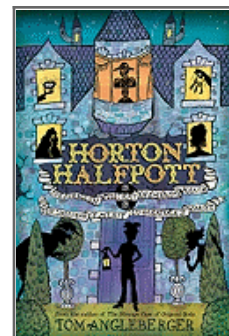
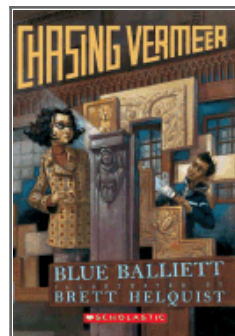
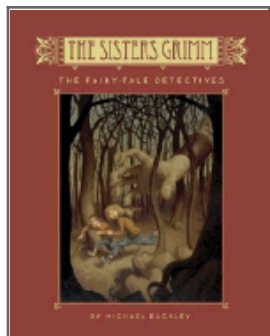




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Fairy-Tale Detectives (First book in the Sisters Grimm series)

by Micheal Buckley
Published 2005
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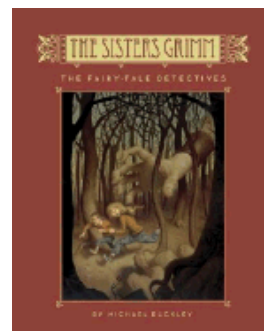
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Half Magic

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Published 1999

ISBN: 9780152020699

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Jacket Notes:

Faced with a dull summer in the city, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after Jane discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes. Since "Half Magic" first hit bookshelves in 1954, Edward Eager's tales of magic have become beloved classics. Now four cherished stories by Edward Eager about vacationing cousins who stumble into magical doings and whimsical adventures are available in updated hardcover and paperback formats. The original lively illustrations by N. M. Bodecker have been retained, but eye-catching new cover art by Kate Greenaway Medalist Quentin Blake gives these classics a fresh, contemporary look for a whole new generation.



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Chasing Vermeer

by Blue Balliett

Published 2005

ISBN: 9780439372978

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Jacket Notes:

When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal, where no one is spared from suspicion. As Petra and Calder are drawn clue by clue into a mysterious labyrinth, they must draw on their powers of intuition, their problem solving skills, and their knowledge of Vermeer. Can they decipher a crime that has stumped even the FBI?



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Publishers Weekly 06/20/2005

"Puzzles nest within puzzles in this ingeniously plotted and lightly delivered first novel that, revolving around the heist of a Vermeer painting," "PW" said in a starred review. Ages 8-12. "(May)" Copyright 2005 Reed Business Information.

Horton Halfpott: Or, the Fiendish Mystery of Smugwick Manor; Or, the Loosening of M'Lady Luggertuck's Corset

by Tom Angleberger

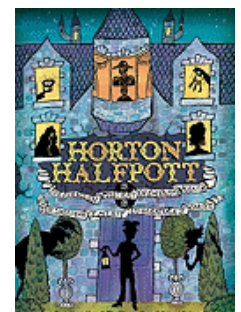
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Publishers Weekly 03/28/2011

Angleberger's rambling title sets readers up for this oddly entertaining tale of a downtrodden, mistreated kitchen boy who, through a series of haphazard events, becomes an unlikely hero. Horton Halfpott is a hardworking but oft-beaten servant at Smugwick Manor, home to the wealthy Luggertucks, including the nasty and demanding M'Lady Luggertuck and her cruel son, Luther. Comically ruthless and greedy, these two antagonists make their multitude of servants outright miserable. When a family treasure goes missing, a bumbling detective is brought in to find the culprit. Readers will enjoy Angleberger's (The Strange Case of Origami Yoda) penchant for the absurd as well as his many droll asides: "Fear not, Reader, we will not dwell on these romantic inklings, not if you don't wish to," he writes after "the most beautiful girl had ever seen" smiles at him. "But it really was a nice smile." The ending satisfies, and with Angleberger's many eclectic characters, his wild-and-witty storytelling, and a lighthearted but perplexing mystery involving a "lump" of diamonds, a couple of wigs, and a bust of Napoleon readers are in for a treat. Ages 8-12. (May) Copyright 2011 Reed Business Information.

