

The Nancy Drew Mystery Books Guide

Nancy Drew Mystery Books: (1930 – 1979)
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18. The Mystery at the Moss-Covered Mansion (1941)	46. The Invisible Intruder (1969)
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22. The Clue in the Crumbling Wall (1945)	50. The Double Jinx Mystery (1973)
23. The Mystery of the Tolling Bell (1946)	51. Mystery of the Glowing Eye (1974)
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28. The Clue of the Black Keys (1951)	56. The Thirteenth Pearl (1979)

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Random Nancy Drew Mysteries Cover Art

RIVER HEIGHTS

RIVER HEIGHTS

River Heights is the home town of Carson and Nancy Drew. Nancy and her friends live in a residential section of town. River Heights also has a section of town where people of Greek and Turkish descent live. River Heights is a one-hour flight from Boston.

RIVER HEIGHTS BUSINESSES

- Acme Window Cleaning Company – Abe Antok is a window washer who works for the Acme Window Cleaning Company and he and his boss invented a special type of ladder to put on the market and make a lot of money someday. It can be used in places that are hard to get to and to reach the third floor of a house. (BK36)
- Akural Lokanta – There's a wonderful restaurant in a section of River Heights where most of the people speak Greek and has an old name, Akural Lokanta. Akural is the owner of the restaurant. This part of town is old and some of the buildings are a bit shabby. Lokanta is the Greek word for restaurant. (BK47)
- Basswood's Art and Bookshop – Nancy once took a part-time job at Basswood's Art and Bookshop to do some undercover sleuthing for Mrs. Merriam. (BK14)
- Bedford Carpet Factory – Mr. Bedford is the owner. One of Nancy's suspects lives on Dawson Street in River Heights and works at the Bedford Carpet Factory along the Muskoka River. Ned and Nancy once stopped a robbery of the company's payroll while it was being stolen. (BK47)
- Bigelow Company Jewelry Store – Mr. Bigelow is one of the owners. Howard Brex is a salesman and former jewelry designer for a New Orleans house and a slippery character who was recently released from prison for good behavior. (BK25)
- Booker Manufacturing Company – Mr. Booker is the owner and president and has a formula for making special silk material for scarves. The Lucius Dight Corporation makes the same scarf and may have stolen the formula. (BK21)
- Brent's Department Store – The department store is located on Main Street and Mr. Mahoney is the store manager. (BK10)
- Burk's Department Store – Mr. Goldsmith is the store manager, Mrs. Reilly sells watches, Miss Coogan – minks, and Mrs. Watson – high-priced dresses. (BK4)
- Butler and Stones Jewelry Store – Mr. Stone owns the store and is a personal friend of the Drew's. Mr. Abelard deGotha works there as an expert in coat of arms. Nancy once had her purse stolen here, but was able to get it back. (BK10)
- Claymore Hotel – Maud Potter, the entertainment director at Lilac Inn quit her job and took a new job at Hotel Claymore. Helen Corning Archer's friend, Katherine Kovna also rented a shop at the arcade to sell her designer clothes. Nancy is acquainted with the manager because she's previously worked with him. (BK4+)
- Eagle Home Laundry Service – Does laundry services for people and is located a ferry boat ride across the Muskoka River. (BK20)
- Eastport Trellis Company – The Eastport Trellis Company constructed several trellises found at the Hendrick Estate in River Heights. (BK30)
- Elite Drug Store – One of several drug stores located in River Heights. (BK4)

- Empire Employment Agency – Mary Mason is an associate for the agency who worked for them at the Lilac Inn in Benton. (BK4)
- Faber’s Antique Shop – Mr. Faber is the owner and once said of Nancy, “You are always busy helping someone.” His business is located in the business section of River Heights. (BK21)
- Faber’s Jewelry Store – Mr. Faber is the owner and his family is from Europe and are famous jewelers who make many jewelry pieces for royal families. (BK20)
- Farouk’s Turkish Rug Shop – Farouk Tahmasp is the owner of his rug shop on Satcher Street and is a client of Mr. Drew’s. Mr. Tahmasp has sold many expensive Oriental rugs and had a mannequin in the window of a young Turkish lady. Mr. Tahmasp mysteriously disappeared two-years-ago and was accused of smuggling rugs, but was acquitted. After his shop closed, it became Anthony’s Tailor Shop. Ultimately, he was found in Turkey and reunited with his daughter. (BK47)
- Finch’s Soda Shop – Where Nancy and Hannah Gruen like to stop for ice-cream sundaes. It’s mostly a place for young people and Roscoe is a clerk here. (BK16+)
- First National Bank – Where Mr. Crowley came to talk to Henry Rolsted about how to prepare a will. (BK1)
- Fontaine’s Dancing School – The dancing school is owned by brother and sister Henri and Helene Fontaine from France. They are exceptionally fine dancers and excellent teachers. The dance school occupies the second floor of an office building in the business section of River Heights. Their dance room has an ivory and gold French Provincial desk, and is spacious and beautifully furnished with gold chairs and deep-blue drapes. On the wall above the desk hangs a pair of scarlet ballet slippers. Henri and Helene are Centrovians and were once refugees in France under the name of Provak. Henri’s mother was a famous ballet dancer. (BK32)
- Freeman’s Jewelry Store – Mr. Freeman is the owner of his store. He once asked Nancy to help out a widow friend of his who lives alone, Mrs. Putney. (BK25)
- Green Acres – Mr. Landow is the restaurant owner and Chuck Grant is a singer there. A dance band and singers also play there. It’s one of the country restaurants located near the Van Pelt Estate. It’s an old colonial building with fine lines. Once a home, but was converted into a fashionable restaurant. It is white with tall pillars at the entrance and the grounds are beautifully planted. (BK39)
- Gregg’s Drug Store – Mr. Gregg is the owner of his store and it’s where the Drew’s frequently buy supplies. (BK41)
- Howard’s Jewelry Store – Mr. Howard is the owner. Nancy found a clue in one of his figurines he purchased from a foreign art dealer named Mr. Warte. (BK32)
- J.J. Smithson’s Leather Goods Shop – Francis Baum once worked here and lives at Mrs. Kent’s Guesthouse nearby. (BK20)
- Larry’s Service Station – Nancy recognized a thief who worked here. Larry said the man’s name was Howard Fay, but he was fired for being light-fingered. (BK27)
- Leonard’s Garage – Nancy once hired them to remove one of the big pine trees at Pleasant Hedges that fell on the house during a bad thunderstorm. (BK21)
- Lightner Entertainment Company – Mr. Lightner owns this old company which has a fine reputation. The Lightner Office is situated on a narrow downtown street and has many wardrobe rooms. John Dale is an amiable guide. Linda Seeley works here and used to go to school with Nancy. Linda’s boss is Mr. Peter Tombar, the

assistant manager. Mr. Johnson is the credit manager for the Lightner Company and also for Taylor's Department Store in River Heights. (BK30)

- Lovelee Cosmetic Company – A company located in River Heights. (BK25)
- Madame Paray's Dress Shop – Some of the local girls in River Heights have their latest dresses made at Madame Paray's dress shop. (BK21)
- Milton's Pottery Shop – Dick Milton is the owner and is a cousin to Bess Marvin. It's a small shop located on Bedford Street where he sells pottery and holds ceramics classes, one of which Bess once attended. (BK26)
- Monroe National Bank – Mr. Drew once worked for Mr. Seward, president of the Monroe National Bank in Monroe. There are branches around the country with one in River Heights. Mr. Sill is manager of the River Heights branch. (BK3)
- Moto's Jewelry Store – Mr. Moto is a Japanese jeweler in River Heights who works for a large firm with offices all over the world. Nancy and the girls witnessed a robbery of a very expensive pearl necklace from his store that belonged to Mrs. Tanya Rossmeyer, a very rich widow who travels in European high society. It was a precious necklace of natural pearls, twelve on each side of a very large one in the center. Later, Nancy and Ned found the exquisite pearl necklace that was stolen and returned it. As Mr. Drew took Mr. Moto home, the Japanese jeweler said to him, "I think you have the most wonderful daughter in the world!" (BK56)
- Packlin Motors – Mr. Drew bought a new convertible for Nancy at Packlin Motors. It was just in time because some crooks were following her other convertible. Now she could get away secretly in her shiny new one. (BK10)
- Parkview Hotel – A small hotel located in River Heights. (BK28)
- Peterson's Swedish Bakery – When Nancy needed a diary translated from Swedish to English, Hannah Gruen recommended Mr. Oscar Peterson, an elderly Swedish baker friend of hers across town. Mr. Peterson noted after reading Joe Swenson's Sweetish Diary, "The reading was most enjoyable. This writer of the diary is well educated and clever." Mr. Swenson lives in Stanford. (BK7)
- Pickwick Arms Hotel – One of several hotels located in River Heights. (BK33)
- Pigeon Fanciers Association – Donald Jordan is the secretary of the local branch of the association. He once called on Nancy because she was giving him an injured pigeon. She also found a secret message and an unregistered number. (BK10)
- Red Lion Inn – The inn is located across the Muskoka River by ferry and people like to go there for supper and dancing. (BK20)
- Regal Restaurant – A small dining place in River Heights. (BK32)
- River Heights Airport – The main building has a regular service counter and a waiting room and a flight board where outgoing flights get chalked up. It also has a tower for pilots to report emergencies. A private helicopter company operates here as well. Carson Drew, Nancy and their friends frequently fly in and out of the airport through New York City and beyond. Nancy also takes occasional trips to visit her Aunt Eloise Drew in New York City. Nancy, Bess, George, and Carla once staid at the Airport Motel before leaving for Lima, Peru. It's a forty-minute drive from the motel to the River Heights Police Department Headquarters. (BK8+)
- River Heights Brokerage Offices – One of several brokerage offices in town. (BK3)
- River Heights Bus Service – Carries passengers in and around River Heights and also goes to Granby. (BK3+)

