

**Strickland, Brad. JOHN BELLAIR'S JOHNNY DIXON IN THE WRATH OF THE GRINNING GHOST**

When a malevolent creature tries to claim his father as its latest victim, thirteen-year old- Johnny risks his life to save him.

**Van Draanen, Wendelin. SAMMY KEYES AND THE SISTERS OF MERCY**

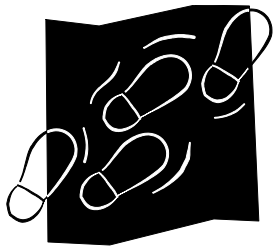
Seventh-grade sleuth Sammy is supposed to be in church and "out" of trouble--but when Father Mayhew's prized ivory cross is missing, Sammy encounters some cunning con-artist nuns. (Series)

**Vande Velde, Vivian. NEVER TRUST A DEAD MAN**

Wrongly convicted of murder and punished by being sealed in a tomb with the corpse, seventeen-year-old Selwyn solves the murder with the help of the resurrected victim and a witch.

**Wallace, Barbara Brooks. THE TWIN IN THE TAVERN**

A young orphan 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 his missing twin.



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## Mystery Booklist

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### 1st & 2nd Grades

**Adler, David A. YOUNG CAM JANSEN AND THE LIBRARY MYSTERY**

Cam and her friend, Eric, must help her father find the missing grocery list. (Series)

**Auch, Mary Jane. EGGS MARK THE SPOT**

Pauline the hen uses her talent for laying eggs to help capture the thief who has stolen a famous painting from an art gallery.

**Christelow, Eileen. THE ROBBERY AT THE DIAMOND DOG DINER**

Lola Dog doesn't wear her diamonds after she hears there are jewel thieves in town but she doesn't take into account Glenda's talk about where Lola has hidden her jewels.

**Clement, Rod. GRANDPA'S TEETH**

Help! Grandpa's teeth have been stolen and the whole town is on the look out for the thief!

**Clifford, Eth. FLATFOOT FOX AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING SCHOOLHOUSE**

Flatfoot Fox and Secretary Bird help Principal Porcupine find the missing schoolhouse.

**Cushman, Doug. INSPECTOR HOPPER**

Three short stories where Inspector Hopper and his partner, McBug, solve mysteries concerning their friends.

**Grambling, Lois. MISS HILDY'S MISSING CAPE CAPER**

Miss Hildy, the detective, has to find out who took her detective cape and hat on Halloween.

**Jackson, Jean. BIG LIPS AND HAIRY ARMS**

While having dinner together, two monsters get scared when they start receiving mysterious telephone calls.

**Kitamura, Satoshi. SHEEP IN WOLVES' CLOTHING**

With the help of detective Baa, three sheep find the thieves that stole their wool coats.

**Levy, Elizabeth. THE CREEPY COMPUTER MYSTERY**

The Invisible Inc. gang must find out who is sending them strange messages over the computer, before it's too late! (Series)

**Medearis, Angela Shelf. THE GHOST OF SIFTY SIFTY SAM**

To win a reward, a chef agrees to stay in a haunted house overnight, and, when he meets a very hungry ghost, he gets more than he expected.

**Nixon, Joan Lowery. GUS AND GERTIE AND THE LUCKY CHARMS**

Gus and Gertie arrive at the Animals' Winter Olympics with dreams of winning gold, but their plans go awry when they try to find out who stole the lucky charms. (Series)

**Palatini, Margie. THE WEB FILES**

Who is stealing the vegetables? Duck Detective Web and Bill will find the thief!

**Rylant, Cynthia. THE CASE OF THE MISSING MONKEY**

Bunny Brown and Jack Jones solve mysteries in the heart of the city. (Series)

**Sharmat, Majorie Weinman. NATE THE GREAT, SAN FRANCISCO DETECTIVE**

Nate the Great visits San Francisco, where he helps solve a mystery with his detective cousin, Olivia Sharp. (Series)

**Skofield, James. DETECTIVE DINOSAUR**

Three short stories about the detecting antics of Detective Dinosaur and Officer Pterodactyl. (Series)

**Supraner, Robyn. SAM SUNDAY AND THE MYSTERY AT THE OCEAN BEACH HOTEL**

Annoyed that his friends have forgotten his birthday, Sam Sunday begins investigating the disappearance of valuables at an old hotel.

