

MYSTERIES, SPIES & CONSPIRACY THEORIES

A Book List

CONFOUNDING, CRYPTIC & CREEPY
CONUNDRUMS

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FACT OR FICTION? HOAX OR HISTORY?

History is full of unsolved mysteries, some of which have gone hundreds of years without being solved. Even when people investigate very thoroughly and do in-depth research, it can still be impossible to find the proof needed to tell exactly what happened. Sometimes there isn't enough evidence available. Other times we lack the ability to analyze the evidence we do have.

New advances in science occasionally help us solve mysteries. For example, we now know the ancient stories about Kraken (giant squid) are true because deep-water cameras were invented. DNA analysis recently helped determine that King Richard III's grave site had been paved over to make a parking lot.

If you like trying to solve a mystery, here are some to try your deductive skills on. Some are Fiction but some are real mysteries that have yet to be solved or were only recently solved. Happy sleuthing. --Ms. Furey

MYSTERY -- DEFINITION

mystery (noun) mys·tery | \ 'mi-st(ə-)rē |
plural mysteries

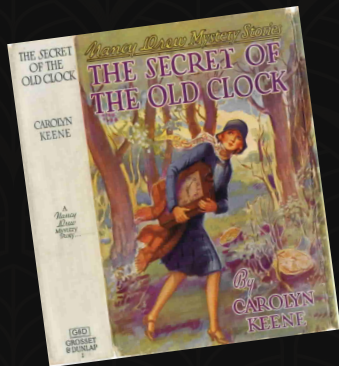
1: something not understood or beyond understanding :
ENIGMA

The mystery of his disappearance has never been solved.

2: a piece of fiction dealing usually with the solution of a
mysterious crime

Reading mysteries was her favorite pastime.

CAROLYN KEENE



Carolyn Keene is the pseudonym of the authors of the Nancy Drew mystery stories and The Dana Girls mystery stories, both produced by the Stratemeyer Syndicate. In addition, the Keene pen name is credited with the Nancy Drew spin-off, River Heights, and the Nancy Drew Notebooks.

According to the Penguin Random House website, the first author to use the pseudonym was Mildred Wirt Benson (1905-2002), who wrote 23 of the original 30 books.



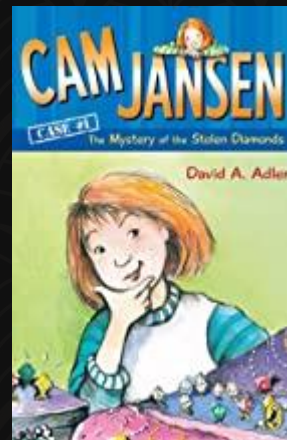
Middle School Fiction



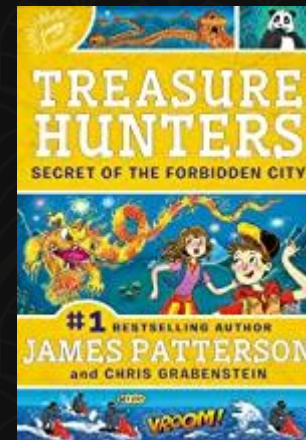
***A to Z
Mysteries
Super Edition
#5: The New
Year Dragon
Dilemma
by Ron Roy***



***Sleuth & Solve:
20+
Mind-Twisting
Mysteries
by Victor
Escandell***



***Cam Jansen
and the
Mystery of the
Stolen
Diamonds
by David A.
Adler***



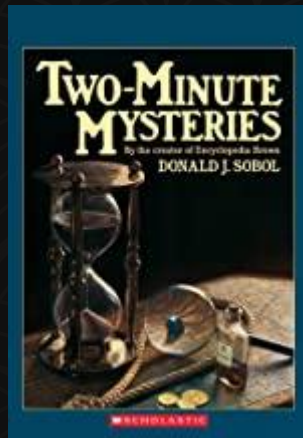
***Treasure
Hunters: Secret
of the Forbidden
City by James
Patterson***



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Choose Your Own Adventure Books 1-4: The Abominable Snowman...
by R. A. Montgomery



Two-Minute Mysteries
by Donald J. Sobol



Happy Birthday, Geronimo!
(Geronimo Stilton)
by Geronimo Stilton



Legend of the Star Runner
(Solve-Them-Yourself Mysteries)
by J. I. Wagner



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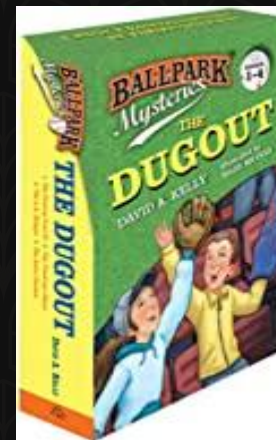
***The Boxcar Children:
Books 1-4***
by Gertrude
Chandler
Warner



**Endangered
Operation**
(Carmen Sandiego
Chase-Your-Own
Capers)
by Houghton
Mifflin Harcourt



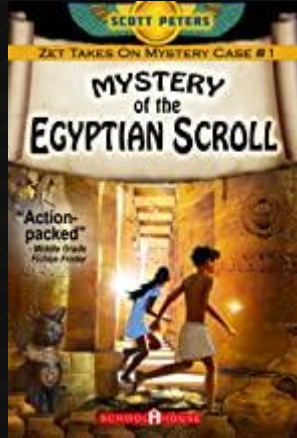
***Trapped in A
Video Game:
Volume 1***
by Dustin Brady
and Jesse
Brady



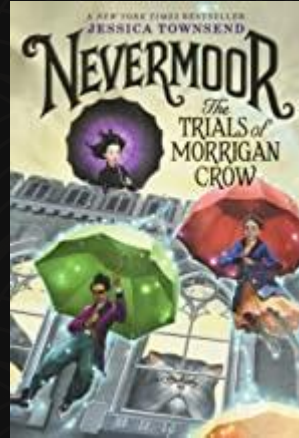
***Ballpark
Mysteries: The
Dugout boxed
set (books 1-4)***
by David A.
Kelly



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***Mystery of the
Egyptian Scroll
(Kid Detective
Zet)
by Scott Peters***



***Nevermoor:
The Trials of
Morrigan Crow
(Nevermoor,
Book 1)
by Jessica
Townsend***



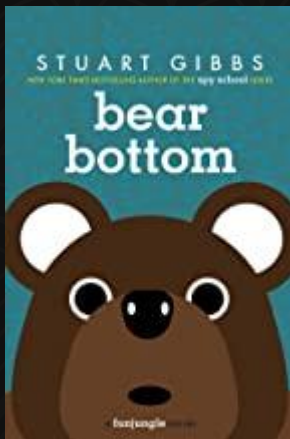
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Misfits:
Book 1
by Neil Patrick
Harris***



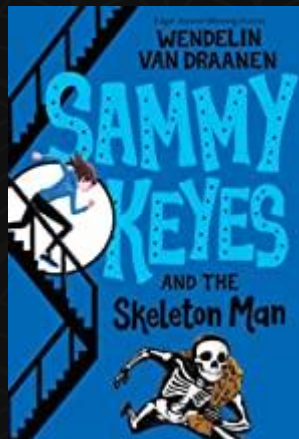
***39 Clues: The
Maze of Bones
by Rick Riordan***



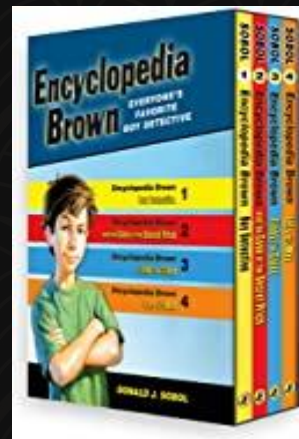
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Bear Bottom
(FunJungle)
by Stuart Gibbs



Sammy Keyes
and the
Skeleton Man
by Wendelin
Van Draanen



Encyclopedia
Brown Box Set
(4 Books)
by Donald J.
Sobol



The Great Pet
Heist
by Emily Ecton



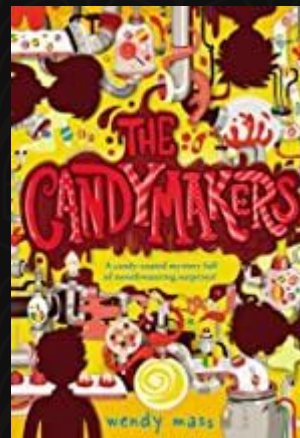
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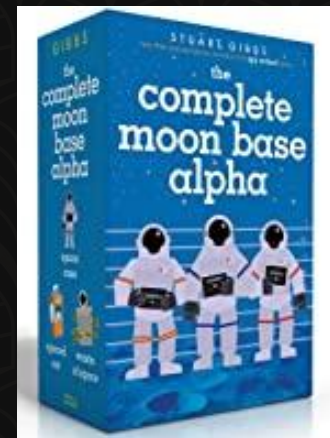
***Epic Zero:
Tales of a
Not-So-Super
6th Grader
by R.L. Ullman***



***Spy Camp
(Spy School,
Book 2)
by Stuart Gibbs***



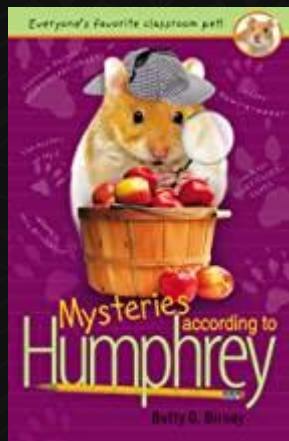
***The
Candymakers
by Wendy Mass***



***The Complete
Moon Base
Alpha: Space
Case; Spaced
Out; Waste of
Space
by Stuart Gibbs***



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***Mysteries
According to
Humphrey***
by Betty G.
Birney



Girl's Best Friend
(A Maggie Brooklyn Mystery,
Book 1)
by Leslie
Margolis



***The Fairy-Tale
Detectives***
(*The Sisters
Grimm* #1)
by Michael
Buckley



***From the Desk
of Zoe
Washington***
by Janae Marks



Middle School Fiction



***All the Wrong Questions:
A Complete Mystery Paperback
Gift Set***
by Lemony
Snicket and Seth



***Mr.
Lemoncello's
Library,
Books 1-4***
by Chris
Grabenstein



***The Mysterious
Benedict
Society,
Books 1-5***
by Trenton Lee
Stewart



***Book
Scavenger,
Book 1***
by Jennifer
Chambliss
Bertman



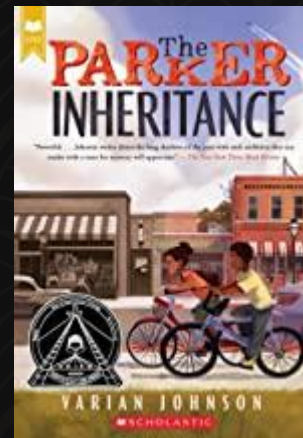
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The Westing Game
by Ellen Raskin



***The Game Master:
Summer Schooled***
by Rebecca Zamolo



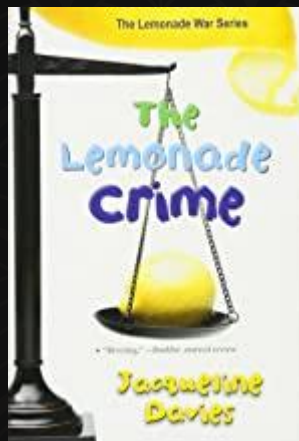
The Parker Inheritance
by Varian Johnson



***Greystone Secrets #1:
The Strangers***
by Margaret Peterson Haddix



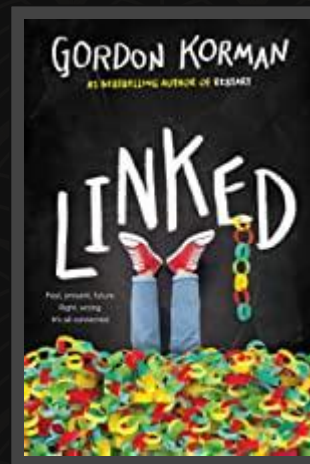
Middle School Fiction



The Lemonade Crime
(The Lemonade War Series, Book 2)
by Jacqueline Davies



The Secret Lake
by Karen Inglis



Linked
by Gordon Korman



The Goldfish Boy
by Lisa Thompson



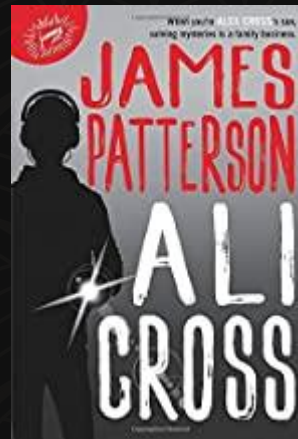
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Sasquatch
by Roland
Smith



The Secret Zoo:
Book 1
by Bryan Chick



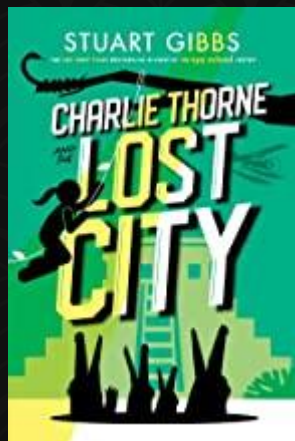
Ali Cross:
Book 1
by James
Patterson



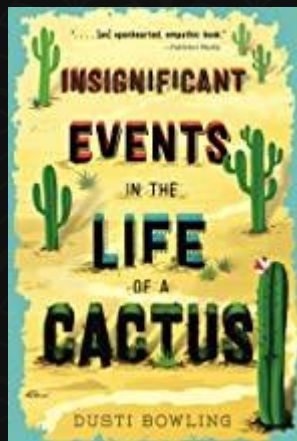
Spirit Hunters:
Book 1
by Ellen Oh



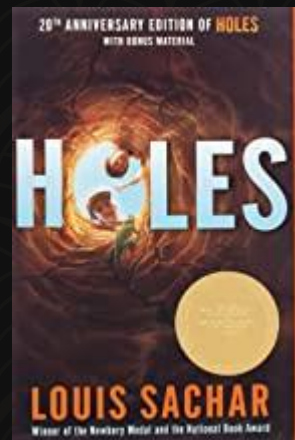
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*Charlie Thorne
and the Lost
City*
by Stuart Gibbs



*Insignificant
Events in the
Life of a Cactus*
by Dusti
Bowling



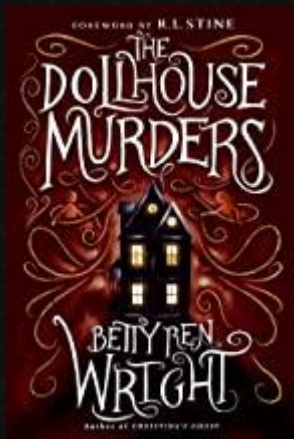
Holes
by Louis Sachar



*Chasing
Vermeer*
by Blue Balliett
and Brett
Helquist



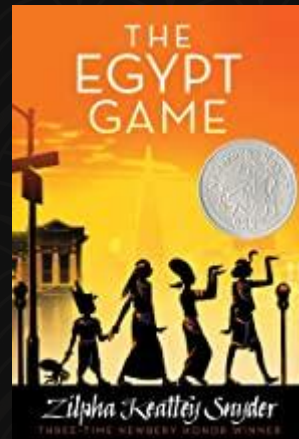
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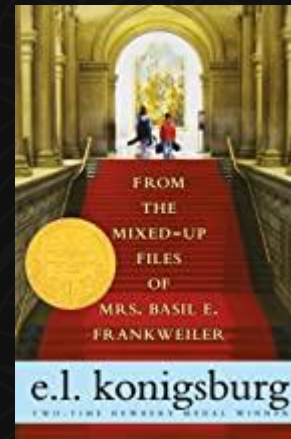
The Dollhouse Murders (35th Anniversary Edition)
by Betty Ren Wright



Serafina and the Black Cloak (The Serafina Series, Book 1)
by Robert Beatty



The Egypt Game
by Zilpha Keatley Snyder



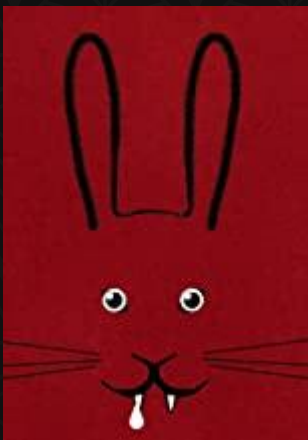
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
by E.L. Konigsburg



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***A Series of
Unfortunate
Events: 13
Books***
by Lemony
Snicker



***Bunnicula: 40th
Anniversary
Edition***
(*Bunnicula and
Friends*)
by James Howe,
Deborah Howe



Scratch Scratch
by Lindsay
Currie



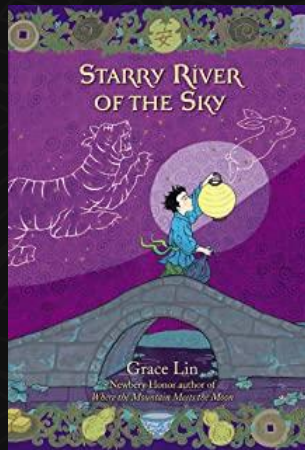
Dead Voices
by Katherine
Arden



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*When You
Reach Me*
by Rebecca
Stead



*Starry River of
the Sky*
by Grace Lin



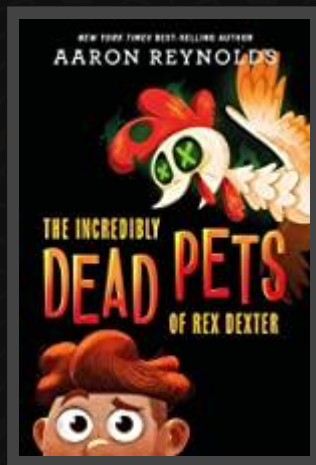
*Theodore
Boone: Kid
Lawyer,
Book 1*
by John
Grisham



*Tunnel of Bones
(City of Ghosts,
Book 2)*
by Victoria
Schwab



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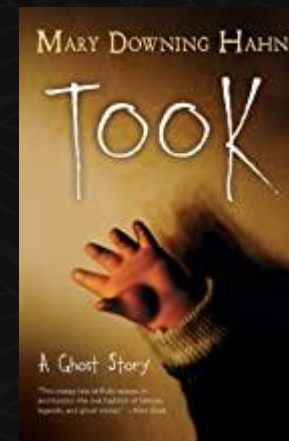
***The Incredibly
Dead Pets of
Rex Dexter***
by Aaron
Reynolds



Hide and Seeker
by Daka
Hermon



Framed!
by James Ponti



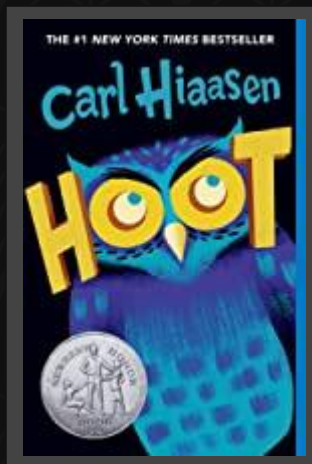
***Took: A Ghost
Story***
by Mary
Downing Hahn



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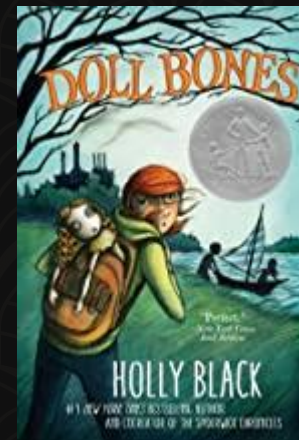
Among the Hidden (Shadow Children, Book 1)
by Margaret Peterson Haddix



Hoot
by Carl Hiaasen



Moon Over Manifest
by Clare Vanderpool



Doll Bones
by Holly Black



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***Case Closed:
Mystery in the
Mansion***
by Lauren
Magaziner



***Best Nerds
Forever***
by James
Patterson and
Chris
Grabenstein



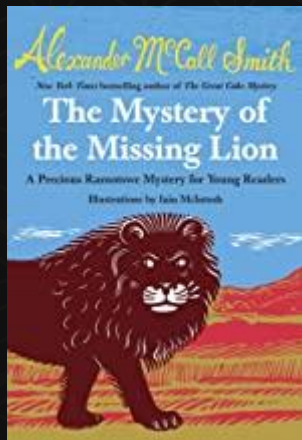
Breakout
by Kate
Messner



***Explorer
Academy: The
Nebula Secret***
by Trudi Trueit



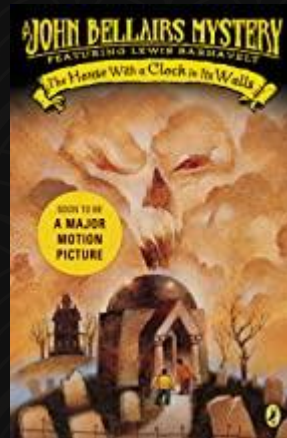
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The Mystery of the Missing Lion: A Precious Ramotswe Mystery
by Alexander McCall Smith



