

Sammy Keyes And The Sisters Of Mercy

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Sometimes it's hard to tell the saints from the sinners... Sammy was supposed to be in church to get out of trouble, not into more. But while she's at St. Mary's working off some school detention time, a valuable cross goes missing and Sammy becomes the prime suspect. She knows she's innocent, and also what it feels like to lose something important. Her treasured catcher's mitt has been stolen--heartless Heather must have taken it to throw Sammy off her game in the upcoming softball play-offs. Trouble is, it's working. Sammy needs that glove back. Throw in nuns in feather boas, a homeless girl in high-tops, a carrot-chomping dog, and a safe that needs cracking, and you've got just another week in the life of Sammy Keyes. Praise for the Sammy Keyes series: "Sammy Keyes is feisty, fearless, and funny. A top-notch investigator!" —New York Times bestselling author Sue Grafton "The sleuth delights from start to finish. Keep your binoculars trained on Sammy Keyes." —Publishers Weekly "Sammy Keyes is the hottest sleuth to appear in children's books since Nancy Drew."—The Boston Globe

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After a dog she is watching disappears from a city parade and the owner receives a ransom note, thirteen-year-old Sammy must use her detective skill to solve the mystery.

Sammy Keyes and the Runaway Elf

"The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)" —Midwest Children's Book Review What Sammy should have done was put the binoculars down and call 911. What she does instead is tighten up the focus on her right eye to get a better look. There's something very familiar about this thief. But when Sammy eventually spills her story to Officer Borsch, he doesn't believe her. He treats her like some snot-nosed little kid. Well, Sammy's not going to stand for that. She's a snot-nosed seventh grader now, and she knows what she saw. And somehow she's going to prove it. The Sammy Keyes mysteries are fast-paced, funny, thoroughly modern, and true whodunits. Each mystery is exciting and dramatic, but it's the drama in Sammy's personal life that keeps readers coming back to see what happens next with her love interest Casey, her soap-star mother, and her mysterious father.

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief

"The hottest sleuth to appear in children's books since Nancy Drew" (The Boston Globe) is back! Don't miss the eighth book in the series that's been described as "a combination of Carl Hiaasen's *Flush* and Janet Evanovich's *Stephanie Plum* books" (School Library Journal) and hailed as "nonstop whodunits" (Kirkus Reviews)! The artsy crowd thinks Sammy Keyes has a lot of nerve showing up at a fancy reception in high-tops. But when she tackles a robber who's brandishing a gun with one hand and pulling paintings from the wall with the other, they're glad she has nerve. Or are they? Sammy may have stopped one criminal, but the real crime at this show has yet to be discovered. The real crime is more subtle, more artful, than anything Sammy's ever seen. Who knew art could be so dangerous? Praise for the Sammy Keyes series: "If Kinsey Millhone ever hires a junior partner, Sammy Keyes will be the first candidate on the list. She's feisty, fearless, and funny. A top-notch investigator!" —New York Times bestselling author Sue Grafton "The sleuth delights from start to finish. Keep your binoculars trained on Sammy Keyes." —Publishers Weekly "The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)" —Midwest Children's Book Review

Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception

Ready for a good scare? Kids will enjoy thrills and chills with the children in these stories who have fun as they demonstrate Christian character based on love for God, parents, and one another. Readers share a scare . . . but, of course, ghouls and ghosts are strictly in the imagination. Dr. Shivers' Carnival: Kyle Conlon discovers that a bizarre carnival has mysteriously appeared overnight—right next door to his uncle's house. He and his three friends, Sara, Sammy, and Brent, set out to investigate. The carnival's owner, Dr. Shivers, invites the four of them to try all the amusements for free—if they're brave enough. Attack of the Killer House: Anna and Jonny Greger are looking forward to a quiet day at home. When Jonny's science project—a robot—attacks Anna, she thinks it's just Jonny playing a joke. But she knows something is terribly wrong when her hair dryer flies, their video game shoots back at them, and the lawn mower takes off on its own. But a house can't attack people. Or can it? Birthday Cake and I Scream: This party's a Real Scream! It's MacKenzie's twelfth birthday. The party is at Creepy the Clown's Pizza Palace. Unlimited play on the video games makes it pretty cool, until Creepy shows up with some games of his own. Soon, all the kids want to win is a chance to get out!

Spine Chillers Mysteries 3-in-1

A stash of easy money makes for some hard choices for Sammy Keyes. "An exceptionally good entry in an already remarkable series."--Booklist Sammy Keyes has three wads of cold hard cash in her hot little hands. An old guy gave them to her. Well, actually, he told her to throw them away. With his last dying breath. Which he was taking because Sammy had just scared the life right out of him. So . . . she's got to get this man some help. She's got to do it without being seen herself. And she's got to figure out how to stash that cash. (Aw, c'mon! You'd keep the money too, right?) But it turns out other people are after that money--and now they're after her. Crooks Sammy can handle. The thing that's scaring her to death is Brandon's pool party--and the thought that her crush Casey will be there...

