

Mysteries in a Series

Allison, Jennifer [Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator \(Gilda Joyce\)](#) (Grade 5+)

During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower.

Balliett, Blue [Chasing Vermeer \(Hyde Park\)](#) (Grade 5+)

When strange and seemingly unrelated events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

Baratz-Logsted, Lauren [Annie's Adventures \(Sisters 8\)](#) (Grade 3+)

On New Year's Eve, the octuplets Huit--Annie, Durinda, Georgia, Jackie, Marcia, Petal, Rebecca, and Zinnia--discover that their parents are missing, and then uncover a mysterious note instructing them that each must find her power and her gift if they want to know what happened to their parents.

Barnett, Mac [The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity \(Brixton Brothers\)](#) (Grade 4+)

When twelve-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.

Beil, Michael D [The Ring of Rocamadour \(Red Blazer Girls\)](#) (Grade 5+)

Catholic-schooled seventh-graders Sophie, Margaret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann help an elderly neighbor solve a puzzle her father left for her estranged daughter twenty years ago.

Berlin, Eric [The Puzzling World of Winston Breen \(Puzzling World of Winston Breen\)](#) (Grade 4+)

Puzzle-crazy, twelve-year-old Winston and his ten-year-old sister Katie find themselves involved in a dangerous mystery involving a hidden ring.

Buckley, Michael [The Fairy-Tale Detectives \(Sisters Grimm\)](#) (Grade 4+)

Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.

Campbell, Julie [The Secret of the Mansion \(Trixie Belden\)](#) (Grade 4+)

Thirteen-year-old Trixie Belden and her friends search for hidden treasure in a mysterious mansion owned by an old miser.

Cheshire, Simon [The Curse of the Ancient Mask and Other Case Files \(Saxby Smart, Private Detective\)](#) (Grade 3+)

Saxby Smart is no ordinary ten-year-old. He's the best detective in the world, or at least the best one who also happens to be in elementary school.

Child, Lauren [Ruby Redfort: Look Into My Eyes \(Ruby Redfort\)](#) (Grade 5+)

Thirteen-year-old Ruby, a genius code-cracker and daring detective, gets an anonymous call setting a challenge that leads her to the headquarters of Spectrum, a highly secret anti-crime agency that needs her help to crack a code, but soon Ruby uncovers dastardly plans of the Fool's Gold Gang.

Clements, Andrew [We the Children \(Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School\)](#) (Grade 4+)

Sixth-grader Ben Pratt's life is full of changes that he does not like--his parents' separation and the plan to demolish his seaside school to build an amusement park--but when the school janitor gives him a tarnished coin with some old engravings and then dies, Ben is drawn into an effort to keep the school from being destroyed.

Davies, Katie [The Great Hamster Massacre \(Great Critter Capers\)](#) (Grade 3+)

After a long pestering campaign, nine-year-old Anna and her younger brother Tom finally get a pair of hamsters, but when the pets are found mysteriously dead, the siblings and neighbor Suzanne launch an investigation throughout their neighborhood.

Erickson, John R [The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog \(Hank the Cowdog\)](#) (Grade 4+)

Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes.

Grisham, John [Theodore Boone : Kid Lawyer \(Theodore Boone\)](#) (Grade 5+)

With two attorneys for parents, thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone knows more about the law than most lawyers do. But when a high profile murder trial comes to his small town and Theo gets pulled into it, it's up to this amateur attorney to save the day.

Hale, Bruce [The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse \(Chet Gecko Mystery\)](#) (Grade 3+)
When hired by a fellow fourth-grader to find her missing brother, Chet Gecko uncovers a plot involving a Gila monster's revenge upon the school football team.

Harvey, Jacqueline [Alice-Miranda at School \(Alice-Miranda\)](#) (Grade 3+)
Soon after arriving at the Winchesterfield-Downsfordvale Academy for Proper Young Ladies, resourceful seven-and-one-quarter-year-old Alice-Miranda finds her new boarding school to be a very curious establishment with no flowers in the gardens, a headmistress that has not been seen for years, and a mysterious stranger that seems to be hiding out on the premises.

Harrington, Kim [Partners in Crime \(Sleuth or Dare\)](#) (Grade 4+)
Assigned to create an imaginary business for a school assignment, best friends Darcy and Norah organize a make-believe detective agency that unexpectedly receives a real case when someone goes missing under sinister circumstances.

Horowitz, Anthony [The Falcon's Malteser \(Diamond Brothers Mysteries\)](#) (Grade 5+)
After his older brother, a fledgling private detective, agrees to safeguard a package for a dwarf who does not live long, thirteen-year-old Nick scampers to solve the mystery while also trying to stay one step ahead of an assortment of thugs.

Korman, Gordon [Swindle \(Griffin Bing\)](#) (Grade 5+)
After a collector named Swindle cons him out of his most valuable baseball card, Griffin Bing must put together a band of misfits to break into Swindle's compound and recapture the card. There are many things standing in their way -- a menacing guard dog, a high-tech security system, a secret hiding place, and their inability to drive -- but Griffin and his team are going to get back what's rightfully his . . . even if hijinks ensue.

