






SCENE OF THE CRIME

MYSTERY BOOKS FOR GRADES 4 & 5

THE SECRET BOX

By Whitaker Ringwald

J FICTION RINGWALD

On her twelfth birthday, Jax Malone receives an odd, unopenable present from an estranged aunt. When Jax and her cousins, Ethan and Tyler, go on a quest to open the box, they uncover a mystery with magical consequences.



THE BLACKTHORN KEY

By Kevin Sands

J FICTION SANDS

In 1665 London, Christopher, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.



LIAR AND SPY

By Rebecca Stead

J FICTION STEAD

When seventh grader Georges (the S is silent) moves into a Brooklyn apartment building, he meets Safer, a twelve-year-old coffee-drinking loner and self-appointed spy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.



THREE TIMES LUCKY

By Sheila Turnage

J FICTION TURNAGE

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when Mo's father seems implicated in a murder.







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SHERLOCK, LUPIN & ME: THE DARK LADY

By Irene Adler

J FICTION ADLER

While on summer vacation at the seaside, Irene Adler meets the young Sherlock Holmes, and his friend Arsène Lupin. When a dead body floats ashore the three young friends set out to solve the mystery.



CHASING VERMEER

By Blue Balliet

J FICTION BALLIET

Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal when seemingly unrelated and strange events occur and a precious Vermeer painting disappears.



POTATO CHIP PUZZLES

By Eric Berlin

J FICTION BERLIN

Winston and his friends enter a puzzle contest to win fifty thousand dollars for their school, but they must also figure out who is trying to keep them from winning.



DOLL BONES

By Holly Black

J FICTION BLACK

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.



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MASTERPIECE

By Elise Broach

J FICTION BROACH

Marvin, a beetle, and his friend James, a human work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



THE MADMAN OF PINEY WOODS

By Christopher Paul Curtis

J FICTION CURTIS

In 1901, Benji and Red discover that they have more in common than meets the eye. Both have encountered a strange presence in the forest, watching and tracking them.



ISABEL FEENEY, STAR REPORTER

By Beth Fantaskey

J FICTION FANTASKEY

In the 1920s, a ten-year-old newsgirl who aspires to be a reporter at the Chicago Tribune investigates the murder of a gangster.



UNDER THE EGG

By Laura Marx Fitzgerald

J FICTION FITZGERALD

Her grandfather's dying words lead 13-year-old Theodora to a valuable hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in Greenwich Village that brings real treasure.



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CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

By Mary Downing Hahn

J FICTION HAHN

When Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.



THE WIG IN THE WINDOW

By Kristen Kittscher

J FICTION KITTSCHER

When their game of neighborhood spying takes a dark turn one night, sleuths Sophie Young and Grace Yang find themselves caught in a dangerous cat-and-mouse game with their bizarre guidance counselor.



SWINDLE

By Gordon Korman

J FICTION KORMAN

After an unscrupulous collector cons him out of a valuable baseball card, 6th grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention.



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NOOKS & CRANNIES

By Jessica Lawson

J FICTION LAWSON

Eleven-year-old Tabitha Crum, whose parents were just about to abandon her, is invited to the country estate of a wealthy countess along with five other children and told that one of them will become her heir.



CAPTURE THE FLAG

By Kate Messner

J FICTION MESSNER

When the original Star Spangled Banner is stolen, 7th-graders Anne, José, and Henry, pursue suspects through baggage handling tunnels while stranded at an airport during a snowstorm.



NICKEL BAY NICK

By Dean Pitchford

J FICTION PITCHFORD

When eleven-year-old Sam gets into trouble and is forced to work for his reclusive neighbor Mr. Wells, he soon finds out that his mysterious new acquaintance hides many secrets of his own including one that will change Sam's life forever.



WOOF: A BIRDIE AND BOWSER MYSTERY

By Spencer Quinn

J FICTION QUINN

Bowser is a mutt, just adopted by Birdie Gaux when they get home to Grammy's bait and tackle shop to discover that their prize stuffed marlin has been stolen. Bowser investigates and things quickly become complicated and dangerous.



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