

J=Juvenile / YA=Young Adult

39 Clues (Series) (J)

What would happen if you discovered that your family was one of the most powerful in human history? What if you were told that the source of the family's power was hidden around the world, in the form of 39 clues? What if you were given a choice - take a million dollars and walk away ... or get the first clue? If you're Amy and Dan Cahill, you take the clue - and begin a very dangerous race.

Abraham, Peter. **Echo Falls Mystery** (Series) (J)

Thirteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes aficionado Ingrid Levin-Hill tries to clear her grandfather's name when he is accused of murdering an environmental activist found dead on his farm. *(See other books by this author)*

Allison, Jennifer. **Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator** (Series) (J)

During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower.

Almond, David. **Skellig** (J)

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

Balliett, Blue. **Chasing Vermeer** (J)

When strange and seemingly unrelated events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal. *(See other books by this author)*

Bellairs, John. **The House with a Clock in its Walls** (Series) (J)

A boy goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion that has a clock hidden in the walls which is ticking off the minutes until doomsday. *(See other books by this author)* *(See also: Strickland, Brad)*

Bosch, Pseudonymous. **The Name of this Book is Secret** (Series) (J)

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

Broach, Elise. **Shakespeare's Secret** (J)

Misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.

Buckley, Michael. **The Sisters Grimm** (Series) (J)

Although filled with anger over her parents' disappearance, eleven-year-old Sabrina Grimm--along with her grandmother, sister, and several fairy-tale characters--tries to discover who has killed her teacher.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. **The Secret Garden** (J)

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Campbell, Julie. **Trixie Beldon** (Series) (J)

Trixie Belden is a teenage girl living at Crabapple Farm just outside Sleepyside-on-the-Hudson, New York with her parents and three brothers. In the first book she meets Honey Wheeler of the Manor House, they become best friends and Trixie embarks on her first mystery.

Carmen, Patrick. **Skeleton Creek** (Series) (J)

Strange things are happening in Skeleton Creek, and Ryan and Sarah are trying to get to the heart of it. But after an accident leaves Ryan housebound and forbidden to see Sarah, their investigation takes two tracks: Ryan records everything in his journal, while Sarah uses her video camera to search things out, then emails the clips for Ryan to see.

Clements, Andrew. **Room One: A Mystery or Two** (J)

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family. *(See other books by this author)*

Cooney, Caroline B. **The Face on the Milk Carton** (YA)

A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.

Dixon, Frank. **Hardy Boys** (Series) (J)

Frank and Joe solving crimes in this classic series.

Dowd, Siobhan. **The London Eye Mystery** (J)

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Ferguson, Alane. **The Christopher Killer: A Forensic Mystery** (YA)

On the payroll as an assistant to her coroner father, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to catch the killer of a friend while putting herself in terrible danger.

Fitzhugh, Louise. **Harriet the Spy** (J)

Eleven-year-old Harriet, who is a spy, plans to be a writer, and keeps a secret notebook filled with thoughts and notes on her schoolmates and people she observes on her after school spy route. However, her classmates find out and read her notebook, retaliate, and she learns that writing is not to use against your friends.

Fleming, Candace. **Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart.** (J)

Tells the story of Amelia Earhart's life - as a child, a woman, and a pilot - and describes the search for her missing plane.

Grisham, John. **Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer** (Series) (J)

In the small city of Stratzenburg there are many lawyers, and thirteen-year-old Theo Boone thinks he is one of them, but his inside knowledge of the justice system means trouble when a cold-blooded killer is about to go free and only Theo can stop him.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Escape from Memory** (J)

Allowing herself to be hypnotized, fifteen-year-old Kira reveals memories of another time and place that may eventually cost her and her mother their lives. *(See other books by this author)*

Hiassen, Carl. **Scat** (J/YA)

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing. *(See other books by this author)*

Hoeye, Michael. **Time Stops for No Mouse: A Hermux Tantamoq Adventure** (Series) (J)

When Linka Perflinger, a jaunty mouse, brings a watch into Hermux Tantamoq's shop to be repaired and then disappears, Hermux is caught up in a dangerous search for eternal youth as he tries to find out what happened to Linka.

Hussey, Charmian. **The Valley of Secrets** (J)

When strange events occur in his newly inherited manor house in Cornwall, England, Stephen, a teenager who was abandoned at birth, investigates the mystery and his family history using clues found in a travel journal kept by his great uncle Theo during his trip to the Amazon River region.

Jaffe, Michele. **Bad Kitty** (Series) (YA)

While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California.

