

**BC SRC 2021: Crack the Case!**

**Booklists – Novels**

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***The Sphinx's Secret, Gwenda Bond, 2018 (CE)***

Stephen lives at a supernatural hotel in New York, where vampires, dragons, and gargoyles roam free. When a magical wand is stolen from the museum and used to cast a spell on the entire supernatural community, he and his friends must race to prevent disaster.

**Theme 7**

***The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel, Sheela Chari, 2020***

Middle schooler Mars is drawn into a complex mystery when one of his friends suddenly disappears without a trace.

**Theme 1, 2**

***The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day, Christopher Edge, 2019 (CE)***

Physics-obsessed 10 year old Maisie finds herself caught in a time loop, endlessly reliving her birthday over and over again. She sets out to solve the mystery and return to the “real” world.

**Theme 2, 4**

***Space Case, Stuart Gibbs, 2015 (AUD) (CE) (NN)***

The year is 2040, and Dash lives on Moon Base Alpha, Earth's first extraterrestrial colony. He thinks it's pretty boring though, until a prominent scientist is murdered and Dash is determined to solve the mystery.

**Theme 1, 2, 4**

***Lost in the Backyard, Alison Hughes, 2015 (CE) (NN)***

Flynn hates the outdoors, and doesn't understand why anyone would want to go hiking and camping. But when he gets lost in the wilderness, he must figure out how to survive until he can get rescued.

**Theme 3, 4**

***The Case of Windy Lake, Michael Hutchinson, 2019 (CA) (CE) (NN)***

Four cousins on the Windy Lake First Nation try to solve the mysterious disappearance of a visiting archaeologist.

**Theme 1**

***Dog Driven, Terry Lynn Johnson, 2019 (CA) (AUD) (CE)***

Young teen McKenna participates in a rigorous sled dog race despite her deteriorating vision.

**Theme 3, 4, 6**

**Howard Wallace PI, Casey Lyall, 2016 (CA) (AUD) (CE) (NN)**

Howard Wallace styles himself as a private investigator who always works alone, but when new kid Ivy convinces him to take her on as his partner, that starts to change.

**Theme 1**

**Glitch, Laura Martin, 2020 (AUD) (CE)**

Two kids with the ability to time travel receive a mysterious note from the future, and find themselves traveling to the past to prevent a disaster.

**Theme 2, 6**

**Ghost Collector, Allison Mills, 2019 (BC)**

Cree 6<sup>th</sup> grader Shelly and her grandmother help ghosts transition to the next world. When her mother dies suddenly, she starts bringing the ghosts home to her room instead – and hoping that her mother will appear too.

**Theme 7**

**Road Trip, Gary Paulsen, 2013 (AUD) (CE)**

A father and son take an impromptu road trip to rescue a puppy. What could go wrong?

**Theme 4**

**Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab, Bob Pflugfelder, 2013 (CE)**

A pair of twins try to solve the mystery of a nearby “haunted” house, with the help of several contraptions and gadgets that they invent along the way.

**Theme 1, 2**

**The Hero Next Door, Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich (ed.), 2019 (AUD) (CE)**

A collection of 13 stories, ranging from fantasy to mystery, about everyday heroes who change the world around them with a little bit of kindness and understanding.

**Theme 1, 2, 5, 7**

**Nessie Quest, Melissa Savage, 2020 (AUD) (CE)**

A girl reluctantly travels to Scotland with her parents, where she makes new friends and joins their search for the mysterious Loch Ness Monster.

**Theme 4, 7**

**The Goldfish Boy, Lisa Thompson, 2018 (AUD)**

A boy struggling with OCD struggles to go outside, so he passes the time watching his neighbours from his bedroom window instead. When a toddler next door goes missing, he finds himself at the centre of a mystery where every one of his neighbours is a suspect.

**Theme 1**

*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?*