

Teachers College Reading and Writing Project

Mystery Book List

Level	Title	Author	Book Type
J	Big Max	Kin Platt	Chapter Book
J	Bones and the Big Yellow Mystery	David Adler	Chapter Book
J	Dot & Jabber and the Big Bug Mystery	Ellen Stoll Walsh	Chapter Book
J	Scooby Doo! Hello Reader! (Series)	Gail Herman	Chapter Book
J	Young Cam Jansen (Series)	David Adler	Chapter Book
J-L	Detective Dinosaur (Series)	James Skofield	Chapter Book
K	Aunt Eater's Mystery (Series)	Doug Cushman	Chapter Book
K	Camp Knock Knock Mystery, The	Betsy Duffey	Chapter Book
K	Case of ... (I Can Read – Level 2)	Crosby Bonsall	Chapter Book
K	High-Rise Private Eyes (Series)	Cynthia Rylant	Chapter Book
K	Inspector Hopper (Series)	Doug Cushman	Chapter Book
K	Marty Frye, Private Eye	Janet Tashjian	Chapter Book
K	Nate the Great (Series)	Marjorie W. Sharmat	Chapter Book
K	Olivia Sharp (Series)	Marjorie Weinman Shermat	Chapter Book
K	Otto and Uncle Tooth Adventure (Series)	Geoffrey Hayes	Chapter Book
K	Rollo and Tweedy and the Ghost At Dougal Castle	Laura Jean Allen	Chapter Book
K	Tuna Surprise	Ronald Kidd	Chapter Book
L	Adam Sharp (Series)	George Edward Stanley	Chapter Book
L	Cam Jansen (Series)	David Adler	Chapter Book
L	Case of the Garden Monster	Nancy Bentley	Chapter Book
L	Case of the Sneaky Stinger	Nancy Bentley	Chapter Book
L	Gus & Gertie & the Missing Pearl	Joan Lowery Nixon	Chapter Book
L	Invisible Inc. – Hello Reader (Series)	Elizabeth Levy	Chapter Book
L	Meg MacKintosh (Series)	Lucinda Landon	Chapter Book
L	Mystery of the Tooth Gremlin	Bonnie Graves	Chapter Book
L	Powder Puff Puzzle, The	Patricia Reily Giff	Chapter Book
L	Sly the Sleuth (Series)	Donna Jo Napoli	Chapter Book
L	Web Files, The	Margie Palatini	Chapter Book
L-M	Houdini Club Magic Mystery (Series)	David Adler	Chapter Book
M	Calendar Club Mysteries (Series)	Nancy Star	Chapter Book
M	Capital Mysteries (Series)	Ron Roy	Chapter Book
M	Case of the Elevator Duck, The	Polly Berrien Berends	Chapter Book
M	Circus Mystery, The	Irene Schultz	Chapter Book
M	Clues Brothers (Series)	Franklin Dixon	Chapter Book
M	Flatfoot Fox (Series)	Eth Clifford	Chapter Book
M	Gerard Giraffe Private Investigator	Tracey Reeder	Chapter Book
M	Golden Locket, The	Michelle White	Chapter Book

