

# Comprehension Questions For A To Z Mysteries

## A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author

Help Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose solve mysteries from A to Z! Kids love collecting the entire alphabet and super editions! With over 8 million copies in print, the A to Z Mysteries® have been hooking chapter book readers on mysteries and reading for years. Now this classic kid favorite is back with a bright new look! A is for Author . . . A famous writer is coming to Green Lawn! Dink rushes to the bookstore to meet his favorite author, Wallis Wallace, and get all his books signed. But the author never shows up! Where is Wallis Wallace? It's up to Dink and his friends Josh and Ruth Rose to track him down.

## A to Z Mysteries Super Edition #6: The Castle Crime

Z was just the beginning! With A to Z Mysteries® Super Editions, chapter book readers keep on collecting clues and solving mysteries with Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose. Now with over 8 million copies in print, this classic kid-favorite series is back with a bright new look! Look out, London! Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are thrilled to see Big Ben, ride the London Eye, and tour Madame Tussauds wax museum. Then big news hits—someone has stolen Queen Elizabeth's jewels right outside Windsor Castle! The friends head to the castle to check for clues. But can three kids from Green Lawn find evidence that Scotland Yard has missed? Look for hidden messages inside A to Z Mysteries® Super Editions!

## The Deadly Dungeon

While visiting Wallis's castle, Dink and his friends investigate strange noises that lead them to a dangerous secret.

## Calendar Mysteries #13: New Year's Eve Thieves

It's a mystery every month from A to Z Mysteries author Ron Roy! Who knew

there were thirteen months in a year? It's an extra thirteenth book of the Calendar Mysteries! Bradley, Brian, Nate, and Lucy are looking forward to a New Year's Eve party. But someone is leaving clues that there might be more to this celebration than confetti and noisemakers. The year ends with a surprise in this exciting conclusion to the Calendar Mysteries series.

## **The Voyage of the Frog**

An adventure novel about survival at sea from the Newbery Award-winning author of *Northwind*. "An epic, often lyrical journey of self-discovery." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) ALA/YALSA Best Book for Young Adults ALA Notable Book for Children ALA/YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers David thought he was alone, that the ocean around him was all there was of the world. The wind screamed, the waves towered, and his boat, the twenty-two foot fiberglass FROG, skidded and bucked and, each moment, filled deeper and grew heavier with sea water. David thought surely he was dead at fourteen. His uncle Owen, who had taught him about sailing safely, would be so angry. Owen had died only days ago, his last wish for David to take the FROG out on his own, and sail her beyond sight of the coast, and once there, scatter Owen's ashes. David had done this the evening before, but he hadn't thought of a storm roaring across the Pacific, or of the terror of being alone later in the dark hundreds of miles from home with no radio or flares and little food. He hadn't thought of a shark attacking, or of the four killer whales, or the oil tanker large as a city about to sink him and the FROG . . . But in fact, David wasn't alone at all. He'd had the FROG as a partner from the first—his uncle's guiding spirit. He had only to learn that. "Paulsen's spare prose offers an affecting blend of the boy's inner thoughts and keen observations of the power of nature to destroy and to heal." —School Library Journal

## **The School Skeleton**

At Green Lawn Elementary, the entire school becomes involved in a mystery when Mr. Bones, the skeleton in the nurse's office, disappears.

## **The Castle Crime**

While visiting London, Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose solve a mystery and meet the Queen.

## **The Orange Outlaw**

While visiting Dink's uncle in New York City, Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose help uncover who is responsible for stealing a very valuable painting.

## **Verity**

Whose truth is the lie? Stay up all night reading the sensational psychological thriller that has readers obsessed, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Too Late and It Ends With Us*. #1 New York Times Bestseller · USA Today Bestseller · *Globe and Mail* Bestseller · *Publishers Weekly* Bestseller Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a successful series his injured wife is unable to finish. Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover in the chaotic office is an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read. Page after page of bone-chilling admissions, including Verity's recollection of the night her family was forever altered. Lowen decides to keep the manuscript hidden from Jeremy, knowing its contents could devastate the already grieving father. But as Lowen's feelings for Jeremy begin to intensify, she recognizes all the ways she could benefit if he were to read his wife's words. After all, no matter how devoted Jeremy is to his injured wife, a truth this horrifying would make it impossible for him to continue loving her.

## **A to Z Mysteries: The Kidnapped King**

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## **The Absent Author**

Dink writes to his favorite author, mystery writer Wallis Wallace, and invites him to visit Green Lawn. To Dink's amazement, Wallace says he'll come! When the big day arrives, Wallace is nowhere to be found. Stepping Stone Book/A to Z Mysteries #1.

### **A to Z Mysteries Super Edition #8: Secret Admirer**

It's Valentine's Day in Green Lawn! But Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose just aren't feeling the love this year. Valentine's Day was so much more fun when they were little. Then they each start getting messages and clues from a secret admirer! Can the kids figure out who wants to be their Valentine? The alphabet may be over, but the mysteries continue in this eighth A to Z Mysteries Super Edition, featuring a 26-letter secret message hidden in the illustrations.

### **A to Z Mysteries Super Edition #4: Sleepy Hollow Sleepover**

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### **White House White-out**

When Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose visit Washington, D.C., just before Christmas, they are inadvertently caught up in a kidnapping plot that was intended for the president's dog, but also involves the president's stepdaughter and her friend Marshall.

### **The Panda Puzzle**

Stepping Stone Book/A to Z Mysteries Series #16.

### **The Lucky Lottery**

Dink and his two friends help Lucky find the culprit who stole Lucky's winning lottery ticket.

## **The Ninth Nugget**

N is for Nugget... Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are spending a week at a dude ranch. Everything is normal in a cowboy kind of way until Josh finds a huge gold nugget! Just as they are deciding what to do with their newfound riches, the nugget disappears. Will the kids be able to track down the thief before it's time to mosey on home?

