



## YOUNG ADULT MYSTERIES

Abrahams, Peter. ***Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery.*** YA ABR

Welcome to Echo Falls. Home of a thousand secrets, where Ingrid Levin-Hill, super sleuth, never knows what will happen next. Ingrid is always in the wrong place at the wrong time. Or at least her shoes are. Getting them back means getting involved in a murder investigation rivaling those solved by her idol, Sherlock Holmes. Edgar Award-nominated novelist Peter Abrahams builds suspense as a smart young girl finds that her small town isn't nearly as safe as it seems. [Check out the rest of the Echo Falls series!](#)

Adam, Paul. ***Max Cassidy: Escape from Shadow Island.*** YA ADA

British fourteen-year-old Max Cassidy calls on his skills and training as a professional escape artist when he attempts to clear his mother of murdering his father, who disappeared two years earlier in the Central American country of Santo Domingo.

Allison, Jennifer. ***Gilda Joyce: The Ladies of the Lake.*** YA ALL

Having earned a scholarship to a private girls' high school, self-proclaimed psychic investigator Gilda Joyce investigates the circumstances surrounding the drowning death of a student whose ghost supposedly haunts the campus. [Check out the rest of the Gilda Joyce series!](#)

Anderson, M.T. ***Jasper Dash and the Flame-Pits of Delaware.*** YA AND

Boy Technonaut, Jasper Dash, and his friends Lily Gefelty and Katie Mulligan travel into the mist-shrouded heart of the forbidden mountainous realm of Delaware to try and unravel a terrible mystery.

Arnold, Tedd. ***Rat Life.*** YA ARN

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.

Avi. ***Wolf Rider.*** YA 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.

Baratz-Logsted, Lauren. ***The Twin's Daughter.*** YA BAR

In Victorian London, thirteen-year-old Lucy's comfortable world with her loving parents begins slowly to unravel the day that a bedraggled woman who looks exactly like her mother appears at their door.

Berk, Josh. ***The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin.*** YA BER

When Will Halpin transfers from his all-deaf school into a mainstream Pennsylvania high school, he faces discrimination and bullying, but still manages to solve a mystery surrounding the death of a popular football player in his class.

Broach, Elise. ***Desert Crossing.*** YA BRO

A summer trip across the New Mexico desert turns nightmarish for fourteen-year-old Lucy, her older brother Jamie, and his best friend Kit, as they become involved in the suspicious death of a young girl.

Bryant, Jen. *Kaleidoscope Eyes*. YA BRY

In 1968, with the Vietnam War raging, thirteen-year-old Lyza inherits a project from her deceased grandfather, who had been using his knowledge of maps and the geography of Lyza's New Jersey hometown to locate the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.

Carey, Benedict. *The Unknowns*. YA CAR

When people start vanishing from a godforsaken trailer park next to the Folsom Energy Plant, two eleven-year-olds investigate using mathematical clues that were hastily planted by their friend Mrs. Clarke before she disappeared.

Colfer, Eoin. *Half-Moon Investigations*. YA COL (Also available in Large Print)

Twelve-year-old private investigator Fletcher Moon, nicknamed "Half Moon" because of his shortness, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime he did not commit.

Cooney, Caroline B. *The Fog*. YA COO

Christina and Anya are delighted by an invitation to board with the new school principal and his wife, but soon it is clear that they are agents of unspeakable evil who are bent on destroying the girls they harbor.

Clement-Moore, Rosemary. *Highway to Hell: A Novel*. YA CLE

On their way to spend spring break on a Texas beach, college freshmen Maggie and Lisa are stranded in a town where some believe a chupacabra is killing animals.

Cormier, Robert. *In the Middle of the Night*. YA COR

Sixteen-year-old Denny wonders if his family will ever recover from the tragedy that predates his own birth: 22 children were killed in an accident at the movie theater where his then-teenage father worked. Publicly blamed although legally exonerated, Denny's father still receives hate mail and threatening calls; now that the 25th anniversary of the accident is nearing, Denny's parents step up their efforts to avoid reporters and curious strangers.

DeFelice, Cynthia. *The Missing Manatee*. YA DEF

While coping with his parents' separation, eleven-year-old Skeet spends most of Spring Break in his skiff on a Florida river where he finds a manatee shot to death and begins looking for the killer.

Dowd, Siobhan. *The London Eye Mystery*. J DOW

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Duncan, Lois. *Ransom*. YA DUN

Five high school students riding the school bus are kidnapped by 3 people who think their families are wealthy. As each of them deals with the fear that grips them all, each makes discoveries about themselves and each other.

Feinstein, John. *Cover-Up*. YA FEI

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.

Feinstein, John. *The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game*. YA FEI

Eighth-grade sportswriters Stevie and Susan Carol solve a mystery at the famous Army-Navy football game.

Ferguson, Alane. *The Angel of Death: A Forensic Mystery*. YA FER

Seventeen-year-old high school senior Cameryn Mahoney uses skills learned as assistant to her coroner father to try to unravel the mystery of a local teacher's gruesome death, while also awaiting a possible reunion with her long-missing mother.

Ferguson, Alane. *The Circle of Blood: A Forensic Mystery*. YA FER

As she uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to investigate the death of a young runaway, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney, an assistant to her coroner father, worries that her secretive mother may be involved.

Ferguson, Alane. *The Christopher Killer: A Forensic Mystery*. YA FER

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.

Ferraiolo, Jack D. *The Big Splash*. YA FER

Matt Stevens, an average middle schooler with a glib tongue and a knack for solving crimes, uncovers a mystery while working with "the organization," a mafia-like syndicate run by seventh-grader Vincent "Mr. Biggs" Biggio, specializing in forged hall passes, test-copying rings, black market candy selling, and taking out hits with water guns.

Finney, Patricia. *Betrayal*. YA FIN

Lady Grace Cavendish, Elizabeth I's youngest maid of honor, finds herself in the midst of a battle at sea while posing as a boy aboard the ship of Francis Drake, where she and Masou stowed away in hopes of finding the kidnapped Lady Sarah.

Finney, Patricia. *Assassin*. YA FIN

Thirteen-year-old Lady Grace Cavendish, favorite maid of honor of Elizabeth I, must solve a murder mystery and clear the name of her betrothed.

Fuerst, James W. *Huge*. YA FUE

Twelve-year-old Eugene "Huge" Smalls is short, mean, angry, and brilliant—characteristics that win him no friends. He is also an amateur sleuth with his first real case, which leads him to believe life might be better if he did not imagine himself a character in a Raymond Chandler novel.

Dominguez, Michele. *Chasing the Jaguar*. YA GRE

After having unsettling dreams about the kidnapped daughter of her mother's employer, fifteen-year-old Martika learns that she is a descendant of a long line of curanderas--Mayan medicine women with special powers.

Gibbs, Stuart. *Belly Up*. YA GIB

Twelve-year-old Teddy is on the case when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered.

Gratz, Alan. *Something Rotten: A Horatio Wilkes Mystery*. YA GRA

In a contemporary story based on Shakespeare's Hamlet, Horatio Wilkes seeks to solve the murder of his friend Hamilton Prince's father in Denmark, Tennessee.

Green, John. *Paper Towns*. YA GRE

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen relaxes 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.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *The House on the Gulf*. YA HAD

A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a housesitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there.

Hautman, Pete and Mary Logue. *Skullduggery*. YA HAU

During a field trip in the local woods, Roni and Brian find the local archaeology professor, Andrew Dart, knocked unconscious in a cave, which leads them to investigate a land development scheme.

Hautman, Pete and Mary Logue. *Snatched*. YA HAU

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.

Haven, Paul. *The Seven Keys of Balabad*. YA HAV

Unlike his news-reporter father and art-historian mother who find living in the ancient, war-torn country of Balabad endlessly interesting, twelve-year-old Oliver, homesick for New York City, feels very much out of his element until he gets caught up in a centuries-old mystery involving stolen artifacts and buried treasure.

Henderson, Lauren. *Kiss Me, Kill Me*. YA HEN

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.

Higson, Charlie. *Blood Fever: A James Bond Adventure*. YA HIG

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.

Hoffman, Mary. *The Falconer's Knot*. YA HOF

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.

Hoobler, Dorothy and Thomas. *The Demon in the Teahouse*. YA HOO

In eighteenth-century Japan, fourteen-year-old Seikei, a merchant's son in training to be a samurai, helps his patron investigate a series of murders and arson in the capital city of Edo, each of which is associated in some way with a popular geisha.

Horowitz, Anthony. *The Greek Who Stole Christmas: A Diamond Brothers Mystery*. YA HOR

Fourteen-year-old Nick and his brother, an ineffectual private detective, try to prevent the threatened murder of an international pop star in London at Christmas time. [Check out our other Diamond Brothers Mysteries!](#)

Jaffe, Michele. *Bad Kitty*. YA JAF

While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California.

Jaffe, Michele. *Rosebush*. YA JAF

The morning after an epic Memorial Day party on the Jersey shore, Jane Freeman wakes up paralyzed, lying in a rosebush after a hit-and-run. Everyone believes it was an accident, but as friends come to visit in the hospital Jane's memories begin to surface, not just from the party but from deeper in her past, including the night her best friend Bonnie died.

