


# *Mysteries for Beginning Readers*

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## **Picture Books: J Easy**

JE CHRISTELOW

### **WHERE'S THE BIG BAD WOLF?**

*Detective Doggedly, a pair of cows, and a sheep who looks very familiar are all nearby each time three pigs get in trouble, but the big bad wolf is conspicuously absent.*

JE CUSHMAN

### **MYSTERY AT THE CLUB SANDWICH**

*When Lola, famous singer at the Club Sandwich, loses her lucky marbles, elephant detective Nick Trunk, lover of peanut butter, takes the case.*

JE CUSHMAN

### **THE MYSTERY OF KING KARFU**

*The great detective Seymour Sleuth and his assistant Muggs journey to Egypt to search for a missing stone chicken, an important clue to the location of the Lost Treasure of King Karfu.*

JE CUSHMAN

### **THE MYSTERY OF THE MONKEY'S MAZE**

*When "Mother" Goose tracks down the thief who stole the queen's tarts, she runs into several nursery rhyme characters.*

JE HURD

### **ART DOG**

*When the Mona Woofa is stolen from the Dogopolis Museum of Art, a mysterious character who calls himself Art Dog tracks down and captures the thief.*

JE KELLOGG

### **THE MYSTERY OF THE FLYING ORANGE PUMPKIN**

*When a new owner takes over the garden where they have been growing a pumpkin, the neighborhood children find their Halloween plans for the pumpkin in jeopardy.*

READER RYLANT

### **THE HIGH-RISE PRIVATE EYES : THE CASE OF THE CLIMBING CAT**

*The High Rise Private Eyes, animal detectives, try to find the cat who stole their neighbor's binoculars.*

READER RYLANT

### **THE HIGH-RISE PRIVATE EYES : THE CASE OF THE SLEEPY SLOTH**

*While having a picnic on the docks, animal detectives Bunny and Jack meet a dog whose one and only lawn chair is missing, and they set out to solve the case.*

READER SHARMAT

### **NATE THE GREAT**

*Junior Detective Nate the Great, who has found missing balloons, books, slippers, chickens and even a goldfish, is now searching for a painting of a dog by Annie.*

READER SHARMAT

### **NATE THE GREAT SAVES THE KING OF SWEDEN**

*Rosamond is visiting Sweden when she loses her special present for Nate the Great—a troll. Now Rosamond wants Nate to find it all the way from home.*

READER SKOFIELD

### **DETECTIVE DINOSAUR LOST AND FOUND**

*After Detective Dinosaur and Officer Pterodactyl find a missing baby and a home for Cadet Kitty, they lose and find each other.*

READER TOTALLY SPIES

### **DOLLS OF DANGER**

*Three teenage spies are sent on a mission to discover why grown-ups suddenly started behaving like children and playing with toys rather than doing their jobs.*

READER KWITZ

**GUMSHOE GOOSE, PRIVATE EYE**

*Detective Gumshoe Goose helps his father, Inspector Goose, solve the case of the Hungry Kidnapper.*

READER LEVY

**THE KARATE CLASS MYSTERY**

*When someone takes Justin's karate belt, his friends in Invisible Inc. try to determine a motive as they investigate the mystery.*

READER LEVY

**THE SNACK ATTACK MYSTERY**

*Chip, an invisible boy, and his friends investigate the mysterious disappearance of yogurt-covered raisins, mixed nuts, and ginger snaps from their classroom.*

READER MORGAN

**HELPFUL BETTY TO THE RESCUE**

*Helpful Betty, the hippopotamus, hears a cry and sets off to rescue a monkey she assumes is stuck up in a tree.*

READER PLATT

**BIG MAX**

*Big Max, the world's greatest detective, solves the mystery of the king's missing elephant.*

READER QUACKENBUSH

**PIET POTTER'S FIRST CASE**

*A boy detective uses a blank sheet of paper, a key, and a subway map to help a neighbor solve a puzzling message in a will.*

READER QUACKENBUSH

**PIET POTTER RETURNS**

*Amazing boy detective Piet and his friend, Amy, track down clues that lead to the solution of elevator tie-ups and crime.*

