Mysteries

Teen Fiction Suggested Reading List

All titles located in YA Fiction and YA Paperbacks by the author's last name.



Down the Rabbit Hole by Peter Abrahams

When the director of her school play suddenly has an accident, her shoes go missing, and things in town start becoming more strange with every passing moment, Ingrid must find a way to get to the bottom of the matter in order to set things right in her small community. (Grades 7 & up)



My Grandfather, Jack the Ripper by Claudio Apone

A clairvoyant thirteen-year-old uses his gifts to time travel in search of clues to the unsolved crimes of Jack the Ripper, but a more personal crime awaits him in the present. (Grades 7 & up)



Rat Life by Tedd Arnold

Meeting a new friend with a troubled past seemed like an exciting twist to his dull life, but when Todd discovers that Rat is actually as dangerous as he seems, he begins to wonder if he may have had something to do with the body that was recently found in the Chemenga River. (Grades 7 & up)



Phoning the Dead by Gillian Cross

When her brother John, a demolition expert, is killed in an explosion in Siberia, Hayley agrees to accompany his wheelchair-bound fiancée, Annie, to the scene of the accident, but both suspect that their only escorts have possible Mafia connections. (Grades 7 & up)



Christopher Killer: A Forensic Mystery by Alane Ferguson

On the payroll as an assistant to her coroner father, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to catch the killer of a friend while putting herself in terrible danger. (Grades 8 & up)



Betrayal by Patricia Finney

Lady Grace Cavendish, Elizabeth I's youngest maid of honor, finds herself in the midst of a battle at sea while posing as a boy aboard the ship of Francis Drake, where she and Masou stowed away in hopes of finding the kidnapped Lady Sarah. (Grades 7 & up)



Something Rotten: A Horatio Wilkes Mystery by Alan Gratz

In a contemporary story based on Shakespeare's play, "Hamlet," Horatio Wilkes seeks to solve the murder of his friend Hamilton Prince's father in Denmark. (Grades 9 & up)



Picture the Dead by Adele Griffin

After Jennie Lovell's fiancé, Will, is killed during the Civil War, she forms an alliance with a spirit photographer and uses her ability to talk to the dead to investigate the secrets Will was hiding and how he really died. (Grades 7 & up)



Snatched by Pete Hautman

Too curious for her own good, Roni, crime reporter for her high school newspaper, teams up with Brian, freshman science geek, to investigate the beating and kidnapping of a classmate. (Grades 7 & up)



Kiss Me, Kill Me by Lauren Henderson

Longing to be part of the in-crowd at her exclusive London school, orphaned, sixteen-year-old Scarlett, a trained gymnast, eagerly accepts an invitation to a party whose disastrous outcome changes her life forever. (Grades 8 & up)



Cold Skin by Steven Herrick

In a rural Australian coal mining town shortly after World War II, teenaged Eddie makes a startling discovery when he investigates the murder of a local high school girl. (Grades 9 & up)



The Bone Magician by F.E. Higgins

A boy's quest to uncover the truth about how a "bone magician" raises the dead puts his own life in peril and embroils him in a dark mystery. (Grades 7 & up)



All Unquiet Things by Anna Jarzab

After the death of his ex-girlfriend Carly, northern California high school student Neily joins forces with Carly's cousin Audrey to try to solve her murder. (Grades 9 & up)



Bad Kitty by Michele Jaffe

While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine Callihan stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California. (Grades 9 & up)



The Séance by Iain Lawrence

In 1926, magician Harry Houdini arrives in the city to perform magic and to expose fraudulent mediums but Scooter King, who works for his mother making her séances seem real, needs Houdini's help to solve a murder. (Grades 7 & up)



A Spy in the House by Y.S. Lee

Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, young orphan and thief Mary Quinn is offered a place at Miss Scrimshaw's Academy for Girls where she is trained to be part of an all-female investigative unit called The Agency and, at age seventeen, she infiltrates a rich merchant's home in hopes of tracing his missing cargo ships. (Grades 7 & up)



The Season by Sarah MacLean

Showing no interest in the sumptuous balls, lavish dinner parties, and country weekends enjoyed by the rest of early nineteenth-century London society, seventeen-year-old Lady Alexandra Stafford seeks adventure as she investigates the puzzling murder of the Earl of Blackmoor, father of devilishly handsome Gavin. (Grades 7 & up)



Missing in Tokyo by Graham Marks

When his sister is reported missing, teenager Adam travels from England to Tokyo, Japan to look for her. (Grades 10 & up)



Acceleration by Graham McNamee

While working at the Toronto Transit Authority, seventeen-year-old Duncan comes upon a worn diary that tells the deepest secrets of a vicious serial killer who prowls the subway for his prey, which leads Duncan dangerously obsessed in finding him to put an end to the murderer's future plans. (Grades 9 & up)



The Lying Game by Sara Shepard

Foster child Emma Paxton, who has only just discovered she has a wealthy twin sister Sutton Mercer, finds herself in the position of having to step into Sutton's glamorous life after Sutton disappears just days after asking Emma to cover for her in her life of high fashion, high drama and deep lies. (Grades 9 & up)



Club Dread by Walter Sorrells

When sixteen-year-old Chastity witnesses the murder of a pop star, her hopes of settling down with her mother in San Francisco seem to disappear. (Grades 9 & up)



Dani Noir by Nova Ren Suma

Inspired by big lies, big secrets, and old Hollywood glamour, this novel follows the adventures of 13-year-old Dani Callanzano, who sets out to solve a mystery in her small, nothing-ever-happens-here town. (Grades 7 & up)



Never Trust a Dead Man by Vivian Vande Velde

Wrongly convicted of murder and punished by being sealed in the tomb with the dead man, seventeen-year-old Selwyn enlists the help of a witch and the resurrected victim to find the true killer. (Grades 7 & up)



You've Got Blackmail by Rachel Wright

When she discovers that her loathsome English teacher is being threatened by an unknown blackmailer, Loz gets caught up in the mystery, with consequences both comical and truly dangerous. (Grades 7 & up)