

## **AB 'Banjo' Paterson Library**

### **Crime & Mystery**

**Adams, Douglas**                      **Dirk Gently's holistic detective agency**                      **F ADA:D**  
Dirk Gently, private investigator, sets out to solve a mysterious murder, assisting a mysterious professor, unravelling a mysterious mystery and eating a lot of pizza - not to mention saving the entire human race from extinction along the way at no extra charge.

**Apone, Claudio**                      **My grandfather Jack the Ripper**                      **F APO:C**  
13-year-old Andy lives in a seedy boarding house in London that has been run by the family for generations - in fact since Jack the Ripper, who murdered his last victim in Room 4. Andy befriends Massimo who is looking for new clues to Jack the Ripper's unsolved crimes, and he becomes involved in an astonishing and bloodcurdling adventure!

**Ambler, Eric**                      **Epitaph for a spy**                      **F AMB:A**  
No one made a less likely spy than Josef Vadassy, a self-effacing teacher with a passion for photography. But when one of his films is confiscated and photographs of top-secret siege guns are found, the evidence against him looks damning. The only way he can prove his innocence is by finding the real spy himself.

**Archer, Jeffrey**                      **A quiver full of arrows**                      **F ARC:J**  
The locations move from New York and London to Mexico and Nigeria. Each tale reveals the author's talents as a short storyteller, and, as befits the form, he uses the stories to build up a small cast of characters and then shock the reader with an unexpected final twist.

**Blackman, Malorie**                      **Tell me no lies**                      **F BLA:M**  
Gemma cuts out pictures for her scrapbooks, pictures of mothers, like the one she will never, ever see again. Mike is a new boy at school - a boy who is desperate not to be noticed. Who has a secret so terrible it will haunt him forever. But Gemma's sure she's seen Mike's face before, and now she's out to get him...

**Bone, Ian**                      **Killer plot**                      **F BON:I**  
Don't get involved. That's how Tom had kept safe roaming the streets at night. But when he witnesses a murder, he couldn't go to the police. But what if he wrote a story about the murder? Let the cops work it out... But then Tom's brilliant idea turns on him. Wrapped in his own intricate web, Tom has to fight for his freedom... and his life!

**Browning, William**                      **Grimm Grange**                      **F BRO:W**  
What has a mysterious murder in Singapore to do with young Martin Grimm, who lives with his stern Great-Aunt Grimm in Kensington? Who is the stranger in the grounds of the Grange? A lot of shady characters are involved in the pursuit of Martin's rightful inheritance. A fast-moving tale of mystery and intrigue.

**Brugman, Alyssa**                      **Finding Grace**                      **F BRU:A**  
Rachel has just left school and she knows everything. Well, maybe not quite everything. Then she meets the mysterious Mr Preston, who gives her a live-in job looking after Grace - Grace with the lovely house, the grasping sisters, the feral neighbours and the spooky box of unfinished business; Grace who never speaks. Who is Grace?

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**Burgess, Melvin**                      **The ghost behind the wall**                      **F BUR:M**  
12-year-old David is a bit of a brute. He lives in a block of flats and is very lonely, like Mr. Alveston, who is afraid he is losing his mind. While he is in a ventilation shaft, spying on his neighbours, David discovers a ghost with a grudge against Mr. Alveston...

**Carmichale, Claire**                      **Incognito**                      **F CAR:C**  
Personal privacy is threatened in our present world. Every time an individual uses an ATM, makes a claim on medical insurance, fills a prescription, etc., information about that person is recorded. Karr Robinson is a teenager for whom life is going well. But this changes when both his and his father's identities are obliterated.

**Catran, Ken**                      **Black sister**                      **F CAT:K**  
Joe Redmond is caught between secrets. His own, and those of a guilty town. Has an evil legend returned to haunt them all? Or is there a more terrible truth waiting to be discovered?

**Catran, Ken**                      **Talking to Blue**                      **F CAT:K**  
Mike has a problem. The problem is Blue. Blue wants to be friends. Blue wants to talk. But talking to Blue can be murder.

**Chambers, Aidan**                      **On the edge**                      **F ONT**  
The authors represented in this collection of thrillers are Patricia Windsor, Robert Westall, Jan Mark, Margaret Mahy, Rex Harley, Vivian Alcock, John Gordon and Brian Morse. So the expectations are high - every tale is gripping and the writing is uniformly excellent.

