

Arsenic For Tea A Murder Most Unladylike Mystery

Enthralling children's fiction for everyone who loves Robin Steven's Murder Most Unladylike Mysteries and Frances Hardinge's The Lie Tree. Twelve mysteries. Twelve authors. One challenge: can YOU solve the crimes before the heroes of the stories? These are twelve brand-new short stories from twelve of the best children's crime writers writing today. These creepy, hilarious, brain-boggling, heart-pounding mysteries feature daring, brilliant young detectives, and this anthology is a must for fans of crime fiction and detection, especially the Murder Most Unladylike Mysteries, The Roman Mysteries and The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow. The Crime Club are twelve UK-based authors who are mad about crime fiction. Clementine Beauvais, Elen Caldecott, Susie Day, Julia Golding, Frances Hardinge, Caroline Lawrence, Helen Moss, Sally Nicholls, Kate Pankhurst, Robin Stevens, Harriet Whitehorn and Katherine Woodfine can be found anywhere there is a mystery to be solved, a puzzle to be cracked or a bun to be eaten, and they are always ready for the next puzzling case.

Poison Is Not Polite Simon and Schuster

Of all the mysteries that Hazel and I have investigated, the Case of the Deepdean Vampire was one of the strangest. It was not a murder, which was a pity - but I did solve it very cleverly, and so I decided it ought to be written down, so that other people could read it and be impressed. Camilla Badescu is in the fifth form, and has pale skin, dark hair and red lips. She comes from Romania (which is practically Transylvania). She doesn't eat at meals. And she seemed to have an unhealthy influence over another pupil, Amy Jessop. Now, I do not believe in vampires - I am the Honourable Daisy Wells, after all. But when I heard the rumour that Camilla was seen climbing head-first down a wall, I knew it was time to investigate...

A special anniversary hardback edition of the first award-winning, bestselling mystery starring schoolgirl detectives, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong. Features an exclusive, brand-new chapter! When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong start their own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.) Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a terrible accident - but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place. Determined to get to the bottom of the crime before the killer strikes again (and before the police can get there first, naturally), Hazel and Daisy must hunt for evidence, spy on their suspects and use all the cunning and intuition they can muster. But will they succeed? And can their friendship stand the test? The award-winning bestseller and the first thrilling story in the Murder Most Unladylike series. 'Ripping good fun' - The Times

A suspicious inheritance comes to the rescue of a cash-strapped aristocratic family: "Entertaining and devious . . . Plenty of red herrings." —Kirkus Reviews The upper-crust Lamprey family exemplifies charm, wit, and a chronic lack of funds. Their only source of hope is the wealthy but unpleasant Lord Wutherwood, and the Lampreys may perhaps be forgiven for doing a little jig when his Lordship is killed and the resulting inheritance saves their bacon. Inspector Roderick Alleyn wouldn't dream of judging the Lampreys' joy. But he would like to figure out whether they murdered their benefactor . . . Also published under the title Death of a Peer "It's time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the other way around." —New York Magazine "A mystery novelist of world renown." —The New York Times

Shortlisted for the BMA Book Awards and Macavity Awards 2016 Fourteen novels. Fourteen poisons. Just because it's fiction doesn't mean it's all made-up ... Agatha Christie revelled in the use of poison to kill off unfortunate victims in her books; indeed, she employed it more than any other murder method, with the poison itself often being a central part of the novel. Her choice of deadly substances was far from random – the characteristics of each often provide vital clues to the discovery of the murderer. With gunshots or stabbings the cause of death is obvious, but this is not the case with poisons. How is it that some compounds prove so deadly, and in such tiny amounts? Christie's extensive chemical knowledge provides the backdrop for A is for Arsenic, in which Kathryn Harkup investigates the poisons used by the murderer in fourteen classic Agatha Christie mysteries. It looks at why certain chemicals kill, how they interact with the body, the cases that may have inspired Christie, and the feasibility of obtaining, administering and detecting these poisons, both at the time the novel was written and today. A is for Arsenic is a celebration of the use of science by the undisputed Queen of Crime.

A collection of short stories for budding Detective Society members. Daisy and Hazel invite you to discover their untold stories . . . Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are famous for the murder cases they have solved - but there are many other mysteries in the pages of Hazel's casebook. From the macabre Case of the Deepdean Vampire, to the baffling Case of the Blue Violet, and their very first case of all: the Case of Lavinia's Missing Tie. Just like Daisy and Hazel's cases, there's more to this book than meets the eye, including: Brilliant mini-mysteries, including two brand-new and never seen before stories Daisy and Hazel's own tips, tricks and facts This is the perfect book for Agatha Christies In Waiting and fans of the award-winning, bestselling Murder Most Unladylike series.