**Tryon, Leslie. ALBERT'S HALLOWEEN**

Albert and the gang try to learn what happened to all the pumpkins stolen from Patsy's Pleasant Valley Pumpkin Patch.

**Whatley, Bruce. DETECTIVE DONUT AND THE WILD GOOSE CHASE**

Detective donut attempts to find the missing Professor Drake and protect a priceless statue at the same time.

**Yolen, Jane. THE MARY CELESTE**

A young girl relates the facts that are known about the disappearance of the crew on the ship *Mary Celeste* in 1872, and challenges the reader to solve the mystery. (Series)

## 3rd & 4th Grades

### **Adler, David. ANDY RUSSELL, NOT WANTED BY THE POLICE**

Andy and Tamika watch their neighbor's house while they are away and when strange things happen, the police do not believe the children. (Series)

### **Adler, David. CAM JANSEN AND THE BARKING TREASURE MYSTERY**

When a woman's poodle disappears during a boat ride around the city, Cam uses her photographic memory to solve the mystery. (Series)

### **Adler, David. LUCKY STARS**

Herman "Houdini" Foster and his cousin, Janet, discover that what seems to be a case of thwarted coat theft is something much more serious. (Series)

### **Brown, Marc. ARTHUR ACCUSED**

When the quarters which Arthur has collected for a charity drive disappear, Buster attempts to solve the mystery and prove his friend's innocence. (Series)

### **Bruchac, Joseph. SKELETON MAN**

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle", Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.

### **Christopher, Matt. PENALTY SHOT**

Jeff, worried about losing his place on the hockey team because of low grades, suddenly finds himself the victim of sabotage in the form of forged papers.

### **Giff, Patricia Reilly. MARY MOON IS MISSING**

Assisted by her cat Max and her friend Cash, Minnie tries to find Mary Moon, a valuable racing pigeon that has disappeared. (Series)

### **Hale, Bruce. THE BIG NAP**

Someone is turning the students at Emerson Hickey Elementary into zombies and it's up to fourth-grade private eye Chet Gecko to find out who. (Series)

### **Keller, Holly. ANGELA'S TOP-SECRET COMPUTER CLUB**

Angela and her friends in the Top-Secret Computer Club use their knowledge to discover who is causing all the problems with the school's computer.

### **Kline, Suzy. ORP AND THE FBI**

Twelve-year-old Orville and his friend Derrick form their own detective agency.

### **Lennon, Joan. THERE'S A KANGAROO IN MY SOUP!**

When Cynthia the kangaroo runs away from the circus, she hides at Kevin's house and helps him solve the mystery surrounding his parents' inventions.

### **Levy, Elizabeth. SOMETHING QUEER IN THE WILD WEST**

While visiting her uncle's ranch in New Mexico, Gwen follows her dog to find out about the disappearance of a thoroughbred horse. (Series)

### **Medearis, Angela Shelf. THE SPRAY-PAINT MYSTERY**

Cameron finally has a chance to prove that he can be a great detective when someone paints graffiti on the walls.

### **Myers, Walter Dean. SMIFFY BLUE**

Famous crime fighter Smiffy Blue blunders his way to solving the mystery of a missing formula among other cases.

### **Preller, James. THE CASE OF THE HAUNTED SCARECROW**

It's a case of private eye turned eyewitness and it's got Jigsaw and his friend Mila scared silly. (Series)

### **Roy, Ron. THE KIDNAPPED KING**

Dink and his friends meet an exchange student who is actually the prince of an island country hiding from those enemies who have kidnapped his parents. (Series)

### **Simon, Seymour. THE TIME MACHINE AND OTHER CASES**

The sixth-grade sleuth takes on ten more puzzling cases, including one involving disappearing ice cream. (Series)

### **Sobol, Donald J. ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN AND THE CASE OF THE SLIPPERY SALAMANDER**

Encyclopedia Brown, the super sleuth in sneakers, solves ten new mysteries, including "The Case of the Banana Burglar" and "The Case of the Dead Cockroach". (Series)

### **Stolz, Mary. CASEBOOK OF A PRIVATE (CAT'S) EYE**

Can feline detective, Eileen O'Kelly, crack the case that has left the Boston police baffled and wringing their paws?