- River Heights Dog Beauty Parlor – The Drew’s take their dog Togo here for dog beauty services. (BK47)
- River Heights Ferry Service – Carries passengers back and forth across the Muskoka River. (BK20)
- River Heights Garage – Located in downtown, Nancy occasionally takes her car here for 24-hour service when she needs to get her car repaired. Nancy knows a young man named Joe she went to high school with who works on night duty. He’s an excellent mechanic and the Drew’s always bring their car work to him. (BK7+)
- River Heights Gazette – One of the local newspapers in River Heights. (BK2+)
- River Heights National Bank – Located in town along with a Smith’s Ferry Branch where Mr. Raymond Hill is an executive vice president. It’s also where Mr. Drew took Mrs. Allison’s treasure from a tunnel near the Dawson Farm. (BK9+)
- River Heights Opticians Office – Located in River Heights. (BK4)
- River Heights Snack Shop – Located near the river docks where the ferry boats are tied up. (BK20)
- River Heights Taxi Service – Carries passengers in and around town. Mose Blaine is a taxi driver here who gives the Drew’s a ride when needed. (BK3+)
- River Heights Telegraph Office – Nancy often calls here to confirm whether or not a telegraph was sent from Mr. Drew and whether or not it’s a hoax. (BK2)
- River Heights Theaters – Where Hannah and Nancy occasionally like to go to the theater to see a movie. (BK8)
- River Heights Train Station – The train system operates between River Heights and Amstar, Brandon, Cliffwood, Danforth and Round Valley. (BK2+)
- River Heights Trick Shop – Where Nancy’s friend George thought she bought a rubber crocodile for Mr. Drew. Noly Reareck is the owner of the trick shop and owns a one-foot pet crocodile named Crocky. A neighborhood boy who works for Mr. Reareck, jokingly sold Crocky to George to give to Carson Drew. (BK55)
- Riverview Motel – Located across town from the Drew’s home. (BK52)
- Royal Hotel – Located about one block away from Mr. Drew’s office. People like to have luncheon appointments here. (BK1)
- Save-A-Lot Market – A market located in River Heights. (BK25)
- Senor Roberto’s Riding Academy – Senor Roberto is the owner. He used to work for Sims Circus and also taught Nancy how to trick ride without a saddle and to jump onto a moving horse. Hitch is a stableman who also helps out at the outdoor riding ring. Nancy’s mare was an ex-circus horse named Belgian Star. (BK31)
- Smith’s Auto – Harry Smith is the owner. This is where Mr. Drew bought Nancy a new yellow convertible to replace her old blue one. (BK35)
- Taylor’s Department Store – Where Nancy goes to look for dresses because it’s one of River Heights finest stores. Miss Reed is a dress fitter. The store occasionally exhibits lady dolls. Mr. Johnson is the credit manager here and also for the Lightner Entertainment Company. Mr. Watkins works here and Mr. Ralph Snecker who uncrates and marks items for sale. Florence Snecker is married to Ralph. (BK1+)
- Tearoom – Where Nancy like to get a quick snack. (BK4)
- Waterfall Motel – One of the motels located in River Heights. (BK52)

- Waterford Yacht Club – Nancy, Bess, and George once took out the “Top Job” sail boat for a spin from here. (BK14)
- Weatherby’s Curios and Antique Jewelry Shop – Sam Weatherby is the owner and dealer who once examined a pearl Nancy brought him to look at. Sam used to work at the Heath Pearl Button Factory before going into business for himself. (BK22)
- Whittier’s Jewelry Shop – Where Nancy brings her jewelry to be fixed. (BK8)
- Winfield Taxi Service – One of the taxi companies in River Heights. (BK28)

RIVER HEIGHTS BUILDINGS

- Kent’s Guesthouse – Owned by Mrs. Kent. Located near J.J. Smithson’s Leather Goods Shop where Mr. Francis Baum once worked. (BK20)
- Manningham Old Men’s Home – Located in River Heights. In his will, Josiah Crowley donated the balance of his estate to the old men’s home. (BK1)
- Monroe Office Building – An office building located in River Heights. (BK20)
- River Heights Art Museum – Located on Maple Avenue where Mr. Sand is the curator. A concert hall is also located here. The museum and lobby have corridors in three directions leading to various exhibition rooms. One is filled with gems and another, prehistoric animals. The museum once had an amazing display of a copy of huge ancient sapphire with a spider embedded inside which was made by Mr. Floyd Ramsey. He’s known for fashioning beautiful and unusual synthetic jewelry. The original ancient spider sapphire is owned by an Indian, Shastri Tagore. (BK24)
- River Heights City Hall – Mr. Marvin attends council meetings here. (BK27)
- River Heights Civic Center – A big annual charity show is hosted here and Mrs. Parsons is the chairwoman. Millie Koff is the prize dancer, but left town and Nancy agreed to take her place. The Koff’s came to the USA from Centrovia. (BK32)
- River Heights Historical Society – Mrs. Prescott is president and traces family trees and studies the history of every family in the area, and has stacks of records. Walter Heath was a member before his death. A sign at Walter Heath’s Castle outside River Heights reads, “To the Goblin Gallery”. (BK21+)
- River Heights General Hospital – The hospital has family physicians with patients who sometimes need an ambulance ride to the hospital. Dr. Richard Spire is a bone specialist and friend of the Drew family. Dr. Black is the Drew’s family physician. Dr. Spire was kidnapped to work on an unknown patient who slipped him a gold-chain bracelet clue. Dr. Clifford called on Bess and George who had gotten into a traffic accident one night. He brought both of them into the world and they are very fond of him. Dr. Ivers helped Mr. March after someone threw a rock at him. Dr. Burney examined Nancy after she was poisoned and prepared an antidote to help her out. Dr. Britt works here with his nurse Ida Compton. Dr. Milton took care of Nancy after she was knocked down a steep set of stairs. (BK8+)
- River Heights Library – Miss Taylor and Miss Carter, librarians who work here help Nancy look through various reference books for any information on various clues. Nancy likes to do some sleuthing here, examining old atlases, historic records, business directories, biographies and old books on ships lost at sea. She also looks through files of old issues of the River Heights Gazette. (BK19+)
- River Heights Police Department – Captain / Chief McGinnis works here and is an old friend of the Drew’s. Chief McGinnis said to Nancy, “You’ve helped the police

department on so many occasions that it's almost as if you were a member of the force." He also said, "I guess this case may be another game between you and me to see who'll find the culprit first!" Nancy also stops by to visit Chief McGinnis to follow up on leads and to see if he has any news for her. Chief McGinnis typically puts his detectives on Nancy's clues right away. Detective Orton once helped Nancy get out of her car after three other cars had pinned her in. Officers Hampton and Russo investigated a traffic accident Bess and George were involved in. Lieutenant Masters, a woman in charge of juvenile offenders, reached out to Nancy to assist with solving a mystery. Officer Murphy investigated some stolen rare pottery at Milton's Pottery Shop. Detective Wolf investigated the Drew's house after someone tried to steal their Oriental rug. Officer Parker also helped Nancy and the girls look for a suspect. Officer Paras is of Greek descent and helped Nancy read a Greek letter a suspect lost. Officers Mercer and Zender are bomb experts for the department. Dr. Tompkin is a police surgeon. Additional staff includes Smitty a police electrician and a desk sergeant. The Detective Bureau includes Lieutenants Carney, Flynn, Kelly, and Mulligan; Sergeants Malloy, and Scott; Detectives Ambrose, Bruan, Donnelly, Dooley, Dougherty, Erman, Foster, Keely, and Panzer; and Officers Jim Clancy, Mellon, Reilly, Riley, Mark Smith, and Trent. There's also a police motorboat used on the Muskoka River and a Canine Corps. (BK2+)

- River Heights Post Office – Mr. Ritter is the Post Master and the Drew's letter carrier and is near retirement age. He would like to leave with a clean slate as he was once accused of stealing some mail, but was acquitted. Postal Inspectors Horace Moore and Mr. Wernick investigate stolen mail. (BK2+)
- River Heights Professional Building – A large building in downtown where lawyers, doctors, and other professionals have offices and Hank is the elevator operator. Mr. Drew's suite is on the fifth floor and Miss Hanson is his efficient secretary who worked for him for five years. He also has files in his office where he keeps information on various people. (BK3)
- River Heights Public Works Department – After winter storms, snowplows work all night to effectively clear the highways. (BK29)
- River Heights State Police Barrack – Nancy frequently stops here to report crimes. Captain Runcie, Lieutenant's Connolly and Whyte, and State Trooper Bert Fraser work here at headquarters. The State Police barrack also has an explosives expert to help with ticking bombs. Captain Runcie's staff helped find George when she was drugged and kidnapped off a train near Amstar. (BK4+)
- River Heights Town Hall – Has a clock tower which chimes at the midday hour. Nancy frequently feels as though the old bell is announcing the end of one adventure and the beginning of another. (BK24)
- River Heights Recreational Youth Center – One of Nancy's favorite community projects as the center needs volunteers and entertainers for the children. (BK3)
- Warrington Arms Apartment House – Mr. Richard Ellington lives here and it's approximately one mile away from Harbortown. (BK20)