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## **The Yellow Yacht**

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose help catch the thieves who have stolen gold from Sammi's parents, the king and queen of Costra.

## **A to Z Mysteries Super Edition 2: Mayflower Treasure Hunt**

Visit Plymouth Rock with the A to Z Mysteries gang! The hunt is on! Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are spending Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Massachusetts. They can't wait to see the sights and have a Thanksgiving dinner, just like the Pilgrims would have eaten. Then the kids learn about a sapphire necklace that went missing on the real Mayflower. Could the 400-year-old treasure be hidden somewhere nearby? And will someone else find it before they do? With A to Z Mysteries Super Editions, chapter book readers can keep on collecting clues and solving mysteries with Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose. Now with over 8 million copies in print, this classic kid-favorite series is back with a bright new look and hidden messages!

## A to Z Mysteries: The School Skeleton

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### The Invisible Island

Stepping Stone Book/A to Z Mysteries Series #9.

### The Missing Mummy

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose help catch the thieves who have stolen the treasure from the museum's mummy exhibit.

### The New Year Dragon Dilemma

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are enjoying a visit to San Francisco when Holden, their college-age tour guide, is accused of abducting Miss Chinatown from the Chinese New Year parade and stealing her valuable crown.

### Fatty Legs

Eight-year-old Margaret Pokiak has set her sights on learning to read, even though it means leaving her village in the high Arctic. Faced with unceasing pressure, her father finally agrees to let her make the five-day journey to attend school, but he warns Margaret of the terrors of residential schools. At school Margaret soon encounters the Raven, a black-cloaked nun with a hooked nose and bony fingers that resemble claws. She immediately dislikes the strong-willed young Margaret. Intending to humiliate her, the heartless Raven gives gray stockings to all the girls — all except Margaret, who gets red ones. In an instant Margaret is the laughingstock of the entire school. In the face of such cruelty, Margaret refuses to be intimidated and bravely gets rid of the stockings. Although a sympathetic nun

stands up for Margaret, in the end it is this brave young girl who gives the Raven a lesson in the power of human dignity. Complemented by archival photos from Margaret Pokiak-Fenton's collection and striking artworks from Liz Amini-Holmes, this inspiring first-person account of a plucky girl's determination to confront her tormentor will linger with young readers.

## **The Talking T. Rex**

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the theft of a great deal of money from the belly of a nearly life-size Tyrannosaurus Rex model that their friend, Jud Wheat, is using to raise money for a dinosaur museum. Meet Tyrone the Tyrannosaurus, Green Law

## **A to Z Mysteries: The White Wolf**

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## **The Jaguar's Jewel**

While visiting New York City, Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose get to see the priceless statue of a jaguar holding an emerald between its paws, but their pleasure trip soon turns into a mystery solving event when it is discovered that the emerald has been replaced with a fake stone. Simultaneous.

## **The X'ed-Out X-Ray**

Ruth Rose, Josh, and Dink attend a concert during which someone steals the star's diamond pendant, and they are soon on the trail of the thief.

## **The Zombie Zone**

Reports of zombies and grave-robbers alarm the people of a Louisiana swampland

village, but Ruth Rose, Josh, and Dink begin to suspect that the supernatural may not be the cause of the eerie occurrences.

## **A to Z Mysteries Super Edition 3: White House White-Out**

Z was just the beginning! With A to Z Mysteries® Super Editions, chapter book readers keep on collecting clues and solving mysteries with Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose. Now with over 8 million copies in print, this classic kid-favorite series is back with a bright new look! It's winter in Washington, D.C.! Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are visiting the White House in snowy December, when they meet the president's stepdaughter, KC, and her friend Marshall. But in the confusion caused by all the people decorating the White House for Christmas, the president's dog goes missing! All five kids set out to find her, but it's not going to be easy. It's getting dark, and a monster snowstorm is on the way. Will they find the presidential pooch in time? Look for hidden messages inside A to Z Mysteries® Super Editions!

### **The Haunted Hotel**

When the guests of the Shangri-La Hotel are scared away by a white-haired female ghost, Dink and his friends investigate the mystery.

### **The Vampire's Vacation**

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate a mysterious man in black, whom Josh believes is a vampire.

### **The Kidnapped King**

Stepping Stone Book/A to Z Mysteries Series #11.

### **The White Wolf**

Stepping Stone Book/A to Z Mysteries Series #23.

### **The Thieves of Ostia**

The first in Caroline Lawrence's internationally bestselling Roman Mysteries

series, re-issued with a fantastic new cover look. Flavia Gemina is a natural at solving mysteries. The daughter of a ship's captain living in Ostia, the port of Rome, in AD79, she and her three friends, Jonathan, a Jewish boy (and secretly a Christian); Nubia, an African slave girl; and Lupus, a mute beggar boy, must work together to discover who is beheading the watchdogs that guard people's homes, and why. A talented storyteller, Caroline Lawrence has created a delightfully readable and accessible series that children will want to read time and time again.

## **The Canary Caper**

Stepping Stone Book/A to Z Mysteries Series #3.

## **Operation Orca**

For use in schools and libraries only. Spotting a mother orca and her calf during an Alaskan whale-watching adventure, Dink, Josh and Ruth Rose become alarmed when the baby goes missing the next day.

## **January Joker**

Seven-year-olds Bradley, Brian, Nate, and Lucy make observations and gather clues that convince them that their older siblings, cousin, and animals have been captured by hungry space aliens.

## **The Runaway Racehorse**

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the disappearance of a valuable racehorse that Dink's uncle and his friend, Forest Evans, have just bought and entered in a race at Saratoga.

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