

## Mysteries and Thrillers for Grades K-5

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### Picture and Concept Books:

Dean, Kim. **Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes**, 2016. JCON

Pete and his friends must solve a mystery when some of the cupcakes they have packed for a party go missing!

Lieb, Josh. **Chapter Two is Missing**, 2019. JE

Chapter Two is Missing is a hilarious picture book mystery starring a hopelessly lost narrator, an unqualified detective, and a very sneaky janitor, who are all surprised to discover that second chapter of the very book of which they are a part is--gasp--missing!

Read, Kate. **One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller**, 2019. JCON

An illustrated counting book in which one famished fox finds five snug eggs but must face three plump hens to get them.

Soman, David. **Agent Lion**, 2020. JE

Ms. Flamingo's cat, Fluffy, is missing...and there's only one detective who can crack the case! Agent Lion searches all over Mrs. Flamingo's building--from Mr. Wombat's apartment to the top of the roof--and the missing cat is nowhere to be found. Will Agent Lion ever crack the case?

Teague, Mark. **Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation**, 2004. JE

While on vacation, Mrs. LaRue receives letters from her dog Ike who has been falsely accused of harming the neighbor's cats and is trying to clear his name.

Wood, Audrey. **Alphabet Mystery**, 2003. JCON

Little x is missing from Charley's Alphabet, and the other lowercase letters go off to solve the mystery of his disappearance, learning in the end how valuable a little x can be.

### Readers:

Adler, David. A. **Bones and the Cupcake Mystery**, 2005. JRDR

Detective Jeffrey Bones finds he does not need fancy equipment to solve the school-lunch mystery of Not Me Amy's missing cupcake.

Driscoll, Laura. **Little Penguin and the Mysterious Object**, 2020. JRDR

Little penguin has found something. But he's not sure what it possibly could be. Luckily, penguins are great detectives--and he and his friends are on the case! Will they be able to solve the case?

Sadar, Albin. **Hamster Holmes, Afraid of the Dark?**, 2019. JRDR

Hamster Holmes and his firefly sidekick, Dr. Watt, have a new case. They are staying in a hotel in town that might be haunted! Will Hamster Holmes get to the bottom of this mystery? Or will it keep him up at night?

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. **Dot & Jabber and the Big Bug Mystery**, 2017. JRDR  
Dot and Jabber, mouse detectives, try to solve the mystery of the disappearing insects.

### Fiction:

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy + Bean Take the Case**, 2013. JFIC  
After watching a movie about a detective on the television, Bean decides to set up shop as a private investigator--and she and Ivy start looking for mysteries to solve.

\*Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss. **The Unbreakable Code**, 2017. JFIC  
Could the Mark Twain books hidden through Book Scavenger contain clues about the string of recent arson fires plaguing the city? And will Emily and James uncover the mystery before the arsonist comes after them?

\*Calandrelli, Emily. **Ada Lace, On the Case**, 2017. JFIC  
Eight-year-old Ada, who has a knack for science, math, and solving mysteries, teams up with her best friend, Nina, to find a missing dog.

\*Griffiths, Andy. **The 52-Story Treehouse**, 2016. JFIC  
Andy and Terry try to solve the mystery of what happened to Mr. Big Nose? After all, it's hard to turn in your next book when your publisher has vanished.

Johnson, Varian. **The Parker Inheritance**, 2018. JFIC  
Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure--but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery and, with the help of her new friend and fellow book-worm, Brandon, she sets out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice once committed against an African American family in Lambert.

Patterson, James. **Ali Cross**, 2019. JFIC  
Published to coincide with the release of the 25th entry in Patterson's best-selling Alex Cross thrillers, a series debut starring Alex's son, Ali, follows his desperate search for a missing friend and clues proving his father's innocence against a backdrop of neighborhood burglaries.

Smith, Nikki Shannon. **The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane**, 2020. JFIC  
Azaleah can't wait for her class field trip to the National Zoo in Washington D.C., especially when her teacher announces the chance to earn extra credit, but she quickly realizes extra credit isn't as easy as she thought. Azaleah's younger sister Tiana can't find Greenie, her stuffed animal, and she's sure he's been stolen. With Mama at the restaurant and Daddy at work on a big case, it seems Azaleah is the only one available to track down the stolen stuffed animal.

\*= part of a series