Artemis Fowl: Book 1
by Eoin Colfer



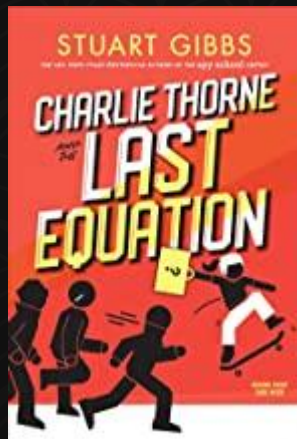
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(Lewis Barnavelt, Book 1)
by John Bellairs and Edward Gorey



Shakespeare's Secret
by Elise Broach



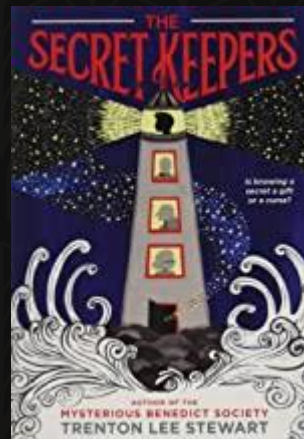
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*Charlie Thorne
and the Last
Equation*
by Stuart Gibbs



*Midnight at the
Barclay Hotel*
by Fleur
Bradley and
Xavier Bonet



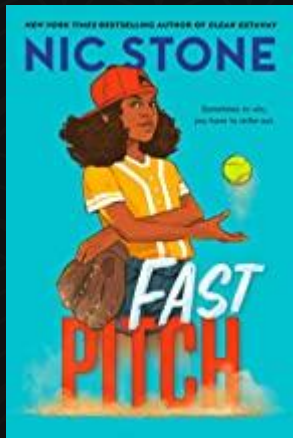
*The Secret
Keepers*
by Trenton Lee
Stewart



*Tales from the
Haunted Mansion:
The Fearsome
Foursome*
by Amicus Arcane
and Kelley Jones



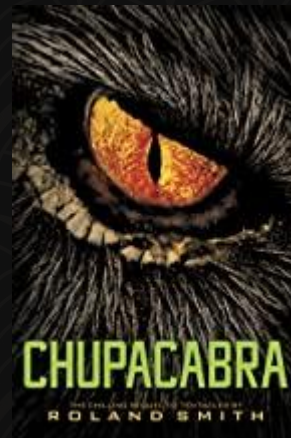
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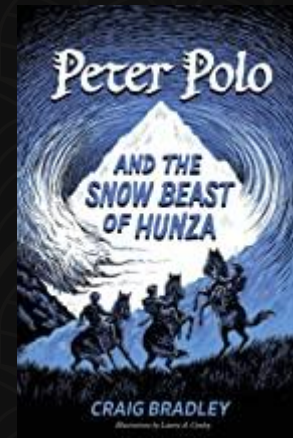
Fast Pitch
by Nic Stone



Willa of Dark Hollow
(*Willa of the Wood, Book 2*)
by Robert Beatty



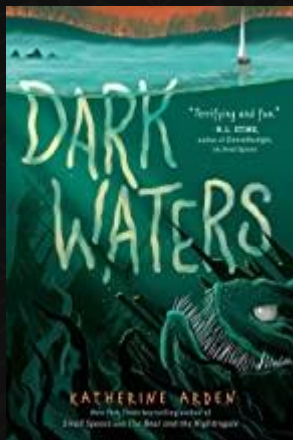
Chupacabra
(*Cryptid Hunters Book 2*)
by Roland Smith



Peter Polo and the Snow Beast of Hunza
by Craig Bradley a



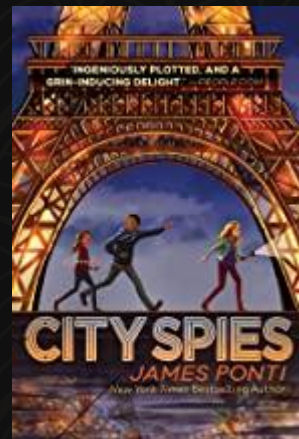
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Dark Waters
(Small Spaces,
Book 3)
by Katherine
Arden



Daughter of the
Deep
by Rick Riordan



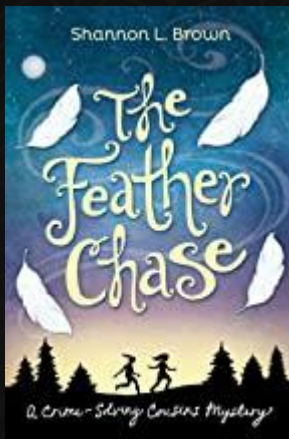
City Spies,
Book 1
by James Ponti



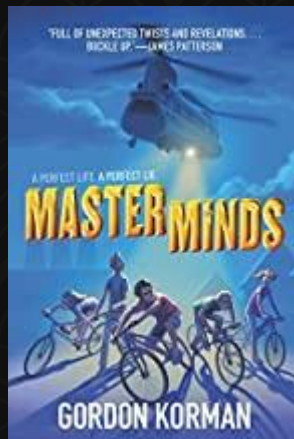
Mine
by Delilah S.
Dawson



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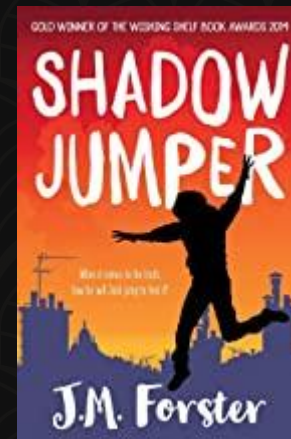
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by Shannon L. Brown



Masterminds (Masterminds, Book 1)
by Gordon Korman



The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane
by Julia Nobel



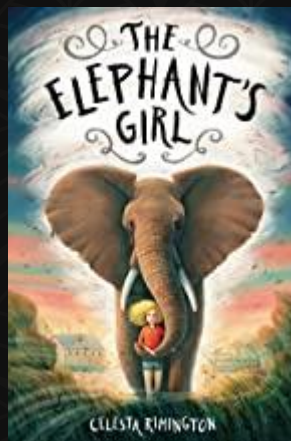
Shadow Jumper
by J M Forster



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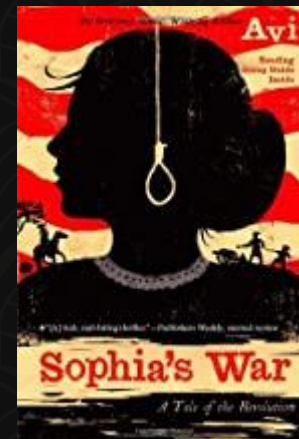
Greenglass House
by Kate Milford



The Elephant's Girl
by Celesta Rimington



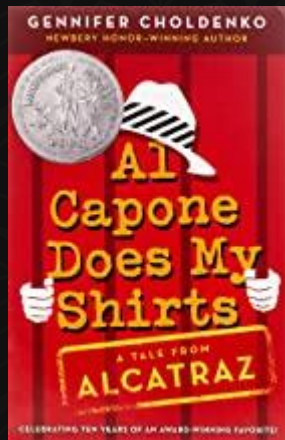
The Amelia Six (Amelia Earhart)
by Kristin L. Gray



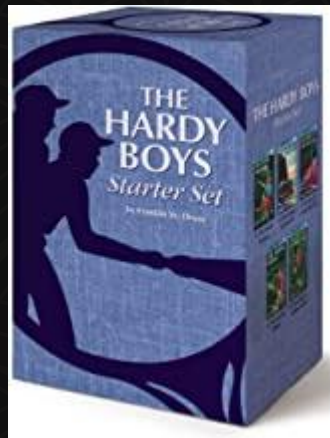
Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution
by Avi



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Al Capone Does My Shirts (Tales from Alcatraz, Book 1)
by Gennifer Choldenko



The Hardy Boys, Books 1-5
by Franklin W. Dixon



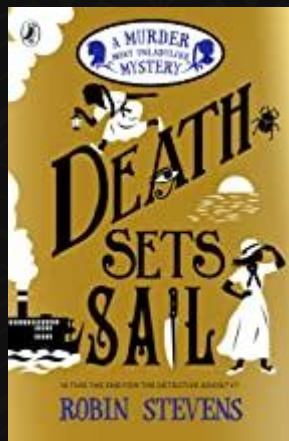
Nancy Drew, Books 1-5
by Carolyn Keene



Harriet the Spy
by Louise Fitzhugh



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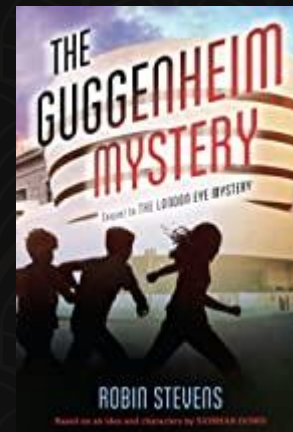
***Death Sets Sail:
A Murder Most
Unladylike
Mystery***
by Robin
Stevens



***The Case of the
Missing
Marquess (An
Enola Holmes
Mystery, Book 1)***
by Nancy
Springer



***The London Eye
Mystery***
by Siobhan
Dowd



***The Guggenheim
Mystery
(London Eye
Mystery , Book 2)***
by Robin Stevens



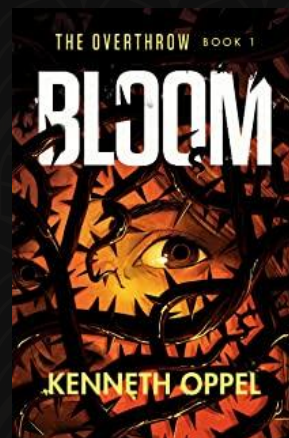
Middle School Fiction



***The Renegade
Spy Project***
by Terri Selting
David



***Wait Till Helen
Comes:***
A Ghost Story
by Mary
Downing Hahn



Bloom
*(The Overthrow,
Book 1)*
by Kenneth
Oppel



Into the Dark
by C.J. Loughy



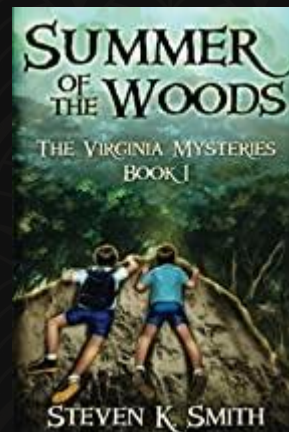
Middle School Fiction



Risuko:
A Kunoichi Tale
by David Kudler



***The Traitor's
Blade (The
Blackthorn Key,
Book 5)***
by Kevin Sands



***Summer of the
Woods (The
Virginia
Mysteries,
Book 1)***
**by Steven K.
Smith**



***The Mystery of
Craven Manor***
**by Joy
Wodhams**

CONSPIRACY THEORY -- DEFINITION

conspiracy theory (noun) | plural: conspiracy theories

1: a theory that explains an event or set of circumstances as the result of a secret plot by usually powerful conspirators

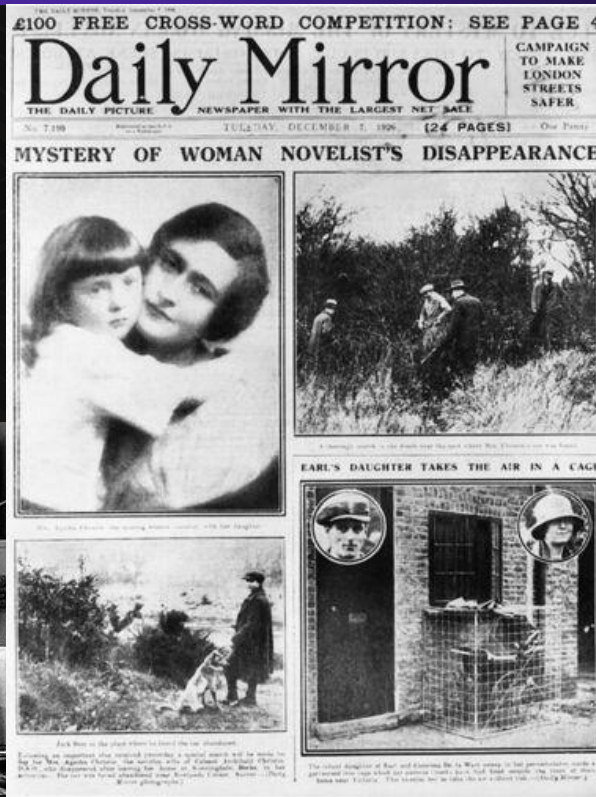
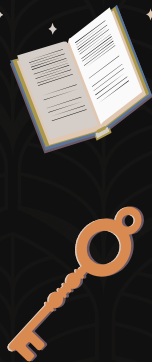
the conspiracy theories surrounding Kennedy's assassination

also : a theory asserting that a secret of great importance is being kept from the public

"... is best known for ... his conspiracy theory that a secret cabal of reptilian humanoids is running the world." — Simon Little

"... has often been criticized for promoting conspiracy theories such as "birtherism," the theory that President Obama was not born in the U.S." — Grace Segers

AGATHA CHRISTIE (1890-1976)



Dame Agatha Christie, Lady Mallowan, was an English writer. She is known for her 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections and for writing the world's longest-running play, *The Mousetrap*, which was performed in the West End from 1952 to 2020, Guinness World Records lists Christie as the best-selling fiction writer of all time, her novels having sold more than two billion copies. Christie created the well-loved fictional detectives Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple.

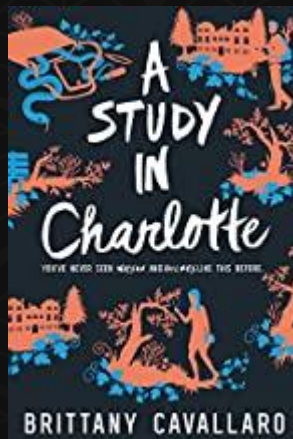
Christie herself is the subject of an unsolved mystery. She disappeared for 11 days in 1926 and after had no memory of what had happened to her.



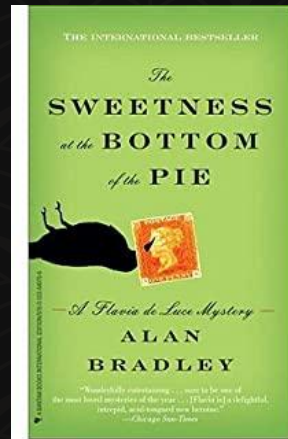
High School Fiction



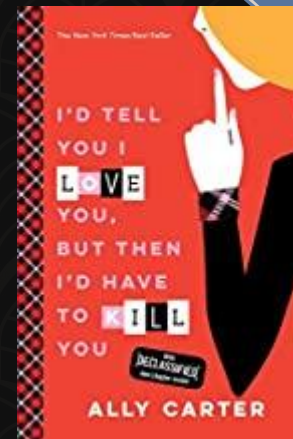
*I Know What
You Did Last
Summer*
by Lois Duncan



*A Study in
Charlotte
(Charlotte
Holmes, Book 1)*
by Brittany
Cavallaro



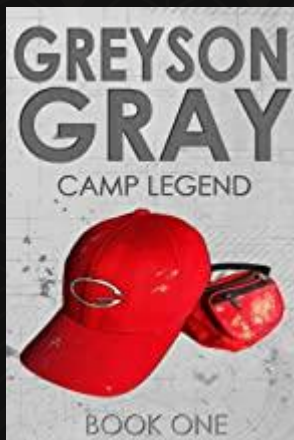
*The Sweetness
at the Bottom of
the Pie (Flavia de
Luce Mysteries,
Book 1)*
by Alan Bradley



