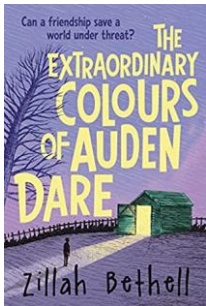


CRIME, MYSTERY & DETECTIVE STORIES

“There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.”

Arthur Conan Doyle

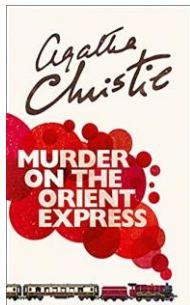
The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare by Zillah Bethell



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Auden Dare is colourblind and lives in a world where water is scarce and families must live on a weekly, allocated supply. When Auden's uncle, the scientist Dr Bloom suddenly dies, he leaves a note to Auden and to his classmate, Vivi Rookmini. Together the notes lead them to Paragon – a robot. As the three of them try work out Paragon's purpose and put the clues together the Dr Bloom left behind, they discover that his death was far from innocent and that powerful people are searching for Paragon. It's up to Auden and Vivi to stop them.

Hercule Poirot Series by Agatha Christie



Murder On the Orient Express

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, detective Hercule Poirot must identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again.

Agatha Christie's most well-known crime and detective story.

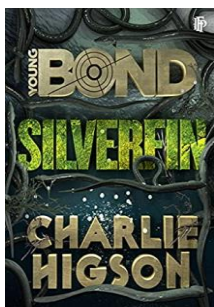
Scarlet and Ivy Series by Sophie Cleverly



The Lost Twin: Book 1

When Scarlet vanishes from Rockwood school, Ivy, her twin sister has to find her before it's too late. Luckily for Ivy, Scarlet has left pieces of her diary all over the school for Ivy to find... But the staff at Rockwood are always watching and they'll do anything to keep their secrets buried.

The Young Bond Series by Charlie Higson & Steve Cole



Shoot to Kill: Book 1

James Bond, aged 13, is at Eton school in the 1930s. He is surprisingly strong, tall for his age and can speak French and German. On holiday in Scotland, James gets involved with his first adventure and mystery to solve. A local laird in a nearby castle is conducting horrific scientific experiments. Can James defeat him before it's too late?

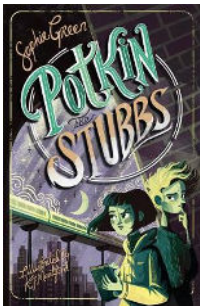
Knightley & Son series by Rohan Gavin



Knightley And Son: Book 1

A love of detective work is in Darkus Knightley's blood. His dad Alan Knightley was London's top private investigator and an expert in crimes too strange for Scotland Yard to handle, but four years ago, he fell into a mysterious coma. Darkus is determined to discover what really happened. But when Alan suddenly wakes up, his memory is uncertain. With a mystery that gets weirder by the minute, a bestselling book that makes its readers commit terrible crimes, and a sinister organisation known as the Combination, will Darkus and his dad ever discover the truth?

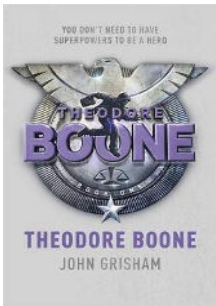
Potkin and Stubbs series by Sophie Green



Potkin and Stubbs: Book 1

Lil Potkin is always in search of a good story - a scoop good enough to enable her to work on the Klaxon, her local underground newspaper. And as her mum's always working long hours at City Hall, Lil is at liberty to explore bleak, rainy Peligan City, looking for a story. One night at the bus station Lil meets Nedly, a boy who doesn't remember who he is. Finally, there's a case for Lil to investigate: who is Nedly Stubbs, and what's he doing in Peligan City? And, just as important - why doesn't anyone else seem to see him?

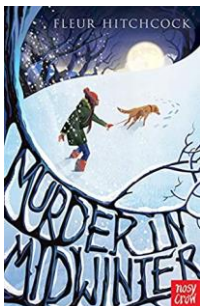
Theodore Boone series by John Grisham



Theodore Boone: The Lawyer: Book 1

13 year old Theodore Boone dreams of being a great lawyer. He already knows every judge, policeman and court clerk and a lot about the law. Because he knows so much, maybe too much, he suddenly finds himself dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded murderer is about to go free, but only Theo knows the truth – and he won't stop until justice is served.

