

MYSTERY STORIES
FOR GRADES 3-5

Barnett, Mac

J BAR

It Happened on a Train

Seventh-grader Steve Brixton finds himself pulled back into sleuthing when, during a train trip down the California coast, he uncovers a mystery involving a fleet of priceless automobiles, an assassin, and a private rail car.

Also in this series: The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity and The Ghostwriter Secret

Beil, Michael

J BEI

The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour

Catholic-schooled seventh-graders Sophie, Margaret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann help an elderly neighbor solve a puzzle her father left for her estranged daughter twenty years ago.

Also available in this series: The Vanishing Violin and The Mistaken Masterpiece

Berlin, Eric

J BER

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen

Puzzle-crazy, twelve-year-old Winston and his ten-year-old sister Katie find themselves involved in a dangerous mystery involving a hidden ring. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text.

Also available in this series: The Potato Chip Puzzles and The Puzzler's Mansion

Broach, Elise

J BRO

Masterpiece

After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Missing on Superstition Mountain

When brothers Simon, Henry, and Jack move with their parents to Arizona, they are irresistibly drawn to explore the aptly named Superstition Mountain, in spite of warnings that it is not safe.

Bunting, Eve

J BUN

Coffin on a Case

Twelve-year-old Henry Coffin, the son of a private investigator, helps a gorgeous high school girl in her dangerous attempt to find her kidnapped mother.

Butler, Dori

J BUT

Do You Know the Monkey Man?

While searching for the father who left her and her mother ten years ago, thirteen-year-old Samantha begins to believe that the twin sister who supposedly died when they were three years old is still alive.

Byars, Betsy

J BYA

Tarot Says Beware

Herculeah Jones and her bumbling pal, Meat, investigate the murder of a palm reader.

Other titles available in this series!

Cheshire, Simon

J CHE

The Curse of the Ancient Mask and Other Case Files

Saxby Smart is no ordinary school kid. He's the best detective in the world, or at least the best one who also happens to be in elementary school. In this brand new series, with three cases in each book, the reader solves the mystery alongside Saxby, getting peeks at pages of his casebook as the crimes unfold, and searching for clues rather than letting the main character do all the work and have all the fun.

Also in this series: The Treasure of Dead Man's Lane and Other Case Files

Clements, Andrew

J CLE

Room One, a Mystery or Two

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.

We the Children

Sixth-grader Ben Pratt's life is full of changes that he does not like--his parents' separation and the plan to demolish his seaside school to build an amusement park--but when the school janitor gives him a tarnished coin with some old engravings and then dies, Ben is drawn into an effort to keep the school from being destroyed.

Also available in this series: Fear Itself

Colfer, Eoin

J COL

Half-Moon Investigations

Twelve-year-old private investigator Fletcher Moon, nicknamed "Half Moon" because of his shortness, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime he did not commit.

Curtis, Christopher Paul

J CUR

Mr. Chickee's Messy Mission

Flint Future Detective Club members Steven Carter and his friends Russell and Richelle follow Russell's dog, Rodney Rodent, into a mural to chase a demonic-looking gnome, only to find the mysterious Mr. Chickee on the other side.

DeFelici, Cynthia

J DEF

The Missing Manatee

While coping with his parents' separation, eleven-year-old Skeet spends most of spring break in his skiff on a Florida river, where he finds a manatee shot to death and begins looking for the killer.

Dixon, Franklin

J DIX

The Tower Treasure

When the Hardys' wealthy neighbor is robbed, Joe and Frank are asked by their father to help solve the case.

Dowd, Siobahn

J DOW

The London Eye Mystery

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together, Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat, to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Dowell, Francis O'Rourke

J DOW

Dovey Coe

When accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother.

Freeman, Martha

J FRE

Who Stole Grandmom's Million Dollar Pumpkin Pie?

