

SRC 2010: Reading Rocks!

Week Three - Booklist

Theme: **Riddled Readers**

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Books for Preschoolers and Kindergarten Age:

Elting, Mary and Michael Folsom.

Q is for Duck: an Alphabet Guessing Game

Can you figure out why Q is for duck, R is for lion and J is for kangaroo?

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse.

Duck! Rabbit!

Is it a duck or a rabbit? Depends on how you look at it!

Shannon, George.

White is for Blueberry

Is a blueberry blue? Is a crow black? Is fire yellow? Is snow white? If you think you know, then think -- and look-- again!

Steig, William.

C d C?

To figure out these word puzzles, you need merely read the letters, numbers, and symbols aloud. If at first the messages are unclear, there's a clever picture accompanying each to give you hints.

Williams, Sue.

I went walking

What did you see when you went walking? Can you guess what it is before you turn the page?

Books for Primary School: Ages 6-9:

Base, Graeme.

The Eleventh Hour: a curious mystery and Enigma: a magical mystery

You'll need to pay close attention to the words and the pictures if you want to solve these sneaky mysteries!

Cushman, Doug.

Aunt Eater (series) and Inspector Hopper (series)

Two different series about two very different detectives: an anteater and a grasshopper!

McCall Smith, Alexander.

Harriet Bean (series)

Harriet Bean loves nothing more than a good mystery. And together with her five extraordinary aunts (Veronica, Harmonica, Majolica, and twins Japonica and Thessalonika), she is always ready to take on a new case.

Rylant, Cynthia.

The High-Rise Private Eyes (series)

No mystery is too mysterious, no puzzle too puzzling, no crime too criminal, no trouble too troubling for ace detective and very best friends Bunny Brown and Jack Jones.

Waldman, Debby.

Clever Rachel

Rachel and Jacob both think they're smarter than each other, but when they need to solve some tricky riddles, they realize that two heads are better than one.

Books for Intermediate Grades: Ages 10-12:

Berlin, Eric.

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen

Winston Breen finds puzzles everywhere, even on pizzas, and solving them is what he does best. But when his sister uncovers mysterious wooden strips with words and letters that even Winston can't figure out, the entire family is obsessed.

Raskin, Ellen.

The Westing Game

Ellen Raskin has created a remarkable cast of characters in a puzzle-knotted, word-twisting plot filled with humor, intrigue, and suspense.

Balliett, Blue.

Chasing Vermeer (series)

When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

DuPrau, Jeanne.

City of Ember (series)

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever!

The 39 Clues (series) by various authors

During the reading of their grandmother's will, Dan and Amy Cahill learn that their family is one of the world's most powerful--and the source of that power is hidden around the world in the form of 39 Clues.

Non-fiction about real-life riddles, codes and strange happenings:

Laurie Coulter. Secrets in Stone: All About Maya Hieroglyphs

Sands, Emily. The Egyptology Handbook: a Course in the Wonders of Egypt

Giblin, James Cross. Secrets of the Sphinx

Hamilton, Sue. The Bermuda Triangle (Unsolved Mysteries series)

Halls, Kelly Milner. Tales of the Cryptids: Mysterious Creatures that May or May Not Exist

YES Mag. Science Detectives: How Scientists Solved Six Real-Life Mysteries

Shannon, George. Stories to Solve (series)

Becker, Helaine. Secret Agent Y.O.U.: the Official Guide to Secret Codes, Surveillance and More

If you're looking for a more straight ahead mystery, try one of these Canadian authors, all of whom write mystery series:

Melanie Jackson

Shane Peacock

Linda Bailey

Jennifer Lanthier

Roy MacGregor

Linda DeMeulemeester

L. M. Falcone

Sharon Siamon

Andrea Spalding