



Children's Booklist 2025: Scene of the Crime

Mysteries for Grades 4 & 5



Murder at the Museum

by Alasdair Beckett-King
Ten-year-old Bonnie Montgomery, the world's great detective—also known as her gentleman detective alter ego, Montgomery Bonbon—is needed at the Hornville Museum where a mysterious death has occurred.



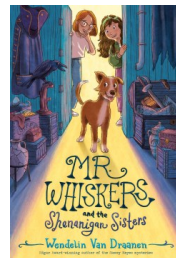
The Mystery of Locked Rooms

by Lindsay Currie
With her family on the verge of losing their home, Sarah searches for a rumored treasure inside an abandoned funhouse which is unlike any escape room she's ever attempted, and when things take a dangerous turn, she refuses to turn back.



To Catch A Thief

by Martha Brockenbrough
When someone steals the town's priceless dragonfly staff right before the Dragonfly Day Festival, 11-year-old Amelia MacGuffin must solve Urchin Beach's crime of the century to save the town, her parents' business and the stray dog she's fallen in love with.



Mr. Whiskers and the Shenanigan Sisters

by Wendelin Van Draanen
A new mystery by the Edgar Award-winning author follows paw-some dog detective Mr. Whiskers, a street-wise stray dog with a nose for trouble, as he tracks a kidnapped dad, a pirate treasure and a place to call home.



Detective Beans & the Case of the Missing Hat

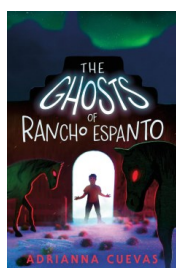
by Li Chen
Meet Detective Beans, a young cat sleuth. After a night of mystery movies with his best friend, Biscuit, Detective Beans wakes up to find he's missing. Cat Town is full of suspects, from the neighborhood bird to a magician in the park, each twist and turn an interesting

new encounter.



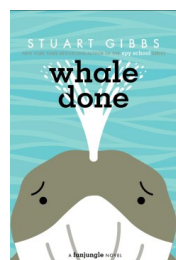
A Study in Secrets

by Debbi Michiko Florence
12-year-old Meg is pulled into a mysterious treasure hunt at her new boarding school and must learn to work with her new classmates, who all have secrets of their own



The Ghosts of Rancho Espanto

by Adrianna Cuevas
After a school prank gone wrong, Rafael is sent to a ranch in New Mexico where he is sabotaged by a strangely familiar man and, with the help of his new friends, gets to the bottom of this troubling supernatural mystery.



Whale Done: A Fun Jungle Novel

by Stuart Gibbs
While in Malibu with his girlfriend Summer, Teddy Fitzroy helps the head vet from FunJungle investigate a blown-up whale and the theft of tons of beach sand, determined to uncover the truth in a glittering world where nothing is as it seems. Book 8.

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Pup Detectives: A Royal Fishing Scam

by Felix Gumpaw

When Prince Bubbles arrives from New Sealand, the Pup Detectives notice something fishy about this royal and must figure out if he is up to no good or just a fish out of water.



The Treasure Test

by T. P. Jagger

When a blogger from the next town over starts spreading vicious rumors that the GEEKs are a bunch of frauds, four best friends with a penchant for puzzle-solving accept a challenge to prove they are true treasure hunters. *Hide*

and Geek book 2.

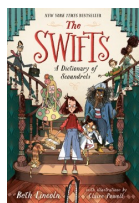


The Extraordinary Adventures of Alice Tonks

by Emily Kenny

Alice Tonks desperately wants to make friends at boarding school but, being autistic, she's always found it hard to fit in. Soon after she discovers she is a "switcher" and can talk to

animals, creatures are going missing. Only Alice holds the key to solving the mystery, and to do that she'll need help from her new friends--both human and animal.



The Swifts : A Dictionary of Scoundrels

by Beth Lincoln

When during the Swift Family Reunion someone gives Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude a deadly push down the stairs, Shenanigan Swift, who has a penchant for mischief, decides to become a

detective and solve this mysterious case.

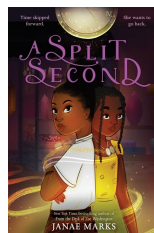


The Night Librarian

by Christopher Lincoln

When their dad's rare edition of Bram Stoker's Dracula uncovers a world they've never known, twins Page and Turner join a mysterious Night Librarian and a motley cast of book characters in an epic battle to save the library from total

destruction.



A Split Second

by Janae Marks

Waking up the morning after her birthday to discover six months have passed, Elise is unable to recall the last half year and must find a way to recover her past and escape this nightmare.



Trouble at the Tangerine

by Gillian McDunn

Determined to make his family's latest apartment in the Tangerine Pines his forever home and finally put down roots, Simon is determined to crack the case of a priceless stolen necklace when clues point to another neighbor.



Dead Good Detectives

by Jenny McLachlan

Sid Jones and her best friend, Zen, unexpectedly discover the ghostly games they like to play in their local graveyard suddenly turning real when Sid accidentally frees the spirit of Ezekiel "Bones" Kittow, a pirate who died nearly three hundred years prior, and he asks her to help him find his

long-lost treasure so his soul can finally be at rest.



Minerva Keen's Detective Club

by James Patterson

When her neighbors in the luxurious Arcanum building are being poisoned and everyone is a suspect, including herself, 12-year-old Minerva Keen, to clear her name, starts her own detective club and believes that together, they can crack this case.



A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall

by Jasmine Warga

When he encounters a floating girl who resembles the girl in a painting stolen from the museum, Rami becomes determined to solve the mystery and teams up with a classmate and a turtle named Agatha to look for the clues all around them.



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