

Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

Hi All

While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together this little newsletter with lots of bits and bobs in such as recipes, book recommendations, and we've even included a quiz to help ease the boredom.

So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

I've asked friends, family and colleagues to share with us what they're reading and it's quite a mix!

What are people reading?

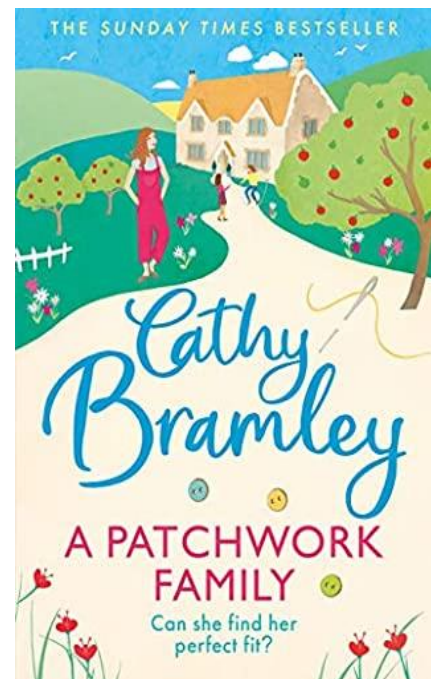
A Patchwork Family by Cathy Bramley

A Feel Good comfort read to curl up with

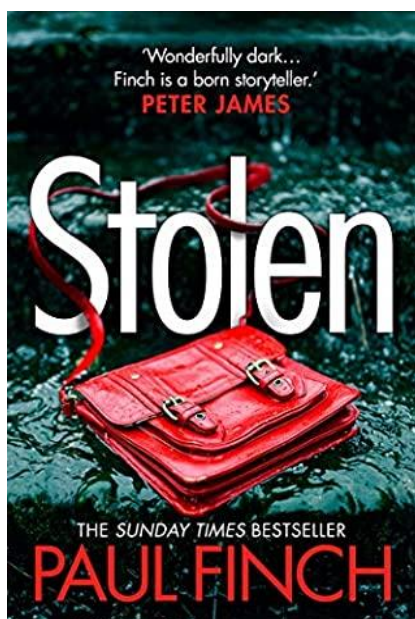
Gina has been going with the flow for years - she'd rather have an easy life than face any conflict. She runs her childminding business from her cottage at the edge of The Evergreens, a charming Victorian house and home to three octogenarians who have far too much fun for their age.

But when The Evergreens is put up for sale, Gina and the other residents face losing their home. To protect her business and save her elderly friends from eviction, Gina must make a stand and fight for the first time in her life.

As Gina's ideas for saving The Evergreens get bigger and bolder, she starts to believe it might just be possible. The only thing is, does she believe in herself?



Stolen by Paul Finch



DC Lucy Clayburn is having a tough time of it. Not only is her estranged father one of the North West's toughest gangsters, but she is in the midst of one of the biggest police operations of her life. Members of the public have started to disappear, taken from the streets as they're going about their everyday lives. But no bodies are appearing - it's almost as if the victims never existed. Lucy must chase a trail of dead ends and false starts as the disappearances mount up.

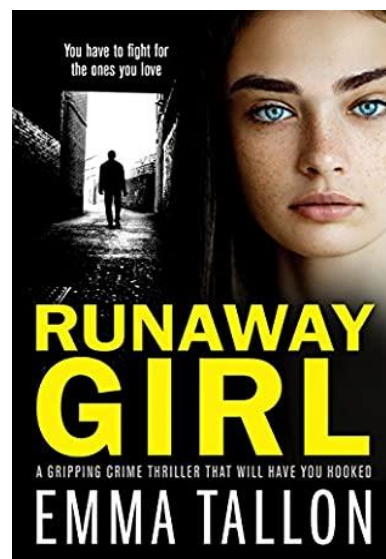
But when her father gets caught in the crossfire, the investigation suddenly becomes a whole lot more bloody.

Runaway Girl by Emma Tallon

A Gripping Crime Thriller that will have you Hooked

You have to fight for the ones you love. Anna Davis has spent years terrified of her sadistic gangster boyfriend. Right up until she runs away in the dead of night, she's frightened he will kill her. And she knows he still will, if he ever finds her.....

