



## *It's A Mystery*

### **Southampton Academy's Middle and Upper School Summer 2017 Reading Program**

Southampton Academy, like most independent schools, has a summer reading program as a way of promoting continued academic excellence. We are excited to share with you our reading program for the summer of 2017: **It's a Mystery**. Mysteries offer much to a reader: interesting characters, exotic settings, puzzles to solve, romantic connections, and complicated plots. Good almost always prevails over evil at the end of a mystery, but the twists and turns to find justice provide both intellectual pursuits and an escape from reality.

#### **Middle School**

Each student in upcoming grades 6-8 has an assigned novel to read. However, students are encouraged to read other mysteries and will receive additional credit for other books they read, including A.R. testing. The book must be on grade level (Parents, please be aware that some middle and high school level young adult books have mature content).

**Sixth Grade:** *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

**Seventh Grade:** *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

**Eighth Grade:** *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie



## Upper School

Each student in grades 9-12 MUST read a mystery of his or her choosing. Below is a list of suggested novels and a list of writers with their “specialty” mystery genre. Please choose a book that interests you! The book must be on grade level (Parents, please be aware that some middle and high school level young adult books have mature content). Students are encouraged to read other mysteries and will receive extra credit for additional books they read.

Upon our return to school, all students will be required to complete a short project based upon summer reading. Advanced Placement/Honors/Dual Credit classes have additional assignments, which will be sent to students enrolled in those courses.

### **Young Adult Mysteries**

Bradbury, Jennifer. *Shift*.

Carter, Ally. *Heist Society*.

Ellison, Kate. *Butterfly Clues*.

Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*.

Henry, April. *The Night She Disappeared*.

Horowitz, Anthony. *Stormbreaker*.

Landy, Derek. *Skulduggery Pleasant* series.

Pearson, Mary. *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*.

Plum-Ucci, Carol. *The Body of Christopher Creed*.

Shepherd, Sara. *Pretty Little Liars* series.

Yancey, Rick. *The Monstrumologist*.

### **Suggested Best-selling Mystery Authors**

Berry, Steve. Art history, historical thrillers.

Brown, Dan. Robert Langdon series (religious/art mysteries)

Coben, Harlen. Mickey Bolitar series.

Cornwell, Patricia. Medical mysteries.

Coulter, Catherine. FBI mysteries.

Crichton, Michael. Medical mysteries.

Baldacci, David. Political/Spy thrillers.

Doyle, Arthur Conan. Sherlock Holmes series.

Evanovich, Janet. Underworld/Comic mysteries.

Grisham, John. Political/legal thrillers.

Sandford, John. Police mysteries.





*It's a Mystery:* Reading Record

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

English Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all summer reading titles below and return to your teacher:

1. (required)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

{You may list additional books below}

