

# Middle Grade Mystery Books



<u>The Jumbies</u> (JM BAP) by Tracey Baptiste: Corinne La Mer isn't afraid of anything. Not scorpions, not the boys who tease her, and certainly not jumbies. She knows jumbies aren't real; they're just creatures parents make up to frighten their children. But on All Hallows' Eve, Corinne chases an agouti all the way into the forbidden woods. Those shining yellow eyes that follow her to the edge of the trees, couldn't belong to a jumbie. Or could they? (Series) also available as eBook

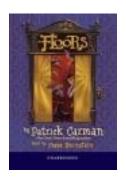


<u>Book Scavenger</u> (JM BER) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman: Emily's love of solving puzzles turns into a real-life mystery featuring a secret book, an intricate game, and bad guys out to get her. (Series) also available as eBook and Audiobook



The Case of the Haunted History Museum (JM BRE) by

**Steven Brezenoff:** When a series of accidents and other strange happenings at the Capitol City Natural History Museum lead to rumors that the museum is being haunted by the ghost of a Pterosaur, ten-year-old Wilson Kipper and his friends set out to solve the mystery. (Series) also available as eBook



<u>Floors</u> (JM CAR) by Patrick Carman: Ten-year-old Leo's future and the fate of the extraordinary Whippet Hotel, where his father is the maintenance man, are at stake when a series of cryptic boxes leads Leo to hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances. Also available as eBook



The Secret Zoo (JM CHI) by Bryan Chick: Noah, his sister Megan, and their best friends live next door to the zoo. Megan is the first to notice the puzzling behavior of some of the animals. One day Megan disappears, and her brother and their friends realize it's up to them to find her. Their only choice is to follow a series of clues and sneak into the zoo. But once inside, will they discover there's much more to the Clarksville City Zoo than they could have guessed? (Series) also available as eBook



### Room One: A Mystery or Two (JM CLE) by Andrew

**Clements:** A shrinking school in a dying town. A mysterious face in the window of an abandoned house. At first these facts don't seem to be related, but 5th grader Ted Hammond learns that in a very small town, there's no such thing as an isolated event. And the solution of one mystery is often the beginning of another. Also available as eBook



<u>Powerless</u> (JM COD) by Matthew Cody: Aware that their special abilities will disappear when they turn 13 years old, along with any memory that they ever had, 12-year-old Daniel and his new friends must figure out who is behind the plot to steal their thoughts by researching past events to discover essential clues. (Series) also available as <u>eBook</u>



The Ghost of Fossil Glen (JM DEF) by Cynthia DeFelice: Allie Nichols knows she's being pursued by a ghost, but her friend Karen calls her a liar. It is Allie's old pal Dub who listens eagerly as Allie tells him about a voice that guides her safely down a steep cliff side, the face in her mind's eye of a girl who begs "Help me," and a terrible nightmare in which that girl falls to her death. Who is the girl? Is she a ghost? And what does the ghost want from Allie?



Connect the Stars (JM DEL) by Marisa de los Santos and David Teague: Audroy and Aaron and up at the same wilderness

**David Teague:** Audrey and Aaron end up at the same wilderness camp - a six-week intensive trek through the desert led by a rugged outdoorsman with a chip on his shoulder. When the unthinkable happens, it'll take everything they've got to survive. And somewhere along the way, Audrey and Aaron begin to see that sometimes facts don't tell the whole story...and sometimes to find the truth, you have to look beyond the lies. Also available as eBook

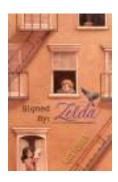


<u>The Tower Treasure</u> (JM DIX) by Franklin W. Dixon: A dying criminal confesses that his loot has been stashed "in the tower," but both towers of the looted mansion are searched in vain. It remains for the Hardy boys to make an astonishing discovery that clears up the mystery and clears the name of a friend's father. (Series) also available as Audiobook

