

Educational Resource Center

# Detective and Mystery Books

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- C  
A2375c Adler, David A. Cam Jansen and the Mystery at the Haunted House. NY: Viking, 1992. (Grade 2-5)  
Cam and her friend Eric chase the thief of Aunt Katie's wallet through an amusement park and find themselves involved in another case requiring their special detective skills.
- C  
A243f Adrian, Mary. The Fireball Mystery. NY: Hastings, 1977. (Grade 2-6)  
Three children hunt for a meteorite they saw fall from outer space but run into some unexpected complications.
- Y  
A354s Alcock, Vivien. The Sylvia Game. NY: Delacorte, 1984. (Grade 3-7)  
During a trip to the seaside with her ne'er-do-well artist father, twelve-year-old Emily makes friends with a gypsy's son and the young heir to a stately home, who are struck by her resemblance to mysterious, long-dead Sylvia, a girl in a painting by Renoir.
- Y  
A418m Allan, Mabel Esther. Mystery in Rome. NY: Vanguard, 1974. (Grade 7+)  
A young English girl's temporary job takes her to Rome but doesn't prepare her for the intrigue she finds surrounding her hosts.
- C  
A418r Allan, Mabel Esther. The Rising Tide. NY: Walker, 1978. (Grade 4-7)  
When an eighteen-year-old inherits three small islands off the English coast, she discovers they are a source of intrigue.
- C  
A5475m Anderson, Mary. Matilda Investigates. NY: Atheneum, 1973. (Grade 4-6)  
Determined to become a great detective, eleven-year-old Mattie gets her first big case when she tries to buy a microscope from a mysterious old man.
- C  
A957n Avi. No More Magic. NY: Pantheon, 1975. (Grade 3-7)  
When searching for his bicycle that disappeared on Halloween, a young boy and his two friends become involved in a magic adventure.

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- C  
B112g     Babbitt, Natalie. Goody Hall. NY: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1971. (Grade 4+)  
The new tutor at Goody Hall is pleased with his job but can't help feeling there is something peculiar about the household.
- C  
B112k     Babbitt, Natalie. Kneeknock Rise. NY: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1970. (Grade 3+)  
Everyone else in the village is afraid of the creature who supposedly dwells at the top of Kneeknock Rise, but young Egan investigates for himself.
- Y  
B354k     Bawden, Nina. Kept in the Dark. NY: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1982. (Grade 5-8)  
When a mysterious eighteen-year-old comes to live with his grandparents and three half-cousins, sinister things begin to happen.
- C  
B4355L    Bellairs, John. The Letter, the Witch, and the Ring. NY: Dial Press, 1976. (Grade 4-7)  
A young girl takes a trip with a friend of the family only to get involved with a mysterious letter, a magic ring, and a powerful witch.
- Y  
B436m     Bellairs, John. The Mummy, the Will, and the Crypt. NY: Dial, 1983. (Grade 5+)  
Twelve-year-old Johnny Dixon and his friend Professor Childermass look for the hidden will left by an eccentric cereal tycoon who wished to make life difficult for his heirs after his own death by suicide.
- C  
B4355s    Bellairs, John. The Spell of the Sorcerer's Skull. NY: Dial, 1984. (Grade 5+)  
When Johnny Dixon takes a tiny skull from a haunted dollhouse, demonic forces are released, capturing Professor Childermass and leading Johnny on a harrowing chase to a deserted island off the coast of Maine.
- C  
B453e     Belton, Sandra. Ernestine & Amanda Mysteries on Monroe Street. NY: Simon & Schuster, 1998. (Grade 3-7)  
Ernestine and Amanda, two African-American twelve-year olds growing up under segregation in the 1950's, are brought together when the all-black dance studio where they take lessons is attacked by vandals.

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- C  
B489bd Berenstain, Stan. The Bear Detectives: the Case of the Missing Pumpkin. NY: Beginner Books, 1975. (Grade ps-3)  
The Bear family don their detective gear and try to solve the mystery of the missing prize pumpkin.
- C  
B517s Berna, Paul. The Secret of the Missing Boat. NY: Pantheon, 1967. (Grade 6-9)  
The unexpected interest shown by a number of people in a salvaged dinghy forms the basis for a mystery involving a treasure worth half a million dollars. Translation of La voile rouge.
- C  
B721h Bonsall, Crosby (Newell). The Case of the Hungry Stranger. NY: Harper & Row, 1963. (Grade 1-3)  
Wizard and his friends solve the mystery of the missing blueberry pie.
- C  
B749 Bothwell, Jean. The Mystery Gatepost. NY: Dial Press, 1964. (Not graded)  
The story of a modern boy and girl who helped solve a mystery that began almost two hundred years ago, in the spring of 1783, during the American War for Independence.
- Y  
B879f Brown, Roy. Find Debbie! NY: Seabury, 1976. (Grade 6+)  
A detective's professional objectivity mixes with his emotions during his search for Debbie, a retarded child who is reported missing but not particularly missed, by her parents and siblings.
- C  
C182c Cameron, Eleanor. The Court of the Stone Children. NY: Dutton, 1973. (Grade 5+)  
Aided by the journal of a young woman who lived in nineteenth-century France, Nina solves a murder mystery dormant since the time of Napoleon.
- C  
C188m Campbell, Hope. Mystery at Fire Island. NY: Four Winds, 1978. (Grade 4-6)  
While spending the summer on Fire Island, a promising eleven-year-old cartoonist and her brother observe the mysterious activities of their neighbor.
- C  
C552g Christelow, Eileen. Gertrude, the Bulldog Detective. NY: Clarion Books, 1992. (Grade 0-3)  
Gertrude Bulldog stumbles on a real case after her neighbors plant fake clues to get her to snoop somewhere else.

