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Fiction

Beil, Michael D. *Wreck at Ada's Reef* (series). Twelve-year-old Lark is excited to become a research assistant for a book on a crash that happened decades ago. But there are others on their island who would do anything to keep the truth buried in the watery depths of the past.

Bunce, Elizabeth C. *Premeditated Myrtle* (series). Twelve-year-old aspiring detective Myrtle’s neighbor in quiet Swinburne, England, a breeder of rare flowers, has died. She is certain it was murder and that she must find the killer.

Cervantes, Angela. *Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring*. While in Mexico City for the first time, Paloma Marcos meets siblings Lizzy and Gael, who present her with an irresistible challenge: help them find a valuable ring that once belonged to beloved Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

Cuevas, Adrianna. *The Ghosts of Rancho Espanto*. Reña goes to work on a Rancho Espanto as punishment for a prank gone wrong. There he discovers a mystery as inexplicable as it is familiar and ultimately learns hard truths about himself.

Currie, Lindsay. *It Found Us*. Hazel, a twelve-year-old aspiring detective in Forest Park, IL, must decode a series of ominous clues tied to a century-old tragedy to find a missing teenager before it is too late.

Frederick, Heather Vogel. *Absolutely Truly* (series). Twelve-year-old Truly Lovejoy’s family moves to a small town to take over a bookstore. Soon, she has to solve two mysteries involving a missing book and an uneventful delivery.

Giles, Lamar. *Cosmos Camp*. The Ellison sisters are at a STEM summer program to solve a mystery. Someone (or something) has been tampering with the company’s upcoming big-deal rocket launch. Now, they are undercover, dealing with hyper-competitive campers by day and trying to stop the mysterious saboteur by night.

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. *Concealed*. Katrina and her parents are part of the Witness Protection Program—until their location leaks and her parents disappear. Katrina and her new friend Parker set out to save her parents—and find out the truth about the people that want her family dead.

Hannigan, Kate. *The Detective’s Assistant*. In 1859, eleven-year-old Nell goes to live with her aunt, the first female detective for Pinkerton’s Agency.

Hicks, Deron R. *Secrets of Shakespeare’s Grave* (series). Colophon explores clues in antique paintings, secret passages, and a locked mausoleum to discover the link between her family and Shakespeare.

Hutchinson, Michael. *The Case of Windy Lake* (series). Sam, Otter, Atim, and Chickadee are four inseparable cousins on the Windy Lake First Nation. When a visiting archaeologist goes missing, they decide to solve the mystery of his disappearance.

Ireland, Justina. *Ophie’s Ghosts*. Discovering her ability to see ghosts when a cruel act ends her father’s life, young Ophelia forging a helpful bond with a spirit whose own life ended suddenly and unjustly.


Kane, Karen. *Charlie & Frog: A Mystery* (series). While staying with his grandparents, Charlie stumbles upon a mystery and must learn American Sign Language to keep up with Frog, a deaf girl who wants to help solve it.

Kirby, Matthew J. *Icefall*. Princess Solveig and her siblings are trapped in an ice fortress and suspect a traitor lurks in their midst.

Lincoln, Beth. *The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels*. Shenanigan is getting ready for the big Family Reunion and plotting how to find Grand-Uncle Vile’s long-lost treasure. Then relatives start dying and Shenanigan becomes determined to follow the twisty clues and catch the killer—whomever it might be.

Magoon, Kekla. *Chester Keene Cracks the Code*. Eleven-year-old Chester and his classmate Skye, tasked with a complex puzzle-solving mission, discover the key to their spy assignment is to stop a heist, but cracking the code could mean finding out things are not always what they seem.

McNicoll, Elle. *Show Us Who You Are*. Autistic twelve-year-old Cora is shown an amazing new technology that gives her another chance to talk to the best friend she lost. But she soon discovers the corporation behind the science hides dark secrets that only she can expose.

Milford, Kate. *Greenglass House* (series). On the first icy night of winter vacation, the doorbell of Milo’s home, an old smugglers’ inn, starts ringing and odd, secretive guests file in. As objects go missing and tempers flare, Milo must decipher clues and untangle the web of deepening mysteries.

Okorafor, Nnedi. *Ikenga*. In south-eastern Nigeria, twelve-year-old Mnamdi is determined to avenge his police chief father, who was murdered, but feels powerless until he receives an object which gives him superpowers.

Rundberg, Johan. *The Night Raven* (series). It’s 1980, and in the frigid city of Stockholm, death lurks around every corner. Twelve-year-old Mika knows that everyone in her orphanage will struggle to survive this winter. But at least the notorious serial killer The Night Raven is finally off the streets...or is he?

