2017 Mystery List

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Titles are linked to reviews on Redeemed Reader where applicable. Please read with discretion! We vouch for the beginning book in the series listed only; many of the series listed below are still in process or have been added to since this list was first compiled. We hope that the authors continue to maintain the standards indicated at the start.

*indicates a starred review; the best of the best!

Elementary List

The Elementary list targets elementary school-aged kids (~ages 6-10) who read independently, but aren’t quite ready for more complex fare. Most strong readers will age up easily into the Tween list, but do read reviews first if your child is on the younger side.

• *Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol
• J. J. Tully: The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin
• McBroom Series by Sid Fleischman
• Nick and Tesla’s High-Voltage Danger Lab (series) by Bob Plugfelder and Steve Hocksmith.
• The Chicken Squad (series) by Doreen Cronin (even younger than the J.J. Tully books)
• The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe’s First Case by Alexander McCall Smith
• The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznik

Tween List

The "Tween" list is geared to middle school kids (~10-14 age range) who enjoy the usual middle grades fare and have a wide range of interests (even if they’re older/younger). These titles are a bit more complex than those on the elementary list.

Stand Alones

• Boys of Blur by N. D. Wilson
• If the Magic Fits by Susan Maupin Schmid
• From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by e.l. konigsburg

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• **Kepler's Dream** by Juliet Bell
• *Somebody on This Bus is Going to Be Famous* by J. B. Cheaney
• **The Fourteen Fibs of Gregory K.** by Greg Pincus
• *The Secret Keepers* by Trenton Lee Stewart
• *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
• **Woof** by Spencer Quinn

**Series Titles**
• *A Pocketful of Murder* by R.J. Anderson
• **Absolutely Truly** by Heather Vogel
• **Howard Wallace, P.I.** by Casey Lyell
• **Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place** by Maryrose Wood
• **School Ship Tobermory** by Alexander McCall Smith
• **The Brixton Brothers** by Mac Barnett
• **The Candymakers** by Wendy Mass (ages down well)
• *The Father Brown Reader* by Chesterton and Nancy Carpentier Brown
• **The Great Greene Heist** by Valerian Johnson
• **The Greenglass House** by Kate Milford
• **The Mysterious Benedict Society** by Trenton Lee Stewart
• **Three Times Lucky** by Sheila Turnage
• **Black Ice** (Sherlock Holmes: the Legend Begins Series) by Andrew Lane

**Teen/Adult List**

The "Teen" list is geared to kids ages 12 and up--and their parents!--who are fully hooked on the "mystery" genre, appreciate a certain level of sophistication in their reading, and won't be bothered by occasional language or innuendo; many of the books on the teen list are actually adult novels, so look for them in your library's adult mystery stacks rather than in the Teen or YA stacks.

• **Lois Lane** series by Gwenda Bond (YA)
• **Nobody's Secret** by Michaela McCall (YA)
• **Steeplejack** by A. J. Hartley (YA)
• **The Disappearances** by Emily Bain Murphy (YA)
• **York: The Shadow Cipher** by Laura Ruby (YA)
• **A Morbid Taste for Bones** (Brother Cadfael mysteries) by Ellis Peters (Adult)
• Agatha Christie’s mysteries (Adult)
• **Daughter of Time/Allan Grant** series & other mysteries by Josephine Tey (Adult)
• **Father Brown** mysteries by G. K. Chesterton (Adult)
• **Inspector Felse** series by Ellis Peters (set in modern postwar England) Adult

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• *Tales of Mystery and Imagination* by Edgar Allen Poe (Adult)
• *The 39 Steps* by John Buchan (Adult)
• *The Crocodile on the Sandbank* (Amelia Peabody series) by Elizabeth Peters (Adult)
• *The Hound of the Baskervilles* and others by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
• *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins (Adult; this is the official "first" mystery novel!)
• *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith (Adult)
• *The Red House* by A. A. Milne (Adult); yes--the same author as Winnie-the-Pooh!
• *To Say Nothing of the Dog* by Connie Willis (Adult)
• *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Von Orczy (Adult)
• *Whose Body?* (Lord Peter Wimsey series) by Dorothy Sayers (Adult)