This is the beginning of the Tyler Family Series



I hope these snippets help, if you'd like to tell us what you're reading we'd love to hear from you, and also if you've read any of the books recommended and what you thought of them. Please email yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk and we'll post your book recommendations.

Quiz: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

QUIZ - REAL NAMES

The following are all famous in the world of entertainment, past and present. But can you recognise them from their real names?

- 1. Robert Zimmerman**
- 2. Marvin Lee Aday**
- 3. Allen Stewart Konigsberg**
- 4. Vincent Damon Furnier**
- 5. Reginald Kenneth Dwight**
- 6. Marion Michael Morrison**
- 8. Dana Elaine Owens**
- 9. Harry Rodger Webb**
- 10. George Alan O'Dowd**

I'll add the answers next month, good luck!

The answers to last week's teaser are as follows:

1. Denmark
2. Poland
3. Czech Republic
4. Austria
5. Switzerland
6. France
7. Luxembourg
8. Belgium
9. Holland (Netherlands)
10. They all share a border with Germany

Recipes:

I'd like to share some easy to follow and lovely to eat recipes from family, friends, colleagues and some that I've come across

Ravioli Lasagne

Have a go at this simple recipe. It only takes 15 mins to prepare and uses just 5 ingredients, including shop bought ravioli 😊

Serves: 2 adults and 2 children depending on your portions



Ingredients:

Oil, for frying

6 sausages

2 x 400g tins chopped tomatoes with garlic and basil

200g baby spinach

500g spinach and ricotta ravioli (or any flavour you like)

75g mixture of grated cheddar and mozzarella

Method:

- Heat a drizzle of oil in a pan.
- Squeeze the sausage meat from the skins and fry until browned, using a wooden spoon to break it up.
- Add the tomatoes and half a can of water and season.
- Simmer for 20 mins.
- Put the spinach in a [colander](#).
- Pour over boiled water from the kettle to wilt.
- Leave to cool, then squeeze out as much of the excess water as you can.
- Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.
- Spoon a third of the sauce into a medium baking dish (about 18 x 20cm).
- Top with a third of the spinach and a third of the ravioli, then scatter over some of the cheese.
- Repeat the layers twice, making sure the final layer of ravioli is nestled into the sauce.
- Bake for 35-40 mins until bubbling and hot all the way through.
- Cover if the top starts to get too dark.
- Serve and enjoy

BOOK AND LITERARY NEWS

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/ts-eliot-estate-steps-in-to-help-bront%C3%AB-parsonage-museum-rescue-appeal/ar-BB18MYuW>



[TS Eliot estate steps in to help Brontë Parsonage Museum rescue appeal](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/ts-eliot-estate-steps-in-to-help-bront%C3%AB-parsonage-museum-rescue-appeal/ar-BB18MYuW)

The estate of TS Eliot has stepped in to shore up the Brontë Parsonage with a £20,000 donation, after the historic building where the Brontë children were raised warned that it was at risk of ...

www.msn.com

<https://www.deccanherald.com/international/ts-eliot-s-estate-donates-cats-movie-royalties-to-bront-museum-884684.html>



[TS Eliot's estate donates 'Cats' movie royalties to Brontë museum | Deccan Herald](https://www.deccanherald.com/international/ts-eliot-s-estate-donates-cats-movie-royalties-to-bront-museum-884684.html)

Thanks in part to a donation from the estate of one of England's most esteemed poets — and some dancing cats — the Brontë Parsonage Museum's doors will remain open, for now. The estate of ...

www.deccanherald.com

MAGGIE O'FARRELL - HAMNET

WINNER OF WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION 2020

<https://www.independent.co.uk/extras/indybest/books/fiction-books/womens-prize-fiction-winners-novels-baileys-list-readings-uk-b421051.html>

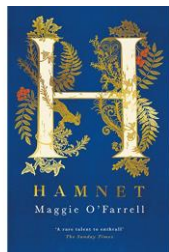


[Women's Prize for Fiction 2020: Read this year's winning novel and the previous top titles | The Independent](https://www.independent.co.uk/extras/indybest/books/fiction-books/womens-prize-fiction-winners-novels-baileys-list-readings-uk-b421051.html)

Women's Prize for Fiction: Read this year's winning novel and the previous top titles. In honour of the award's 25th anniversary, we take a look back at the victors from the previous five ...