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The Case of the Rock N' Roll Dog

Seven-year-old Tessa and ten-year-old Cameron, daughters of the first female president, and owners of a very rambunctious dog, play detective when a baton belonging to the director of the Marine Band goes missing at the White House.

Additional titles available in the First Kids Mystery series!

Gibbs, Stuart

J GIB

Belly Up

Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction, Henry the hippopotamus, is murdered.

Hahn, Mary Downing

J HAH

A Dead Man in Indian Creek

When Matt and Parker learn the body they found in Indian Creek is a drug-related death, they fear Parkers's mother may be involved.

Hale, Bruce

J HAL

The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse

When hired by a fellow fourth-grader to find her missing brother, Chet Gecko uncovers a plot involving a Gila monster's revenge upon the school football team.

Additional titles available in the Chet Gecko series!

Horowitz, Anthony

J HOR

The Greek Who Stole Christmas

Fourteen-year-old Nick and his brother, an ineffectual private detective, try to prevent the threatened murder of an international pop star in London at Christmas time.

Horvath, Polly

J HOR

Mr. and Mrs. Bunny Detectives Extraordinaire!

Middle-schooler Madeline's hippy parents have been kidnapped from Hornby Island, Canada, by foxes and Madeline, upon discovering that she can understand animal languages, hires two rabbit detectives to find them.

Howe, James

J HOW

Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of a Mystery

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

Keene, Carolyn

J KEE

The Best of Nancy Drew Classic Collection

Volume 1: The Secret of the Old Clock The Bungalow Mystery The Mystery of the 99 Steps

Korman, Gordon

J KOR

The Abduction

Aiden works with the FBI in order to rescue his sister Meg, who was kidnapped.

Also in the Kidnapped series: The Search

Margolis, Leslie

J MAR

Vanishing Acts: A Maggie Brooklyn Mystery

Life is confusing for seventh-grader Maggie, who must track down a missing person and find out who is behind a string of dog eggings at the local dog run, while also dealing with issues involving her brother, two of her friends.

Also available in this series: Girl's Best Friend

Meehan, Kierin

J MEE

Hannah's Winter

Hannah would much rather be back in Australia, starting high school with her friends. But Japan turns out to be nothing like she'd imagined. When Hannah and her new friend Miki find an ancient message in the stationery shop, they are drawn into involving a mysterious riddle.

Montgomery, Lewis

J MON

The Case of the Stinky Socks

Detectives-in-training Milo and Jazz join forces to tackle their first big case finding out who stole the lucky socks from the high school baseball team's star pitcher.

Other titles available in this series!

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

J NAY

Bernie Magruder and the Bats in the Belfry

Many residents of Middleburg, Indiana, are already going crazy from the ever-ringing church bells and now, after a bat is spotted in the hotel run by Bernie's family, they worry that the dangerous Indiana Aztec bat has finally arrived.

Paulsen, Gary

J PAU

Mudshark

Principal Wagner confidently deals with a faculty washroom crisis, a psychic parrot, and a terrorizing gerbil, but when sixty-five erasers go missing, he enlists the help of the school's best problem solver and locator of lost items, twelve-year-old Lyle Williams, aka Mudshark.

Peacock, Shane

J PEA

Eye of the Crow

A woman is found stabbed to death in London. A young boy is drawn to the scene to investigate the murder and becomes a suspect himself.

Phelan, Matt

J GRAPHIC NOVEL PHE

The Storm in the Barn

In Kansas in the year 1937, eleven-year-old Jack Clark faces his share of ordinary challenges: local bullies, his father's failed expectations, a little sister with an eye for trouble. But he also has to deal with the effects of the Dust Bowl, including rising tensions in his small town and the spread of a shadowy illness.

Pullman, Phillip

J PUL

Two Crafty Criminals and How they were Captured by the Daring Detectives of the New Cut Gang

Eleven-year-old Benny Kaminsky leads a rag-tag gang of neighborhood children as they use improbable disguises and crazy ruses while investigating such crimes as counterfeiting and stolen silver in 1894 London.