*I'd Tell You I
Love You, But
Then I'd Have to
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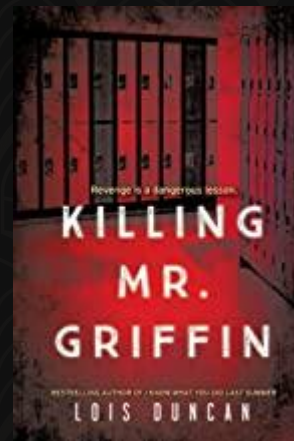
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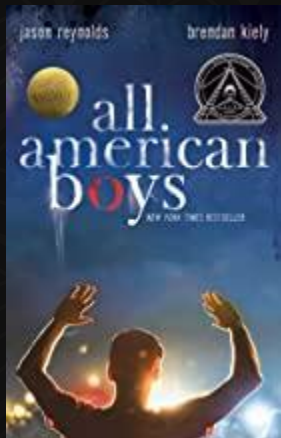
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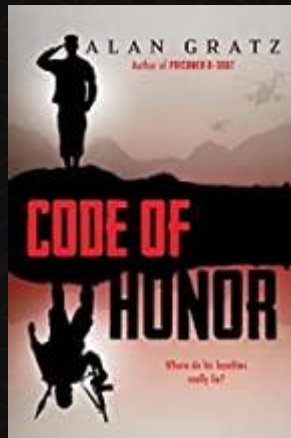
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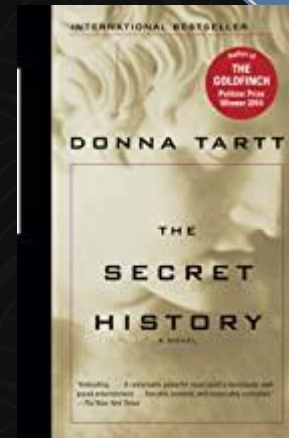
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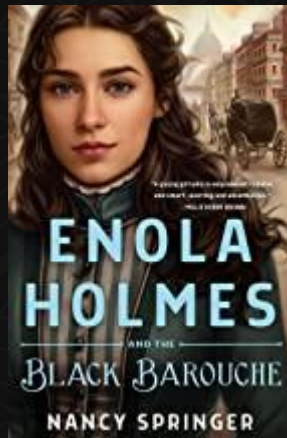
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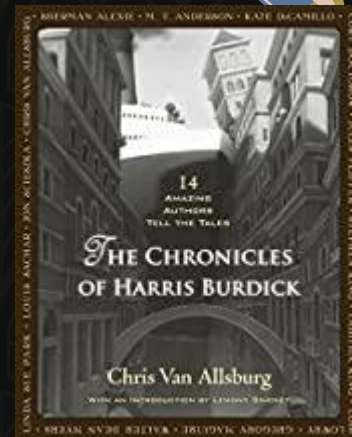
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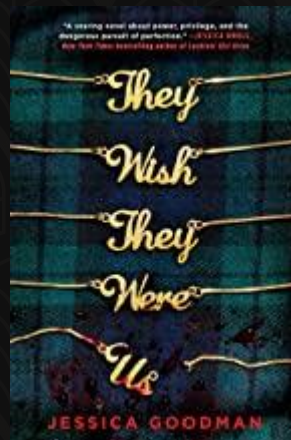
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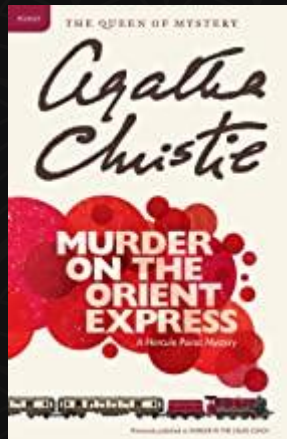
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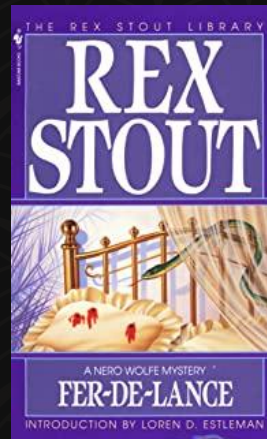
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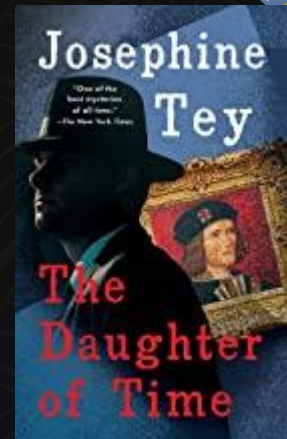
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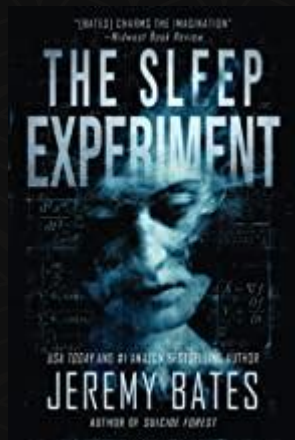
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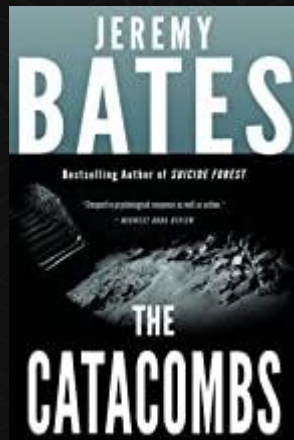
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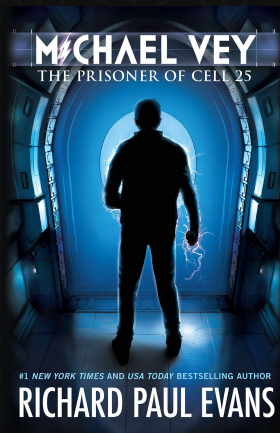
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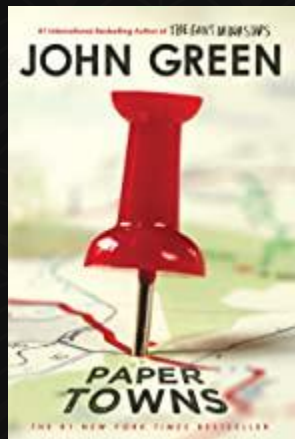
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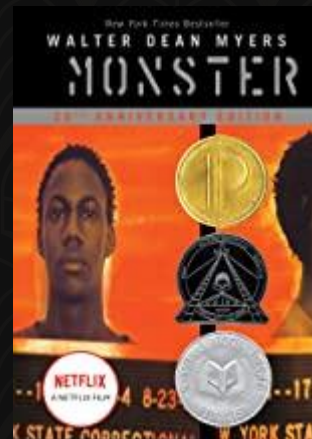
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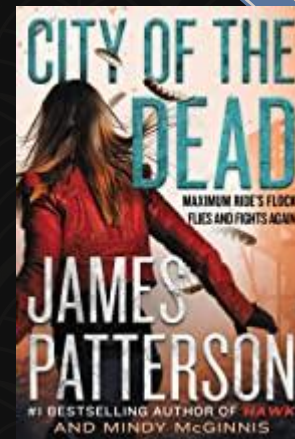
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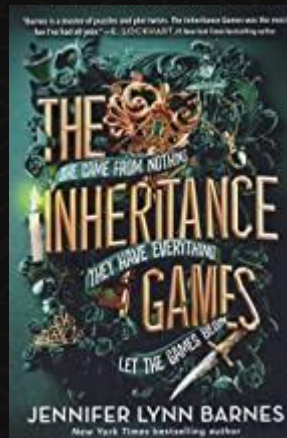
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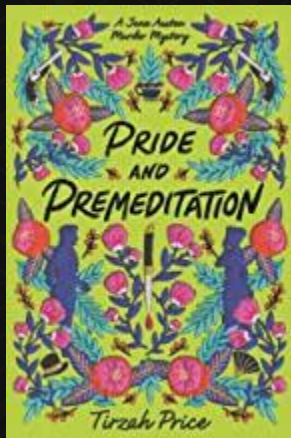
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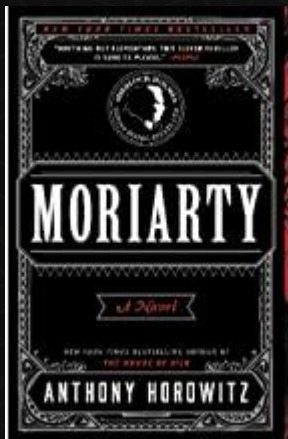
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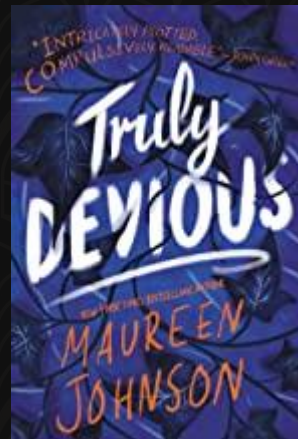
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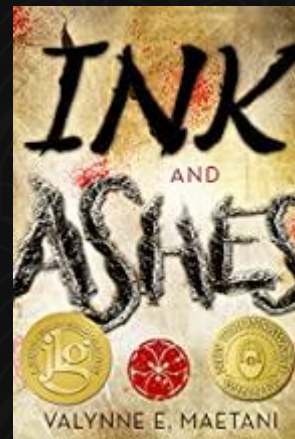
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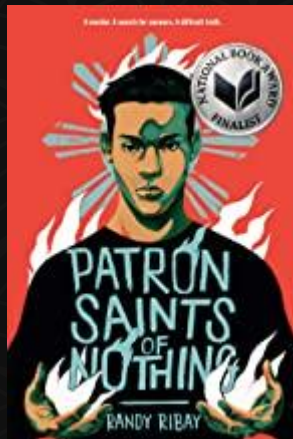
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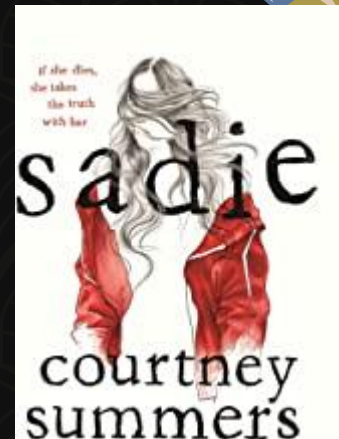
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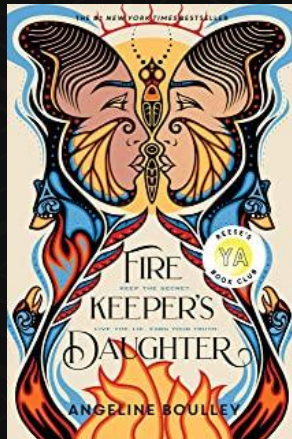
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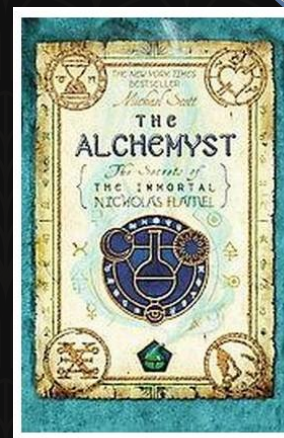
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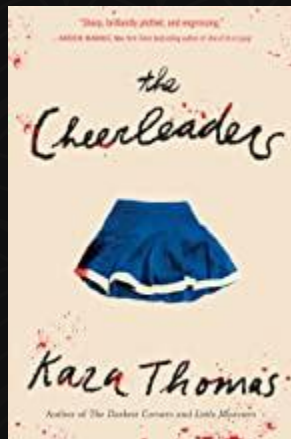
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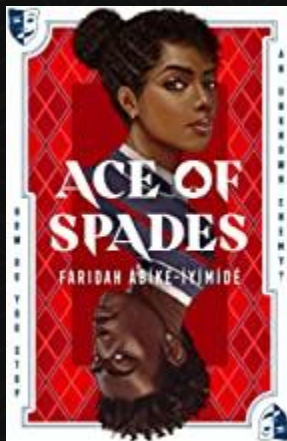
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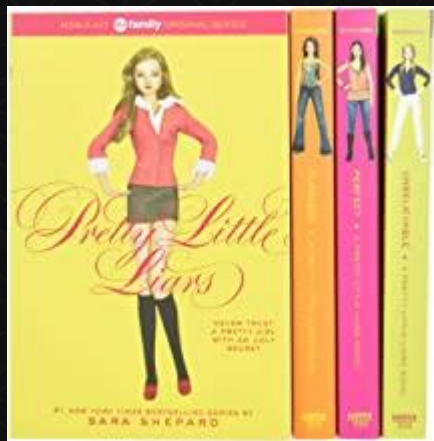
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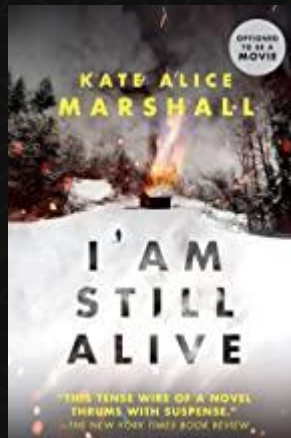
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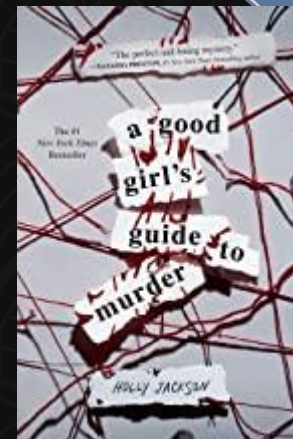
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***I Am Still Alive*
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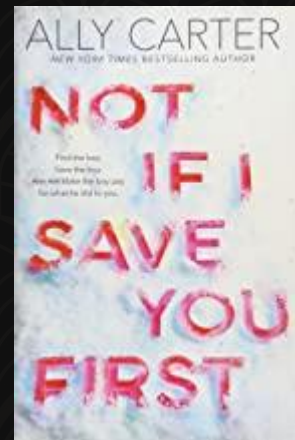
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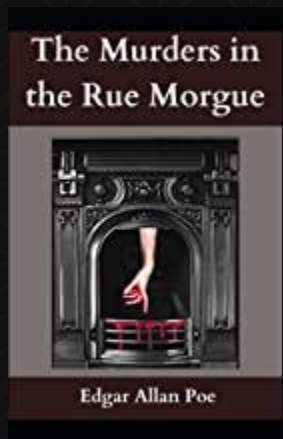
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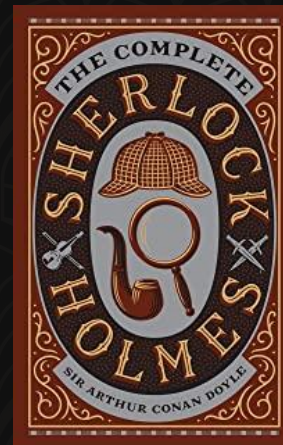
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Conan Doyle



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Christie

HOAX -- DEFINITION

hoax (verb) \ 'hōks \ hoaxed; hoaxing; hoaxes

1: to trick into believing or accepting as genuine something false and often preposterous

"We were hoaxed by the website."

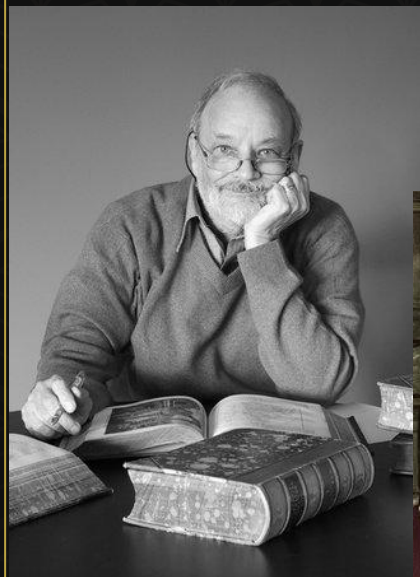
hoax (noun)

1: an act intended to trick or dupe : IMPOSTURE
the victim of a cruel hoax

"He assumed the bomb threat was just a hoax."

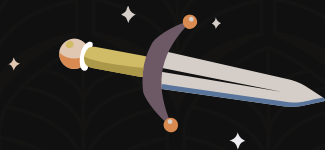
2: something accepted or established by fraud or fabrication
"She believes the Loch Ness Monster is a hoax."
a literary hoax

ALAN BRADLEY (1938-)



Alan Bradley is a Canadian mystery writer known for his Flavia de Luce series. Flavia is an 11 year-old with a genius for Chemistry and a deep fondness for poisons. She also has an unfortunate habit of stumbling upon corpses -- at least that's the opinion of her older sisters.

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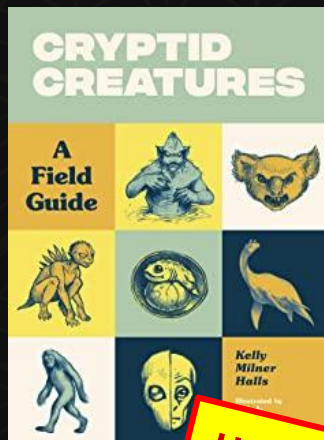


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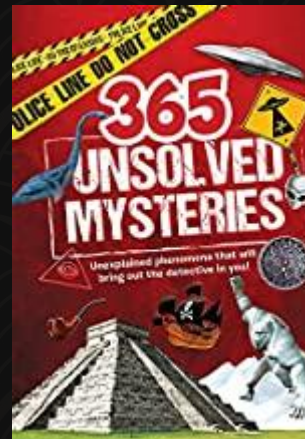
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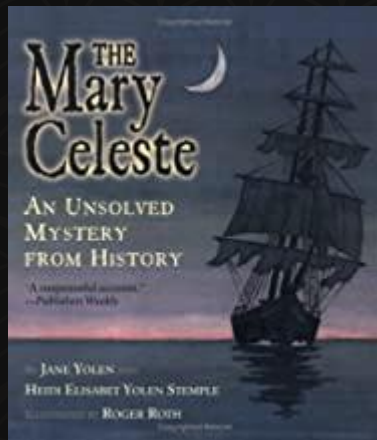
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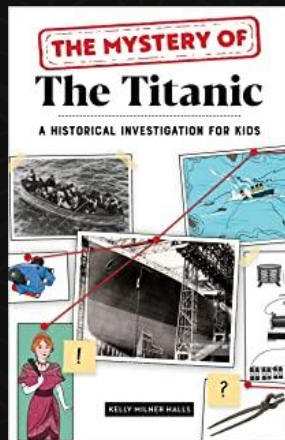
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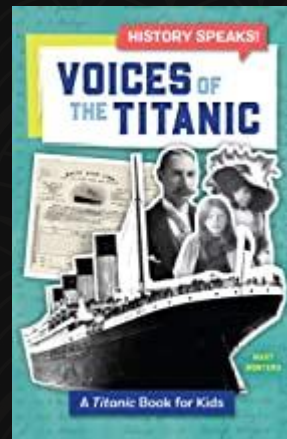
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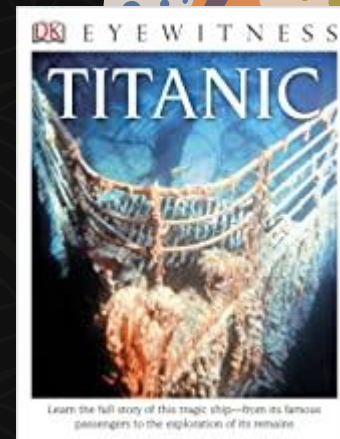
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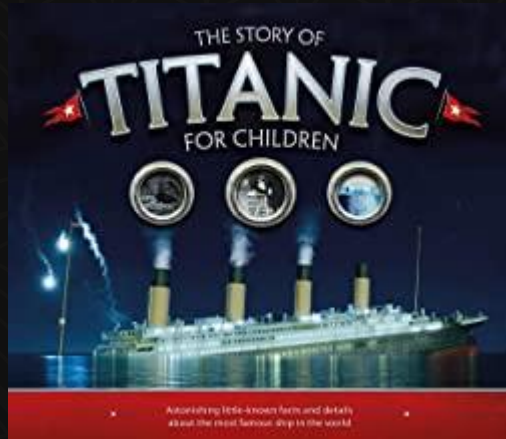
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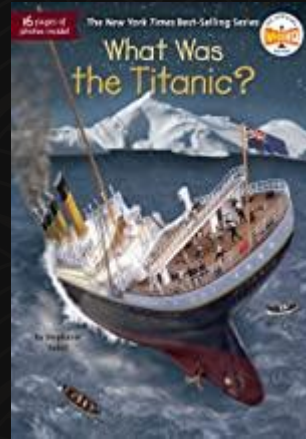
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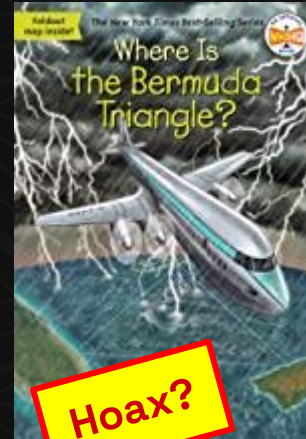
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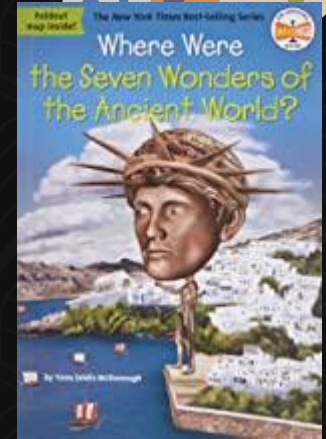
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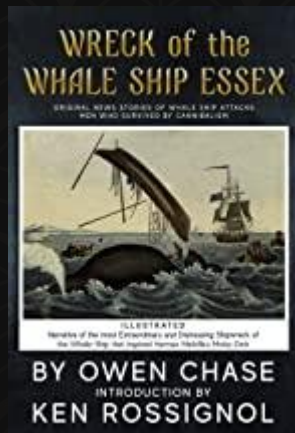
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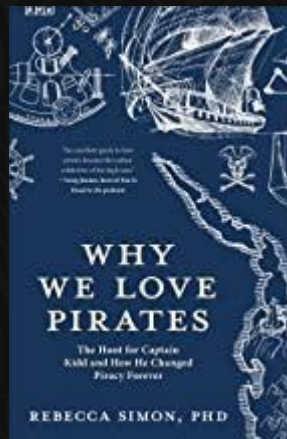
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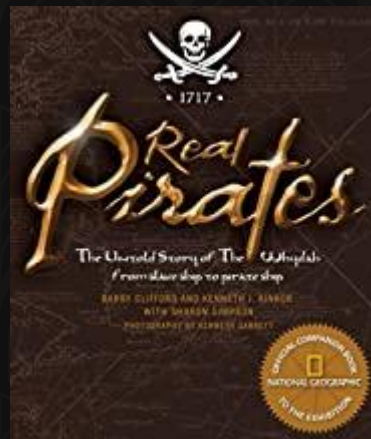
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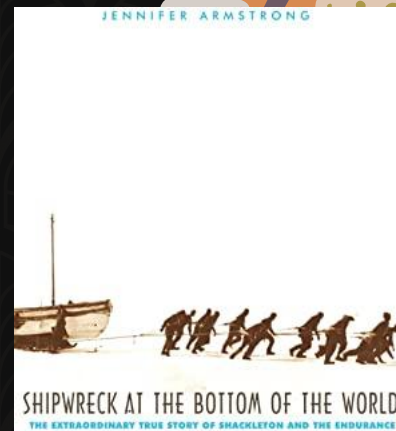
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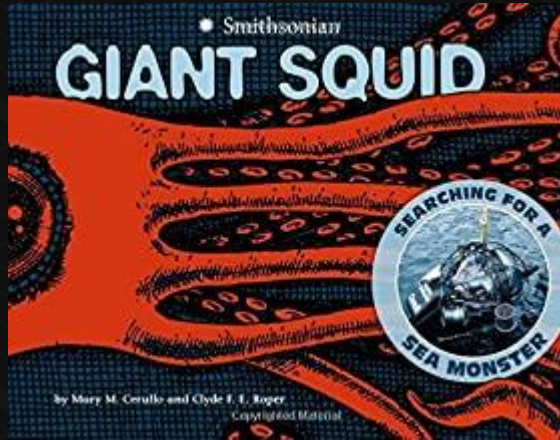
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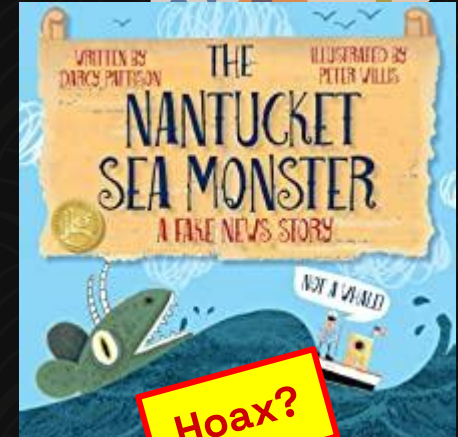
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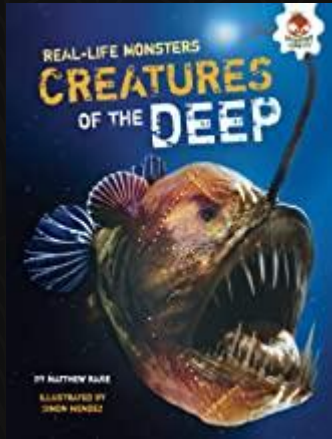
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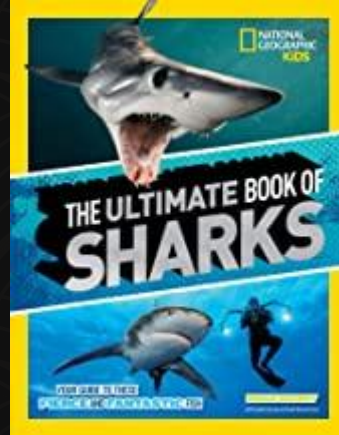
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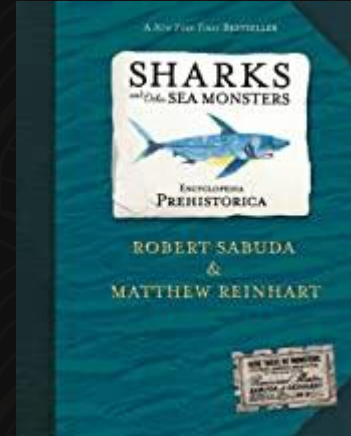
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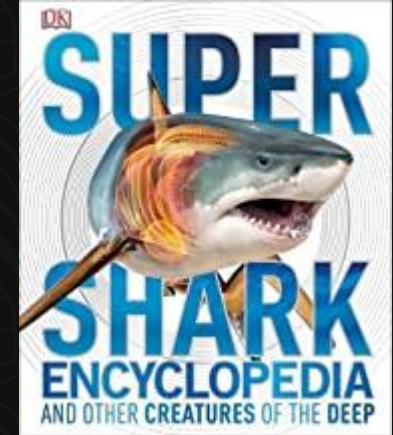
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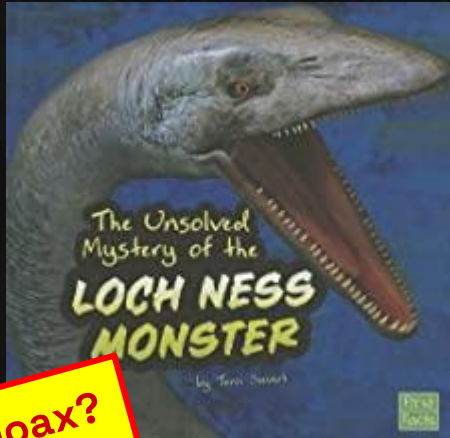