www.independent.co.uk

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/43890641-hamnet>

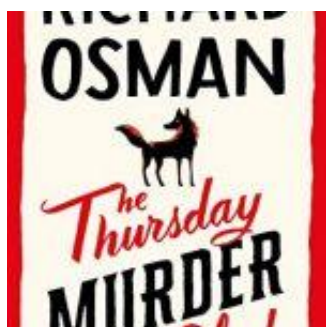


[Hamnet](#)

Drawing on Maggie O'Farrell's long-term fascination with the little-known story behind Shakespeare's most enigmatic play, HAMNET is a lum...

www.goodreads.com

<https://www.readingreality.net/2020/07/review-the-thursday-murder-club-by-richard-osman/>



[Review: The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman – Escape Reality, Read Fiction!](#)

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
Format: eARC Source: supplied by publisher via Edelweiss Formats available: hardcover, paperback, ebook, audiobook Genres: mystery, thriller Pages: 368 Published by Viking on September 3, 2020
Purchasing Info: Author's Website, Publisher's Website, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kobo, Book Depository Goodreads. Four septuagenarians with a few tricks up their ...

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KING LEAR PRIZES - MORE SHORTLISTED ENTRIES ANNOUNCED

<https://www.kinglearprizes.org.uk/>



[King Lear Prizes](#)

UPDATED 04 SEPTEMBER 2020:
DRAMA AND SHORT STORY
SHORTLISTS ANNOUNCED. TIMELINE
We have had so many submissions, and we haven't done this before, so we are not going to give precise dates for when Highly Commended, Shortlisted and Winners of the King Lear Prizes will be announced. But here is our best estimate of the timeline:

www.kinglearprizes.org.uk

COMING TO TV THIS AUTUMN

STRICTLY COME DANCING

<https://www.whatsontv.co.uk/news/strictly-come-dancing-2020-guide-623375/>



[Strictly Come Dancing 2020: Everything you need to know](#)

Here's everything you need to know about Strictly Come Dancing 2020 - including the changes that will be made and prospective celebrity dancers...

www.whatsontv.co.uk

GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/09/09/great-british-bake-off-return-date-confirmed-as-channel-4-whisk-up-series-in-record-time-13246204/>



[Great British Bake Off return date finally confirmed after coronavirus delay](#)

Let's get ready to crumble!

metro.co.uk

HONOUR

<https://www.whatsontv.co.uk/news/honour-itv-keeley-hawes-guide-631225/>



[Honour ITV - air date, cast, trailer for the Keeley Hawes true crime drama](#)

Keeley Hawes stars as a cop on a quest for justice. Honour, coming soon to ITV, is a new Keeley Hawes factual drama about the real-life so-called honour killing of Banaz Mahmood, who was murdered ...

www.whatsontv.co.uk

BLACK NARCISSUS

<https://www.stylist.co.uk/life/bbc-black-narcissus-tv-series-gemma-arterton-trailer-cast-plot-release-date/304059>



[Gemma Arterton's new TV show: Black Narcissus - Stylist](#)

Arterton will star as Sister Clodagh in the BBC adaptation of Rumer Godden's classic novel Black Narcissus.. Sister Clodagh is the leader of the nuns of St Faiths, who travel to Nepal to set up ...

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THE SISTER

<https://www.stylist.co.uk/life/the-sister-itv-luther-tv-series-cast-plot-trailer-spoilers/412535>



[The Sister: ITV's new TV drama from Luther's Neil Cross](#)

Elsewhere, we have Emily In Paris (aka Netflix's answer to Sex And The City) and Keeley Hawes' Honour, too.. And, on top of all that, we have The Sister.As in, yes, the brilliant new (albeit ...

www.stylist.co.uk

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/newsliverpool/sean-bean-and-stephen-graham-team-up-for-bbc-drama-filmed-in-liverpool/ar-BB190d1D?ocid=msedgntp>



[Sean Bean and Stephen Graham team up for BBC drama filmed in Liverpool](#)

Sean Bean and Stephen Graham will reunite with screenwriter Jimmy McGovern for his latest project, a gritty prison drama for BBC One. Time, a three-part series to be filmed in Liverpool, is ...

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Films of the Week:

Monday: Brassed Off

11.30pm Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

It's the romance, the comedy and the brass-band music that sell this coal-town tale. Tara Fitzgerald is the Yorkshire lass returning to her roots, where she plays the fugelhorn with conductor Pete Postlethwaite and falls for tenor horn Ewan McGregor.

