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FOR READERS OF CHILDREN'S NOVELS

SUMMER 2023

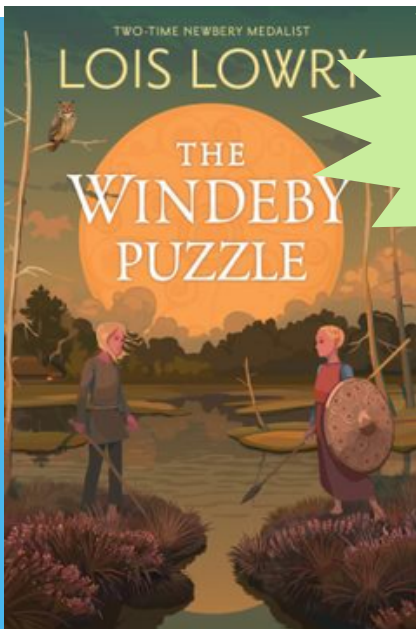
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The ALL THE PIECES Issue



You can't solve a mystery without the all the necessary clues. You can't grow a flower unless you have all the right elements. You can't cook a pizza unless you have all the ingredients. You can't win the game unless you have all the members of the team.

Our lives are made up of pieces, just like a puzzle, and to see the whole picture, those pieces have to fit together in just the right way. Take a library book, for instance. Think of all the pieces that have to come together to get that book from the author's head to your hands at the check out counter. Life is a puzzle that way.



The Windeby Puzzle BY LOIS LOWRY

It's always a great day when the celebrated author of The Giver and Number the Stars, Lois Lowry, publishes a new book. In the *Windeby Puzzle*, Lowry pieces together true history and fiction to create the unique story behind the mysterious Windeby bog body?

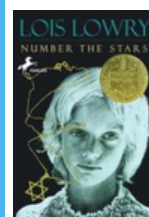
In 1952, near the Northern German town of Windeby, a skeleton was found preserved in a peat bog. It was the body of a teenager that had died in the Iron Age, about 2000 years ago. The skeleton was found with a woolen cloth tied over its eyes, like a blindfold.

Using this history and other research, Lowry put together the pieces to tell us the story of two ancient kids: Estrild, a girl who wants to be a warrior, and Varick, an orphan boy who helps her train.

OTHER BOOKS BY LOIS LOWRY



Jonas, a young boy from a seemingly utopian, futuristic world, is singled out to receive special training from The Giver, who alone holds the memories of the true joys and pains of life.



Number the Stars tells of the German occupation of Denmark in 1943. Ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

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BIG WORD

DISSECTOLOGIST

Someone who loves putting jigsaw puzzles together.

THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Einstein is credited with this quote: *Life is just like a game, First you have to learn rules of the game, and then play it better than any one else.* Well, these books are all about kids who have to play a literal game. To solve the puzzle involved, they have to put all the pieces together.

MR. LEMONCELLO'S VERY FIRST GAME BY CHRIS GRABENSTEIN



Luigi Lemoncello has a knack for games and puzzles and one day a carnival arrives in town. Luigi gets the chance to work for the world-famous Professor Marvelmous. When the carnival closes, Professor Marvelmous leaves behind a mysterious puzzle box along with a clue. A clue that will lead Luigi and his friends on a fantastical treasure hunt to a prize beyond anything they could imagine--if they can find it!

THE SKELETON KEY MYSTERY BY GERTRUDE CHANDLER WARNER



The Boxcar Children are enjoying an escape room game at a Halloween festival until things start to get a little too scary. Can the kids put all the pieces together that will allow them to escape the room and find out what went so wrong?

THE LOST WONDERLAND DIARIES BY J. SCOTT SAVAGE



When Celia and Tyrus discover the four lost diaries of Lewis Carroll, the author of *Alice in Wonderland*, they are pulled into Wonderland and must solve riddles and puzzles to stop the Queen of Hearts from opening a magical door and taking over our world.

CRACKING THE CODE

"Crack the Code" is an expression that means to decipher a secret message or untangle a complex piece of information. You often hear the expression used in books and movies about secret agents, spies, treasure hunters, and computer experts.

CHESTER KEENE CRACKS THE CODE BY KEKLA MAGOON



Eleven-year-old Chester and his classmate Skye, tasked with a complex puzzle-solving mission, discover the key to their spy assignment is to stop a heist, but cracking the code could mean finding out things are not always what they seem.

SWIFT & HAWK: CYBERSPIES BY LOGAN MACX



When their families mysteriously disappear, Swift and Hawk, teen experts in AI and robotics, are recruited by the secretive Mobius Program to crack an unbreakable code. They are immediately plunged into a life-and-death rescue mission.



THE SATOR SQUARE

The Sator Square is an ancient puzzle dating back almost 2000 years.

As you can see, it's a palindrome. It's the same backwards and forwards. It's also the same up and down. Etchings of these squares have been found in Europe, Asia, and Africa on fortresses, churches, columns, walls, and floors. For being so widespread, it's still a mystery. No one knows what it means. Some of it is Latin but not all of it. Some think it has religious meaning. Some think it refers to magic spells. Some think it has to do with mathematical theories. Some think it's just a word puzzle. The world may never know.