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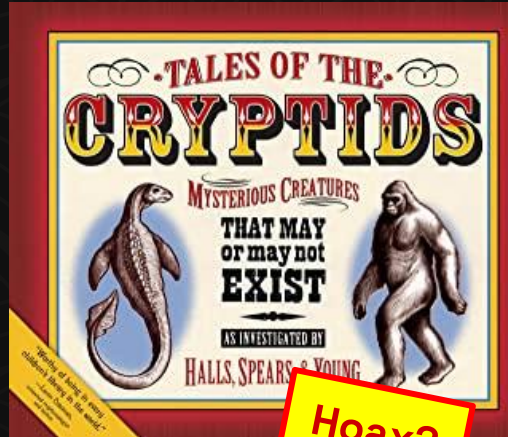
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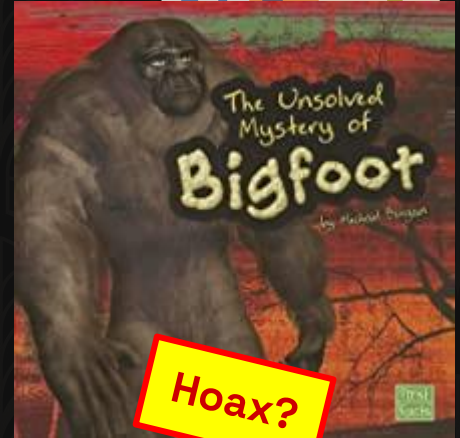
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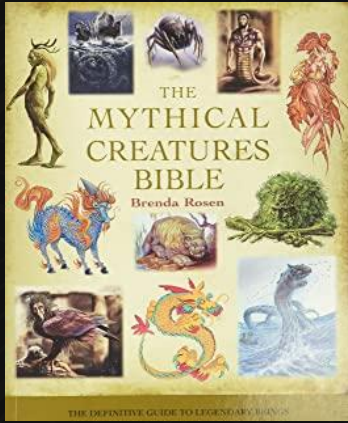


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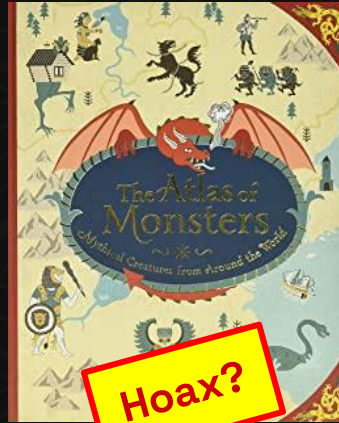
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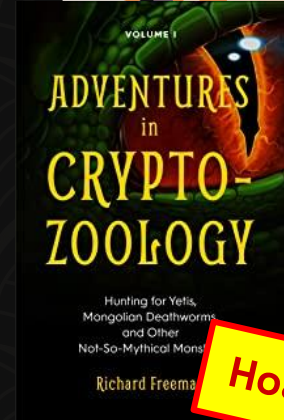
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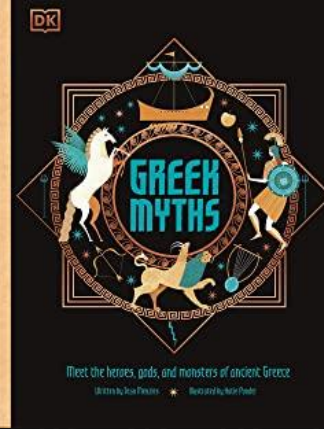
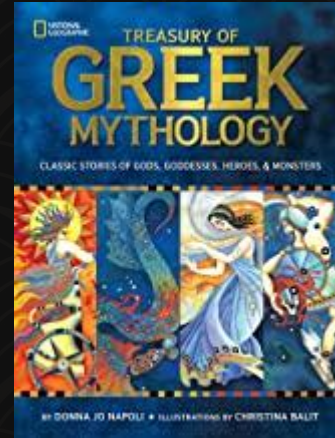
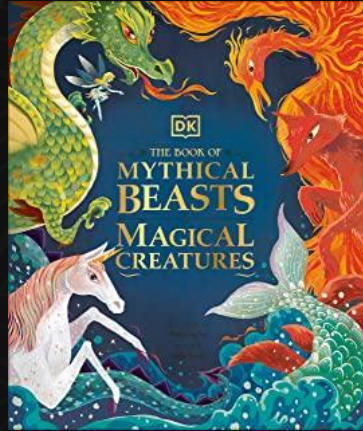
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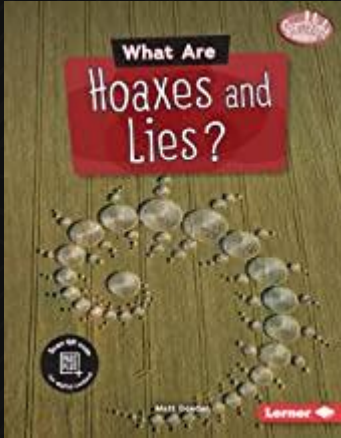
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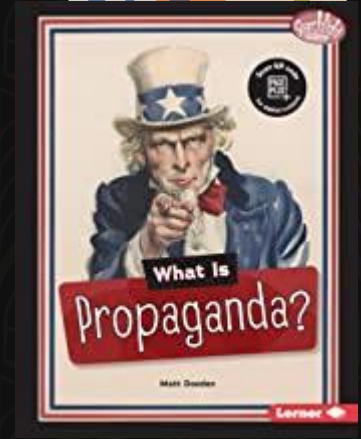
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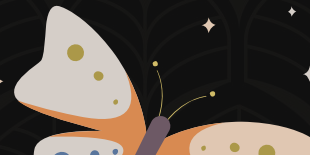
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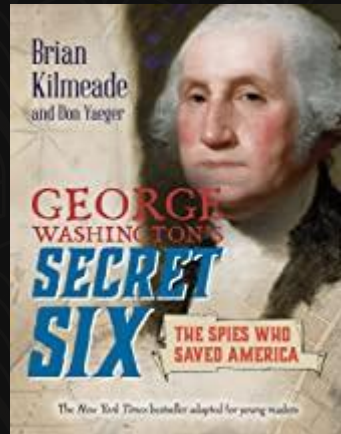
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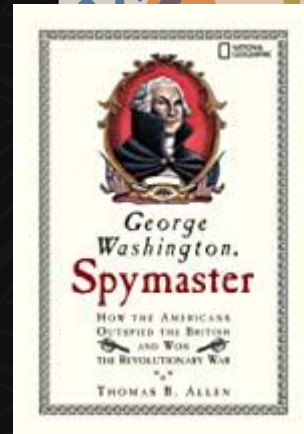
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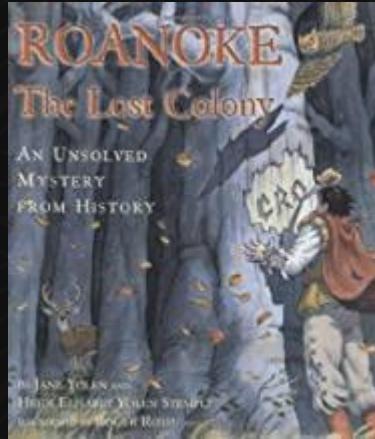
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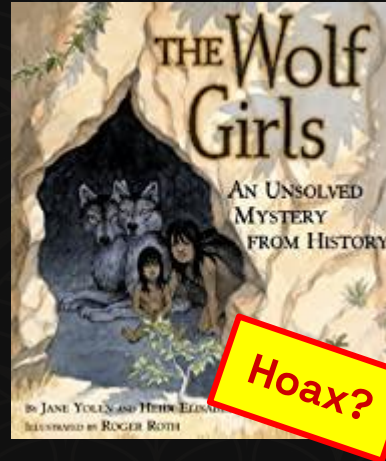
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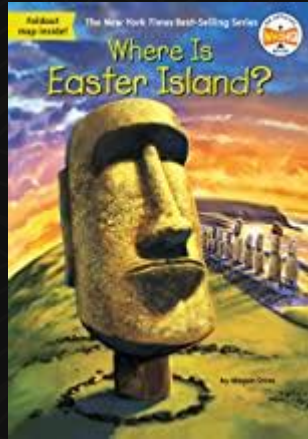
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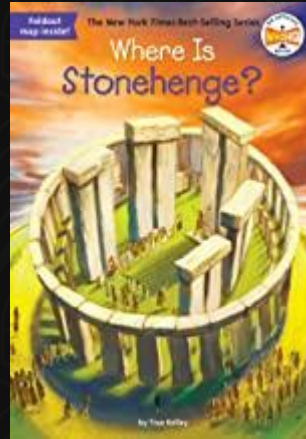
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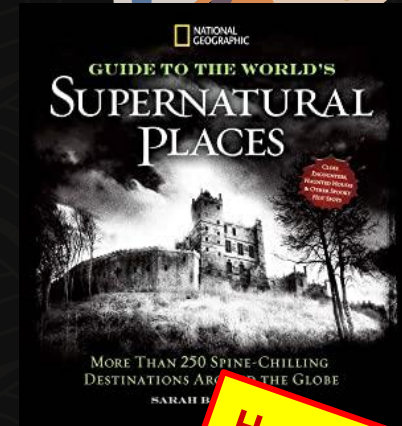
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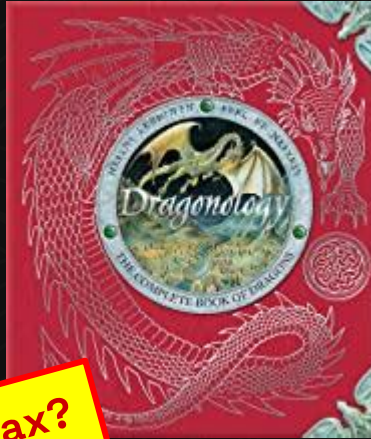


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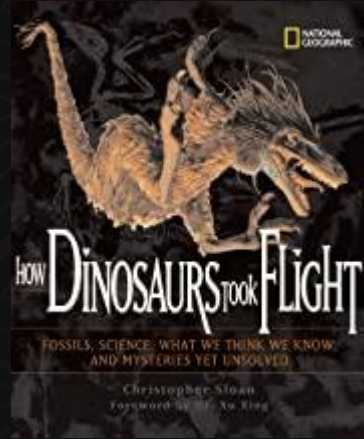


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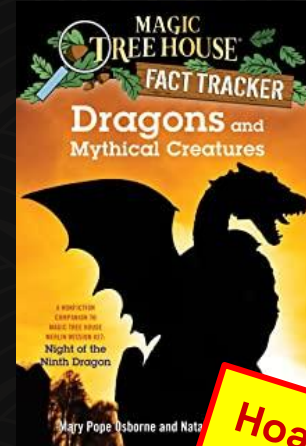


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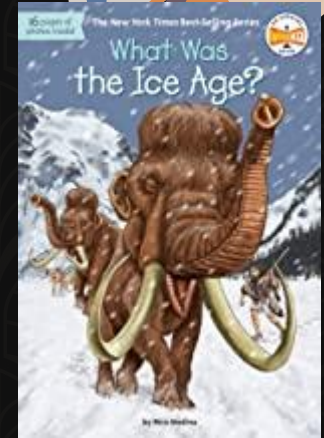


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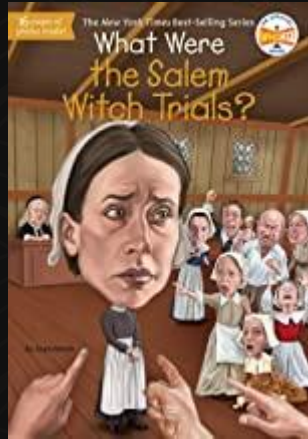
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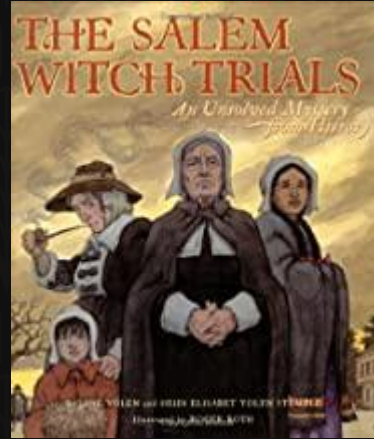
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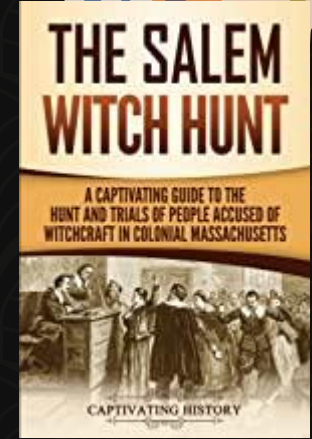
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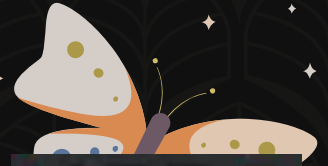
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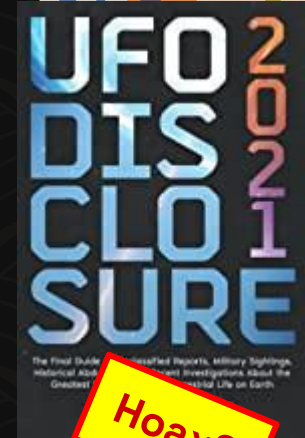
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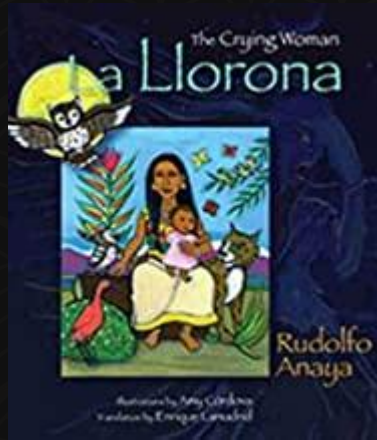


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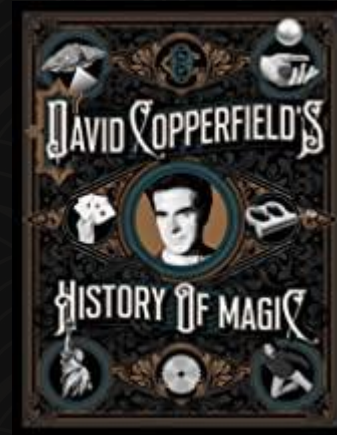
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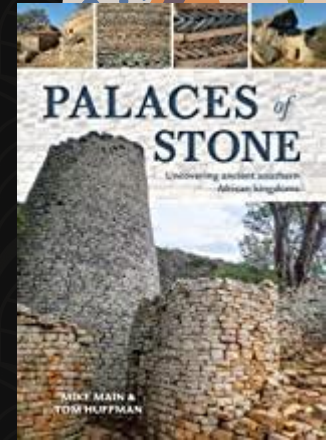
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truth (noun) \ 'trüth \ plural truths \ trüthz, trüths \

1: the real facts about something : the things that are true

Are you telling (me) the truth?

At some point you have to face the simple/hard/honest/plain/naked truth that we failed.

2: the quality or state of being true

There's no truth in anything he says. [=nothing he says is true]

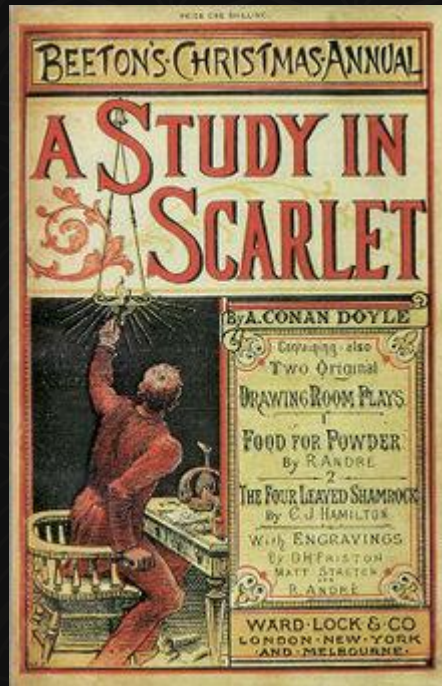
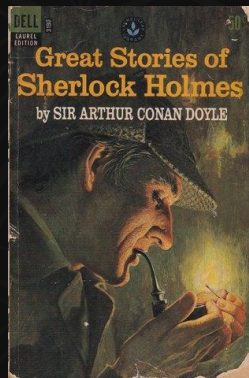
I doubt the truth of their accusations. [=I doubt that their accusations are true]

Her story contains a grain/kernel of truth but also lots of exaggeration.

3: a statement or idea that is true or accepted as true

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

(1859-1930)



Arthur Conan Doyle was the British writer and physician who created the character Sherlock Holmes. Holmes first appeared in Doyle's 1887 novel *A Study in Scarlet*. In all, Doyle wrote four novels and fifty-six short stories about Holmes and Dr. Watson.

