



Top 20 Suggested Books: Mystery

Balliett, Blue. *Pieces and Players*. J M Balliett

When thirteen high-value pieces of art are stolen from a secret museum, Calder, Petra, and Tommy are grouped with two new companions to solve puzzles that are complicated by the clever Mrs. Sharpe.

Grade 4+

Bosch, Pseudonymous. *The Name of this Book is Secret*. J Fic Bosch

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality. **Grade 4+**

Bradley, Fleur. *Midnight at the Barclay Hotel*. J M Bradley

Five murder suspects are invited to the haunted Barclay Hotel for a weekend getaway, and it is up to twelve-year-old JJ and eleven-year-old Penny--and a lonely ghost--to figure out who committed the crime. **Grade 4+**

Carter, Ally. *Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor*. J Fic Carter

After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she and four other children are caught up in a mystery related to a missing heir, a lost legacy, and the Phantom. **Grade 4+**

Deen, Natasha. *Lark and the Diamond Caper*. J Fic Deen

"In this early chapter book, Lark and her brother, Connor, find the culprit when a pair of diamond earrings goes missing from the general store." **Grade 2+**

Doyle, Arthur Conan. *The Great Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. J M Doyle

Presents the great detective as he solves eight baffling cases involving a mysterious cyclist, blackmail, murder, kidnapping, stolen jewels, and a phony organization. **Grade 3+**

Gibbs, Stuart. *Belly Up*. J M Gibbs

Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction, Henry the hippopotamus is murdered. **Grade 3+**

Griffin, N. *Smashie McPerter and the Mystery of the Missing Goop*. J Fic Griffin

There's never a dull moment in Room 11. Smashie McPerter and her best friend, Dontel Marquise, are thrilled that their class and other third-graders will be participating in a performance to showcase their talents to their families and friends. **Grade 3+**

Hale, Shannon. *The Princess in Black and the Mysterious Playdate*. J Fic Hale

The Princess in Black investigates when a monster disrupts her playdate with Princess Sneezewort, but she'll need the help of her friend to catch the shapeshifting creature. **Grade K+**

Holyoak, Shauna M. *Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers*. J M Holyoak

Eleven-year-old Kazuko, already well-known for "helping" the police, investigates a rash of dognappings, aided by her Japanese mastiff, Genki, and friends. **Grade 3+**

Hopkinson, Deborah. *How I Became a Spy: a Mystery of WWII London*. J Fic Hopkinson

Thirteen-year-olds Bertie Bradshaw of London and American Eleanor Shea team up to decipher a coded notebook and stop a double agent from revealing secrets about the upcoming D-Day invasion. **Grade**

4+

Horowitz, Anthony. *The Falcon's Malteser: a Diamond Brothers Mystery*. J M Horowitz
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 tries to solve the mystery while also trying to stay one step ahead of an assortment of thugs. **Grade 5+**

Korman, Gordon. *Swindle*. J Fic Korman
After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker. **Grade 4+**

Nilsson, Ulf. *A Case for Buffy*. J M Nilsson
The final story in this big-hearted series takes on the most important case ever investigated in Detective Gordon's forest -- where is Buffy's mother? Gordon faces his old nemesis, the fox, in an investigation that leads to the edges of the forest. **Grade 1+**

Nobel, Julia. *The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane*. [Tween] J Fic Nobel
Twelve-year-old Emmy investigates the connection between her father's disappearance and a secret society at her prestigious English boarding school. **Grade 4+**

Philbrick, W. Rodman. *Who killed Darius Drake?* J M Philbrick
Arthur Bash is the school thug-for-hire (paid in candy bars). So when orphan Darius Drake offers him three candy bars to accompany him to the run-down Stompanado Housing Complex, and just looks menacing, he agrees, and soon finds himself deep in a mystery involving Darius' estranged grandfather, the lost Dunbar Diamonds, and the villainous Jasper Jones. **Grade 4+**

Ron, Roy. *Kidnapped at the Capital*. [Series] JM Roy
KC's mother and the clone of the President of the United States are kidnapped by disgruntled astronauts who want to take over the International Space Station. **Grade 2+**

Springer, Nancy. *The Case of the Cryptic Crinoline*. J M Springer
In late nineteenth-century London, fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, turns to Florence Nightingale for help when her investigation into the disappearance of a Crimean War widow grows cold. **Grade 5+**

Stevens, Robin. *Murder is Bad Manners*. J M Stevens
At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crime-solving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells struggle to find an exciting mystery to investigate until Hazel discovers the dead body of Miss Bell, the science teacher. **Grade 3+**

Stilton, Geronimo. *A Mammoth Mystery*. [Series] J Fic Stilton
All the mammoths have fled Old Mouse City! It's a total cat-astrophe! Not only because mammoths are valuable allies of the cavemice, but also because without them, the cavemice can't make mammoth milkshakes, their delicious national drink. Geronimo Stilton must embark on a daring journey to find the mammoths and avoid going extinct before he gets back! **Grade 2+**

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