

Tims, Laura—***Please Don't Tell***

Twins Joy and Grace find their world torn apart with the murder of a popular musician. As the girls try to learn the truth they discover grim secrets beneath the façade of their seemingly idyllic town.

Wynne-Jones, Tim—***The Ruinous Sweep***

Donovan is a hit-and-run victim in a coma, but at the hospital the police come looking for answers, not about the accident, but to the brutal murder of Donovan's father.

Famous Inspirations

Cavallaro, Brittany

Charlotte Holmes series

(#1—*A Study in Charlotte*)

Charlotte and Jamie, students at a Connecticut boarding school and descendants of the legendary detective duo of Holmes and Watson, team up to solve a murder mystery.

Lane, Andy.

Young Sherlock Holmes series

(#1—*Death Cloud*)

14-year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric relatives where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain.

Maniscalco, Kerri

Stalking Jack the Ripper series

(#1—*Stalking Jack the Ripper*)

A gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, where an intrepid society girl finds herself embroiled in the investigation of a the well-known serial killer.

Petrucha, Stefan—***Ripper***

Carver Young hopes to find his birth father but when he gets involved in the pursuit of Jack the Ripper, Carver learns that finding the truth can be worse than ignorance.

A few notes:

- These book lists are examples, not complete lists of books which fit into the genre.
- Book descriptions are available from the online catalog or the book cover.
- Not all books will be of interest to every reader.
- Teen Scene staff are always eager to help you find a book that fits your personal taste and interests. Just ask!

Mysteries



Suggestions for Young Adult books that ...

- Include murder, intrigue, or other mysterious events
- Feature teen-aged sleuths who solve crimes

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Light-Hearted

Berk, Josh

Guy Langman, Crime Scene Procrastinator

When Guy Langman joins an after-school Forensics Club to get closer to a pretty girl, he winds up with a real crime to solve.

Frederick, Heather Vogel

Pumpkin Falls series (#1—*Absolutely Truly*)

12-year-old Truly finds herself involved in multiple mysteries after her family moves to a small town to take over a struggling bookstore.

Giles, Lamar—***Fake ID***

After a student is killed, teenage Nick is thrown into a dangerous search for truth that is complicated by his need to keep more than a few secrets of his own.

Hale, Kathleen

No One Else Can Have You

(#1—No One Else Can Have You)

As 16-year-old Kippy reads her best friend's diary, she is shocked at what she learns and spurred to find Ruth's murder.

Kaplan, A. E.—***We Regret to Inform You***

Mischa can't believe that she was rejected by every college she applied for and launches an investigation with the help of her best friend and a group of eccentric techies.

Sheehan, Judy

I Woke Up Dead at the Mall

Sarah woke up dead at the Mall of America. While she has no idea who killed her, or why, Sarah finds out someone she loves is in danger. What should she do?

Sedoti, Chelsea

The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett

When popular Lizzie Lovett goes missing, 17-year-old Hawthorne, a lonely misfit, finds herself becoming obsessed with solving the mystery.

Stroud, Jonathan

Lockwood & Co.

(#1—The Screaming Staircase)

Follows the young operatives of a Psychic Detection Agency as they battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.

Tromly, Stephanie

Trouble series

(#1—Trouble is a Friend of Mine)

Zoe moves from Brooklyn to upstate New York where she meets compelling misfit Philip and soon finds herself in a series of hilarious and dangerous situations.

Creepy/Intense

Anastasiu, Heather—***Girl Last Seen***

The songs Lauren and Kady wrote and sang made them online sensations. Everyone knows Kady and Lauren had a falling out. Now Kady's gone missing and Lauren must clear her name.

Christopher, Lucy—***The Killing Woods***

After Emily watches her father carry the body of a dead classmate out of the woods, she remains determined he is not the killer and is driven back into the woods in pursuit of the dark secrets hidden there.

French, Gillian—***The Lies They Tell***

A tragic local mystery from the past is blown wide open when a girl from the poor side of town infiltrates a group of reckless, wealthy boys and uncovers more than she could have imagined.

Hardinge, Frances—***The Lie Tree***

On an island off the coast of Victorian England, Faith investigates the mysterious death of her father, who was involved in a scandal.

Lyga, Barry

Jasper Dent series

(#1—I Hunt Killers)

Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned about being a serial killer from his infamous father. Believing that he can fight his own urges and right some of his father's wrongs, he secretly helps the police apprehend the town's newest murderer.

Oliver, Lauren—***Broken Things***

Everyone thinks Mia and Brynn killed their best friend, but on the anniversary of her death a discovery pulls them back together to find out what actually happened that night five years ago.

Podos, Rebecca—***The Mystery of Hollow Places***

Immy sets out to find her missing father, and along the way, begins to understand the loneliness that has gripped them both since her mother's abandonment years before.

Robertson, David

Reckoner series (#1—Strangers)

When Cole returns to Wounded Sky First Nation, he finds chaos in his community and lingering questions about the tragedy that drove him away ten years ago.

Scarborough, Sheryl—***To Catch a Killer***

When Erin discovers the body of her biology teacher, she begins her own investigation into the murder of her mother when Erin was just a toddler.