



Children's Booklist 2025: Follow the Clues

Mysteries for Grades 2-3



Harriet Tells the Truth

by Elana K. Arnold

Harriet Wermer used to lie a lot, but not anymore. Seriously, she only tells the truth now. With her mom and new baby brother home from the hospital, it's almost time for Harriet to pack up and head home from Marble Island and all the friends she's made. But Harriet doesn't have time to think about

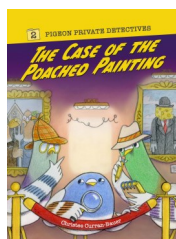
that-not when she discovers that Moneypenny, her Nanu's adorable basset hound, has been poisoned.



Starla Jean Cracks the Case

by Elana K. Arnold

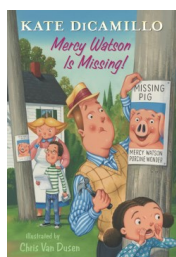
While strolling through the neighborhood with her pet chicken, Opal Egg, and her baby sister, Willa, chicken expert Starla Jean stumbles upon a mystery when she discovers a strange bead.



The Case of the Poached Painting

by Christee Curran-Bauer

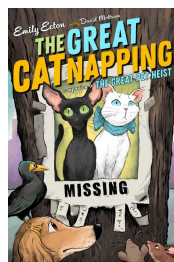
When a thief steals the prized painting from the Museum of Food Art, the Pigeon Private Detectives take on the case and break down clues, while still taking time to indulge in a sweet treat from Mama Pigeon.



Mercy Watson is Missing!

by Kate DiCamillo

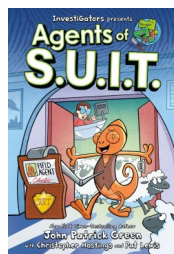
While bumbling PI Percival Smidgely tries to find missing pig Mercy Watson, a trio of clever neighborhood sleuths follow a trail of hoof prints--and a delicious aroma--to recover their porcine wonder, in this funny, extra-special series finale.



The Great Catnapping

by Emily Ecton

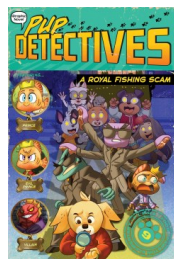
When the white cat, a spokes-cat for Beautiful Buffet Cat Food, and Walt are catnapped during a live TV appearance at a supermarket opening, Butterbean and the gang undertake a hair-raising mission to get the snatched celebrities home safe and sound.



Agents of S.U.I.T.

by John Patrick Green

Cilantro the Chameleon earns her own V.E.S.T. as a valued member of the team while investigating a sheep-led worker's rights revolt, an alien invasion conspiracy and a spooky haunting at an abandoned S.U.I.T. field outpost.



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.



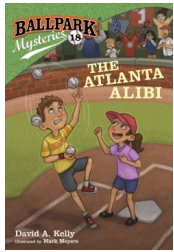
The Mysterious New Girl

by Kay Healy

Casey wants to be a detective and decides to convince her parents that a cat they say is too big to be a stray belongs with her and determine if the new girl is a contender for a new best friend.

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The Atlanta Alibi

by David A. Kelly

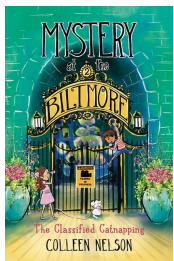
When cousins Mike and Kate discover that the bat and ball Hank Aaron used to hit his 715th home run have gone missing from the Atlanta Braves ballpark, they are determined to solve the mystery and get the stolen artifacts back.



The Apartment House on Poppy Hill

by Nina LaCour

Determined to make two new tenants feel welcome, bighearted, curious and mischievous 9-year-old Ella, who knows all the neighbors except for the mysterious Robinsons who live on the top floor, hopes a special celebration will change that.



The Classified Catnapping

by Colleen Nelson

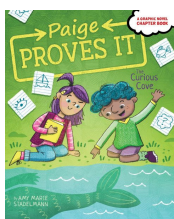
A murder mystery movie is being filmed at the Biltmore, starring Bijou, the cat famous for inheriting the entire fortune of a popular designer. But the famous feline was catnapped! The LaRue detective agency is hired, but there is just one catch--the investigation must remain top secret.



Operation Owl

by Mo O'Hara

Strange flash floods are making waves all over the Big Forest! Someone is pulling off particularly confounding capers and, between the flooding and the heists, Big Forest is in big trouble. Agent Moose and Owlfred must wade through clues to find a fiendish villain before the Forest floats away!



The Curious Cove

by Amy Marie Stadelmann

On a visit to their local seaside park, where her imaginative friend Penn is convinced there has been a mermaid sighting, Paige is determined to prove him wrong, one fact at a time.



The Fall Festival Fiasco

by Aaron Starmer

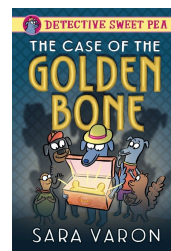
When tickets for the Fall Festival go missing, the pie-eating contest is sabotaged and a suspiciously large pumpkin shows up, the Prime Detectives--Abby, Cam and Gabriel--use geometry and logic to do the math and discover the truth.



The Underdogs Serve It Up

by Kate Temple

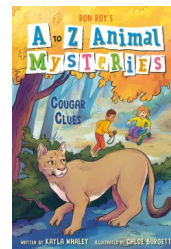
Crime is on the rise in Dogtown, and it's all thanks to a doggone thief! It's nearly time for the Dogtown Tennis Grand Slam, but all the balls have gone missing. No matter who the culprit is, if they're not stopped, the tournament will be ruined.



The Case of the Golden Bone

by Sara Varon

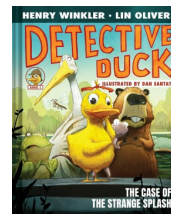
When the town of Parkville's most famous attraction, the one-of-a-kind Golden Chew Bone, goes missing, Sweet Pea, who has got a spectacular sense of smell, steps up and volunteers to dig up the clues to crack the case.



Cougar Clues

by Kayla Whaley

When a TV crew starts filming in the woods near her home looking for cougars, which haven't been seen in Maine for more than 100 years, Abbi and her friends hunt for proof that this furtive animal has returned but soon realize things don't quite add up.



The Case of the Strange Splash

by Henry Winkler

An intrepid crime-solving little duck, Willow Feathers McBeaver, aka Detective Duck, investigates a series of mysteries arising from human-caused disruptions in nature and vows to solve any environmental problems that affect her beloved Dogwood

Pond.



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