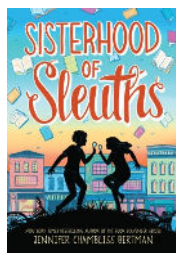




## Children's Booklist 2023: Scene of the Crime

### Mysteries for Grades 4 & 5



#### Sisterhood of Sleuths

by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman  
After finding an old photo of her grandmother, who insists the woman is someone else, Maizy is inspired by the legacy of Nancy Drew to launch her own investigation that leads her on an unexpected journey of self-discovery.



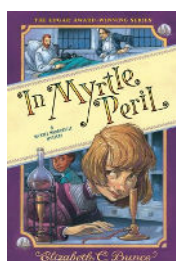
#### The Girl Who Built a Spider

by George Brewington  
Invited to work with celebrated scientist Dr. Flax after winning her school's science fair, Theresa Brown is whisked off to a world of robots, excitement and danger where she must solve the mysteries of his lab to see what he's really up to.



#### To Catch a Thief

by Martha Brockenbrough  
When someone steals the town's priceless dragonfly staff right before the Dragonfly Day Festival, 11-year-old Amelia MacGuffin must solve Urchin Beach's crime of the century to save the town, her parents' business and the stray dog she's fallen in love with.



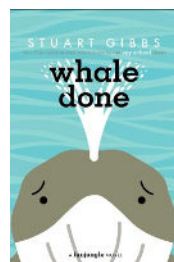
#### In Myrtle Peril

by Elizabeth C. Bunce  
When her father believes he witnessed a murder while in the Royal Swinburne Hospital, 12-year-old Victorian amateur sleuth, Myrtle Hardcastle, must track down a killer lurking in the halls before her father suffers the same fate. Myrtle Hardcastle Mystery book 4.



#### The Ghosts of Rancho Espanto

by Adrianna Cuevas  
After a school prank gone wrong, Rafael is sent to a ranch in New Mexico where he is sabotaged by a strangely familiar man and, with the help of his new friends, gets to the bottom of this troubling supernatural mystery.



#### Whale Done: a FunJungle Novel

by Stuart Gibbs  
While in Malibu with his girlfriend Summer, Teddy Fitzroy helps the head vet from FunJungle investigate a blown-up whale and the theft of tons of beach sand, determined to uncover the truth in a glittering world where nothing is as it seems. Book 8.



#### Shirley & Jamila's Big Fall

by Gillian Goerz  
When bully Chuck blackmails innocent kids in school, Shirley and Jamila break into his house to recover all his blackmail notes and encounter an intruder who can help them put a stop to Chuck's crimes once and for all. Book 2 in the Shirley & Jamila series.



#### The Treasure Test

by T. P. Jagger  
When a blogger from the next town over starts spreading vicious rumors that the GEEKs are a bunch of frauds, four best friends with a penchant for puzzle-solving accept a challenge to prove they are true treasure hunters. Hide and Geek book 2.

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### The Extraordinary Adventures of Alice Tonks

by Emily Kenny

Alice Tonks desperately wants to make friends at boarding school but, being autistic, she's always found it hard to fit in. Soon after she discovers she is a "switcher" and can talk to animals, creatures are going missing. Only Alice holds the key to solving the mystery, and to do that she'll need help from her new friends--both human and animal.



### The Secret on Set

by Hayley LeBlanc

Working on a Hollywood set, Hayley's seen all kinds of creepy special effects. When she comes across what appears to be a dead body under a sheet at Silver Screen Studios, though, she's sure she's found evidence of a real crime! But the body has vanished, and it seems someone in the cast or crew is playing a mysterious prank. It's up to Hayley and her two best friends to find out. The Hayley Mysteries book 3.



### Sloth Sleuth

by Cyndi Marko

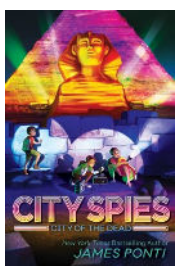
In Winklefuss, a tropical paradise rife with crime, Paz, the world's smartest--and sleepest--sloth detective, investigates a mysterious illness originating from Cookie's Diner, pitting her against the toughest crime boss this side of the Bermuda Triangle.



### Iceberg

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

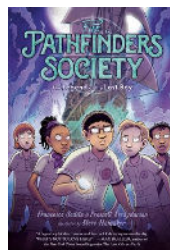
Traveling all alone aboard the Titanic, stowaway and aspiring journalist Hazel Rothbury secretly explores the opulent ship with the help of a porter and a sweet first-class passenger until disaster strikes, forcing Hazel to fight to save her friends and herself.



### City of the Dead

by James Ponti

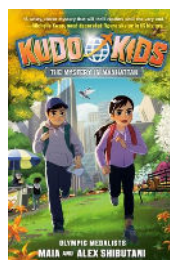
To discover who is behind a series of cyberattacks by following the deciphered messages, Kat leads a team to Egypt and the ancient City of the Dead which becomes one of the most complex missions they have yet to face. City Spies book 4.



### The Pathfinders Society: The Legend of the Lost Boy

by Francesco Sedita

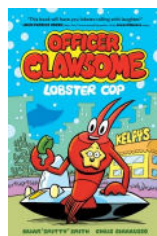
Unwittingly transported 50 years back in time, the Pathfinders find the present and past colliding in otherworldly ways as they attempt to find their way home before they're trapped in this not-so-groovy era forever. Book 3.



### The Mystery in Manhattan

by Maia Shibutani

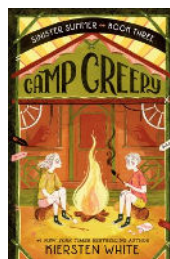
When the Kudo siblings visit New York City, their sightseeing plans are interrupted when a very special dress, the centerpiece of their aunt's fashion collection, goes missing, and Alex and Mika embark on a chase around the city to find it. Kudo Kids book 2.



### Officer Clawsome: Lobster Cop

by Brian Smith

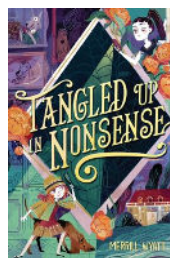
When rumors begin swirling about shark sightings for the first time in 100 years, Officer Clawsome and his starfish partner, Stariana, must take a bite out of crime to solve this mystery of the deep. Book 1.



### Camp Creepy

by Kiersten White

While in pursuit of Edgaren't, the Sinister-Winterbottoms end up at a seemingly normal summer camp where everyone starts acting strangely and must discover if the fumes from the tie-dye cabin are seeping into their brains. Sinister Summer series book 3.



### Tangled Up in Nonsense

by Merrill Wyatt

Searching for the two million dollars that went missing at Tangled Glen mansion years ago, teen sleuths Sloan and Amelia are determined to solve this mystery before their rival detectives do, but strange things, such as murder dolls, keep getting in their way. The Tangled Mysteries book 2.



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