YA Mysteries:

Thematic Bibliography

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Novels

The Diviners, by Libba Bray. 2012.
Set in the middle of the raging 20s, young Evie has been exiled from her hometown because of her gift of divination. Will Evie forgo revealing her secret in order to help her uncle catch a serial killer?

Kat's grown up in a family of thieves, and inherited the trait herself. When her father is wrongfully accused of stealing a priceless art collection, it is up to Kat to track down the paintings and steal them back.

The Lying Game, by Sara Shepard. 2012.
Emma's long lost sister was murdered. She is determined to find out what happened to her by pretending to be her. Can she pull it off before her sister's murderer comes after her?

Shelter, by Harlan Coben. 2012.
What would you do if you found out your new girlfriend isn't who you thought she was? And then found out your father isn't, either. Follow Mickey as he unravels the conspiracy that alters everything he thought he knew.

The Naturals are a group of gifted teens that have been chosen by the FBI to help solve crimes. Follow Cassie as she uses her powers of reading people to help catch a killer.

Confessions of a Murder Suspect, by James Patterson. 2012.
When her parents are murdered, Tandy and her siblings become the prime suspects. It is up to Tandy to uncover her family's dirty secrets and find out who really killed her parents.

If you grew up with a father who was a serial killer and witnessed his crimes, are you destined to follow in his footsteps? If you like TV shows like Dexter, this is the book for you.
Never Gonna Tell, by Sarah M. Ross. 2015.
Reagan is an aspiring journalist. Find out what happens when she uncovers a story that could put her life in jeopardy. Mystery and suspense are intertwined with a story of romance.

Graphic Novels


Nailbiter Volume 1: There Will be Blood [Graphic Novel], by Joshua Williamson, Rob Levin, and Mike Henderson. 2014. Bukaroo, Oregon: The small town that has given birth to 16 serial killers. Follow NSA Agent Nicholas Finch as he tries to uncover the mystery of Buckaroo and why some many killers have come out of the sleepy town.

Movies + TV Shows

Veronica Mars [Motion Picture], directed by Rob Thomas. 2014. Veronica Mars has been out of the private eye business for 10 years. Can Veronica be drawn back into the life of mystery solving after she finds out an old friend has been accused of murder?

Twisted [TV Series], created by Adam Milch. 2013. 16-year-old Danny has just been released from juvenile detention for killing his aunt. He returns to his hometown wanting to start over. However, after the death of a classmate, he becomes the prime suspect. Will Danny be able to clear his name?

Spy [Motion Picture], directed by Paul Feig. 2015. In this comedy, CIA analyst Susan Cooper goes undercover to infiltrate an arms dealer, in order to locate and destroy a bomb that could cause global annihilation.