Tuesday: Summer of Sam

9pm Sony Movies (Freeview 32, Sky 321, Virgin 425, Freesat 302)

Spike Lee's film examines the unsettling period in 1976-77- during which the Son of Sam serial killer stalked New York- through the eyes of two friends, played by Adrien Brody and John Leguizamo.

Wednesday: Dances With Wolves

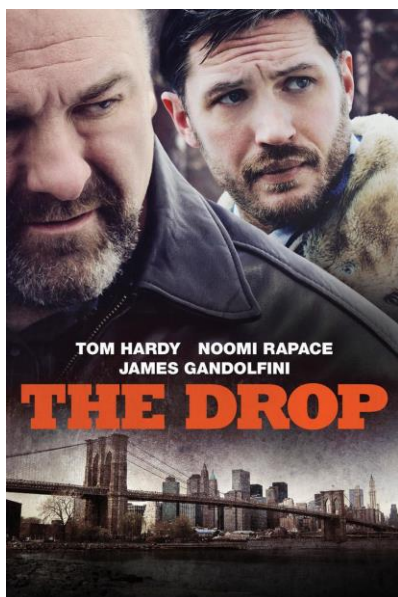
9pm Paramount (Freeview 31, Sky 150, Virgin187, Freesat 132)

Oscar-winning revisionist western starring Kevin Costner, who also directs, as Union officer John Dunbar, who slowly but surely forms an alliance with his Sioux neighbours on the western frontier.

Thursday: Bait

11.30pm Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

This low-budget, experimental drama, shot on black-and-white 16mm film, could have been unwatchable. But it succeeds by being bold and creative, as well as being grounded in a recognisable tension- namely between Cornish locals and the tourists they have been forced to rely on.



Friday: The Drop 12.05am Channel4

Satisfying crime drama, penned by Dennis Lehane. Tom Hardy stars as a Brooklyn bartender, skirting the edges of crime as trouble and violence escalate around him.

If you'd like to share your thoughts on any of the films, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think! yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk



Album of the Week:

What's Going On by Marvin Gaye Recommended by Joe In my opinion easily one of the greatest albums of all the time, this concept album from Gaye tells the story from the point of view of a soldier returning from Vietnam, to find his home country in the grips of suffering, hatred and social and racial injustice. It is as relevant today as it was in 1971. Its non-standard musical arrangement heralded a new sound and image for Gaye, and cemented his place as one of the most important artists of the century.



Here is Marvin Gaye performing the title track:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPkM8F0sjSw>

If you'd like to share your thoughts on this album, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think! yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk

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Podcast of the Week:

The Mid-Point

Gabby Logan is middle-aged and unashamed.

But what does it mean to be at the halfway stage of your life? Here, Gabby talks candidly to well-known faces about their own midlife challenges and expectations, drawing on the advice of experts from sleep gurus, nutritionists, and doctors specialising on hormone treatment.

With upcoming guests including John Bishop, Claudia Winkleman, and Denise Lewis.



Here is the link to 'The Mid-Point':

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-mid-point-with-gabby-logan/id1527545442?at=1000ltXT>

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. What are the Primary colours?
2. What two countries have land borders with England?
3. How many thingymabobs does Ariel say she has in the Little Mermaid?
4. In Finding Nemo, what kind of fish is Nemo?
5. Ryder and Marshall are characters from what TV show?
6. Which artist painted the Mona Lisa?
7. Bambi makes friends with a baby skunk - what is her name?
8. What is the town that Aladdin lives in called?
9. What is the Capital of Scotland?
10. Who is the Patron Saint of England?

QUIZ ANSWERS

How well did you do with last week's quiz? You can check to see how many you got correct, may be all ten! The answers are below for you to check

1. Six
2. Duke Caboom
3. Washington DC
4. 30
5. Walt
6. A Bear
7. 1,000
8. The Commons and The Lords
9. A Fox
10. Mice

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

CRAFT TIME

This is a craft that I have seen on the internet and thought it is so simple and green that I wanted to share with you. You can make good use of your old milk/juice cartons. They will make lovely gifts. Plus the birds will love them to.