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M	Grandpa's Teeth	Rod Clement	Picture Book
M	Nancy Drew Notebooks (Series)	Carolyn Keene	Chapter Book
M	Return of the Third Grade Ghost Hunters	Grace Maccarone	Chapter Book
M Stella	Brite (Series)	Sara Latta	Chapter Book
N	A to Z Mysteries (Series)	Ron Roy	Chapter Book
N	Abracadabra Series (Series)	Peter Lerangis	Chapter Book
N	Adventures of Mary Kate & Ashley (Series)	Several Authors	Chapter Book
N	Andy Russell Mystery (Series)	David Adler	Chapter Book
N	Black Velvet Mystery, The	Carolyn Keene	Chapter Book
N	Fletcher Mystery (Series)	Elizabeth Levy	Chapter Book
N	Jack Russell Dog Detective (Series)	Darrel Odgers	Chapter Book
N	Jigsaw Jones (Series)	James Preller	Chapter Book
N	Joe Sherlock, Kid Detective (Series)	Dave Keane	Chapter Book
N	Little Wolf, Forest Detective	Ian Whybrow	Chapter Book
N	Liza, Bill and Jed Mysteries (Series)	Peggy Parish	Chapter Book
N	Max Malone and the Great Cereal Rip-off	Charlotte Herman	Chapter Book
N	Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew (Series)	Carolyn Keene	Chapter Book
N	New Adventures of Mary-Kate & Ashley	Series – Several Authors	Chapter Book
N	Polka Dot Private Eye (Series)	Patricia Reilly Giff	Chapter Book
N	Something Queer (Series)	Elizabeth Levy	Chapter Book
N	Third-Grade Detectives (Series)	George Edward Stanley	Chapter Book
N	Wild Willie Mystery (Series)	Barbara Joosse	Chapter Book
N-R	Raven Hill Mystery (Series)	Emily Rodda	Chapter Book
O	Baby-Sitters Club Mysteries (Series)	Ann M. Martin	Chapter Book
O	Boxcar Children (Series)	Gertrude Warner	Chapter Book
O	Bud Barkin, Private Eye	James Howe	Chapter Book
O	Chet Gecko (Series)	Bruce Hale	Chapter Book
O	Detective LaRue	Mark Teague	Chapter Book
O	Doyle and Fossey Science Detectives (Series)	Michele Torrey	Short Stories
O	Meg Mackintosh (Series)	Lucinda Landon	Chapter Book
O	Mystic Lighthouse Mysteries (Series)	Laura E. Williams	Chapter Book
O	Pony Pals (Series)	Jeanne Betancourt	Chapter Book
O	Smiffy Blue: Ace Crime Detective	Walter Dean Myers	Chapter Book
O	Solve it Yourself Mysteries	Hy Conrad	Chapter Book
O	Spray-Paint Mystery	Angela Shelf Medearis	Chapter Book
O-P	Spider Kane (Series)	Mary Pope Osborne	Chapter Book
O-R	Culpepper Adventures (Series)	Gary Paulsen	Chapter Book
O-R	Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs (Series)	Sharon Draper	Chapter Book

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P	Bad Day at Riverbend	Chris Van Allsburg	Picture Book
P	Basil of Baker Street	Eve Titus	Chapter Book
P	Encyclopedia Brown (Series)	Donald J. Sobol	Chapter Book
P	Howliday Inn	James Howe	Chapter Book
P	Mary Moon is Missing	Patricia Peilly Giff	Chapter Book
P	Murder on the Canadian	Eric Wilson	Chapter Book
P	Wanted...Mud Blossom	Betsy Byars	Chapter Book
P-Q	Hank the Cowdog Series	John R. Erickson	Chapter Book
P-T	Diamond Brothers (Series)	Anthony Horowitz	Chapter Book
Q	Day the Fifth Grade Disappeared, The	Terri Fields	Chapter Book
Q	Half-Moon Investigations (Series)	Eoin Colfer	Chapter Book
Q	Spy X (Series)	Peter Lerangis	Chapter Book
Q	Who is Stealing the Twelve Days of Christmas?	Martha Freeman	Chapter Book
Q	You Be the Detective	Marvin Miller	Chapter Book
R	Absolutely True Story..., The (Series)	Willo Davis Roberts	Chapter Book
R C	Christina's Ghost	Betty Wright	Chapter Book
R	Great Googlestein Museum Mystery, The	Jean Van Leeuwen	Chapter Book
R	No More Magic (Please Note: Excerpt from this book is used in TCRWP Set 2, Level R assessment.)	Avi	Chapter Book
R	On the Run (Series)	Gordon Korman	Chapter Book
R	One Hundredth Thing About Caroline, The	Lois Lowry	Chapter Book
R	Sebastian Barth Mystery Series	James Howe	Chapter Book
R	Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars (Series)	Michael Citrin	Chapter Book
R Vancouver	Nightmare	Eric Wilson	Chapter Book
S	Bell, the Book, and the Spellbinder, The	Brad Strickland	Chapter Book
S	Calder Game, The	Blue Balliett	Chapter Book
S	Chasing Vermeer	Blue Balliett	Chapter Book
S	Clue Jr. (Series)	Parker Hinder	Short Story
S	Dead Letter	Betsy Byars	Chapter Book
S	Dollhouse Murders, The	Betty Ren Wright	Chapter Book
S&V	Herculeah Jones Mystery (Series)	Betsy Byars	Chapter Book
S	Lewis Barnavelt Mysteries (Series)	B. Strickland & John Belliars	Chapter Book
S	Macaroni Boy	Katherine Ayres	Chapter Book
S	Missing Manatee, The	Cynthia DeFelice	Chapter Book
S	Mr. Chickee's Funny Money	Christopher Paul Curtis	Chapter Book
S	Traces (Series)	Malcolm Rose	Chapter Book
S	Two-Minute Mysteries	Donald Sobol	Short Story

