

Mystery Novels

for
Middle Readers
9-12 years old



Book scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Emily and her family move to San Francisco, and she and her new friend James play a book scavenger hunt game while investigating who attacked the game's creator. Full of puzzles and codes.



The case of the case of mistaken identity by Mac Barnett

While in the library, Steve stumbles upon a mystery involving a quilt and uses skills he has learned from reading his favorite detective stories to solve the mystery. *(more books in this series)*



The case of the missing marquess: an Enola Holmes mystery by Nancy Springer

Enola, the younger sister of Sherlock Holmes, sets out to find her missing mother and the disappearance of a valuable Vermeer painting when it is stolen on its way to the Art Institute of Chicago. *(several more books in this series)*



Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Two young students in Chicago piece together many mysterious clues to solve the disappearance of a valuable Vermeer painting when it is stolen on its way to the Art Institute of Chicago.

(more art mysteries by this author)



Closed for the season: a mystery story by Mary Downing Hahn

After moving to a new community, Logan learns that a woman was killed in the house where he is living. He and his next-door neighbor, Arthur, search for clues to discover who committed the crime.



The detective's assistant by Kate Hannigan

Set in 1859 Chicago, Nell helps her aunt solve mysteries including one involving Abraham Lincoln and another involving her father. Nell writes letters to her friend, whose family is escaping slave hunters via the Underground Railroad.



The door to time by Pierdomenico Baccalario

When Julia and Jason move to an old mansion, they begin to explore their new home and find mysterious clues and secret passageways as they try to discover more about the house and the previous owner.



Greenglass house by Kate Milford

Milo plans to relax during the holidays at his father's inn, but soon, several strange guests begin to arrive, each with a story connected to the old house. They all seem to be looking for something, and things start disappearing. Milo and the cook's daughter, Meddy, investigate. *(winner of the Edgar Award for best juvenile mystery)*



Half-Moon investigations by Eoin Colfer

When twelve-year-old Fletcher is hired by a sweet girl named April to investigate whether the Sharkey family is involved in the mystery of the missing lock of hair, he joins forces with Red Sharkey to uncover a bigger mystery.



Masterpiece by Elise Broach

An art-loving beetle named Marvin enjoys a drawing kit James receives for his birthday. Marvin's drawing leads James and Marvin into a mystery of a missing drawing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Murder is bad manners: a Wells & Wong mystery by Robin Stevens

Hazel and Daisy search for an exciting mystery at their English boarding school, and they find one when they discover the dead body of the school's science teacher.



Room one: a mystery or two by Andrew Clements

In this light mystery set in a small Midwestern town, Ted discovers a homeless family living in an abandoned farm house, starts to help them, and then investigates their hasty disappearance.



The London Eye mystery by Siobhan Dowd

When their cousin Salim disappears after riding the London Eye Ferris wheel ride, Ted and Kat try to solve the mystery of his disappearance.



Sammy Keyes and the hotel thief by Wendelin Van Draanen

Sammy discovers secrets about the hotel across the street while looking through her binoculars and sets out to solve the mystery of a theft she witnesses. *(more books in this series)*



Strike three, you're dead by Josh Berk

Lenny Norbeck loves baseball, but he isn't very good at it. He would, however, make a great announcer. He wins a prize to be an announcer for a Phillies game, but before he gets a chance to claim his prize, he and his friends set out to solve the mystery of why a young, promising pitcher drops dead during a game.



Thieves of Ostia: a Roman mystery by Caroline Lawrence

A mystery for historical fiction fans- this tells the story of a young girl living in a Roman city in 79 A.D. who tries to solve the mysterious killing of dogs in her town. *(Roman Mysteries series)*



Three times lucky by Sheila Turnage

Feisty eleven-year-old orphan Mo LoBeau was found as an infant floating on a log in the swamp and raised by the "colonel" and Miss Lana, the owner of the diner in a small town in North Carolina. She and her best friend try to solve the murder of the town grump and protect her adoptive dad who is implicated in the murder. *(Tupelo Landing series)*



The trouble with chickens: a J. J. Tully mystery by Doreen Cronin

In this humorous mystery, a retired search and rescue dog helps track down a missing chicken.



The Westing game by Ellen Raskin

Sixteen people come together to solve the mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire in hopes of winning his fortune.



Who could that be at this hour? by Lemony Snicket

Young Lemony Snicket investigates the theft of a statue. *(the first in the All the Wrong Questions series)*