Our Favorite Detectives

The Hardy Boys by Franklin W. Dixon (j DIXON)
Featuring two brothers and amateur detectives, Joe and Frank Hardy.

Suzanna Snow by Angie Frazier (j FRAZIER)
Featuring a girl who becomes an amateur detective in 1905.

McGurk by E. W. Hildick (j HILDICK)

Hermux Tantamoq by Michael Hoeye (j HOEYE)
Featuring a watchmaker mouse in thrilling adventures.

Seikei by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler (j HOUBLER)
Featuring fourteen-year-old Seikei, a boy living in 18th-century Japan who longs to be a Samurai.

Nancy Drew by Carolyn Keene (j KEENE)
Featuring girl super-sleuth Nancy Drew.

Trixie Belden by Kathryn Kenny (j KENNY)
Featuring thirteen-year-old Trixie Belden and her best friend Honey.

Flavia Gemina in The Roman Mysteries by Caroline Lawrence (j LAWRENCE)
Featuring the daughter of a Roman sea captain, who solves mysteries with her three friends.

Amy and Dan Cahill in the 39 Clues by various authors (j THIRTY NINE)
Featuring orphan siblings who compete with less honorable Cahill descendants to solve a family mystery and win an ancient fortune.

Enola Holmes by Nancy Springer (j SPRINGER)
Featuring the fourteen-year-old sister of Sherlock Holmes.

Sammy Keyes by Wendelin Van Draanen (j VAN DRAANEN)
Featuring a thirteen-year-old girl detective who secretly lives with her grandmother in her “adults only” senior highrise.

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Meet a new favorite character in these mysteries for all ages!

Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Easy Readers for grades 1 - 3:

Bones by David A. Adler (j Er ADLER)
Featuring elementary school detective Jeffrey Bones.

Young Cam Jansen by David A. Adler (j Er ADLER)
Featuring a girl with a photographic memory and her friends.

Aunt Eater by Doug Cushman (j Er CUSHMAN)
Featuring Aunt Eater in stories with visual clues that help the reader solve the mystery.

Inspector Hopper by Doug Cushman (j Er CUSHMAN)
Featuring the grasshopper detective and his partner McBugg.

The High-Rise Private Eyes by Cynthia Rylant (j Er RYLANT)
Featuring animal friends Bunny and Jack.

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat (j Er SHARMAT)
Featuring the great elementary school detective.

Detective Dinosaur by James Skofield (j Er SKOFIELD)
Featuring a dinosaur who solves mysteries in short episodes.
Chapter books for grades 2 - 4:

Cam Jansen by David Adler (j ADLER)
Featuring a girl with a photographic memory and her friends.

Sebastian by Mary Blount Christian (j CHRISTIAN)
Featuring the super sleuth dog detective.

Chet Gecko by Bruce Hale (j HALE)
Featuring fourth grader Chet Gecko and his animal cohort.

Mr. Stink in The Stink Files by Holm & Hamel (j HOLM)
Featuring British feline secret agent James Edward Bristlefur, known to his American family as Mr. Stink.

Mike and Kate in the Ballpark Mysteries by David Kelly (j pb K)
Featuring two cousins who love baseball.

Meg Mackintosh by Lucinda Landon (j pb L & j LANDON)
Featuring Meg Mackintosh in stories with visual clues that help the reader solve the mystery too.

Chip in the Invisible Inc. series by Elizabeth Levy (j pb L)
Featuring Chip, an invisible boy, and his friends.

Milo & Jazz by Lewis B. Montgomery (j pb M)
Featuring two friends who are detectives-in-training.

Nancy Clancy by Jane O'Connor (j O'CONNOR)
Featuring Fancy Nancy as a third-grade detective.

Eagle Eye Ernie by Susan Pearson (j PEARSON)
Featuring Ernestine Jones, a girl who solves mysteries with her powers of deduction and her eagle eye.

Jigsaw Jones by James Preller (j pb P)
Featuring the second-grade detective and his friend Mila.

Detective Mole by Robert Quackenbush (j QUACKENBUSH)
Featuring the great animal detective.

Miss Mallard by Robert Quackenbush (j QUACKENBUSH)
Featuring the famous “ducktective.”

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Ottoline by Chris Riddell (j RIDDELL)
Featuring a girl and her canine best friend, Mr. Munro.

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose in the A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy (j pb R & j ROY)
Featuring a trio of third-grade friends.

KC and Marshall in the Capital Mysteries by Ron Roy (j pb R & j ROY)
Featuring two friends in Washington, D.C.

Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol (j pb S)
Featuring Leroy “Encyclopedia” Brown in short stories that readers can solve themselves.

Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton (j pb S)
Featuring the famous mouse and newspaper editor in tales of adventure and intrigue.

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (j WARNER & j pb W)
Featuring the four Alden children.

Little Wolf by Ian Whybrow (j WHYBROW)
Featuring Little Wolf, a member of the Yelloweyes Forest Detective Agency.

For grades 5 and up:

Ingrid Levin-Hill in the Echo Falls Mysteries by Peter Abrahams (j ABRAHAMS)
Featuring an eighth-grade Sherlock Holmes fan.

Herculeah Jones by Betsy Byars (j BYARS)
Featuring a girl sleuth and her best friend in exciting adventures.

Petra, Calder, and Tommy by Blue Balliett (j BALLIETT)
Featuring sixth-grade friends who investigate crime in the art world.

The Red Blazer Girls by Michael Beil (j BEIL)
Featuring four friends in middle school.

Sabrina & Daphne Grimm in the Sisters Grimm by Michael Buckley (j BUCKLEY)
Two orphan sisters solve fairy-tale mysteries.

Benjamin Pratt by Andrew Clements (j CLEMENTS)
Sixth-grader Benjamin gets caught up in mystery and adventure.