Krosoczka, Jarrett [The Frog Who Croaked \(Platypus Police Squad\)](#) (Grade 4+)
Paired together after a veteran detective retires, Platypus Police Squad members Rick Zengo, a hotshot rookie, and Corey O'Malley, a hard-nosed old-timer, struggle with their differences while tackling their first case involving a missing schoolteacher and a duffle bag filled with illegal fish.

Lawrence, Caroline [The Case of the Deadly Desperados \(Western Mysteries\)](#) (Grade 5+)
In 1862 Nevada Territory, after finding his foster parents murdered and scalped, twelve-year-old Pinky Pinkerton, son of a railroad detective and a Sioux Indian, inherits a valuable deed and must hide from dangerous Whittlin Walt and his gang of desperados.

Lawrence, Caroline [The Thieves of Ostia : a Roman Mystery \(Roman Mysteries\)](#) (Grade 5+)
In Rome in the year 79 A.D., a group of children from very different backgrounds work together to discover who beheaded a pet dog -- and why.

Lewman, David [The Case of the Mystery Meat Loaf \(Club CSI\)](#) (Grade 4+)
Club CSI members Hannah, Ben, and Corey combine what they have learned in their forensic science class with investigative skills to find out what caused an outbreak of food poisoning.

Madormo, John V [The Homemade Stuffing Caper \(Charlie Collier, Snoop for Hire\)](#) (Grade 4+)
Twelve-year-old Charlie's analytical skills win him few friends at school, but when the most popular girl in class comes to the makeshift private investigation office in his parent's garage asking Charlie's help to find her missing bird, he and friend Henry begin their first real case.

Margolis, Leslie [Girl's Best Friend \(Maggie Brooklyn\)](#) (Grade 5+)
In Brooklyn, New York, twelve-year-old dog-walker Maggie, aided by her twin brother Finn and best friend Lucy, investigates someone she believes is stealing pets.

Mason, Jane B [Play Dead \(Dog and his Girl Mysteries\)](#) (Grade 4+)
Retired police dog Dodge is adopted by twelve-year-old Cassie, and the pair investigates when the town's richest man suddenly disappears without a trace, leaving a trail of suspects after his fortune.

Pastis, Stephan [Mistakes Were Made \(Timmy Failure\)](#) (Grade 4+)
Meet Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation. And his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.

Riordan, Rick [The Maze of Bones \(39 Clues\)](#) (Grade 3+)
At the reading of their grandmother's will, Dan and Amy Cahill are given the choice of receiving a million dollars or uncovering the 39 clues hidden around the world that will lead to the source of the family's power, but by taking on the clues, they end up in a dangerous race against their own family members.

- Shaw, Janet Beeler [The Silent Stranger : a Kaya Mystery \(American Girl Mysteries\)](#) (Grade 4+)
In 1765, the arrival of an injured stranger from another tribe, traveling alone and apparently unable to speak, arouses suspicion in Kaya's Nez Percé village.
- Snicket, Lemony [Who Could That Be At This Hour? \(All the Wrong Questions\)](#) (Grade 4+)
Thirteen-year-old Lemony Snicket begins his apprenticeship with S. Theodora Markson of the secretive V.F.D. in the tiny dot of a town called Stain'd By The Sea, where he helps investigate the theft of a statue.
- Sobol, Donald J [Encyclopedia Brown. No. 1, Boy Detective \(Encyclopedia Brown\)](#) (Grade 3+)
Ten brief cases allow the reader to match wits with ten-year-old crime-buster, Encyclopedia Brown, as he locates stolen jewels, solves a bank robbery, and more. Solutions are included at the back of the book.
- Springer, Nancy [The Case of the Missing Marquess \(Enola Holmes\)](#) (Grade 4+)
Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother.
- Stevenson, Steve [The Curse of the Pharaoh \(Agatha, Girl of Mystery\)](#) (Grade 3+)
Agatha Mistery, a twelve-year-old detective with a photographic memory, travels to Egypt, where rumors of a mysterious tablet unearthed in the Valley of the Kings may be just the clue that she needs to unlock the secret curse of an ancient pharaoh.
- Van Draanen, Wendelin [Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief \(Sammy Keyes\)](#) (Grade 5+)
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 "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.
- Warner, Gertrude Chandler [The Boxcar Children \(The Boxcar Children\)](#) (Grade 3+)
Four orphans take shelter in an old boxcar during a storm, and, determined to make it their own, they turn it into a safe, cozy home.
- Warner, Penny [The Secret of the Skeleton Key \(Code Busters Club\)](#) (Grade 3+)
Using their code-breaking skills, four middle-schoolers solve the mystery of the eccentric man who draws stick figures on his second-floor bedroom window.
- Wilkins, Kay [A Scaly Tale \(Ripley's Bureau of Investigation\)](#) (Grade 4+)
The RBI team investigates claims of a strange lizard-like creature in the Florida swamplands, and find themselves in the middle of a high-speed airboat chase.

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