

Mysteries For Young Readers

J Fic Angleberger

Angleberger, Tom. **Inspector Flytrap** (Inspector Flytrap series).

Hoping to become the greatest detective that ever grew, Inspector Flytrap, a Venus Flytrap, and his assistant, Nina the Goat, investigate "big deal" mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop, and a garden. Gr. 2-4

J Fic Barnhill

Barnhill, Kelly. **The Ogress and the Orphans**

When a child goes missing from the Orphan House in the town of Stone-in-the-Glen, the mayor suggests the kindly Ogress is responsible, but the orphans do not believe that and try to make their neighbors see the real villain among them. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Bury

Bury, Katryn. **Drew Leclair Gets a Clue**

When a cyberbully posts embarrassing rumors about other students at school, Drew, to protect her own secret, puts her sleuthing skills to good use to find the culprit, who just might be one of her closest friends. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Cameron

Cameron, Josephine. **A Dog-Friendly Town**

As his family's dog-friendly bed-and-breakfast establishment in dog-friendly Carmelito, California, welcomes celebrity dog Sir Bentley, twelve-year-old Epic McDade and his younger siblings investigate the disappearance of a \$500,000 dog collar. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Carter

Carter, Ally. **Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor** (Winterborne Home series).

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. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Conklin

Conklin, Melanie. **The Perfect Mistake**

Eleven-year-old Max struggles with his ADHD and making mistakes, so when a mistake leaves one friend in a coma and another shutting him out, Max resolves to find out what really happened that night. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Fitzgerald

Fitzgerald, María José. **Turtles of the Midnight Moon**

It's Abby's first time in Honduras when she meets up with Barana, a local twelve-year-old. But someone has been poaching turtle eggs, and Barana's determined to catch them! Abby and Barana are on the case, gathering clues, and staking out the beach in the dead of night. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Gardner

Gardner, P.J. **Horace & Bunwinkle (Horace & Bunwinkle series)**

Join Horace, an anxious Boston Terrier, and Bunwinkle, an energetic pig, as they team up to solve crimes in their barnyard! Gr. 3-4

J Fic Gemeinhart

Gemeinhart, Dan. **The Midnight Children**

In the dead of night, a truck arrives in town. Seven mysterious kids with suitcases step out of the vehicle and into an abandoned home on a dead-end street. Ravani Foster witnesses their arrival from his bedroom window. What secrets are they hiding? Gr. 4-6

J Fic Greenwald

Greenwald, Tom. **My Dog is Better than Your Dog! (CrimeBitters! series)**

Jimmy likes crime fighters, vampires, and dogs, and he doesn't care for his new babysitter. So he's delighted when his new dog, Abby, turns out to be a crime-fighting, vampire dog, who also doesn't like the babysitter. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Haddix

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **The School for What-nots**

Max finds a note that says: "No matter what anyone tells you, I'm real." He knows that his best friend, Josie, wrote it. But why she wrote it remains a mystery. Max and Josie have been inseparable—until the summer after fifth grade, when Josie disappears. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Hale

Hale, Bruce. **Big Bad Detective Agency**

The houses of all Three Little Pigs were broken into and ransacked, and the Pigs are squealing for justice. Wolfgang, a lone wolf with big teeth and sharp claws, is accused of the crime. Can he figure out the truth and clear his name? Gr. 3-4

J Fic Keating

Keating, Jess. **Nikki Tesla and the Ferret-Proof Death Ray (Elements of Genius series)**

Nikki Tesla is a genius and amuses herself by inventing things, but most of her inventions are dangerous, like her death ray which blew a hole in the floor. But one day, her death ray goes missing... Gr. 4-6

J Fic Keller

Keller, Tae. **Jennifer Chan is Not Alone**

Mallory knows the rules of middle school. The most important one? You have to fit in to survive. But Jennifer doesn't care about the laws of middle school... Then she goes missing. Using clues from Jennifer's journals, Mallory goes searching. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Lincoln,

Lincoln, Beth. **The Swifts: a Dictionary of Scoundrels (The Swifts series)**

In her family, Shenanigan Swift has always been synonymous with mischief. As Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude always says, "She can't help her name." When a family reunion suddenly turns into a murder mystery, Shenanigan is determined to catch the perpetrator. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Lucas

Lucas, Chad. **Let the Monster Out**

Bones feels like he can't do anything right. Kyle never knows what to say to people. The town has been having strange shared dreams and people haven't been acting like themselves—and when Bones and Kyle find a scientist's journal, these boys will have a summer they'll never forget! Gr. 5-6

J Fic Oliver

Oliver, Lauren. **The Magnificent Monsters of Cedar Street**

Cordelia loves the work she and her father do: saving and healing remarkable creatures. Their home is full of dragons, squelches, and diggles, and Cordelia loves every one of them. One morning, Cordelia discovers that her father has disappeared—along with nearly all the monsters. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Schmidt

Schmidt, G. Z. **The Curious Vanishing of Beatrice Willoughby**

When Beatrice vanished at the Amadeuses' annual All Hallows Eve party, people were quick to whisper: "Their house is full of dark magic." Thirteen years later, six envelopes are sent to six households, inviting them to another celebration, where hopefully no one else will go missing. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Shibutani

Shibutani, Maia. **The Mystery of the Masked Medalist** (Kudo Kids series)

Andy Kudo and his younger sister Mika find themselves in an augmented reality game. Developed by a former Olympic medalist, the game brings players together from all over the world to search Tokyo for virtual medals and clues to the secretive creator's identity. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Stead

Stead, Rebecca. **The Lost Library**

When a mysterious little free library guarded by a large orange cat appears overnight, eleven-year-old Evan plucks two weathered books from its shelves, never suspecting that his life is about to change. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Sutanto

Sutanto, Jesse. **Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit** (Theo Tan series)

Theo, a twelve-year-old Chinese American boy, must learn to embrace his heritage and accept his beloved older brother's spirit companion—a mystical fox named Kai—to solve the mystery of his brother's death. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Trueit

Trueit, Trudi Strain. **The Nebula Secret** (Explorer Academy series)

Twelve-year-old Cruz Coronado leaves his home in Hawai'i to study and travel with other young people invited to attend the elite Explorer Academy in Washington D.C. Gr. 4-6

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