Bird House/Feeder



All you need is:

Clean and dry recycled milk or juice carton

white paint

Recycled cardboard

PVA glue or glue stick

Foam paintbrush if using PVA glue

Tissue paper in assorted colours

Twine or string

Wooden spoon

Craft knife - **ADULTS ONLY**

Spray sealer - optional
ADULTS ONLY

These handy pictures below provide the step by step stages

Paint the carton white, this will stop the packaging images showing through the tissue paper. Leave to dry

Cut your tissue paper into squares/shapes

When paint has dried, apply the glue to all sides

Start applying the tissue paper shapes. It doesn't matter if they overlap

When you have finished applying the tissue paper, gently brush over with the sponge brush and glue to ensure that all the edges are glued down and secure

Leave to dry



To create the roof

Fold the cardboard in half width wise

Cover with glue and tissue paper just as you did with the sides

If you need to, remove the plastic pouring spout with a knife ask an Adult. **ADULTS ONLY** see picture

Leave to dry



Cut an Opening for the door **ADULTS ONLY**

If you are making a Bird Feeder, cut a large rectangular opening

If you are making a Bird House Make a smaller size opening

About an inch below the door, use a knife **ADULTS ONLY** to cut two small slits making an X shape

Insert the handle of your wooden spoon to create the perch

Before pushing all the way to the back of the carton, add a generous dab of glue, to the end of the spoon, to securely attach the spoon to the back of the carton



On the card for the roof, cut two small slits about 2 inches apart. **ADULTS ONLY**

Thread through the ends of the twine/string

Tie a knot securely on the underneath side, so you won't see it.

Glue the roof onto the carton

Leave to dry



Give the bird house/feeder a couple of coats of spray sealer, this is optional

Your Bird House/Feeder is now complete. You can now hang it outside

If you have made a Bird Feeder, fill the bottom up with bird seed before you hang outside

Watch out for the Birds to start using it. See how many different Birds you can count.

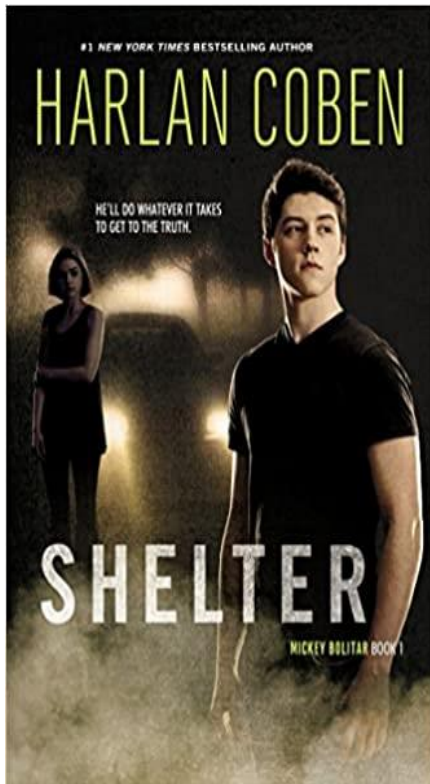
Have Fun

I hope this project inspires a little crafty recycling in your home. I'm sure you and your little ones will love turning rubbish into treasure. You can make this lovely Bird House/Feeder and gift them to Friends and Family, I'm sure whoever receives your thoughtful handy work is sure to be pleased as punch. I know they make me smile every time I go into my garden and see the different types of birds having lunch.

Here's to crafting and giving **green!**

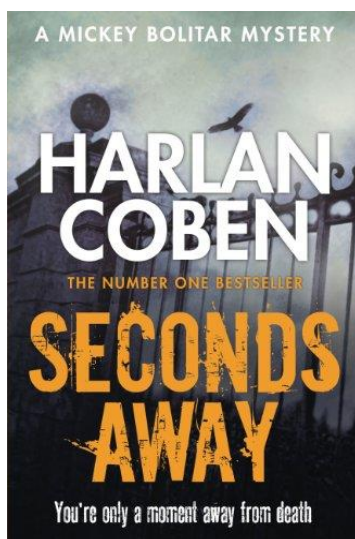
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Mickey Bolitar series by Harlan Coben

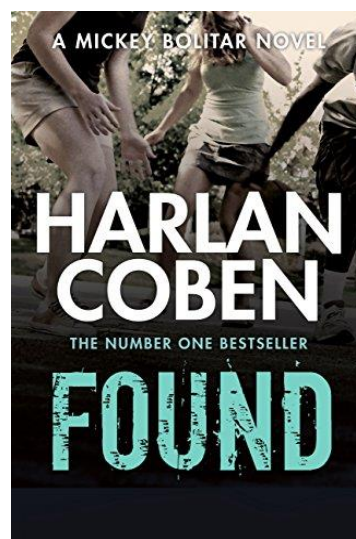


From internationally bestselling author Harlan Coben comes this first action-packed installment of his bestselling Mickey Bolitar series.

