

## **Juvenile Mystery**

The Buddy Files: The Case of the School Ghost Butler, Dori Hillestad  
When therapy dog Buddy attends the fourth grade sleepover in the school's library, he solves the mystery of the school ghost. [Check library catalog.](#)

Bunnacula: a Rabbit Tale of a Mystery Howe, Deborah  
Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity (The Brixton Brothers series: book 1) Barnett, Mac  
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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Chasing Vermeer (sequels The Wright Three and The Calder Game) Balliet, Blue  
When seemingly unrelated and strange 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. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Case of the Missing Marquess (An Enola Holmes mystery: book 1) Springer, Nancy  
Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Danger Box Balliet, Blue  
In small-town Michigan, twelve-year-old Zoomy and his new friend Lorrol investigate the journal found inside a mysterious box and find family secrets and a more valuable treasure, while a dangerous stranger watches and waits. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Dark Stairs (Herculeah Jones series; book 1) Byars, Besty  
The intrepid Herculeah Jones helps her mother, a private investigator, solve a puzzling and frightening case. [Check library catalog.](#)

A Drowned Maiden's Hair Schlitz, Laura Amy  
At the Barbary Asylum for Female Orphans, eleven-year-old Maud is adopted

by three spinster sisters moonlighting as mediums who take her home and reveal to her the role she will play in their seances. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Egypt Game Snyder, Zilpha Keatley

A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies. [Check library catalog.](#)

Eleven Giff, Patricia Reilly

When Sam discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend and the castle they are building, his questions are eventually answered. [Check library catalog.](#)

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler Koningsburg, E.L.

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself. [Check library catalog.](#)

Half –Moon Investigations Colfer, Eoin

Twelve-year-old private investigator Fletcher Moon, nicknamed "Half Moon" because of his shortness, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime he did not commit. [Check library catalog.](#)

Hoot Hiaason, Carl

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. [Check library catalog.](#)

Horton Halfpott., or The Fiendish Mystery of Smigwick Manor, or, The Lossening of M'Lady Luggertuck's Corset Angleberger, Tom

Horton, an upstanding kitchen boy in a castle in nineteenth-century England, becomes embroiled in a mystery surrounding a series of thefts, which is also connected to the pursuit of a very eligible and wealthy young lady's affections. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Invention of Hugo Cabret Selznick, Brian

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his

goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. [Check library catalog.](#)

Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City (sequel The Empress's Tomb) Miller, Kristine

Life becomes more interesting for Ananka Fishbein when, at the age of twelve, she discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment and meets a mysterious girl called Kiki Strike who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world. [Check library catalog.](#)

Last Shot: a Final Four Mystery (and other sports mysteries by author) Feinstein, John

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game. [Check library catalog.](#)

The London Eye Mystery Dowd, Siobhan

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim. [Check library catalog.](#)

Lunch Lady and the Mutant Mathletes (Lunch Lady Series

For having skipped the school field trip, Dee, Hector, and Terrence must join the mathletes team but as they are poised to beat the undefeated champions, secret crime fighter Lunch Lady discovers something strange about the opposing team. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Maze of Bones (The 39 Clues series; book 1) Riordan, Rick

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Minerva Clark Gets a Clue Karbo, Karen

A thirteen-year-old girl in Portland, Oregon, loses all self-doubt when she is zapped by lightning and uses her newfound courage to solve a murder mystery. [Check library catalog.](#)

Mr. and Mrs. Bunny—Detectives Extraordinaire Horvath, Polly  
Middle-schooler Madeline's hippy parents have been kidnapped from Hornby Island, Canada, by foxes and Madeline, upon discovering that she can understand animal languages, hires two rabbit detectives to find them. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Mysterious Benedict Society (series; book 1) Stewart, Trenton Lee  
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Mysterious Howling: The Incurable Children of Ashton Place Wood, Maryrose  
Found running wild in the forest of Ashton Place, the Incurables are no ordinary children. Luckily, Miss Penelope Lumley is no ordinary governess. Penelope embraces the challenge of her new position. But mysteries abound at Ashton Place. [Check library catalog.](#)

Public Enemy Number Two: a Diamond Brothers Mystery (Diamond Brothers series; book 1) Horowitz, Anthony  
When thirteen-year-old Nick is framed for a jewel robbery, he and his brother, the bumbling detective Tim Diamond, attempt to clear his name by capturing the master criminal known as the Fence. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen (sequel The Potato Chip Puzzles)  
Berlin, Eric  
Puzzle-crazy, twelve-year-old Winston and his ten-year-old sister Katie find themselves involved in a dangerous mystery involving a hidden ring. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Red Blazer Girls: the Ring of Rocamadour (series; book 1) Beil, Michael D.  
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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Room One: a Mystery or Two Clements, Andrew  
Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family. [Check library catalog.](#)

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (Sammy Keyes series; book 1) Van Draanen, Wendelin

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Secret of the Mansion (Trixie Belden series; book 1) Campbell, Julie

Thirteen-year-old Trixie Belden and her friends search for hidden treasure in a mysterious mansion owned by an old miser. [Check library catalog.](#)

Scat Hiassen, Carl

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing. [Check library catalog.](#)

Skeleton Man Bruchac, Joseph

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Smells Like Treasure Selfors, Suzanne

Farm boy Homer faces another challenger for his uncle's spot in the society of Legends, Objects, Secrets, and Treasures but Dog's hidden ability to smell treasure guides the duo as clues lead them to fantastic mansions and hidden islands. [Check library catalog.](#)

A Tale of Two Castles Levine, Gale Carson

Twelve-year-old Elodie journeys to Two Castles in hopes of studying acting but instead becomes apprentice to a dragon, who teaches her to be observant and use reasoning, thus helping her to uncover who is poisoning the king. [Check library catalog.](#)

Tentacles Smith, Roland

After the mysterious disappearance of their parents, Marty and Grace go to live with their scientist uncle and accompany him on what soon becomes an increasingly dangerous expedition to New Zealand to track a giant squid. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Westing Game Raskin, Ellen

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely

assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance. [Check library catalog.](#)

When You Reach Me Stead, Rebecca

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. [Check library catalog.](#)

Vanished Chari, Sheela

Eleven-year-old Neela must solve the mystery when her beautiful, but cursed, veena, a classical Indian musical instrument, goes missing. [Check library catalog.](#)

More Mystery Series:

[A to Z Mysteries](#) Roy, Ron

[Cam Jansen](#) Adler, David

[Capital Mysteries](#) Roy, Ron

[Chet Gecko](#) Hale, Bruce

[Encyclopedia Brown](#) Sobol, Donald

[Hardy Boys](#) Dixon, Franklin

[Jigsaw Jones](#) Preller, James

[Nancy Drew](#) Keen, Carolyn