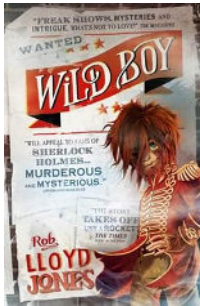
Murder in Midwinter by Fleur Hitchcock



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Maya is on the bus home from school in London when she spots a man and a woman arguing on the street, and the man is holding a gun. She takes a photograph with her phone – and he sees her do it. The next day a body is found in the River Thames, and he looks a lot like the man with the gun. Is Maya a witness to a terrible crime? Fearing for her safety, the police send her away to stay on her aunt's farm in the Welsh mountains. But will she be safe even there, surrounded by snow?

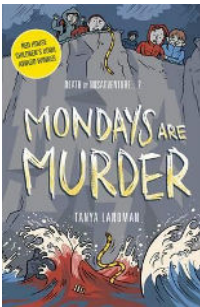
Wild Boy series by Rob Lloyd Jones



Wild Boy: Book 1

Wild Boy leads a miserable life as a spectacle in a travelling freak show. Covered in hair since birth, he's used to being treated as a monster, excluded from society and abused by his cruel master. Taking refuge in watching the world around him and all the comings and goings of the fair, he develops a Sherlock Holmes-style talent for observation. But when he witnesses the murder of Professor Wollestonecraft, even his detective skills can't help him when the folk of the fair decide that he must be the guilty party. Soon, Wild Boy is on the run, along with young circus acrobat Clarissa. Together, the pair must use all of their unusual talents to avoid the police, solve the clues and discover the identity of the real killer - the sinister hooded man.

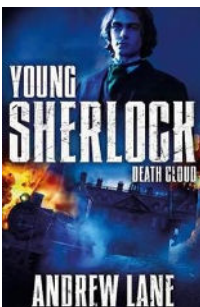
The Poppy Fields series by Tanya Landman



Mondays are Murder: Book 1

A gripping murder mystery with a fast moving plot that twists and turns as one gruesome event follows another. Poppy is off to a remote Scottish island to take part in a free, action-packed adventure holiday. But right from the first there are some odd and scary things going on. Can Poppy keep her nerve and can she uncover the mysteries that are going on behind the scenes?

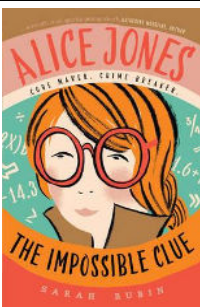
Young Sherlock Series by Andrew Lane



Death Cloud: Book 1

14-year-old Sherlock is at boarding school, and is unhappy when he has to stay with his peculiar aunt and uncle in Hampshire, instead of going home to London in Hampshire. However, it isn't long before the discovery of two dead bodies covered in pustules, and a new friendship with local boy Matty Arnatt lead Sherlock on a dangerous adventure that put his skills of observation and deduction to the test.

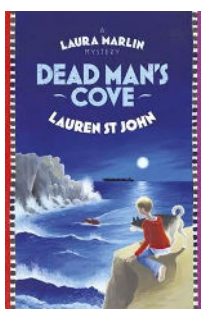
The Alice Jones series by Sarah Rubin



The Impossible Clue: Book 1

Maths-whizz Alice has already solved a mystery or two. Persuaded by wannabe sidekick Sammy to investigate a scientist's disappearance, she's soon entangled in her trickiest case yet. Dr Learner is reputed to have invented an invisibility suit, but is whacky science really to blame for his vanishing? With the unlikely help of erstwhile nemesis Kevin, Alice solves the puzzle - only to face another. Should she reveal the truth, or protect her most devoted friend?

The Laura Marlin Mysteries series by Lauren St John



Dead Man's Cove: Book 1

Laura Marlin loves living in Cornwall with her uncle Calvin, especially as she has so much freedom! His one rule is that she is forbidden to go to Dead Man's Cove. It's not long before her instinct for a mystery is aroused and she decides she has to find out the truth. Why is uncle Calvin so mysterious and why is she forbidden to go to Dead Man's Cove?