READER ROBINS

**ADDIE'S BAD DAY**

*When Addie gets a haircut she hates, she is too embarrassed to come to her friend Max's birthday party.*

JE NASH

**TUFF FLUFF : THE CASE OF DUCKIE'S MISSING BRAIN**

*When Duckie, a terry cloth duck, loses his brain and can no longer tell stories to the other toys, Tuff Fluff, the private investigator, must solve the case.*

JE O'MALLEY

**CAPTAIN RAPTOR AND THE MOON MYSTERY**

*When something lands on one of the moons of the planet Jurassica, Captain Raptor and his spaceship crew go to investigate.*

JE SCHUETT

**SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW**

*This book describes what is happening in different places around the world at a particular time.*

JE SCOOBY-DOO

**SCOOBY-DOO AND THE LEGEND OF THE VAMPIRE**

*For Scooby-Doo and the gang from Mystery, Inc., a trip to Australia means koalas, kangaroos, and—vampires? The kids can't wait to get groovy at the Vampire Rock Music Festival.*

JE STROUD

**A WALK TO THE GREAT**

*While exploring the woods with their grandmother, a Cherokee medicine woman, two children learn about the spirit of life that is all around them and within them as well.*

JE WALSH

**DOT & JABBER AND THE BIG BUG MYSTERY**

*Dot and Jabber, mouse detectives, try to solve the mystery of the disappearing insects.*

JE YOLEN

**PICNIC WITH PIGGINS**

*A picnic in the country develops a mystery which turns out to be a birthday surprise.*

## **Early Readers**

READER ADA

### **DANIEL'S MYSTERY EGG**

*When he finds an egg, Daniel and his friends try to guess what is inside.*

READER ADLER

### **BONES AND THE BIG YELLOW MYSTERY**

*Young Detective Jeffrey Bones begins gathering clues when Mr. Green asks for his help finding the school bus he lost while shopping at the mall.*

READER ADLER

### **YOUNG CAM JANSEN AND THE DINOSAUR GAME**

*When eight-year-old sleuth Cam Jansen and her friend, Eric, go to a birthday party, she uses her photographic memory to solve a birthday-party puzzle.*

READER ALLEN

### **ROLLO AND TWEEDY AND THE GHOST AT DOUGAL CASTLE**

*Lord Dougal asks the detective Tweedy and his assistant, Rollo, to solve the mystery of the ghost haunting Dougal Castle.*

READER BERENSTAIN

### **THE BERENSTAIN BEARS AND THE MISSING DINOSAUR BONE**

*The three Bear Detectives search for a dinosaur bone that is missing from the Bear Museum.*

READER BERENSTAIN

### **THE BERENSTAIN BEARS AND THE TIC-TAC-TOE MYSTERY**

*The Bear Detectives try to figure out how Tic-Tac-Tom always wins at tic-tac-toe and whether he is cheating.*

READER BROWN

### **ARTHUR'S LOST PUPPY**

*Arthur and D.W. do not know what is wrong with Baby Kate when they take her to the neighborhood fair, but Pal the puppy does.*

READER BONSAI

### **THE CASE OF THE SCAREDY CATS**

*Chronicles the series of events occurring after the girls take over the boy's club house.*

READER BONSAI

### **THE CASE OF THE CAT'S MEOW**

*Wizard, Tubby, Skinny, and Snitch—the four private eyes—investigate the disappearance of Snitch's cat, Mildred. Each detective receives a surprise reward.*

READER CUSHMAN

### **AUNT EATER'S MYSTERY VACATION**

*Aunt Eater has a chance to solve several mysteries during her vacation at the Hotel Bathwater.*

READER CUSHMAN

### **DIRK BONES AND THE MYSTERY OF THE HAUNTED**

*"Daily Tombs" newspaper reporter Dirk Bones, who also happens to be a skeleton, investigates when a family of ghosts fear that they are being haunted.*

READER HILLERT

### **WHAT IS IT?**

*A curious red string leads two youngsters to an unusual playmate.*

READER HOBAN

### **BUZBY TO THE RESCUE**

*Buzby, the hotel cat, does his best to help visiting movie star Serena Lovejoy keep track of her jewels and enjoy her stay at the hotel.*

READER HOWE

### **THE VAMPIRE BUNNY**

*Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.*