The first of a new-look series of Hercule Poirot books for the 21st century 'It's been hushed up very nicely, hasn't it? But he was murdered, wasn't he?' There are certain things that are best left unsaid. Though tragedy had touched the life of the wealthy Richard Abernethie, his sudden death seemed pretty unremarkable for a man of his age. So why would his sister wait until his funeral to say he had been murdered? When she is savagely killed with a hatchet the next day, her extraordinary remark suddenly takes on a chilling significance. In desperation, the family solicitor turns to Hercule Poirot to unravel the mystery...

This tale of murder at a snowed-in country house is a "constant puzzle to the end . . . alive with wit" (The New York Times). The unspeakably wealthy (and generally unspeakable) Jonathan Royal has decided to throw a party and, just for fun, has studded the guest list with people who loathe one another. When a blizzard imprisons them all in Royal's country house, murder ensues, and there are nearly as many suspects as there are potential victims. Eventually, Inspector Alleyn makes his way through the snow to put things right, in this classic whodunit by the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master. "A smooth yarn." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

In the small town of Shady Palms, Illinois, Lila Macapagal and her relatives run Tita Rosie's Kitchen, serve delicious Filipino dishes, and solve crimes on the side.

The Clockwork Sparrow, follows the adventures of recently orphaned fourteen-year-old Sophie, a shop girl at the newly opened Sinclair's Department Store in London. Just as she's settling into her new life, a priceless object is stolen, a young man is attacked

and Sophie is implicated in the crime. Combining mystery, adventure and friendship with a sumptuous Edwardian setting, *The Clockwork Sparrow* is an absolute joy of a book, transporting the reader to a world of heady glamour offset by a murky criminal underground. It's Nancy Drew with a PBS twist, and readers of all ages will adore the cast of exceptionally likeable characters. Something is brewing in the halls of Rookwood School... For twin sisters Scarlet and Ivy, boarding school has been a horrid mix of murderous headmasters, painful punishments, and vicious classmates. But it's a new year, and things are looking up. The kindly Mrs. Knight is in charge, their classmates have been civil, and the weather is even brightening up. Then, when their beloved ballet teacher, Miss Finch, suddenly disappears and strange Madame Zelda takes her place, freakish things start happening. Poison letters are circulating around the school, and "accidents" are plaguing the students. It seems that the girls are in danger once more... Is someone out for the ultimate revenge?

A murdered heiress, a missing necklace, and a train full of shifty, unusual, and suspicious characters leaves Daisy and Hazel with a new mystery to solve in this third novel of the Wells & Wong Mystery series. Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells are taking a vacation across Europe on world-famous passenger train, the Orient Express—and it's clear that each of their fellow first-class travelers has something to hide. Even more intriguing: There's rumor of a spy in their midst. Then, during dinner, a bloodcurdling scream comes from inside one of the cabins. When the door is broken down, a passenger is found murdered—her stunning ruby necklace gone. But the killer has vanished, as if into thin air. The Wells & Wong Detective Society is ready to crack the case—but this time, they've got competition.

"Includes recipes and tea time tips"--Page 4 of cover.

There's a murderer on the loose—but that doesn't stop the girls of St. Etheldreda's from attempting to hide the death of their headmistress in this rollicking farce. The students of St. Etheldreda's School for Girls face a bothersome dilemma. Their irascible headmistress, Mrs. Plackett, and her surly brother, Mr. Godding, have been most inconveniently poisoned at Sunday dinner. Now the school will almost certainly be closed and the girls sent home—unless these seven very proper young ladies can hide the murders and convince their neighbors that nothing is wrong. Julie Berry's *The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place* is a smart, hilarious Victorian romp, full of outrageous plot twists, mistaken identities, and mysterious happenings.

Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim board the London Eye. But after half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off—except Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? Ted and his older sister, Kat, become sleuthing partners, since the police are having no luck. Despite their prickly relationship, they overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin. And ultimately it comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own very unique way, to find the key to the mystery. This is an unput-downable spine-tingling thriller—a race against time.

In 1930s England, schoolgirl detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are at Daisy's home for the holidays when someone falls seriously, mysteriously ill at a family party, but no one present is what they seem—and everyone has a secret or two—so the Detective Society must do everything they can to reveal the truth . . . no matter the consequences.