**Chesterton, G. K**                      **Father Brown: selected stories**                      **F CHE**  
Father Brown, one of the most quirkily genial and lovable characters to emerge from English detective fiction, first made his appearance in 1911. This first collection of stories established G.K. Chesterton's kindly cleric in the front rank of eccentric sleuths.

**Christie, Agatha**                      **Murder on the Orient Express**                      **F CHR:A**  
A man is murdered on a train traveling from Istanbul to Calais. The famous detective Hercule Poirot is there to unravel the mystery. There are several persons aboard the train who have a strong enough motivation to have committed the crime, as is usually the case in Christie's novels.

**Collins, Wilkie**                      **The moonstone**                      **F COL:W**  
When Rachel Verrinder inherits the Moonstone -- a huge and accursed yellow diamond, she has no idea what evil waits for her.

**Cormier, Robert**                      **After the first death**                      **F COR:R**  
A busload of children is hijacked by a band of terrorists whose demands include the exposure of a military brainwashing project.

**Cormier, Robert**                      **Tenderness**                      **F COR:R**

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When Eric Poole was fifteen, he murdered his mother and stepfather. Were they his only victims? The police have their suspicions, but they can't prove a thing. And is Lori Cranston, the girl who claims to be fixated on him, as innocent as she seems? Eric needs to find out what she knows. And how to eliminate her.

**Crew, Gary**                      **Force of evil**    **F CRE:G**

'All cops have stories that go unrecorded, night-mares that nothing can shape into reason, phantoms that no language can objectively record'. A collection of macabre cop stories.

**Cross, Gillian**                      **Tightrope**    **F CRO:G**

Eddie Beale looks after his friends, people say, as long as they entertain him. At first, Ashley is happy to put on a show for Eddie. Then she realizes someone is stalking her and leaving messages that get uglier and uglier. Can Eddie help? If he does, what price will she have to pay?

**Crowley, Bridget**                      **Feast of fools**    **F CRO:B**

People say that John is lucky to be taken in by the choir school. But it's hard to be grateful for the cold and the hunger, the bullying and punishments. The Feast of Fools promises change; the world turned upside down! But then a canon is murdered... only John, the outsider, dares to probe the dark heart of the cathedral to discover the truth...

**Dane, Jo**                                      **J.B. Supersleuth**    **F DAN:J**

James Bond is a small thirteen-year-old with spots and spectacles. But with a name like that how can he help being a supersleuth? It all starts when James and "Polly" (Paul) Perkins spot a teacher's stolen car. After that, more and more mysteries need solving.

**Dixon, Franklin W**                      **The case of the psychic's vision**    **F DIX:F**

When a new family of psychics with visions of the past, present and future arrive in Bayport, Frank and Joe Hardy are skeptical. But when one of the family starts seeing 'truths buried in a classmate's past, Frank and Joe find themselves hunting for clues.

**Dowell, Frances**                      **Dovey, Coe**    **F DOW:F**  
**O'Roark**

Dovey Coe likes to speak her mind. But sometimes, speaking your mind can get you in a whole lot of trouble - as Dovey Coe discovers. Accused of murder, who will speak up for her?

**Doyle, Arthur Conan**                      **The adventures of Sherlock Holmes**    **F DOY:A**

This volume contains some of Sherlock Holmes' most famous cases, in which his eagle eye and brilliant brain is stretched to their limits.

**Dubosarsky, Ursula**                      **How to be a great detective**    **F DUB:U**

Playing spy is how it all begins. Griselda spies something beginning with "B": Blood. Naturally, the first thing Claudia thinks of is murder. So she begins her quest for clues.

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**Eaton, Anthony**                      **A new kind of dreaming**                      **F EAT:A**  
When the court sent Jamie Riley to Port Barren, he hadn't expected much - thought he'd just serve his time and get out. He hadn't counted on being drawn into the town's murky past, into a web of secrets, lies and murder which might well cost him much more than just his freedom.

**Edwards, Hazel**                      **Stalker**                      **F EDW:H**  
Alone in the radio station studio, 'graveyard shift' presenter Lily is being stalked. The stalker is obsessive, electronically skilled and devious. Lily copes with hate mail and a wreath and even briefly enjoys the celebrity status of having a stalker. But Lily confronts her fears and challenges the stalker in a surprise ending.

