

BC SRC 2021: Crack the Case!

Booklists – Graphic Novels

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***This was our pact*, Ryan Andrews, 2019**

Each year, paper lanterns are released into the river at the annual Autumn Equinox festival. But where do they go? Ben and his friends are determined to follow them as far as they can, and find out. Ages 10+

Theme 1, 4, 7

***Explorer: The Hidden Doors*, ed. Kazu Kibuishi, 2014**

Authors and artists tell different stories – some funny, some serious - all on the central theme of finding a hidden door. Ages 8-12

Theme 4, 7

***The Inkberg Enigma*, Jonathan King, 2020**

Miro and Zia live in a fishing town by an old castle. One day, they witness a fisherman entangled in huge tentacles being rushed out of the water, and they quickly become drawn into a mystery involving a disastrous Antarctic expedition and supernatural secrets. Ages 8-12

Theme 1, 6, 7

***Seventh Voyage*, Jon Muth, 2019**

The spaceship of an astronaut named Ijon is struck by a meteoroid. Shortly after, he starts seeing a future version of himself, and realizes that he's stuck in a time loop. Ages 8-12

Theme 2, 4

***Red's Planet*, Eddie Pittman, 2016**

10 year old Red finds herself kidnapped by an alien spaceship, which then crashes on a deserted planet. She must make friends, and find a way to survive. Ages 8-12

Theme 4, 7

***Bolivar*, Sean Rubin, 2017**

Sybil knows that her neighbour is secretly a dinosaur, but nobody else seems too busy to notice. Ages 6-8

Theme 6, 7

***Pathfinders Society*, Francesco Sedita, 2020**

Five kids investigate the history of their strange hometown, including the lost treasure of an eccentric explorer-inventor who once lived there. Ages 8-12

Theme 1, 4, 6

***Meanwhile*, Jason Shiga, 2010**

A boy finds the laboratory of a mad scientist, and from there the story branches off into hundreds of possibilities in this "choose your own adventure" graphic novel. Ages 8-12

Theme 2, 4

***Lumberjanes: Beware the Kitten Holy*, Noelle Stevenson, 2014 (NN)**

Five best friends are determined to have the best summer ever, even if that means having to solve a supernatural mystery and fight monsters. Ages 10+

Theme 1, 7

Secret Coders, Gene Luen Yang, 2015

There's something strange about 12 year old Hopper's new school. She and a new friend use their computer programming skills to solve puzzles and get to the bottom of the mystery. Ages 8-12

Theme 1, 2

*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?