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Who did it? Where is it? Can you figure it out? These picture book mysteries can help young children make predictions about what might happen next and talk about how the mystery was solved.

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A Day with Wilbur Robinson

William Joyce (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Jo)

While spending the day in the Robinson household, Wilbur's best friend joins in the search for Grandfather Robinson's missing false teeth and meets one wacky relative after another.

Adventures of Cow

Lori Korchek (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Kor)

A lost and somewhat confused toy cow has many grand adventures before finding her way home, where she decides to write a book.

Alphabet Mystery

Audrey Wood (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Woo)

Little x is missing from Charley's Alphabet, and the other lowercase letters go off to solve the mystery of his disappearance, learning in the end how valuable a little x can be.

Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile

Tomie dePaola (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej De)

Little William Everett Crocodile and his friend Pete take a class trip to a Cairo museum where they encounter a jewel thief.

I Want My Hat Back

Jon Klassen (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Kla)

A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

Miss Nelson Is Missing

James Marshall (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej All)

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.

Mystery

Arthur Geisert (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Gei)

During a visit to the art museum, a little piglet and her grandfather investigate the disappearance of several paintings. Clues in the illustrations give readers a chance to solve the mystery along with the heroine.

Mystery Vine

Cathryn Falwell (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Fal)

When a mysterious vine appears in their carefully tended garden, the brother and sister patiently watch and wait to see what it becomes. Includes gardening activities and pumpkin recipes.

The Cow Who Clucked

Denise Fleming (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Fle)

When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it.

The Great Pie Robbery and Other Mysteries

Richard Scarry (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Sca)

For the first time together in one fun volume are three mystery stories featuring Richard Scarry's endearing animal sleuths, Sam Cat and Dudley Pig--two engaging (but sometimes clueless) heroes who dress up in a hilarious series of disguises.

Where Did Josie Go?

Helen E. Buckley (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Bu)

The reader looks for Josie, a little girl who is hiding somewhere in her house or yard.

Who Ate All the Cookie Dough?

Karen Beaumont (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Bea)

Kanga and her friends try to discover who ate all of her cookie dough.

Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar

Bonnie Lass (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej La)

A raccoon tries to find out which of his animal friends stole the cookies.

Wilson and Miss Lovely: A Back to School Mystery

John Stadler (Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Sta)

Wilson is confused when he finds no one else at school when he arrives, but decides to do all the things he would normally do anyway.