



YOUNG ADULT MYSTERIES

A Mystery is about a crime or mysterious occurrence and the investigation that leads to its solution.

13 Little Blue Envelopes – Maureen Johnson – When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.

YA F Johnson

Blood Brothers – S.A. Harazin – With his best friend on life-support after taking drugs at a party, seventeen-year-old Clay, a medical technician, recalls their long friendship, future plans, and recent disagreement, and tries to figure out who is responsible for the accidental overdose.

YA F Harazin

Blood Fever – Charles Higson – During a summer holiday in Italy, the teen-age James Bond tangles with an underground empire of criminals as he attempts the rescue of a kidnapped young girl. Young Bond series.

YA F Higson

The Body of Christopher Creed – Carol Plum-Ucci – Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

YA F Plum-Ucci

Bog Child – Siobhan Dowd – In 1981, the height of Ireland's "Troubles," eighteen-year-old Fergus is distracted from his upcoming A-level exams by his imprisoned brother's hunger strike, the stress of being a courier for Sinn Fein, and dreams of a murdered girl whose body he discovered in a bog.

YA F Dowd

Buried – Robin Mellow MacCready – When her alcoholic mother goes missing, seventeen-year-old Claudine begins to spin out of control, despite her attempts to impose order on every aspect of her life.

YA F MacCready

The Christopher Killer: A Forensic Mystery – 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. First in the Forensic Mystery series.

YA F Ferguson

Cover-Up – John Feinstein – Fledgling fourteen-year-old sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie investigate suspicious activities at the Super Bowl after Stevie gets fired from his co-anchor job on a ground-breaking teen sports show.

YA F Feinstein

Crunch Time – Mariah Fredericks – Four students, who have formed a study group to prepare for the SAT exam, sustain each other through the emotional highs and lows of their junior year in high school.

YA F Fredericks

Dead Connection – Charlie Price – A loner who communes with the dead in the town cemetery hears the voice of a murdered cheerleader and tries to convince the adults that he knows what happened to her.

YA F Price

Death Cloud: Sherlock Holmes the Legend Begins – Andy Lane – In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Farnham, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain.

YA F Lane

Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery – Peter Abrahams – Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth-grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her hometown of Echo Falls. First in the Echo Falls Mystery series.

YA F Abrahams

The Face on the Milk

Carton – Caroline B. Cooney – A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity. First in the series.

YA F Cooney

The Falconer's Knot – Mary Hoffman – Silvano and Chiara, teens sent to live in a friary and a nunnery in Renaissance Italy, are drawn to one another and dream of a future together, but when murders are committed in the friary, they must discover who is behind the crimes before they can realize their love.

YA F Hoffman

Fatality – Caroline B. Cooney – Something changed for Rose Lymond one weekend four years ago, and now when the police are questioning her, she destroys evidence.

YA F Cooney

Getting the Girl – Susan Juby – Ninth-grader Sherman Mack investigates the "Defilers," a secret group at his British Columbia high school that marks certain female students as pariahs, at first because he is trying to protect the girl he has a crush on, but later as a matter of principle.

YA F Juby

Heist Society – Ally Carter – 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. First in the Heist Society series.

YA F Carter

Hit and Run – Lurlene McDaniel – Events surrounding the hit and run accident of a popular high school student are told from the viewpoints of those involved, including the victim.

YA F McDaniel

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You – Ally Carter – 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. First in the Gallagher Girls series.

YA F Carter

Invisible – Pete Hautman – Doug and Andy are unlikely best friends—one a loner obsessed by his model trains, the other a popular student involved in football and theater—who grew up together and share a bond that nothing can sever.
YA F Hautman

Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery – John Feinstein – After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game. First in the Final Four Mysteries.
YA F Feinstein

Monster – Walter Dean Myers – While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.
YA F Myers

The Night My Sister Went Missing – Carol Plum-Ucci – When his sister goes missing under mysterious circumstances, seventeen-year-old Kurt spends a night at the local police station overhearing statements from a variety of witnesses that reveal the deep prejudices and shocking secrets of his small beach community.
YA F Plum-Ucci

A Northern Light – Jennifer Donnelly – In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. Based on a true story.
YA F Donnelly

Paper Towns – John Green – 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.
YA F Green

Rat Life – Tedd Arnold – 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.
YA F Arnold

The Road of the Dead – Kevin Brooks – Two brothers, sons of an incarcerated gypsy, leave London traveling to an isolated and desolate village, in search of the brutal killer of their sister.
YA F Brooks

The Ruby in the Smoke – Philip Pullman – In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.
YA F Pullman

Shine – Lauren Myracle – When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town.
YA F Myracle

Silent to the Bone – E.L. Konigsburg – 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.
YA F Konigsburg

Snatched – 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. First in the Bloodwater series.
YA F Hautman

Speak – Laurie Halse Anderson – A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.
YA F Anderson

A Spy in the House – 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. First in the Agency series.
YA F Lee

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz – After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6. First in the Alex Rider Adventure series.
YA F Horowitz

A Swift Pure Cry – Siobhan Dowd – Coolbar, Ireland, is a village of secrets and Shell, caretaker to her younger brother and sister after the death of their mother and with the absence of their father, is not about to reveal hers until suspicion falls on the wrong person.
YA F Dowd

Taken – Edward Bloor – In 2035 kidnapping rich children has become an industry, but when thirteen-year-old Charity Meyers is taken and held for ransom, she soon discovers that this particular kidnapping is not what it seems.
YA F Bloor

Tangerine – Edward 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.
YA F Bloor

To Hawaii, With Love – Michael P. Spradlin – Headstrong Rachel Buchanan and her friends sneak away from Blackthorn Academy and set out to find a mysterious artifact before it falls into the hands of her nemesis, Simon Blankenship, a journey that takes them to the volcanic shores of Hawaii.
YA F Spradlin

Touching Snow – M. Sindy Felin – After her stepfather is arrested for child abuse, thirteen-year-old Karina's home life improves but while the severity of her older sister's injuries and the urging of her younger sister, their uncle, and a friend tempt her to testify against him, her mother and other well-meaning adults persuade her to claim responsibility.
YA F Felin

Witch Dreams – Vivian Vande Velde – Sixteen-year-old Nyssa uses her ability to see into people's dreams to discover who murdered her parents six years ago.
YA F Vande Velde