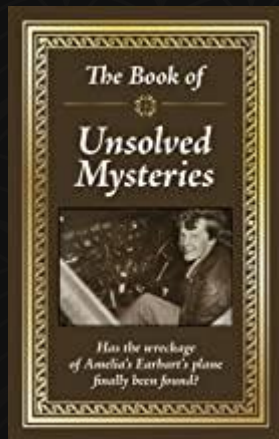
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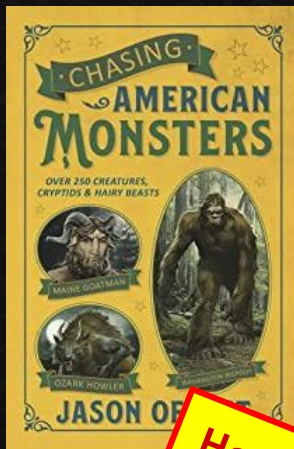




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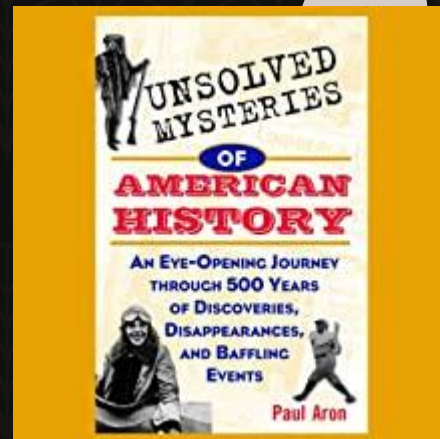
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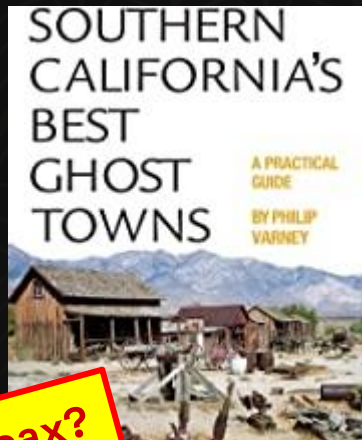
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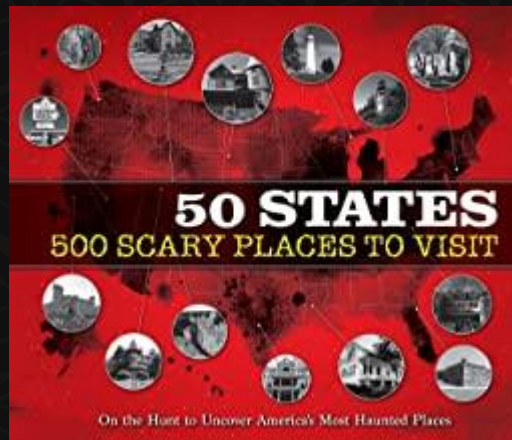
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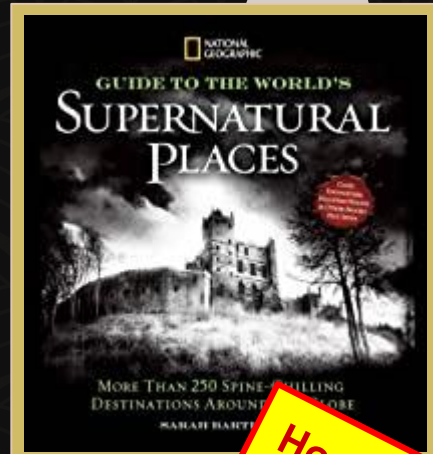


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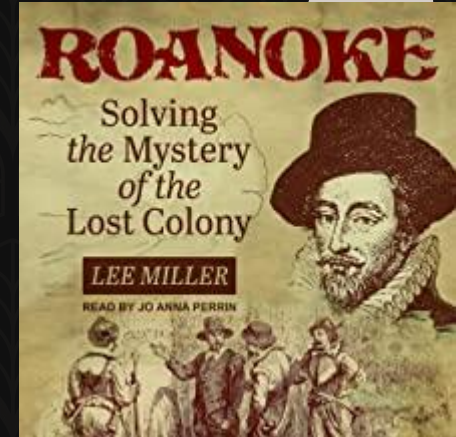
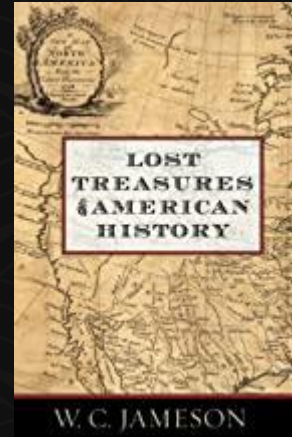
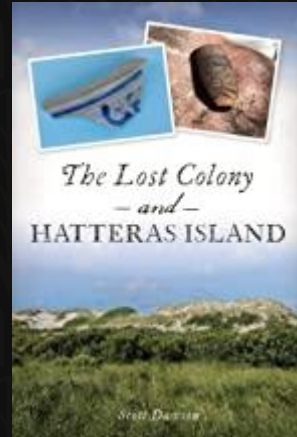


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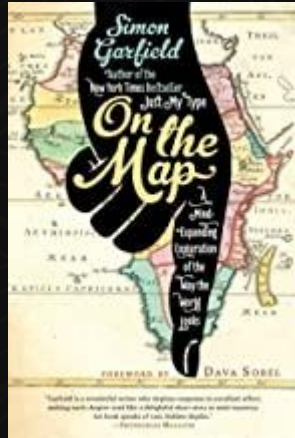
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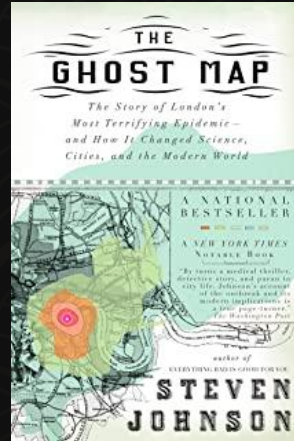
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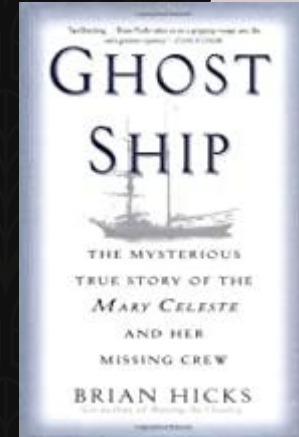


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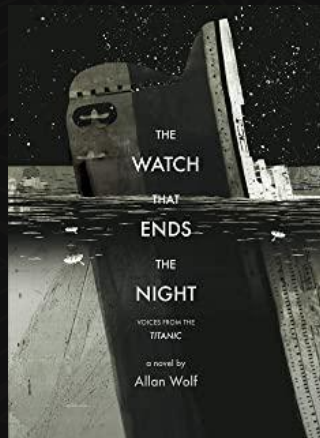
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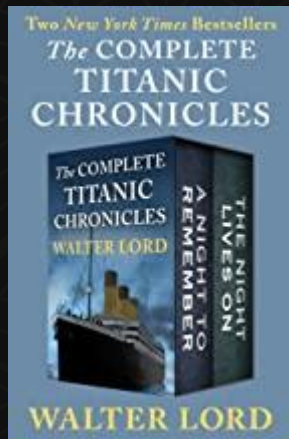
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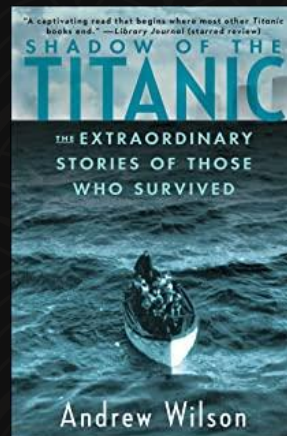
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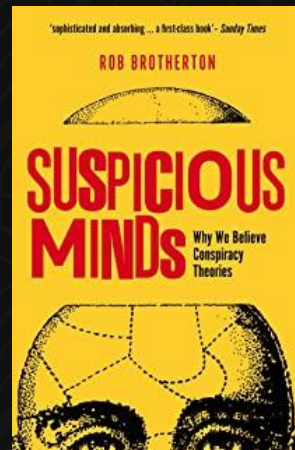
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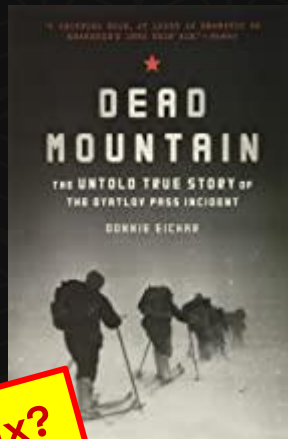
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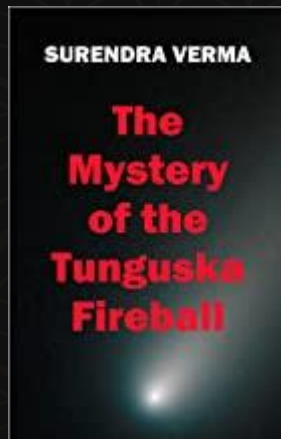


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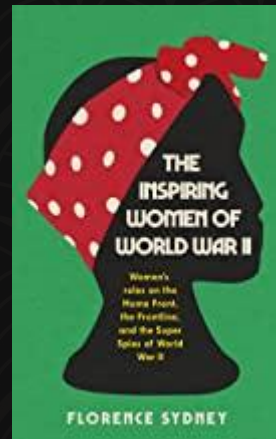


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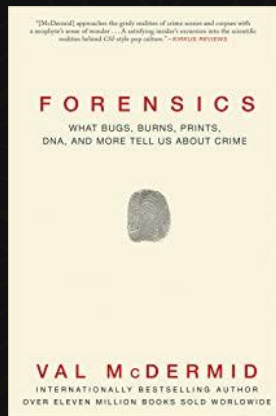
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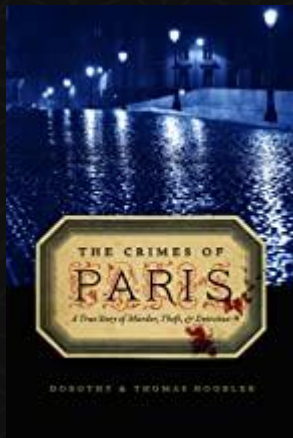
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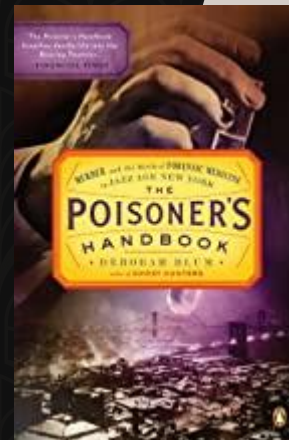
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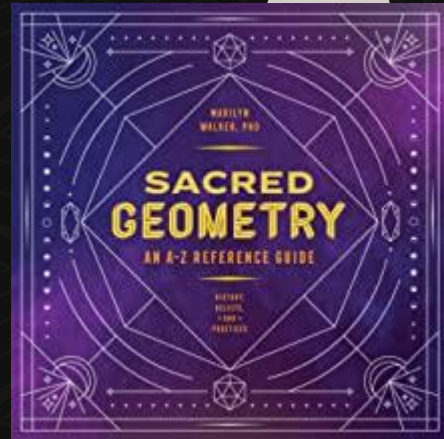
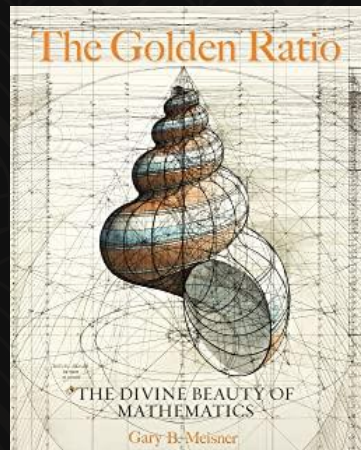
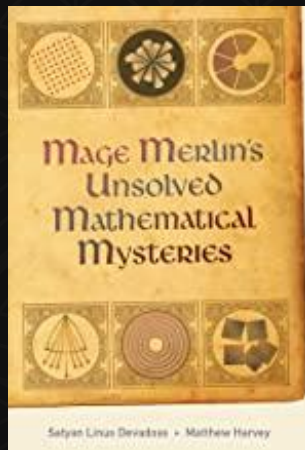
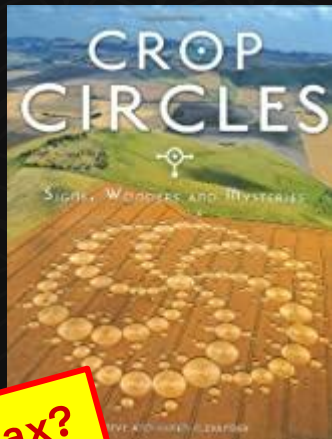
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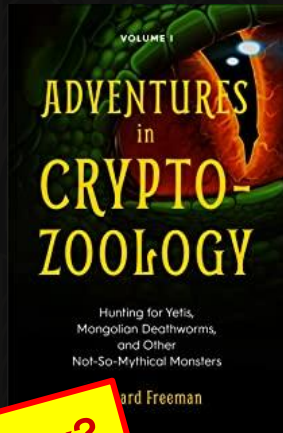
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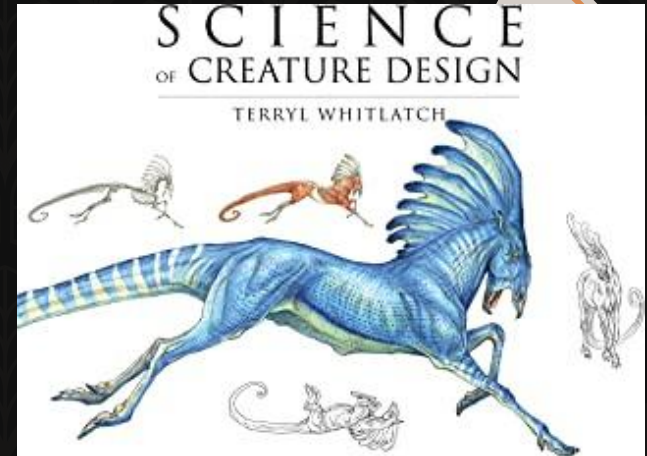
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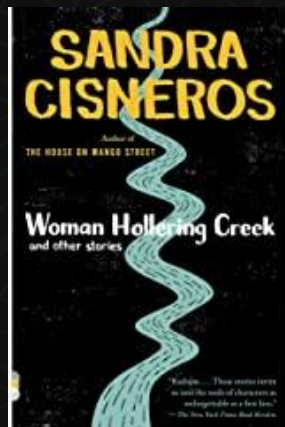
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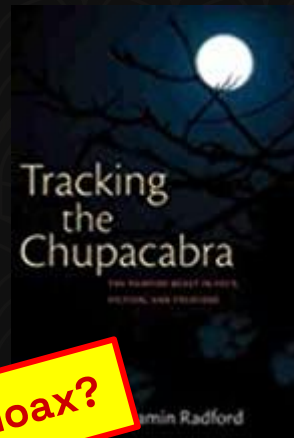
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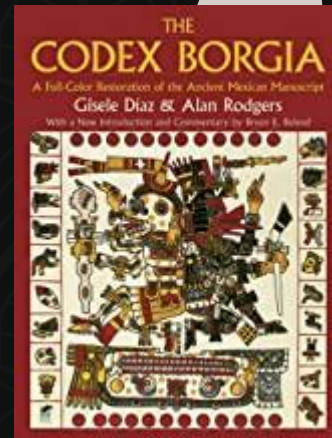


