

Mystery Books - Grade 3



A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author (series)

Roy, Ron

Call Letters: BC Pgs: 86 Lexile: 510

Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace.



Jennifer Murdley's Toad

Coville, Bruce

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 159 Lexile: 700

When an ordinary-looking 5th grader purchases a talking toad, she embarks on a series of extraordinary adventures.

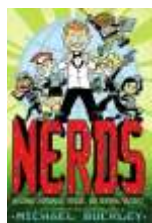


Beast of Backslope (Sherlock Files series)

Barrett, Tracy

Call Letters: F Bar Pgs: 174 Lexile: 630

Xena and Xander Holmes, an American brother and sister spending a year in England, use clues in their ancestor Sherlock Holmes' casebook as they try to solve the mystery of a monster threatening a peaceful country village where a documentary film is being made.



NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society

Buckley, Michael

Call Letters: F Bu Pgs: 306 Lexile: 760

While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world.



Maze of Bones (39 Clues series)

Riordan, Rick

Call Letters: F Th Pgs: 220 Lexile: 610

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the 39 clues which will reveal what really happened to their parents.



Masterpiece

Broach, Elise

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 292 Lexile: 700

Marvin the beetle, who lives under the kitchen sink in James Pompaday's apartment, makes a miniature drawing as a birthday present for James; but when the drawing is brought to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the pair get mixed up in a theft that could lead them to a famous Durer drawing.



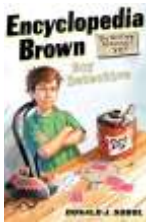
Coastwatcher

Weston, Elise

Call Letters: F We Pgs: 132 Lexile: 600

While 11-year-old Hugh, his family, and his cousin Tom are spending the summer of 1943 on the South Carolina shore to escape the polio epidemic, Hugh uncovers clues that point to a German plot to sabotage a nearby naval base.

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Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (series)

Sobol, Donald

Call Letters: F So Pgs: 88 Lexile: 560

5th grader Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same.



Books of Elsewhere: The Shadows (series)

West, Jacqueline

Call Letters: F We Pgs: 256 Lexile: 770

When 11-year-old Olive and her distracted parents move into an old Victorian mansion, Olive finds herself ensnared in a dark plan involving some mysterious paintings, a trapped and angry nine-year-old boy, and three talking cats.

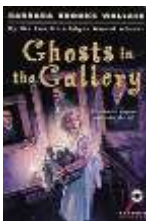


Bad Beginning (Book 1: Series of Unfortunate Events)

Snicket, Lemony

Call Letters: F Sn Pgs: 162 Lexile: 1010

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.



Ghosts in the Gallery

Wallace, Barbara

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 136 Lexile: 940

When 11-year-old Jenny arrives at her grandfather's house but is not recognized as one of the family because of a servant's intrigue, the young orphan endures a difficult fate.



Doll People (series)

Martin, Ann M.

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 256 Lexile: 570

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.



Don't Tell Anyone

Kehret, Peg

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 137 Lexile: 670

12-year-old Megan does not realize that feeding a group of feral cats living in a field near her house will involve her as a witness to a traffic accident and in the dangerous plan of an unstable criminal.



Skull of Truth

Coville, Bruce

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 195 Lexile: 700

Charlie, a 6th-grader with a compulsion to tell lies, acquires a mysterious skull that forces its owner to tell only the truth, causing some awkward moments before he understands its power.

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Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher

Coville, Bruce

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 148 Lexile: 710

Small for his age but artistically talented, 12-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.



Geronimo Stilton: Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (series)

Stilton, Geronimo

Call Letters: BC Pgs: 116 Lexile: 530

Newspaper editor and adventure author Geronimo Stilton--who is also a mouse--gets roped into his sister Thea's treasure hunt on a remote island after she discovers an intriguing old map.



Elvis & Olive

Watson, Stephanie Elaine

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 230 Lexile: 690

In spite of their differences, Natalie Wallis and Annie Beckett become friends and decide to spend their summer spying on their neighbors.



Missing on Superstition Mountain

Broach, Elise

Call Letters: F Bro Pgs: 262 Lexile: 620

Simon, Henry, and Jack Barker decide to ignore their parents' warning to stay away from Superstition Mountain in order to search for their missing cat Josie, but they begin to see the wisdom of their mom and dad's advice when they find three human skulls.



