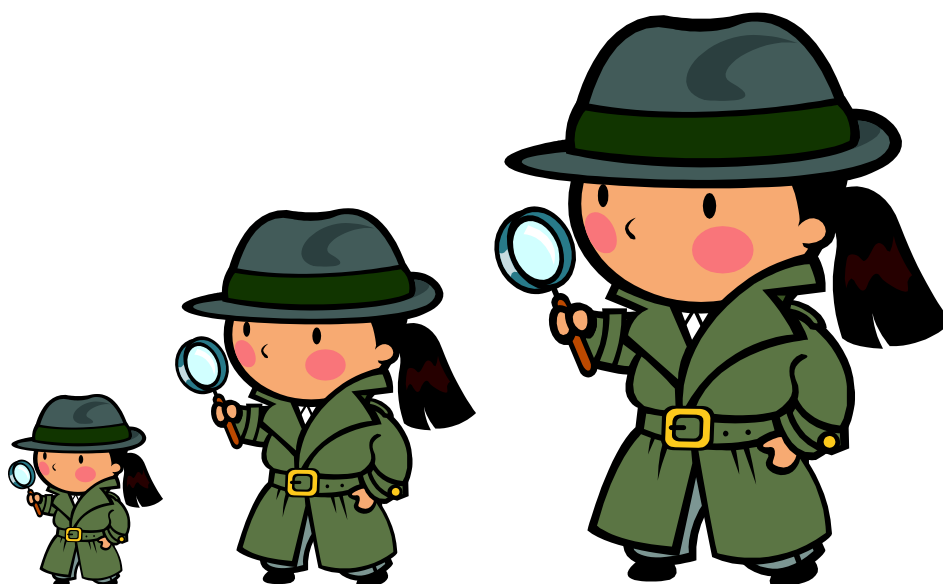


# MYSTERIES FOR YOUNGER READERS



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## INTRODUCTION

The books collected in this large-print catalog are mysteries for younger readers. They are fictional stories about the adventures of young sleuths. The books have labels indicating the intended grade range. Most books are for students in grades 3-9.

The books are available in several formats. A “BR” number means the book is available in braille. “RC” means cassette and “DB” means the book is available in the new digital format.

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Enjoy!



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### **Alien Brain Fryout: A Wild Willie Mystery**

*Barbara M. Joosse*

**RC 52490**

Grade Level: 2-4

When the neighborhood bully starts following Willie, Lucy, and Kyle around and acting goofy, they suspect that he has been abducted by aliens, until Scarface the parrot presents another possibility.

### **Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery**

*Deborah Howe*

**RC 65299 / BR 17165**

Grade Level: 3-6

Harold, the family dog, recalls the time the Monroes brought home a cute baby bunny they found at a Dracula movie and named Bunnicula. But Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that the rabbit is really a vampire.

### **Cam Jansen and the Summer Camp Mysteries: A Super Special**

*David A. Adler*

**RC 65614**

Grade Level: 2-4

Cam Jansen and her best friend Eric Shelton are spending three weeks at Camp Eagle Lake, where they play sports, do crafts, and solve three mysteries. A *Beginning Chapter* book.

### **The Case of the Frog-Jumping Contest: A Jigsaw Jones Mystery**

*James Preller*

**BR 16062**

Grade Level: 2-4

Stringbean hires detectives Jigsaw and Mila to find his lost champion frog before the frog-jumping contest to be held the next day. They begin the investigation at what Jigsaw claims is "the scene of the crime"—Stringbean's home.

### **The Case of the Left-Handed Lady: An Enola Holmes Mystery**

*Nancy Springer*

**RC 66832**

Grade Level: 6-9

London, 1889. Eluding her brothers Mycroft and Sherlock Holmes, fourteen-year-old Enola sets up her own detective agency in London under an assumed name. Using many disguises and costumes, Enola investigates the disappearance of sixteen-year-old Lady Cecily, who may have eloped.

