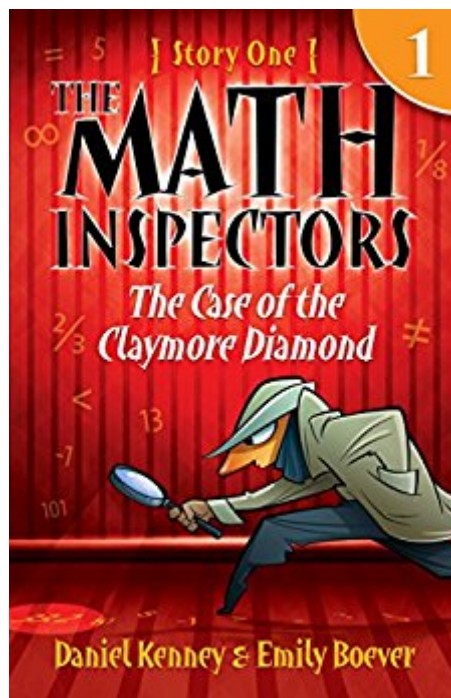


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# The Math Inspectors: Story One - The Case Of The Claymore Diamond (a Hilarious Adventure For Children Ages 9-12)



## Synopsis

- For parents looking for mystery books for kids 9-12, The Math Inspectors is a great new series!- I struggle to find books for 9 year old boys that hold the interest of my son. He read The Math Inspectors in one sitting and is excited for the next one in the series to come out. - My daughter and I stumbled upon this book and we're hoping this is one of many new detective books for kids 9-12- Loved the funny dialogue between the friends but loved how Math is shown in such a positive light with Gertie and Charlotte, the two girl characters. My daughter is super excited to read more of these Math inspectors mystery books for kids. **BOOK DESCRIPTION:** When the Claymore Diamond is stolen from Ravensburg's finest jewelry store, Stanley Carusoe gets the bright idea that he and his friends should start a detective agency. Armed with curiosity and their love for math, Stanley, Charlotte, Gertie and Felix race around town in an attempt to solve the mystery. Along the way, they butt heads with an ambitious police chief, uncover dark secrets, and drink lots of milkshakes at Mabel's Diner. But when their backs are against the wall, Stanley and his friends rely on the one thing they know best: numbers. Because numbers, they never lie. Join Stanley and his friends in this smart and funny first mystery in The Math Inspector series, perfect for kids ages 9-12.

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## Customer Reviews

I was given this book for Christmas. I am in fourth grade and thought it was such a great plot and story. It tore through it in two days. My favorite character was Stanley, of course. I'm very happy to see the next book...signed your devoted 9-almost 10-year old fan.

Clever, humorous and well-written detective mystery targeted for late elementary and middle school readers. I must admit the plot kept me guessing and entertained. Chapters are short and easy to read. Pencil sketches are an added bonus. I particularly enjoyed the way that the authors found a way to integrate those dreaded hard to solve math word problems right into the story line. As a bonus, the reader is presented with a few more problems to solve at the conclusion of the mystery. They can check their answers on the authors'™ website. Felix, Gertie, Stanley and Charlotte are a bright group of sixth graders who become interested in forming a detective agency. Using Felix's™ tree house as a base of operations, Felix attempts to find out who is stealing his food from the kitchen by using his binoculars. When Charlotte brings a police scanner up to the house, they hear about an armed robbery at the local jewelry store. The budding detectives rush to the scene. They discover the owner Mr. Franklin has been hit on the head and his most valuable possession, the Claymore diamond, has been stolen. Police apprehend a suspect quickly, and the case appears closed. Our four young detectives believe otherwise; they refuse to quit until what had appeared obvious is revealed as erroneous. Lots of twists and turns in the plot. The characters are believable and authentic middle grade students. Readers will find themselves enjoying the math challenges that come along with the case. Great way to get students involved with math while reading. Look forward to reading new books in the series as they are released.

This is a fun math story for the 8 to Tween set, with well developed characters who could jump onto the Saturday morning TV screen and find a comfortable home on PBS. I look forward to more in this series for myself and the kids in my life!

Great book for late elementary and middle school youth.... detectives who use math to solve the crime. Also teaches that "word problems" are real life math. Cute story even teachers and parents will enjoy. Math can be FUN!

The Math Inspectors series of children's books is well written (for pre-teen children at least) and has great potential for making math interesting for young minds. My main complaint with Story One - The Case of the Claymore Diamond is that it contains very little math. For this age group I expect the math to be fairly simple and elementary but I also expect it to play a much larger role in the story. Perhaps the succeeding stories will be better in this respect.

This is the first book in a promising series. Stanley and his friends have to find a jewelry thief and show proof of their guilt, and they use math to solve the crime. That's all I want to say about the plot. What I liked about it is all the pop culture references in it. It was like revisiting my childhood. There's a lot of laughs to keep children of all ages glued to this book. I plan to tell my students about it. That's the highest complement I can give. I'm looking forward to the second book. Start it now, and thank me later.

As a former junior high math and reading teacher, I applaud the authors attempt to make math knowledge and deduction a cool ability. I particularly liked the story problems at the end of the book to challenge the reader. I hope they do create a series of stories to highlight math skill as being "hip."

I read this book to my kids, ages 7-10. They LOVED it! It's a great little mystery and the story moves along at a nice pace. We had to purchase the second book as soon as we finished this one because the kids were so anxious to read more about the Math Inspectors!

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