Sammy Keyes and the Cold Hard Cash

"The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)" —Midwest Children's Book Review The bad news: Sammy's made a deadly mistake. The good news: No one knows she did it. The delicious dilemma: Everyone thinks her archenemy Heather is to blame. Now Heather is in a major

jam, and in some ways it's only fair—Heather has pinned more than a few crimes on Sammy. Besides, there are distractions galore to keep Sammy from confessing. Like the end of the school year. And the Farewell Dance. Especially the dance, since she's going with Heather's (dreamy) brother Casey. But Sammy knows the truth has an uncanny way of resurfacing, and when it does, the stench can be more vile than the junior high cafeteria. The Sammy Keyes mysteries are fast-paced, funny, thoroughly modern, and true whodunits. Each mystery is exciting and dramatic, but it's the drama in Sammy's personal life that keeps readers coming back to see what happens next with her love interest Casey, her soap-star mother, and her mysterious father.

Sammy Keyes and the Dead Giveaway

In this pivotal book in the Sammy Keyes series, Sammy tackles the persistent mysteries of her own life. Mysteries like: Who is her father? And why has her mother kept it such a secret? How long can she manage to hide out in Grams' seniors-only buildi

Sammy Keyes and the Showdown in Sin City

On a trip to Chinatown in Victoria, British Columbia, thirteen-year-old Jasmine falls through a doorway back to the 1880s, and finds herself caught up in a scramble for a lost amulet — and a race against time. Will she ever make it back home?

White Jade Tiger

The Boxcar Children are hiking up a mountain when a rockslide reveals a cave with a big secret! Adapted from Gertrude Chandler Warner's story of the same name, this early reader allows children to start reading with a Boxcar Children classic.

Mountain Top Mystery (The Boxcar Children: Time to Read, Level 2)

An eleven-year-old immigrant must clear her name when things start disappearing from a Boston settlement house. Innocenza Moretti's parents died in a fire when she was two. Ever since, she's lived with her grandmother and seven lodgers in the flat downstairs from her aunt, uncle, and cousins in a crowded tenement in Boston's North End. Innies world changes when she and her cousin Teresa become members of a settlement house where immigrant girls can learn more about American life. Best of all, they'll get to participate in a library club. At school, Innies has to share books with two or three other girls. Having her own books would be like eating Sunday dinner every day. The girls' first assignment at the settlement house is unpacking books that had to be moved because of the recent fire that tore through the city. But now valuable things are vanishing: a pottery mug. A silver teapot. Money. And the prime suspect is Innies! With the help of Teresa and their new friend Matela Rosen, Innies searches for the real culprit. A secret tunnel under Coppers Hill Burying Ground leads them to a surprising thief. This ebook includes a historical afterword.

Under Coppers Hill

When ten-year-old Little Man meets his eccentric neighbor Lucy Johnson, he discovers how her sanctuary of junk sculpture and photographs of dead people is a place where the spirits of the dead can rest in peace.

The Sanctuary

For use in schools and libraries only. The Alden children suspect someone of trying to sabotage the local dog show.

The Mystery at the Dog Show

It's a delicious new mystery with the Boxcar Children as they help catch a cupcake thief! Mama Tova's shop in Greenfield is so famous that every day, people line up around the block to buy her cupcakes. But when someone breaks into her kitchen, it's clear that her secret recipe is in danger. The Aldens follow the suspects to a bake-off where they must find the culprit using their mystery-solving skills—and their taste buds, too!

The Cupcake Caper

Sammy's mother is out in Hollywood, trying to make it as an actress. After her famous appearance in an anti-flatulence commercial, Sammy has always been rather sceptical of her mother's endeavours, and somewhat embarrassed. In this book, she goes (rather reluctantly) to LA to see how she's getting on and becomes involved in a Hollywood mystery...

Sammy Keyes and the Hollywood Mummy

On Halloween night, seventh grader Sammy stumbles on a mystery involving a twenty-year-old family feud and some heirlooms stolen by a man in a skeleton costume

Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man

The Alden children have another mystery to solve when they visit a castle and must figure out which of the guests has stolen the Stradivarius violin.

Castle Mystery

It's spring, and all the baby animals are being born; a perfect time to visit the zoo. The Aldens and their friends are taking pictures there for a photo contest. But when cameras go missing and a girl is accused of cheating, the Boxcar Children must find out just who is monkeying with the contest!