Raskin, Ellen

J RAS

The Westing Game

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.

Riddell, Chris

J RID

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat

Ottoline Brown and her best friend Mr. Munroe create a clever plan to solve the disappearance of several lapdogs and a string of daring burglaries in Big City.

Riordan, Rick

J RIO

The Maze of Bones

When their beloved aunt, matriarch of the world's most powerful family, dies, orphaned siblings Amy and Dan Cahill compete with less honorable Cahill descendants in a race around the world to find cryptic clues to a mysterious fortune.

Many other titles available in the 39 Clues series with several different authors.

Santopolo, Jill

J SAN

The Nina, the Pinta, and the Vanishing Treasure

When the entire Christopher Columbus exhibit disappears from the local museum, fourth-grade sleuth-in-training Alec Flint investigates, aided by his new classmate and potential partner, Gina, who wants his help looking into the disappearance of a teacher.

Selfors, Suzanne

J SEL

Smells Like Dog

When farm boy Homer Pudding's explorer-uncle dies and leaves him a droopy dog with a mysterious coin hidden on its collar, it leads him to The City, where they meet Madame La Directeur, the conniving head of the Natural History Museum, who is trying to steal the coin and take Homer's place in a secret society of adventurers.

Selzer, Adam

J SEL

I Put a Spell on You

When Gordon Liddy Community School's resident tattletale-detective, Chrissie Woodward, realizes that the adults are out to fix the big spelling bee, she transfers her loyalty to her fellow students and starts collecting evidence. Told through in-class letters, administrative memos, file notes from Chrissie's investigation, and testimony from spelling bee contestants.

Shaw, Murray

J GRAPHIC NOVEL SHA

Sherlock Holmes and a Scandal in Bohemia

Retold in graphic novel form, Sherlock Holmes attempts to retrieve a photograph being used to blackmail the King of Bohemia and finds something even more valuable. Includes a section explaining Holmes's reasoning and the clues he used to solve the mystery.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley

J SNY

The Egypt Game

A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies.

Sobol, Donald

J SOB

Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Carnival Crime

Ten brief cases allow the reader to match wits with ten-year-old crime-buster, Encyclopedia Brown, as he investigates such cases as toys missing from a fair, music stolen from a singer-songwriter, and arrowheads that disappear during a campout.

Many other titles available in this series!

Springer, Nancy

J SPR

The Case of the Peculiar Pink Fan

While fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes endeavors to save her friend Lady Cecily Alistair from an unwelcome arranged marriage, she meets with some assistance from her older brother, Sherlock, and interference by the eldest, Mycroft.

Other titles available in the Enola Holmes mystery series!

Stewart, Paul

J STE

Barnaby Grimes Legion of the Dead

Barnaby Grimes is pitted against an army of Victorian-era zombies. The funeral of a master criminal brings a dozen squabbling gangs together for a moment of peace, but when Barnaby shortcuts through the graveyard and sees the body rise from the earth, a terrifying mystery is born.

Also available in this series: Return of the Emerald Skull and The Curse of the Night Wolf

Wallace, Barbara

J WAL

The Twin in the Tower

A young orphan, afraid of being sent to the workhouse, finds himself at the mercy of the unsavory owner of a tavern in Alexandria, Virginia, while he tries to solve the mystery surrounding his past and a missing twin.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler

J WAR & J PB WAR SERIES

The Boxcar Children

Four orphaned children run away and live in a boxcar, until they are found by their grandfather.

Weeks, Sarah

J WEE

Pie

After the death of Polly Portman, whose award-winning pies put the town of Ipswich, Pennsylvania, on the map in the 1950s, her devoted niece Alice and Alice's friend Charlie investigate who is going to extremes to find Aunt Polly's secret pie crust recipe. Includes fourteen pie recipes.