RIVER HEIGHTS GEOGRAPHY, HISTORIC RESOURCES, AND PARKS & RECREATION

- Blackwood Hall – A famous old walnut grove along the Muskoka River once had been known as Humphrey’s Woods where a plaque marks the spot of a fatal duel. Blackwood Hall was the family’s home and is still standing. Built of walnut from the woods surrounding it, the mansion had in its day, been one of the showplaces along the river. It’s rumored that Jonathan’s ghost who was fatally wounded, still inhabits the place. Blackwood Hall is located within a few miles of River Heights, is haunted and has a secret tunnel. Blackwood Hall is located near a cove in the river. It’s a three-story mansion, where several generations of Humphrey’s have lived. It has an open gate to what had once been a flower garden. It has a massive front door that opens into a big hall. There’s also a few massive pieces of walnut furniture. A small parlor leads to a huge room with an organ. Behind it is a secret door leading to a tunnel. At the end of the tunnel is a huge heavy walnut door with a strange green light on the floor illuminating the back of a ghostly figure. A wheel barrel path leads from Blackwood Hall to a cabin in the black woods. (BK25)
- Blenheim Estate – Across town from the Drew’s home on the outskirts of town is the Blenheim Estate. It has a broad tree-shadowed lawn with displays for the annual charity flower show with a greenhouse beyond the mansion. (BK10)
- Boatswain Bostwick Bumbleton Home – Hannah Gruen has an old friend named Salty, one of River Heights eccentric characters. He was once a sailor who received his nickname from Nancy when she was a little girl. He wheels a wagon around singing and selling clams by the bushel. Salty’s home is very quaint and was once a small, attractive yacht along the Muskoka River. Now it’s a beached wreck, weathered by sun and rain. He has an amazing array of sea shells, some from the Orient and some from the Muskoka River. He got some of his collection from Ira Heath, Walter Heath’s father when he had his button factory on the inlet. (BK22)
- Brookdale Estates – A section of River Heights on the west side of town that has lots of bluebell flowers. (BK10)
- Elwynd Estates – Professor Wharton lives here in a newly developed section of River Heights along Hilltop Road. Professor Wharton speaks many languages and is an authority on hieroglyphics and other forms of ancient writings. At the entrance of Elwynd Estates are large stone pillars and a small office. (BK36)
- Horton Castle – Grandmother Horton lived on the outskirts of River Heights. After she passed, Mrs. Emory moved in. The Horton house is a castle on an island. It’s two stories high with a turret on one end. Around three sides is a dry moat with a drawbridge which forms part of the castle wall when it’s up. (BK40)
- Humphrey’s Woods – A famous old walnut grove along the Muskoka River once had been known as Humphrey’s Woods. A plaque marks the spot of Humphrey’s Walnut, the spot of a fatal duel. Blackwood Hall is located here. (BK25)
- Josiah Crowley House – Josiah Crowley’s wife’s cousin is Mrs. Abby Rowen. She took care of Josiah when he was sick and he thought the world of her. (BK1)
- Little Theater Group & Orchestra – Nancy and Dirk Jackson once enjoyed a date at an amateur play and dance given here at the theater. (BK2)
- Muskoka River – The main river that runs through River Heights. A small pier is located along the upper river where Nancy and Ned like to go for picnics. A book shop is also located up river. The Lilac Inn in Benton is located further up river along the Angus River, one of its tributaries. The Muskoka River is wide near

town, but the upper reaches are narrow and twisted at sharp angles making fast travel out of the question. It's pretty along the river, but wild. Harper's Inlet is one of the Muskoka River's many small hidden bays. (BK1+)

- Pilot's Cove – Nancy and Ned once went on a two-day fishing trip at Pilot's Cove. They borrowed a couple of Mr. Drew's fishing rods, rented a motorboat and went to a Pilot's Cove fishing spot Mr. Drew said had good fishing. (BK24)
- River Heights Annual Charity Dance – Nancy once sold tickets to Mr. and Mrs. Topham to one of the most important charity dances of the year. Mrs. Topham has well known aspirations to be accepted by the best families of River Heights. (BK1)
- River Heights Boys Club – Mr. Drew likes to make donations here. (BK20)
- River Heights Country Club – Where young adults like to go dancing. (BK1)
- River Heights Estates – An exclusive community on the outskirts of town. (BK3)
- River Heights Park – An attractive park with roses, benches, and paths. (BK1)
- River Heights Tennis Club – Nancy and the girls like to play doubles here. (BK47)
- River Heights Women's Club – Beautiful paintings hang on the walls and many gorgeous ensembles are on display. (BK20)
- River Heights Yacht Club – Located on River Road by a heavy bridge that spans the Muskoka River. John Holden is an elderly man who does odd jobs on the grounds. Nancy likes to go to the Crow's Nest with Ned as it's a rendezvous for young people. They also host big-little sister picnics at Star Island. (BK24)
- Rocky Edge Estate – Located along the Muskoka River in town. Ellen Smith was offered a summer position to help towards her college tuition. Ellen studies voice and once sang on television as a soloist, but also plays the piano. The estate and people here have an air of mystery that scares Ellen, but she was asked to live there and give Mrs. Chatham's seven-year-old daughter piano lessons. (BK19)
- Signor Mascagni House – Signor Mascagni lives in an old-fashioned house on a side street in town. He's a famous voice teacher who's retired and only takes a few outstanding pupils so their training is correct. Signor Mascagni has a grand piano in his home, along with a piano bench. When Signor Mascagni senses a potential pupil is nervous prior to their audition, he tries to put them at ease. He once said he believed that Alison Hoover could be an operatic star and a dramatic actress. (BK1)
- Sims Circus – Hosts and annual parade on Main Street in town which is typically lined with people for several blocks. It has a band with marching players and men and women in gay costumes accompanying the elephants. The circus has a large tent and Lolita does a very daring trapeze act. Other circus acts include riders, clowns, giants, and midgets. Senor Roberto taught Nancy how to trick ride without a saddle and to jump onto a moving horse. Reinhold Kroon is the ringmaster and Mr. Sims is the owner. Lolita is Mr. and Mrs. Kroon's adopted daughter. Her parents, John and Lola Flanders were American trapeze artists known as The Flying Flanders. Pietro is a circus clown, but the oldest clown is a man named Leo Sanders. Lolita received a necklace charm from her mother before her mom and dad died in a circus accident. Dan Webster is the circus horse trainer. Lolita and Pietro are engaged to be married. Once, when the main bare back rider, Rosa, was injured, Dan Webster asked Nancy to be her replacement until a new temporary bare back rider was found. The leader of the equestrian group is Rancoco. When

the circus closes, the tents come down and the performers and workmen ride buses and trucks to the next town. (BK31)

- Walden Park – Where people go for picnics. Mr. Drew and Nancy once went here for a father-daughter outing with some of his work associates. (BK20)

RIVER HEIGHTS NEIGHBORING TOWNS

- Aiken – Nancy and Ned drove thirty-miles from River Heights to the small town of Aiken to talk with Romano Pepito, Rose Struthers' dad at a TV station. They looked for him at the broadcasting station and at home. The Acme Taxi Company is also located here. A gypsy camp is located outside town where many camps are screened from view by trees. (BK24)
- Amstar – A town near River Heights where the Excelsior Hotel is located and also the Amstar Train Station. (BK30)
- Arbutus – A small town near Emerson which is close to a swamp. A gas station is also located here where locals say the swamp is a dangerous place. While looking for Ned in the swamp because he was kidnapped, Nancy and the gang came across a wilderness cabin full of electronic equipment. Nancy also found some notes written by Ned talking about how he's being treated. (BK51)
- Benton – The Lilac Inn is located here along the Angus River. A bus service runs from the inn to River Heights. Lieutenant Brice of the Benton State Police Barrack stopped to help Nancy when a truck ran her off the road near the inn. Captain Morgan is the head of the Angus River Police Patrol and once rescued Nancy when she was kidnapped and left to die in a sinking ship on the river. Carl Bard is a police guard who stood on night duty at the inn. Fabian's Jewelry Store is here and Mr. Fabian is a jeweler friend of Emily Willough's from the Lilac Inn. (BK4)
- Berryville – The hometown of Miss Carter, a woman who lives alone and breeds Persian cats. It's a small suburban community near River Heights. Miss Carter's colonial brick home is about half-a-mile from Main Street and located at 32 Amity Place. Some of Miss Carter's cats were stolen and Detective Keely of the local police department investigated. Sergeant Rothman and Captain Healey also work for the police department and captured Fred Bunce and his pal. The Beverly is a private hospital here that cares for young boys with mental problems and is owned by Dr. Norton Jones. Berryville also has a shopping center. (BK16)
- Black River – When Nancy and George were kidnapped from the Sims Circus, they were put on a train in Danforth. When they escaped, they found themselves near the town of Black River, about a hundred-miles from River Heights. (BK31)
- Brandon – A small town about twenty-miles from River Heights with a train station. Captain Crane is the Police Chief and Officer Donovan helps too. (BK30+)
- Branford – A little country town located outside the seaside town of Candleton where the Branford Hotel is located. (BK23)
- Bridgeford – A deserted village being restored near Camp Merriweather with an authentic stagecoach owned by Mrs. Pauling of Francisville which was placed in an old barn. It's an old town with quaint buildings and a rushing stream which turned an old water wheel at the mill. There's also a miller's vine-covered cottage, an ancient bakery, a blacksmith's shop and an artillery house. Nancy stared at a photograph and noted the design and size were identical and looks as if it might

have been Great-uncle Abner's stagecoach. The girls quickly searched for any secrets in the stagecoach and found a newspaper from 1860. Mr. Jennings, a carpenter took the stagecoach apart to look for clues, but didn't find any. (BK37)

- Bridgeton – Located seventy-five miles from the Lilac Inn. Lillie Merriweather plays bits and roles on Broadway, but mostly has parts in stock theaters, including one in Bridgeton. Summer stock people live at the Montrose Hotel. (BK4)
- Candleton – A seaside town located at White Cap Bay near River Heights and the ocean with tangy salt air. Fishing villages are nearby that sell lobsters. Mrs. John Chantrey runs Salsandee's Tea Room and Gift Shop in town, but was swindled out of most of her money. Ghostly and unexplainable things have been happening near the looming cliffs of White Cap Bay. Candleton is a fashionable summer resort with gleaming white cottages, fine hotels, old-time fishermen's houses, artist studios and a beach. Candleton's chief occupation is making saltwater taffy and Mother Mathilda's Candle Shop is an interesting spot. Farther up White Cap Bay is a lighthouse, Whistling Oyster Cove and Bald Head Cliff with a cave at its base which is said to be inhabited by a ghost. Visitors typically hear a warning bell and then water rushes out of the cave. An old, wrecked boat with a bell attached is lodged deep within Bald Head Cave. A weather-beaten cottage is located at the top of the cliff. People can rent a sturdy craft from fishermen at nearby boathouses. John Sander, a friend of Ned's is a well-known chemist who lives nearby. Mother Mathilda also knows everything that goes on around town for the past sixty-years. Monsieur Pappier is president of the Mon Coeur Company which sells perfume and fraud company stocks. His description matches that of Harry Tyrox, a wanted man in New York. The weather-beaten abandoned cottage on top of the cliff is called Maguire Place. Maplecrest Farm is located about two-miles out of town on the shore opposite the cliffs. The Branford Hotel is located here. A dark stone tunnel leads from the top of Bald Head Cliff down to the tolling-bell cave. (BK23)
- Claymore – A town that hosts an annual carnival with gay crowds and amusements. Gypsies play the fiddle and tell fortunes and give readings for people. (BK24)
- Cliffwood – Nancy's friend Helen Corning's Aunt Rosemary recently became a widow and lives with her mother at Twin Elms, an old family mansion in town. Captain Rossland is the local police chief who once said Nancy is a very persuasive young lady who quickly builds up clues. Detective Tom Patrick once patrolled the grounds of Twin Elms for several nights. Dr. Morrison works for one of the hospitals in town, one of which is Mercy Hospital. Dr. Morrison makes house calls and carries a physician's bag. There's also a train / bus station / taxi cab in town. There's also a hotel, a drug store, a big supermarket and a telegraph office in town. A railroad bridge is being constructed along with property being purchased on both sides of the Muskoka River. Mr. Drew and Nancy visited progress being made on the new railroad bridge. Mr. Barradale is one of the railroad lawyers working with Mr. Drew on the railroad bridge project. (BK2+)
- Compton – A town near River Heights where Mr. Simpson owns the Travel Bureau and is the father of the boy who almost drowned at the Water Wheel Restaurant in Everest. Mr. Randolph is Mr. Simpson's assistant at the travel bureau. (BK47)
- Cooperstown – A famous village located on the south end of Otesaga Lake near Hyde Bay with a cottage for rent named Mirror Bay Bide-A-Wee. Officer Duffy

works for the village police and helped Nancy look for her twin on top of a mountain. Springfield Center has a toy museum and is located outside town. Nancy and the gang found the exquisite child's royal coach and Miss Armitage gave it on behalf of the town to the Fenimore Museum as a precious gift and wonderful addition to their exhibits. (BK49)