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Down the Rabbit Hole

by Peter Abrahams

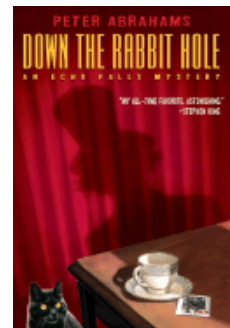
Published 2005

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Jacket Notes:

Welcome to Echo Falls. Home of a thousand secrets, where Ingrid Levin-Hill, super sleuth, never knows what will happen next. Ingrid is in the wrong place at the wrong time. Or at least her shoes are. Getting them back means getting involved in a murder investigation rivaling those solved by her idol, Sherlock Holmes, and Ingrid has enough on her plate with club soccer, school, and the plum role of Alice in the Echo Falls production of Alice in Wonderland. But much as in Alice's adventures down the rabbit hole, things in Ingrid's small town keep getting curiouser and curiouser. Her favorite director has a serious accident onstage (but is it an accident?), and the police chief is on Ingrid's tail, grilling her about everything from bike-helmet law to the



color of her cleats. Echo Falls has turned into a nightmare, and Ingrid is determined to wake up. Edgar Award-nominated novelist Peter Abrahams builds suspense as a smart young girl finds that her small town isn't nearly as safe as it seems.

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Publishers Weekly 04/04/2005

The charming 13-year-old heroine of Abrahams's ("A Perfect Crime", for adults) murder mystery will guide readers through its many twists and turns. Ingrid Levin-Hill, who, like her hero Sherlock Holmes, is "a habitual noticer of little things," has just been cast as the lead in "Alice in Wonderland" when she finds herself in a different role -murder detective. The corpse is that of "Cracked-Up Katie," whom Ingrid encountered when she attempted to get from her orthodontist to soccer practice -and wound up five miles away in the poorest part of Echo Falls. The next day, the local paper states that Katie's body was found soon after Ingrid left her house; realizing she's left her red soccer cleats behind, Ingrid breaks in to retrieve them. But she's not the only one in Katie's house that evening. Ingrid's sleuthing is complicated by a budding romance with the police chief's son, and the dialogue crackles with wit -Ingrid gets the best lines. It's disquieting, however, that big brother Ty, the football star, blackens Ingrid's eye in anger without repercussion, and many of the supporting characters are more fully developed than her nuclear family; the town's newspaper editor, her curmudgeonly Grampy and even Cracked-Up Katie come across as more convincing. And dropped threads abound(e.g., will Grampy stave off developers by populating his farmland with endangered eastern spadefoot toads?) Readers who stick with this intelligent, if overstuffed novel will be clamoring for answers -and more of Ingrid. Ages 10-up. "(Apr.)" Copyright 2005 Reed Business Information.

100-Year-Old Secret **(First book in the Sherlock Files (Hardback) series)**

by Tracy Barrett

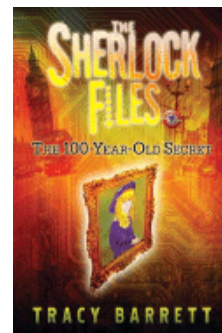
Published 2008

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Jacket Notes:

Xena and Xander Holmes have just discovered they're related to Sherlock Holmes and have inherited his unsolved casebook! The siblings set out to solve the cases their famous ancestor couldn't, starting with the mystery of a prized painting that vanished more than a hundred years ago. Can two smart twenty-first-century kids succeed where Sherlock Holmes could not? Modern technology meets the classic detective story in this terrific new mystery series that will intrigue young sleuths everywhere!



