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MYSTERIES & THRILLERS FOR TEENS



PLEASE NOTE: BOOKS VARY WIDELY IN MATURITY LEVEL AND CONTENT

Acceleration by Graham McNamee -----YA & TEEN MCNAM
Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him. (670L)

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle -----MYSTERY & TEEN DOYLE
The master sleuth's character and amazing skills of detection are presented as they originally were depicted in twelve stories appearing in the pages of *The Strand Magazine*. (1080L)

Always Emily: A Novel of Intrigue and Romance by Michaela MacColl-----YA MACCO
Young Emily and Charlotte Brontë solve a mystery. (Lexile Unavailable)

Amelia Anne is Dead and Gone by Kat Rosenfeld-----YA ROSEN
Unveils the details of a horrific murder, its effects on permanent and summer residents of the small Appalachian town where a body is discovered, and especially how the related violence shakes eighteen-year-old Becca's determination to leave home as soon as possible. (Lexile Unavailable)

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie -----MYSTERY CHRIST
When ten people arrive on private Indian Island off England's southwest coast, lured to a mansion by invitations from a mysterious host, terror mounts as one guest after another is murdered, in a classic whodunit that is an elaboration of the famous children's rhyme "Ten Little Indians." (570L)

Blackbird by Anna Carey-----YA CAREY
A teenage girl wakes up on the Los Angeles subway tracks with no memory of who she is or how she got there. One thing she does know is that people are trying to kill her, and she must race to uncover her past and outwit her hunters before it's too late. (Lexile Unavailable)

Blood on My Hands by Todd Strasser-----YA STRASS
At a high school party, a girl finds her best friend murdered, only to be discovered holding the weapon and accused of the crime. (HL750L)

The Body in the Woods by April Henry-----YA HENRY
While helping the Portland County Sheriff's Search and Rescue to seek a missing autistic man, teens Alexis, Nick, and Ruby find, instead, a body and join forces to find the girl's murderer, forming an unlikely friendship, as well. (HL720L)

Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci -----YA & TEEN PLUM
Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast. (720L)

Butterfly Clues by Kate Ellison-----TEEN ELLIS
Having experienced compulsive behavior all her life, Lo's symptoms are getting her into trouble when she witnesses a murder while wandering dangerous quarters of Cleveland, Ohio, collecting things that do not belong to her, obsessing about her brother's death. (HL790L)

Burning Blue by Paul Griffin-----TEEN GRIFFI
When beautiful, smart Nicole, disfigured by acid thrown in her face, and computer hacker Jay meet in the school psychologist's office, they become friends and Jay resolves to find her attacker. (HL660L)

- Buzz Kill** by Beth Fantaskey-----YA FANTA
Seventeen-year-old Millie joins forces with her classmate, gorgeous but mysterious Chase Colton, to try to uncover who murdered head football coach "Hollerin' Hank" Killdare--and why. (920L)
- The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery** by Nancy Springer -----JM SPR WHITE
searching the clues to her missing mother's whereabouts, fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, the younger sister of Sherlock Holmes, suddenly gets involved in the kidnapping of a young Marquess and must put the search for her mother on hold in order to save the spoiled girl from her dangerous captors. (1020L)
- Clarity** by Kim Harrington -----YA HARRI
Sixteen-year-old Clare Fern, a member of a family of psychics, helps the mayor and a skeptical detective solve a murder in a Cape Cod town during the height of tourist season--with her brother a prime suspect. (HL 580L)
- Clockwork Scarab** by Colleen Gleason-----YA GLEAS
In 1889 London young women are turning up dead, and Evaline Stoker, relative of Bram, and Mina Holmes, niece of Sherlock, are summoned to investigate the clue of the not-so-ancient Egyptian scarabs--but where does a time traveler fit in? (Lexile Unavailable)
- Confessions of a Murder Suspect** by James Patterson-----YA PATTE
Tandy Angel is, along with her brothers, a suspect in their parents' murder but having grown up under Malcolm and Angel's perfectionist demands, Tandy decides she must clear the family name no matter what. (HL770L)
- The Conspiracy of Us** by Maggie Hall-----YA HALL
When sixteen-year-old Avery West learns her family is part of a powerful and dangerous secret society, and that her own life is in danger, she must follow a trail of clues across Europe. (Lexile Unavailable)
- Curse of the Night Wolf** by Paul Stewart -----JM STE
Soon after Victorian messenger Barnaby Grimes is attacked by a huge beast while crossing London's rooftops, he becomes entangled in a mystery involving patent medicine, impoverished patients, and very expensive furs. (1000L)
- Death Cloud** by Andy Lane-----YA LANE
In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," fourteen-year-old is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Hampshire, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain. (940L)
- Don't Look Behind You** by Lois Duncan-----TEEN DUNCA
Seventeen-year-old April finds her comfortable life changed forever when death threatens to her father, a witness in a federal case, force her family to go into hiding under assumed names and flee the pursuit of a hired killer. (1020L)
- Double Helix** by Nancy Werlin -----YA & TEEN WERLI
Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering. (690L)
- The Egypt Game** by Zilpha Keatley Snyder -----J SNY
Six children are thrust from the make-believe world of Egyptian pharaohs when their trusted oracle foresees the appearance of a murderer. (1010L)
- The Emperor of Any Place** by Tim Wynne-Jones-----YA WYNNE
When Evans father dies suddenly, Evan finds a hand-bound yellow book on his desk- the book his dad had been reading when he passed away. In a pulse-quickening mystery evoking the elusiveness of truth and the endurance of wars passed from father to son, this engrossing novel is a suspenseful, at times terrifying read. (HL790L)
- Endangered** by Lamar Giles-----YA GILES
When Lauren (Panda), a teen photoblogger, gets involved in a deadly game, she has to protect the classmates she despises. (HL710L)
- Every Breath** by Ellie Marney-----YA MARNE
Reluctantly assisting her friend Mycroft's investigation into the murder of a homeless man, Rachel Watts realizes her attraction to her bad-boy partner before finding herself targeted by the killer. (Lexile Unavailable)
- Face on the Milk Carton** by Caroline B. Cooney -----TEEN COONE
Recognizing herself as the missing child on a school milk carton, Janie is compelled to investigate and has to choose between her love for the people she has always known as her parents and needing to learn the truth. (660L)

