

Mysteries and Thrillers for K-5

Picture Books:



Alexander, Rilla. The Thingamajig, 2024. JE

A young elephant embarks on a whimsical quest to find various lost objects belonging to their animal neighbors, uncovering a mystery as snail, squirrel, and ladybugs reveal their missing items. Back matter pages explain the around-the-world origins of each nonsense word appearing in the story.



Aronson, Katelyn. **Poo-dunit?: A Forest Floor Mystery**, 2022, JE. Sniff, sniff went Mouse. Whiff, whiff went Mouse. Who left this poo outside my house? I must undo this mystery. Poo-dunit?



Ewing, Clothilde. **Stella and the Mystery of the Missing Tooth**, 2023. JE When Stella's friend Owen loses a tooth at the museum, Stella and Roger believe that someone stole it and search high and low to find it.

Early Readers:



Butler, Dori Hillestad. **King & Kayla and the Case of the Cat Hunt**, 2023. JRDR Dog-and-human detective duo, King and Kayla, must try to figure out how Raj's cat escaped from a locked house.



Michalak, Jamie. Frank and Bean: The Stinky Feet Monster, 2023. JRDR Frank has a book, a map, and a plan to find the Stinky Feet Monster. Bean has new boots, a new hat, and a drum, and is ready to rock--BOOM, BOOM, BOOM! He doesn't believe in the Stinky Feet Monster, but as the two friends trek through the dark woods, they encounter strange noises, big footprints, and a very foul odor. Could that be the elusive monster? Will it make Frank and Bean its next meal?



Sharmat, Andrew. **Nate the Great and the Missing Tomatoes**, 2022. JRDR A friendly competition to grow the best organic garden is underway. Just a few days before contest judging, some of Rosamond's tomatoes go missing, and Nate and Sludge are called to investigate. Who is eager for tomatoes, and why? Nate and Sludge are on the case and what they find surprises all but makes perfect sense!

Fiction and Graphic Novels:



Cook, Katie. **The Never Girls: Mystery at Mermaid Lagoon**, 2023. JGN In this first Disney: The Never Girls graphic novel, the girls find themselves in the middle of a mermaid-pirate feud that has all of Never Land taking sides! With old friends and new, an engaging mystery to solve, and fun full-color illustrations and comic panels, this book is sure to delight readers, ages 6 to 9, and Never Girls fans of all ages.



Green, John Patrick. **Investigators: All Tide Up**, 2023. JGN When a cruise captain is found drifting at sea and delirious, the search begins for his missing ship and passengers! Did it sink? Was it boat-napped? Are supernatural forces at play? And can the InvestiGators unravel this maritime mystery before a second cruise befalls a similarly unfathomable fate? Seas the day and find out in this new nautical adventure!



Millington, Allie. **Olivetti**, 2024. JFIC Witty typewriter Olivetti and twelve-year-old introvert Ernest embark on a mission to find Ernest's missing mother that takes them across San Francisco.



Supplee, Suzanne. **Sweetness All Around**, 2023. JFIC Almost-eleven-year-old Josephine is NOT pleased to be moving into the Happy World trailer park over the summer of 1974. But when Josephine learns that her would-be next door neighbor in Happy World was kidnapped months ago, she develops a begrudging interest in her new home.



Yoakum, Matt. **The Game Master: Mansion Mystery**, 2022. JFIC Rebecca Zamolo has managed to foil the Game Master's plans before, but this time the Game Master has snake-napped Nacho, her good friend Miguel's pet. No way is Becca going to let the Game Master get away with this dastardly plan. The Game Master is up to their old tricks, and Becca, Matt, Kylie, Frankie, and Miguel are going to have to face their fears and use all their smarts to solve the puzzles and games and save the day.