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- C  
C5554s Christian, Mary Blount. Sebastian (Super Sleuth) and the Purloined Sirloin. NY: Macmillan, 1986. (Grade 2-5)  
Dog detective Sebastian is on the trail of auto thieves and also tries to retrieve his stolen sirloin.
- C  
C5554ss Christian, Mary Blount. Sebastian (Super Sleuth) and the Stars-in-His-Eyes Mystery. NY: Macmillan, 1987. (Grade 2-5) Mysterious attacks on Chummy the Wonder Dog lead canine detective Sebastian to go undercover as a stunt performer in the making of Chummy's new movie.
- C  
C5554st Christian, Mary Blount. Sebastian (Super Sleuth) and the Time Capsule Caper. NY: Macmillan, 1989. (Grade 4-7)  
Dog detective Sebastian investigates the disappearance of the contents from a rich family's sixty-year-old time capsule.
- C  
C556m Christopher, Matt. Mystery Coach. Boston: Little, Brown, 1973. (Grade 4-6)  
When their coach becomes ill and their baseball team starts falling apart, several of the Blazers begin receiving coaching tips from an anonymous phone caller.
- C  
C556si Christopher, Matt. Supercharged Infield. Boston: Little, Brown, 1985. (Grade 4-6)  
Penny Farrell, captain and third baseman of the Hawks softball team, tries to uncover the reason for the strange behavior of two teammates who have also suddenly turned into super athletes.
- C  
C748c Conford, Ellen. A Case for Jenny Archer. Boston: Little, Brown, 1988. (Grade 2-4)  
After reading three mysteries in a row, Jenny becomes convinced that the neighbors across the street are up to no good and decides to investigate.
- C  
C789cf Corbett, Scott. The Case of the Fugitive Firebug. Boston: Little, Brown, 1969. (Grade 4-6)  
Amateur detective Roger Tearle must discover who set the fire that destroyed a valuable car and prove that the boy hiding in his tree house isn't the suspected firebug.

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- C  
C789cs Corbett, Scott. The Case of the Silver Skull. Boston:  
Little, Brown, 1974. (Grade 4-6)  
Inspector Tearle and his detectives watch for suspicious persons during the Gracious Homes Tour of local showplaces.
- C  
C789ct Corbett, Scott. The Case of the Ticklish Tooth.  
Boston: Little, Brown, 1971. (Grade 4-6)  
Roger Teale tracks down the man who bound and gagged the dentist and stole a bicycle to escape.
- C  
C789d Corbett, Scott. Diamonds Are More Trouble. NY: Holt,  
Rinehart & Winston, 1969. (Grade 7+)  
A young man is upset by his aunt's request for him to bring her priceless diamond necklace when he comes to spend the weekend on her island, especially when he learns the family black sheep will also be there.
- C  
C911r Crayder, Dorothy. The Riddles of Mermaid House. NY:  
Atheneum, 1977. (Grade 4-6)  
Disheartened at being a newcomer in New England, Becky seeks solace in studying the marsh where she encounters a number of suspicious people, one of whom may be responsible for the town's rash of fires.
- Y  
C927a Crew, Gary. Angel's Gate. NY: Simon and Schuster Books  
for Young Readers, 1995 (Grade 4-7)  
Kimmy encounters two wild children who have grown up in the hills of Australia and tries to protect them from the unknown person who murdered their father.
- C  
C945n Cromie, Alice. Nobody Wanted to Scare Her. NY: Doubleday,  
1974. (Grade 5+ )  
Many people seem interested in obtaining possession of the mysterious box that twelve-year-old Gillian is charged with delivering to her guardian in Europe.
- Y  
C951r Cross, Gillian. Roscoe's Leap. NY: Holiday, 1987. (Grade 7-12)  
A plan to restore a guillotine and other strange toys once belonging to an eccentric millionaire fills his twelve-year-old great-great-grandson with nameless dread and concern for his family's safety.