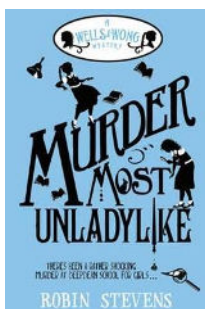
The Wolfe and Lamb series by Lauren St John



Kat Wolfe Investigates: Book 1

Kat Wolfe and her veterinary-surgeon mum move from London to Dorset, where Kat starts up a pet-sitting agency to earn some pocket money. When her first customer, the owner of an Amazon parrot, disappears from his highly fortified and gadget-filled mansion, leaving only a half-packed suitcase and a mysterious parcel behind, Kat is convinced it isn't an accident. Luckily, her next client, Harper Lamb, owner of racehorse, believes her and the two decide to find out the truth. Soon, it looks as if all the evidence points to the nearby army base. Will their animal friends save the day and their lives?

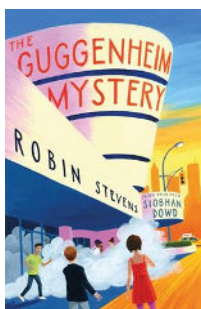
Murder Most Unladylike series by Robin Stevens



Murder Most Unladylike: Book 1

There's been a rather shocking murder at Deepdean School for Girls - but luckily, young detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are on the case! When Hazel discovers Science Mistress Miss Bell lying dead in the Gym, she thinks it must have been a terrible accident - but when she and Daisy return a few moments later, the body has completely disappeared. The girls realise a murder must have taken place, and soon discover that there's more than one person at Deepdean with a motive. Determined to get to the bottom of the crime, Hazel and Daisy put their detective skills to the test - but can they uncover the truth before the killer strikes again?

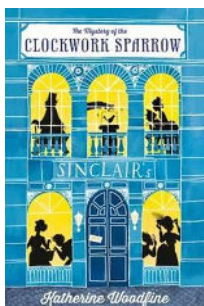
The Guggenheim Mystery by Robin Stevens (Based on an idea by Siobhan Dowd)



The Guggenheim Mystery

When a painting is stolen from the famous Guggenheim Museum in New York and Ted's Aunt Gloria is framed for the theft, Ted, his sister Kat and cousin Salim set off across the city to find the real thief. Ted's the perfect detective, good at spotting intricate patterns and remembering tiny details. But he's certain something doesn't add up here and it's a race against time to crack the case before Aunt Gloria's sent to prison and the painting disappears forever.

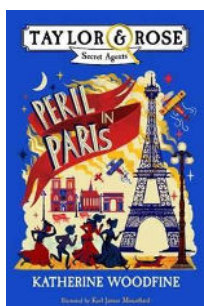
The Sinclair's Mysteries by Katherine Woodfine



Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow: Book 1

An Edwardian department store provides a glamorous setting for this sparkling girls' detective story. Following the death of her father, penniless Sophie Taylor is delighted get a job in Sinclair's department store. Bill, a junior porter, and Lil, who models clothes during the day and dances in the chorus at night become her friends. Then a daring burglary plunges them all into an exciting and dangerous adventure.

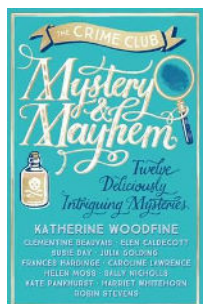
The Taylor & Rose Secret Agent series by Katherine Woodfine



Peril In Paris: Book 1

It's just before the start of World War Two and, in Wilderstein Castle in Arnovia, Princess Anna is growing more and more suspicious of her new governess, who doesn't seem to care about teaching her and her brother, the Crown Prince. Meanwhile, Sophie Taylor, co-proprietor of the Taylor & Rose Detective Agency, has been summoned to the Secret Service Bureau for a top-secret mission in Paris: impersonate the niece of a murdered Bureau consultant and codebreaker. Will Sophie manage to impersonate Celia Blaxland and find out who murdered the Professor? And with Arnovia under threat from invasion, what danger are Anna and her brother Prince Alex really in?

