



Mysteries for Grades 6-8

Allan, Mabel Esther. **The Rising Tide**

When an eighteen-year-old inherits three small islands off the English coast, she discovers they are a source of intrigue. Ju R All

*Avi. **The Man Who Was Poe**

In Providence, R.I., in 1848, Edgar Allan Poe reluctantly investigates the problems of eleven-year-old Edmund, whose family has mysteriously disappeared and whose story suggests a new Poe tale with a ghastly final twist. Ju F Avi

Avi. **Wolf Rider: A Tale of Terror**

After receiving an apparent crank call from a man claiming to have committed murder, fifteen-year-old Andy finds his close relationship with his father crumbling as he struggles to make everyone believe him. Ju F Avi

Babbitt, Natalie. **Goody Hall**

The new tutor at Goody Hall is pleased with his job but can't help feeling there is something peculiar about the household. Ju F Bab

Bechard, Margaret. **Tory & Me and the Spirit of True Love**

Cousins Tory and Emily embark on a quest for secrets, romance, and insight into the past of their mysterious Aunt Louisa, who had not talked to the family for years before her death. Ju F Bec

*Bellairs, John. **The Curse of the Blue Figurine**

Johnny Dixon is plunged into a terrifying mystery-adventure when he removes a blue figurine called a ushabti from church. Ju F Bel

Bennett, Jay. **Sing Me a Death Song**

Jason risks his life to find evidence that his mother, a convicted murderer facing execution, was framed. Ju F Ben

*Bunting, Eve. **The Ghost Children**

Matt's investigation of the vandalism of his aunt's life-sized dolls takes him to the art world of Los Angeles. Ju F Bun

Burgess, Barbara Hood. **The Fred Field**

The summer after he finishes seventh grade, Oren is occupied with turning an empty lot into a memorial ball field honoring his best friend, who was murdered there, and with finding the killer and making him confess. Ju F Bur

Crew, Gary. **Angel's Gate**

Kimmy encounters two wild children who have grown up in the hills of Australia and tries to protect them from the unknown person who murdered their father. Ju F Cre

Dickinson, Peter. **Annerton Pit**

In search of their grandfather who has disappeared while tracking down ghosts, two brothers, one blind, stumble upon a headquarters of subversive revolutionary activity in an abandoned mine. Ju F Dic

*Duncan, Lois. **Don't Look Behind You**

Seventeen-year-old April finds her comfortable life changed forever when death threatens to her father, a witness in a federal case, force her family to go into hiding under assumed names and flee the pursuit of a hired killer. Ju F Dun

Evarts, Hal George. **The Purple Eagle Mystery**

In order to help his uncle save his shop, a young boy tries to locate an old wagon containing valuable antique bottles. Ju F Eva

Guy, Rosa. **The Disappearance**

The disappearance of the seven-year-old daughter of a Brooklyn family casts suspicion on a juvenile offender from Harlem who has recently come to live with them. YA F Guy

*Hall, Lynn. **Murder in a Pig's Eye**

Convinced that the owner of a neighboring farm has killed his sharp-tongued wife, sixteen-year-old Bodie searches for her body, until his detective work reaches a chaotic and humorous climax. Ju F Hal

*Hildick, E. W. **The Ghost Squad Breaks Through**

When one of them finds a successful way to communicate with a live person, four young ghosts decide to ban together to help solve and prevent crimes. Ju F Hil

Kerr, M. E. **Fell Back**

When a classmate at his exclusive private school falls to his death from a tower, seventeen-year-old John Fell is determined to find out whether the incident was suicide, accident, or murder. Ju F Ker

Klause, Annette Curtis. **Alien Secrets**

On her journey to the distant planet where her parents are working, Puck befriends a troubled alien and becomes involved in a dangerous mystery involving a precious artifact. Ju F Kla

L'Engle, Madeleine. **Troubling a Star**

As she tries to stay alive after being left on an iceberg in the Antarctic, sixteen-year-old Vicky recalls the series of events that brought her to the bottom of the world and involved her in a dangerous mystery. Ju F Len