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- C D313g DeFelice, Cynthia C. The Ghost of Fossil Glen. NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1998. (Grade 3-7)  
Allie knows it's not her imagination when she hears a voice and sees in her mind's eye the face of a girl who seems to be seeking her help.
- C D497ch Devlin, Wende. Cranberry Halloween. NY: Four Winds, 1982. (Grade ps-3)  
On Halloween night the people of Cranberryport almost lose the money they have raised to build a new dock.
- Y D754b 1961 Doyle, A. Conan. The Boys' Sherlock Holmes: New and Enlarged Edition. NY: Harper, 1961. (Grade 12+)  
This book of Sherlock Holmes stories especially for boys contains three full-length novels and six short stories. Included are a biographical sketch of Joseph Bell, the real-life model for Sherlock Holmes, and a map of Sherlock Holmes' London.
- Y D754c Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir. The Complete Sherlock Holmes. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1960. (Grade 12+)  
" . . . the only complete, definitive edition of these famous stories. Originally published in nine separate books, containing thirteen hundred pages of the best detective fiction in English literature, they are the authoritative text of every Sherlock Holmes story ever written."
- Y D754h Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir. The Hound of the Baskervilles. NY: Random, 1961. (Grade 12+)  
Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson solve the mystery of a terrifying, ancient curse and its deadly ramifications for the Baskerville family in this tale set in the dark and murky English moors. Summary from *Books In Print*®
- Y D754s LT Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir. Selected Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. Leicester, Eng.: Ulverscroft, LT 1966. (Grade 9+) Large print edition. Selections from the edition first published in 1928, in London.
- Y D754s Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir. Sherlock Holmes, Detective. NY: Dodd, 1965. (Grade 9+)  
Here are eight of this detective's famous adventures, selected and arranged for young readers. The book includes a portrait frontispiece and a series of illustrations from the original Sherlock Holmes editions.

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- Y  
D754t Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir. Tales of Sherlock Holmes. NY:  
Macmillan, 1963. (Grade 12+)  
Contains A Study in Scarlet, The Sign of the Four, The Hound of the Baskervilles, and seven selected short stories.
- Y  
D911do Duncan, Lois. Don't Look Behind You. NY: Delacorte, 1989.  
(Grade 12+)  
Seventeen-year-old April finds her comfortable life changed forever when death threatens to her father, a witness in a federal case, force her family to go into hiding under assumed names and flee the pursuit of a hired killer.
- Y  
E97L Eyerly, Jeannette. The Leonardo Touch: A Novel of Suspense. Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1976. (Grade 5-12)  
When a seemingly simple trip to Wales to choose a painting for her father involves seventeen-year-old Elizabeth with theft and murder, everyone she knows becomes suspect.
- Y  
808.83 Fenner, Phyllis R. Consider the Evidence: Stories of Mystery and Suspense. NY: Morrow, 1973. (Grade 7-9)  
F336c Contains "Man Hunt on Dead Yank Creek," "The Dog," "The Air-Tight Case," "The Roman Kid," "McQuestion Rides," "The Nine Mile Walk," "Touch and Blow," "The Grave Grass Quivers," "Night of the Twister," and "Five Hundred Dollars Reward."
- C  
G348f George, Jean Craighead. The Fire Bug Connection: an Ecological Mystery. NY: HarperTrophy, 1995. (Grade 3-7)  
Twelve-year-old Maggie receives European fire bugs for her birthday, but when they fail to metamorphose and grow grossly large and explode instead, she uses scientific reasoning to determine the cause of their strange death.
- C  
G348wk George, Jean Craighead. Who Really Killed Cock Robin?: an Ecological Mystery. NY: Dutton, 1971. (Grade 4-7)  
Two ecology-conscious children try to trace the imbalances in the environment that might have caused the death of the town's best-known robin.
- C  
G548c Glaser, Dianne. The Case of the Missing Six. NY: Holiday, 1978. (Grade 4-6)  
Two rambunctious boys spend their spring vacation trying to trace several neighborhood pets that have disappeared.

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- Y  
H193g Hallstead, William F. Ghost Plane of Blackwater. NY:  
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1974. (Grade 7+)  
Two pilots search for a bomber lost over a South Carolina  
swamp.
- Y  
H221 Hamilton, Virginia. The House of Dies Drear. NY: Macmillan,  
1968. (Grade 6-9)  
A family of five moves into an enormous house once used as  
a hiding place for runaway slaves. Mysterious sounds and  
events and discoveries of secret passageways make the family  
believe they are in grave danger.
- C  
H376m Hausman, Jim. Mystery at Sans Souci. NY: Atheneum,  
1978. (Grade 4-6)  
A number of unrelated incidents lead an American family to  
conclude that someone wants them out of their rented house  
in a small town outside Paris.
- C  
H465h Heide, Florence Parry. The Hidden Box Mystery.  
Chicago: Whitman, 1973. (Grade 3-6)  
A series of petty thefts in the neighborhood leads the  
Spotlight Club into a new mystery.
- C  
H465m Heide, Florence Parry. Mystery at MacAdoo Zoo.  
Chicago: Whitman, 1973. (Grade 3-7)  
The three Spotlight Club members track down a pickpocket  
loose in the zoo.
- C  
H643cn Hildick, E. W. The Case of the Nervous Newsboy. NY:  
Macmillan, 1976. (Grade 4-7)  
Ten-year-old Jack McGurk and his fellow detectives  
match wits with the local police as they track down a  
runaway newsboy.
- C  
H643cw Hildick, E. W. The Case of the Wandering Weathervanes:  
A McGurk Mystery. NY: Macmillan, 1988. (Grade 4-7)  
McGurk's detectives begin to investigate the thefts of  
numerous weathervanes and find themselves tracking an enemy  
agent.