**The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake: Cabin Creek Mysteries**

*Kristiana Gregroy*

**DB 67130 / RC 67130**

Grade Level: 3-6

Alerted by their dog in the middle of the night, Jeff and his brother David watch a fishing boat dump a large bundle overboard near Lost Island. Suspecting foul play, the boys and their cousin Claire investigate. Sequel to *The Secret of Robber's Cave* (RC 67099).

**The Diamond of Drury Lane: A Cat Royal Adventure, Book 1**

*Julia Golding*

**DB 68160 / RC 68160**

Grade Level: 5-8

London, 1790. Streetwise beyond her tender years, orphan Catherine "Cat" Royal tries to find a diamond supposedly hidden in the Drury Lane Theater where she lives. This treasure hunt involves two bare-knuckled boxers, three enemies, and four hundred and thirty-eight rioters.

**Doppelganger: The Bloodwater Mysteries, Book 3**

*Pete Hautman*

**RC 67584**

Grade Level: 6-9

Teen sleuth Roni Delicata finds a photo on a missing-children's web site that resembles her friend Brian Bain. That same day Brian's picture appears in a local newspaper, bringing unwelcome attention from some shady characters. Does Brian have a double? Sequel to *Skullduggery* (RC 66288).

**The Empty Mirror**

*James Lincoln Collier*

**RC 64926**

Grade Level: 5-8

New England, 1931. Thirteen-year-old Nick, whose parents died in a 1918 epidemic, has always been troublesome. Now his reflection has escaped from the mirror and townspeople accuse Nick of committing increasingly dangerous crimes. To prove his innocence, Nick pursues a stranger who looks exactly like him.

**Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Secret Pitch**

*Donald J. Sobol*

**DB 67365 / RC 67365**

Grade Level: 3-6

Ten-year-old Encyclopedia Brown solves ten puzzling cases. In "The Case of the Secret Pitch," Bugs Meany tries to swindle Speedy Flanagan out of his baseball bat, but Encyclopedia spots a mistake that proves Bugs lied.

### **Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Sleeping Dog**

*Donald J. Sobol*

**DB 67363 / RC 67363**

Grade Level: 3-6

Match wits with fifth-grader Leroy "Encyclopedia" Brown to solve ten short mysteries. In the title piece, a beagle named Elmo falls asleep during tryouts for a job as a pet-food taster. Encyclopedia Brown figures out who put knockout powder in Elmo's food bowl-can you? Solutions included.

### **Encyclopedia Brown Finds the Clues**

*Donald J. Sobol*

**DB 67364 / RC 67364**

Grade Level: 3-6

Idaville's detective in sneakers solves ten baffling cases, from recovering a client's prized tooth collection to catching a sneaky thief by following a trail of paint.

### **Encyclopedia Brown Keeps the Peace**

*Donald J. Sobol*

**DB 67343 / RC 67343**

Grade Level: 3-6

Clues provided in ten cases challenge the reader to try to think the way Encyclopedia Brown does and solve each mystery. Join him in cases with suspicious cave drawings, a mysterious wanted man, a valuable missing diamond ring, and others.

### **Enemy Spy: Shredderman, Book 4**

*Wendelin Van Draanen*

**RC 62285**

Grade Level: 3-6

As the search for Shredderman's identity intensifies, Nolan stumbles across a possible spy-ring operation. Nolan's involvement in the case puts his superhero secret in jeopardy.

### **False Notes: Nancy Drew, Girl Detective**

*Carolyn Keene*

**RC 64683**

Grade Level: 3-6

Nancy Drew suspects that Leslie, the daughter of a mayoral candidate, has been kidnapped but is confused when Leslie isn't reported missing. Nancy enlists the help of her friends George and Bess to search for the girl on their own.

**Farewell, My Lunchbag: The Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko**

***Bruce Hale***

**RC 54319**

Grade Level: 3-6

When fourth-grade private eye Chet Gecko is called to catch someone who is stealing food from the school cafeteria, the lizard finds himself framed for the crime.

