



BAD BEAR DETECTIVES

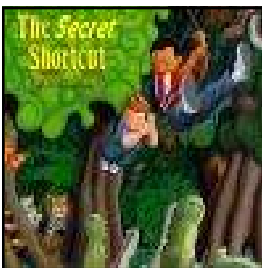
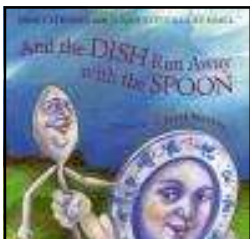
By Daniel Pinkwater E PINKW

When a shipment of imported Italian muffins goes missing, Irving and Muktuk become the key suspects. Everyone knows their weakness for muffins and immediately thinks they are responsible! They do everything they can to try and find the thief. As with all good mysteries, the clues lead to a surprise ending.

AND THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON

By Janet Stevens E STEVE

Every night Dish and Spoon run away. And every night they return--until tonight! Where can Dish and Spoon be? The rhyme can't go on without them, so Cat, Cow, and Dog set out to search for their missing friends.



THE SECRET SHORTCUT

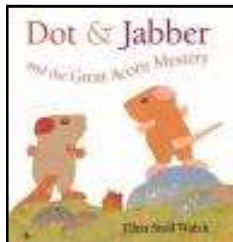
By Mark Teague E TEAGU

Because Wendell and Floyd have a problem getting to school on time, they decide to take a shortcut which leads to even more unexpected adventures.

THE GARDEN OF ABDUL GASAZI

By Chris Van Allsburg E VANAL

When the dog Alan is caring for suddenly runs into the forbidden garden of a retired dog-hating magician, a spell seems to be cast over the contrary dog.



DOT & JABBER AND THE GREAT ACORN MYSTERY

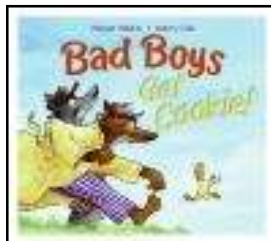
By Ellen Stoll Walsh E WALSH

Dot and Jabber, two mouse detectives, "need a mystery to solve," so they try to figure out how an acorn arrived at the spot where a little oak tree is growing as there are no other oak trees in sight.

TOUGH COOKIE

By David Wisniewski E WISNI

In his years on the force, Tough Cookie busted the Ginger Snaps and broke up the Macaroons. Now living as a private eye at the bottom of the cookie jar, he learns that Fingers has gotten his old partner, Chips. Tough Cookie sets out to put Fingers away, for keeps! This comical spoof will have readers rolling in the aisles.



BAD BOYS GET COOKIE!

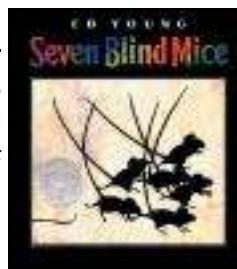
By Margie Palatini E PALAT

Willy and Wally, posing as incompetent detectives, set out to catch a runaway cookie, in this hilariously slapstick, action-filled tale.

SEVEN BLIND MICE

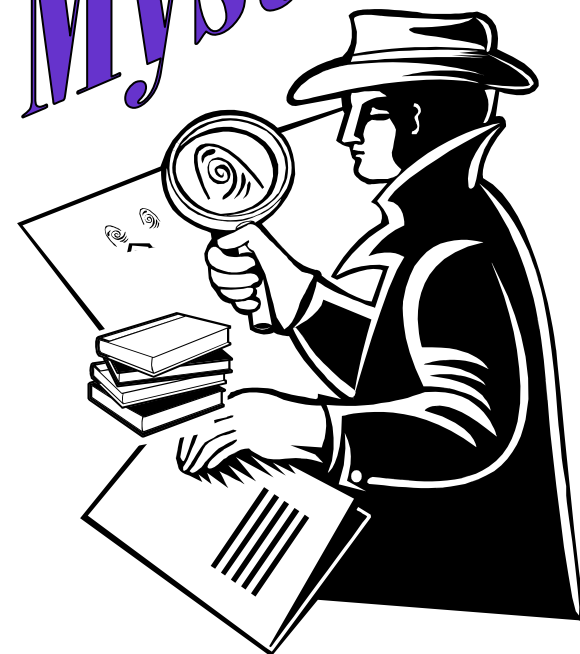
By Ed Young (Easy) J 398.2 SEVEN

This warm and entertaining fable of seven tiny creatures who set out to discover the "Something" by the pond—and each come back with a different answer—will captivate the youngest readers.



