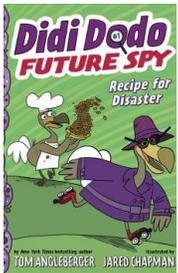


The Great Cake Mystery

by Alexander McCall Smith

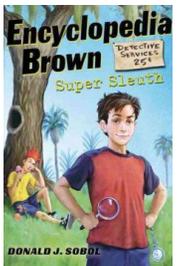
Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.



Recipe for Disaster

by Tom Angleberger

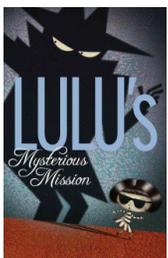
When Koko Dodo's secret chocolate sauce is stolen just before an important cooking contest Didi, a dodo bird, devises a daring plan to help--whether he wants her to or not



Encyclopedia Brown Super Sleuth

by Donald Sobol

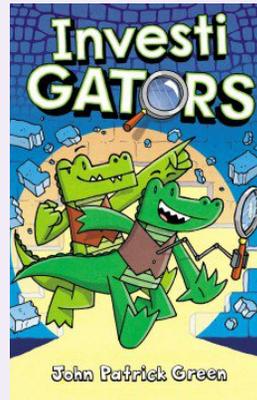
Idaville's secret weapon against lawbreakers, ten-year-old Leroy "Encyclopedia" Brown, helps the police solve ten new cases, the solutions to which are found in the back of the book.



Lulu's Mysterious Mission

by Judith Viorst

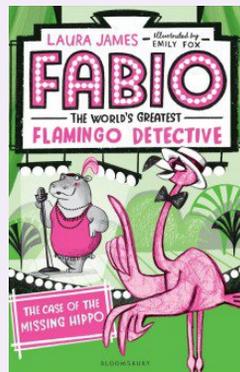
When Lulu's parents go on vacation, the formidable Ms. Sonia Sofia Solinsky comes to babysit and Lulu behaves as badly as possible to get her to leave until Ms. Solinsky reveals her secret.



Investigators

by John Green

With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case!



Fabio: The World's Greatest Flamingo Detective

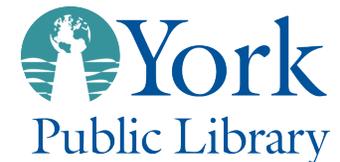
by Laura James

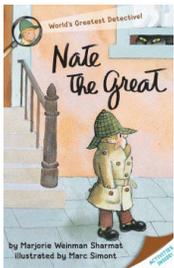
Flamingo detective Fabio and his giraffe associate, Gilbert, investigate when a singing hippopotamus disappears during auditions for a talent show being staged to save the failing Hotel Royale.



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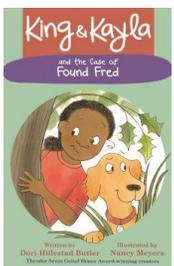




Nate the Great

by Marjorie Sharmat

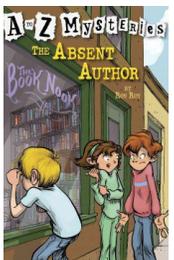
Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture



King & Kayla and the case of the Found Fred

by Dori Hillestad Butler

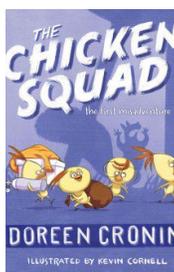
Trying to communicate with his human owner (and detective partner) can be frustrating for King the golden retriever as he uncovers clues in a missing dog case.



A to Z Mysteries (series)

by Ron Roy

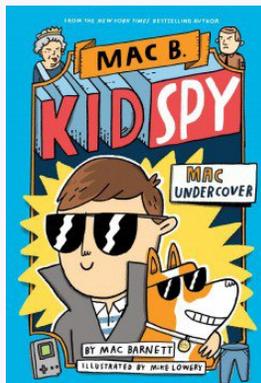
Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace.



The Chicken Squad

by Doreen Cronin

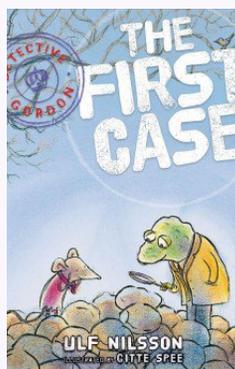
Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar might be chicks, but they sure aren't chicken. They're the Chicken Squad, and it's up to them to figure out what Tail, the not-so-brave squirrel, is so afraid of.



Mac B. Kid Spy

by Mac Barnett

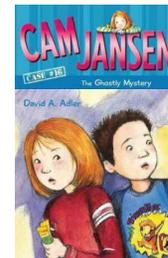
One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class in a small town in California) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown jewels (well, actually just the Coronation Spoon) and so Mac embarks on his first adventure as a secret agent--with the assurance that the Queen will give him a note excusing him from school.



The First Case

by Ulf Nilsson

Someone's stealing the squirrel's nuts, and it's up to Detective Gordon to catch the thief. Unfortunately, solving this crime means standing in the snow and waiting for a long time...If only he had an assistant - someone small, fast, and clever - to help solve this terrible case.



Cam Jansen: The Ghostly Mystery

by David Adler

Cam uses her photographic memory to catch a thief disguised as a ghost.



Mr. Penguin: The Lost Treasure

by Alex T. Smith

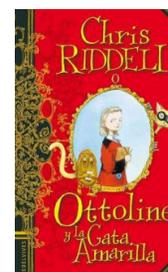
Aspiring Professional Adventurer Mr. Penguin and his colleague, Colin the spider, try to find a treasure rumored to be buried in The Museum of Extraordinary Objects before bandits do.



Nancy Clancy: Super Sleuth

by Jane O'Connor

Nancy Clancy must find the culprit when a prized possession goes missing at school



Ottoline and the Yellow Cat

by Chris Riddell

Ottoline Brown and her best friend Mr. Munroe find no puzzle is too tricky for the two of them to solve. Together the two try to uncover a string of daring burglaries that have taken place in Big City, where precious lapdogs are disappearing.