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S	Ulysses Moore (Series)	Pierdomenico Baccalario	Chapter Book
S	Wright 3, The	Blue Balliett	Chapter Book
T	Echo Falls Mystery (Series)	Peter Abrahams	Chapter Book
T	Fire Bug Connection, The	Jean Craighead George	Chapter Book
T	Forensic Mystery (Series)	Alane Ferguson	Chapter Book
T	Ghost and Mrs. Hobbs, The	Cynthia DeFelice	Chapter Book
T	Hardy Boys: Undercover Brothers (Graphic Novels) (Series)	Scott Lobdell	Chapter Book
T	Hermux Tantamoq (Series)	Michael Hoeye	Chapter Book
T	Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery (Series)	John Feinstein	Chapter Book
T	Man Who Was Poe, The	Avi	Chapter Book
T	Nancy Drew: Girl Detective (Graphic Novels) (Series)	Stefan Petrucha	Chapter Book
T	National Park Mysteries (Series)	Gloria Skurzynski	Chapter Book
T	Regarding the... (Series)	Kate Klise	Multi-Genre
T	Roman Mysteries (Series)	Caroline Lawrence	Chapter Book
T	Undercover Girl (Series)	Christine Harris	Chapter Book
T-X	Sammy Keyes (Series) (levels vary, most are level T)	Wendelin Van Draanen	Chapter Book
U	Blood Trail	Nancy Springer	Chapter Book
U	Chinatown Mysteries (Series)	Laurence Yep	Chapter Book
U	Cousins in the Castle	Barbara Brooks Wallace	Chapter Book
U	Crime Files: Four Minute Forensic Mysteries (Series)	Jeremy Brown	Chapter Book
U	Demon in the Teahouse, The	Dorothy Hoobler	Chapter Book
U	In Darkness, Death	Thomas Hoobler	Chapter Book
U	Moonlight Man	Betty Wright	Chapter Book
U	Pete the Cat (Series)	Peg Kehret	Chapter Book
U	Picture Perfect	Elaine Marie Alphin	Chapter Book
U	Room One: A Mystery or Two	Andrew Clements	Chapter Book
U	Who Really Killed Cock Robin?	Jean Craighead George	Chapter Book
V	Come Morning	Leslie Davis Guccione	Chapter Book
V	Ghost Belonged to Me, The	Richard Peck	Chapter Book
V	House of Dies Drear	Virginia Hamilton	Chapter Book
V	Letters From Camp: A Mystery	Kate Klise	Chapter Book
V	Lily's Ghosts	Laura Ruby	Chapter Book
V	Silent to the Bone	E.L. Konigsburg	Chapter Book
V	Trial by Journal	Kate Klise	Chapter Book
V	Westing Game	Ellen Raskin	Chapter Book

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W	Case of the Baker Street Irregular	Robert Newman	Chapter Book
W	Down the Rabbit Hole	Peter Abrahams	Chapter Book
W	Enola Holmes Mystery (Series)	Nancy Springer	Chapter Book
W Hoot		Carl Hiaasen Chapt	er Book
W	How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found	Sara Nickerson	Chapter Book
W	Lady Grace Mysteries (Series)	Grace Cavendish	Chapter Book
W	Lord of the Kill	Theodore Taylor	Chapter Book
W	Mystery of the Fool and the Vanisher, The	David & Ruth Ellwand	Chapter Book
W	Starbuck Twins Mystery Series (<i>Double Trouble, Squared and others</i>)	Kathryn Lansky	Chapter Book
W	Trouble with Lemons	Daniel Hayes	Chapter Book
X	Dead Man in Indian Creek, The	Mary Downing Hahn	Chapter Book
Y	Gilda Joyce (Series)	Jennifer Allison	Chapter Book
Y	Mysterious Benedict Society, The	Trenton Lee Stewart	Chapter Book
Y	Sally Lockhart Mysteries (Series)	Philip Pullman	Chapter Book
Z	Detective Stories (Story Library)	Edited by Phillip Pullman	Short Stories
Z	Montmorency (Series)	Eleanor Updale	Chapter Book

Recommended Texts Without Levels

Title	Author	Book Type
Coffin on a Case	Eve Bunting	Picture Book
Freaky Joe Club, The	P. J. McMahon	Chapter Book
Ghost Twins Series	Dian Curtis Regan	Chapter Book
Mystery of the Plant that Ate Dirty Socks, The	Nancy McArthur	Chapter Book
“Who Waxed Mad Max?” short story in <i>But That’s Another Story</i> (editor – Sandy Asher)	Gary L. Blackwood	Short Story

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