**Fforde, Jasper**                      **The big over easy**                      **F FFO:J**  
It's a dark time in the town of Reading. Humpty Dumpty, the well-known nursery favourite, large egg and former millionaire philanthropist, is found shattered. After careful reconstruction of Humpty's shell, Detective Spratt must grapple with a sinister plot involving money laundering and corporate politics.

**Francis, Dick**                      **Proof**                      **F FRA:D**  
A party at the home of a racehorse trainer becomes a tragedy when a driverless horsebox crashes into a marquee full of guests. It seems like an accident, but another violent death a few days later raises the suspicions of Dick Francis's detective.

**Gardner, John**                      **Icebreaker**                      **F GAR:J**  
Bond is back in a dangerous operation undertaken in collaboration with agents from the United States, the Soviet Union and Israel. Bond is back - assigned by M to the freezing forests of northern Finland, near the border with Arctic Russia.

**Garfield, Leon**                      **Devil in the fog**                      **F GAR:L**  
Set in 18th century England, this is primarily an exciting mystery story in which you can try to work out the real identity of George Treet.

**Gee, Maurice**                      **The fire-raiser**                      **F GEE:M**  
The night Daargies' stables burn to the ground, Kitty Wix is knocked tumbling as a strange figure flees from the scene. Who is the fire-raiser? Kitty soon has her suspicions, and so do other children in the town.

**Gilstrap, John**                      **At all costs**                      **F GIL:J**  
Jake and Carolyn Donovan stand accused of massacring 16 people and touching off one of the country's worst environmental catastrophes. Although innocent, they are on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List.

**Gilstrap, John**                      **Nathan's run**                      **F GIL:J**

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When a young boy's life is threatened in a Detention Centre, he takes the only possible course - murder, or be murdered. Whilst on the run he encounters hair-raising adventures - he's a kid of twelve, and all he wants to be is thirteen.

**Haddon, Mark**                      **The curious incident of the dog in the night**                      **F HAD:M**

15-year-old Christopher has a form of autism, which means he can't understand other human beings. When he finds his neighbor's dog, lying dead on a lawn, he decides to track down the killer and write a novel about it. In doing so, however, he uncovers other mysteries that threaten to bring his whole world crashing down around him.

**Harding, Traci**                      **The alchemist's key**                      **F HAR:T**

Wade Ashby has just inherited his grandfather's estate in England. The Baronage has a business, manor and large fortune. It's the biggest break of his life, but Wade is inheriting a lot more than he bargained for.

**Harley, Rex**                      **Black November**                      **F HAR:R**

When Simon buys a second-hand saxophone, he becomes embroiled in a sinister scheme of blackmail and intrigue. A gripping murder/suspense novel.

**Harris, David**                      **Firebug**                      **F HAR:D**

Rob's trip into the mountains turns into a nightmare of survival as he battles a bushfire and the dark motivations of a firebug.

**Hartnett, Sonya**                      **All my dangerous friends**                      **F HAR:S**

Louie has finished with her old life, and stepped into a world of sinners. For her, things are not going to be the same again.

This darkly funny, disturbing novel explores a lawless world where morality is a nuisance, everything can be bought and the prices paid are high.

**Higgins, Simon**                      **The Stalking zone**                      **F HIG:S**

On a lonely Australian bush plateau, a young man and two women are about to be hunted. Their pursuer is an expert tracker, skilled with firearms. Cunning, dedicated... and insane.

**Hornung, E.W.**                      **Raffles: The black mask**                      **F HOR:E**

In 1897 The British Museum celebrated Queen Victoria's diamond Jubilee with its Room of Gold, a brilliant display of the ancient gold artifacts. Finest of all was a gold cup once the property of Henry VIII. The challenge was too much for Raffles. He had to possess it!

**Horowitz, Anthony**                      **The Falcon's malteser**                      **F HOW:A**

When little Johnny Naples entrusts Tim Diamond with a priceless package, he's making a big mistake. For Tim Diamond is the world's worst detective. A great mystery, packed full of jokes and humour.

**Kelso, Jay**                      **Blue murder**                      **F KEL:J**

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Normally, Mack McBride avoids trouble at all costs. But, one foggy night, he hears a scream followed by a splash and running footsteps coming from the end of the pier. Convinced that a murder has been committed, he embarks on a little private sleuthing and finds himself in more trouble than he dreamed of.

**Kerr, M E**                      **Fell back**    **F KER:M**  
John discovers that a fellow Sevens Club member, Lasher, has either jumped or been pushed to his death. Using the ways of murderers gleaned from his deceased father, who used to be a detective, Fell finds himself involved in a mystery that connects to a drug scene, another murder and the beginnings of a new love affair.

