



YA Mystery and Suspense, List 1

This list was commissioned by a mom for her 12-year-old daughter. Her daughter loves mysteries and suspense, particularly April Henry books, but her mother wanted to make sure she wasn't reading anything too adult-oriented.

- **Norah McClintock's books.** Suspenseful books about teens who find themselves involved in murder investigations.
- **Lauren Henderson's *Kiss Me Kill Me*.** Chick lit meets murder mystery. A British teen tries to determine what happened to her crush after he drops dead while kissing her.
- **S.A. Bodeen's *The Compound*.** Suspense rather than mystery. Focuses on a boy and his family who are hiding in a compound after his father says it is for their protection after a bomb went off. But is there more to the story than that?
- **Alane Ferguson's *Forensic Mysteries* series.** A precocious teenager gets to work as her medical examiner father's assistant. Forensics heavy and may have too much gore for some readers.
- **Heather Anastasiu's *Girl Last Seen*.** A girl is implicated in her best friend's disappearance and must prove herself innocent in this book full of twists and turns.
- **Gail Giles's *What Happened to Cass McBride*.** Psychological suspense about a girl who finds herself the subject of a bizarre revenge plot when a classmate blames her for his brother's death.
- **Tom Leveen's *Shackled*.** After witnessing her best friend's abduction years ago, Pelly is startled to meet someone who she just knows is her long-lost friend, and she wants to rescue her.

