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YOUR CAROLE MARSH MYSTERIES BOOK CLUB KIT!

"THE MOST FUN OUR CLASS EVER HAD!"

"THE BEST BOOK CLUB IDEA AROUND!"

Book clubs aren't just for grown-ups! The Carole Marsh Mysteries Book Club is an exciting opportunity for kids ages 7-14 to get together and share their love of reading! Book clubs encourage reading, help improve grades and test scores, open new horizons, and are lots of fun!

**And best of all . . .
it's easy!**





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YOU'RE INVITED!

Read a mysterious story ...



Follow the clues ...



Help solve the mystery ...



Join the Carole Marsh Mysteries Book Club!

When: _____

Where: _____



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MYSTERY OF THE MONTH CALENDAR!

Hand-selected by Carole Marsh!



January	Get out of the winter chill and post-holiday blues with a trip to somewhere warm in <i>The Mystery at Disney World</i> .
February	Celebrate Black History Month and learn about the dangerous path to freedom in <i>The Mystery on the Underground Railroad</i> .
March	Mush, doggies! The Iditarod Race begins March 1st, so travel to the Land of the Midnight Sun in <i>The Mystery on Alaska's Iditarod Trail</i> .
April	From one race to another, fly across the country with Grant and Christina as they hit Beantown for <i>The Mystery on the Freedom Trail</i> .
May	Watch the granddaddy of the Triple Crown races - and before the dust settles, read <i>The Mystery at the Kentucky Derby</i> .
June	There's gold in them thar hills! Hop on board the Mystery Girl with Mimi, Papa, Grant and Christina as they go for gold in <i>The "Gosh Awful!" Gold Rush Mystery</i> .
July	Mummies, pharoahs, and sphinxes, oh my! Take a camel ride to Egypt in <i>The Mystery at the Ancient Pyramids</i> .
August	Not ready to go back to school? Then take a sweet trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania in <i>The Mystery in Chocolate Town</i> .
September	Go on your first field trip of the new school year to our nation's capital on a quest to solve <i>The Counterfeit Constitution Mystery</i> .
October	Come along on a spooky adventure to Transylvania, Romania in <i>The Mystery at Dracula's Castle</i> . Don't forget the garlic!
November	Brrrrr! Find your way through the foggy streets of San Francisco in <i>The Ghost of the Golden Gate Bridge Mystery</i> .
December	Get into the holiday spirit and celebrate the season with <i>The White House Christmas Mystery</i> .



SUREFIRE SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BOOK CLUB!

Tip #1

Tell Them About It!

Hand out invitations to each of your students. If nobody knows, nobody will come.

Spread the word!

- ★ Print or copy the invitation page and post it on your door.
- ★ Post about the club on your class website.
- ★ Tell parents about the club during Parent's Night.

Get your area set up ahead of time. Post signs about the upcoming meeting and invite others to join in —but let them know the area is “reserved.” Put up balloons, decorate, offer refreshments! As new members arrive, have them fill out the Fan Club and Character applications. Get them talking about the story (or the parts) they’ve read —spontaneous questions and answers, and thoughts and responses will make the later discussions livelier and more entertaining!

Tip #2

Get the Party Started!

Ask questions! The **C.L.U.E.** (Curious Learners Uncovering Evidence) Questions Sheet has a dynamo selection, but we’re sure you and the kids will come up with your own. If there’s time before the meeting, have members fill in copies of the sheet. You can also send copies home for members to fill out as they read next month’s book. Make sure your questions are geared towards the members’ ages and reading levels. Best bet —get the kids to ask their own questions!

Tip #3

Dive into Deep Discussions!

There’s no better way to get kids to love reading than to get them involved in the story! Here are a few suggestions for you, which have come from other Carole Marsh Mysteries book clubs and Carole Marsh classroom visits.

- ★ Design a party theme around the book you’re reading. Check out our activities page on CaroleMarshMysteries.com for ideas!
- ★ Make it a costume party! If you’re reading *The Mystery at Disney World*, have everyone dress as their favorite Disney character!
- ★ Bring in guests! You probably won’t be able to get the race winner, but if you’re reading *The Mystery at the Kentucky Derby*, have your local pony ride purveyor come for a visit!
- ★ Look in the accompanying Teacher’s Guide for more ideas. Each Real Kids! Real Places! mystery has its own Teacher’s Guide, and each guide has a wealth of information related to their subject.
- ★ Act it out! Have members put on a “play” using the book as the script. Choose one of the members to be the narrator to read non-dialogue passages.
- ★ Go geographical! Get a United States wall map and supplement that with state and city maps for each mystery. Tack them up on a wall and mark locations with map pins or flags. Use colored string to “tie” the locations together. You can also use sticky arrows and colored markers to follow the characters on their mystery travels!

Tip #4

Bring the Book to Life!



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C.L.U.E. *(Curious Learners Uncovering Evidence!)*

Questions Sheet

What was your favorite Chapter? Why?

What was your favorite scary or spooky part of the story?

Who—in this Mystery—is your favorite character? Why?

Which character—in this Mystery—do you NOT like? Why?

What was the most exciting part of this Mystery?

If you were in the story, what would you have done differently to solve the mystery?

Do you believe that the events in this story really happened?

Quick! Without looking in the book, list three historical facts that you learned and remembered.



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Character Application!

My name is : _____

I am a : boy girl

I live at : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip Code : _____

My e-mail address : _____

My phone number is : _____

My birthday is on : _____

My age is : _____

My school is : _____

My grade is : _____



Yes I want to be a character in a Carole Marsh Mystery!

To apply to star in a Carole Marsh Mystery, write a 25 word paragraph on why you think you would make a good character! Then ask your mom or dad to mail it to:

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