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Eight-year-old Nancy Drew has her first case to crack! Can you help?

Nancy and her two best friends, George and Bess, are so excited! They have been invited to Deirdre's sleepover party! There will be pizza, cake, and even a pajama fashion show. But the most exciting thing is that the party has a City Girls doll theme. All of the guests are bringing their dolls with them!

But then Deirdre's City Girls doll -- Hollywood Heather -- goes missing. Is her sleepover ruined? Or is there a detective in the room who can make sense of this mystery?

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Kathy says

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew is a very good series. I liked the first book and am now reading the third, because the library didn't have the second one. You should read this book if you like mysteries. If you like the Boxcar Children, you may like this series too. I suggest it for ages 6-10. --Whitney

Jan says

This is the first of the "junior" Nancy Drew books, for 7- to 9-year-old chapter book readers. In this first book, Nancy and the rest of her 3rd grade friends solve their first mystery (a missing doll) and decide to organize the Clue Crew.

Not as smoothly written as some of the later books in the series, but notable for establishing the groundwork for the rest.

Ashley Li says

Nancy Drew and The Clue Crew Review

PERSONAL RESPONSE

In children's minds, friends are much more important than the material things like the doll. Every child's heart is pure and innocent. And if we do something wrong to friends, we should tell them the truth. There can't be so many lies in friendships, so people should believe each other when they tell the truth. She/ he will forgive the liars, and they will still be friends. Personally after I read this book, I realized trust and honesty are the most important things in friendships.

THE PLOT

Nancy and her two best friends, George and Bess, have been invited to Deirdre's sleepover party! There are pizza, cake, and even a pajama fashion show. But the most exciting thing is that the party has a City Girls doll theme. All of them brought their dolls with them. Deirdre's City Girls doll is Hollywood Heather, and all the girls want it, because it is pretty and expensive. But the doll goes missing after they woke up in the morning. Deirdre promised she would take care of her doll, so she couldn't tell her parents. She asked Nancy to help her, so Nancy started to find some clue. She asked many friends, and in the end she found Madison took her doll, although it was just an accident. Madison didn't want to lose Deirdre as a friend, so she didn't tell her. But at last, Madison told the truth to Deirdre and Deirdre forgave her.

RECOMMEND

In my opinion this book is recommended for children who are in the elementary school, because the main character in this book is eight-years-old and the words and theme are very easy to understand in this book.

So I think this book is good for the elementary school children to read it.

Melanie, Aaron, Annie, and Mary Project says

Read by: Melanie

Genre: Mystery

Author: Carolyn Keene Illustrator: Macky Pamintuan

Interest Level: 3-5

Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2

DRA: N/A

Lexile: 580L

Nancy Drew and her friends are invited to a sleepover at Deirdre's house and were instructed to bring their City Girls dolls with them. Deirdre unveils the new, cool doll that she received for her birthday, Hollywood Heather, but when morning comes she is missing. Did someone steal her new doll and can Nancy figure out what happened? Nancy Drew has always captured the attention of young female readers, but is great for boys and girls. This book also teaches that honesty is an important aspect of being someone's friend.

Zayda (Babybibliophile) says

These books are perfect short reads that I can quickly jump into at any time. I will never grow out of Nancy Drew books! I only wish they were a bit longer.

Jerry says

Pretty good.

Dawn says

I wish I could go back and see myself when I was a Nancy Drew reader. Seems to me Nancy Drew books were quite sophisticated. This one was recommended by one of my students. I've been reading them some picture books that are mysteries and have told them I love mysteries so one student said I just had to read Nancy Drew. She said some of them were too scary for her, but she did like this one.

When I started, a flood of memories came back as I realized the character names were the same. This one is modernized. The Nancy Drew I read was 16. This one is 8 years old. Now Nancy has a computer, uses instant messenger and has a cool doll from the City Dolls collection. Carolyn Keene's books were first published in 1930 though. Is this really by her?? Is she alive still? I did some googling (although, in my mind I was solving a mystery) and found out that Carolyn Keene isn't even a real person. There are a group of people who have written these books and the pseudonym they all use is Carolyn Keene.

Mystery solved. (I'm a little disappointed though)

Eurocrime says

Nancy, Bess & George's first adventure - aged 8.

Jenn M says

The first book in the Nancy Drew and the Crew Clue series, that follows Nancy Drew and her two best friends Bess and George (the same cast of characters from the original Nancy Drew series written in the 1950's-1960's) when they began solving mysteries at age 8 and in the third grade.