### **Torrey, Michele. THE CASE OF THE GASPING GARBAGE**

Fourth-graders Drake Doyle and Nell Fossey combine their detective and scientific skills to solve a variety of cases. (Series)

### **Van Draanen, Wendelin. SAMMY KEYES AND THE HOTEL THIEF**

Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the hotel across the street from where she is living with her grandmother. (Series)

## 5th & 6th Grades



### **Byars, Betsy. THE DARK STAIRS**

Herculeah Jones finds sleuthing comes naturally as she and her friend, Meat, try to solve the mysterious disappearance of the owner of the estate Dead Oaks. (Series)

### **Carris, Joan. BEWARE THE RAVENS, AUNT MORBELIA**

Todd and his friend, Jeff, find Great-Aunt Morbelia's cousin's journal and in trying to decipher its code are followed all over London..

### **Crossman, David A. THE SECRET OF THE MISSING GRAVE**

Thirteen-year old, Ab and her friend, Bean, are investigating the strange noises in her boarding house and wind up finding a treasure.

### **Curry, Jane Louise. MOON WINDOW**

Jo Ellen travels in time through the attic window and becomes enmeshed in a family mystery.

### **Deem, James M. THE VERY REAL GHOST BOOK OF CHRISTINA ROSE**

After their mother dies in a plane crash, the twins move with their father into a seemingly haunted house in a strange neighborhood.

### **Defelice, Cynthia. DEATH AT DEVIL'S BRIDGE**

Despite a great summer job as a first mate on a fishing boat out of Martha's Vineyard, thirteen-year-old Ben gets caught up in illegal drugs and possibly murder.

### **Dowell, Frances O'Roark. DOVEY COE**

Parnell Caraway, son of the wealthiest family in town, is murdered and Dovey is arrested for the crime. Why won't she speak to defend herself and who did it?

### **Harrison, Michael. FACING THE DARK**

Originally enemies, Charley and Simon join forces to find out who killed Charley's father after Simon's father is arrested for the crime.

### **Henderson, Aileen Kilgore. THE SUMMER OF THE BONEPILE MONSTER**

Inquisitive Hollis determines to discover the truth about Grandpa Will's death and the mystery of the disappearances down Bonepile Hollow.

### **Klise, Kate. LETTERS FROM CAMP**

Something very strange is going on at Camp Happy Harmony and the sibling campers reveal their suspicions of the sinister events in their letters home.

### **Lawrence, Iain. THE WRECKERS**

After the wreck of his father's ship, sole survivor, John, finds himself in a fearful situation---are the townspeople really his saviors or ships plunderers? (Series)

### **Nixon, Joan Lowrey. PLAYING FOR KEEPS**

On a Caribbean cruise with her Grandmother, Rosie meets a teenage Cuban baseball player seeking political asylum in the United States and tries to help him escape to freedom.

### **Roberts, Willo Davis. TWISTED SUMMER**

Fourteen-year-old Cici hopes for a romantic summer at the beach, but instead finds herself trying to solve a murder which had occurred there the previous year.

### **Ruby, Lois. SOON BE FREE**

Two stories in one create an exciting read as thirteen-year-old Dana investigates a mystery involving the old Kansas house that her parents have turned into a bed and breakfast and a Quaker boy living in the house in 1857 helps fugitive slaves.

### **Shipton, Paul. BUG MULDOON**

Private investigator, Bug Muldoon uses his wits to find out how the ants and wasps are involved in the gardens strange happenings.

### **Skurzynski, Gloria and Alane Ferguson. GHOST HORSES**

While visiting Zion National Park Jack tries to find out why his Shoshone foster brother and the band of wild mustangs are acting so strangely.