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- C  
H773m Honness, Elizabeth Hoffman. Mystery of the Maya Jade.  
Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1971. (Grade 4-6)  
A teen-age boy and girl who meet on top of a Mayan pyramid in Guatemala have several interests in common, including a desire to solve the mystery of the precious jade figurine stolen from a museum of Mayan treasures.
- C  
H855b Howe, Deborah. Bunnacula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery.  
NY: Atheneum, 1981. (Grade 3-5)  
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.
- C  
H856d Howe, James. Dew Drop Dead. NY: Atheneum, 1990.  
(Grade 3-7)  
While setting up a homeless shelter at the church, Sebastian and his friends, Corrie and David, solve the mystery of a dead man found in an abandoned inn.
- C  
H8937h Hughes, Shirley. Haunted House. Englewood Cliffs,  
NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1978. (Grade 2-5)  
Two children are afraid to go near an ominous-looking old house until they learn its inhabitants, a little girl and her grandmother, are being held captive.
- C  
J15s Jacob, Helen Pierce. The Secret of the Strawbridge Place.  
NY: Atheneum, 1976. (Not graded)  
Two friends search for the secret of an old house rumored to have been a station on the Underground Railroad. Then one of them disappears.
- C  
J33mr Jane, Mary C. Mystery of the Red Carnations. Philadelphia:  
Lippincott, 1968. (Grade 4-6)  
An ordinary school assignment leads four children to find the donor of the red carnations that mysteriously appear once a year on the grave of an unidentified man killed eight years before.
- C  
J33mn Jane, Mary C. Mystery on Nine-Mile Marsh. Philadelphia:  
Lippincott, 1967. (Grade 3-7)  
When a total stranger inherits an island off the coast of Maine, local opinion favors the only nephew of the former owner; but four children defend the stranger when others seek to discredit him.

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- Y Jordan, Cathleen. Tales from Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery  
 808.83 Magazine. NY: Morrow Junior, 1988. (Grade 7+)  
 T143 A collection of twenty short stories.
- Y Kahn, Joan. Some Things Dark and Dangerous. NY: Harper &  
 808.83 Row, 1970. (Grade 7+)  
 K12 A collection of sixteen stories of suspense.
- Y Kelly, Jeffrey. Tramp Steamer and the Silver Bullet.  
 K285t Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1984. (Grade 5-9)  
 The adventures and misadventures of two young boys, Tramp and Silver, as they become involved with haunted houses, eccentric ladies, spiders, meat-eating plants, and secret tunnels.
- Y Ketchum, Liza Ketchum. Fire in the Heart. NY: Holiday, 1989.  
 M984f Grade 5-9)  
 Fourteen-year-old Molly tries to uncover the mystery surrounding her mother's death ten years before.
- Y Kidd, Ronald. Second Fiddle: A Sizzle and Splat Mystery.  
 K455sf NY: Lodestar, 1988. (Grade 7+)  
 Two members of the Pirelli Youth Orchestra find their lives in danger when they try to find the practical joker whose string of pranks includes destroying a \$250,000 violin.
- Y Kidd, Ronald. Sizzle and Splat. NY: Dutton, 1983. (Grade 7+)  
 K455s Two high school students, members of a prestigious youth orchestra, investigate the sabotage of an important benefit concert and the kidnapping of the orchestra association president.
- Y Klaveness, Jan O'Donnell. The Griffin Legacy. NY:  
 K63g Macmillan, 1983. (Grade 5-9)  
 Amy Enfield becomes involved with the spirit of her ancestor Lucy Griffin and undertakes a quest for silver stolen from the parish church by Lucy's lover during the American Revolution.
- C Landon, Lucinda. Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery at the  
 L259m Medieval Castle: A Solve-It-Yourself Mystery.  
 Boston: Joy Street, 1989. (Grade 2-5)  
 Meg and her classmates visit a medieval castle and become eyewitnesses to the theft of a priceless silver chalice. The reader is asked to solve the mystery before Meg, using clues found in the text and illustrations.