In this book, Nancy, Bess and George are invited to a birthday sleepover at Deidre's house, where Deidre receives a much-sought-after gift of a rare doll. The doll disappears and Deidre asks Nancy and her friends to find it.

The girls are methodical in their detective work, capturing data about clues, motives and suspects, as they work to solve the mystery before Deidre's deadline.

All in all, a cute book and an enjoyable read. My seven year-old daughter enjoyed the story as well, and she had fun trying to figure out "who dun it" before the mystery was revealed at the end (her guesses were mostly correct, but she did not figure out the who).

I will enjoy reading the other books in the series, and am glad that there are Nancy Drew stories suitable for my younger child. Can't wait until she's old enough for the teen-aged Nancy Drew!

Crissy Daniel-campbell says

7 year olds loved it!

I read along with my 7yo twin daughters and they loved it! We just finished all the Junie B Jones books and were looking for another series of easy chapter books. These for the bill.

Samantha Osborne says

loved

Dolly says

I absolutely loved, loved, loved *Nancy Drew* books when I was a young girl and I am so excited to start sharing them with our girls. These are perfect for their age; in them, Nancy and her friends are in the third

grade. And the mysteries are very simple and not too scary. This one was about a missing doll at a slumber party and our girls had a blast trying to figure out "whodunit" from the clues. I can't wait to read more!

Lionel says

I tried reading a "regular" Nancy Drew with Sophie, but she just wasn't in to it. Discovered that there's now a Nancy Drew series for younger readers, Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew, and so we tried this one (the first). It was a big hit. We read two or three chapters a night and she was totally engrossed and wants to read more of them.

We've read several at this point. Some general observations:

The books are real mysteries (albeit not terribly complicated ones), introducing kids to the tropes of the genre--a mystery is introduced, false suspects are introduced, clues are provided that allow a sharp reader to deduce the answer before the denouement, etc. The mysteries do not involve any danger, and in general do not involve people deliberately engaging in criminal activities--most mysteries are resolved as accidents or misunderstandings.

Like the original mysteries, these are also typical serial fiction--we have a regular cast of characters, a regular cast of secondary and often tertiary characters, a recurring setting. Characters do not age (all of the stories presume Nancy and friends are in third grade), and there's no character development. The mystery, its resolution, and the role the girls play in the resolution are the focus of the stories.

My four year-old finds them totally engaging, and they've proven an enormous hit at bed-time, making a nice transition away from picture books and towards longer stories.

Lauren says

Well it was really good. I like mysteries. Well I like to solve them like Nancy Drew. In sleepover sleuths they are city girls there is only one Hollywood Heather and Derdie got Hollywood Heather and a bunch of other girls wanted Hollywood Heather. But she got her then the doll goes missing and Nancy has to figure it out and she does it fell from the window sill and it slipped and fell in Kendra's bag.

Larissa says

My nine year old sister gave me the two first titles in the "Clue Crew" series for Christmas this year, which I have to say, really made my day. Even though I'm going to be a little stodgy and say that I'm not sure that there needs to be yet another incarnation of the Nancy Drew books, I thought this was a pretty cute title, and not without merit. The invention of the "City Girls" dolls was rather on point with current trends in pre-teen collectibles and was a creative basis for a story. Also, there's a nice integration of the main cast of characters--Bess and George, of course, but also Hannah the housekeeper, and even Ned makes a one line appearance on the playground.

The relationships are generally affirmative--although Nancy, I think, tries much too hard to avoid conflict of any sort and always seems to be interrupting people so they don't say something barbed or trying to smooth

over possible offenses. (After one very minor misunderstanding between two other girls, Nancy watches them walk away saying, "I'm glad they are still friends," which is perhaps in keeping with an eight-year-old's sense that any argument with a peer is the End. Of. The. World., but nevertheless makes her seem a little tightly wound.)

I was also glad to see that the original series' constant throw-away lines about "plump" (read: 'Fat!') Bess were not present here, although Bess does seem to have a ravenous appetite and jokes are made about that several times. (She's eight! Fast metabolism! Let the girl eat!)

But overall, not a bad sub-series. I always liked the more updated Nancy Drew books with the exciting covers when I was younger--although I still read the classics quite a bit, too--so if this keeps the series pertinent for another generation of mystery fans, then, well, have at it, "Carolyn".