**The Ghost, the White House, and Me**

***Judith St. George***

**RC 66778**

Grade Level: 3-6

Shortly after their mother's inauguration as president, eleven-year-old KayKay and her nine-year-old sister Annie hear rumors that their new home, the White House, is haunted. KayKay talks Annie into investigating the ghostly mystery with her.

**Ginger Pye**

***Eleanor Estes***

**RC 58399 / BR 15556**

Grade Level: 3-6

Ten-year-old Jerry Pye and his younger sister Rachel get a new puppy and name him Ginger. When Ginger disappears, the adventurous children set out to find him. They suspect the little dog has been spirited away by a mysterious stranger wearing a yellow hat. Newbery Medal.

**The Great Shark Mystery: A Boxcar Children Mystery**

***Gertrude Chandler Warner***

**RC 59688**

Grade Level: 3-6

Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny travel to Ocean Adventure Park in Florida to swim with dolphins and see a newly arrived great white shark. Sharks don't live long in captivity, and while the children worry about the shark, someone robs a jewelry store.

**The Haunting of Freddy: The Golden Hamster Saga, Book 4**

***Dietlof Reiche***

**RC 64560**

Grade Level: 3-6

Freddy is writing a story about Grim Harry, a sixteenth-century poacher who uses giant rabbit-killing ferrets. At an English castle near the place where Grim Harry lived, Freddy's characters mysteriously come to life, endangering Freddy and his friends. Sequel to *Freddy to the Rescue* (RC 64383).

### **The Hundred-Year-Old Secret: The Sherlock Files, Book 1**

*Tracy Barrett*

**RC 67717**

Grade Level: 4-7

Upon moving to London, American siblings Xena and Xander Holmes, ages twelve and ten, respectively, are inducted into the Society for the Preservation of Famous Detectives. They learn Sherlock Holmes was their ancestor, and they tackle the case of a missing painting from his unsolved casebook.

### **I Was a Sixth Grade Alien**

*Bruce Coville*

**RC 59079**

Grade Level: 3-6

Tim Tompkins is the oddball in his sixth-grade class until Pleskit—a purple, bald alien—enrolls. Tim, a science fiction fan, befriends Pleskit, and the two investigate who's behind a plan to destroy the aliens' peaceful mission on Earth.

### **I Was a Third Grade Spy**

*Mary Jane Auch*

**RC 56007**

Grade Level: 2-4

Following *I Was a Third Grade Science Project (RC 46918)*, Brian's dog Arful can now speak. Brian and his friends Josh and Dougie use Arful to find out what Emily and the girls will be doing for the school talent show.

### **King of Murder**

*Betsy Byars*

**RC 67725**

Grade Level: 4-7

Herculeah and her sidekick Meat visit a local book store, where they meet a murder-mystery author, Mathias King. His actions make Meat uncomfortable, and Herculeah suspects that King writes so well about crime because he might just be a murderer.

### **The Legend of Skull Cliff: Cabin Creek Mysteries, Book 3**

*Kristiana Gregory*

**DB 67691 / RC 67691**

Grade Level: 3-6

When a camper disappears from Skull Cliff, ten-year-old David, his older brother Jeff, and their cousin Claire join the search. A counselor discovers a ransom note, so everyone is looking for a kidnapper but the clues don't add up. Could the town curse be at work?

### **The London Eye Mystery**

***Siobhan Dowd***

**DB 67204 / RC 67204**

Grade Level: 5-8

England. When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye Ferris wheel, even the police are baffled. So Ted, whose brain is wired differently, and his older sister Kat work together to solve the mystery.

### **The Lucky Lottery: A to Z Mysteries, "L"**

***Ron Roy***

**BR 16066**

Grade Level: 2-4

Before Lucky O'Leary can claim the seven million dollar prize, his winning lottery ticket is stolen from his home. Lucky asks his friends Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose to find the thief before the lottery office opens the next day.