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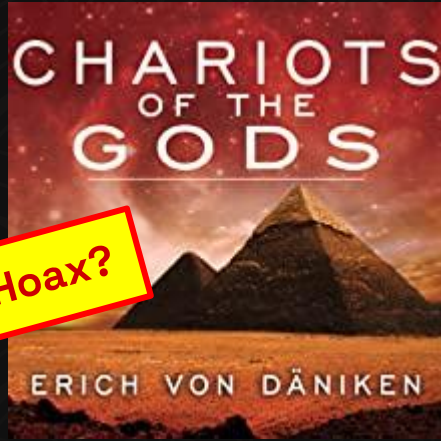
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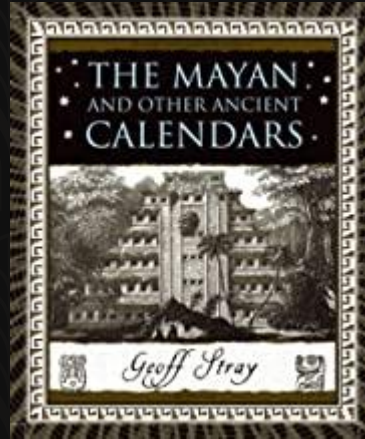
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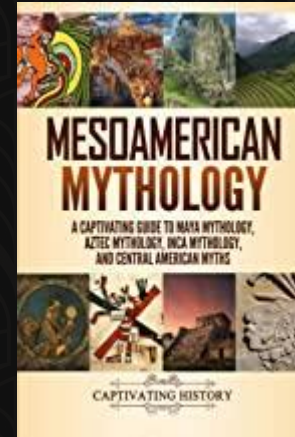
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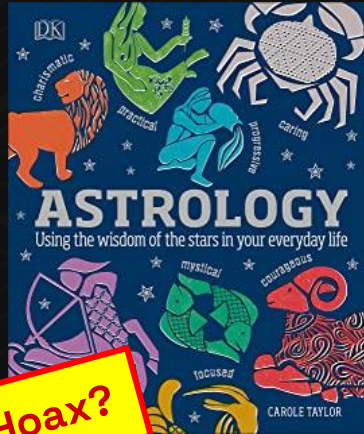
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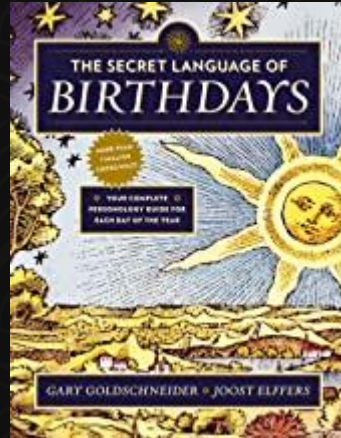
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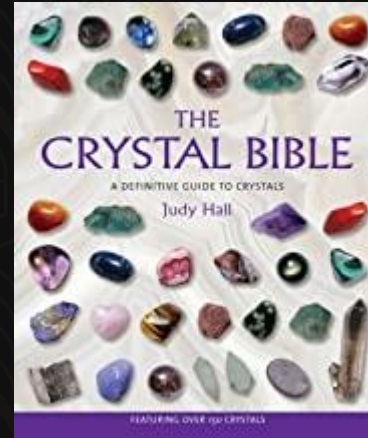
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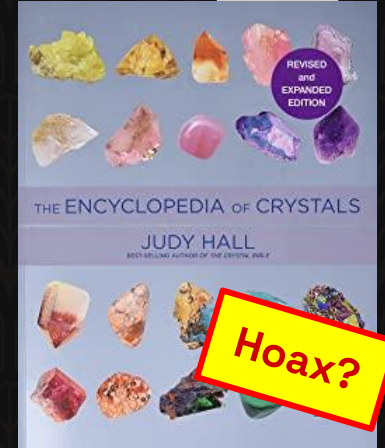
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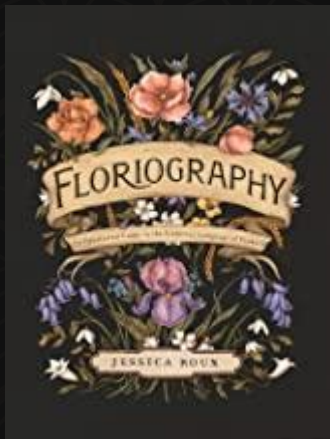
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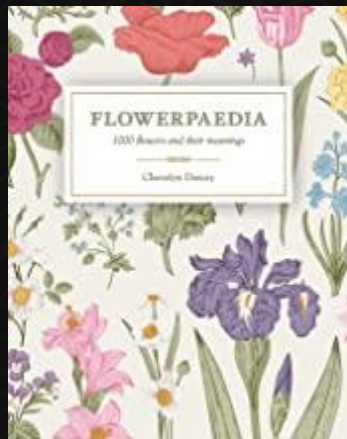
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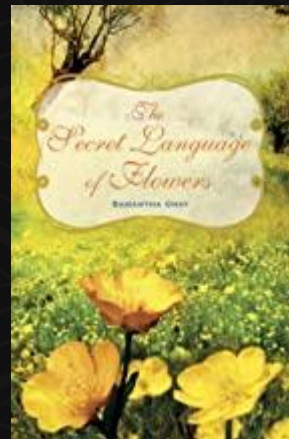
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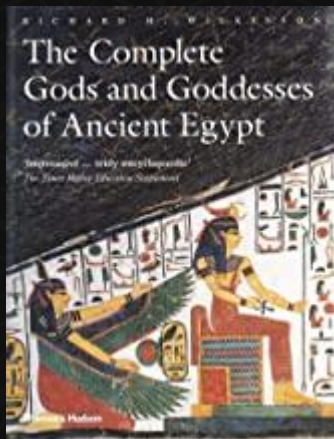
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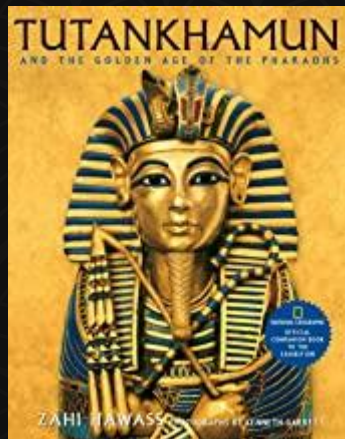
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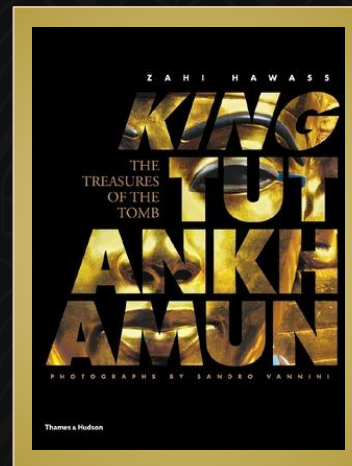
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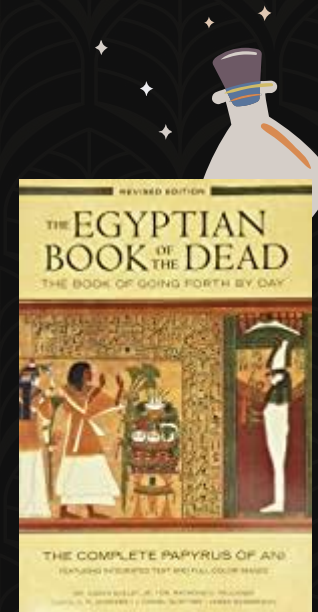
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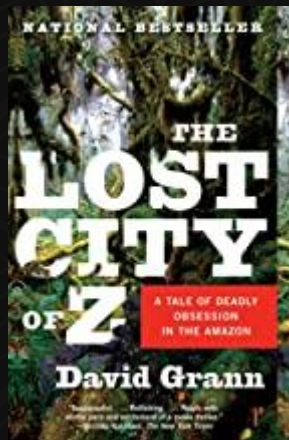
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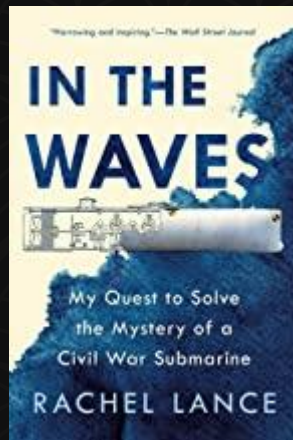
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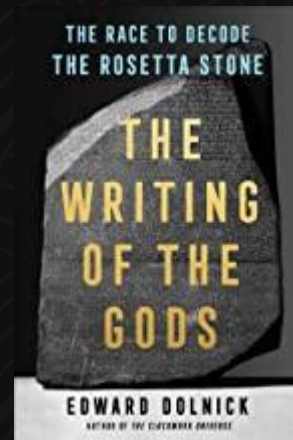
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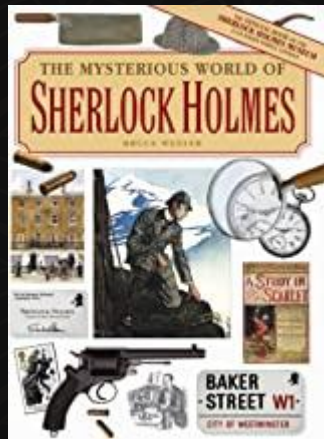
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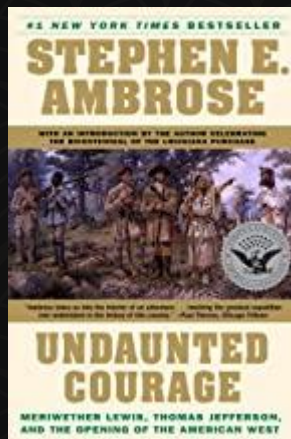
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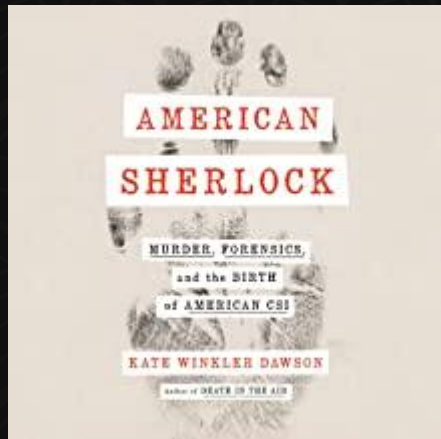
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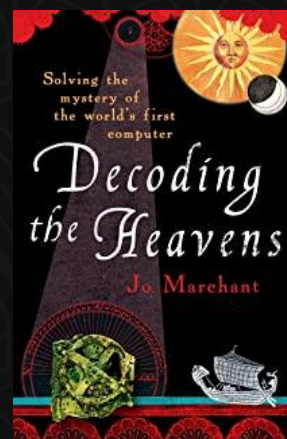
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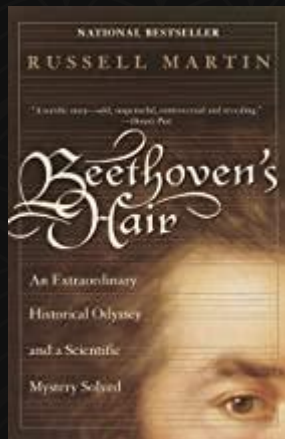
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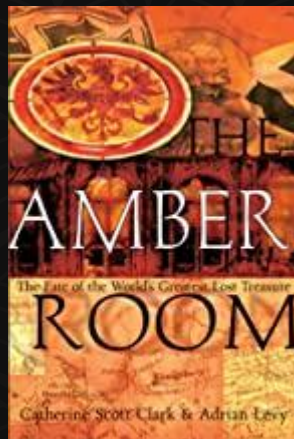
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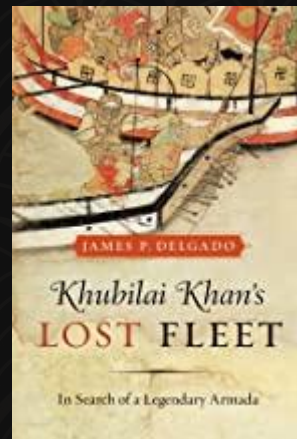
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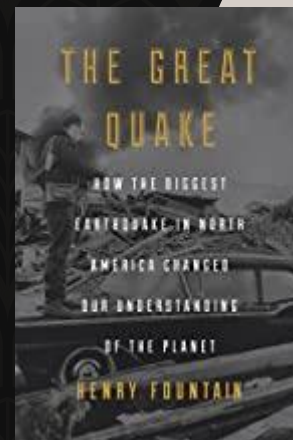
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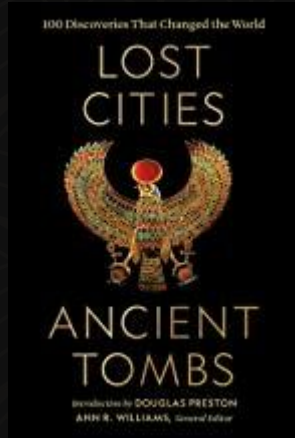
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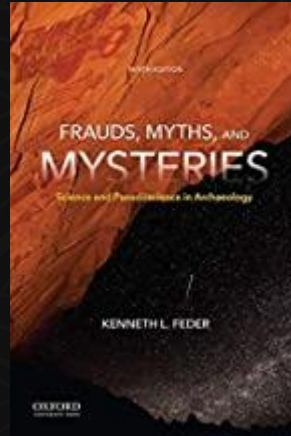
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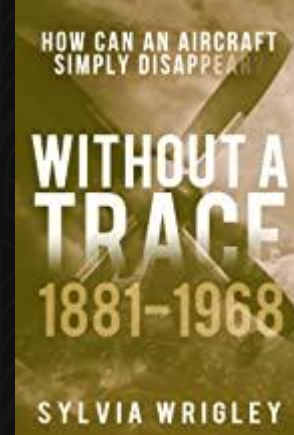
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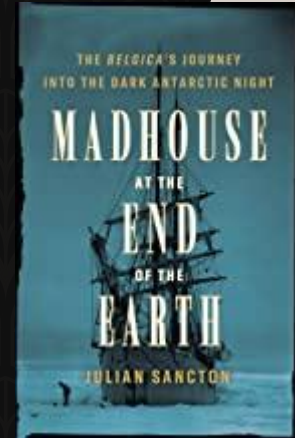
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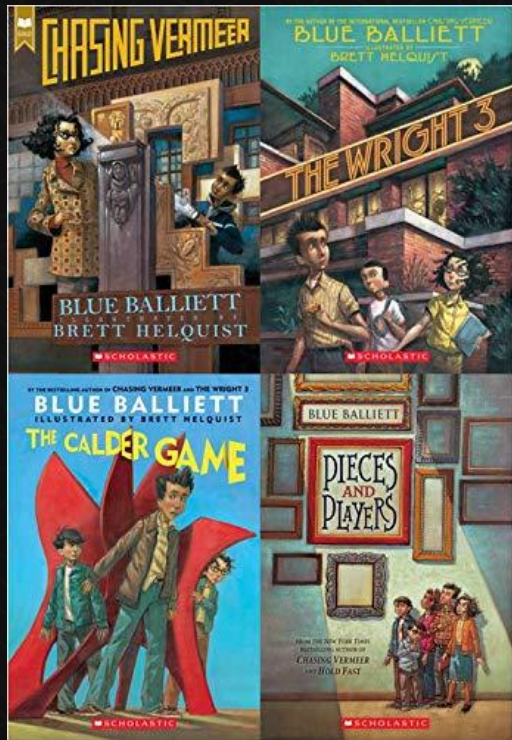
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2: something forged

3: an act of forging

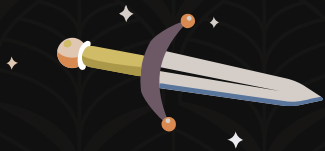
especially : the crime of falsely and fraudulently making or altering a document (such as a check)

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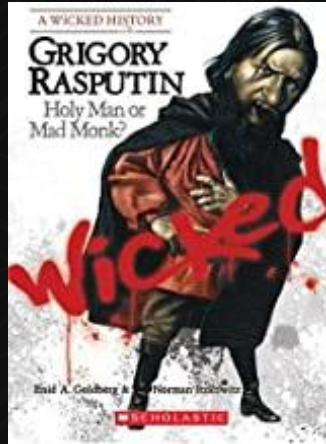


Blue Balliett is an American author, best known for her award-winning mystery trilogy for children. The three books -- titled *Chasing Vermeer*, *The Wright 3* and *The Calder Game* -- follow the adventures of a trio of young sleuths who used logic to solve crimes that involve famous works of art.

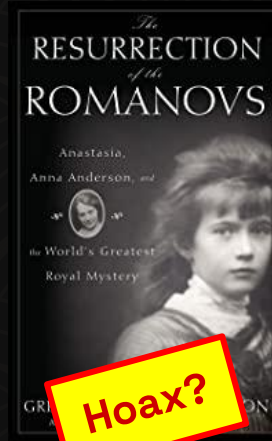
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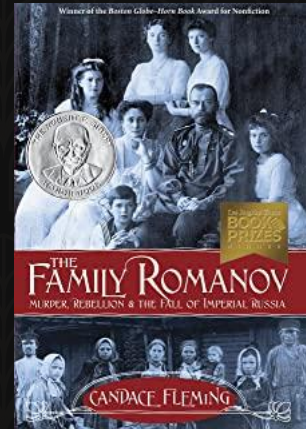
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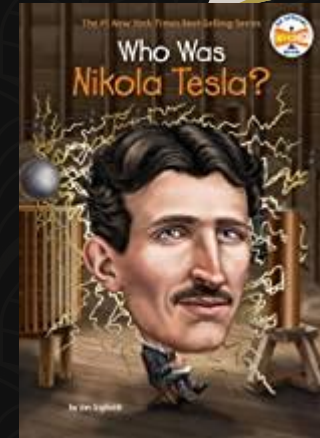
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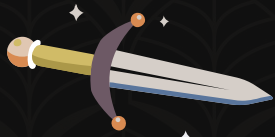
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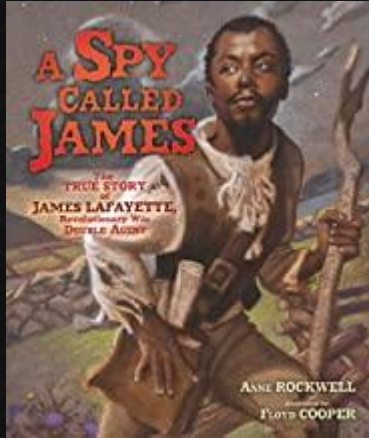
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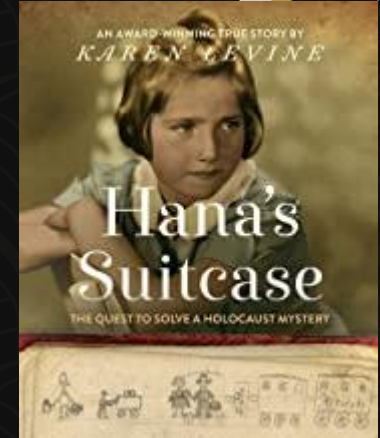
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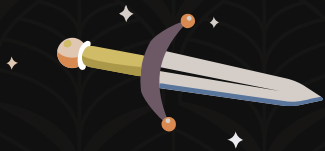
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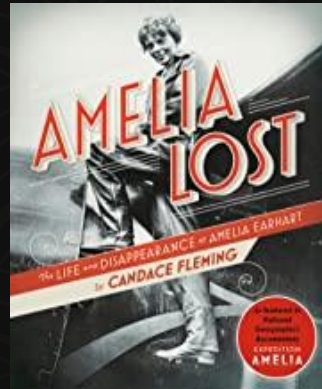
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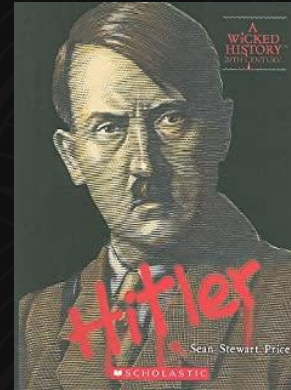
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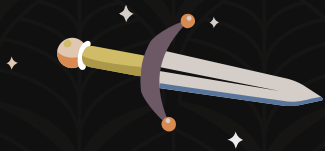
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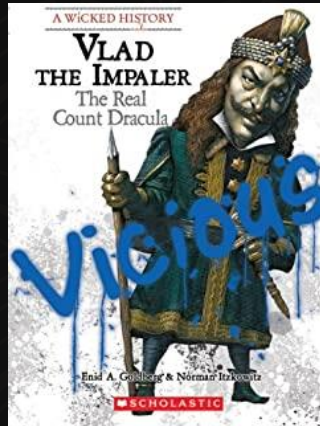
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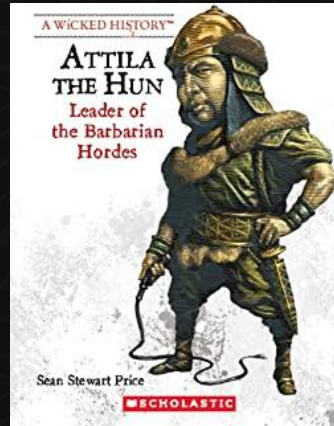
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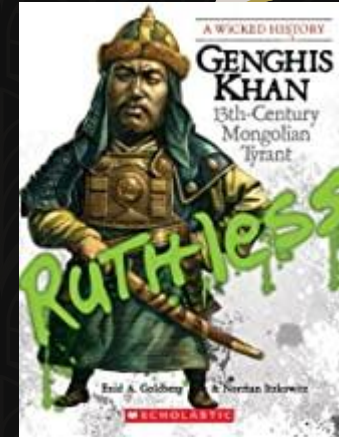
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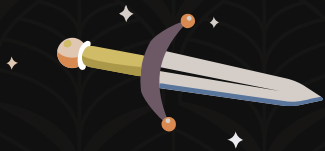
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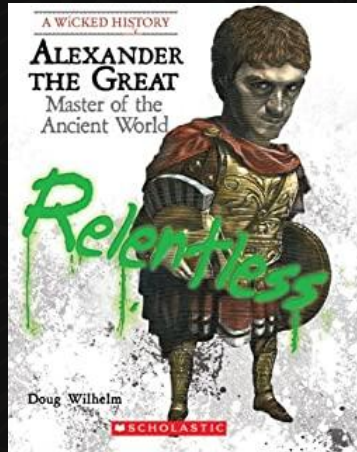
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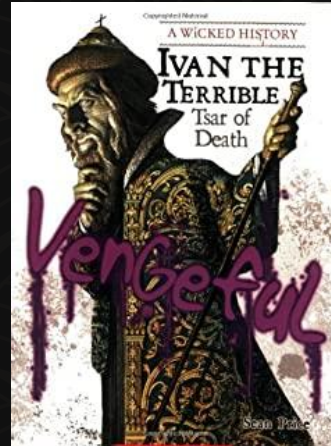
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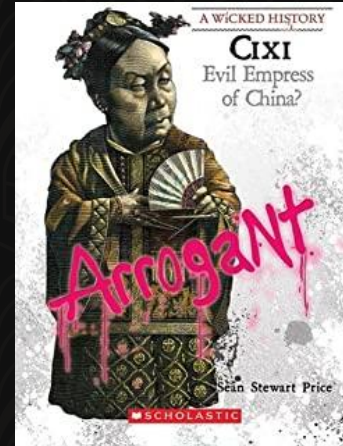
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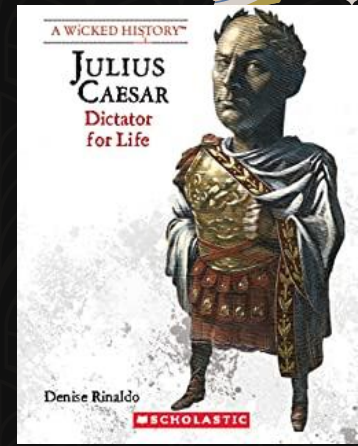
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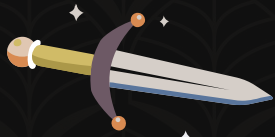
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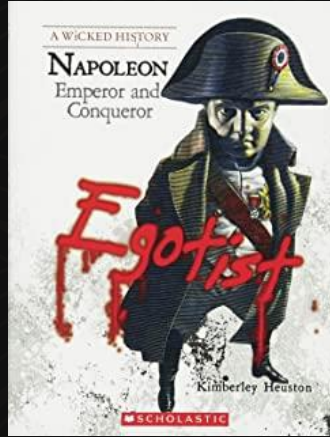
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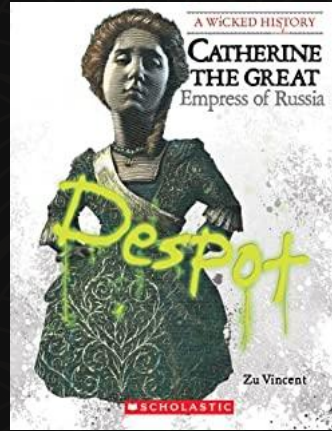
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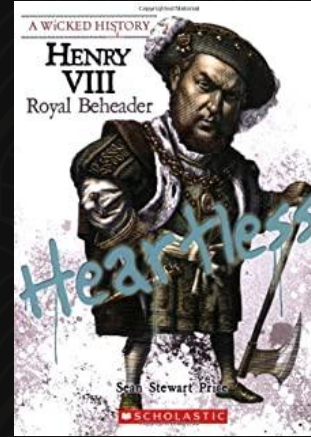
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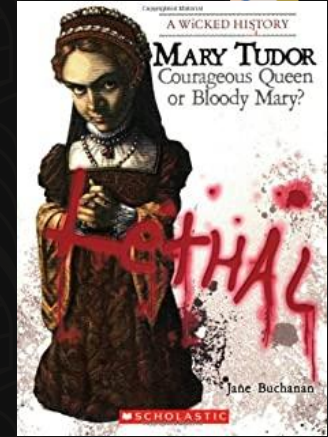
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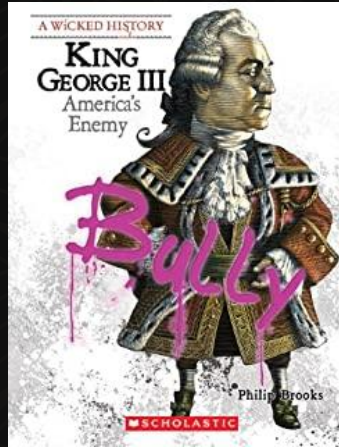
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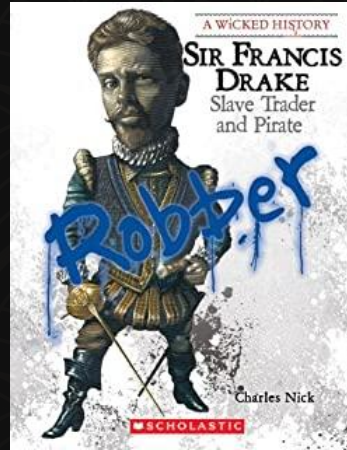
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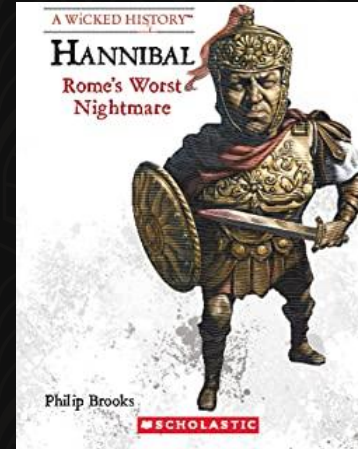
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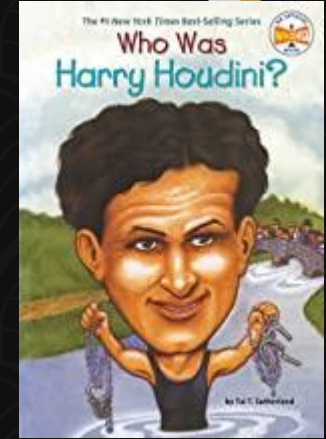
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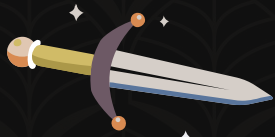
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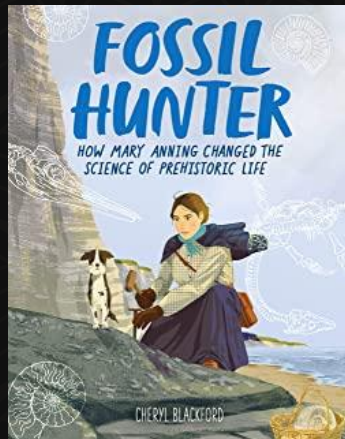
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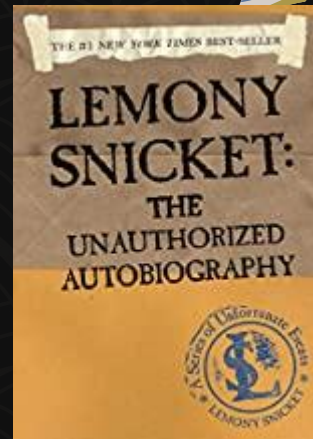
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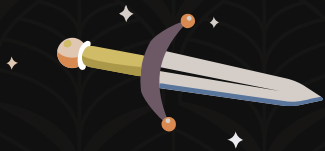
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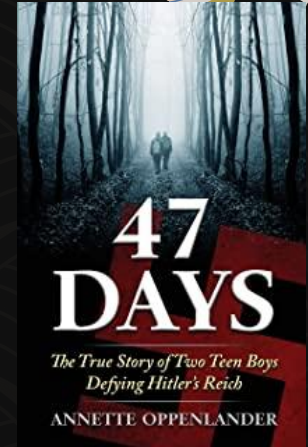
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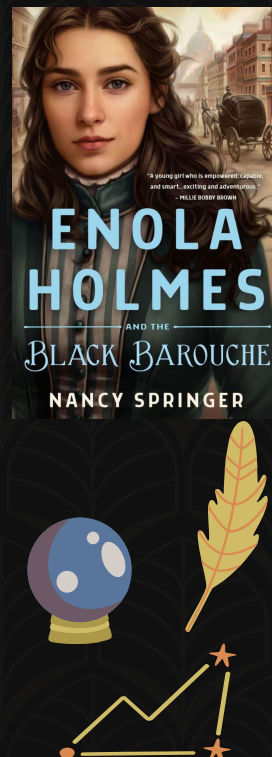
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1: an animal (such as Sasquatch or the Loch Ness Monster) that has been claimed to exist but never proven to exist