Monkey Trouble

The Aldens volunteer at the new recycling center in Greenfield. They find interesting objects that they take home and fix up. But after the Boxcar Children learn that the center has been vandalized, there's a mystery to dig through. Why would someone want to make a mess of all the junk?

The Clue in the Recycling Bin

A young woman's psychic ability entangles her in a chilling murder mystery that will keep teen readers guessing.

Death at Deacon Pond

When cats begin to mysteriously disappear in Santa Martina, thirteen-year-old friends Sammy and Holly start snooping around town to find out what is happening.

Sammy Keyes and the Psycho Kitty Queen

"The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)" —Midwest Children's Book Review After being chased by a man wielding a shovel, scared silly by a mummy, and attacked by Heather Acosta, Sammy and her pals decide they've had their fill of monsters and head home to eat some candy. But along with bubble gum and chocolate bars, they discover something frightening in their trick-or-treating bags. Something that's definitely not sweet! Before they know it, Sammy and her friends are following suspicious gravediggers, ghoulish embalmers, and shady undertakers. And somebody is following them . . . The Sammy Keyes mysteries are fast-paced, funny, thoroughly modern, and true whodunits. Each mystery is exciting and dramatic, but it's the drama in Sammy's personal life that keeps readers coming back to see what happens next with her love interest Casey, her soap-star mother, and her mysterious father.

Sammy Keyes and the Night of Skulls

A new restaurant is opening up in Greenfield, and the Aldens are first in line to help the owner start up a food pantry. They do everything they can to collect donations, from putting up signs to offering a free Thanksgiving dinner for the whole town, but someone keeps moving the signs and even steals the giant turkey that was meant for the dinner. The clock is ticking to get it back, but never fear, the Boxcar Children are on the case.

The Great Turkey Heist

The Aldens are on a trip to San Antonio when they get asked to be in a documentary about the history of the Alamo. Then things start to go wrong on set, and a priceless ring goes missing. With the help of some new friends, the Boxcar Children have to solve a mystery they'll never forget!

The Mystery at the Alamo

When the Aldens agree to watch the house of a local author who has written a book about a vampire, they end up investigating activities that are suspiciously similar to those in his book.

The Vampire Mystery

All Sammy wants to concentrate on is her softball team - they're in contention for the Junior Slugger's Cup and there's work to be done. Particularly as Heather Acosta (Sammy's rival) brings new meaning to the term 'foul ball' as she tries to get Sammy kicked off the team. Then Sammy is thrown a curve ball - out at the mall one day, a flustered girl begs her to watch her bag for her, then disappears. It's only then that Sammy realises the bag contains ... a baby! Sammy sets out to search for her, and is led into situations that make softball look like child's play...

Sammy Keyes and the Search for Snake Eyes

This diary of a runaway girl and her search for a home celebrates hope, resilience, and happy endings as only Wendelin Van Draanen, the author of *Flipped* and other acclaimed novels, can. Holly has run away before, but this time she actually gets away—and what at first felt like an escape soon becomes a daily struggle for survival. She is smart and resourceful, and she manages to make it across the country on her own. But how long can this go on? It's getting harder to avoid the truth—Holly is now homeless. *Runaway* is a remarkably uplifting portrait of a girl still young and stubborn and naive enough to believe there's a better place for her in the world. "Will grab readers from the first entry." —Kirkus Reviews "Holly's lively self lingers in the way the best characters do. *Runaway* is certainly one of the best young adult books of the year." —The Sacramento Bee

Runaway

While visiting a Navaho Indian reservation in New Mexico, the Aldens try to save a forest under threat of development by proving it is the site of a lost, buried village. But someone is sabotaging their dig

The Mystery of the Lost Village

Headline: Stepsisters, yes. Friends? Maybe ... Diana loves horses. Horses terrify Stephanie. Diana takes pills for her mood disorder. Stephanie smiles a little too wide. Now their blended family is vacationing for the first time since the wedding—at a ranch that only highlights the girls' extreme differences. Things seem hopeless, until Diana discovers caged wolf-dogs and convinces Stephanie to help free them. Though a truce is formed, a herd of unforeseen consequences is soon galloping out of their control. But it might be just what their relationship needs.

Summer of the Wolves

Someone is spray-painting graffiti all over Cedar Valley and it is up to fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, also known as Shredderman, to expose the vandal.

Attack of the Tagger

Grandpa Alden and the Alden children encounter danger, excitement, adventure, and mystery in a quiet island fishing village

Schoolhouse Mystery

When he gets in trouble with the police, Freedom Smith, a rogue Gypsy boy, agrees to go undercover to expose a high-tech fight club that uses street children in drug-manipulated death-matches. Reprint.

