Mysteries for the Junior Detective

A Mountain of a Problem by Ashlyn Anstee - GRAPHIC J ANS
Violet the bear has awoken early from her hibernation, but she doesn't know why. She's called on Shelby and Watts to solve the case before her son, Theodore, is roused from his hibernation, too. With Shelby's deductive skills and Watts's scientific know-how, they'll leave no stone unturned or question unanswered.

Enola Holmes: The Graphic Novels by Serena Blasco - GRAPHIC J BLA
14-year-old Enola Holmes wakes on her birthday to discover that her mother has disappeared from the family’s country manor, leaving only a collection of flowers and a coded message book. With Sherlock and Mycroft determined to ship her off to a boarding school, Enola escapes, but nothing prepares her for what lies ahead.

Aru Shah and the End of Time: the Graphic Novel by Joe Caramagna - GRAPHIC J CHO
Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

Shirley and Jamila Save their Summer by Gillian Goerz - GRAPHIC J GOE
When ten-year-olds Shirley and Jamila meet, Jamila is simply hoping for a friend in her new neighborhood but Shirley is a detective and together they seek a missing gecko.

InvestiGators (series) by John Green - GRAPHIC J GRE
Goofy graphic novel series that follows the super spy alligator duo, the InvestiGators, as they travel through the sewers and fight the forces of evil.

Secrets of Camp Whatever by Chris Grine - GRAPHIC J GRI
Eleven-year-old Willow doesn’t want to go to her dad’s weird old summer camp. Soon Willow finds herself neck-deep in a confounding mystery involving stolen snacks, suspected vampires, missing campers, and more.

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**JUVENILE FICTION**

*The School For Whatnots* by Margaret Peterson Haddix - JF HAD

Fifth grader Max searches for his best friend, Josie, who disappeared, leaving behind a strange note. Max sets out to uncover what happened to Josie—and what she is or isn’t. But there are forces trying to keep Max and Josie from ever seeing each other again.

*Ali Cross* by James Patterson - JF PAT

Ali Cross is determined to follow in the footsteps of his father, former detective and FBI agent Alex Cross. When Ali’s best friend Gabe goes missing, Ali knows that with every passing day, it’s less likely Gabe will be found.

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* (series) by Chris Grabenstein - JF GRA

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game-maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning the doors are locked and he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett - JF BAL

When strange and seemingly unrelated events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

*39 Clues* (series) by Various Authors - JF THI

Orphans Amy and Dan Cahill go on a variety of quests to discover the secret behind their family’s power and connections to famous historical events and people.

*Hide and Seek* by T. P. Jagger - JF JAG

Eleven-year-old Gina Sparks, aspiring journalist, and her fellow GEEKs, Edgar, Elena, and Kevin, live in Elmwood, New Hampshire, a small town in serious danger of vanishing completely—unless the four friends can find the Van Houten fortune, which was supposedly promised to the town by Maxine Van Houten, a famous toymaker who loved complicated puzzles.

*Sammy Keyes* (series) by Wendelin Van Draanen - JF VAN

This series focuses on 7th grader Sammy’s adventures as an amateur sleuth. Each mystery is exciting and dramatic, but it’s the drama in Sammy’s personal life that keeps readers coming back to see what happens next with her love interest Casey, her soap-star mother, and her mysterious father.

*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg - JF KON

When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn’t just want to run from somewhere—to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and preferably elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. She finds herself caught up in the mystery of an angel statue that the museum purchased at an auction for a bargain price of $250.

*A-Z Mysteries* (series) by Ron Roy - JF ROY

Young friends Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose work together to solve mysteries in and around their town of Green Lawn. Their cases range from finding a secret valentine to solving the case of a kidnapped author, a stolen mummy, a bank robbery, and more.

*Spy School* (series) by Stewart Gibbs - JF GIB

When 12-year-old Ben Ripley is recruited to the CIA’s Academy of Espionage, he quickly finds out that Spy School is way more deadly than he thought. Ben has a total lack of coordination and fails to grasp even the most basic spying skills. Luckily, through a series of hilarious misadventures, Ben realizes he could actually become a halfway decent spy.

**TWEEN FICTION**

*The Name of this Book is a Secret* (series) by Pseudonymous Bosch - TWEEN F BOS

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.

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* (series) by Trenton Lee Stewart - TWEEN F STE

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

*Greenglass House* by Kate Milford - TWEEN F MIL

At Greenglass House, a smuggler’s inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers’ adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about the house sending Milo and Meddy, the cook’s daughter, on an adventure.

*The Books of Elsewhere* (series) by Jacqueline West - TWEEN F WES

This fantasy mystery series follows the adventures of eleven-year-old Olive Dunwoody and her family. The series begins as she travels to Elsewhere: the world inside the antique paintings on the walls of the old stone house on Linden Street. Danger and mystery are around every corner as Olive encounters evil magic, talking cats, and a small boy trapped inside the painted world.

‘According to the rules of chess, is this position possible?’ Constance writes in response, ‘Rules and schools are tools for fools—I don’t give two mules for rules!’

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