“Contrary to popular belief, cryptids don't have to be supernatural, mythical or even all that strange—though many popular creatures acquire these characteristics as their legends grow.” — Hayley Williams

“... fighting the Grafton Monster—a monstrous cryptid vaguely resembling a cross between Bigfoot and a seal ...” — Alan Olson

NANCY SPRINGER (1948-)

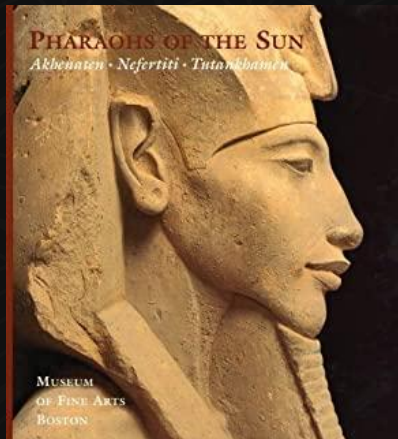


Nancy Springer is an American author of fantasy, young adult literature, mystery, and science fiction. She has had over 50 books published in a career spanning 4 decades. Her series, *The Enola Holmes Mysteries*, starring the younger sister of Sherlock Holmes, was adapted in 2020 as a Netflix film, *Enola Holmes*, starring Millie Bobby Brown.

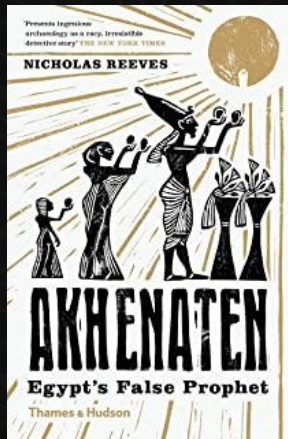
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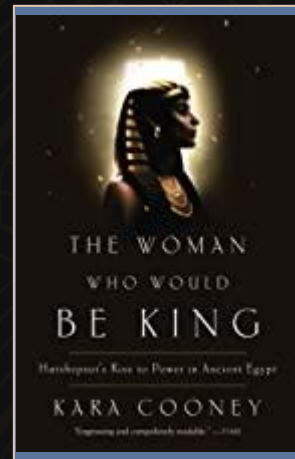
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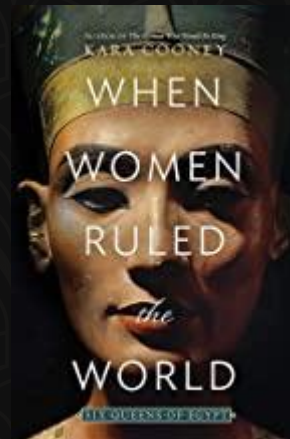
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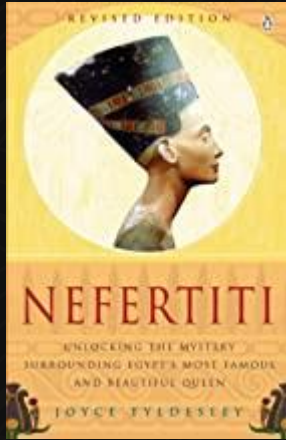
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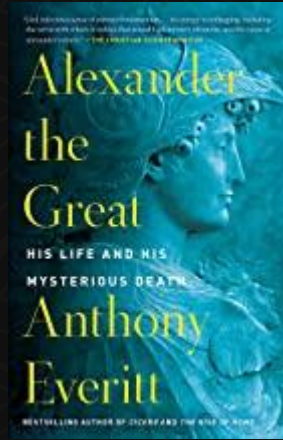
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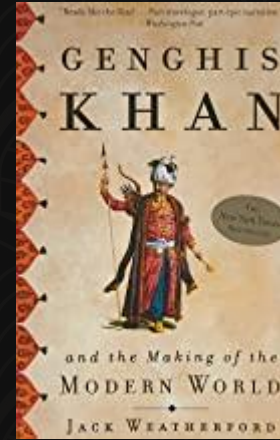
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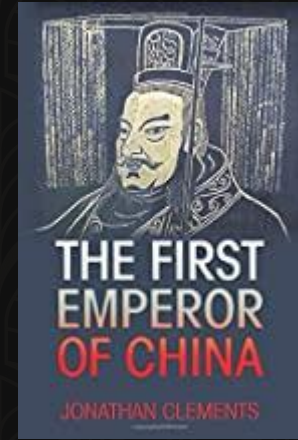
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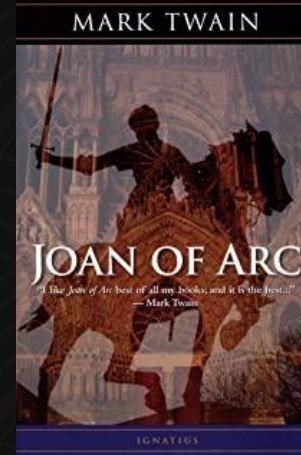
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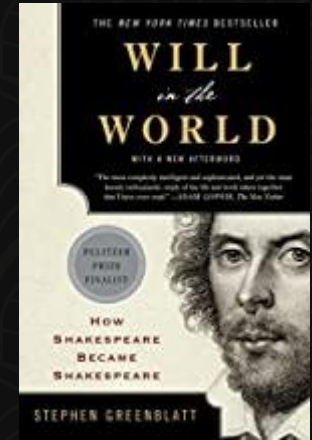
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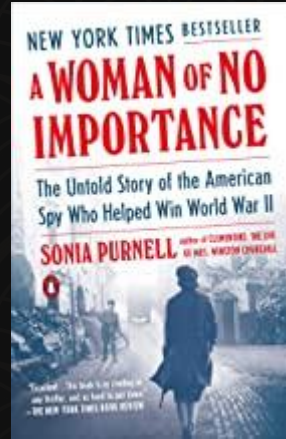
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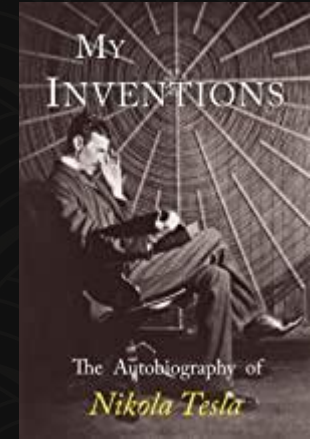
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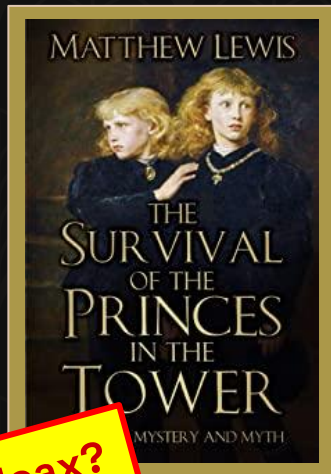
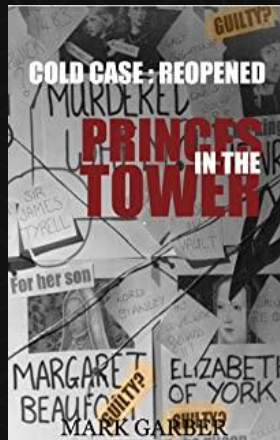
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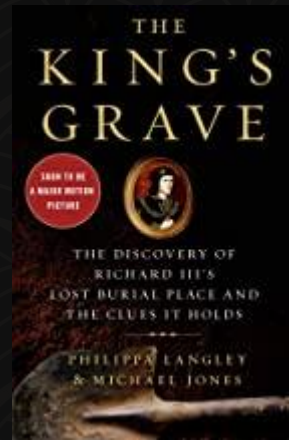
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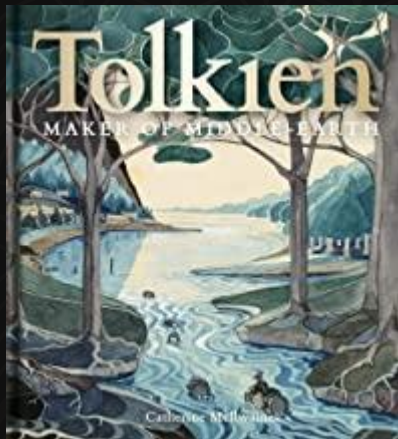
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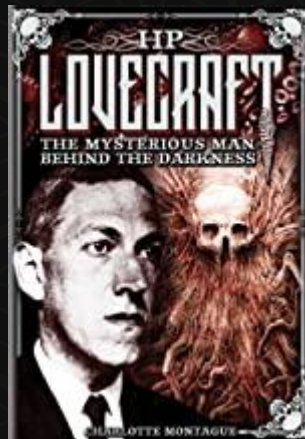
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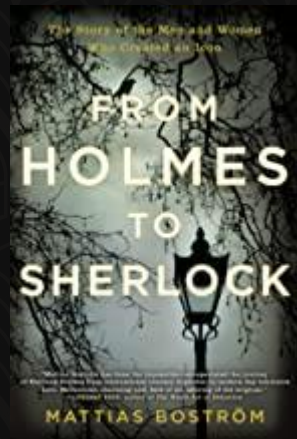
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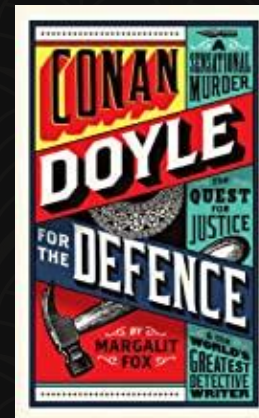
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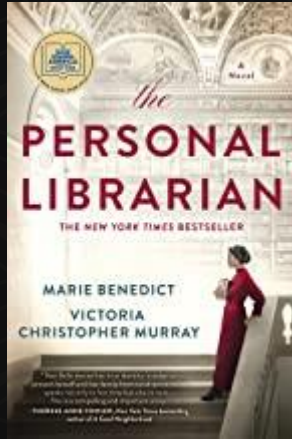
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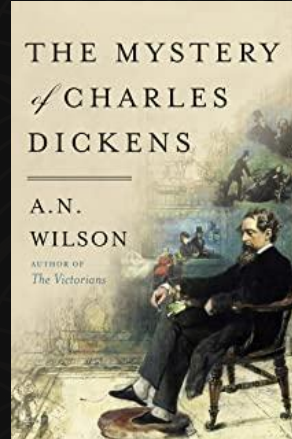
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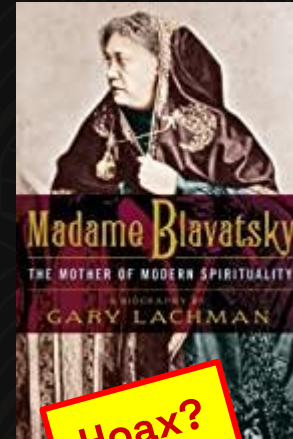
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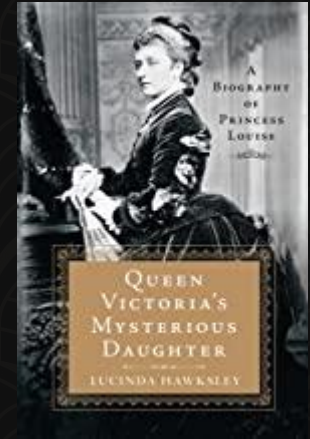
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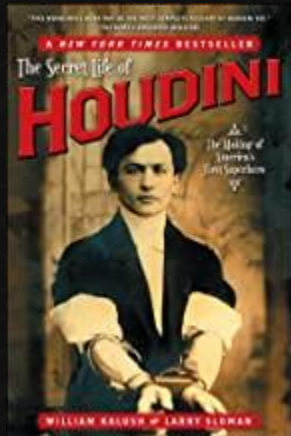
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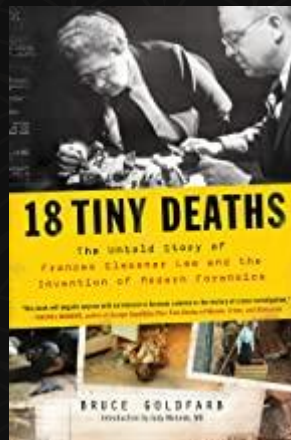
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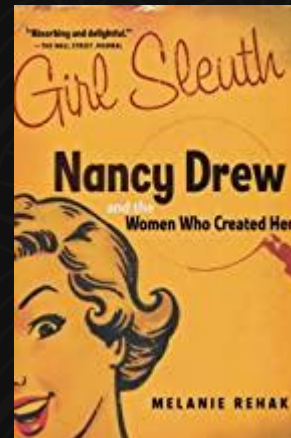
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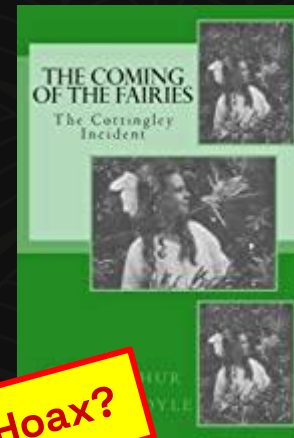
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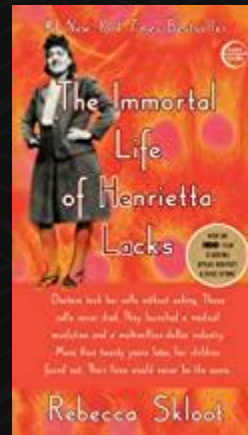
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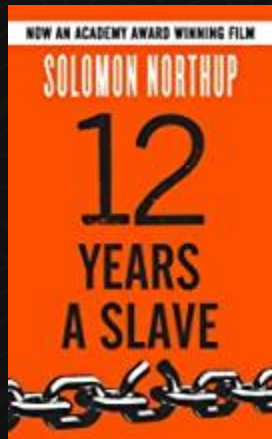


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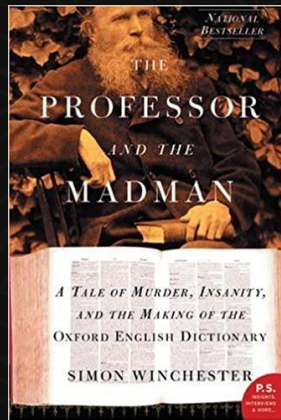
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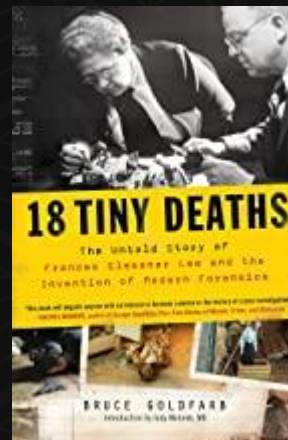
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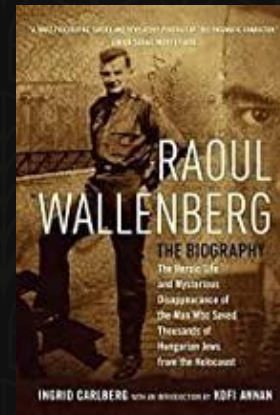
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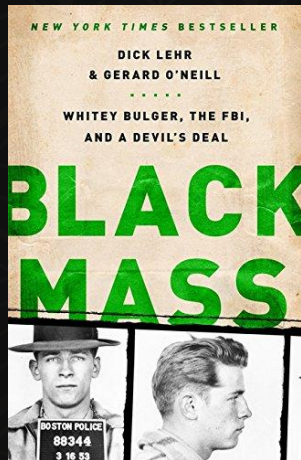
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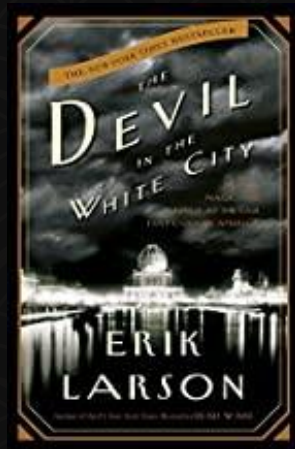
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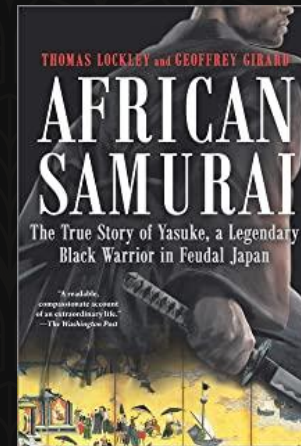
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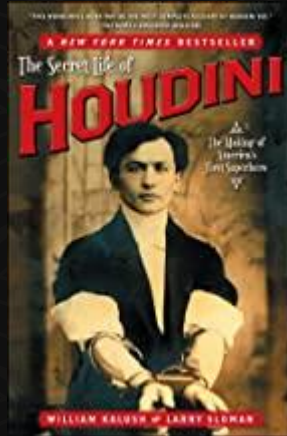
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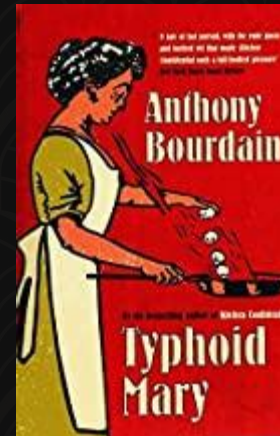
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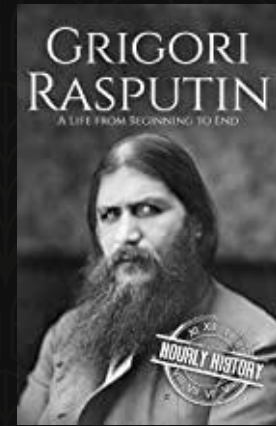
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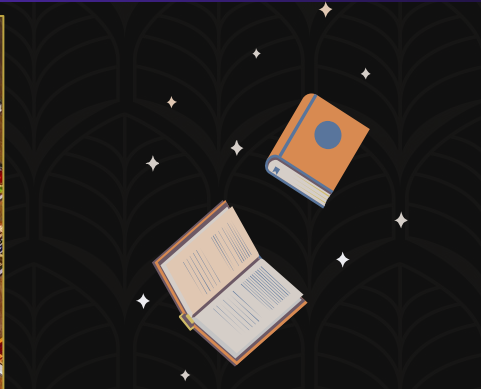
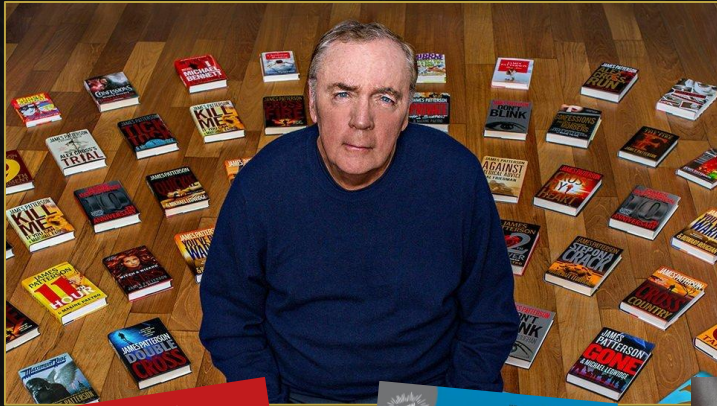