Fight Game

The Aldens are excited to be playing in their summer soccer league, until someone begins sabotaging the teams.

The Soccer Mystery

From the award-winning author of *The Running Dream* and *Flipped* comes a remarkable portrait of a girl who has hit rock bottom but begins a climb back to herself at a wilderness survival camp. 3:47 a.m. That's when they come for Wren Clemmens. She's hustled out of her house and into a waiting car, then a plane, and then taken on a forced march into the desert. This is what happens to kids who've gone so far off the rails, their parents don't know what to do with them anymore. This is wilderness therapy camp. Eight weeks of survivalist camping in the desert. Eight weeks to turn your life around. Yeah, right. The Wren who arrives in the Utah desert is angry and bitter, and blaming everyone but herself. But angry can't put up a tent. And bitter won't start a fire. Wren's going to have to admit she needs help if she's going to survive. "I read *Wild Bird* in one long, mesmerized gulp. Wren will break your heart—and then mend it." —Nancy Werlin, National Book Award finalist for *The Rules of Survival* "Van Draanen's Wren is real and relatable, and readers will root for her." —VOYA, starred review

Wild Bird

"The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)" —Midwest Children's Book Review Sammy knew that getting to know her new rockstar dad on a cruise would be a little uncomfortable. . . . But when the heiress to a perfume empire disappears from the ship, it turns out everyone's in for a rocky ride. In this penultimate book in the Sammy Keyes mystery series, Wendelin Van Draanen pays homage to the mystery genre. This book is a classic locked-room whodunnit—Sammy Keyes style. The Sammy Keyes mysteries are fast-paced, funny, thoroughly modern, and true whodunits. Each mystery is exciting and dramatic, but it's the drama in Sammy's personal life that keeps readers coming back to see what happens next with her love interest Casey, her soap-star mother, and her mysterious father.

Sammy Keyes and the Killer Cruise

In 1968, during Albert Lepard's fifth escape from a life sentence at Parchman Penitentiary, he kidnapped Lovejoy Boteler, then eighteen years old, from his family's farm in Grenada, Mississippi. Three decades later, still beset by half-buried memories of that time, Boteler began researching his kidnapper's nefarious, sordid life to discover how and why this terrifying abduction occurred. *Crooked Snake: The Life and Crimes of Albert Lepard* is the true story of Lepard, sentenced to life in Parchman for the murder of seventy-four-year-old Mary Young in 1959. During the course of his sentence, Lepard escaped from prison six times in fourteen years. In *Crooked Snake*, Boteler pieces together the story of this cold-blooded murderer's life using both historical records and personal interviews—over seventy in all—with ex-convicts who gravitated to and ran with Lepard, the family members who fed and sheltered the fugitive during his escapes, the law officers who hunted him, and the regular folks who were victimized in his terrible wake. Throughout *Crooked Snake*, Boteler reveals his kidnapper's hardscrabble childhood and tracks his whereabouts before his incarceration and during his jailbreaks. Lepard's escapes take him to Florida, Michigan, Kansas, California, and Mexico. *Crooked Snake* captures a slice of history and a landscape that is fast disappearing. These vignettes describe Mississippi's countryside and spirit, ranging from sharecropper family gatherings in Attala County's Seneasha Valley to the twenty-thousand-acre Parchman farm and its borderlands teeming with alligator, panther, bear, and wild boar.

Crooked Snake

The final mystery starring Sammy Keyes: "the most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)" —Midwest Children's Book Review Sammy doesn't go looking for trouble, but she seems to find it everywhere. She's forever sniffing out clues and chasing down bad guys—and driving her friends a little nuts. She's gone up against thieves and counterfeiters and gangsters and blackmailers and murderers, and always stayed one step ahead. Until now. Last night, one of the bad guys caught up. Last night, someone followed Sammy up the fire escape and pushed her from the third story. Now she's in the hospital, out cold. And her friends are left with the questions Sammy's always been so good at answering: Why? How? But most of all . . . WHO? In this emotional conclusion to her beloved long-running series, Wendelin Van Draanen shows just how many lives one nosy girl can touch and pays tribute to a life well sleuthed. Praise for Sammy Keyes: "If Kinsey Millhone ever hires a junior partner, Sammy Keyes will be the first candidate on the list. She's feisty, fearless, and funny. A

top-notch investigator!” —Sue Grafton “Sammy’s brave, resourceful, observant and a loyal friend, but this girl sleuth is no well-mannered Nancy Drew. She’s endearingly hot-tempered, nosy, and not always obedient—in short, she’s someone I want to read about again.” —Margaret Maron

Sammy Keyes and the Kiss Goodbye