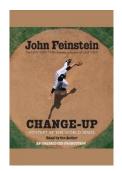


The School for the Insanely Gifted (JM ELI) by Dan Elish:

When a mysterious man breaks into Daphna's small New York apartment, she discovers that her mother's disappearance wasn't a random accident. Her mother knew something-and now somebody is after Daphna. Daphna hopes to uncover the secret of her mother's disappearance on a global trek-but what she doesn't expect is the outrageous secret about the Blatt School that she uncovers. Also available as eBook



<u>Signed By: Zelda</u> (JM FEI) by Kate Feiffer: When Nicky's grandma Zelda goes missing, he joins forces with his friends Lucy and Pigeon to find her. Their only clue is a cryptic handwritten note that Zelda left behind. You just never know what unlikely friends will spark in each other, themselves, and those around them.



<u>Change-Up: Mystery at the World Series</u> (JM FEI) by John

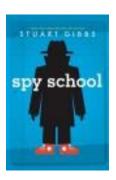
**Feinstien:** Teen reporters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson are covering baseball's world series, and during the course of an interview with a new hot pitcher, they discover more than a few contradictions in his life story. What's he hiding? An embarrassing secret? A possible crime? Let the investigation begin! Also available as Audiobook



The Loch Ness Monster (JM FLI) by Jean Flitcroft: Vanessa's dreams are haunted by cryptids--mysterious creatures that may or may not exist. Her mother used to study them, and Vanessa longs to continue her research. At the moment, she also has more pressing concerns though-like a family trip that includes her father's new girlfriend. But the visit to Scotland gives Vanessa a chance to explore the eerie secrets of Loch Ness. With the help of her mother's cryptid files, can she solve the mystery of the most famous cryptid of all? (Series) also available as eBook



<u>Zap!</u> (JM FRE) by Martha Freeman: When the power in sixth-grader Luis' city shuts down no one seems to know why. After he and his ex-best friend Maura reveal a clue and are brushed off by police, they know that they are on their own to find answers. To get to the bottom of the mystery, they need to brave the abandoned houses of Luis' poor neighborhood and find the homeless teen legend known as Computer Genius. What they don't know is that someone suspects they know too much, someone who wants to keep Hampton in the dark.



<u>Spy School</u> (JM GIB) by Stuart Gibbs: Ben Ripley may only be in middle school, but he's already pegged his dream job: C.I.A. or bust. Unfortunately for him, his personality doesn't exactly scream "secret agent." When Ben is recruited for a magnet school with a focus on science he is not surprised--but he's entirely shocked to discover that the school is actually a front for a junior C.I.A. academy. Could the C.I.A. really want him? (Series) also available as eBook and Audiobook



### Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (JM GRA) by Chris

**Grabenstein:** Twelve-year-old Kyle wins a spot to be one of the 12 children chosen to stay in the new town library—designed by his hero, the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello—for an overnight of food, fun, and games. But in the morning, the kids find all the doors still locked and must work together to solve secret puzzles in order to discover the hidden escape route. (Series) also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>

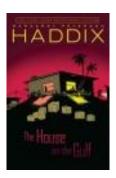


### Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer (JM GRI) by John Grisham:

With two attorneys for parents, thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone knows more about the law than most lawyers do. But when a high profile murder trial comes to his small town and Theo gets pulled into it, it's up to this amateur attorney to save the day. (Series) also available as Audiobook



Winterhouse (JM GUT) by Ben Guterson: When orphan Elizabeth Somer is shipped off to the Winterhouse Hotel, it's not long before she locates a magical book that will unlock a mystery involving the sinister family who lived there first. But the deeper she delves into the hotel's secrets, the more Elizabeth starts to realize that she is somehow connected to Winterhouse. As fate would have it, Elizabeth is the only person who can break the hotel's curse and solve the mystery. But will it be at the cost of losing the people she has come to care for, and even Winterhouse itself? (Series) available as Audiobook



### The House on the Gulf (JM HAD) by Margaret Peterson

**Haddix:** When Britt's older brother, Bran, lands a summer job house-sitting in Florida, it seems like a great opportunity. There's only one problem: Britt starts to suspect her family isn't supposed to be there. Britt starts poking around and makes a startling discovery—the owners of the house aren't who Bran says they are. So whose house are they living in, and why has Bran brought them there?