- Crescent Gardens – Jim and Cathy Donnell who live near Melrose Lake once went to visit relatives in Crescent Gardens. (BK3)
- Croston – A Muskoka River resort town located near River Heights. Hotel Beauregarde is located here and overlooks the river. Helen Corning Archer is a friend of Miss Lucille who's the owner of an attractive shop at the hotel. Helen also thought a stolen mannequin was in town, but it wasn't the right one. (BK47)
- Danforth – A town outside River Heights the Sims Circus visits. Nancy and George were kidnapped from the circus and put on a train in Danforth. (BK31)
- Dockville – Kitty, one of the waitresses at the Lilac Inn thought that Mary Mason, a waitress who recently quit, commuted daily to Dockville. She has a brother named Bud Mason who lives in town. It's located near River Heights and has rows of dingy tenements and a winding narrow street along the Angus River front. (BK4)
- Dorset – A town near River Heights. (BK8)
- Doverville – A town near River Heights. Peter Putnam is a relative of Jasper Batts, caretaker of Mrs. Allison's property. The Putnam Farm is about twenty-miles beyond Doverville where he lives in an old barn. (BK13)
- Emerson – Home of Emerson College and the Emerson Drama Club. Chief Rankin is the police chief for the police department in town. Captain Krate also works there as does Jake Reilly who works on the bomb squad. Emerson is a pretty, tree-shaded college town which lays at the end of a cove on a tributary of the Ohio River. Mrs. Palmer is an early-history historian for the town. A shipment of gold coins for Emerson Bank went down with the sinking of the Lucy Belle near Settlers' Cove. Nancy and the girls looked for the wedding gifts at the Indian Village and dug up two iron chests from the Lucy Belle. One with a huge heap of gold coins that belonged to the town of Emerson which Uncle John presented to the town officials and the other which had the missing wedding gifts. (BK7+)
- Everest – A town near River Heights with a locksmith shop owned by R.S. Smith. A suspect that tried to steal an Oriental rug from the Drew's was in his shop and wore a gold bracelet studded with turquoise. The Water Wheel Restaurant is in town. Nancy and George jumped into a rushing stream to save a young boy who fell in. The boy's father said, "You are very brave. God bless you both." (BK47)
- Fisher's Cove – A town near Candleton where fishnet's dry on lines and children stop playing to stare at cars and street peddlers carry baskets of fish. Several hotels and restaurants are located along Main Street, including the Wayside Inn and the Fisher's Cove Hotel. There're also a shopping area and a summer colony. (BK23)
- Francisville – Formerly a quiet place with a small population about two miles from Camp Merriweather. It suddenly mushroomed in population because of two new housing developments at one end of the village. Mrs. Pauling of Francisville owns a stagecoach that's being delivered to the deserted village of Bridgeford that's being restored. Nancy and the girls met with Mrs. Strook in town about a possible mystery to solve. Mrs. Strook's great-uncle Abner Langstreet's stagecoach business

closed when the railroad was built. He disappeared in September 1853 and was found dead in a small farm-house a few miles out of town ten years later, but left behind a secret in his stagecoach. Nancy and the girls found it and dug it up. A letter from Abner Langstreet was found noting that when the cornerstone of the townhall was laid in 1851, he put something in it that might be of great value to the town. Art Warner, a resident and lawyer of the town scheduled a little celebration with the town fathers to open the cornerstone. Mr. Langstreet's stagecoach also belongs to the town. In an envelope from Abner Langstreet were five blocks of four stamps of Benjamin Franklin stamps from 1851 with the gum still on them which were worth about \$150,000. Added to what Francisville could raise, now they had enough to build a fine new school for the town. A special celebration with the restored old stagecoach was also planned for the town with part of it being a parade with real horses. The mayor closed with, "Nancy Drew, detective, is hereby proclaimed an honorary citizen of Francisville because of the fine work she has done for our town!" (BK37)

- Gadsby – A town near River Heights and home of one of Nancy's suspects. (BK52)
- Garwin – A large state line city located about fifty-miles west of Melborne. (BK1)
- Glenville – A town about five-miles from Larkspur Lane on Sylvan Lake where thieves kept Mrs. Eldridge. George went to see a doctor here after she sprained her ankle. A drug store and a sandwich shop are also located in town. (BK10)
- Granby – A town near River Heights with a bus system that goes there. (BK40)
- Hagar – Known as a historic city similar to Martin City about six-miles away. It has brownstone mansions dating back to the "elegant eighties". It has tall trees and well-kept lawns which gives it a picturesque atmosphere. It's also home to the Anderson Museum where Miss Wilkin's works. There are also a library and the Campbell's Diner in town. Ben Farley works for the phone company and fixed the phone line at the Anderson Museum. Dr. Marcus is a police surgeon for the Hagar Police Department and Tim Rooney is a detective and locksmith. (BK51)
- Hamilton – Hamilton is located between River Heights and Emerson College with the nearest airport to Melrose Lake located here. While trying to lose someone who was following Nancy, Ned came to her rescue, but her purse was stolen. (BK3+)
- Hampton – Where Juliana Johnson was advised to go by Dr. Gibson, her physician and never returned from. Juliana went there to live at Mrs. Delbert's Guesthouse and went by the name Julia Flower. When Julia left, she stayed on a farm between Hopewell and Plainville, about thirty-miles from Hampton. Juliana Johnson's missing nurse, Emily Foster was found at the Hampton Motel. (BK22)
- Hancock – A small town located several miles past Riverview Manor with a great deal of traffic on Main Street. Aken's Used Car Dealer is at 24 Main Street. An officer in charge at the police department alerted the State Police regarding a clue from Nancy and she visited a gypsy settlement with Patrolman Wicks. (BK2+)
- Hanover – A town near River Heights where the Bengleton Wild Animal Show came to the fairgrounds while the Drew's were taking care of Rishi. (BK13)
- Harbortown – A town located near River Heights and about one mile away from the Warrington Arms Apartment House where Richard Ellington lives. (BK20)
- Harper – A town located near Tomkinsville and River Heights where the High-Rise Construction Company is building high-rise apartment projects. Oscar Thurston is a

client of Mr. Drew's who lives in town and owns a farm and a farm with a small zoo. The construction company wants to build apartment buildings on his land. Professor Saunders works at the Harper University Museum and received back a stolen wryneck bird. Kammy, a Eurasian student brought a wryneck bird to the Thurston's farm and is staying there. Chief Pepper is the head of the local police department. General Hospital and Mercy Hospital are both located here. One of Nancy's grade school friends, Evelyn Hatch works as a nurse in town. Several councilmen live here and own various businesses. (BK50)

- Harwich – A town near River Heights with a dance studio similar to Stanford called Harwich School of Dance with Miss Desmond as its director. (BK32)
- Henryville – A town where Dr. Gibson lives and is Juliana Johnson's physician who told her to take a trip to Hampton from which she never returned. (BK22)
- Hope – A small city about twenty-five miles from Rocky Edge Estate where J.K. Trumbull purchased a ship model of the Warwick. Nancy went there to recover the model and returned it to Mrs. Chatham as her first husband had sailed the original vessel. It was quickly stolen, but Nancy had put the map in her purse. (BK19)
- Hopewell – A town where Nancy was given the honor of digging the first shovel of dirt at the new Hopewell burial mound discovered by Pere Francois. When Julia Johnson left Hampton, she stayed on a farm between Hopewell and Plainville about thirty-miles away. Nancy worked with the police department on a clue. (BK12+)
- Huntsville – A town with a local police department. (BK2)
- Inlet Village – The Inlet Village Police Department is located here and is the closest police department to the Sidney Mansion. Detective's Manton and Wright are two plainclothes detectives there. State Trooper Hatch also works nearby and helped the Drew's look for Carol Whipple when she was kidnapped. (BK9)
- Kirkland – A small town about an hour away from Emerson College. One of Ned's friends is Bill Tomlin from town who mentioned his grandfather's brother was a sea captain who had twin sons. Mr. Tomlin owns Elite Department Store. (BK19)
- Landsdowne – A town near Emerson College. (BK45)
- Malvern – Mr. Hobnail is a repairman at a small shop in town and works on toy trains, dolls, and other toys. There is also a Barlow Garage in town. (BK24)
- Mapleton – A town / suburb located a few miles from River Heights. It's about two miles from the Raybolt grounds where a house exploded and caught on fire. The owner of the house is Foxy Felix Raybolt whom his neighbors call a skinflint. Maplecroft Inn is about three-miles from the Raybolt estate. Nancy met a young man named Ned Nickerson whose family lives here and helped her out a few times. A local garage made repairs to Nancy's car. Captain Johnson is the Police Chief. Nancy occasionally helps out at the crippled children's home. Anthony's Tailor Shop, Curtis Realty Company, and Flannery's Restaurant are located here. (BK7+)
- Maplewood – A town between the Sidney Mansion and River Heights with a gas station. Mrs. Dilberry's Guesthouse is here. Frank Jemitt held many belongings that he stole from Asa Sidney, here at Restview Cottage. (BK9)
- Martin City – A historic city along the drive between River Heights and Emerson. An industrial city on the Wimpole River which manufactures fresh-water fishing equipment and small boats. The Clearview Restaurant and an insurance office are here on Main Street. Nearby is another historic city named Hagar. (BK51)

