THE CASE OF THE WIGGLING WIG
by E. W. Hildick
The kids of the McGurk Detective Organization are back in a caper involving a robbery scheme and some suspicious next-door neighbors. JFIC

THE DARK STAIRS by Betsy Byars
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THE KIDNAPPERS by Willo Davis Roberts
Joel’s reputation for telling wild stories comes back to haunt him when he witnesses the kidnapping of a classmate—and no one believes him! JFIC & JBPK

A MURDER FOR HER MAJESTY by Berh Hilgarrter
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SAMMY KEYES AND THE CURSE OF MOUSTACHE MARY by Wendelin Van Draanen
While spending New Year’s Eve at her friend’s house, seventh-grader Sammy becomes involved in a mystery when an elderly neighbor’s cabin is burned down. JFIC & JBPK

SEARCH FOR THE SHADOWMAN by Joan Lowery Nixon
A genealogy report for his history class leads Andy Thomas to discover a secret in his family’s past that no one wants to talk about. JFIC & JBPK

THE THIEVES OF OSTIA by Caroline Lawrence
When a neighbor’s pet dog is beheaded, Flavia Gemina sets out to find the killer in this mystery set in the ancient Roman port of Ostia. JFIC

THE THIRD EYE by Lois Duncan
Karen, a high school senior, uses her psychic powers to help a young detective locate some missing children. JFIC & JBPK

THE TREASURE OF ALPHUS WINTERBORN by John Bellairs
Did an eccentric millionaire really hide a treasure in the Hoosac Public Library before he died? Anthony Monday is determined to find out. JFIC

TRIAL BY JOURNAL by Kate Kliee
Twelve-year-old Lily Watson conducts her own undercover investigation of the case while serving on the jury in a murder trial. JFIC & JBPK

THE VANDEMARK MUMMY by Cynthia Voigt
Who stole the mummy from the Egyptian artifacts collection at Vandemark College? Thineas Hall and his sister Alethea find themselves in danger when they try to discover the thief’s identity. JFIC

THE WESTING GAME by Ellen Raskin
The sixteen heirs of Samuel Westing must uncover the circumstances of his death in order to claim their inheritance. JFIC & JBPK

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GRADES 1 & 2

AUNT EATER’S MYSTERY VACATION
by Doug Cushman
A diamond ring and a rare dinosaur bone are missing from the Hotel Bathwater—and Aunt Eater is on the thieves’ trail. EEBG

BIG MAX by Kim Hilt
The world’s greatest detective helps to find the King of Pooka Pooka’s lost elephant. EEBG

CAM JANSEN AND THE MYSTERY OF THE BABES RUTH BASEBALL by David Adler
A valuable autographed baseball is stolen from the community center and Cam uses her amazing memory to catch the culprit. JEBG

THE CASE OF THE CAT’S MEOW by Crosby Bonsall
It’s a case for the Wizard Private Eye Club when Snuts’ cat Mildred vanishes. EEBG

THE CASE OF THE TROUBLESome TURTLE by Cynthia Rylant
Who is stealing the balloons from the front of Mr. Paris’s toy store? EEBG

THE CREEPY COMPUTER MYSTERY
by Elizabeth Levy
When scary messages start popping up on the school library computer, Justin, Charlene and Chip—a.k.a. Invincible, Inc.—decide to investigate. JEBG

FLATFOOT FOX AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING SCHOOLHOUSE by Eth Clifford
A weasel claiming to be a magician has made the schoolhouse disappear and Principal Popcute hires Flatfoot Fox to find it. JEBG

GUMSHOE GOOSE, PRIVATE EYE by Mary DeBall Kwit
Gumshoe Goose takes the case when a baby chick is kidnapped. EEBG

MEG MACKINTOSH AND THE MYSTERY AT THE SOCCER MATCH by Lucinda Landon
Who stole Coach Lee’s gold medal from the awards table at the championship soccer game? You can help Meg to solve the mystery! JEBG

NATE THE GREAT, SAN FRANCISCO DETECTIVE
by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat and Mitchell Sharmat
Nate the Great travels to San Francisco to visit his cousin Olivia—and ends up solving a tricky case involving a missing joke book. EEBG

ONION SUNDAYS by David Adler
Aspiring magician Houdini Foster searches for the thief who’s been stealing money from other shoppers at the local supermarket. JEBG