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- Y  
M147h MacGregor, Rob. Hawk Moon. NY: Simon and Schuster Books  
for Young Readers, 1996. (Grade 7-12)  
Will faces a mystery involving drugs at his high school,  
while being framed for the disappearance and possible murder  
of his girlfriend.
- Y  
M154s MacKellar, William. The Secret of the Dark Tower. NY:  
McKay, 1967. (Grade 7+)  
Two boys, spending their school year in Switzerland,  
unknowingly become involved in a diamond smuggling operation  
that results in attempts on their lives.
- Y  
808.83  
M279mi Manley, Seon. Mistresses of Mystery: Two Centuries of  
Suspense Stories by the Gentle Sex. NY: Lothrop,  
Lee & Shepard, 1973. (Grade 7+)  
Contains "The Leopard Lady," "All Souls," "The Head," "To  
Reach the Sea," "Good-bye Miss Lizzie Borden," "Madame  
Sara," "Cambric Tea," "The Ray of Displacement," and "The  
Willow Tree."
- C  
M417c Massie, Diane Redfield. Chameleon the Spy and the  
Terrible Toaster Trap. NY: Crowell, 1982. (Grade 2-6)  
A spy encounters strange events in Beantown as the entire  
population appears to be asleep amid a rash of robberies.
- C  
M149f McHargue, Georgess. Funny Bananas: The Mystery in the  
Museum. NY: Holt, Rinehard & Winston, 1975. (Grade 2-6)  
Ben's efforts to apprehend the vandal plaguing the natural  
history museum are complicated by a "witch" and a strange  
animal who seem to be haunting the museum.
- C  
M613p Meyers, Susan. P.J. Clover, Private Eye: The Case of  
the Halloween Hoot. NY: Lodestar, 1990. (Grade 4-6)  
While designing the perfect costumes for a Halloween  
contest, P.J. and Stacy try to clear their school  
custodian's name by tracking down the thief who entered the  
school after hours and stole an antique samovar.
- C  
N252m Nash, Mary. Mrs. Coverlet's Detectives. Boston: Little,  
Brown, 1965. (Grade 3-7)  
The three Persever children go to New York hoping to find  
Mrs. Dextrose-Chesapeake's valuable tortoise shell cat that  
disappeared after the cat show.

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- C Newman, Robert. The Case of the Baker Street  
N554c Irregular: A Sherlock Holmes Story. NY: Atheneum,  
1978. (Grade 3-7)  
Brought to London under mysterious circumstances by his  
tutor, a young boy seeks the help of Sherlock Holmes when  
his tutor is kidnapped and he himself is threatened with the  
same fate.
- Y Nixon, Joan Lowery. Whispers from the Dead. NY: Delacorte,  
N736w 1989. (Grade 7+)  
After making contact with the spirit world during a near-  
death experience, Sarah moves to Houston with her parents  
and receives otherworldly messages about a murder committed  
in her house.
- Y Norton, Browning. Wreck of the Blue Plane. NY: Coward,  
N8823w McCann, & Geoghegan, 1978. (Grade 5-9)  
Fourteen-year-old Mark accompanies his older brother to  
Kodiak Island, Alaska, and finds himself involved in a  
dangerous search for a wrecked plane containing a large sum  
of stolen money.
- C Parish, Peggy. Clues in the Woods. NY: Macmillan, 1968.  
P233ci Grade 3-6)  
Missing garbage scraps, a red sweater found in the woods,  
and a trapped puppy lead three children, staying with their  
grandparents, to think someone is in need.
- C Parish, Peggy. Hermit Dan. NY: Macmillan, 1977. (Grade 2-5)  
P233h Intrigued by stories of local pirates and buried  
treasure, three children decide to find out the truth about  
Hermit Dan and his ancestors.
- C Pearce, Philippa. The Way to Sattin Shore. NY: Greenwillow,  
P359w 1983. (Grade 5-9)  
When a tombstone with her father's name suddenly  
disappears from the graveyard, Kate, an English school  
girl, witnesses the unraveling of a mystery surrounding the  
death of her father.
- Y Peck, Richard. Through a Brief Darkness. NY: Viking, 1973.  
P3673t (Grade 7+)  
Forced to ask herself whether her father was indeed a  
criminal, Karen comes to rely on her own instincts and  
judgement as her situation becomes increasingly terrifying.

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- Y  
P484L Petersen, P. J. Liars. NY: Simon & Schuster Books for  
Young Readers, 1992. (Grade 7+)  
Life in the remote town of Alder Creek, California, is boring for eighth-grader Sam and his friends, until his newly awakened ability to tell when a person is lying involves him in a series of mysterious events.
- Y  
P438s Perez, Norah A. Strange Summer in Stratford. Boston:  
Little, Brown, 1968. (Grade 7+)  
In spite of her determination to dislike a summer vacation with her family at the Festival Theater in Stratford, Ontario, a young girl becomes well acquainted with the actors and involved in a mystery that threatens the success of the theater season.
- C  
P719bm Platt, Kin. Big Max in the Mystery of the Missing Moose.  
NY: Harper & Row, 1977. (Grade ps-3)  
Big Max, the world's greatest detective, helps the zoo keeper find a missing moose.
- C  
P973t Pryor, Bonnie. The Twenty-Four-Hour Lipstick Mystery. NY:  
Morrow Junior Books, 1989 (Grade 3+)  
To earn money for charm school, eleven-year-old Cassie works for the owner of a spooky mansion and uncovers a mystery surrounding a secret room.
- Y  
P982r Pullman, Philip. The Ruby in the Smoke. NY: Knopf, 1987.  
(Grade 7+)  
In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.
- C  
Q1d Quackenbush, Robert M. Detective Mole. NY: Lothrop, Lee  
& Shepard, 1976. (Grade 1-4)  
Detective Mole finds solutions to other animals' mysteries in five easy-to-read stories.
- C  
Q1dm Quackenbush, Robert M. Detective Mole and the Tip-Top  
Mystery. NY: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1978  
When mysterious mishaps drive guests away from the Tip-Top Inn, Detective Mole investigates.