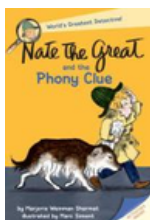
MISSING PIECES

How are you supposed to see the whole picture when some of the pieces are missing?

EVERY MISSING PIECE BY MELANIE CONKLIN



It's hard to put the pieces of your life back together when some of those pieces are gone forever. Ever since her dad died, Maddy sees danger everywhere. To make matters worse, she could swear that a boy she saw in the woods near her house is the same boy who was reported missing six months earlier.



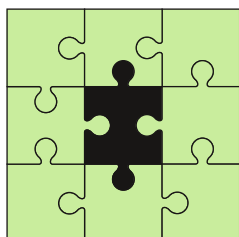
NATE THE GREAT AND THE PHONY CLUE BY MARJORIE SHARMAT

When he finds a torn piece of paper with only part of a word on it, boy detective Nate sets out to find the missing pieces.



THE MAGIC MIRROR BY ANNA STANISZESKI

In this early chapter book, an ice castle is melting because a piece of a broken magic mirror is missing. Can the missing piece be found before everything becomes on big puddle?



ONE MISSING PIECE: A TRUE STORY

Earlier this year, the residents of Reedsburg, Wisconsin decided to get together and assemble the world's largest puzzle. The puzzle, available from Costco, pictures world landmarks. It is eight feet tall, 29 feet long, and is supposed to contain 60 thousand pieces.

The residents gathered to assemble the puzzle at a local funeral home. After of a month of painstaking work, they discovered that their puzzle only contain 59,999 pieces. They were exactly one piece short! Thankfully, Costco shipped them another puzzle, so they could find the piece and complete their challenge.

LOST AND FOUND

Have you ever lost something important? Sometimes you just don't feel complete until it's found again.

THE LOST GIRL BY ANNE URSU



Identical twins Iris and Lark aren't quite sure what to when they're separated for the first time since birth. On top of that, things around town start to go missing.

THE OSTRICH AND OTHER LOST THINGS BY BETH HAUTALA

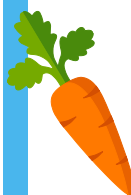


Eleven-year-old Olivia Grant has a knack for finding lost things. She can find lost rings, pets, and even her elderly neighbor's misplaced glasses. There's only one thing Olivia has never been able to find - her brother Jacob's toy ostrich.

TRUE STORIES OF LOST & FOUND



A man in Austria accidentally dropped his wallet in Lake Attersee. 20 years later he pulled up his own wallet in a fishing net.



A woman in Alberta, Canada lost her diamond wedding while weeding a garden. 13 years later she found it growing around the top of a carrot.



A British man's parrot escaped and got lost. Four years later, that parrot was returned to the man, only now it spoke Spanish.



In 1938, a California man accidentally flushed his ring down the toilet at a butcher shop where he worked. 72 years later, a sewer worker found it, and returned it to the now 90-year-old man.

SUMMER READING 2023



EVENTS, PERFORMERS, CRAFTS, AND PRIZES!!

KICK OFF PARTY

JUNE 1ST -- 2-6 PM

Sponsored by Atmos Energy and in partnership with KET! Kick off the summer with mini golf, music, hotdogs from the Atmos grill truck, and special guests from KET, including PBS Kids Daniel Tiger! Community partners will also be offering kids' activities in the Library Garden.

READING CHALLENGE

For every 60 minutes you read you get a ticket to enter for a grand prize drawing (up to 10 tickets). Pick up your reading tracker and see the prizes at the library.

PERFORMERS

Each Wednesday
(except July 5)
in the library's
meeting room.

MARKET HOUSE THEATRE

Wednesday - June 7
shows at 9:30am,
11am, 1:30pm

ANIMALS FROM THE WOODLAND NATURE STATION

Wednesday - June 14
shows at 9:30am,
11am, 1:30pm

BARRY MITCHELL, MAGICIAN

Wednesday - June 21
shows at 9:30am,
11am, 1:30pm

MR. MATT & MISS JORDAN'S SUMMER SHINDIG

Wednesday - June 28
shows at 9:30am,
11am, 1:30pm

BIG BANG BOOM! MUSIC SHOW

Wednesday - July 12
shows at 9:30am,
11am, 1:30pm

TEEN CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays
from 2-3pm

CROSS STITCH
WITH MATT
TUESDAY
JUNE 13

PICASSO
COLLAGE
TUESDAY
JUNE 20

WATERCOLOR
BOOKMARKS
TUESDAY
JUNE 20

PEACE, LOVE,
& BINGO
TUESDAY
JUNE 6

TERRARIUM
CRAFT
TUESDAY
JULY 11

UNITY IN COMMUNITY PARTY

JULY 19 -- 10AM-2PM

The grand finale of our Summer Reading 2023! Come see how our community partners work as a team to make our city great! Police cars, fire trucks, and other service vehicles will be on site for all to see and ask questions about. And the surprises don't stop there!