Mystery Fiction

Teen Services Recommendations

**Mad, Bad, & Dangerous to Know**
BY AHMED
Ahmed, Samira

Told in alternating narratives that bridge centuries, the latest novel from bestselling author Samira Ahmed traces the lives of two young women fighting to write their own stories and escape the pressure of familial burdens and cultural expectations in worlds too long defined by men.

**The Inheritance Games**
BY BARNES
Barnes, Jennifer

When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.

**Girl, Unframed**
BY CALETTI
Caletti, Deb

Sydney’s mother is the Lila Shore, a film star who prizes her beauty and male attention above all else. Lila is involved with Jake, an art dealer with shady connections. One night something life-changing happens on the stairs that lead to the beach and Sydney learns a terrible truth: beautiful objects can break.

**The Girl in the White Van**
BY HENRY
Henry, April

When Savannah disappears after arguing with her mom’s boyfriend, everyone assumes she ran away. The truth is much worse. Told in multiple voices, sixteen-year-old Savannah Taylor is abducted after her kung fu class and must figure out how to escape and rescue fellow prisoner Jenny Dowd.

**A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder**
BY JACKSON
Jackson, Holly

As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past.

**The Cousins**
BY MCMANUS
McManus, Karen

After receiving an invitation to spend the summer with their estranged grandmother, the Story cousins arrive at her house only to discover that she is not there, and the longer they stay on the island, the more they realize their mysterious family history has some deadly secrets.

**One of Us is Next**
BY LUCKY DAY
McManus, Karen

A year after the Bayview four were cleared of Simon Kelleher’s death, a new mystery has cropped up—a game with dangerous consequences that’s targeting students at Bayview again. And if the creator isn’t found soon, dangerous could prove deadly.

**The Enigma Game**
BY WEIN
Wein, Elizabeth

Told in multiple voices, fifteen-year-old Jamaican Louisa Adair uncovers an Enigma machine in the small Scottish village where she cares for an elderly German woman, and helps solve a puzzle that could turn the tide of World War II.

**All Your Twisted Secrets**
BY URBAN
Urban, Diana

Told from the perspective of the queen bee, star athlete, valedictorian, stoner, loner, and music geek all have in common? They were all invited to a scholarship dinner, only to discover it’s a trap. Someone has locked them into a room with a bomb, a syringe filled with poison, and a note saying they have an hour to pick someone to kill...or else everyone dies.

**The Murder Game**
BY DOYLE
Doyle, Carrie

When someone attempts to frame his best friend for murder at St. Benedict’s boarding school, junior Luke Chase starts investigating on his own and discovers multiple suspects with dark secrets in their past.

**Life is Short and Then You Die: First Encounters with Murder**
BY LIFE

A collection of 18 tales of murder witnessed, committed, and experienced, from an array of YA and adult authors.

**Descendant of the Crane**
BY HE
He, Joan

Princess Hesina of Yan is thrust into power when her beloved father is murdered, and she’s determined to find his killer—whatever the cost.

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The Project
Summers, Courtney

Lo Denham is used to being on her own. After her parents died, Lo’s sister, Bea, joined The Unity Project, leaving Lo in the care of their great aunt. Thanks to its extensive charitable work and community outreach, The Unity Project has won the hearts and minds of most in the Upstate New York region, but Lo knows there’s more to the group than meets the eye.

The Girls I’ve Been
Sharpe, Tess

When seventeen-year-old Nora O’Malley, the daughter of a con artist, is taken hostage in a bank heist, every secret she is keeping close begins to unravel.

The Mary Shelley Club
Moldavsky, Goldy

Scholarship student Rachel keeps to herself at Manchester Prep, preferring the company of horror films to trust fund babies. When a prank puts her on the radar of a mysterious student society, ‘The Mary Shelley Club’, they subject her to a number of escalating fear tests which eventually puts them on the radar of a serial killer.

Lost in the Never Woods
Thomas, Aidan

When children start to go missing in the local woods, eighteen-year-old Wendy Darling must face her fears and a past she cannot remember to rescue them in this novel based on Peter Pan.

Don’t Breathe a Word
Taylor, Jordyn

Separated by sixty years, Eva’s and Connie’s stories become inextricably intertwined as Eva unravels the mystery of how six students went into the fallout shelter all those years ago . . . but only five came out.

Fade Away
Vickers, E.B.

When a high school basketball star goes missing overnight after thousands watched him secure the title for his team, his best friend, his conflicted ex-girlfriend, and his devastated younger brother search for clues that expose deeply hidden community secrets.

Our Last Echoes
Marshall, Kate Alice

Sophia Novak has always believed that her mother died trying to rescue her from the ocean when she was a little girl. But she’s never been in the ocean. Then a strange phone call from a girl named Abby leads her to the remote Alaskan island of Bitter Rock.

Influence
Shepard, Sara

After her family moves to Los Angeles, Delilah Rollins, already a minor Internet celebrity, plunges into the competitive and glamorous world of social media influencers, but can cosmetics and good lighting conceal cheating, manipulation, blackmail, and murder?

You Have a Match
Lord, Emma

When 16-year-old Abby’s best friend and secret crush, Leo, asks her to do a mail-in DNA test with him, Abby mostly agrees to give him a little push, as he clearly wants to find out more about his birth family. While the results don’t help Leo, they bring a shocking result for Abby: She has a full-blooded sister, 18-year-old Instagram wellness star Savvy.

You Were Never Here
Peacock, Kathleen

Cat sets out to discover what happened to her childhood friend when she discovers that he’s been missing for months.

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Mystery Graphic Novels

The Agony House
Priest, Cherie

Denise Farber, her mom, and her stepfather are moving back to New Orleans, into the Argonne house, which is over 150 years old, and really showing its age, but which her mother plans to turn into a bed-and-breakfast―but old houses have histories, and sometimes ghosts.

Nancy Drew: The Palace of Wisdom
Thompson, Kelly

Nancy Drew is seventeen and good at everything... Especially solving crimes. But her totally-in-control-and-obviously-running-perfectly-smooth-(but-not-really) life hits a snag when a mysterious message drags her back to the hometown she left behind. There she’ll have to find out which of her friends are still her friends, which are enemies, and who exactly is trying to kill her... and (hopefully) stop them before they succeed.

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