"On a Christmas holiday to Cambridge, Daisy and Hazel get caught up in another murder investigation, and a competition with rival detectives"--

The adventure that began in Siobhan Dowd's popular novel *The London Eye Mystery* at long last continues as three kids investigate a theft at the Guggenheim Museum. When Ted and his big sister, Kat, take a trip to New York to visit their cousin Salim and their aunt Gloria, they think they're prepared for big-city adventures. But when a famous painting is stolen from the Guggenheim Museum, where Aunt Gloria works, the surprises begin to mount faster than they could have anticipated. With the police looking at Aunt Gloria as the prime suspect, Ted, Kat, and Salim become sleuthing partners, following a trail of clues across NYC to prove her innocence—and to pinpoint the real thief. Ultimately, it comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own very unique way, to find the key to the mystery.

Instant New York Times and USA Today Bestseller "Compulsively readable...a gothic thriller laced with arsenic." —EW One of the Most Anticipated Books of 2021: CNN • Newsweek • Vulture • PopSugar • Parade • BuzzFeed • E!Online • TimeOut • Woman's Day • Goodreads • She Reads • Good Housekeeping • CrimeReads • Frolic • Hello! • Mystery and Suspense January 2021 Indie Next Pick and #1 LibraryReads Pick A delicious twist on a Gothic classic, *The Wife Upstairs* pairs Southern charm with atmospheric domestic suspense, perfect for fans of B.A. Paris and Megan Miranda. Meet Jane. Newly arrived to Birmingham, Alabama, Jane is a broke dog-walker in Thornfield Estates—a gated community full of McMansions, shiny SUVs, and bored housewives. The kind of place where no one will notice if Jane lifts the discarded tchotchkes and jewelry off the side tables of her well-heeled clients. Where no one will think to ask if Jane is her real name. But her luck changes when she meets Eddie Rochester. Recently widowed, Eddie is Thornfield Estates' most mysterious resident. His wife, Bea, drowned in a boating accident with her best friend, their bodies lost to the deep. Jane can't help but see an opportunity in Eddie—not only is he rich, brooding, and handsome, he could also offer her the kind of protection she's always yearned for. Yet as Jane and Eddie fall for each other, Jane is increasingly haunted by the legend of Bea, an ambitious beauty with a rags-to-riches origin story, who launched a wildly successful southern lifestyle brand. How can she, plain Jane, ever measure up? And can she win Eddie's heart before her past—or his—catches up to her? With delicious suspense, incisive wit, and a fresh, feminist sensibility, *The Wife Upstairs* flips the script on a timeless tale of forbidden romance, ill-advised attraction, and a wife who just won't stay buried. In this vivid reimagining of one of literature's most twisted love triangles, which Mrs. Rochester will get her happy ending?

When their sister Charlie is kidnapped by poachers, Betty, Fliss, and their newfound friend Willow embark on a high seas adventure involving ghosts, fierce pirates and a journey to a mythic island that only exists in legend.

A tea party takes a poisonous turn leaving Daisy and Hazel with a new mystery to solve in this "first-rate whodunit, reminiscent of a game of Clue [that's] terrific preparation for the works of Agatha Christie" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). Schoolgirl detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are at Daisy's home, Fallingford, for the holidays. Daisy's glamorous mother is throwing a tea party for Daisy's birthday, and the whole family is invited, from eccentric Aunt Saskia to dashing Uncle Felix. But it soon becomes clear that this party isn't about Daisy after all—and she is furious. But Daisy's anger falls to the wayside when one of their guests falls seriously and mysteriously ill—and everything points to poison. It's up to Daisy and Hazel to find out what's really going on. With wild storms preventing everyone from leaving, or the police from arriving, Fallingford suddenly feels like a very dangerous place to be. Not a single person present is what they seem—and everyone has a secret or two. And when someone very close to Daisy begins to act suspiciously, the Detective Society does everything they can to reveal the truth...no matter the consequences. Previously published as *Arsenic for Tea* in the UK.

