

Mystery Fiction for Teens

Down the Rabbit Hole [Trilogy]

Peter Abrahams (YA ABRAHAMS)

There are many secrets in Echo Falls—and they don't tend to stay hidden. (Grades 6-9)

Reality Check

Peter Abrahams (YA ABRAHAMS)

His girlfriend goes missing at her wealthy boarding school, so Cody throws himself into a world he doesn't understand to try to unravel a sinister scheme. (Grades 9+)

Through Her Eyes

Jennifer Archer (YA ARCHER)

Through the lens of her camera and a crystal pendant, Tansy becomes a witness back in time, to the events surrounding the mysterious death of her grandfather's troubled friend. (Grades 7-10)

Rat Life

Tedd Arnold (YA ARNOLD)

Fresh out of the jungles of Vietnam, ex-soldier Rat seems cool, mysterious, and possibly insane. What does he know about the body in the river? (Grades 6-10)

The River

Mary Jane Beaufrand (YA BEAUFRAND)

Ronnie listens to the haunting murmur of the river in her small Oregon town. Now she's haunted by more than the water—a 10-year-old she was babysitting is floating in it. (Grades 8+)

What I Saw and How I Lied

Judy Blundell (YA BLUNDELL)

It's the summer after World War II, and Evie is looking forward to a vacation in beautiful Florida. When her father is accused of murder, her world begins collapsing like a house of cards. (Grades 9+)

Shift

Jennifer Bradbury (YA BRADBURY)

After high school, Chris and Winston embark on the bike ride of a lifetime—all the way from West Virginia to the Washington coast. One makes it back home, the other doesn't. (Grades 7+)

Black Rabbit Summer

Kevin Brooks (YA BROOKS)

The final summer for a group of high school friends goes terribly wrong in a mess of drugs, fighting, confusion...and murder. (Grades 9+)

And Then There Were None

Agatha Christie (YA CHRISTIE)

Ten seemingly unrelated strangers. A desolate island. A sinister nursery rhyme. Who will be next? (Grades 9+)

Shelter

Harlan Coben (YA COBEN)

Tragic events force Mickey to move to his estranged Uncle Myron's and a new high school. When his new girlfriend vanishes, her trail leads to a seedy underworld... (Grades 9+)

Half-Moon Investigations

Eoin Colfer (YA COLFER)

Fletcher might be small, but he's also a private detective. Now, his life is on the line; he must prove his innocence, or he's in serious trouble! (Grades 6-8)

If the Witness Lied

Caroline B. Cooney (YA COONEY)

Could a two-year-old REALLY have murdered his father? (Grades 6-9)

The Girl in the Steel Corset

Kady Cross (YA CROSS)

Automaton criminal, The Machinist, is plotting to kill Queen Victoria. Finley, with her dark and beastly alter ego, join Duke's army of misfits to help stop him. (Grades 10-12)

The London Eye Mystery

Siobhan Dowd (YA DOWD)

When their cousin mysteriously vanishes while riding the London Eye, Ted and Kat must unravel perplexing clues and dead-ends. (Grades 6-8)

The Morgue and Me

John C. Ford (YA FORD)

Chris is a janitor at the morgue. When he notices the sheriff whispering over a dead body, he knows that it's no ordinary death. (Grades 7+)

Tighter

Adele Griffin (YA GRIFFIN)

Jamie scores a summer job in a tiny New England town. It's not long before Jamie realizes that she can see their ghosts...and that she looks just like a girl who died there. (Grades 7+)

The Girl is Murder

Kathryn Haines (YA HAINES)

Iris's classmate has disappeared. Secretly, she helps her widowed one-legged father and detective make ends meet in 1942. (Grades 7-10)

Chomp

Carl Hiaasen (YA HIAASEN)

Wahoo's life is already weird—he lives in a zoo, and he can wrestle gators. Now he may be facing his weirdest case yet - finding a disappeared reality TV star deep in the Florida Everglades. (Grades 6-8)

Rosebush

Michele Jaffe (YA JAFFE)

It was quite a party, except that Jane woke up in a bush, nearly dead from a hit and run. But what really happened? Was it an accident? (Grades 7+)

Please Ignore Vera Dietz

A.S. King (YA KING)

Vera and Charlie were BFFs until their junior year of high school, when their friendship shattered. But Charlie's dead...and Vera still knows all of his deep, dark secrets. (Grades 9+)

The Silence of Murder

Dandi Daley Mackall (YA MACKALL)

Hope's disabled brother has been accused of a terrible murder. Only she is willing to believe that he is innocent—but the truth is elusive. (Grades 9+)

Boy's Life

Robert McCammon (YA MCCAMMON)

Cory spends his youthful days playing with his dog and exploring on his bike. Then he and his father find a dead body handcuffed inside a car, and life in their small town takes a dark turn. (Grades 9+)

She Said/She Saw

Norah McClintock (YA MCCLINTOCK)

Tegan witnesses the drive-by shooting of two of her best friends right in front of her. Yet, she can't recall any details. How utterly odd... (Grades 8+)

Shadowed Summer

Sandra Mitchell (YA MITCHELL)

Iris conjures the ghost of a young boy who went missing years ago, who then hounds her to solve the truth behind his disappearance. (Grades 8-12)

The Boxer and the Spy

Robert B. Parker (YA PARKER)

The body of a high school student washes up on a New England beach, and a retired boxer teaches Terry to think like a detective. (Grades 8+)

Dead Is the New Black [Series]

Marlene Perez (YA PEREZ)

In a town overrun with the supernatural, mysteries are a way of life! (Grades 7+)

Blood Wounds

Susan Beth Pfeffer (YA PFEFFER)

A gruesome murder hundreds of miles away will have an effect on Willa's life forever. (Grades 9+)

The Night My Sister Went Missing

Carol Plum-Ucci (YA PLUM-UCCI)

Kurt heard a shot and saw his sister fall off the pier..didn't he? (Grades 9+)

The Interrogation of Gabriel James

Charlie Price (YA PRICE)

Two people have been brutally murdered, and only Gabriel holds the key to the terrible crimes in his Montana town. (Grades 8+)

The Ruby in the Smoke [Series]

Philip Pullman (YA PULLMAN)

"Her name was Sally Lockhart; and within 15 minutes, she was going to kill a man." (Grades 7+)

The Westing Game

Ellen Raskin (YA RASKIN)

Millionaire Sam Westing dies, promising his fortune to whoever can unravel a series of clues in his twisted game. (Grades 6-8)

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children [Has a Sequel]

Ransom Riggs (YA RIGGS)

Fate finds Jacob in a decrepit, bombed house located in a remote corner of a small village. What do the bizarre, grainy black and white photos of strange children mean? (Grades 8+)

Jasper Jones

Craig Silvey (YA SILVEY)

Jasper leads Charlie into a secluded forest grove where a horrific site awaits—a dead girl, hanging from a tree. Even worse— Charlie's got to help him hide the body...(Grades 9+)

Wherever Nina Lies

Lynn Weingarten (YA WEINGARTEN)

Ellie's artist sister Nina has been missing for years. Ellie has little hope of finding her, until she runs across a piece of Nina's lost art... (Grades 8+)

Blink & Caution

Tim Wynne-Jones (YA WYNNE-JONES)

Blink accidentally witnessed the bloody abduction of a wealthy CEO. Caution is on the run from her violent drug dealer boyfriend. Together, they've got to save themselves. (Grades 9+)