### **The Malted Falcon: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko**

***Bruce Hale***

**RC 57596**

Grade Level: 3-6

Lizard detective Chet Gecko and his mockingbird partner, Natalie Attired, are hired to find a missing winning ticket for free dessert and also to retrieve a valentine. But will Chet's sweet tooth prevent him from doing his job?

### **A Mammoth Mix-up: A Brian and Pea Brain Mystery**

***Elizabeth Levy***

**RC 54395**

Grade Level: 2-4

In this easy chapter book, Brian and Penny "Pea Brain" Casanova find a mammoth tusk in their backyard. Brian decides to use it for his science project but someone steals it. The kids search for the thief.

### **The Mystery of Mineral Gorge: Cobtown Story from the Diaries of Lucky Hart**

***Julia Van Nutt***

**RC 50928**

Grade Level: K-3

When eerie shrieking sounds begin emerging from Mineral Gorge, even the brave ten-year-old Lucky Hart is scared. Citizens hold a town meeting and decide to send a search party to investigate the horrible noise. Their discovery brings quite a surprise.

**The Mystery of the Purple Pool**

*Gertrude Chandler Warner*

**RC 51133**

Grade Level: 3-6

Their grandfather is in New York on a business trip, and the Aldens have come along to do some sightseeing. Instead, they end up investigating mysteries plaguing the hotel—the swimming pool is purple, sugar and salt have switched places in the dining room, and the elevator stops between floors.

**Nate the Great and the Big Sniff**

*Marjorie Weinman Sharmat*

**RC 58462**

Grade Level: K-3

Boy detective Nate the Great follows clues to find his lost dog, Sludge, in a department store.

**The Orange Outlaw: A to Z Mysteries, "O"**

*Ron Roy*

**RC 59451**

Grade Level: 2-4

While visiting Dink's uncle in New York City, Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose help uncover who's responsible for stealing a very valuable painting from the apartment.

**The Panda Puzzle**

*Ron Roy*

**RC 57693**

Grade Level: 2-4

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the kidnapping of the new baby panda from the local zoo.

**The Pirates of Pompeii: the Roman Mysteries, Book 3**

*Caroline Lawrence*

**RC 57213**

Grade Level: 5-8

In the chaos after Mt. Vesuvius has erupted, burying Pompeii, Flavia Gemina and her friends seek shelter in a refugee camp where children begin disappearing. Flavia's investigations reveal that a powerful citizen may be involved. Sequel to *The Secrets of Vesuvius* (RC 57214).

**A Race Against Time: Nancy Drew, Girl Detective**

*Carolyn Keene*

**RC 64494**

Grade Level: 3-6

The money Nancy Drew helped raise for the River Heights Biking for Bucks charity race is missing. Nancy's team—consisting of her pals Bess and George and Nancy's boyfriend, Ned—competes while Nancy searches for the culprit.

**Sammy Keyes and the Psycho Kitty Queen**

*Wendelin Van Draanen*

**DB 66838 / RC 66838**

Grade Level: 5-8

Sammy and her friend Holly urgently try to figure out why dead cats are turning up in neighborhood garbage cans. Sammy also deals with a visit from her mother, the truth about her upcoming fourteenth birthday, and her crush on her nemesis Heather's brother.

**Sammy Keyes and the Wild Things: A Sammy Keyes Mystery**

*Wendelin Van Draanen*

**RC 65614**

Grade Level: 5-8

When Sammy joins a Girl Scout camping trip to observe endangered wild condors, she deals with scorpions and poison oak. But finding an injured condor leads Sammy and two other girls to bigger problems-getting lost in the canyon and a run-in with a dangerous poacher.

**The Secret of Robber's Cave: Cabin Creek Mysteries, Book 1**

*Kristiana Gregory*

**DB 67099 / RC 67099**

Grade Level: 3-6

On David's tenth birthday, he and his twelve-year-old brother Jeff paddle their canoe to Lost Island to look for clues to a legend involving a robber, a cave, a sheriff, and stolen treasure. When the boys' nine-year-old cousin Claire joins in, they piece together the truth.