Bigger Than a Bread Box

Snyder, Laurel

Call Letters: F Sn Pgs: 291 Lexile: 680

Devastated when her parents separate, 12-year-old Rebecca must move with her mother from Baltimore to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebecca discovers an old breadbox with the power to grant any wish, so long as the wished-for thing fits in the breadbox.



Alice Miranda at School

Harvey, Jacqueline

Call Letters: F Har Pgs: 257 Lexile: 740

Alice-Miranda finds her new boarding school to be a very curious establishment with no flowers in the gardens, a headmistress that has not been seen for years, and a mysterious stranger that seems to be hiding out on the premises.



Brixton Brothers: Ghostwriter Secret (series)

Barnett, Mac

Call Letters: F Bar Pgs: 226 Lexile: 690

12-year-old Steve is investigating a diamond heist but the case suddenly changes when the author of the Bailey Brothers detective novels writes him a letter to say that he fears for his life.

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Belly Up

Gibbs, Stuart

Call Letters: F Gib Pgs: 294 Lexile: 820

12-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction - Henry the hippopotamus - is murdered.

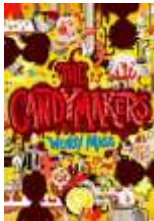


13 Treasures

Harrison, Michelle

Call Letters: F Har Pgs: 355 Lexile: 770

Bedeviled by evil fairies that only she can see, 13-year-old Tanya is sent to stay with her cold and distant grandmother at Elvesden Manor, where she and the caretaker's son solve a disturbing mystery that leads them to the discovery that Tanya's life is in danger.



Candymakers

Mass, Wendy

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 453 Lexile: 740

Four gifted 12-year-olds are set to compete in a national contest to determine the nation's tastiest sweet. When the factory's secret ingredient is stolen, the children must work together to foil the plot by creating the best candy ever.



First Day of School Forever

Stine, R.L.

Call Letters: F Sti Pgs: 183 Lexile: 400

Everything goes wrong for 11-year-old Artie on his first day at Ardmore Middle School, from the moment his alarm goes off until the next morning, when everything is repeated exactly the same way.



Ghost Dog

Warren, C

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 33 Lexile: 350

When Nate and Jack are awakened by ghostly sounds of a dog howling, they are led to a starving pup tied up in an abandoned yard.

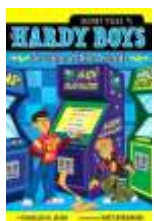


Code Breakers

Powell, Jillian

Call Letters: F Po Pgs: 33 Lexile: 380

Brad, Conor, and Scott are bored until they find a briefcase containing a cell phone number that leads them on an adventure.



Hardy Boys Secret Files: Trouble at the Arcade (series)

Dixon, Franklin W.

Call Letters: F Dix Pgs: 87 Lexile: 500

Frank and Joe Hardy plan to compete in the local arcade tournament, agreeing the winner will get to move into the cool new room built by their dad, but when money goes missing from the competition, they work together to solve the mystery.

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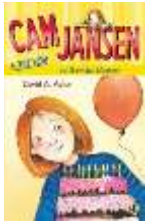


Jigsaw Jones: Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster (series)

Preller, James

Call Letters: BC Pgs: 76 Lexile: 380

Jigsaw Jones, private eye, and his partner Mila, investigate the disappearance of their friend Wingnut's hamster.

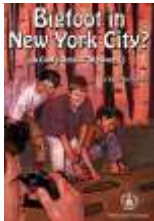


Cam Jansen: The Birthday Mystery (series)

Adler, David

Call Letters: BC Pgs: 58 Lexile: 390

Cam searches for the thief who robbed her grandparents on their way to her parents' surprise birthday party.

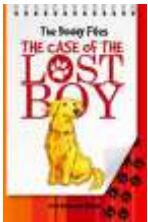


Bigfoot in New York City

Francis, Dorothy

Call Letters: F PI Pgs: 68 Lexile: 400

Spike, Cody, and their friends help the New York City police discover the truth behind rumors that Bigfoot has been sighted in the city.



Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy

Butler, Dori Hillestad

Call Letters: BC B Pgs: 123 Lexile: 450

While searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy the dog is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy.