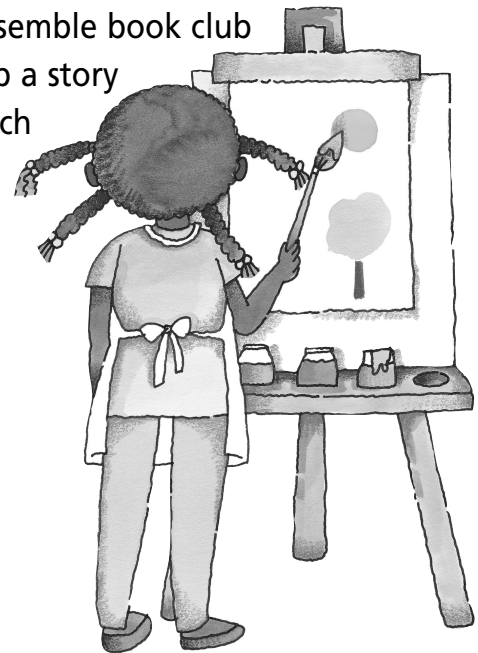


# Online Book Club

## The Mystery on the Mighty Mississippi

### Bring It To Life!

1. Map it out! Find a map of the United States. Find the Mississippi River on the map. List all the states that border the Mighty Mississippi River. In which state does it begin? In which state does it end? The river empties into what body of water?
2. Make a Mardi Gras mask! Use a paper plate as your mask. Place the plate against your face and have a friend lightly mark where your eyes and mouth are with a pencil. Draw and cut holes for your eyes and mouth. Use markers and craft items to decorate your mask, and don't be afraid to make it wild and crazy! Staple two long pieces of yarn to the sides so you can tie the mask on your head. Let the good times roll!
3. Write about it! Write a new ending for the book! Have all book club members share their new endings, and vote on which one the group likes best.
4. Make up a story! Choose ten nouns, ten verbs, ten adjectives, and ten adverbs from the mystery book. Write them on the board. Assemble book club members in a circle. Go around the circle and make up a story about Grant and Christina using the chosen words. Each member uses the next word on the list in a sentence to keep the story moving along.





# Fact or Fiction

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Write Fact or Fiction next to each sentence below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Christina loved it when the mime came really close to her face with his vampire fangs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Cajuns are people who came from Canada to Louisiana many years ago and married French people living in the area.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The dead are buried above ground in New Orleans because the land is below sea level and floods easily.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Christina saw the first mystery clue lying on her seat in the New Orleans streetcar.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. River rogues were rough, often dishonest men who lived along the Mississippi River when the area was first being settled.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When Sam, Jake, and their dad came out of the cave, floodwaters were rising around their car.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Earthquakes have never occurred in Missouri.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Mimi never found her laptop computer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Christina received a disturbing note on a room service tray.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Visitors to the Gateway Arch can ride or walk up to the top of the arch to look out over the city of St. Louis.

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### Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. Why didn't Christina want to go the cemetery? How would you feel?
3. When the stranger first approached Christina on the riverboat, what could she have done when he began to ask her questions? What would you have done?
4. Would you like to visit the Gateway Arch? Why do people build monuments like the Gateway Arch or museums like the Museum of Westward Expansion?
5. What was the scariest part of the book? Why?
6. Why are there so many French words and French place-names along the Mississippi River?
7. What things were stolen from Mimi? Why was she so upset when she heard someone else giving her speech?
8. What was your favorite part of the mystery? Why?



# Write a letter!

Christina, Grant, Mimi, and Papa love to hear from their friends. Write a letter to your favorite Carole Marsh Mysteries Character. Mail your letter to:

Carole Marsh Mysteries  
PO Box 2779  
Peachtree City, GA 30269



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