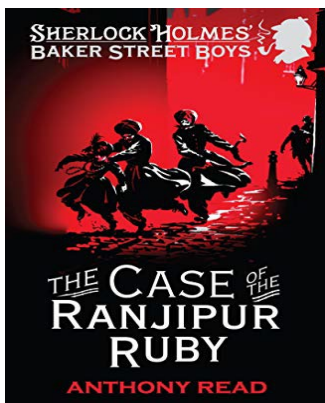
Mystery and Mayhem edited by Katherine Woodfine



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This collection has twelve different mysteries told by twelve fantastic authors. The mysteries are grouped together by type - poison, closed-system, canine and impossible mysteries - but there's a range of motives and solutions to the crimes. With twelve stories to choose from, there really is something for every mystery lover in this selection.

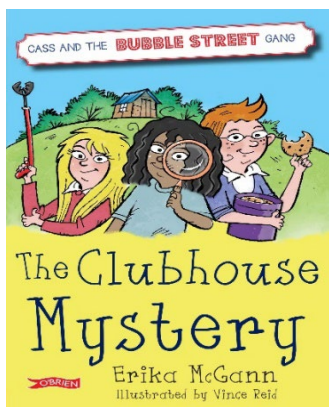
Sherlock Holmes Baker Street Boys Series by Anthony Read



The Case of the Ranjipur Ruby

When the Boys rescue an Indian boy, Ravi, they get caught up in an exotic intrigue involving murder, secret underground passages and waxwork dummies. It looks like they've fallen victim to the curse of the Ranjipur Ruby. Pursued by a bloodthirsty cult and by Holmes's nemesis Moriarty, the Boys have a case to solve! There are more books in this Sherlock Holmes based series too so plenty of mystery to discover.

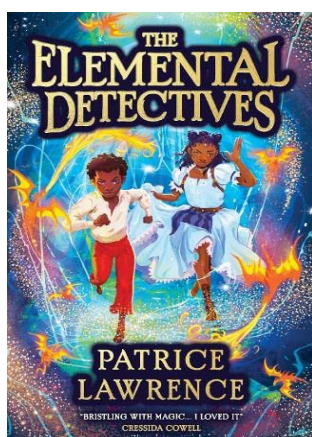
The Bubble Street Gang Series by Erika McGann



The Clubhouse Mystery

Cass and her best friends, Lex and Nicholas, are the Bubble Street Gang! They investigate crimes, solve mysteries and have brilliant adventures. They've even got their own secret clubhouse.

The Elemental Detectives by Patrice Lawrence



Step into a London lit up by the Elemental spirits: the fiery Dragons, the airy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earthbound Magogs.

But humans have been causing chaos for centuries, trampling through the landscape trailing noise, mess and pollution. What if the Elements could slow down this new world... or stop it all together?

Marisee and Robert are the Elemental Detectives chasing clues to avoid catastrophe: they must face ghosts of Hyde Park, a monstrous coiled snake of the Serpentine, and a whole host of other fantastical creatures in their mission to prevent London slumbering for all eternity...

**Rose Ravenhorpe Investigates
Series by Janine Beacham**



Black Cats and Butlers

When Rose Ravenhorpe's beloved butler is found murdered in the hallway of her own house, she's determined to uncover the culprit. Especially since he's the third butler to die in a week!

Rose's investigation leads her on a journey into a hidden world of grave robbers and duelling butlers, flamboyant magicians and the city's ancient feline guardians.

Knives aren't just for cutting cucumber sandwiches, you know...

**Skulduggery Pleasant Series by
Derek Landy**



Meet Skulduggery Pleasant,

Ace Detective,
Snappy Dresser,
Razor-tongued Wit,
Crackerjack Sorcerer,
and Walking, Talking,
Fire-throwing Skeleton,
—as well as ally, protector, and mentor of Stephanie
Edgley, a very unusual and darkly talented twelve-year-old.

These two alone must defeat an all-consuming ancient evil.