- Masonville – Located north of River Heights. Judge Hart works here and receives legal documents from Mr. Drew. His office is in the Old Merchants Trust Company building on Main Street. He and his wife occasionally saw Mr. Crowley when he visited town. Mr. Jensen is the president of the bank and was told about Mr. Crowley's second will by Judge Hart. John Warren is the Trust Officer at the bank. Mr. Crowley has Box 148 which holds his last will and testament. The Claridge Diner is in town. Bess and Nancy once hosted a charity rummage sale in town. Three Bridges Road runs between Masonville and River Heights with one of the bridges called Hunter's Bridge. A darling dress shop is located in town. Sergeant Wilks and Officer McCann work for the police department where Nancy was once offered a job. Masonville Museum is located here. Miles Monroe is a retired professor who knows of local clay deposits and an abandoned Civil War iron mine and smelter. The Masonville Fur Company is headquartered here. (BK1+)
- Melborne – A State Police Headquarters is here with Moon Lake nearby. Central Street and Maple Street are in town. Officer Elton is in charge at the police department and Officer Cowen works for the State Police in Melborne. (BK1)
- Melville – A town outside River Heights the Sims Circus visits. The reunion of Lolita, a trapeze artist and Lola Flanders, her mother happened at the hotel. (BK31)
- Middleburg – The third-mystery of the ghost haunts happened here. Ned was kidnapped and was found at the Red Barn Guesthouse in town and escaped. It's a nice, peaceful country town. Mrs. Hodge owns the Red Barn Guesthouse. People are also afraid to come to town because of a phantom horse and rider running after it which Nancy and the gang also saw. The Prizers once stayed at the guest house and offered to buy it. Officer Sanford works at the police department. (BK46)
- Milford – The Blue Bell House is located just outside town off Elm Road. (BK10)
- Milton – After her accident, Juliana realized she may never dance again and secluded herself near Hopewell and Clover Farm ten-miles from Hampton. A mile outside Milton is an attractive arbor and field of flowers. A sign read, "Jardin des fleurs". Juliette Fleur, Proprietor, meaning, "Garden of Flowers". (BK22)
- Monroe – Mr. Drew once worked for a Mr. Seward, president of the Monroe National Bank. There's also a branch in River Heights. Mr. Hamilton, a highly trusted office invests his client's inherited money. The bank makes the investments and pays dividends. The town also has a police department. (BK3)
- Montville – A town located about twenty miles from River Heights. (BK33)
- Mountainville – A town near River Heights where Rawley Banister swindled a lot of people. It's a two-hour drive from River Heights and the Banister House is here. It's a pleasant village with smart-looking shops and the Ruppert Motel. (BK48)
- New Kirk – Nancy discovered a tunnel near Ship's Cottage which contained a list of inventions at Rocky Edge by Silas Norse. A tin box with a key and bank book led to a bank in town, a sea coast city. The bank box had a large sum of money on deposit. Some papers noted that Captain Tomlin's half of the map was hidden on the Warwick and was stolen. Possibly in a model ship of the Warwick. (BK19)
- Oxford – A town several miles from River Heights where Jenner's Music Office is located. Mr. Jenner was buying Fipp March's missing music from a man named Ben Banks. The Millette is a hotel in town where Ben Banks was staying. (BK21)

- Plainville – A town mentioned when Julia Johnson left Hampton, she was to stay on a farm about thirty-miles away. Julia Johnson was involved in an accident and taken to a hospital here and Dr. Barnes said she'd never walk right again. (BK22)
- Pleasantville – A small town near Berryville where Miss Carter lives. A car license was once issued to a Gus Woonton here. (BK16)
- Ridgefield – Ira Nixon's brother Edgar boarded here. There's a local police department in town. Ira delivers mail for the Drew's. His brother Edgar Nixon is very obnoxious and intimidating and can't be trusted. (BK8)
- Riverside Heights – A town near River Heights with rolling hills of cultivated fields of corn and wheat nearby. Jo Byrd from Red Gate Farm stays at a boarding house in town. The drive through Round Valley also has winding roads. (BK6)
- Round Valley – A town about ten-miles from Red Gate Farm. A train station is located in town and a local newspaper, the Round Valley Gazette. (BK6)
- Sandy Creek – The Muskoka River goes through town which is located near River Heights where Nancy and her friends attend a popular annual carnival. Riverwood Cottage is where the Swenson's and their daughter Honey live. (BK7)
- Sevanee – The town is located near Pine Grove Camp on Lake Sevanee. Newton's Novelty Shop is located here and the owner is J.B. Newton. (BK46)
- Sheldon – A valuable collection of shells was stolen in town as part of the first-mystery of the ghost haunts. One was a Murex shell and the other a Baradaris shell which once belonged to an ancient emperor. Sevanee is nearby. (BK46)
- Smith's Ferry – The Smith's Ferry Branch of the River Heights National Bank is located here. Mr. Raymond Hill is executive vice president. (BK9)
- South Bedford – A town about twenty-miles from Berryville. Miss Carter sells her Persian cats at the municipal auditorium. George played an auctioneer and sold Abatha, the last Persian cat for over three-times the original price. (BK16)
- Stamford – Has the closest State Police Barrack to Melrose Lake. Sergeant Murphy is a state trooper. Lieutenant Gill works for the local police department. (BK3)
- Stanford – The Elite Dancing School is located here and is a two-hour drive from River Heights. Mr. Harlan is the owner. It's also where Joe Swenson may have purchased various manufacturing parts for his inventions in Sandy Creek. He also wrote a Sweetish Diary. Baylor Weston owns an electronics factory and did business with Felix Raybolt, but broke it off due to unfair business dealings. The local Postmaster is Phil Roberts' father. Phil is a friend of Ned Nickerson's. (BK7)
- Tannberg – A town located near River Heights. Mr. Drew's friend Mr. Stanley Strong is the owner of the traveling Bengleton Wild-Animal Show. There are animal cages and acts to see and vendors selling peanuts. Nancy met Mr. Strong to find out about his mystery. Rai is the elephant trainer and Rishi, a boy who does flips on the elephants. Rai treats Rishi very poorly. Rai and Rishi are Hindu from India. Vivek Tilak is a man from India who lives in River Heights who's an importer of Indian artifacts. Professor Lowell Stackpole from Emerson College was recommended by Ned to tutor Rishi in his schooling of Indian languages. He noted that Nancy's ivory charm at one time probably belonged to a maharaja. (BK13)
- Tartanville – A country town located outside River Heights which can be gotten to along some back roads. The next town you would get to is Wrightville. (BK35)

- Titusville – Two of Mr. Crowley’s first cousins on his mother’s side, Fred and William Mathews live on a farm outside town and operate a small fruit farm, but have always wanted to travel. The brothers once proposed to the Turner sisters who live five miles away along Route 10A, which is on the way to Masonville. (BK1)
- Tomkinsville – A town located near Harper and one of the High-Rise Construction Company’s projects. Many people believe Tomkinsville is a disaster area because of what was destroyed to put up the high-rise apartments. (BK50)
- Vernonville – The second-mystery of the ghost haunts was located here. Madame Tarantella is a medium who holds seances and pulls an artificial thunder trick to scare people. Madame Tarantella had a premonition that she herself would be hurt and asked Nancy to help. During the séance the girls got scared and left. Soon afterwards, Madame Tarantella was kidnapped in the middle of the night. Mr. Kittridge is an associate of Mr. Drew’s in town. Sergeant Brothers and Detective Peron rescued Nancy when someone tried to drown her under a bridge. Ned was kidnapped and found at the Red Barn Guesthouse in Middleburg after he escaped. Then the second-mystery of the ghost haunts was solved. (BK46)
- Wayland – A town located halfway to Rocky Edge Estate on the outskirts of River Heights. Ellen Smith, a student at Blackstone College of Music lives here and took a summer job at Rocky Edge Estate. Mr. Rorke came to see Mr. Tomlin Smith about a map. Smith is his adopted name and Tomlin was previously his last name. He had travel books and a large map of the world on one wall. (BK19)
- West Gramby – A small settlement near Sylvan Lake with a hotel and a coffee shop in town. (BK10)
- Westville – A town with a lovely antique shop where an old Chinese jewelry box was purchased with Eng Moy’s signature concealed in the design. Mrs. Lorimer is the proprietor of the antique shop. (BK26)
- Winchester – A town located north of Masonville near River Heights. Radio station KIO is located in town and has a violinist they broadcast by the name of Albert Martin, a gypsy. The Crestview Hotel and a branch of the Masonville Fur Company are located here. Chief Wester works at the police department where Nancy and Ned presented him with a bundle of stolen minks and stock certificates from the Wells Mink Ranch. Restview Nursing Home is also located here. (BK24+)
- Wrightville – A country town located two-hours from River Heights along the back roads and highways after passing through Tartanville. The town has several quaint stores and is about thirty-minutes from a local gypsy camp. (BK24+)
- Yorktown – A small city located about thirty-miles from Candleton. The Yorktown Hotel and the Yorktown Police Headquarters are located here. (BK23)

RIVER HEIGHTS NEIGHBORING LANDMARKS

- Alexandra House – Marie Alexandra lives at 14 Downey Street in River Heights in a medium-sized house with her maid. There’s a brocade-covered couch in the living room along with other luxurious furnishings. Marie has an Easter egg that was made by Mr. Faber’s father and contains a most unusual object, presented to her by her son, the king. Mrs. Alexandra was a former queen in her country and came to River Heights to avoid publicity. Her grandson’s name is Michael and he’s now about thirty-years-old. (BK20)

