

Mystery Series for Grades 1-3

High-Rise Private Eyes Series by Cynthia Rylant

"In a high-rise building deep in the heart of a big city live two private eyes: Bunny Brown and Jack Jones. Bunny is the brains, Jack is the snoop, and together they crack cases wide open." With these words, Rylant introduces yet another humorous series aimed at beginning readers.

Detective Dinosaur Series by James Skofield

Offers beginning readers an exciting collection of simple whodunits as Detective Dinosaur and Officer Pterodactyl begin their search to unravel the mystery.

Boxcar Children Time to Read Series by Gertude Chandler Warner

Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny are orphans. The only way they can stay together as a family is to make it on their own. So when the children find an abandoned boxcar in the woods, they decide to call it home—and become the Boxcar Children! These early readers allow children to step into reading with the stories from the beloved Boxcar Children Mysteries.

Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Join the world's greatest detective, Nate the Great, as he solves the mystery! Perfect for beginning readers, this long-running chapter book series will encourage children to problem-solve with Nate, using logical thinking to solve mysteries!

Bones Series by David Adler

Meet Jeffrey Bones, boy detective. Perfect for new readers, the Bones easy-to-read mystery series features easy-to-follow and humorous storylines, brief sentences, and visual clues within the vibrant, wacky illustrations.

King & Kayla Series by Dori Hillestad Butler

King and Kayla are solving mysteries for a younger generation in this prequel to Butler's "The Buddy Files" series. The stories are told from the perspective of King, a golden retriever with a nose for solving mysteries.

Cam Jansen Series by David Adler

Perfect for beginning chapter book readers, the Cam Jansen series continues to be a bestseller after over thirty years. Each mystery features Cam—the fifth grade sleuth with the photographic memory—who solves the case with the help of her best friend, Eric.

A to Z Mysteries Series by Ron Roy

Great for beginning chapter book readers, the A to Z Mysteries Series features three sly sleuths: Dink Duncan, Josh Pinto, and Ruth Rose Hathaway. Have fun getting to know them, and their dog, Pal! The A to Z Mysteries Series features 26 books, one for each letter of the alphabet!

The Hardy Boys Clue Books by Franklin W. Dixon

Join detective brothers Frank and Joe Hardy as they solve mysteries around Bayport!

Nancy Drew Clue Books by Nancy Keene

Readers can help solve mysteries right alongside their favorite detective—Nancy Drew, plus her friends Bess and George—in this interactive chapter book series.

The Haunted Library Series by Dori Hillestad Butler

The Haunted Library is a not-too-scary chapter book mystery series that follows the adventures of Claire and her ghost friend, Kaz.

The Chicken Squad Series by Doreen Cronin

No job is too big or small for the shortest, yellowest, fuzziest detectives around: The Chicken Squad. Follow Dirt, Sugar, Poppy, and Sweetie as they piece together the mysteries of their backyard friends while stirring up some trouble too!