Mystery books for teens

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Ahmed, S.

Hollow Fires

Safiya Mirza is a high school student with dreams of becoming a professional journalist. As practice, she works as an editor for the school newspaper. Safiya's dedication to unbiased journalism is tested when her classmate, Jawad Ali is murdered. Leading up to his murder he was labeled a terrorist for creating a jet pack confused for a bomb. Safiya must come to terms with the prejudice in her school and fight to bring the killer to justice.

Boulley, A. Firekeeper's Daughter Daunis feels like a misfit in school, with friends and within her Ojibwe reservation. Her life feels dull until she meets Jamie, the newest member of her older brother's hockey team. Everything Daunis knows comes into question when she witnesses a murder and becomes involved with the investigation. Daunis' morals, truths and traditions come into question as the investigation uncovers secrets and buried memories.

Bradbury, J.

Take

After finishing high school, Cara decides to abandon the college route and stay home for an adventure-filled gap year. Things take a turn when Cara's ex-boyfriend moves back into town. To make matters worse, Cara's father, whom she thought was just being distant, is missing. Cara enlists the help of her rockclimbing ex-boyfriend Nat to venture into Cascade Mountain where, while searching for her father, they uncover hidden histories of World War II, Japanese Incarceration camps, Pearl Harbor and Cara's family.

Bray, L.

The Diviners

It's 1926 in New York City, and Evie O'Neill just moved to town. There's excitement in the air as Ziegfeld girls, pickpockets and speakeasies grace the streets. Evie lives with her uncle Will who has an unusual obsession with the occult. Little does he know, Evie possesses her own supernatural power. The two become useful when a murderer strikes.

Brewer, Z. The Blood Between Us

Adrien and Grace have always had sibling rivalry. Adrien, being adopted, always tried to get along but was met with trouble from Grace. When their scientist parents died tragically in a lab fire, the siblings grow apart. That's until they are reunited in their senior year at an exclusive boarding school. Suddenly, Adrien becomes suspicious of Grace. Does Grace have secrets regarding their parents' demise?

Brooks, N.

Promise Boys

Urban Promise Prep school is a prestigious high school home to J.B., Ramon and Trey. Tragedy strikes when the principal is murdered on the school grounds, with the three boys becoming the prime suspects; they have the ability, the motive and possibly the murder weapon. The three boys must prove their innocence and solve the case before the murderer strikes again.

Brown, S.

Missing

Seventeen-year-old Mona Perry lives on an isolated island called Sandown. A singer by the name of Roxy Raines vanished on the island thirty years ago, but the locals don't talk about this. Mona takes it upon herself to find out the real reason her favorite singer mysteriously disappeared and why no one wants to give up their secrets.

Caletti, Deb

One Great Lie

Charlotte wins a scholarship to a writing class in Venice. She is thrilled to spend her summer writing in the enchanting city. She also wants to solve the family mystery of Isabella di Angelo, a writer in the family who Charlotte suspects is the true author of a famous poem. When Charlotte meets a handsome Italian boy, Dante, she enlists his help in the mystery. **Christie, A.** Murder on the Orient Express Hercule Poirot, a Belgian detective, boards a luxurious train to Paris for a relaxing vacation. The trip turns sour when a passenger is found dead in a locked cabin. Poirot is thrust into duty as he investigates the thirteen passengers- or, murder suspects.

Crockett, M. How She Died, How I Lived On one fated afternoon, Kyle Paxon sends a text to five chosen girls. Jamie is the only one to respond. Her consequence is a brutal death. One year after Jamie's murder, the chosen girls prepare for the case to go to trial. They all must face the grief and terror one more time. Our narrator finds herself drawn to Jamie's exboyfriend. Will she be able to move forward with life despite the haunting memory of Jamie?

Doyle, A. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

On Baker Street resides the world's most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. Set in the late 1800s in London, the fog and murk of the streets hide the secrets of murderers. But there is nothing Sherlock Holmes can't solve.

Haddon, M. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Christopher John Francis Boone is a mathematical genius with an astounding memory. He loves reading Sherlock Holmes novels as they utilize great logic. When the neighbor's poodle is found dead, John decides to use his skills to investigate the incident.

Jackson, H. Good Girl's Guide to Murder Fairview High School is haunted by the memory of a tragic murder suicide. Andie Bell was murdered by her boyfriend Sal Singh, who then killed himself, or so we think. Pip, who was a close friend of Sal, decides to investigate the cold case. Pip's intuition of Sal's innocence leads her to both discoveries and road blocks. Does someone not want Pip to know the truth?

Johnson, M. Truly Devious When Stevie Bell, an amateur detective, begins her first year at a famous private school in Vermont, she sets a plan to solve the cold case involving the kidnapping of the founder's wife and daughter shortly after the school opened.

Landers, M.Make Me a LiarTia Dante has a unique power of transferrable
consciousness. For a small fee, she will transfer
her mind into your body vessel and carry out
your dirty work. Whether that be exact revenge
on someone or take a daunting final exam.Things get strange when Tia catches a news
broadcast of her own body committing a murder.
Tia must figure out how to both prove her
innocence and find the real murderer.

Munoz, L. Suddenly a Murder Izzy Morales, Kassidy and five friends celebrate their high school graduation with a glamorous 1920s themed party at Ashwood Manor. The night takes a turn when Kassidy's boyfriend is found dead. The police investigators declare the event a murder, and everyone at the party is a suspect.

Preston, N.

The Island

Six social media influencers are invited for a special weekend at an exclusive amusement park, Jagged Island. The teens have high expectations as they arrive on the beautiful island with a packed schedule of activities. The one thing missing from the itinerary is leaving there alive.

Sepetys, R. I Must Betray You Seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu grew up in 1989 Romania. Cristian's dreams of being a writer are stifled by the Romanian government and their ideals. Things take a turn when Cristian gets blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer. Cristian leverages this opportunity to not betray his people like the government wants, but to expose the government's secrets.

Sharpe, T. The Girls I've Been

Nora O'Malley is the daughter of a con artist. Her mother taught her all the tricks of the trade. After abandoning the con-artist life for five years, Nora finds herself needing to tap back into her skills as she is held hostage in a bank robbery.

Shepard, S. Pretty Little Liars

When someone from their tight knit group mysteriously disappears, four high school girls find their friendship difficult to maintain when they begin receiving taunting messages from someone who seems to know everything about their past and present secrets.

Shulkairy, R. Six Truths and a Lie Six Muslim teens find themselves abandoning friendship in a fight to prove their innocence in a Los Angelos beach attack. This gripping story is told in six narrations of each teen.

Wooden, J. Kill Calls

In this thrilling murder mystery, our hero Jude must decode his murderous dreams as he finds they are more truthful than not. Things become complicated when Jude encounters a victim he dreamt of who nearly escaped. Using his dreams and the know-how of the almost-victim, Jude must stop his dreams from coming true.

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