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- C Raskin, Ellen. The Mysterious Disappearance of Leon (I  
R225m Mean Noel). NY: Dutton, 1971. (Grade 4-7)  
The disappearance of her husband is only the first of the  
mysteries Mrs. Carillon must solve.
- C Raskin, Ellen. The Tattooed Potato and Other Clues. NY:  
R225ta Dutton, 1975 (Grade 4-7)  
Answering an advertisement for an artist's assistant  
involves seventeen-year-old Dickory Dock in several  
mysteries and their ultimate solutions.
- Y Raskin, Ellen. The Westing Game. NY: Dutton, 1978.  
R225w (Grade 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.
- Y Roberts, Willo Davis. The View From the Cherry Tree. NY:  
R648v Atheneum, 1975. (Grade 5+)  
Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him--  
except the murderer.
- C Saunders, Susan. The Mystery of the Hard Luck Rodeo.  
S257m NY: Random, 1989. (Grade 2-4)  
Fourth grader Tommy Price, Jr., and his friend Bonnie Sue  
whose families work for area rodeos, investigate the  
mysterious occurrences that threaten to close down the Red  
Bluffs Rodeo and stop country singer Mel Jones from  
performing.
- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great. NY: Coward,  
S531ng McCann & Geoghegan, 1972. (Grade 1-4)  
Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.
- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and me: the Case  
S531nga of the Fleeing Fang. NY: Delacorte, 1998. (Grade 2-3)  
The reader is asked to help Nate the Great solve the  
mystery of his friend Annie's missing dog Fang.

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- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the  
S531ngb Boring Beach Bag. NY: Coward-McCann, 1987. (Grade 1-4)  
Nate the Great finds mystery at the beach when Oliver's  
beach bag vanishes.
- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the  
S531ngh Halloween Hunt. NY: Coward-McCann, 1989. (Grade K-6)  
Nate and his dog Sludge try to solve a case on Halloween  
night and find themselves locked in a haunted house.
- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the Lost S531ngl  
List. NY: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1975. (Grade K-2)  
Nate the Great interrupts his backyard vacation to find his  
friend's lost grocery list--before lunch.
- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the Musical  
S531ngm Note. NY: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1990. (Grade K-3)  
When Rosamond turns a phone message from Pip's mother into a  
music lesson with a secret meaning, Nate the Great steps in  
to solve the mystery.
- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the Phony Clue.  
S531ngp NY: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1977. (Grade 3-5)  
When he finds a torn piece of paper with only part of a word  
on it, boy detective Nate sets out to find the missing  
pieces.
- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the Sticky  
S531ngs Case. NY: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1978. (Grade 1-4)  
Nate the Great and his dog Sludge try to track down  
Claude's missing Stegosaurus stamp.
- C Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the Tardy  
S531ngt Tortoise. NY: Delacorte, 1995. (Grade 1-3)  
As more and more of his flowers display the bite marks of  
a wandering tortoise, Nate sets out to uncover the mystery  
of the reptile's origins.

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- C S531ngd Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great Goes Down in the Dumps. NY: Coward-McCann, 1989. (Grade 1-4)  
When Rosamond looks into her crystal ball to read Nate the Great's future, she sees a new case for him to solve--her money box is missing and she wants him to find it.
- C S531ngu Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great Goes Undercover. NY: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1974. (Grade 1-3)  
Nate the Great takes on his first night case and tries to solve the mystery of the garbage snatcher.
- C S531ngk Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great Saves the King of Sweden. NY: Delacorte Press, 1997. (Grade 2-4)  
As Nate the Great sets to work on his first international case, he searches for a lost "something" and saves the King of Sweden from a troublesome traveler.
- C S539c Shearer, John. The Case of the Sneaker Snatcher. NY: Delacorte, 1977. (Grade 2-5)  
Super sleuth Billy Jo Jive tries to piece together clues to identify the sneaker snatcher.
- Y S632r Sleator, William. Run. NY: Dutton, 1973. (Grade 5-8)  
Three teen-agers, thrown together by chance in an isolated house, become increasingly aware of a threat lurking in the darkness outside.
- C S6515f Smith, Jim. The Frog Band and the Onion Seller. Boston: Little, Brown, 1976. (Grade 1-3)  
Eminent detective Alphonse le Flic searches for a hidden casket containing treasure while being pursued by the enraged Frog Band.
- C S675j Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. Janie's Private Eyes. NY: Delacorte, 1989. (Grade 5-7)  
Intent on investigating a rash of dog disappearances, eight-year-old Janie forms a detective agency and involves her friends and unwilling family in tracing clues and suspects.

