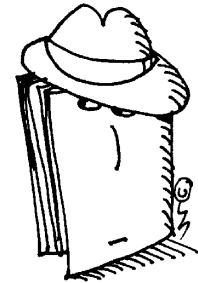


Mystery Books For Grades 3-5



Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

First in a series of mystery books.

PB JF BAL, JF BAL, Audio CD J BAL

How do three mysterious letters and a strange book relate to an old, famous painting and a sixth-grade class project? Petra and Calder have lived on the same street for most of their lives without really noticing each other, but a series of strange coincidences brings them together at the same time that someone steals a famous painting. Together, Calder and Petra are determined to save their favorite painting and catch the art thief.

Gr. 4.5—8.

The Dark Stairs by Betsy Byars

First in the ***Herculeah Jones Mysteries*** series

M JF BYA

Herculeah Jones' mother is a private investigator, and her father is a policeman. With a family like that, a smart, curious girl can't help being a nosy. When she starts snooping around the decaying Dead Oaks mansion and finds the victim of a long ago murder, Herculeah is convinced that the corpse is somehow connected with her mother's creepy new client.

Gr.4—6

The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye by Bruce Hale

First in the ***Chet Gecko*** series

JF HAL

*"My curiosity has given me a reputation around school. Kids talk. They say I'm someone who can solve mysteries. They're right. I can." Chet is a fourth-grader and a lizard. In *The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse*, Chet searches for the missing younger brother of Shirley Chameleon.*

Gr. 2.5-4

Looking For Bobowicz

by Daniel Pinkwater

Sequel to ***The Hoboken Chicken Emergency***

JF PIN

Ivan Itch just moved to Hoboken with his parents, and he's not too happy about it. His bike was stolen the first hour he was in town, and soon after he made friends with some neighborhood kids, all their comics were stolen. Oh, and there are also newspaper reports about a 266 pound chicken on a rampage. What's that all about? A kid named Bobowicz just might have the answers, if Ivan could only find him.

Gr. 4-7

The Westing Game. By Ellen Raskin

M YF RAS, PB YF RAS, HS RAS

Sixteen people are invited to move into a new luxury apartment building—only to find out that they are the heirs to the eccentric millionaire, Samuel Westing. The will holds an even bigger surprise than that, though: "I, Samuel W. Westing, hereby swear that I did not die of natural causes. My life was taken from me—by one of you!" Now, the heirs have to work together in order to unravel the puzzle left in Samuel Westing's will.

Gr. 5—7.

Holes by Louis Sachar

JF SAC, PB JF SAC

Stanley Yelnats isn't a bad kid, but he's getting used to being treated like one. When he's arrested for a crime he didn't commit, Stanley is sent to a place called Camp Green Lake—where there's no green, and the lake dried into a desert a hundred years ago. Every day, as the Texas sun beats down, each camper has to dig a huge hole and fill it in again. What is the warden looking for in the holes?

Gr. 4—8