THE ST. PATRICK’S DAY SHAMROCK MYSTERY by Marion M. Markham
The Dixon twins look for clues when a shamrock is painted on a neighbor’s front door and $5 is taken from their clubhouse on the same day. JEBG

SOMETHING QUEER IN THE CAFETERIA by Elizabeth Levy
Whenever Owen and Jill are in the new school cafeteria, something terrible happens—and everyone thinks that the two girls are to blame! JEBG

YOUNG CAM JANSEN AND THE MISSING COOKIE by David Adler
Everyone in the class is a suspect when Jason’s chocolate chip cookie is missing from his lunchbox. EEBG

GRDES 3 & 4

BUNNICULA: A RABBIT TALE OF MYSTERY
by Deborah and James Howe
Who is sucking all the juice out of the vegetables in the Monroe family’s refrigerator? Could their new pet bunny really be a vampire? JFIC & JPBB

A CASE FOR JENNY ARCHER by Ellen Conford
Jenny reads three mystery stories in a row and becomes convinced that her new neighbors are desperate art thieves. JEBG

THE CASE OF THE ELEVATOR DUCK by Polly Berrien Berends
An eleven-year-old private eye takes on his toughest assignment when he finds a duck in the elevator of his housing project. JEBG

ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN AND THE CASE OF THE SECRET PITCH by Donald J. Sobel
Fifth grader Leroy Brown solves a variety of brain-twisting mysteries—see if you can crack the cases along with him! JFIC

THE GIGANTIC ANTS AND OTHER CASES by Seymour Simon
Can a snake chase people? Is it possible for a machine to stop a hurricane? Sixth grade science sleuth Einstein Anderson answers these and other questions in ten puzzling stories. JFIC

HAVE YOU SEEN HYACINTH MACAW? by Patricia Reilly Giff
Abby Jones and her pal Pontic squeeze through windows, sneak onto subways and slither into an abandoned apartment as they try to unravel several mysteries at once. JFIC

KEY TO THE TREASURE by Peggy Parish
Lisa, Bill and Jed stumble onto a clue, written in code, that may lead to the discovery of a treasure hidden for over a century. JFIC & JPBB

KIDNAP AT THE CATFISH CAFE by Patricia Reilly Giff
With the help of her new cat Max, Minnie investigates a rash of purse snatchings near her brother’s restaurant. JEBG

MARVELOUS MARVIN AND THE WOLFMAN MYSTERY by Bonnie Pryor
Marvin suspects that his new neighbor is a werewolf involved in a deadly conspiracy. JFIC

MYSTERY BEHIND THE WALL by Gerrude Chandler Warner
The Boxcar Children find an old journal behind the closet wall in the guest room—and a clue that may lead them to a valuable coin collection. JFIC & JPBB

THE SPRAY PAINT MYSTERY by Angela Shelf Medearis
Someone’s been painting graffiti on the wall behind the gym and Cameron Thompson is out to nab the culprit. JPBB

A SUMMER IN THE SOUTH by James Marshall
Some very curious goings-on interrupt Detective Eleanor Owl’s relaxing vacation at a small hotel on a lovely, quiet beach. JFIC & JPBB

TOO MANY SECRETS by Berry Ren Wright
Chad and Jeanie play a dangerous game when they try to catch the burglar who’s been breaking in to Miss Bean’s house. JFIC

TROUBLE IS MY BEESWAX by Bruce Hale
There’s a cheating ring operating at Emerson Hick Elementary School—and Cher Gecko and his sidekick Natalie Antired are on the case! JFIC

WHO STOLE THE WIZARD OF OZ? by Avi
Becky is under suspicion when a rare children’s book is stolen from the Checkertown Library. Will she be able to find the real thief? JFIC & JPBB

GRADES 5 and up

THE CASE OF THE BAKER STREET IRREGULAR by Robert Newman
When his guardian is kidnapped, Andrew Craigie finds himself alone in the city of London—until he meets the great detective Sherlock Holmes. JFIC & JPBB

THE CASE OF THE FIRECRACKERS by Lawrence Yep
Lily Lew and her movie star aunt comb San Francisco’s Chinatown to find out who tried to kill a famous TV actor. JFIC