

STARTING OUT IN YA: MYSTERY

The Leaving

Tara Altebrando (YA AltT)

Six kindergarteners were taken. Eleven years later, five come back--with no idea of where they've been. No one remembers the sixth victim, Max. Max's sister, needs to find her brother--dead or alive--and isn't buying this whole memory-loss story.

City of Orphans

Avi (YA Avi) ☰

In 1893 New York, Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works.

The Naturals

Jennifer Lynn Barnes (YABarJ)

Cassie is a natural at reading people. Piecing together the tiniest details, she can tell you who you are and what you want. It's not a skill that she's ever taken seriously until the FBI come knocking: they've begun a classified program that uses exceptional teenagers to crack infamous cold cases.

Can I See Your ID? True Stories of False Identities

Chris Barton (YA 001.95 BarC)

True crime, desperation, fraud, and adventure: these ten vignettes offer riveting insight into mind-blowing masquerades.

All Fall Down ①

Ally Carter (YA CarA)

There are many powerful people along Embassy Row who want Grace to block out all her unpretty thoughts. But Grace will not stop until she finds out who killed her mother and make the killer pay.

The X-Files Origins: Agent of Chaos ①

Kami Garcia (YA GarK)

When a local boy turns up dead and another child is abducted, 17-year-old Mulder can't stop himself from getting involved. As he uncovers the truth, he and his friends find themselves on the trail of a serial killer.

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer ①

John Grisham (YA GriJ)

In the small city of Strattenburg there are many lawyers, and 13-year-old Theo Boone thinks he is one of them, but his inside knowledge of the justice system means trouble when a cold-blooded killer is about to go free and only Theo can stop him.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Mark Haddon (YA HadM)

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

The Girl is Murder ①

Kathryn Miller Haines (YA HaiM)

In 1942 New York City, 15-year-old Iris grieves for her mother who committed suicide, and secretly helps her father with his detective business since he struggles to make ends meet.

The Lie Tree

Frances Hardinge (YA HarF)

Faith's father was murdered. In pursuit of justice and revenge, Faith hunts through his possessions and discovers a strange tree that bears fruit only when she whispers a lie to it. The tree might hold the key to her father's murder--or it may lure the murderer directly to Faith herself.

The Girl I Used to Be

April Henry (YA HenA)

When Olivia's mother was killed, everyone suspected her father of murder. 14 years later, new evidence proves Olivia's father was actually murdered that same day. Now it's up to Olivia to uncover who the killer may be.

The Name of the Star ①

Maureen Johnson (YA JohM)

Rory, of Boueulxieu, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation.

The Last Thing I Remember ①

Andrew Klavan (YA KlaA *Inspirational Fiction*)

High school student Charlie West awakens bloody and bruised in a concrete bunker, only to discover that he has lost a year of his life. He remembers nothing about prison, his conviction for murder or why he is being pursued by both the law and a group of terrorists trying to bring down the government.

Death Cloud

Andrew Lane (YA LanA)

In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," 14 year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain.

Goldie Vance ①

Hope Larson (YA GOLDIE Graphic Novel)

Goldie Vance lives at a Florida resort with her dad, who manages the place. Goldie's dream is to one day become the hotel's in-house detective. When the current detective encounters a case he can't crack, he agrees to mentor Goldie in exchange for help.

A Spy in the House

Y.S. Lee (YA LeeY)

Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, young orphan and thief Mary Quinn is offered a place at Miss Scrimshaw's Academy for Girls where she is trained to be part of an all-female investigative unit called The Agency and she infiltrates a rich merchant's home in hopes of tracing his missing cargo ships.

Batman: Nightwalker

Marie Lu (YA LuM)

The Nightwalkers are terrorizing Gotham City, and Bruce Wayne is next on their list. Bruce will walk the dark line between trust and betrayal as the Nightwalkers circle closer.

Color of Lies

CJ Lyons (YA LyoC)

High school senior Ella, whose synesthesia causes her to see colors with each interaction, questions everything about her life when a journalism student investigates her parents' death.

I Am Princess X

Cherie Priest (YA PriC)

Years after writing stories about a superheroine character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, sixteen-year-old May is shocked to see stickers, patches, and graffiti images of the superheroine appearing around Seattle.

Virals ①

Kathy Reichs (YA ReiK)

Tory is the leader of a ragtag band of teenage "sci-philes" who are exposed to an experimental strain of canine parvovirus that changes their lives forever. The friends must combine their scientific curiosity with their newfound physical gifts to solve a cold-case murder that has suddenly become very hot-if they can stay alive long enough to catch the killer's scent.

① This book is the first of a series

☰ This author has written other books that may be appropriate

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