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Alien Secrets

by Annette Curtis Klause

Published 1994

ISBN: 9780440410614

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Jacket Notes:

Twelve-year-old Puck, expelled from boarding school on Earth, is on her way home to her parents when she befriends an alien named Hush and joins him on his desperate hunt to find a valuable treasure. A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year, ALA Notable Children's Book, and Booklist Editors' Choice--from the author of The Silver Kiss. Puck, expelled from yet another boarding school, is on her way back to her parents, who are doing alien research on Shoon. She's worried because she hasn't seen them in years and now she's in trouble.



On board "The Cat's Cradle, " Puck befriends Hush, a native Shoowa, who is also returning to his home in shame. He was entrusted with a symbol of freedom for his people, and now that treasure has been stolen. He believes the Soo is hidden somewhere on "The Cat's Cradle, " and he must recover it before they reach Shoon and before it can be smuggled off the ship. Puck is determined to help, even though it means putting her life in danger--danger from the crew, other passengers, and the ghosts who are haunting the ship. If she fails, neither she nor Hush can return home with dignity.r "Sure-fire entertainment for younger readers."

"--Kirkus Reviews, " pointer

"This is a fast-moving space mystery that's filled with twists and turns and many surprises."

--School Library Journal, " starred

"A dynamic 1990s variation on the best of the 1950s (early 1960s juvenile science fiction by Heinlein, Norton, Bova, et al.)"

--Booklist, " starred

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Publishers Weekly 01/16/1995

This intergalactic murder mystery, according to PW, boasts "exceptionally well-drawn and appealing" main characters--a 13-year-old girl and her alien friend Hush. Ages 10-up. (Jan.)

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (Anniversary)

by E L Konigsburg

Published 2002

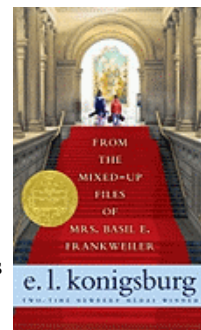
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Jacket Notes:

When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run "from" somewhere, she wants to run "to" somewhere -- to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and, preferably, elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing that her younger brother Jamie has money and thus can help her with a serious cash-flow problem, she invites him along. Once settled into the museum, Claudia and Jamie find themselves caught up in the mystery of an angel statue that the museum purchased at auction for a bargain price of \$225. The statue is possibly an early work of the Renaissance master, Michelangelo, and therefore worth millions. Is it? Or isn't it? Claudia is determined to find out. Her quest leads her to Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, the remarkable old woman who sold the statue, and to some equally remarkable discoveries about herself.

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House of Dies Drear

by Virginia Hamilton

Published 1984

ISBN: 9780020435204

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Jacket Notes:

"An absorbing mystery (about a Negro boy's house, once part of the Underground Railroad), enriched with perceptive insights into certain aspects of the Negro American's heritage."--"Booklist." An ALA Notable Children's Book. A "School Library Journal" Best of the Best. Winner of the Edgar Allan Poe Award. The house held secrets, Thomas knew, even before he first saw it looming gray and massive on its ledge of rock. It had a century-old legend - two fugitive slaves had been killed by bounty hunters after leaving its passageways, and Dies Drear himself, the abolitionist who has made the house into a station on the Underground Railroad, had been murdered there. The ghosts of the three were said to walk its rooms...

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House with a Clock in Its Walls

by John Bellairs

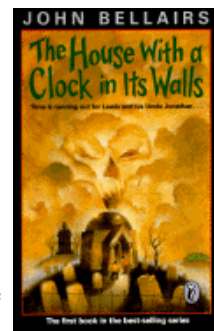
Published 1993

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Jacket Notes:

Orphaned Lewis Barnavelt comes to live with his Uncle Jonathan and quickly learns that both his uncle and his next-door neighbor are witches on a quest to discover the terrifying clock ticking within the walls of Jonathan's house. Can the three of them save the world from certain destruction?



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