**Konisburg, E.L.**                      **Silent to the bone**    **F KON:E**  
Branwell is struck dumb when Nikki, his baby half-sister, slips into a coma. Nikki is taken to hospital and Branwell is sent to a Juvenile Behavioral Centre. Branwell's dad asks Connor to visit the Centre to see if he can find out what happened. Why would Branwell harm his beloved baby sister?

**Lawrence, Caroline**                      **The thieves of Ostia**    **F LAW:C**  
Ostia, the port of Rome, 79AD. The theft of her father's signet ring leads Flavia Gemina, a Roman sea captain's daughter to three extraordinary people - Jonathan the Jewish boy next door, Nubia the African slave girl, and Lupus the mute beggar boy - who become her friends. Together they embark on a thrilling adventure.

**MacLean, Alistair**                      **Circus**    **F MAC:A**  
Bruno Wildermann, a member of the Wrinfeld circus, is the world's greatest trapeze artist. He is recruited by the CIA as a special agent for a raid on a fortress in Eastern Europe where his family has been held prisoners as 'enemies of the state'. Even before the circus tour starts, two murders are committed.

**MacPhail, Catherine**                      **Missing**    **F MAC:C**  
After Maxine's brother Derek goes missing, he is officially declared dead. But when Maxine picks up the telephone she hears someone saying that he is her brother... that he is Derek. She can hardly believe her ears. Has Derek come back from the dead? Is somebody playing a sick joke? Who on earth would be that cruel?

**Mahy, Margaret**                      **Twenty-four hours**    **F MAH:M**  
When Ellis meets up with Jackie and three mysterious sisters, he is drawn into a number of increasingly bizarre situations. They introduce him to The Land of Smiles, where appearances are very deceptive. Ellis is sucked relentlessly into a drama from which he cannot escape. It's a matter of life or death, but time is against him.

**Marsden, John**                      **Looking for trouble**    **F MAR:J**  
Seriously bored with his life, Tony decides to go looking for trouble. But when a strange and secretive family move in down the road, Tony begins to wonder whether trouble hasn't come looking for him.

**Main, William**                      **Low tide**    **F MAI:W**



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A shopkeeper is killed during an armed robbery in New York. 16-year-old Steve Harmon is arrested. The prosecutor is pushing for the death penalty. Steve copes with the terrifying ordeal of the trial by telling his story like a film script, with flashbacks to events leading to the robbery. This is a gripping story of crime, truth and responsibility.

**Nilsson, Eleanor**                      **The house guest**    **F NIL:E**

The HBS is getting better and better at its dangerous games. Gunno, Jess, Wally and Pete make a great team - until the fateful day when they discover the old secluded house in the valley. After that, nothing is the same again, for there's something very strange about this house, something waiting ...

**Ottley, Ted**                              **Code of the cult**    **F OTT:T**

For 16 year old Jake, an Easter break on the Gold Coast with his American supercop friend Tony should be full-on surfing and catching sun. But things are never that easy when these two get together. From the first, death and violence haunt them ...

**Paige, Harry W.**                      **The summer war**    **F PAI:H**

While at a summer camp in the Adirondack, fourteen-year-old Ely's discovery of a buried skeleton uncovers the hatred that had swirled around German-Americans during World War II.

**Peck, Richard**                      **Dreamland lake**    **F PEC:R**

When Flip and Brian find the dead man near Dreamland Lake, their lives and friendship are changed forever. Police think he's just a drifter who died from natural causes, but Flip and Brian suspect otherwise. When they return to the crime scene, they discover traces of what seems to be cult activity. And someone, or something, is watching them.

**Peters, Ellis**                              **Dead man's ransom**    **F ELL:P**

During the battle of Lincoln, in 1141, the Sheriff of Shropshire and the King himself are taken prisoner by the enemy. The Sheriff was to be exchanged for a young Welsh lordling, but before the exchange can be completed, one captive is murdered. Brother Cadfael is given the task of gathering clues to prove it.

**Peyton, K.M.**                              **The boy who wasn't there**    **F PEY:K**

The figure was larger than life and evil, and caught him from behind by the throat. Arnold came up short, throttled, his head wrenched backwards. He felt he was caught by claws ...