Jarzab, Anna. *All Unquiet Things*. YA JAR

After the death of his ex-girlfriend Carly, northern California high school student Neily joins forces with Carly's cousin Audrey to try to solve her murder.

Jolin, Paula. *Three Witches*. YA JOL

When Trevor's car goes over a cliff, Aliya, a Muslim girl whom he was secretly dating, tries to contact his spirit, an attempt that leads to startling revelations and unlikely friendships.

Juby, Susan. *Getting the Girl: A Guide to Private Investigation, Surveillance, and Cookery*. YA JUB

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.

Kantor, Elizabeth. *Invisible I*. YA LEN

When new and unconventional high school student Amanda Valentino disappears, her three closest friends, who are all from vastly different circles, band together and, using enigmatic clues that seem to come from Amanda herself, try to find her.

Karbo, Karen. *Minerva Clark Gets a Clue*. YA KAR

A thirteen-year-old girl in Portland, Oregon, loses all self-doubt when she is zapped by lightning and uses her newfound courage to solve a murder mystery.

MacClean, Sara. *The Season*. YA MAC

Showing no interest in the sumptuous balls, lavish dinner parties, and country weekends enjoyed by the rest of early nineteenth-century London society, seventeen-year-old Lady Alexandra Stafford seeks adventure as she investigates the puzzling murder of the Earl of Blackmoor, father of devilishly handsome Gavin.

MacDonald, Bailey. *Wicked Will*. YA MAC

Performing in the English town of Stratford-on-Avon in 1576, a young actress (disguised as a boy) and a local lad named Will Shakespeare uncover a murder mystery.

Madison, Bennett. *Lulu Dark Can See Through Walls: A Mystery*. YA MAD

When someone steals her purse and her identity, high-school junior and reluctant girl sleuth Lulu Dark investigates. [Check out our other Lulu Dark Mysteries!](#)

Meehan, Kierin. *Hannah's Winter*. YA MEE

Australian teenager Hannah spends a semester in Japan with a Japanese family who is friends with her mother. After finding a written message in a box and meeting a singing monk, she is drawn into solving an ancient, mysterious riddle.

Mitchell, Sandra. *Shadowed Summer*. YA MIT

In the small town of Ondine, Louisiana, fourteen-year-old Iris uncovers family secrets when she conjures up the ghost of a boy missing for decades and decides to solve the mystery of his disappearance.

Moloney, James. *Black Taxi*. YA MOL

When Rosie agrees to take care of her grandfather's Mercedes while he is in jail, she gets more than she bargained for, including being thrust into the middle of a jewel heist mystery and being attracted to a dangerous boy.

Morton-Shaw, Christine. *The Hunt for the Seventh*. YA MOR

When his father starts a new job at Minerva Hall as gardener, twelve-year-old Jim discovers an ancient curse that needs to be unraveled before disaster happens.

Mulligan, Andy. *Trash*. YA MUL

Fourteen-year-olds Raphael and Gardo team up with a younger boy, Rat, to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash in a third-world country's dump.

Newbery, Linda. *Lost Boy*. YA NEW

After Matt moves to Hay-on-Wye in Wales, a boy his age who bears the same initials and was killed in a car accident many years earlier, appears to Matt.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. *A Candidate for Murder*. YA NIX

Cary finds her life in danger when she uncovers a plot to sabotage her father's political campaign for governor of Texas.

Oliver, Andrew. *If Photos Could Talk*. YA OLI

Sam and Stephanie's search for a missing elderly neighbor draws them into his mysterious house--and into a summer of dangerous adventure.

Pascal, Francine. *Kill Game*. YA PAS

Gaia Moore, the girl born without fear, is trained to be an FBI agent who tracks down serial killers.

Peck, Richard. *Dreamland Lake*. YA PEC

Best friends since grade school, thirteen-year-old Flip and Brian find that their friendship and their lives are forever changed after they discover a dead man near Dreamland Lake.

Pike, Christopher. *See You Later*. YA PIK

Mark has just fallen in love for the first time. Her name is Becky and unfortunately for Mark, she already has a boyfriend. Mark tries his best, but he is unable to win Becky for himself--until he meets Vincent and Kara and strange things start to happen.

Ramthun, Bonnie. *The White Gates*. YA RAM

When his mother becomes the doctor in Snow Park, Colorado, twelve-year-old Tor learns of a curse placed on the town's doctors many years before by an eccentric Ute woman, but suspects that a modern-day villain is hiding behind that curse.

Reiche, Dietloaf (Translated by John Brownjohn). *Ghost Ship: A Novel*. YA REI

An eighteenth-century figurehead, the journal of a ship's quartermaster, and supernatural occurrences at a seaside resort lead twelve-year-old Vicki and her friend Peter on a quest to lift a curse and set right a horrible deed committed two hundred and thirty years in the past.

