

### The Name of this Book is Secret

by Pseudonymous 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.



### Samantha Spinner and the Super Secret Plans

by Russell Ginns
Samantha's uncle mysteriously
disappears, leaving behind
extravagant gifts for her siblings
and an old, rusty, red umbrella for
Samantha that may contain clues
to his whereabouts.



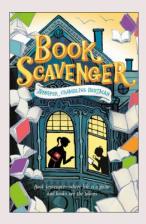
#### Horten's Miraculous Mechanisms

by Lissa Evans
Stuart's swept up in an
extraordinary adventure: the quest
to find his great-uncle Tony--a
famous magician who literally
disappeared off the face of the
earth--and Tony's marvelous, longlost workshop.



#### The Shadow Cipher

by Laura Ruby
In an alternate history of New
York, three kids try to solve a
modern-world puzzle and
complete a treasure hunt laid into
the streets and buildings of the city.



#### **Book Scavenger**

by Jennifer Chambliss

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.



### The Vanderbeekers of 141th Street

by Karina Yan Glaser
Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind.



# Mystery & Detective

Upper Elementary Staff Picks 2020





### Omega City

by Diana Peterfreund

Gillian wants to save her dad's reputation by bringing Dr. Underberg's secrets to light, but there are others who will stop at nothing to make sure they stay buried . . . forever.



### Who Could that be at this Hour?

by Lemony Snicket
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.



#### We the Children

by Andrew Clements
Sixth-grader Ben Pratt's life is
full of changes that he does not like
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.



### From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E. Frankweiler

by E.L. Konigsburg

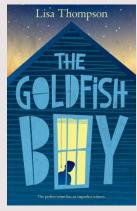
Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.



#### Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

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### The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

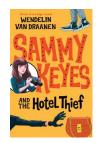
Emotionally crippled by his obsessive-compulsive disorder, teenager Matthew rarely leaves his room. He passes the day observing and writing down his neighbors doings-but when a toddler staying next door disappears Matt is the key to solving a mystery ..if he can manage to expose himself, and his secret guilt to the outside world.



### The London Eye Mystery

by Siobhan Dowd

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.



## Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Draanen

Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.



#### The Westing Game

by Ellen Raskin

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.



#### Harriet the Spy

by Louis Fitzhugh

The story is about eleven-year old Harriet, who is a spy, plans to be a writer, and keeps a secret notebook filled with thoughts and notes on her schoolmates and people she observes on her afterschool "spy route."