Includes 5 letters to unfold and read; hilarious and heartfelt, with monstrous recipes; led by charming and endearing characters; themes of friendship, responsibility and compromise; creator of the bestselling *Dragon Post*, as well as all of the *Nibbles* adventures. *Beast - a beast - plans to eat Dinner - a little boy - at a big feast, and sends invitations to all his beastly friends. Readers open the foldout RSVPs to find that everyone is coming! (Though some do have special dietary requirements.) But don't worry about Dinner. He's already got a plan to escape being ... dinner.*

The start of a thrilling new World War Two mystery series from the number-one-bestselling and multi-award-winning author of *Murder Most*

Unladylike. Britain is at war, and a secret arm of the British government called the Ministry of Unladylike Activity is training up spies. Enter May Wong: courageous, smart, stubborn - and desperate to do whatever she can to help end the war, so she can go home to Hong Kong. May knows that there is no one more perfect to become a spy than a child. A child can go places, see things and listen in on conversations in a way that no adult ever can. When May and her friend Eric are turned away by the Ministry, they take matters into their own hands. Masquerading as evacuees, May and Eric arrive at Elysium Hall, home to the wealthy Verey family. It soon becomes clear that one of the family is passing information to Germany. May and Eric know if they can gather enough evidence on their suspect, the Ministry will have to take them on. But there are more secrets at Elysium Hall than May or Eric could ever have imagined. And then, someone is murdered...

Rabbit does NOT want to go to bed. So he decides to kidnap The Dark and pop him in a biscuit tin!

"Steven's storytelling and suspense-building are top-notch." —School Library Journal "Readers...will find themselves stretching their powers of deduction." —Booklist After a student turns up murdered on Bonfire Night, Hazel and Daisy find themselves entrenched in another mystery in this delightfully charming fourth novel of the Wells & Wong Mystery series. Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have returned to Deepdean School for Girls for a new school term, but nothing is the same. There's a new Head Girl, Elizabeth Hurst, and a team of Prefects—and these bullying Big Girls are certainly not good eggs. Then, after the fireworks display on Bonfire Night, Elizabeth is found—murdered. Many girls at Deepdean had reason to hate Elizabeth, but who could have committed such foul play? Is the murder linked to the secrets and scandals, scribbled on the scraps of paper that are suddenly appearing all over the school? And with their own friendship falling to pieces, will Daisy and Hazel be able to solve this mystery before suspicions tear the student body apart?

A delightful tale of victory against all odds from master storyteller, Michael Morpurgo, lavishly illustrated by Michael Foreman.

Look out of the window. See a bird. Enjoy it. Congratulations. You are now a bad birdwatcher. Anyone who has ever gazed up at the sky or stared out of the window knows something about birds. In this funny, inspiring, eye-opening book, Simon Barnes paints a riveting picture of how bird-watching has framed his life and can help us all to a better understanding of our place on this planet. How to be a bad birdwatcher shows why birdwatching is not the preserve of twitchers, but one of the simplest, cheapest and most rewarding pastimes around.

Shortlisted in the Children's Category in the National Book Awards 2018! It's the sixth murder mystery for The Detective Society! This time though, one of them is the suspect... Carries the Murder Most Unladylike mysteries into new heights . . . meticulously plotted and consistently delightful, and I can't recommend it enough (New Statesman) Superb (Telegraph) ----- When Hazel Wong's beloved grandfather passes away, Daisy Wells is all too happy to accompany her friend (and Detective Society Vice President) to Hazel's family estate in beautiful, bustling Hong Kong. But when they arrive they discover something they didn't expect: there's a new member of the Wong family. Daisy and Hazel think baby Teddy is enough to deal with, but as always the girls are never far from a mystery. Tragedy strikes very close to home, and this time Hazel isn't just the detective. She's been framed for murder! The girls must work together like never before, confronting dangerous gangs, mysterious suspects and sinister private detectives to solve the murder and clear Hazel's name - before it's too late . . .

A 2018 Carnegie Medal Nominee A MYSTERY NO ONE CAN SOLVE The Vanishings started without warning. People disappearing into thin air—just piles of clothes left behind. Each day, thousands gone without a trace. A BABY NO ONE WANTED Abandoned in a bookshop, Max has grown up haunted by memories of his parents. Only he can solve the mystery of the Vanishings. A SECRET THAT COULD SAVE THE FUTURE To find the answers, Max must leave this world and enter the Beginning Woods, a realm of magic and terror where stories are all too real. A STORY THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO ANOTHER WORLD Greater than your dreams. Darker than your fears. Full of more wonder than you could ever desire. Welcome to the ineffable Beginning Woods. . . .