Fake ID: A Mystery by Walter Sorrells -----YA SORRE
After a lifetime of moving and assuming new identities, sixteen-year-old Chass begins to piece together the disturbing past that haunts her and her mother and which involves a mysterious tape, a deceased popular singer, and the secrets of several people in a small Alabama town. (650L)

Fear Nothing by Dean R. Koontz -----FIC KOONT
Afflicted with a rare genetic disorder that leaves him extremely vulnerable to light, Christopher Snow witnesses a murder in the night, a murder only he can solve, that forces him to uncover the many oddities of Moonlight Bay. (1060L)

First Shot by Walter Sorrells -----YA & TEEN SORRE
David Crandall, haunted by his mother's murder two years ago, uncovers a dark family secret that leads him to believe that his father, headmaster of the military school in which David is currently a senior, is the killer. (580L)

The Fog by Caroline Cooney -----TEEN COONE
Christina and Anya are delighted by an invitation to board with the new school principal and his wife, but soon it is clear that they are agents of unspeakable evil who are bent on destroying the girls they harbor. (660L)

Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator by Jennifer Allison -----JM ALL
During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower. (1000L)

The Girl I Used to Be by April Henry-----YA HENRY
Olivia's parents were killed fourteen years ago. Now, new evidence reopens the case . . . and she finds herself involved. (HL660L)

Heist Society by Ally Carter -----YA & TEEN CARTE
A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector. (800L)

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle -----M & TEEN DOYLE
In this, one of the most famous of Doyle's mysteries, the tale of an ancient curse and a savage ghostly hound comes frighteningly to life. The gray towers of Baskerville Hall and the wild open country of Dartmoor will haunt the reader as Holmes and Watson seek to unravel the many secrets of the misty English bogs. (1090L)

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer -----TEEN FARME
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patr on, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States. (660L)

The House on the Gulf by Margaret Haddix -----JM HAD
A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a house-sitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there. (730L)

I Am the Messenger by Markus Zusak -----YA & TEEN ZUSAK
After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness. (640L)

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You by Ally Carter ----- TEEN CARTE
As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission. (1000L)

I Know What You Did Last Summer by Lois Duncan -----TEEN DUNCA
Four teenagers try to conceal their responsibility for a hit-and-run accident while being pursued by a mystery figure seeking revenge. (760L)

Ink and Ashes by Valynne E. Maetani-----YA MAETA
When Japanese American Claire Takata finds out that her deceased father was once a member of the yakuza, a Japanese crime syndicate, danger enters her life that could end up killing someone. (HL740L)

The Killer in Me by Margot Harrison-----YA HARRI
A girl's unsettling connection with a serial killer leads her on a potentially deadly manhunt. (Lexile Unavailable)

Liar Society by Lisa Roecker-----TEEN ROECK
Kate Lowry's best friend Grace died a year ago. So when she gets an email from her, Kate's more than a little confused. Now Kate has no choice but to prove once and for all that Grace's death was more than just a tragic accident. She teams up with a couple of knights-in-(not-so)-shining armor-the dangerously hot bad boy, Liam, and her love-struck neighbor, Seth. But at their elite private school, there are secrets so big people will do anything to protect them-even if it means getting rid of anyone trying to solve a murder. (800L)

