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# The Mystery Of The Stolen Statue (Third-Grade Detectives)



## Synopsis

The Third-Grade Detectives are looking forward to their field trip to a local art museum, where a priceless fifteenth-century statue of Joan of Arc is on loan from a Paris museum. But when they arrive, they discover that the statue has been stolen! The police quickly find the statue -- smashed into pieces and thrown in a Dumpster. Why would someone steal the statue only to destroy it? It looks like a new case for the Third-Grade Detectives -- even if the museum director doesn't seem to want their help.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

In the tenth book of the Third Grade Detectives series, the young detectives stumble onto a mystery during a field trip to an art museum. The "priceless fifteenth-century statue of Joan of Arc," on loan from a Paris museum that they have come to see has been stolen! There is something very suspicious about Willie, the janitor who works at the museum. And, it is apparent that the director of the museum, Dr. Kirk, is not terribly eager for the children's assistance in finding the statue. Since these third graders are also intrepid detectives, under the guidance of Mr. Merlin - who is not only their teacher, but also a former spy - they are sure that they can help solve the mystery of what has become of the statue. Before they can begin their search, however, the police discover the statue, broken into tiny pieces, in a nearby dumpster. It is up to the third graders to break the coded

messages given to them by Mr. Merlin in order to reveal the truth about the statue and why it was stolen. Using forensic evidence and the help of a police crime lab, they ultimately discover the mystery of the stolen statue. The stated age group for this book is 6-9 years old and readers of this series will find that this book lives up to their expectations. The author follows the formula used in previous books and not only provides readers with a mystery to solve, but uses interactive clues so that his young readers will scramble to uncover the answers along with the children in the book. He also provides age-appropriate scientific information for his readers, which is a fun way for young children to learn new science facts. Young readers will enjoy solving the mystery and learning new information at the same time.

My daughters loved this book. The mystery held their interest, with just enough clues to that they were able to figure out the whodunnit along with the detectives. I'd recommend it for kids in grades 2 - 4.

story telling is not very interesting for the reader, but it is simple and innocent which i like - dont expect too much and my 2nd grader wasnt anxious to read it but did get to the end - not asking for another of the series though

My son is 8 years old and really enjoys reading the the "Third Grade Detective" series. He normally reads one of these books in about 1 hour. They are written at a level he can comprehend and enjoy. We have the whole collection with the exception of a few that are out of stock (we are eagerly awaiting their arrival). Delivery service was prompt, and exceeded expectations.

The Third Grade Detectives are going on a field trip to the art museum. When they arrive they discover that an important statue has been stolen. The police quickly find the statue in pieces in a garbage dumpster. But something isn't right about the whole situation. Led by their teacher, the Third Grade Detectives attempt to solve this art mystery. The illustrations in this book are drawings and they are absolutely amazing. They are rich and detailed and add a lot to the story. The story and the mystery are extremely simple. But this book is advertized for grades 1-3. Simple stories are best for early readers. The reader will also learn many facts along the way about art and history. An interesting read for lower elementary.

I got this book for my daughter and she loved it so much, she read the entire book in one day. That

is important because an engaging book means the child will come back to read on their own without anyone asking them to.

I gave this book and other third grade mysteries to my granddaughter for Christmas. Her mother reports that she won't stop reading! And she often stops to share details of the stories. We are happy.

she got it for christmas and could not put it down, she had it read in no time and anything that keeps a 7 year old reading and reading is a ten star in my book

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