Mickey Bolitar's year can't get much worse. After witnessing his father's death and sending his mom to rehab, he's forced to live with his estranged uncle Myron and switch high schools. Fortunately, he's met a great girl, Ashley, and it seems like things might finally be improving. But then Ashley vanishes. Mickey follows Ashley's trail into a seedy underworld that reveals that Ashley isn't who she claimed to be. And neither was Mickey's father. Soon Mickey learns about a conspiracy so shocking that it leaves him questioning everything about the life he thought he knew.



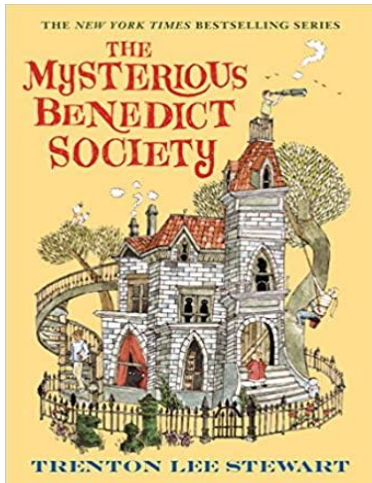
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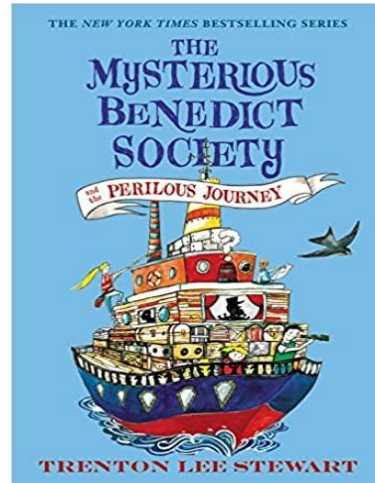
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The Mysterious Benedict Society Series by Trenton Lee Stewart

The brilliant and beloved gang from the Mysterious Benedict Society are back -- and ready to face new threats, dangerous dilemmas, and irresistible adventures.



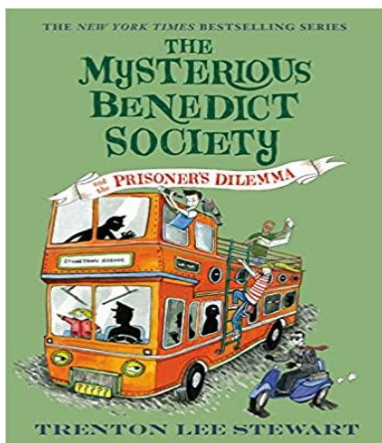
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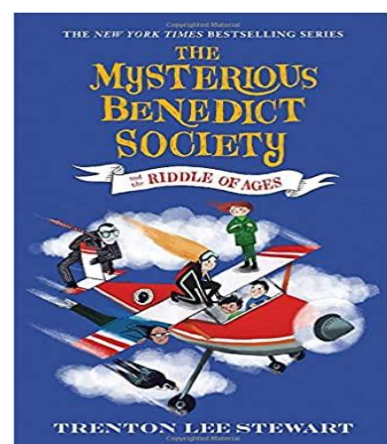
Book 2

Some time has passed since the inimitable quartet of Reynie, Sticky, Kate, and Constance have had a mission together. But with the arrival of a new Society member -- and a new threat -- they must reunite to face dilemmas more dangerous than ever before, including the villainous Mr. Curtain and a telepathic enemy tracking their every move, not to mention a dramatically preteen Constance.

In its triumphant return, the Society encounters all new challenges, but the series' trademark sly humour, sweet camaraderie, hairsbreadth escapes, and mind-bending puzzles are all as engaging as ever. Fans of the series will be thrilled to see the Society has grown up a little with them, while a new generation of readers will fall in love with this irresistible series.



Book 3



Book 4



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