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs -----YA & TEEN RIGGS
After a family tragedy, Jacob feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off the coast of Wales, discovering disturbing facts about the children who were kept there. (890L)

Mister Death's Blue Eyed Girls by Mary Downing Hahn-----YA HAHN
Narrated from several different perspectives, tells the story of the 1956 murder of two teenaged girls in suburban Baltimore, Maryland. (HL700L)

The Mystery of the Third Lucretia by Susan Runholt -----JM RUN
Having noticed the same man copying Rembrandt's painting in the United States and London, sleuths Lucas and Kari are certain that the mysteriously undiscovered Rembrandt painting is a forgery done by this modern-day artist and so now must find a way to convince everyone of the truth based on the clues they've collected. (920L)

Name of the Star by Maureen Johnson-----YA & TEEN JOHNS
Rory, of Boueuxlieu, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation. (HL710L)

Night She Disappeared by April Henry-----YA HENRY
Told from various viewpoints, Gabie and Drew set out to prove that their missing co-worker Kayla is not dead, and to find her before she is, while the police search for her body and the man who abducted her. (HL680L)

No Such Person by Caroline Cooney-----YA COONE
A murder mystery in a small town raises suspicions when a member of a well-regarded family in the community is implicated. (HL670L)

Operation Red Jericho by Joshua Mowll -----YA & TEEN MOWLL
Through a journal rich in detail and enhanced with photos, diagrams, and maps, a young boy discovers the amazing journey his great-aunt Rebecca and great-uncle Doug experienced after their parents' mysterious disappearance from the deserts of China. (850L)

Paper Towns by John Green -----TEEN GREEN
Having been in love with Margo forever, Quentin is happy to help her with her strange plots and campaigns for revenge, but when she vanishes one evening without a trace, Quentin finds himself delving into clues in order to resolve many unanswered questions. (850L)

The Penalty by Mal Peet -----TEEN PEET
Paul Faustino, known as the best soccer journalist in the business, investigates the disappearance of eighteen-year-old Ricardo, a soccer prodigy known as "El Brujito," while in alternate chapters a slave becomes a powerful voodoo priest. (810L)

Picture Me Gone by Meg Rosoff-----TEEN ROSOF
Twelve-year-old Mila travels with her father to upstate New York to visit friends and family, who may lead them to clues to the whereabouts of her father's best friend, who has gone missing. (Lexile Unavailable)

Pretty Little Liars by Sara Shepard-----TEEN SHEPA
When one of their tightly-knit group mysteriously disappears, four high school girls find their friendship difficult to maintain when they begin receiving taunting messages from someone who seems to know everything about their past and present secrets. (760L)

Raising Arcadia by Simon Chesterman-----TEEN CHEST
Arcadia sees the world like no one else. Exceptionally observant, the sixteen-year-old is aware of her surroundings in a way that sometimes get her into trouble — and out of it again. But when she seeks to unravel a mystery at school, a tragedy at home forces her use her skills to catch a killer. (Lexile Unavailable)

Reality Check by Peter Abrahams-----YA ABRAMS
After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his small Montana town, but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search. (690L)

Rebel Fire by Andy Lane -----YA LANE
In 1868, 14-year-old Sherlock Holmes discovers that his mysterious American tutor, Amyus Crowe, is hunting for a notorious murderer who was supposedly killed by the United States government but who is apparently alive and well in Surrey, England. (920L)

Ripper by Stefan Petrucha -----YA & TEEN PETRU
Adopted by famous Pinkerton Agency Detective Hawking in 1895 New York, fourteen-year-old Carver Young hopes to find his birth father, but when he becomes involved in the pursuit of notorious killer Jack the Ripper, Carver discovers that finding the truth can be worse than ignorance. (Lexile Unavailable)

Ripper by Amy Carol Reeves-----YA REEVE
Sent to do volunteer work at the Whitechapel Hospital in the east end of London in 1888, seventeen-year-old Abbie discovers the identity of Jack the Ripper. (Lexile Unavailable)

Scarlett Undercover by Jennifer Latham-----YA LATHA
Scarlett, a sixteen-year-old private detective in the fictional city of Las Almas, finds herself at the center of a mysterious case-involving ancient curses, priceless artifacts, and jinn--as she discovers that her own family secrets may have more to do with the situation than she thinks. (HL670L)

Secret Letters by Leah Scheir-----YA SCHEI
Sixteen-year-old Dora travels to London to meet Sherlock Holmes, who might be her biological father, and ask his help for her cousin who is being blackmailed over some stolen letters, but although Holmes dies before she arrives, a handsome young detective comes to Dora's aid. (880L)

The Secrets of Lily Graves by Sarah Strohmeier-----TEEN STROH
Descended from a long line of female morticians, Lily Graves knows all about buried secrets. So after senior-class president Erin Donohue, perfect saint to the community, turns up dead, Lily believes it's her job to find the culprit. But Lily has feelings for Erin's ex-boyfriend, Matt, which makes both of them suspects and makes Lily's investigation complicated. (Lexile Unavailable)

