



Mystery Authors for Grown-Ups

General recommendations:

Alexander McCall Smith's Number One Lady Detective series (gentle mysteries that emphasize upbeat, appealing characters with modern Botswana as the vivid setting.)

Agatha Christie

Daphne DuMaurier

Dorothy Sayers (A British mystery writer, "a classic author from the golden era of mysteries" –mysterybookstore.com)

Lilian Jackson Braun's cat series

Mary Higgins Clark

Martha Grimes (British Mysteries)

Teacher's Pick:

Mel Odom: NCIS Crime Series





Mystery Authors for Kids and Teens

K-3:

Harry Allard: *Miss Nelson Is Missing*

Eileen Christelow: *Where's the Big Bad Wolf?*

Stan and Jan Berenstain: *The Berenstain Bears and the Missing Honey*, among others

Jan Yolen: Piggins books

Marjorie Sharmat: Nate the Great books

Beverly Lewis: The Cul-De-Sac Kids

Geronimo Stilton: as told by Geronimo Stilton (awesome to listen too!)

3-5:

David Alder: Cam Jansen books

Mary Pope Osborne: The Magic Tree House Mysteries

Paul Hutchens: The Sugar Creek Gang

Dean A. Anderson: Bill the Warthog Series

Ron Roy: A to Z Mysteries

Bill Myers: Bloodhound, Inc.

Gertrude Chandler Warner (creator): The Boxcar Children series

Donald J. Sobol's Encyclopedia Brown mini-mysteries

Rick Walton's Mini Mysteries (American Girl Library)

John Erickson's Hank the Cowdog books

Nancy Drew

Hardy Boys

Trenton Lee Stewart: Mysterious Benedict Society trilogy (highly recommended; for the next age group, also!)

Rick Riordan: Percy Jacksons and the Olympians Series (awesome to listen too!)

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5-8:

Jerry B. Jenkins: The Red Rock Mysteries

Rick Riordan: Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series (awesome to listen too!)

Anthony Horowitz: Alex Rider Series

Margaret Peterson Haddix: The Missing Series (starts with Found); Shadow Children Series

Patricia Reilly Giff: Eleven

Ridley Pearson: Kingdom Keepers Series

Eoin Colfer: Artemis Fowl Series

Frank E. Peretti: Cooper Kids Adventures Series

Various Authors: The 39 Clues Series

Michael Buckley: The Sisters Grimm Series

Nancy Drew

Hardy Boys

9-12:

Anthony Horowitz: Alex Rider Series

Sir Anthony C. Doyle: Sherlock Holmes

Robert Elmer: Shadowside Trilogy

Ally Carter: Gallagher Girls Series

Ridley Pearson: Kingdom Keepers Series

Rick Yancey: Alfred Kropp Series

James Patterson: Maximum Ride Series

Robert Louis Stevenson: Treasure Island

Caroline B. Cooney: Code Orange

Brian Jacques: The Redwall Series

Rick Riordan: Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series