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- Mystery -

THE CHRISTOPHER KILLER: A FORENSIC MYSTERY /

Alane Ferguson.

Y 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. 2006.

CODE NAME VERITY / Elizabeth Wein

FIC WEIN (YA section)

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can. 2012.

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME /

Mark Haddon.

FIC HADDON (Adult Main Floor & Storage) / FIC HADDON (Penacook)

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. 2003.

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE / Peter Abrahams.

Y ABRAHAMS

(Echo Falls Mystery #1, more books available)

Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her home town of Echo Falls. 2006.

I AM THE MESSENGER / Markus Zusak.

FIC ZUSAK (YA section)

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. 2002.

IN DARKNESS, DEATH / Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler

FIC HOOBLER (YA section)

(The Samurai Mysteries)

In eighteenth-century Japan, young Seikei becomes involved with a ninja as he helps Judge Ooka, his foster father, investigate the murder of a samurai. 2004.

THE LONDON EYE MYSTERY / Siobhan Dowd

Y DOWD

Siblings Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim board the London Eye. But after half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off—except Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? Despite their prickly relationship, Ted and Kat become sleuthing partners in a desperate bid across London to find their cousin before it's too late. 2007.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING EVERYTHING / Ben H. Winters.

J WINTERS

(Ms. Finkleman Series)

When a treasured trophy disappears from the display case at Mary Todd Lincoln Middle School and the principal cancels the eagerly anticipated eighth grade class trip, Bethesda Fielding has no choice but to solve the mystery. 2012.

THE NAME OF THE STAR / Maureen Johnson.

Y JOHNSON

(Shades of London #1)

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. 2011.

PAPERQUAKE: A PUZZLE / Kathryn Reiss

Y REI

Certain that she is being drawn by more than coincidences into the lives of people living nearly 100 years ago, Violet, who feels like the odd sister in a set of triplets, searches for clues to help her avert an imminent tragedy. 1998.

PAPER TOWNS / John Green

FIC GREEN (YA section)

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears. 2008.

PETRONELLA SAVES NEARLY EVERYONE / Dene Low

Y LOW

Petronella's fashionable friends are arriving at her country estate near London to celebrate her sixteenth birthday party. During the festivities, important guests are disappearing, kidnapping notes are appearing, many of the clues are insects, and Uncle Augustus (who has developed a bug eating compulsion) is surreptitiously devouring evidence. *2010.*

PLEASE IGNORE VERA DIETZ / A.S. King

Y KING / FIC KING (YA section)

When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name. *2010.*

RAT LIFE / Tedd Arnold

FIC ARNOLD (YA section)

After developing an unusual friendship with a young Vietnam War veteran in 1972, fourteen-year-old Todd discovers his writing talent and solves a murder mystery. *2007.*

REALITY CHECK / Peter Abrahams

FIC ABRAHAMS (YA section)

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. *2010.*

RIPPER / Stefan Petrucha

Y PETRUCHA

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. *2012.*

SAMMY KEYES AND THE SKELETON MAN /

Wendelin Van Draanen

Y VAN

On Halloween night, seventh grader Sammy stumbles onto a mystery involving a twenty-year-old family feud and some heirlooms stolen by a man in a skeleton costume. *1999.*

THE SECRET OF THE OLD CLOCK / Carolyn Keene

J KEENE

(Nancy Drew #1, more books available)

In this first of the Nancy Drew Mystery Stories, Nancy, unaided, seeks to find a missing will. Her search not only tests her keen mind but also leads her into a thrilling adventure. *1987.*

SHELTER / Harlan Coben

Y 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. *2012.*

SILENT TO THE BONE / E.L. Konigsburg

Y KON (Juvenile Storage)

When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened. *2000.*

SNIPER / Theodore Taylor

Y PBC TAY

Fifteen-year-old Ben must cope alone when a mysterious sniper begins shooting the big cats in his family's private zoological preserve. *2007.*

A STUDY IN SCARLET / Arthur Conan Doyle

FIC DOYLE (Adult Main Floor & Adult Storage)

(Sherlock Holmes #1, more books available)

In the first-ever story involving Sherlock Holmes and the faithful Dr. Watson, a mysterious message lead Holmes to uncover a thrilling story of murder, love and revenge begun many years before among the Mormon community in Salt Lake City. *1888.*

TANGERINE / Edward Bloor

J PBC BLOOR

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight. *1997.*

A THIEF IN THE HOUSE OF MEMORY / Tim Wynne-Jones

FIC WYNNE-JO (YA section)

The death of an apparent stranger in the Steeple family's old home triggers troubling questions for sixteen-year-old Declan as he tries to make sense of his fragmented dreams, random memories, and unexplained coincidences, hoping to learn the truth about the mother who suddenly left when he was ten. *2005.*

THE WEEKEND WAS MURDER! / Joan Lowery Nixon

Y PBC NIX

Sixteen-year-old Liz's summer job with an expensive hotel involves her in a staged murder mystery weekend and a real murder. *1994.*