

Great Mysteries for 5th Grade

Juvenile Fiction

J Barrett

100-year-old secret

Xena and Xander Holmes, two American kids living in London, discover that they are the great-great-great grandchildren of Sherlock Holmes. When they are inducted into the Society for the Preservation of Famous Detectives, they receive their grandfather's unsolved casebook, and try to solve the mystery of a famous missing painting.

J Buckley

The Sisters Grimm: Book 1, the Fairy-tale Detectives

Sabrina and Daphne are two orphans who are sent to live with their grandmother in a rural New York town called Ferryport Landing. The sisters unravel a family secret which sweeps them up in a mystery that includes fairies, giants, pixies and witches.

J Clements

Room One: a Mystery or Two

Fifth-grader Ted Hammond loves mysteries. Riding past the abandoned Anderson farm house on his paper route, he sees a face at the window. Since no one has lived in the house for two years, Ted decides to investigate.

J Hamilton

House of Dies Drear

The house held secrets even before Thomas first saw it looming, gray and massive, on its ledge of rock. It had a century-old legend that involved several murders. Thomas and his family attempt to unravel the secrets of their new home, which had once been part of the Underground Railroad.

J Haven

Seven Keys of Balabad

Oliver Finch is homesick for New York, and finds the ancient, war-torn city of Balabad, where he moved with his parents, really boring. That is, until Oliver becomes involved in an ancient mystery involving stolen artifacts and buried treasure.

J Kelsey

A Recipe 4 Robbery

Three sixth-grade friends, Lindy, Margaret, and Gus set out to solve the mystery of missing family heirlooms.

J Raskin

The Westing Game

A mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs, who must uncover the circumstances of the man's death before they can claim the inheritance.

J Selzer

I Put a Spell on You

The resident tattletale-detective, Chrissie Woodward, discovers that the adults at Gordon Liddy Community School are out to fix the annual spelling bee. Using her skills as a detective, she decides to collect evidence.

J Skurzynski

Night of the Black Bear

In the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a teenage girl becomes the latest victim of a growing number of bear attacks. Jack and Ashley Landon, with new friend Yonah, search for a solution as they find themselves in the mist of a heated argument over ancestral land rights.

J Wright

The Dollhouse Murders

A strange dollhouse in their aunt's house helps Amy and her mentally challenged sister unravel a murder mystery.

Youth Fiction

Y Balliett

Chasing Vermeer

Two brainy eleven- year-old students, Petra and Calder, become friends as they investigate a missing Vermeer painting. They pool their talents together to recover the masterpiece.

Y Berlin

Puzzling World of Winston Breen

Puzzle-crazy Winston Breen and his younger sister Katie find mysterious wooden strips in an antique box. The strips are all part of a larger puzzle that brings them face-to-face with sinister strangers and dangerous threats.

Y Broach

Shakespeare's Secret

Hero's newfound friendship with an elderly neighbor, Mrs. Roth, becomes interesting when she is told the story of the missing Murphy Diamond. Mrs. Roth is convinced it is hidden in the vicinity. To Hero's surprise, Danny, the popular eighth grader, joins her and Mrs. Roth as they begin their investigation.

Y Dowd

The London Eye Mystery

When their cousin, Salim, vanishes—seemingly into thin air—while riding on the London Eye, Ted and his older sister Kat investigate, methodically eliminating theories generated by 12-year-old Ted's "big brain" and its unique operating system.

Y Feldman

Gollywhopper Games

Competing against thousands of children for fame and prizes, twelve-year-old Gil hopes to win so his family can have a fresh start. He must solve a series of word games and puzzles as well as pass physical challenges to become one of five finalists. As the final contest begins, Gil notices that an ex-classmate is just one step ahead.

Y Hahn

Closed for the Season

Logan, the new kid in town, learns that the previous owner of his house, Myrtle Donaldson, was found dead their 3 years ago. She was murdered for the money she

supposedly had embezzled. Arthur Jenkins, a neighbor boy, is convinced that Mrs. Donaldson was falsely accused and enlists Logan's help.

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