Stead, Rebecca. *The Lost Library*. When a mysterious little free library (guarded by a large orange cat) appears overnight, eleven-year-old Evan and his best friend discover a link between one of the books and a long-ago event. The two boys start asking questions whose answers will transform not only their own futures, but the town itself.

Stevens, Robin. *Murder is Bad Manners* (series). At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crime-solving friends Hazel and Daisy struggle to find an exciting mystery to investigate until they discover a body.

*Winner of an Edgar Award for distinguished mystery writing (juvenille category).*

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Stone, Nic. *Fast Pitch*. Shenice Lockwood, captain of the Fulton Firebirds, is hyper-focused when she steps up to the plate. But her focus gets shaken when her great-uncle Jack reveals that a career-ending—and family-name-ruining—crime may have been a setup. It’s up to Shenice to discover the truth about her family’s past—and fast—before secrets take the Firebirds out of the game forever.

Tarpley, Natasha. *The Harlem Charade*. Seventh-graders Jin, Alexandra, and Elvin come from very different backgrounds and circumstances, but they all live in Harlem. When Elvin’s grandfather is attacked, they band together to find out who did it.

Graphic Novels

Blas, Terry. *Murder at Camp Bloom*. A group of teens at Camp Blood find themselves in a real-life murder mystery when they witness the murder of a beloved counselor.

Chanani, Nidhi. *Jukebox*. A mysterious jukebox, old vinyl records, and cryptic notes on music history are Shaheen’s only clues to her father's abrupt disappearance. Then the jukebox starts glowing, and she and cousin Tannaz are transported to another time! Can they find Shaheen’s dad before the music stops?

Dwinnell, Kim. *The Secret of Danger Point* (series). While relaxing with her best friend on the first day of summer vacation, Samantha discovers an underwater cave and begins an investigation into a resort development that threatens her town.

Larson, Hope. *Goldie Vance* (series). Sixteen-year-old Goldie lives at a Florida resort with her dad, who manages the place and dreams to one day become the hotel’s in-house detective. When Charles, the current detective, encounters a case he can’t crack, he agrees to mentor Goldie in exchange for her help solving the mystery.

Sedlitz, Francisco. *The Mystery of the Moon Tower*. Summer camp just became a whole lot more interesting when five curious kids accept a mysterious project: work together as a team to uncover a series of strange clues, reveal a secret path—and follow its twists and turns to a legendary treasure!

Visaggio, Magdalene. *The Olja-Wojiia: A Horror-Mystery*. While working on a school project about Bolingbroke’s supernatural history, best-friend eighth graders Val and Laurie accidentally unleash a demonic presence connected to a series of mysterious tragedies throughout their town's sordid history and must find a way to return things to normal.

Early Chapter Series

Angleberger, Tom. *Inspector Flytrap*. 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.

Arnold, Elana K. *Just Harriet*. Harriet is not excited to spend summer away from home, until she discovers a mystery. One that seems to involve her Dad, back when he was a young boy living on Marble Island. One that Harriet is absolutely going to solve.

Bowling, Dusti. *Aven Green, Sleuthing Machine*. Third-grader Aven has been solving mysteries for a whole month, cracking such cases as *The Mystery of the Cranky Mom*. But can this perceptive detective solve two cases at the same time? First her teacher's lunch bag disappears. Then Aven’s great-grandma’s dog goes missing.


McCall Smith, Alexander. *Precious Ramotswe Mysteries: The Great Cake Mystery*. Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates’ snacks.

O’Donnell, Liam. *West Meadow Detectives: The Case of the Snack Snatcher*. Myron is an autistic third-grade detective who loves logic, facts, and solving mysteries. When the school kitchen is burgled, Myron gets his chance to crack the case.

Scroggs, Kirk. *It Came from Beneath the Playground*. Fifth-grade private eyes Logan and Gustavo use their doodling and detective skills to solve the mystery of a group of moles that have stolen the amusement park merry-go-round.

Torres, Jennifer. *Catalina Incognito*. Eight-year-old Catalina Castañeda uses Tia Abuela's sewing kit to turn ordinary clothing into a magical disguise, enabling her to uncover a thief at the local library.


Paperback Series, listed by series title

Agatha: Girl of Mystery
A-Z Mysteries
Ballpark Mysteries
Boxcar Children
Calendar Mysteries
Cam Jansen
Capital Mysteries
Club CSI
Encyclopedia Brown
Field Trip Mysteries
Greetings from Somewhere
Hardy Boys/Clues Brothers
Key Hunters
Mia Mayhem
Milo & Jazz
Nancy Drew/Clue Crew
Nate the Great
Secrets of the Manor
Spooky Sleuths
Wednesday and Wool
Whodunit Detective Agency