- Anderson Museum – Located in Hagar where Miss Wilkin’s works at the museum. Mr. Drew suggested Nancy investigate the museum because he thought there might be a clue there about the Cyclops / Glowing Eye. One display had enlarged glass eyes that hung on the walls. High on the rear wall hung a reddish light resembling a fiery, glowing eye. Miss Wilkin said the glowing eye was used by engineering students from Emerson College who attended lectures here. A fully equipped electrical and electronic lab was found on the third-floor of the museum. (BK51)
- Bald Head Cave – Nancy once saved Steve Hopkins, a fisherman at Bald Head Cave by helping him get unstuck from a rock as the high-tide was coming in. The fisherman said, “I’m mighty grateful you came along! You saved my life!” (BK23)
- Banister House – Rawley Banister is the owner of the house and frequently swindles lots of people out of their money. Mr. Banister designed the house himself. It’s located on a wooded hilltop in Mountainville, surrounded by a moat which sometimes mysteriously catches on fire. It’s a large building made of fieldstone and lacks symmetry. It has two-stories with a crooked stairway between with musical steps. Also, there’s three slanting chimneys and a center tower with a windowed turret. It also has a wooden bridge for crossing the moat which can be raised and lowered from inside the house. In the basement is a large computer where Rawley did his programming and worked on his robot named Robby that only did what he programmed it to do. A trap door in the kitchen led to a tunnel and some stairs to a round turret. Hugo Custer is a carpenter in Mountainville who also worked on the Banister House and has a shop in the village of Charlotte. (BK48)
- Blue Iris Inn – A picturesque country inn outside River Heights, owned by Mr. Peter Tombar. An isolated place that’s a bit rundown, but could be converted into a topnotch dine-and-dance spot. The inn is a clapboard structure which lies lonely in a spot shaded by tall pine trees. Ned, after hearing that Nancy had not come home from sleuthing with Bess at the inn said, “I was afraid of this. She becomes so completely wrapped up in a mystery. Now something has happened.” (BK30)
- Camp Merriweather – While Nancy and the girls were vacationing here, they rescued a run-away authentic stagecoach with four artificial horses. Ross and Audrey Monteith also stayed at Camp Merriweather, but were not popular with the younger set. The camp stands on an extensive plateau and the main building is a large rambling log cabin with an immense swimming pool out front. Nancy enjoyed dating Rick Larrabee during her stay at the camp. (BK37)
- Campbell’s Landing – A place to rent motorboats along the Muskoka River outside River Heights. (BK22)
- Carter House – Not far from River Heights in Berryville, the hometown of Miss Carter, a woman who lives alone and breeds Persian cats. Miss Carter’s colonial brick home is located at 32 Amity Place. The house has an upstairs, with a central hallway and wide doorways to adjoining rooms. Her cats sleep on hay on the floor of the garage and on shelves around the walls. The house also has an attic full of an amazing assortment of objects Miss Carter collected from her plays she appeared in. William Woonton owned the house at one time and some of his stuff is still in the cupboards, including a diary of Gus Woonton. (BK16)
- Cedar Lake – Ned Nickerson’s parents own a little cabin here along the Muskoka River near River Heights. When Henri and Helene Fontaine were in trouble, Ned

offered them to stay at his family's cabin. Bert Fraser is a State Trooper who lives on one of the back lanes in the vicinity of Cedar Lake. (BK32)

- Clifton Institute – Dr. Anderson, a geologist from the Clifton Institute near Emerson College is one of a few professors who worked on several clues from the black key's mystery. Dr. Anderson told all his students that the best way to discover treasure is to have an observing eye and a brave heart and to be live wires like Nancy Drew. (BK28)
- Crag Mountain Inn – The fourth-mystery of the ghost haunts is located here. Mr. Hesse is the owner of the allegedly haunted mountain inn and Mr. Warfield; an acquaintance of Mr. Drew's, lives here. The inn is built on almost solid rock and below are dense woods. It was once a fortress and housed many prisoners in its dungeons. The ghosts flit around outdoors and scare people. The lower part of the former fortress has storerooms and a kitchen which is still used. Bess found a wood square in the largest dungeon and when the boys pried it open, it exploded from underneath. The hole led to a short tunnel and a door. In a passageway, Nancy found what was probably a stolen shell collection and solved the mystery. (BK46)
- Cranshaw Estate – This is where the fifth-mystery of the ghost haunts is located. Mr. Cranshaw and his butler Jeffers live here and he has a skull-and-shell collection. Jeffers showed the visitors the weird room with all its monster skeletons and dinosaurs. After being trapped in the basement, they all escaped and contacted the police and set a trap for the ghost gang who were later captured. Then all fourteen ghost-hunters were invited to stay at Mr. Cranshaw's Estate until he was able to find another butler. (BK46)
- Dawson Farm – A property located east of River Heights belonging to Mrs. Anita Allison. It includes several acres of forests and beautiful rolling hills. There's a large abandoned homestead on the property which Nancy and the girls and Rishi went to look at. Rishi eventually exited a rock cliff behind the old homestead after going through a tunnel. From the rafters hung entangled ropes, similar to those used in wild-animal acts. Jasper Batt is the caretaker of the property and mentioned someone stole valuable papers given to him by Rai, the animal trainer at the wild-animal show. Mrs. Allison's house was burned to the ground and she went to the tunnel to find her precious treasures. (BK13)
- Emerson College – Located in the town of Emerson, a two-hour drive from River Heights. When approaching, the towers of Emerson College come into view. Mr. Rorick and Mrs. Palmer are the only two descendants left of the original settlers' stock who helped to build the university. On one of Nancy's cases, an old metal chest was dug up with the word Rorick in bold lettering. Uncle John presented the wedding gown and other pieces to the Emerson College Museum. Nancy's friends Ned Nickerson, Dave Evans, and Burt Eddleton attend college here. Ned's fraternity house is Omega Chi Epsilon. Ned is in the engineering school and is the quarterback for the football team. Burt and Dave also play on the football team. Professor Lowell Stackpole taught for years, but is now retired. Professor Webster teaches archaeology and is a handwriting expert. Professor Titus is in charge of the laboratory. Mr. Beecher is the head librarian and Miss Greenleaf is the reference librarian. Professor Wilmer Stanly and his wife led an African safari. The worst mission Nancy and the girls ever had was to go to Emerson College to find Ned

after he was kidnapped. They found him in a cabin down by the river. Professor Matt Bronson is a chemistry professor at the college and once helped Nancy and Ned on a mystery. Matt had an astounding revelation that the thieves were looking to develop a formula for cold light using the phenomenon of fireflies. (BK8+)

- Hendrick Estate – Located in River Heights. Gloria Hendrick is a school friend of Nancy's. The estate occasionally hosts ballroom dances blazed with light from crystal chandeliers. There's a second-floor library full of art treasures, valuable paintings, antique vases and a priceless collection of miniatures. One of a likeness of Marie Antoinette is especially attractive. (BK30)
- Hillside Cemetery – Located in River Heights. (BK30)
- Hunter's Bridge Iron Mine and Smelter – Located along Three Bridges Road and Huntsman's Creek about eight-miles from River Heights. Nancy followed a clue to the Hunter's Bridge Iron Mine and Smelter, abandoned after the Civil War. Around it is a fence about ten-feet high with an old, battered brick wall inside, topped by a sloping roof and a leaning chimney. The fenced area is five-hundred feet on two sides and two-hundred-fifty feet on the other two sides. Miles Monroe, a retired geology professor found a reference book which noted a fine white clay near the iron mine. Mr. Soong, a retired Chinese importer confirmed it has a high percentage of kaolin which is excellent for making porcelain. Inside the enclosure is a shallow pit of sand colored earth with flintlike layers of rock. In one mysterious building was a large room with a wide work bench with tubes of paint, brushes, and lots of porcelain bowls, jugs, jars and vases, all glazed and beautifully decorated with oriental designs. The leaning chimney is above the smelter of the old iron mine and was used as a kiln to fire pottery. (BK26)
- Ira and Heath Castle Estate – It's a big estate located about five-miles outside River Heights and can be seen from the Muskoka River. The grounds of Heath Castle were beautiful once, with walled gardens and sunken pools. The best way to get to the castle is by motorboat up the river. It's a spooky-looking place with stone towers and highwalls around it. Walter Heath, a wealthy manufacturer owned the castle and willed it to his fiancée after his death. His fiancée, Juliana Fenimore later changed her name to Juliana Johnson after her accident, when she could no longer dance and went into hiding. Walter was put in charge of the estate after his father Ira died. Ira built Heath Castle to look like a fancy English castle. There are stone walls everywhere and all types of trees and flowers from around the world. Heath Castle was built about a mile up river from Ira's very successful pearl button factory which years later went out of business. Daniel Hector became the executor of the estate after Walter Heath died. A little-used road also leads to the abandoned estate.

Heath Castle was constructed of massive gray stone covered with ivy. It has a massive side door and a long corridor which twists and turns. The castle was built around a hollow square with an inner garden. The two high round towers are separate with doors opening from the courtyard. Upon inspection, the walls and gardens were damaged deliberately by someone looking for a valuable secret. Sam Weatherby said that Mr. Heath found a big pearl and was going to give it to Juliana. A high wall marked the rear boundary of the estate along the Muskoka River. Nancy and the girls found a metal box full of papers and photographs and a

small leather-bound diary which helped to solve the mystery. After Juliana Johnson was found, the castle springs were tested and contained pure and rich minerals. Mr. Drew made arrangements with a bottling company to market the spring water and offer to financially convert part of the castle and grounds into a health resort. The other part of the castle was to be turned into a free vacation spot for handicapped children. Walt's ring set with a huge pearl was recovered by Mr. Drew and given to Juliana Johnson. The inscription inside read, "To my Cinderella". (BK22)

- Keystone University – Terence Scott is on the faculty of Keystone University and approached Nancy to assist with solving the mystery of the clue of the black keys. Dr. Graham, Dr. Pitt, Dr. Anderson and Terry Scott were looking for a secreted treasure in Mexico, when Dr. Pitt and a stone cipher tablet went missing. Dr. Pitt is the president of Keystone University and a friend of Carson Drew's. (BK28)
- Lilac Inn – Located in Benton, upstream from River Heights along the Angus River, a tributary of the Muskoka River. Mr. Daly is the former owner of the Lilac Inn, but now manages the dining room. Emily Willough is a friend of Nancy's and Helen's, whose Aunt Hazel Willough now runs the Lilac Inn. Aunt Hazel has been Emily's guardian for five-years since her parents were killed in a plane crash. Aunt Hazel and Emily both have offices at the inn. Maud Potter is the inn's social director. Dick is responsible for raising capital for improvements. Hank, Gil, Luke, and Jim are all gardeners. Mary Mason is a waitress who recently gave notice to leave because she thinks the inn is haunted. Anna and Kitty are also waitresses.

