



Mysteries and Suspense

FICTION

Acceleration by Graham McNamee (Gr. 9-12)

Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him.

Boy in the Burning House by Tim Wynne-Jones (Gr.6-9)

Trying to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance from their rural Canadian community, fourteen-year-old Jim gets help from the disturbed Ruth Rose, who suspects her stepfather, a local pastor.

Brainboy and the Deathmaster by Tor Seidler (Gr.6-9)

When gamer Darryl Kirby disappears from his orphanage, it's up to his friend B.J. to figure out the mystery of where and why Darryl is being held.

Case of the Missing Marquess by Nancy Springer (Gr.6-9)

Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother.

Death Collector by Justin Richards (Gr.6-9)

Three teens and a curator of unclassified artifacts at the British Museum match wits with a madman determined to use unorthodox methods to reanimate the dead, both humans and dinosaurs.

Dovey Coe by Frances O'Roark Dowell (Gr. 6-9)

Twelve-year-old, Dovey must set the record straight about the murder of Parnell, a rich kid and unwelcome suitor to his sister.

Down the Rabbit Hole by Peter Abrahams (Gr. 6-9)

Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her home town.

The Dreaming (Graphic Novel) by Queenie Chan (Gr. 7-12)

Twin sisters Amber and Jeanie uncover the dark secrets that surround their boarding school, where girls seem to vanish without a trace.

Ghost in the Tokaido Inn by Dorothy Hoobler (Gr.6-9)

Meet the Japanese Sherlock Holmes, fourteen-year-old Seikei. A valuable jewel is stolen from the lord, and a young girl whom Seikei has just met is accused of the theft. He must find the real criminal and save his new friend.

Ghost Writer by John Harwood (Gr. 10-12)

Plagued with unpleasant memories of his mother's death, shy Gerard Freeman is obsessed with the manuscript of a century-old ghost story written by his great-grandmother and entrusted to his care.

Half-Moon Investigators by Eion Colfer (Gr.6-9)

When Fletcher Moon, the youngest detective in the world, is framed for a crime he did not commit, he must team up with the unlikeliest of allies, run from the authorities, and solve the case within twelve hours to clear his name.

Killer's Cousin by Nancy Werlin (Gr.6-9)

After being acquitted of murder, seventeen-year-old David goes to stay with relatives in Cambridge, where he finds himself forced to face his past as he learns more about his strange young cousin Lily.

Missing Abby by Lee Weatherly (Gr. 6-9)

Abby has vanished, and the last person to see her alive was her former best friend Emma.

Never Trust a Dead Man by Vivian Vande Velde (Gr. 6-9)

Wrongly convicted of murder and punished by being sealed up in the tomb with the dead man, seventeen-year-old Selwyn enlists the help of a witch and the resurrected victim to find the true killer.

The Night My Sister Went Missing by Carol Plum-Ucci (Gr.9-12)

Kurt's sister goes missing under mysterious circumstances and everyone looks guilty.

Road of the Dead by Kevin Brooks (Gr. 9-12)

Two brothers, sons of an incarcerated gypsy, leave London and travel to an isolated and desolate village, in search of the brutal killer of their sister.

Snatched by Pete Hautman and Mary Logue (Gr. 6-9)

Too curious for her own good, Roni, the crime reporter for her high school newspaper, teams up with Brian, freshman science geek, to investigate the beating and kidnapping of a classmate.

Beyond the Veil (continued)

Lake of Secrets by Lael Little (Gr. 6-9)

Carlene travels with her mother to the lake where her brother drowned before she was born. Carlene finds herself haunted by memories from a past life that it is not hers.

Second Sight by Gary Blackwood (Gr.10-12)

In Washington, D.C., during the last days of the Civil War, a teenage boy who performs in a mind reading act befriends a clairvoyant girl whose frightening visions foreshadow an assassination plot.

Presence by Eve Bunting (Gr.6-9)

While visiting her grandmother in California, seventeen-year-old Catherine comes in contact with a mysterious stranger who says he can help her contact a friend who died in a car crash for which Catherine feels responsible.

Restless by Rich Wallace (Gr.10-12)

Frank, a teenaged ghost who has not been able to move on to a higher realm in the afterlife, tries to connect with his younger brother Herbie, a high school senior who was eight years old when Frank died.

Shadowland by Meg Cabot (Gr.10-12)

Suze is a mediator: a liaison between the living and the dead.

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BookList

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Wreckers by Iain Lawrence (Gr.6-9)

Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret.

Forensics

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Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers

by Mary Roach (Gr. 10-12)

Discover the world of human cadavers.

Teasing Secrets from the Dead: My Investigations at America's Most Infamous Crime Scenes by Emily Craig (Gr. 10-12)

From the biggest news stories of our time to stranger-than-true local mysteries, unforgettable stories from the case files of the remarkable career of a forensics expert.

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Blackthorn Winter by Kathryn Reiss (Gr. 6-9)

An idyllic seaside artists' colony in England is the scene of murder, and fifteen-year-old Juliana attempts to solve the crime while unraveling the mystery of her own past.

Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci (Gr. 10-12)

Torey, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

Fake ID by Walter Sorrells (Gr. 10-12)

After a lifetime of moving and assuming new identities, Chass begins to piece together the disturbing past that haunts her and her mother

Finding Lubchenko by Michael Simmons (Gr. 6-9)

Evan is drawn into a world of danger when he attempts to clear his father's name.

Flush by Carl Hiaasen (Gr. 6-9)

Noah's dad is sure that Coral Queen Casino owner is dumping waste in the ocean. Noah and his sister find a way to prove it beyond reasonable doubt.

Framed by Malcolm Rose (Gr. 6-9)

Luke is called to solve his first homicide. Three people have been grisly murdered on-campus and all evidence points to Luke as the killer.

Last Shot by John Feinstein (Gr. 10-12)

Steven wins a writing contest and gets to go to New Orleans to cover the biggest weekend in college sports. But the dream will take an ugly twist.

Lulu Dark Can See Through Walls by Bennett Madison (Gr. 6-9)

When someone steals her purse and her identity, high-school junior and reluctant girl sleuth Lulu Dark investigates.

Minerva Clark Gets a Clue by Karen Karbo (Gr. 6-9)

A thirteen-year-old girl in Portland, Oregon, loses all self-doubt when she is zapped by lightning and uses her new found courage to solve a murder mystery.

Rose Queen by M.E. Rabb (Gr. 6-9)

Sam and Sophie become the prime suspects in the disappearance of the most popular girl in town.

Shadow of a Doubt by S.L. Rottman (Gr.10-12)

As his sophomore year in high school begins, fifteen-year-old Shadow joins the forensics team, and struggles to cope with the return of his older brother, and faces a murder trial.

Secret Codes and Cryptic Messages

NON-FICTION

Code Book: How to Make It, Break It, Hack It, Crack It

by Simon Singh (Gr.10-12)

Tracing the history of cryptography from ancient time until today, Simon also ventures into today's information universe.

Rosenberg Espionage Case by Francis Moss (Gr. 6-9)

Moss discusses the famous espionage trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing

by Paul B. Janeczko (Gr. 6-9)

A handbook for the budding cryptographer including codes and ciphers, invisible inks, spy stories and more.

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Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society

by Adeline Yen Mah (Gr. 6-9)

Twelve-year-old Ye Xian is thrown out of her father's and stepmother's home, joins a martial arts group, and tries to help her aunt and the Americans in their struggle against the Japanese invaders.

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac (Gr.6-9)

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Gr.6-9)

Despite the horrors of World War II, a French teenager pursues her dream of becoming an opera singer, which takes her to places where she gains information about what the Nazis are doing--information that the French Resistance needs.

Gadget by Paul Zindel (Gr. 6-9)

In 1945, having joined his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue.

Live and Let Shop by Michael P. Spradlin (Gr.10-12)

Beverly Hills teenager Rachel Buchanan gets in trouble with the law and winds up at mysterious Blackthorn Academy in Pennsylvania, where she uncovers secrets about the school and becomes entangled in a case of international espionage.

Silverfin by Charlie Higson (Gr.6-9)

Young James Bond, while attending boarding school at Eton in the 1930s, must battle against an insane arms dealer who, by using killer eels, is attempting to create a race of indestructible soldiers on the eve of World War II.

Stormbreaker (Graphic Novel) by Anthony Horowitz (Gr.6-9)

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

History's Mysteries

NON-FICTION

Curse of the Pharaohs: My Adventures with Mummies

by Zahi Hawass (Gr.6-9)

The top archaeologists in Egypt recounts some of his most exciting exploits.

Mystery of the Hieroglyphs by Carol Donoughue (Gr.6-9)

The story of the Rosetta Stone and the race to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Unsolved Mysteries of American History by Paul Aron (Gr.10-12)

Uncover the most mystifying events of our past.

FICTION

Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale by Cheryl Aylward Whitesel (Gr.6-9)

In feudal Japan, Koji, a runaway apprentice, blunders into a ninja training camp. Koji joins the ninja training, and ultimately he leads a dangerous mission on a Shogun's castle.

Doom Stone by Paul Zindel (Gr. 6-9)

When fifteen-year-old Jackson visits his aunt in England, he becomes caught up in a chase to capture an unknown creature who is stalking and killing people on the plains surrounding ancient Stonehenge.

Loch by Paul Zindel (Gr. 6-9)

Fifteen-year-old Loch and his younger sister join their father on a scientific expedition searching for enormous prehistoric creatures sighted in a Vermont lake.

Beyond the Veil

NON-FICTION

Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife by Mary Roach (Gr.10-12)

Roach looks to science for answers to the question of life after death.

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Blue Girl by Charles De Lint (Gr. 10-12)

Imogene enlists the help of her introverted friend Maxine and the ghost of a boy who haunts the school after receiving warnings through her dreams that soul-eaters are threatening her life.

Blue is for Nightmares by Laurie Faria Stolarz (Gr.6-9)

Witch Stacey has nightmares of her roommate being murdered and hopes that her magic will be enough to protect Drea.

CLAMP School Detectives (Graphic Novel)

by Tomiyuki Matsumoto (Gr.6-9)

A group of students band together to protect the CLAMP campus from paranormal threats.