**The Secrets of Vesuvius: the Roman Mysteries, Book 2**

*Caroline Lawrence*

**RC 57214**

Grade Level: 5-8

Flavia Gemina, from *The Thieves of Ostia* (RC 55246), and her companions journey to her uncle's farm after rescuing Roman admiral Pliny from a capsized boat. On the farm there is a riddle to solve and signs that Mt. Vesuvius nearby will soon erupt.

**Skullduggery: The Bloodwater Mysteries, Book 2**

*Pete Hautman*

**RC 66288**

Grade Level: 6-9

Sleuths Roni and Brian, from *Snatched* (RC 66129), find local archaeologist Andrew Dart knocked unconscious atop a pile of bones. Their investigation pits them against the wealthy Bloodwater family, who want to build condominiums on a Native American burial site.

**Sly the Sleuth and the Food Mysteries**

*Donna Jo Napoli*

**RC 66161**

Grade Level: 2-4

Sly's friends need her detective skills to solve three cases involving food. What is wrong with Mrs. Olsen's cookies? Why is Sly's friend Princess behaving strangely at the girls' cooking club? Why are Jack's oranges disappearing?

**Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mysteries**

*Donna Jo Napoli*

**RC 60344**

Grade Level: 2-4

Sly, also known as Sylvia, starts a detective agency, Sleuth for Hire. Her first case is to figure out why Kate's cat is so fat when Kate feeds her so little. Sly solves this problem and two other mysteries involving pets, friends, and neighbors.

**Snatched: The Bloodwater Mysteries, Book 1**

*Pete Hautman*

**RC 66129**

Grade Level: 6-9

Eleventh-grader Roni uses her overactive imagination and curiosity to write a crime column for her high school newspaper. When classmate Alicia Camden is beaten and kidnapped, Roni teams up with Brian, a freshman science prodigy, to investigate.

**The Square Root of Murder**

*Paul Zindel*

**RC 57840**

Grade Level: 4-7

High school juniors P.C. Hawke and his pal Mackenzie Riggs are taking calculus at Columbia University when their cruel professor, Eva Dunaway, is killed with an arrow. Trying to solve the murder, the two amateur sleuths concentrate the investigation on their eclectic classmates.

**Surprise Island: A Boxcar Children Mystery**

*Gertrude Chandler Warner*

**RC 64077**

Grade Level: 3-6

The four Alden children are delighted when their grandfather proposes that they spend the summer on a small, family-owned island. They will live in a barn with old Captain Daniel nearby in the fisherman's hut where Joe, a young handyman with a secret, is also staying.

**The Thieves of Ostia: A Roman Mystery**

*Caroline Lawrence*

**RC 55246**

Grade Level: 5-8

In the Roman port of Ostia in A.D. 79, Flavia Gemina solves her first mystery with the help of unlikely friends. When Jonathan's pet and other dogs are found beheaded, Flavia wants to find out who is doing it and why. But sleuthing has its dangers.

**Without a Trace: Nancy Drew, Girl Detective**

*Carolyn Keene*

**RC 64658**

Grade Level: 3-6

Nancy Drew and her friends Bess and George investigate the theft of a priceless Faberge egg from a new neighbor. Meanwhile, someone is smashing all of the neighborhood gardens' zucchinis.

**SPANISH BOOKS**

**Bienvenidos A La Casa De La Muerte (*Welcome to Dead House*)**

*R. L. Stine*

**RC 50982**

Grade Level: 4-7

Amanda and Josh hate the house their dad inherited, but a free house means Dad can concentrate on his writing career. What they don't realize is that their new town is peopled with the living dead and that their family is slated to provide fresh blood.

**Lo Encontramos Debajo Del Fregadero! Escalofrios (*It Came From Beneath the Sink: Goosebumps*)**

*R. L. Stine*

**RC 60955**

Grade Level: 3-6

Kat is happy when her family moves into a new house, until she finds an odd pulsing sponge with eyes under the sink. Then bad things start to happen and Kat wonders if her family will ever be happy again.

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