Reiss, Kathryn. *Blackthorn Winter*. YA REI

An idyllic seaside artists' colony in England is the scene of murder, and fifteen-year-old American-born Juliana Martin-Drake attempts to solve the crime while unraveling the mystery of her own past.

Richards, Justin. *Double Life*. YA RIC

After finding a mysterious stone and an old casebook, fourteen-year-old Arthur finds himself remembering the 1936 adventures of a boy named Art who, under the identity of the Invisible Detective, works with three friends in London to solve the mystery of sinister puppets who are replacing real people.

Richards, Justin. *The Death Collector*. YA RIC

Three teens and a curator of unclassified artifacts at the British Museum match wits with a madman determined to use unorthodox methods to reanimate the dead, both humans and dinosaurs.

Richards, Justin. *Shadow Beast*. YA RIC

A daring bank robbery leads the Invisible Detective gang down into the sewers, where they discover a hideous beast whose master is the bank robber.

Richardson, E.E. *The Intruders*. YA RIC

When soon-to-be stepbrothers, Joel and Tim, start having the same nightmare after moving into an old house, they decide to investigate its source and the many other strange occurrences in their new home.

Scrimger, Richard. *From Charlie's Point of View*. YA SCR

Best friends Bernadette and Charlie begin seventh grade and help unravel the mysterious case of the Stocking Bandit.

Shepard, Sara. *Pretty Little Liars*. YA SHE

When one of their tightly-knit group members mysteriously disappears, four high school girls find their friendship difficult to maintain when they begin receiving taunting messages from someone who seems to know everything about their past and present.

Shepard, Sara. *Flawless*. YA SHE

After their friend who has been missing for more than three years turns up dead, four former best friends continue to receive frightening messages from someone who knows damaging secrets about them.

Shepard, Sara. *The Lying Game*. YA SHE

Seventeen-year-old Emma Paxton steps into the life of her long-lost twin Sutton to solve her murder, while Sutton looks on from her afterlife.

Simmons, Michael. *Finding Lubchenko*. YA SIM

When his father is framed for murder and bioterrorism, high-school junior Evan, using clues from a stolen laptop, travels from Seattle to Paris with two friends to find the real culprit.

Skelton, Matthew. *Endymion Spring*. YA SKE

Having reluctantly accompanied his academic mother and pesky younger sister to Oxford, twelve-year-old Blake Winters stumbles across an ancient and magical book secretly brought to England in 1453 by Gutenberg's mute apprentice to save it from evil forces. This book now draws Blake into a dangerous and life-threatening quest.

Smith, Roland. *Cryptid Hunters*. YA SMI

Twins, Grace and Marty, along with their mysterious uncle, are dropped into the middle of the Congolese jungle in search of their missing photojournalist parents.

Sorrells, Walter. *Fake ID*. YA SOR

After a lifetime of moving and assuming new identities, sixteen-year-old Chass begins to piece together the disturbing past that haunts her and her mother and which involves a mysterious tape, a deceased popular singer, and the secrets of several people in a small Alabama town.

Sturman, Jennifer. *And Then Everything Unraveled*. YA STU

Delia's mother is declared dead when her ship disappears on the way to Antarctica. When Delia arrives in New York to live with an aunt she has never met, she begins trying to figure out what really happened to her mother.

Suma, Nova Ren. *Dani Noir*. YA SUM

Imaginative thirteen-year-old Dani feels trapped in her small mountain town with only film noir at the local theater and her depressed mother for company; while trying to solve a real mystery she learns much about herself and life.

Summy, Barrie. *I So Don't Do Spooky*. YA SUM

Thirteen-year-old Sherry helps her mother (a ghost) investigate who is stalking Sherry's stepmother; but Sherry is also very busy with school and friends while her mother is also striving for a gold medal in the Ghostlympics.

Vande Velde, Vivian. *Never Trust a Dead Man*. YA VAN

Wrongly convicted of murder and punished by being sealed in the tomb with the dead man, seventeen-year-old Selwyn enlists the help of a witch and the resurrected victim to find the true killer.

Voigt, Cynthia. *The Vandemark Mummy*. YA VOI

When, as the new Classics professor at Vandemark College, their father is made responsible for a collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, twelve-year-old Phineas and his older sister Althea try to find out why the collection is the target of thieves--especially when the mummy disappears.

Westerfield, Scott. *So Yesterday*. YA WES

Hunter Braque, a New York City teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture.

Wildner, Martina. *Shooting Stars Everywhere*. YA WIL

Thirteen-year-old Victor keeps a journal about his fear of the diving board, his confusion over his divorced parents' relationship, an assertive girl he calls "D," and the mysterious letters that began arriving on his birthday.