Mr. Daly told Nancy that the historic Lilac Inn was erected in revolutionary times around 1760 by an English family and had catered to both stagecoach and river travelers. Some people said that Lilac Inn was a refuge for slaves who had escaped the south. It's also rumored that George Washington ate here in the stagecoach days. The inn has a dock on the Angus River with a canoe for guests and a path to the inn surrounded by groves of lilac trees. Twelve trim white cottages also surround the main building. The inn is a two-story clapboard building with a one-level wing on either side and accommodations for fifty guests. The far wing has a kitchen with gleaming wall ovens and a natural-stone colonial fireplace. There's also a private dining room with colonial wall fixtures and a storage cellar. While looking for Emily's stolen diamonds, Nancy found a secret passage way to the lobby coat closet. (BK4)

- Melrose Lake – Located about twenty-five miles from Twin Lakes. The Melrose Lake detour route is located near the lake. Laura Pendleton is a recent orphan who's being raised by her guardian's Jacob and Maria Aborn who live at their summer home at Melrose Lake. The Aborn's also have a house off the detour route on Eagle Rock Lane. Jim and Cathy Donnell met Nancy when a tree fell and blocked the Melrose Lake detour. Mrs. Donnell's name is Lillian and she's a registered nurse. While investigating, Nancy once stayed at the Beach Cliff Hotel nearby. The nearest airport to Melrose Lake is the Hamilton Airport. (BK3)
- Mirror Bay Bide-A-Wee – Nancy's Aunt Eloise rented this cottage on Hyde Bay in New York and Nancy and the girls are there to solve a mystery about a mysterious woman who glides over the water on misty mornings. The Indians call the lake, Otesaga Lake. Bide-A-Wee is Scottish for "Stay A While". The cabin is rustic and has a large front porch with a view west across the lake and north across the bay.

Ned and the boys came to visit Nancy and the girls and brought along Professor Matt Bronson, a chemistry professor at Emerson College who's about the same age as Aunt Eloise. (BK49)

- Moon Lake – Located about fifty-miles from River Heights off River Road. Camp Avondale is a girl's camp located here and Nancy's friend Helen Corning's Aunt Martha is the camp director and runs the place. Many cabins and tents are found among the tall pine trees along with a dining hall. The girls are rushed between activities including tennis matches, canoe races, swimming and water skiing and all-day hikes. Also, there's a small dock and a camp launch for riding around the lake to look at other summer cottages from the water. The Topham's bungalow is across the lake from Avendale and is looked after by Jeff Tucker. (BK1)
- Oscar Thurston's Zoo and Avery – Mr. Drew was engaged to unjinx a client, Oscar Thurston who lives in Harper and owns a farm with a small zoo and several huge cages of birds. His small zoo includes bears, deer, lions, and a giraffe. Mr. Thurston was having lots of trouble with threats and warnings of curses. He's married to Martha who's superstitious when it comes to omens as the High-Rise Construction Company wants to build apartment buildings on his land. School children and grownups from the town of Harper and for miles around go there to see the animals and birds. Oscar is a naturalist farmer. Ned and Nancy both became sick after they were exposed to ornithosis and needed bed rest and medicine. Ultimately, the Thurston's property was saved and wasn't condemned. All five councilmen voted to save the property and allowed apartments to be built nearby. (BK50)
- Pine Grove Camp – The first-mystery of the ghost haunts was located here. Mr. Leffert is the owner of Pine Grove Camp on Lake Sevanee and Ronny is the clerk. When Nancy and the ghost hunters arrived at camp, they were amazed to see the phantom canoe paddler. After dark everyone also saw a woman in a long flowing garment float out from the woods. An octopus-man also attacked Nancy and Ned while they were canoeing. A valuable collection of shells was also stolen in the nearby town of Sheldon. One, a Murex shell and another, a Baradaris shell belonged to an ancient emperor. Ned found the self-propelling canoe in the attic of the cabin the crooks rented and the shells ultimately were recovered. (BK46)
- Pine Hill – An old house located on Pine Hill with grounds that run through a tall grove of pine trees down to the river and Settler's Cove, a short distance from the town of Emerson. Nancy, Bess, and George arrived for Emerson College's June Week and Ned Nickerson helped the girls find lodging at the Gregorian colonial house at Pine Hill. John Rorick, Uncle John to everyone who stays there and his housekeeper Mrs. Holman, live there. The house has a large center hall and a graceful spiral stairway. Upstairs, two adjoining rear bedrooms were newly decorated. In the 1700's, Mr. Rorick's ancestors came down the river on a flatboat and landed here. They put up a log cabin on Pine Hill because of the lovely view and later built the house.

Crowing the hill across the cove are the sprawling buildings of Emerson College. Uncle John noted that the phantom of Pine Hill wants something in his library where there's thousands of books. On the wall adjoining the library is a large brick fireplace with a mantel shelf. Uncle John hides money in various books and Nancy and the girls found over one-thousand-dollars. Bess found a list of

survivors of the Lucy Belle in one of the books noting that nine men survived. Later, all of Uncle John's money and a valuable coin collection were stolen by the phantom from his safe. While searching around the fireplace in the library, Nancy found an amazing passageway above the mantel shelf which led to the kitchen. George found Uncle John's coin collection in the passageway. (BK42)

- Pleasant Hedges – The owner of Pleasant Hedges is Philip March, a delightful, cultured man who lives in an old house that once was one of the show-places in River Heights. Mr. March's wife died and now he's entrusted with the care of Susan, his six-year-old granddaughter. Parts of the house are over two-hundred years old and unkept. Mr. March's son Fipp was very talented and could play six different instruments. When he lived at home, he would lock himself in the attic and compose for hours. The lower level of the old house was a horse stable where the trainers lived upstairs. Two of the names of Mr. March's grandfather's horses were Running Mate and Kentucky Blue. Mr. March sold nearly all his good furniture to raise money for little Susan. The dining room had some furniture and a built-in corner cupboard which was bare. There's also an attic with an old wardrobe off the main house. Nancy found the rest of Fipp's music in a secret compartment of his piano desk in the secret room behind the wardrobe. (BK21)
- Red Gate Farm – A forty-acre farm with groves of pine trees, an apple orchard and a winding river which curls along the valley. Joanne Byrd met Nancy, Bess, and George on a train to River Heights and lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Byrd at Red Gate Farm. Michael and Reuben are Mrs. Byrd's farmhands. After passing thru a big red gate, there's the huge red barn with various adjoining sheds and a large rambling house and a freshly painted picket fence surrounding the yard. There's also a cave to explore with a large cavern made long ago by an underground river which Mrs. Byrd rents out to a nature cult which calls themselves the Black Snake Colony. Mr. Kent has been pressuring Joanne's grandmother to sell the farm. (BK6)
- Riverview Manor – The first owner was a brother to the man who built Twin Elms Manor nearby. Architecturally, Riverview Manor is a duplicate of Twin Elms Manor. Riverview Manor has an old smokehouse by the property line and a carriage house. On the second floor of the main house is a closet with two wooden planks and a center knob which leads to a secret passage way with stone steps and a railing on one side. At the bottom is a narrow damp earthen floor pathway barely high enough to walk through bending over with sides built of crumbling brick and stone. Willie Wharton noted that Nathan Gomber found an old note book in the attic of Riverview Manor which told everything about the secret entrances to Riverview Manor and Twin Elms. The passage ways had openings on each floor with one staircase being for servants and the other two for the family. The realtor / broker for Riverview Manor is Mr. Dodd whose real-estate office is on Main Street in Clifford. (BK2)
- Rocky Edge Estate – Located on the outskirts of River Heights, down by the Muskoka River, halfway to Wayland along a shady tree-lined lane. It's a large rambling structure, hidden by masses of high, overgrown shrubs with a driveway that leads to a pillared porch. Ellen Smith went there about a summer job to help her earn money for Blackstone College of Music. Nancy joined Ellen as she was

curious about the wealthy and eccentric Mrs. Chatham. The previous owner of the estate was Silas Norse who had invented several ingenious gadgets she found around the house. Ellen knew of a mysterious story associated with a map and a buried treasure. She loves working with children and there's a small music studio along a shady trail overlooking the river. Mrs. Chatham's daughter Trixie believes the studio is haunted and calls it Ship Cottage. In the center stands a very old grand piano with brass keys and ship models on the mantel-piece. Nancy discovered a tunnel near the cottage which contained a list of inventions on the property by Silas Norse. A tin box with a key and bank book led to a bank in New Kirk. (BK19)

- Settlers' Cove – Located near Pine Hill in back of a garden and a large grove of pine trees with sparkling water beyond is Settler's Cove on a tributary to the Ohio River. In the 1700's, Mr. Rorick's ancestors came down the river on a flatboat and landed here. They put up a log cabin on the hill because of the lovely view and later built Pine Hill. An explosion on a steamship occurred at Settler's Cove and the Lucy Belle sank here. A shipment of gold coins for Emerson Bank also went down with the ship. Nancy and Ned went scuba diving and explored the remains of the cargo hold, but didn't find anything. (BK42)
- Star Island – Located far up the Muskoka River from River Heights. Ned Nickerson and his college friend Bob Dutton escorted Katherine to a picnic here in her honor along with ten of their friends. Star Island also has a sandy beach. The River Heights Yacht Club also hosts its annual big-little sister picnics here. (BK20)
- Struthers House – Located on Kenwood Drive in River Heights, it's a large brick house surrounded by lawns and a high iron fence. Mrs. Struthers granddaughter Rose also lives here. Mrs. Struthers has a tastefully decorated living room and a large collection of hundreds of dolls she's acquired from nearly every country in the world. (BK24)
- Sylvan Lake – A lake where Helen Archer's Grandmother Emily and Grandfather Corning recently moved. Nancy went to stay there with Bess and George to help solve some queer things that keep happening as part of the Corning Mystery. The Corning's have access to a beach via a footpath into the woods. Dave, Burt and Ned took camp counselor jobs at Camp Hiawatha across the lake. Tons of ocean sand was transported overland to make the beach at Camp Hiawatha. Up a hill behind the camp are steep slopes leading to a rocky drop-off. The Corning's Yacht Club is also located on Sylvan Lake. (BK10)
- Twin Elms Manor – An old family manor located about two-miles outside Cliffwood. Nancy's friend Helen Corning's Aunt Rosemary Hayes recently became a widow and lives here with her mother, Miss Flora. Miss Flora has lived here since she married Everette Turnbull, Rosemary's father. He was a reticent person and passed away when Rosemary was a baby. Miss Flora plays the old spinet very well and often plays for her guests. Miss Flora is one of the loveliest woman Nancy has ever met. Under coercion, Miss Flora signed papers to sell Twin Elms to Nathan Gomber. It's an old red brick colonial home covered with ivy built in 1785 and was given its name because of two elm trees which stood at opposite ends of the long building. Also, there's several old out buildings, an icehouse, a smoke-house, a kitchen, and servant's cottages. Although the furnishings look rather worn, they are still very beautiful in the main building.

