

BC SRC 2021: Crack the Case!

Booklists – Early Readers

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***Carson Crosses Canada*, Linda Bailey, 2017 (CA) (CE) (NN)**

A woman and her dog travel by car from BC to Newfoundland, seeing various sights along the way

Theme 4

***Under-the-bed Fred*, Linda Bailey, 2017 (CA) (CE)**

There's a monster under Leo's bed, who frightens him every night. But one evening Leo gets tired of being afraid and strikes up a conversation with the monster instead – with surprising results.

Theme 7

***Mac Undercover*, Mac Barnett, 2018 (AUD) (CE)**

In this zany adventure, a boy receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, sending him on his first adventure as a secret agent.

Theme 1, 4

***Sasquatch, the Fire and the Cedar Baskets*, Joseph Dandurand, 2020 (BC) (CE)**

A lonely Sasquatch starts a family, and then must save both them and his forest home when a great fire breaks out.

Theme 3, 7

***Buried Bones Mystery*, Sharon Draper, 2011 (CE)**

Four boys build a clubhouse in a backyard, but are swept up into a mystery when they find a box of bones while digging.

Theme 1, 6, 7

***Dragons in a Bag*, Zetta Elliott, 2018 (CA) (CE)**

A boy is sent to spend the day with a woman he thinks is his grandmother – but who is really a witch, and she needs his help delivering dragons to their magical home.

Theme 7

***Where's Burgess?* Laurie Elmquist, 2018 (BC) (AUD) (CE) (NN)**

A young boy's pet frog goes missing, and all his focus is on searching for it. But with the help of a classmate and a camping trip with his mother, he learns to make new friends.

Theme 1, 3, 4

***The Traveling Circus*, Marie-Louise Gay, 2015 (CA) (NN)**

Siblings Charlie and Max explore Croatia and have a number of lively adventures.

Theme 4

Secret Explorers and the Lost Whales, S.J. King, 2020 (AUD)

A group of extraordinary kids from across the world come together to help save a pod of humpback whales who have lost their way.

Theme 2, 3, 4

Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure, Torben Kuhlmann, 2018 (AUD)

A young mouse and his professor friend try to track down a sunken treasure. First they do research at the library and museum, then they build a submarine to set off on their adventure.

Theme 2, 4

Knights Vs. Dinosaurs, Matt Phelan, 2018 (CE)

Four Knights of the Round Table are sent back in time, where they square off with dinosaurs and try to find their way back to their own place in time.

Theme 6

Great Cake Mystery, Alexander McCall Smith, 2012 (AUD) (CE)

A piece of cake goes missing from young Precious Ramotswe's Botswana classroom. While a boy is quickly accused as the culprit, Precious is unconvinced and embarks on a quest to find the real culprit.

Theme 1, 4

Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure, Alex Smith, 2019

Mr. Penguin and his spider friend Colin solve puzzles, fight monsters, and travel to a mysterious jungle in search of a missing treasure.

Theme 1, 4

The Outlaw, Nancy Vo, 2018 (BC) (AUD)

Several months after a notorious ruffian that once terrorized a small Western town disappears, a mysterious stranger arrives and starts cleaning the place up. Who could he be?

Theme 1, 6

High and Dry, Eric Walters, 2020 (CA) (CE)

A boy encounters an orca whale who has been beached during low tide, and works to protect it and save the stranded animal.

Theme 2, 3

*BC = British Columbian author or
illustrator*

CA = Canadian author or illustrator

AUD = Audiobook

CE = CELA

NN = NNELS

Theme 1 – Super Sleuths

Theme 2 – Crack the Code

Theme 3 – Hot on the Trail

Theme 4 – Secret Missions

Theme 5 – Whodunnit?

Theme 6 – History's Mysteries

Theme 7 – Is it Real?