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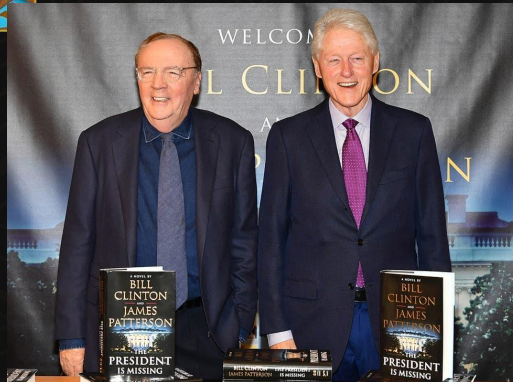
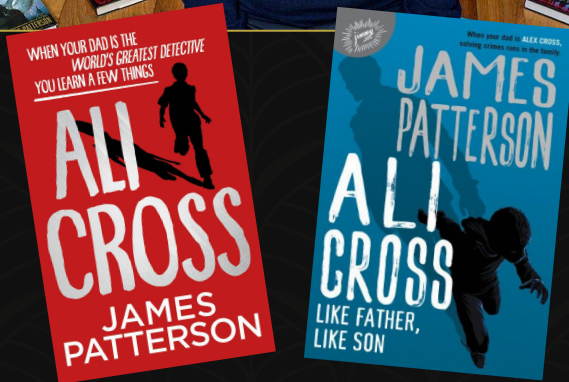
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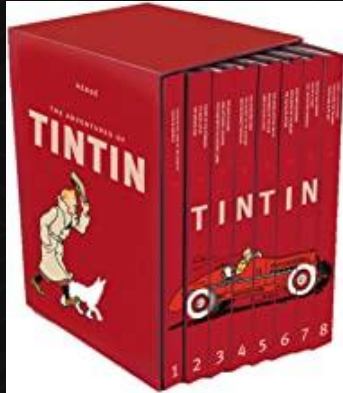
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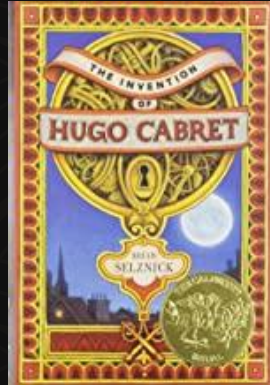




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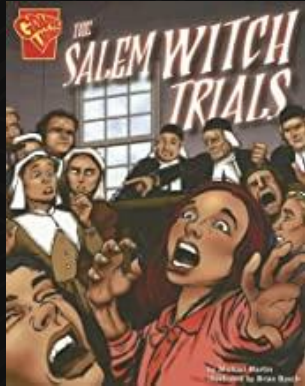
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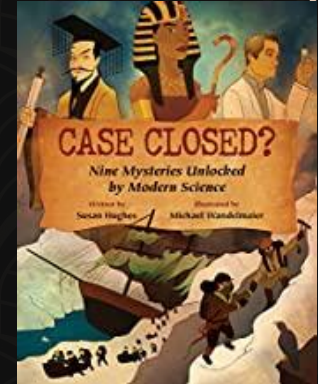
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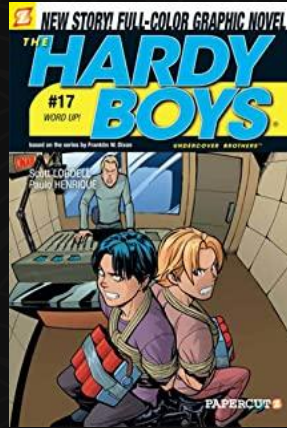
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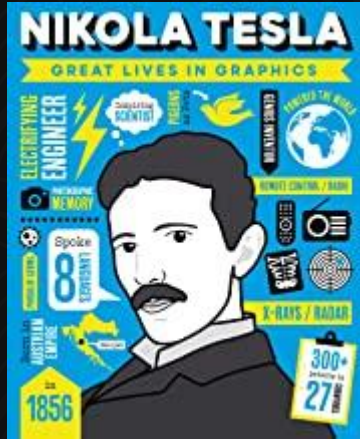
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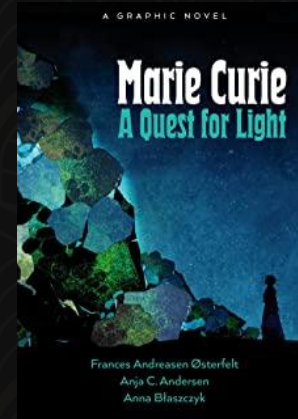
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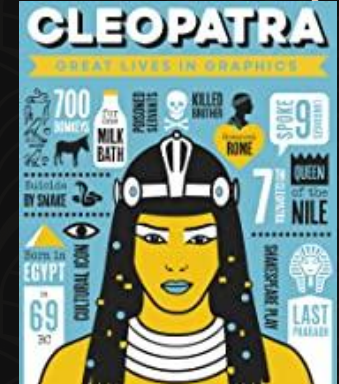
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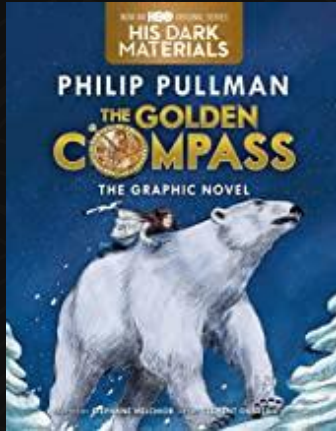
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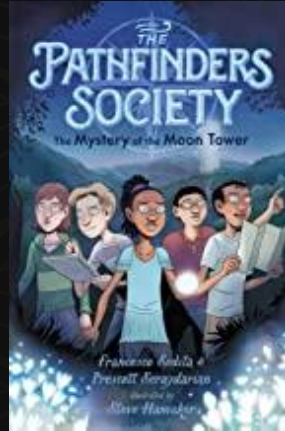
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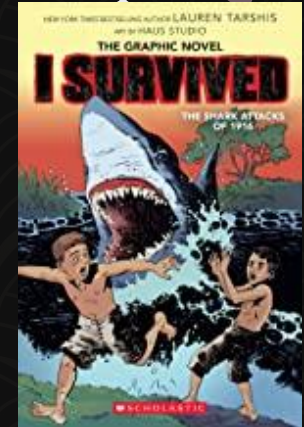
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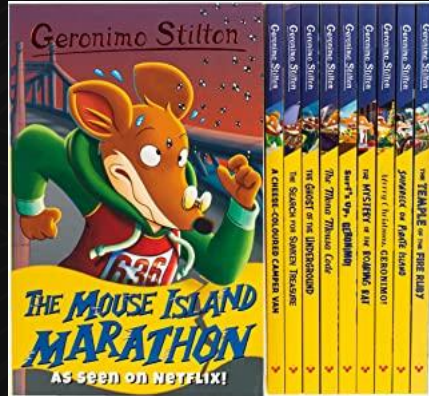
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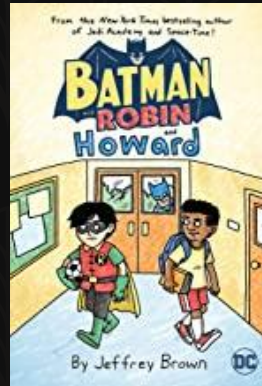
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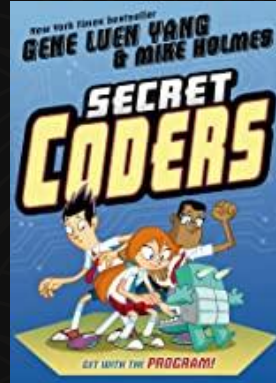
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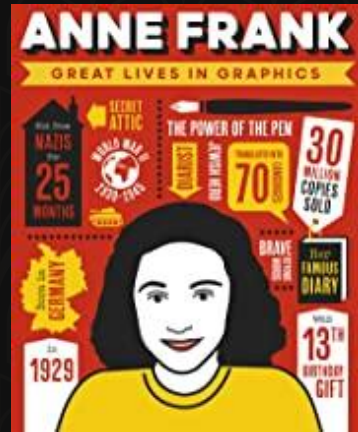
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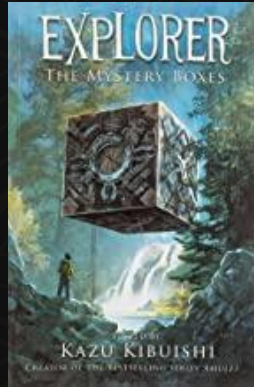
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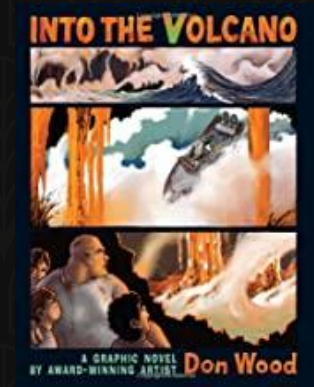
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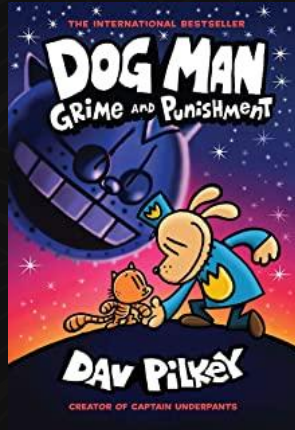
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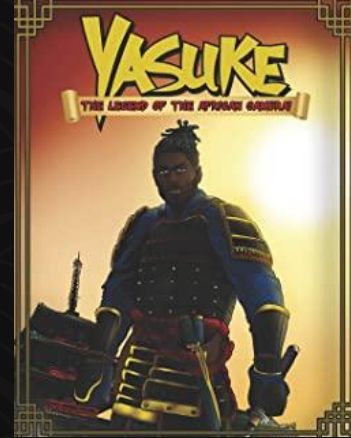
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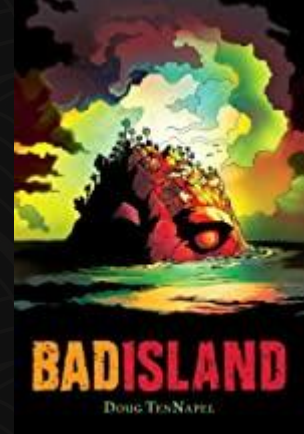
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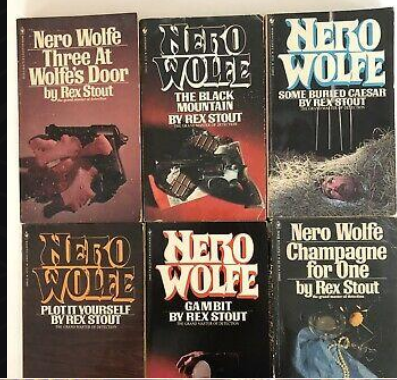
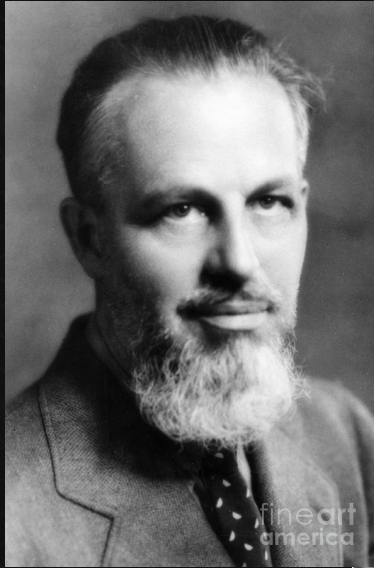
forensic (noun) fo·ren·sic | \ fə-'ren(t)-sik , -'ren-zik \

1: an argumentative exercise

2: forensics plural in form but singular or plural in construction : the art or study of argumentative discourse

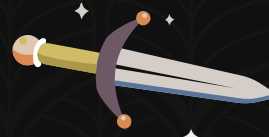
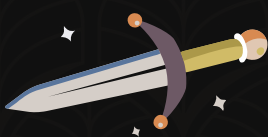
3: forensics plural in form but singular or plural in construction : the application of scientific knowledge to legal problems
especially : scientific analysis of physical evidence (as from a crime scene)

REX STOUT (1886-1975)



Rex Stout was an American writer noted for his detective fiction. His best-known characters are the detective Nero Wolfe and his assistant Archie Goodwin, who were featured in 33 novels and 39 novellas between 1934 and 1975.

Stout served as head of the Writers' War Board during World War II. He wrote propaganda, hosted three radio shows a week and coordinated the volunteer services of American writers to help the war effort. After the war, Stout returned to writing Nero Wolfe novels.





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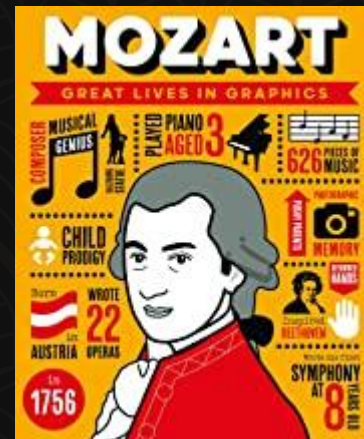
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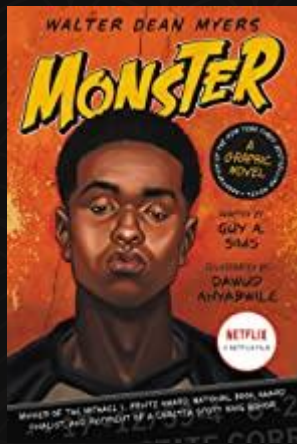
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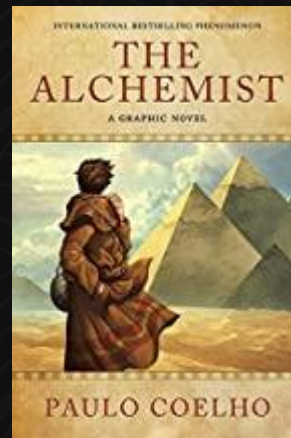
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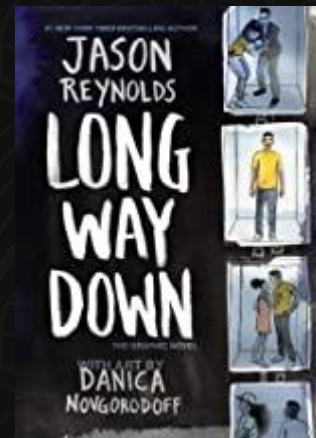
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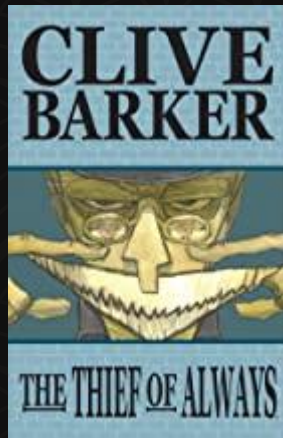
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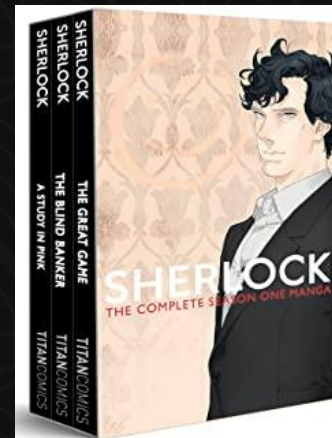
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***Thief of Always
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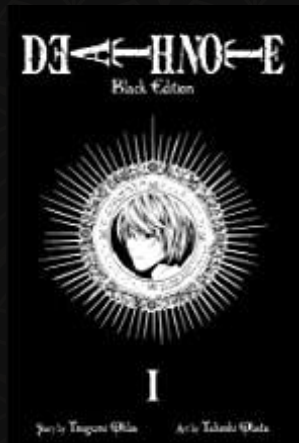
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by Steven
Moffat, Mark
Gatiss, et al.



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Black Butler,
Vol. 18
by Yana Toboso



Death Note
Black Edition,
Vol. 1
by Tsugumi
Ohba and
Takeshi Obata



DC's Greatest
Detective
Stories Ever
Told
(1937-2011)
by Various
Authors



Batman:
Detective Comics
Vol. 2: Fear State
by Mariko
Tamaki and Dan
Mora



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The Lost Carnival: A Dick Grayson Graphic Novel
by Michael Moreci and Sas Milledge



Catwoman: Soulstealer (The Graphic Novel)
by Louise Simonson,
Sarah J. Maas,
et al.



The Oracle Code, Book 1
by Marieke Nijkamp and
Manuel Preitano



E.X.O.: The Legend of Wale Williams, Book 1
by Roye Okupe,
Sunkanmi Akinboye, et al.



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*The Montague
Twins: The
Witch's Hand*
by Nathan Page
and Drew
Shannon



*Urban Legendz,
Book 1*
by Paul Downs,
Nick Bruno, et
al.



*Nancy Drew:
The Palace Of
Wisdom,
Book 1*
by Kelly
Thompson and
Jenn St. Onge



*Muhyo & Roji's
Bureau of
Supernatural
Investigation,
Vol. 17*
by Yoshiyuki
Nishi



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Alex Rider: The Graphic Novel Collection
by Anthony Horowitz



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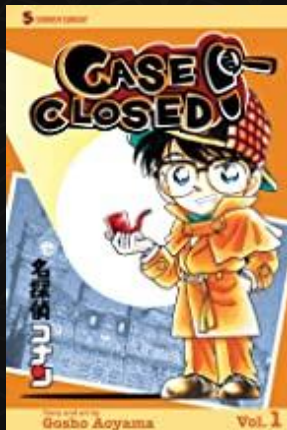
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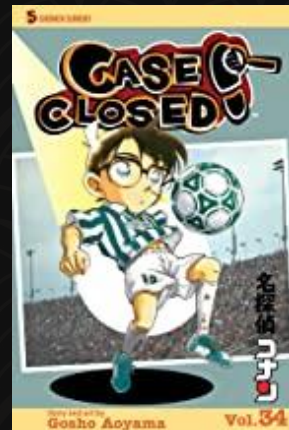
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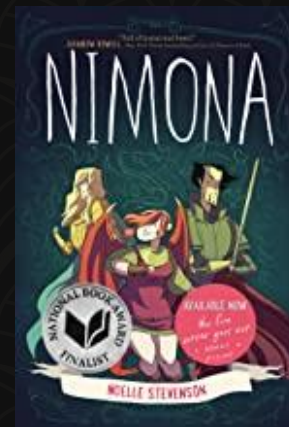
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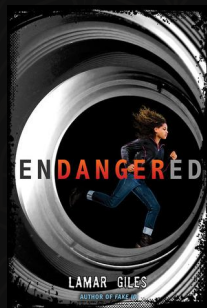


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by Gosho
Aoyama



Nimona,
Book 1
by Noelle
Stevenson

LAMAR GILES (1979-)



Lamar Giles is an American author of young adult novels and short stories. He is best known for his award-winning novels *Endangered* and *Fake ID* but has also written books for younger readers. He is also one of the founding members of the American non-profit We Need Diverse Books.

Giles is a member of the faculty of Spalding University's graduate program. He served as a judge for the 2018 National Book Awards. Reading Stephen King's *On Writing* in college inspired him to become an author.

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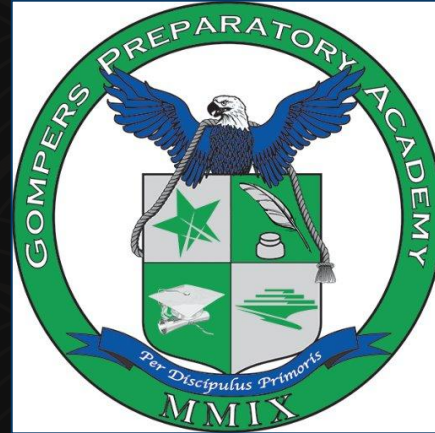
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