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- C Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the  
S677ebd Disgusting Sneakers. NY: Morrow Junior, 1990.  
(Grade 2-6) America's Sherlock Holmes in sneakers  
continues his war on crime in ten more cases, the  
solutions to which are found in the back of the book.
- C Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the  
S677ebc Mysterious Handprints. NY: Morrow, 1985. (Grade 2-6)  
The ten-year-old detective continues his war on crime in  
Idaville through ten more cases, for which the reader is  
invited to guess the solution before it is revealed.
- C Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the  
S677ebsd Sleeping Dog. NY: Delacorte, 1998. (Grade 2-6)  
America's Sherlock Holmes in sneakers continues his war on  
crime in ten more cases.
- C Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the  
S677ebss Slippery Salamander. NY: Bantam Skylark, 2000.  
Grade 2-6)  
Encyclopedia Brown, the super sleuth in sneakers, solves  
ten new mysteries, including "The Case of the Slippery  
Salamander," "The Case of the Banana Burglar," and "The  
Case of the Dead Cockroach."
- C Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the  
S677ebh Treasure Hunt. NY: Morrow Junior, 1988. (Grade 2-6)  
America's Sherlock Holmes in sneakers continues his war on  
crime in ten more cases, the solutions to which are found  
in the back of the book.
- C Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective.  
S677eb NY: Nelson, 1963. (Grade 2-6)  
Fifth-grader "Encyclopedia" Leroy Brown solves ten  
mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the  
book, challenges the reader to do the same.
- C Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown Gets His Man. NJ:  
S677ebg Nelson, 1967. (Grade 2-6)  
Leroy "Encyclopedia" Brown again matches wits with  
Idaville's villains in ten all-new cases in which he  
solves the problems that stump his police-chief father.  
Match wits with the boy detective before consulting the  
answers at the back of the book!

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- C  
S677      Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown Keeps the Peace. NJ:  
            Nelson, 1969. (Grade 2-6)  
            The solutions to ten mysteries solved by Leroy  
            "Encyclopedia" Brown are given in a separate section,  
            challenging the reader to match wits with the ten-year-old  
            mastermind of Idaville's war on crime.
- C  
S677ebs      Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown Shows the Way: Ten  
                    All-New Mysteries. TN: Nelson, 1972. (Grade 2-6)  
            Encyclopedia Brown, brilliant fifth-grade amateur  
            detective, solves ten crimes. The reader may match  
            solutions with those at the end of the book.
- C  
S677ebso      Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown Solves Them All. NJ:  
                    Nelson, 1968. (Grade 2-6)  
            He's back, and no mystery baffles him. This time the boy  
            detective is challenged by crooked circus performers  
            crochety neighbors, and cowardly bullies who leave behind  
            them clues to the solution of their crimes. Who will  
            solve them first--you or Encyclopedia Brown?
- C  
S677e      Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown Takes the Case.  
                    TN: Thomas Nelson, 1973. (Grade 2-6)  
            Idaville's secret weapon against lawbreakers, ten-year-old  
            Encyclopedia Brown, assists the police force with ten  
            insoluble cases. Solutions are at the back of the book.
- C  
S677ebt      Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown Tracks Them Down:  
                    Ten All-New Mysteries. NJ: Nelson, 1971. (Grade 2-6)  
            Encyclopedia Brown, boy detective, solves ten more  
            mysteries. The solutions are given at the end of the book.
- C  
S139c      St. George, Judith. The Chinese Puzzle of Shag Island.  
                    NY: Putnam, 1976. (Grade 5-10)  
            What seems a harmless enough trip to the family's  
            ancestral home on a Maine island turns into something much  
            more dangerous for thirteen-year-old Kim.
- C  
S139h      St. George, Judith. The Halloween Pumpkin Smasher.  
                    NY: Putnam, 1978. (Grade K-3)  
            Mary Grace and her imaginary friend Nellie plan to find  
            out who has been smashing all the jack-o-lanterns the week  
            before Halloween.

