

**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?*