**Pond, Roy**                              **Tomb travellers**    **F PON:R**

Phillip is hooked on the past like his late Uncle William, an Egyptologist. Dangerous curiosity leads Phillip and his friends to the gateways and guardians of Egypt's forbidden underworld.

**Pullman, Philip**                      **The tiger in the well**    **F PUL:P**

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It is 1881 and Sally Lockhart lives happily with her baby daughter in Twickenham with a thriving business as a financial consultant. However, everything is about to change. She will soon need every ounce of courage because she is about to learn all about the tiger in the well...

**Raskin, Ellen**                      **The Westing game**                      **F RAS:E**

One fateful day, 16 people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. The will turns out to be a contest, challenging the heirs to find out who among them is Westing's murderer. Through blizzards, burglaries, and bombings, the game is on. Only two people hold all the clues. One of them is a Westing heir. The other is you.

**Sacher, Louis**                      **Holes**                      **F SAC:L**

Stanley Yelnat's family has a history of bad luck going back generations, so he is not too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre.

**Sayers, Dorothy L**                      **The five red herrings**                      **F SAY:D**

Kirkcubright was a small quiet town of artists and fishermen until the arrival of Sandy Campbell who seemed to thrive on making enemies. When he is found dead at the foot of a cliff, police believe he was the victim of a tragic accident. But Lord Peter Wimsey discovers some highly suspicious clues and begins a deadly hunt for an ingenious killer.

**Shan, Darren**                      **Cirque du freak**                      **F SHA:D**

Darren Shan is just an ordinary schoolboy, until he visits the Cirque du Freak, until he meets Madam Octa, until he comes face-to-face with a creature of the night. Soon, Darren and his friend Steve are caught in a deadly trap and must make a bargain with the one person who is not human and only deals in blood...

**Shearer, Alex**                      **The lost**                      **F SHE:A**

It was like any other morning. Walking to school, chatting - like mates do. But then the fire engine had come roaring past, siren blaring. And Jonah had gone running after it, Only he'd never come back. Now time has passed and people are forgetting Jonah. Everyone except Joe - But Joe's search for the truth will lead him into terrifying danger...

**Shearer, Alex**                      **The hunted**                      **F SHE:A**

Tarrin is born into a world where both the dreams and nightmares of medical science have come true. People look younger and live for longer. But real children are rare. They are bought and sold, won and lost, and live in fear of being stolen - or worse.

**Sleator, William**                      **House of stairs**                      **F SLE:W**

Five orphans are abandoned in a house with no visible walls, ceilings or floors. Within the labyrinth of steps, their actions are controlled by a food machine, which only feeds them if they do as it demands. An intriguing story.

**Stubbs, Roy**                      **The Buddha head**                      **F STU:R**

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Evan could swear he saw a golden Buddha head on the roof, but when he comes back to check, it's not there. He gradually suspects it is linked with suspicious goings-on next door, and persuades his friend Nicholas to help him sort things out. And the adventure begins...

**Stutley, D.J.**                      **Operation foxtrot five**                      **F STU:D**

After the unexpected death of his parents, 17-year-old Doug fears that his family will be broken up for good. Rather than being separated, he and his teenage brother and two sisters flee to Perth. Things go well until Detective-Sergeant Scott Backer comes looking for them, and a very large net begins to close in.

**Sutherland, Robert**              **Death Island**                      **F SUT:R**

Sandy and David, storm-driven in the Scottish Hebrides, shelter on Sgarbeg Island, where they find the body of a shepherd adrift in the surf. An accident, say the authorities, Sandy and David are not so sure. They decide to do a little investigating, and discover what seems to be a pattern of mysterious deaths.

**Swindells, Robert**              **Hydra**                      **F SWI:R**

What is happening at the isolated farmhouse, where mysterious circles keep appearing in the fields? Why is the old barn locked, with strange people dodging in and out? Ben and his friend Midge are determined to find out, but have no idea of the dangerous secret they will uncover.

**Tarbox, Katie**                      **Katie.com**                      **F TAR:K**

Katie.com is the harrowing true story of one teenager's descent into the seductive world of the Internet. A compelling chronicle of a generation and a wake-up call for anyone who spends time on-line, Katie.com won't let you forget that the person you're talking to on-line may not be who you think.

**Taylor, John Robert**              **Hairline cracks**                      **F TAY:J**

Sam's mother is missing, but where has she disappeared? Sam has a very strange suspicion it has something to do with the nearby Nuclear Power Plant. His father assures Sam that all is well but Sam knows it is not.