McGraw, Eloise Jarvis. **Tangled Web**

Twelve-year-old Juniper Webb and her best friend Alison find themselves enmeshed in a "tangled web" when the two girls begin to investigate Juniper's new stepmother's background. Ju F McG

McKillip, Patricia A. **The House on Parchment Street**

While staying with her cousin in England, a young girl helps him find a way of helping the troubled ghosts inhabiting the cellar of the house. Ju F McK

Mahy, Margaret. **Underrunners**

Tris and Winola find the underrunners, a vast network of tunnels, the ideal place to escape their unhappy lives and act out their fantasies, but the tunnels become a dangerous place when invaded by an unseen stranger. Ju F Mah

Mayne, William. **Ravensgill**

Fifteen-year-old Bob stumbles across some old secrets involving his family and a forty-year-old murder. Ju F May

*Newman, Robert. **The Case of the Baker Street Irregular: A Sherlock Holmes Story**

Brought to London under mysterious circumstances by his tutor, a young boy seeks the help of Sherlock Holmes when his tutor is kidnapped and he himself is threatened with the same fate. Ju F New

*Newman, Robert. **The Case of the Vanishing Corpse**

When Andrew returns to London from boarding school, he becomes embroiled in several mysteries involving stolen jewels and the disappearance of a corpse after a brutal murder. Ju F New

*Nixon, Joan Lowry. **The Other Side of Dark**

Seventeen-year-old Stacy awakens from a four-year coma ready to identify, locate, and prosecute the young man who murdered her mother and wounded her. Ju F Nix

Perl, Lila. **Dumb Like Me, Olivia Potts**

Olivia prefers being a low achiever to trying to live up to the academic performances of her brother and sister, until she sets out to solve a series of local burglaries. Ju F Per

Petersen, P. J. **Liars**

Life in the remote town of Alder Creek, California, is boring for eighth-grader Sam and his friends, until his newly awakened ability to tell when a person is lying involves him in a series of mysterious events. Ju F Pet

Pevsner, Stella. **Would My Fortune Cookie Lie?**

While worrying that her mom is plotting to move the family from their Chicago home, thirteen-year-old Alexis also wonders about the mysterious young man who seems to be shadowing her and her friend. Ju F Pev

*Pullman, Philip. **The Ruby in the Smoke**

In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby. Ju F Pul

*Roberts, Willo Davis. **The View From the Cherry Tree**

Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him--except the murderer. Ju F Rob

Sleator, William. **Blackbriar**

In the attempt to decipher a number of strange events after he moves into an old cottage, a boy discovers a group of English folk engaged in Devil worship. Ju F Sle

*Voigt, Cynthia. **The Vandemark Mummy**

When, as the new Classics professor at Vandemark College, their father is made responsible for a collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, twelve-year-old Phineas and his older sister Althea try to find out why the collection is the target of thieves, especially when the mummy disappears. Ju F Voi

*Wells, Rosemary. **The Man in the Woods**

Fourteen-year-old Helen investigates what she considers the false arrest of a classmate and is nearly killed herself as her findings lead her into big-money drug dealings. Ju F Wel

Westall, Robert. **Stormsearch**

Tim Vaux's discovery of an antique model ship on an English beach leads him to an unsolved family mystery involving a London heiress, a heartbroken drunkard, and the fanatic miser Black Idris. Ju F Wes

Westall, Robert. **Yaxley's Cat**

After Yaxley disappears, the inhabitants of an English village fear that his ugly old cat will uncover the truth about the secret they are hiding. Ju F Wes

Windsor, Patricia. **The Christmas Killer**

At Christmastime, as young girls are disappearing, Rose is having disturbing dreams that reveal where their dead bodies can be found. YA F Win

*Wright, Betsy Ren. **The Ghosts of Mercy Manor**

Twelve-year-old Gwen, an orphan who comes to live with the Mercy family, discovers that the house is haunted by the ghost of a sad-looking girl and is determined to solve the mystery behind her appearances. Ju F Wri

Zindel, Paul. **The Undertaker's Gone Bananas**

Two teenagers believe a neighbor, an undertaker, has murdered his wife, but they can't convince anyone else. YA F Zin

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