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- Y St. John, Wylly Folk. The Mystery Book Mystery. NY: Viking,  
S143m 1976. (Grade 5-9)  
Seventeen-year-old Libby Clark signs up for a writers' conference on mysteries and becomes entangled in a real-life murder mystery.
- C Stephens, Mary Jo. Witch of the Cumberlands. Boston :  
S834w Houghton Mifflin, 1974. (Grade 4-9)  
With the prophesied arrival of three children on Devil's Mountain a gentle elderly woman, whom the villagers call a witch, unravels the old mystery of a local mine disaster.
- Y Storr, Catherine. The Chinese Egg. NY: McGraw-Hill, 1975.  
S886c (Grade 7-12)  
Brought together by a Chinese egg puzzle, three young people become involved in a dangerous search for a missing baby.
- Y Tate, Eleanora E. The Secret of Gumbo Grove. NY: Watts,  
T2155s 1987. (Grade 7-12)  
While helping restore the cemetery of the old Baptist church, eleven-year-old Raisin solves the mystery surrounding the founding of her home town and gains pride in her family's past.
- C Titus, Eve. Basil in Mexico. NY: McGraw-Hill, 1976.  
T623bm (Grade 4-6)  
Basil, mouse and master detective seeking for the truth behind the theft of the Mousa Lisa, must also solve the mystery of his companion's disappearance.
- C Thomson, Ruth. Peabody All At Sea. NY: Lothrop, Lee &  
T484p Shepard, 1978 (Grade k-3)  
Special detective Peabody and his assistant, Humbug the dog, plan a trip to the seaside but end up searching for the thieves of their ship's missing valuables.
- Y Townsend, John Rowe. Hell's Edge. NY: Lothrop, Lee &  
T748h Shepherd, 1969. (Grade 2-7)  
When her father's new job necessitates moving to a small northern town, a fifteen-year-old English girl is unhappy until she becomes interested in the town's past and a mysterious deed of land that could affect its future.

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- C  
V217m Van Allsburg, Chris. The Mysteries of Harris Burdick.  
Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1984. (Grade 5+)  
Presents a series of loosely related drawings, each accompanied by a title and a caption, which the reader may use to make up his or her own story.
- C  
V857s Vivelo, Jackie. Super Sleuth and the Bare Bones: Super Sleuth III: Twelve Solve-It-Yourself Mysteries.  
NY: Putnam, 1988. (Grade 4-7)  
While visiting the campus of Fenster March College, Ellen and Beagle solve a variety of mysteries. The reader is challenged to solve the mysteries before Ellen and Beagle by interpreting clues in the text.
- C  
W187t Wallace, Barbara Brooks. The Twin in the Tavern. NY:  
Atheneum, 1993. (Grade 3-7)  
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.
- C  
W238v Walton, Elizabeth Cheatham. Voices in the Fog. NY:  
Abelard-Schuman, 1968. (Grade 3-7)  
Twin girls rebel at being separated when their parents move to Martha's Vineyard leaving one of them with relatives on Cape Cod. But their separation leads each to new self-reliance and great adventure as they help capture a gang of thieves.
- C  
W274v Warfel, Diantha. The Violin Case Case. NY: Dutton, 1978.  
(Grade 6-9)  
Bax's aspirations to join a symphony orchestra involve him with a beautiful and old violin which is much desired by seemingly dangerous and elusive strangers.
- C  
W283s Warner, Margery. The Secret of the Disappearing Sultan. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1975. (Grade 3-7)  
While waiting for her parents to arrive in Paris, a twelve-year-old American girl becomes an inadvertent accomplice in trying to save the young sultan of a small Arab state from being abducted by his enemies.

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- Y Wells, Rosemary. When No One Was Looking. NY: Dial, 1980.  
W4555w (Grade 7+)  
A tragic chain of events threatens a 14-year-old girl's promising tennis career.
- Y West, Emily Govan. Danger Downriver. NY: Viking, 1972.  
W517d (Grade 4-6)  
When his father mysteriously disappears from the tavern where they spend the night, a ten-year-old boy finds he has no choice but to stay and work for the surly tavern keeper.
- C Williams, Jay. The Burglar Next Door. NY: Four Winds Press, 1976. (Grade 4-7)  
W724b  
A thirteen-year-old girl, whose ambition in life is to build bridges, attempts to solve a robbery when her friend becomes a suspect.
- C Wood, Audrey. Detective Valentine. NY: Harper & Row, 1987.  
W873d (Grade K-3)  
The great Detective Valentine has his work cut out for him when the snow queen's crown is stolen two days before the contest and the mayor's wife, a famous actress, and the detective's good friend are all suspects.
- C Woolley, Catherine. Libby Shadows a Lady. NY: Morrow, 1974.  
W913L (Grade 3-7)  
This is a mystery set in New York City, where a girl inadvertently breaks up a kidnapping ring supplying babies for adoption.
- C Wright, Betty Ren. The Ghosts of Mercy Manor. NY: Scholastic, 1993. (Grade 4-7)  
W947g  
Twelve-year-old Gwen, an orphan who comes to live with the Mercy family, discovers that the house is haunted by the ghost of a sad-looking young girl and is determined to solve the mystery behind her appearances.
- Y Wuorio, Eva-Lis. Save Alice! NY: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1968.  
W966s  
Twins become involved in saving a white cockatoo thrust into their car at the Spanish border.

C Yolen, Jane. Piggins. NY: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1987.  
Y54p (Grade Ps-3)

During a dinner party, the lights go out, and Mrs. Reynard's beautiful diamond necklace is stolen, but Piggins the butler quickly discovers the real thief.