<u>Curse of the Were-Hyena</u> (JM HAL) by Bruce Hale: Mr. Chu, the coolest teacher ever, has developed some very unusual habits, like laughing hysterically for no reason, sniffing people's homework, and chasing chickens. When best friends Carlos and Benny decide to investigate, they get caught up in some moonlight madness. And it looks like just the beginning of the weirdness that has arrived in the town of Monterrosa.



<u>The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse</u> (JM HAL) by Bruce Hale: When hired by a fellow fourth-grader to find her missing brother, Chet Gecko uncovers a plot involving a Gila monster's revenge upon the school football team. Chet's tattered casebook is chock-full of the hilarious characters, wacky one-liners, and fast paced mystery that have made the series a favorite among middle grade readers.



<u>Partners in Crime</u> (JM HAR) by Kim Harrington: When best friends Darcy and Norah have to create a fake business for a school assignment, they come up with a great idea: a detective agency! Darcy loves mysteries, and Norah likes helping people, so it's a perfect fit. But then their pretend agency gets a real case. Someone is missing, and it's up to Darcy and Norah to take on the search. Unfortunately, there's someone else out there who doesn't want the two detectives stirring up any trouble. With the help of hidden clues, spy gadgets, and trusted friends, can Darcy and Norah crack the case in time?



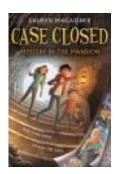
<u>The Vampire Knife</u> (JM HEN) by Jack Henseleit: Anna and Max love scary stories - but when they find a mysterious knife on a dark and stormy night, truth soon becomes stranger than fiction. Brought to a spooky inn at the edge of the woods in Transylvania, the siblings find themselves dragged into a world of monsters and magic...and soon it becomes all too clear that vampires are not just a fairy tale. Also available as eBook



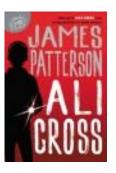
<u>The Escape of the Deadly Dinosaur</u> (JM HUN) by Elizabeth Singer Hunt: When an eager young scientist brings a dangerous flesheating dinosaur to life, Jack Stalwart, a secret agent with the Global Protection Force, must capture the dinosaur before it destroys New York City.



<u>Curse of the Arctic Star</u> (JM KEE) by Carolyn Keene: Nancy and her friends Bess and George tour the dangerous waters off the coast of Alaska on a posh new ship's maiden voyage, a journey that is overshadowed by a series of deaths and near-misses that reveal the work of a saboteur. Also available as Audiobook



Mystery in the Mansion (JM MAG) by Lauren Magaziner: Carlos and his friends must uncover who is sending death threats to a wealthy eccentric or Carlos' mother may lose her business, and the reader decides which clues they will follow. Also available as eBook



<u>Ali Cross</u> (JM PAT) by James Patterson: Ali Cross is determined to follow in the footsteps of his father, former detective and FBI agent Alex Cross. When Ali's best friend Gabe goes missing, Ali knows that with every passing day, the less likely Gabe will be found. This is Ali's very first case. If he inherited any of his dad's detective skills, it's time for them to kick in!



<u>Detective Camp</u> (J ROY) by Ron Roy: While learning detective skills at a sleep-away camp, Dink and his friends undercover a real mystery involving stolen paintings. (Series) also available as <u>eBook</u>



## The Mystery of the Masked Medalist (J SHI) by Maia

**Shibutani:** Accompanying their journalist parents to the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, twelve-year-old Andy Kudo and his eleven-year-old sister Mika find themselves immersed in an augmented reality game developed by a former Olympic medalist, that brings players together from all over the world to search Tokyo for virtual medals and clues to the secretive creator's identity.