Jerome, Kate Boehm. **Civil War Sub: The Mystery of the Hunley** (J)

Recounts events surrounding the mysterious sinking of the Confederate submarine, the H.L. Hunley, and its recent recovery from deep in the waters off the coast of South Carolina.

Kanari, Yozaburo. **The Kindaichi Case Files** (Series)(YA)

Hajime Kindaichi is a teenage crime solver who's part Sherlock Holmes and part Hardy Boy. Each story or file takes Kindaichi to various places where a murder has occurred. Using ingenious deduction to debunk ghosts, curses, myths or folklore, Kindaichi proves that no mystery is unsolvable.

Keene, Carolyn. **Nancy Drew** (Series) (J)

With her magnifying glass and fingerprint powder in hand, Nancy Drew solves every mystery that comes her way.

Kehret, Peg. **The Stranger Next Door** (J)

A clever cat's heroism helps two twelve-year-old boys become friends after their families, one of which is in a witness protection program, move to neighboring houses in Hilltop, Washington. *(See other books by this author)*

Konigsburg, E.L. **From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** (J)

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself. *(See other books by this author)*

Korman, Gordon. **Something Fishy at McDonald Hall** (J)

Just as the Headmaster of Macdonald Hall is on the verge of retirement, a wave of practical jokes hits the school, and roommates Bruno and Boots become prime suspects.

Nickerson, Sara. **How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found Again** (J)

With a swimming medal, the key to a mansion, and a comic book about a half-man/half-rat as her only clues, a twelve-year-old girl seeks the true story of her father's mysterious death four years earlier near an island in the Pacific Northwest.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. **Nobody's There** (J)

Following an act of vandalism against her father's girlfriend, a seventeen-year-old girl is paired by the court with an eccentric senior citizen whose hobby as a sleuth turns deadly. *(See other books by this author)*

Olin, Sean. **Killing Britney** (YA)

Ever since Britney transformed herself from freak-and-geek to the most popular girl at school, her life has been touched by tragedy. When the deaths around Britney continue to pile up, everyone fears for her. Sure she's popular, blond, and fabulous. But is that enough reason for someone to want to kill her?

Raskin, Ellen. **The Westing Game** (J)

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

Sobol, Donald J. **Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective** (J)

Fifth-grader "Encyclopedia" Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same.

Stead, Rebecca. **When You Reach Me** (J)

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Stewart, Sea. **Cathy's Book: If Found Call (650) 266-8233** (YA)

Cathy, an aspiring artist who is still getting over her father's death, becomes embroiled in a mystery after discovering that her ex-boyfriend—who appears only a few years older than herself—is actually more than two hundred years old.

Taylor, G.P. **Mariah Mundi: The Midas Box** (J)

In 1886 England, when fifteen-year-old Mariah begins working at the Prince Regent Hotel and discovers many previous workers have disappeared, he tries to solve the mystery, only to find that nothing is as it appears.

Wallace, Barbara Brooks. **Cousins in the Castle** (J)

A new friend comes to Amelia's rescue when she finds herself the victim of a dastardly villain's fiendish plans.

Springer, Nancy. **The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery** (Series)(J)

Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her mother.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. **The Mysterious Benedict Society** (Series) (J)

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Townsend, John. **Hunter's Moon**. (J)

As Halloween approaches, Neil has a growing fear of the woods on the farm where he is filling in as gamekeeper since, besides the rumor that a big cat is loose, he has also received a warning to "beware the nights of the Hunter's Moon" which are about to begin.

Van-Draaen, Wendelin. **Sammy Keyes and the Dead Giveaway** (Series)(J)

While investigating why someone is trying to force people from their homes to expand a recreation center, Sammy is distracted by the lies she must tell to cover an accident she caused, but which was blamed on her nemesis, Heather.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **The Boxcar Children** (Series) (J)

The Aldens begin their adventure by making a home in a boxcar. Their goal is to stay together, and in the process they find a grandfather. *(See other books by this author)*

Wynne-Jones, Tim. **A Thief in the House of Memory** (J)

The death of an apparent stranger in the Steeple family's old home triggers troubling questions for sixteen-year-old Declan as he tries to make sense of his fragmented dreams, random memories, and unexplained coincidences, hoping to learn the truth about the mother who suddenly left when he was ten.

Yolen, Jane. **The Mary-Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History** (Series)(J)

A young girl relates the facts that are known about the unexplained disappearance of the crew on the ship Mary Celeste in 1872, and challenges the reader to solve the mystery. *(See other books by this author)*

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