

Mystery Stories

(Teens)

I am the Messenger

by Markus Zusak

Meet Ed Kennedy, an underage cabdriver, pathetic card player, and unsuccessful romantic. He lives in a shack with his coffee-addicted dog, Doorman and is hopelessly in love with his best friend, Audrey. His life is one of peaceful routine and incompetence, until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery. That's when the first card arrives and Ed becomes the messenger. . . . Chosen to care, he makes his way through town helping and hurting (when necessary), until only one question remains: Who's behind Ed's mission?

Wake

by Lisa McMann

Ever since she was eight years old, high school student Janie Hannagan has been uncontrollably drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends an elderly nursing home patient and becomes involved with an enigmatic fellow student that she discovers her true power.

Martyn Pig: A Novel

by Kevin Brooks

Faced with the possibility of living with a dreadful aunt, fifteen-year-old Martyn Pig decides not to tell the authorities when his alcoholic father accidentally dies, instead he and a friend dispose of the body.

Raven's Gate

by Anthony Horowitz

Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy is sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village where he uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft.

Silent to the Bone

by E.L. Kongsburg

When he is 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.

The Boy in the Burning House

by Tim Wynne-Jones

Fourteen-year-old Jim attempts to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance with the help of Ruth Rose who suspects her stepfather, a local pastor.

The Long Night of Leo and Bree

by Ellen Wittlinger

On the anniversary of his sister's murder, Leo, tormented by his mother's insane accusations and his own waking nightmares, kidnaps a wealthy girl intending to kill her, but instead their long night together helps them both face their futures.

Black Mirror

by Nancy Werlin

Convinced her brother's death was murder rather than suicide, sixteen-year-old Frances begins her own investigation into suspicious student activities at their boarding school.

Look Both Ways

by Jacquelyn Mitchard

When psychic twin Mallory Brynn starts seeing images of a white wildcat in her dreams, she tries to figure out the connection of her images to an injured cheerleader and her Native American friend Eden.

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.

Mystery of the Third Lucretia

by Susan Runholt

While traveling in London, Paris, and Amsterdam, fourteen-year-old best friends Kari and Lucas solve an international art forgery mystery.

Mariah Mundi: The Midas Box

by G.P. Taylor

In 1886 England, fifteen-year-old Mariah begins working at the Prince Regent Hotel and discovers many previous workers have disappeared. He tries find out why, only to discover that nothing is as it appears.

What I Saw and How I Lied

by Judy Blundell

In 1947, with her jovial stepfather Joe back from the war and family life returning to normal, teenage Evie, smitten by the handsome young ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on Joe, finds herself caught in a complicated web of lies whose devastating outcome change her life and the lives of her family forever.

Hoot

by Carl Hiassen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

The Face on the Milk Carton

by Caroline Cooney

A photograph of a missing girl that looks just like her on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.

The Boxer and the Spy

by Robert Parker

Fifteen-year-old Terry, an aspiring boxer, works to uncover the mystery behind the unexpected death of a classmate.

Lily Dale: Awakening

by Wendy Staub

When seventeen-year-old Calla's mother suddenly dies, she goes to stay with her psychic grandmother in Lily Dale, a spiritualist community in western New York, where she discovers some disconcerting secrets about her practical, down-to-earth mother, and realizes that she herself may also have some psychic abilities.

Dead Connection

by 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.

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.

Wolf Rider

by Avi

After receiving an apparent crank call from a man claiming to have committed murder, fifteen-year-old Andy finds his close relationship with his father crumbling as he struggles to make everyone believe him.

Rat Life

by 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.

A Mystery for Thoreau

by Kin Platt

In 1846 Concord, Massachusetts, sixteen-year-old reporter, Oliver Puckle, investigates a woman's murder, aided by the tracking skills of his Algonquin friend, Charley Bigbow and the deductive skills of Henry David Thoreau.

Cover-up

by 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.

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