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure--but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery.

***The Missing Baseball* (Zach and Zoe Mysteries: book 1) Lupica, Mike (Gr 1-4)**

Eight-year-old twins Zach and Zoe follow clues to find Zach's missing baseball, signed by his favorite major league player, while competing in Spirit Week events at school.

***Capture the Flag* (Silver Jaguar Society series: book 1) Messner, Kate (Gr 3-5)**

When the original Star Spangled Banner is stolen, seventh-graders Anne, José, and Henry, all descendants of the Silver Jaguar Society, pursue suspects on airport carts and through baggage handling tunnels while stranded at a Washington, D.C. airport during a snowstorm.

***The Secret of the Silver Mines* Peacock, Shane (Gr 3-7)**

Dylan helps his dad retrieve a fortune in silver allegedly stolen in the early part of the twentieth century.

***Who Killed Darius Drake?* Philbrick, W.R. (Gr 4-6)**

Arthur Bash is the school thug-for-hire, so when orphan Darius Drake offers him three candy bars to accompany him to the run-down Stompanado Housing Complex, and just look menacing, he agrees--and soon finds himself deep in a mystery involving Darius' estranged grandfather, the lost Dunbar Diamonds, and the villainous Jasper Jones.

Lost Treasures & Missing Art cont.

***The Hotel Whodunit* (Goldie Vance series) Rivera, Lilliam (Gr 3-6)**

In early 1960s Florida, sixteen-year-old Goldie, an aspiring detective at the Crossed Palms Resort Hotel, investigates when a diamond-encrusted swim cap goes missing during the filming of a movie at the resort.

***The Guggenheim Mystery* Stevens, Robin (Gr 4-6)**

While visiting their cousin Salim in New York City, Ted and Kat investigate the theft of a famous painting from the Guggenheim Museum for which Salim's mother is the prime suspect.

Puzzles

***The Puzzler's Mansion* (Puzzling World of Winston Breen series) Berlin, Eric (Gr 4-6)**

Winston attends a weekend of puzzles at a famous musician's mansion, but when he and other young guests pursue a thief, they find themselves in big trouble. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included.

***The Alcatraz Escape* (Book Scavenger series: book 3) Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss (Gr 4-6)**

Legendary game-maker Garrison Griswold is back in action, this time with "Unlock the Rock." For his latest game, Griswold has partnered with the famous mystery writer Errol Roy to plan an epic escape room challenge on Alcatraz Island. Emily and James are eager to participate, but the wave of fame they are riding from their recent book-hunting adventures makes them a target.

***The Name of this Book is Secret* (series: book 1) Bosch, Pseudonymous**

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

Puzzles cont.

***The Ambrose Deception* Ecton, Emily (Gr 4-6)**

Three Chicago students, Melissa, Wilf, and Bondi, are unlikely participants in a competition for a ten thousand-dollar scholarship, unaware that there is much more at stake.

***The Westing Game* Raskin, Ellen (Gr 4-7)**

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

***Kudo Kids: The Mystery of the Masked Medalist* Shibutani, Maia (Gr 3-6)**

Accompanying their journalist parents to the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Andy Kudo and his sister Mika find themselves immersed in an augmented reality game, developed by a former Olympic medalist, that brings players together from all over the world to search Tokyo for virtual medals and clues to the secretive creator's identity.

More Mystery Series:

Cam Jansen Adler, David

Fabio the World's Greatest Flamingo Detective James, Laura

Unofficial Minecrafters Mysteries series Winter, Morgan

Ballpark Mysteries Kelly, David A.

A to Z Mysteries Roy, Ron

Calendar Mysteries Roy, Ron

Capital Mysteries Roy, Ron

Nancy Drew (and *Nancy Drew Diaries*) Keen, Carolyn

Geronimo Stilton & Thea Stilton mystery titles

Boxcar Children Warner, Gertrude