
Mystery/Suspense

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Knapp, Ruthie. *Who stole Mona Lisa?* New York: Bloomsbury, 2010.

With the Mona Lisa herself as narrator, this book recounts the history of the painting, including her theft from the Louvre in 1911. The author's notes contain the perfect amount of additional information on the painting.

Rodriguez, Béatrice. *The Chicken Thief*. New York: Enchanted Lion Books, 2010.

This wordless book begins with four friends--a bear, a rabbit, a rooster, and a hen--just about to sit down to breakfast. Suddenly, a fox runs by and grabs the hen! The remaining three friends give chase through the forest, over mountains, and even across the sea.

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Butler, Dori Hillestad. *The Case of the Lost Boy*. Chicago: Albert Whitman and Company, 2010.

In Butler's charming Buddy Files series our hero, Buddy the golden retriever, solves mysteries using talents only a dog could bring to the job. In this first book in the series Buddy uses his nose and instincts to search for his missing boy.

Amato, Mary. *Edgar Allan's official crime investigation notebook*. New York : Holiday House, 2010.

Fifth grader Edgar Allan is determined to solve the mystery of his teacher's stolen goldfish. The culprit, who is soon to strike again, is given to leaving cryptic poems behind. Edgar, who struggles with self-esteem issues, gets himself into a sleuthing competition with his sickeningly perfect classmate, who always seems to be one step ahead.

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MacDonald, Bailey. *The secret of the sealed room*. New York : Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, 2010.

Fourteen-year-old indentured servant Patience Martin is not happy living in service to a demanding and unkind widow, but she is dismayed to find herself a suspect in the woman's murder. She seeks aid from a young printer's apprentice, Benjamin Franklin, and together they unravel the mystery of how her mistress came to be poisoned in a locked room. This novel is an interesting look into colonial life during Franklin's youth and the relative powerlessness of the young and indentured.

Vanderpool, Clare. *Moon Over Manifest*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2010.

12-year-old Abilene Tucker arrives on the train in Manifest, Kansas in 1936, having been sent to settle there by her enigmatic father, with whom she has been riding the rails her whole life. Anxious to learn more about her father's youth in the town, Abilene is captivated to find an old cigar box full of letters and trinkets. She sets out to unravel the secrets embedded in the history of Manifest. **2010 Newbery Medal.**