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When a child reads a mystery novel, or even looks through a mystery picture book, she is using higher order thinking skills like **summarization, predication, and reading for detail**—skills that will help her understand all types of literature in a critical way. Here are some selections to get your child started!



CAM JANSEN SERIES

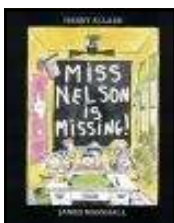
By David Adler J-2 ADLER

Cam Jansen is a young girl with a knack for solving mysteries and finding things. Any of the stories in this series will be a treat for young detectives!

MISS NELSON IS MISSING

By Harry Allard E ALLAR

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.



ROLLO AND TWEEDY AND THE GHOST AT DOUGAL CASTLE

by Laura Allen J-1 ALLEN

Lord Dougal, mouse detective extraordinaire, and his best friend and assistant, Rollo, are called in to catch a ghost that's haunting a Scottish castle. A tour of the premises yields a lot of clues, but it's a sneeze that helps the duo solve the mystery.



EGGS MARK THE SPOT

By Mary Jane Auch E AUCH

By laying eggs with images of what she sees, an enterprising hen helps solve a burglary.

MINNIE AND MOO: Wanted Dead or Alive

By Denys Cazet J-2 CAZET

On a mission to save the farm from financial ruin, Minnie and Moo are incorrectly identified as a pair of famous bank robbers. Can Minnie and Moo escape the long arm of the law? Or does this case of mistaken identity spell curtains for the innocent cows?



WHERE'S THE BIG BAD WOLF?

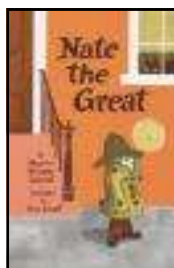
By Eileen Christelow E CHRIS

Detective Doggedly, a pair of cows, and a sheep who looks very familiar, are all nearby each time three pigs get in trouble, but the big, bad wolf is conspicuously absent.

NATE THE GREAT SERIES

By Marjorie Sharmat J-2 SHARM

With charming illustrations and a clever case-cracking hero, early readers will love to join Nate, a boy who has every kid's dream "job" of being the neighborhood detective. Surrounded by quirky companions whose mysterious cases he solves, Nate and his friends will keep you coming back for more!



THE ABC MYSTERY

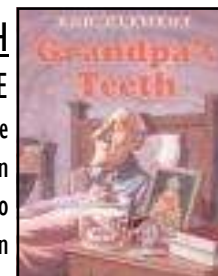
By Doug Cushman E CUSHM

A dog detective leads young readers through the alphabet looking for a sneaky art thief.

GRANDPA'S TEETH

By Rod Clement E CLEME

Grandpa's teeth, handmade by the finest Swiss craftsmen, have been stolen! What is Grandpa going to do? And why does everyone in town keep smiling all the time?



THE MISSING MITTEN MYSTERY

By Steven Kellogg E KELLO

During a busy day in the snow, Annie loses one of her red mittens --her fifth lost mitten this winter! Where could it be? Is it by the snow fort? On the sledding hill? Did a mouse take it to use as a sleeping bag? Imaginative Annie--and the reader!--will be happily surprised by the heart-warming answer to the delightful missing mitten mystery.

THE MYSTERY OF EATUM HALL

By John Kelly E KELLY

A gluttonous pig and goose inadvertently foil their sinister host in this original little comedy full of visual jokes, rendered in an eye-catching film-noir style.