Someone will take their final bow . . . Fresh from their adventure in Hong Kong, Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells are off to the Rue Theatre in London to face an entirely new challenge: acting. But danger has a nasty habit of catching up with the Detective Society, and it soon becomes clear that there is trouble afoot at the Rue. Jealousy, threats and horrible pranks quickly spiral out of control - and then a body is found. Now Hazel and Daisy must take centre stage and solve the crime . . . before the murderer strikes again.

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The brilliant new mystery from the bestselling, award-winning author of Murder Most Unladylike. Daisy and Hazel are finally back at Deepdean, and the school is preparing for a most exciting event: the fiftieth Anniversary. Plans for a weekend of celebrations are in full swing. But all is not well, for in the detectives' long absence, Deepdean has changed. Daisy has lost her crown to a fascinating new girl - and many of the Detective Society's old allies are now their sworn enemies. Then the girls witness a shocking incident in the woods close by - a crime that they're sure is linked to the Anniversary. As parents descend upon Deepdean, decades-old grudges, rivalries and secrets begin to surface, and soon Deepdean's future is at stake. Can the girls solve the case - and save their home?

Banished to a boarding school to be reformed into marriageable young ladies in war-torn early 19th-century England, Miss Georgiana and her new friends are secretly entangled in a world of spies, diplomacy and romance. Simultaneous eBook.

I, the Honourable Daisy Wells, have decided to give an account of another mystery the Detective Society has faced in recent weeks. It was very exciting, and very heroic, and I was very brilliant and brave . . . A daring thief has been robbing London's most famous museums. When Daisy's birthday treasure hunt leads them right into the path of the culprit, Daisy and Hazel realise where they'll strike next - the Ancient Egyptian mummy room at the British Museum! With help from their friends (and rivals), the Junior Pinkertons, the girls must crack codes, unravel clues and race against time to solve the mystery.

A wintery middle grade mystery collection of short stories by thirteen of the most exciting and diverse authors in children's books today! Co-edited by Serena Patel, the award-winning author of the Anisha: Accidental Detective series and by Robin Stevens, author of the bestselling Murder Most Unladylike series.

A brand-new short story collection in the number-one bestselling, award-winning Murder Most Unladylike series.

Featuring four thrilling original, never-before published stories! Discover The Case of the Second Scream, set aboard the

ship carrying Daisy and Hazel back from Hong Kong, and The Case of the Uninvited Guest, where Uncle Felix and Aunt Lucy's wedding is the target for an unlikely threat. The Hound of Weston School sees the Junior Pinkertons lead the detecting, and Hazel's little sister May Wong shows her ambition to be the greatest spy ever in The Case of the Deadly Flat. The perfect book for all Detective Society fans and avid readers of the Murder Most Unladylike series.

I am the Honourable Daisy Wells, President of the Detective Society, one of the greatest detectives ever known - and also a fourth former at Deepdean School for Girls. Violet Darby - one of the Big Girls - recently asked me to solve a most puzzling romantic mystery. I knew I'd be able to crack the case, and I did, in just a day and a half. It was one of my greatest triumphs (Hazel Wong, my Vice-President and best friend, is telling me that this is boasting, but it is also the truth). Hazel didn't believe I would have the patience to write the account of it, but of course, she was wrong. I did write it down, and it came out very well. I now, therefore, present to you: the Case of the Blue Violet.

A LIZ CARLYLE INVESTIGATION 'Rimington tells her story with the crisp authority one would expect of James Bond's M' New York Times Book Review Recovering from a gruelling terrorist investigation, Liz Carlyle has been posted to MI5's counter-espionage desk. Her bosses hope the change of scene will give her some breathing space, but they haven't counted on Putin's increased aggression towards the West. Soon Liz is on the hunt for a Russian spy who threatens to plunge Britain back into the fraught days of the Cold War. Meanwhile, MI6 has hired Jasminder Kapoor, a controversial young civil rights lawyer, to explain issues of privacy and security to the public. But in this world of shadowy motives and secret identities, Jasminder must be extra-careful about whom she can trust ...

When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries. Little do they know that in the months that follow, mystery - and murder - will never be far away, and when Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym, the Detective Society is determined to get to the bottom of the crime. Then, soon afterwards, there's the incident at Daisy's family home, Fallingford, where a guest falls mysteriously, fatally ill. And when the summer hols come round, there's a thrilling ride on the famous Orient Express - and the girls' first locked-room murder case. Discover the first three books in this amazing series: Murder Most Unladylike Arsenic for Tea First Class Murder and follow Daisy and Hazel's fantastic adventures.

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