Shelter by Harlen Coben-----YA COBEN
After tragic events tear Mickey Bolitar away from his parents, he is forced to live with his estranged Uncle Myron and switch high schools, where he finds both friends and enemies, but when his new new girlfriend, Ashley, vanishes, he follows her trail into a seedy underworld that reveals she is not what she seems to be. (Lexile Unavailable)

Skeleton Creek by Patrick Carman -----JM CAR
Although housebound following an accident, teenaged Ryan continues to investigate the strange occurrences in his hometown of Skeleton Creek, recording his findings in a journal and viewing e-mail video clips sent by fellow detective Sarah. (740L)

Slide by Jill Hathaway-----YA HATHA
Vee Bell, able to slide into other people's minds, sees someone standing over the body of her sister's best friend, Sophie, holding a bloody knife but she is afraid that anyone she tells will think her crazy and so she must find a way to identify the killer herself, before he or she strikes again. (Lexile Unavailable)

So Yesterday: A Novel by Scott Westerfeld -----TEEN WESTE
Hunter Braque, a New York City teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture. (770L)

A Spy in the House by Y.S. Lee -----YA & TEEN LEE
Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, orphan and thief Mary Quinn is invited to join a covert female investigative unit and poses as a lady's companion to track down a wealthy merchant's missing cargo ships. (HL680L)

Suicide Notes from Beautiful Girls by Lynn Weingarten-----YA & TEEN WEING
They say Delia burned herself to death in her stepfather's shed, but June does not believe it was suicide. She and Delia used to be closer than anything, but one night a year ago, everything changed when they and June's boyfriend Ryan let their good time get out of hand, and now, a year later, June owes it to Delia to know if her best friend committed suicide or was murdered. (Lexile Unavailable)

This is Our Story by Ashley Elston-----YA ELSTO
When a hunting accident claims a boy's life, his best friends all come under suspicion. (Lexile Unavailable)

Trash by Andy Mulligan -----YA MULLI
Fourteen-year-olds Raphael and Gardo team up with a younger boy, Rat, to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash in a third-world country's dump. (860L)

Tokyo Heist by Diane Renn-----YA RENN
After a high-profile art heist of three van Gogh drawings in her home town of Seattle, sixteen-year-old Violet Rossi finds herself in Japan with her artist father, searching for the related van Gogh painting. (Lexile Unavailable)

The Transatlantic Conspiracy by G.D. Falksen-----YA FALKS
In 1908, on the inaugural journey from Europe to the United States of the world's first underwater railway, seventeen-year-old Rosalind finds love, a murder mystery, and the truth behind the railway's construction. (HL650L)

Trouble is a Friend of Mine by Stephanie Tromly-----TEEN TROML
After her parents' divorce, Zoe Webster moves from Brooklyn to upstate New York where she meets the weirdly compelling misfit, Philip Digby, and soon finds herself in a series of hilarious and dangerous situations as he pulls her into his investigation into the kidnapping of a local teenage girl which may be related to the disappearance of his kid sister eight years ago. (HL630L)

Troubling a Star by Madeleine L'Engle -----JM LEN
When Vicky Austin returns to the village where she grew up, Adam Eddington's Great-aunt Serena sends her on a trip to Antarctica, but Adam is behaving strangely and Vicky becomes entangled in a mystery involving drugs, nuclear waste, and espionage. (850L)

Unnatural Deeds by Cyn Balog-----YA BALOG
Victoria Zell doesn't fit in, not that she cares what anyone thinks. She and her homeschooled boyfriend, Andrew, are inseparable. All they need is each other. That is, until Zachary Zimmerman joins her homeroom. Victoria's hiding her own secrets -- secrets that will come back to haunt her, and destroy everything in her path. (Lexile Unavailable)

Unraveling by Elizabeth Norris-----TEEN NORRI
If Janelle Tenner wants to avenge her father's death and stop the end of the world, she's going to need to uncover Ben's secrets--and keep from falling in love with him in the process. (Lexile Unavailable)

Useless Bay by M.J. Beaufrand-----YA BEAUF
On Whidbey Island, north of Seattle, the Gray family's quintuplets join the search for a young boy gone missing and soon discover deep family secrets and that crimes have been committed. (Lexile Unavailable)

Vanishing Girls by Lauren Oliver-----YA OLIVE
Two sisters inexorably altered by a terrible accident, a missing nine-year-old girl, and the shocking connection between them. (890L)

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin -----TEEN RASKI & JM RAS
The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance. (750L)

Wherever Nina Lies by Lynn Weingarten-----TEEN WEING
Two years after the disappearance of her older sister, sixteen-year-old Ellie goes on a quest to find her. (Lexile Unavailable)

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