Nancy and Helen discovered a secret passage way behind a cabinet in the parlor. In colonial days, the far end was used as a listening post over the servant's sitting room. Other passage ways have openings on each floor and the attic. One staircase was for the servants and two others for the family. A notebook said that Mr. Turnbull secretly entertained government agents and sometimes had to hurry them out of the parlor and hide them in the passage way when callers came. Mr. Drew was being held prisoner here, thankfully his robust health and sturdy constitution had stood him in good stead while imprisoned. The house has a cellar and an attic full of trunks and boxes with old costumes. Nancy is positive an intruder comes into the mansion by some secret entrance and tries to frighten them all so Mill Flora would sell her property. (BK2)

- Twin Lakes – Located in an area where there's a larger and a smaller lake together. Lakeview Lane parallels the lakes for some distance. Pinecrest Motel is located on the smaller lake and Mr. Franklin is the manager. Mr. Sterling is a realtor who owns a real estate office at Twin Lakes. Nancy and Helen are staying at Pinecrest Motel with Helen's Aunt June Corning. While out boating, a blinding storm came up on Twin Lakes and sunk Helen and Nancy's boat. They were rescued by Laura Pendleton, a girl of about sixteen-years-old in a row boat. Reaching shore, they approached a secluded bungalow among the trees for shelter and food. Helen's Aunt June was there to help design her wedding dress for her upcoming marriage to Jim Archer. Nancy believes that the Pendleton's were wealthy and left their inheritance to Laura and she was waiting for her guardian's Jacob and Maria Aborn to take her to their summer home at Melrose Lake. Mrs. Aborn appears to have two different personalities, one that is crude and the other that's sweet. Laura liked to visit Nancy and Helen at Twin Lakes whenever she could. (BK3)
- Twisted Candles Inn – Also called the Sidney Mansion, after an elderly man named Asa Sidney who lives there. The inn is located south on the state highway from River Heights. The Marvin's and the Fayne's are related to Asa who is rumored to be a prisoner in the tower of his old-fashioned mansion. Nancy, Bess, and George went to visit their mother's uncle at the inn. Asa lives in the tower alone and recently turned one-hundred years old and had turned over management of the inn to the Jemitt's. Carol Wipple is a waitress who works for the Jemitt's and is an orphan whom they took in. Carol's foster parents, Frank and Emma Jemitt use the property in exchange for taking care of Asa Sidney. Asa says that Carol is a good girl and a very thoughtful young person in whom he has a bond with, but the Jemitt's don't approve. Asa likes to have his candles lit when it's getting dark. In the great arched window is a massive twisted candle whose light can be seen from outdoors. Asa noted that his candle making began in England before he ran away to America and opened his own candle shop where he invented the twisted candle which brought him fame and fortune. Asa also has shares of stock in the Midwestern Mining Company. Asa Sidney died shortly after his new will was legalized by Mr. Drew. At the reading of a secret letter from Asa Sidney to Carol Whipple, it turns out Carol is a cousin to Bess and George. The Fayne's offered to be Carol's new foster parents. Carol went to boarding school and then spent the rest of her time with the Fayne's and the Marvin's. (BK9)

- Van Pelt Estate – Given to the Footlighters Theater and located on the outskirts of River Heights. Mr. Hamilton Spencer is a professional actor and he and his wife are engaged by the Footlighters to coach their plays as the theater is well equipped. It has paneled walls with lovely paintings by local amateur artists and a spacious stage with attractive scenery. A fifty-year-old diary of Ralph Van Pelt's was found. He was an inventor who came to the U.S. from Holland. He used to make life-sized puppets with mechanical devices inside to make them move. A puppet was found under the floor boards in the attic in a Spanish costume and inside were papers and drawings on how to produce electricity from chemical fuels. (BK39)
- Wendell House – Located in Masonville. Mrs. Wendell is an elderly lady who used to help take care of Hannah Gruen when she was a little girl. She has a neat, old-fashioned living room and a trunk in the attic with old papers and maps that belonged to Mr. Peterson the previous owner. Nancy found a secret panel in the third-floor closet and several Chinese vases decorated with lotus blossoms. (BK26)

RIVER HEIGHTS STREETS AND ROADS

- Acorn Street – Located seven blocks from the Drew's residence. (BK3)
- Ambrose Street – One of the streets in town. (BK39)
- Bedford Street – Where Bess Marvin's cousin owns Milton's Pottery Shop. (BK26)
- Bradford Avenue – Vivek Tilak is a man from India who live here in a large house. An importer and a fine gentleman who travels back and forth to India a lot. (BK13)
- Cornell Avenue – Francis Baum lives at 35 Cornell Avenue, across the river from River Heights. (BK20)
- Cottage Street – Mrs. Skeets lives here and once blamed Nancy for stealing ten-dollars from her during a supposed mail theft. (BK8)
- Dawson Street – One of Nancy's suspects lives here and works at the Bedford Carpet Factory somewhere along the Muskoka River. The carpet factory has some nice grounds and is opposite one of the parks in town. (BK47)
- Dayton Avenue – One of the avenues in town. (BK39)
- Downey Street – Marie Alexandra, a woman whom Nancy helped at her jewelry store and home at 14 Downey Street in town. (BK20)
- Fairview Avenue – One of the streets in town. (BK28)
- Hilltop Road – Professor Wharton, an expert in many languages and an authority on hieroglyphics lives along a section of Hilltop Road at Elwynd Estates. (BK36)
- Hilo Street – Located about three miles east from downtown in a classy neighborhood with lots of high-priced apartment buildings east of Main Street. The largest apartment building is ultra-modern and about twenty stories high. (BK3)
- Hollow Hill Road – One of the streets in town. (BK10)
- Kenwood Drive – Mrs. Struthers lives here in a large brick home. (BK24)
- Main Street – Brent's Department Store is located here. It's also where the Sims Circus parade (BK31) is held with a band and marching players and men and women in gay costumes who accompany the elephants. (BK3+)
- Maple Avenue – The River Heights Art Museum is located here and Mr. Sand is curator. (BK45)
- Maple Street – One of the streets in town. (BK36)

- Meadowbrook Lane – An attractive residential section in town. (BK4)
- Oakwood Avenue – A big apartment house is located here. (BK32)
- Oster Street – Located in the business section of town. J.J. Smithson is the owner of a small leather-goods shop here. (BK20)
- River Road – A beautiful country road off the main highway winding in and out for two miles along the Muskoka River. Two women named Hoover, not related to Mr. Crowley live here, but are great favorites of his. Grace Hoover helps out as a dress maker in Masonville. The River Heights Yacht Club is located here. (BK1+)
- Satcher Street – Farouk Tahmasp is a Turkish-American client of Mr. Drew's who owns a Turkish rug shop here. (BK47)
- Tanner Street – Mr. Ralph Snecker lives at 24 Tanner Street. (BK30)
- Water Street – A shabby-looking four-story apartment house is found here. (BK20)
- West Lake Road – Abby Rowen, a frail woman who once took care of Josiah Crowley lives here in a one-story cottage which is in need of repairs. (BK1)
- White Street – A long distance on foot from the Drew's home. Nancy was invited there to get a clue from a stolen ship model named the Warwick. She ended up getting kidnapped and then rescued by Mr. Drew and Ned. (BK19)

THE DREW'S HOME

- A large three-story red-brick colonial home with a double garage located on a street lined with attractive homes and old sycamore trees. The house stands well back from the street and is surrounded by tall beautiful trees and a large velvety green lawn that's wide with attractive shrubs and flowers leading to the front porch and door. They also have a winding, tree-shaded, circular driveway bordered with flowers and a corner mailbox by the street where Nancy occasionally posts mail.

The back yard has a porch where the family shakes the snow from their coats and boots. Also, there's a chaise lounge chair beside a high rose hedge that Mr. Drew likes to sit in. Nancy has a flagstone path to her garden with a border of beautiful larkspur and a stone bench to sit on. They also have a thick hedge that separates their yard from the property in back. Mr. Drew and Nancy both park their cars in the double garage and after locking it, enter the house through the kitchen. When the Drew's all leave the house, they lock all the doors and windows and set the burglar alarm on the first and second floor. After a burglary, Mr. Drew had special burglarproof locks put on both the front and back doors of the house.

The house also has a kitchen and a living room. The Drew's have a modern pink-and-white kitchen with gleaming counter tops and an oven and a dish-washer. Entering the front door, there's a vestibule closet for coats and boots and a mail tray in the front hall. In the living room, Nancy also likes to curl up in a big comfortable upholstered wing chair near a reading lamp. She also likes to play the piano here. In winter, when the Drew's are feeling chilly, they build a nice cozy fire in the log fireplace. Mr. Drew also uses the first-floor library as a study with book-lined shelves, deep-seated leather chairs, and a wide, highly polished mahogany desk. He also has several types of maps to look at in his study and a collection of antique firearms he displays on the wall. The Drew's also have a cold cellar to put fruits and vegetables in and there's a door bell at the side door leading to the cellar stairway landing.

Carson, Nancy, and Hannah's bedrooms are located on the second floor where the stairs and upstairs hallway are carpeted. There's also a guest room on the second and third floors. Carson has a bedside telephone in his bedroom. Next to his bedroom is an adjoining den with a safe and a big green club chair and a desk. Nancy's yellow-and-white bedroom has a bedside light on her dressing table along with a desk and a chest of drawers. She also has a clothes-closet and a comfortable bed where she likes to tune her clock radio to her favorite musical program.

Belinda is a good-natured laundress who sometimes works at the Drew's home and once helped Nancy get a letter of response for Ruby Brown, General Delivery, River Heights. When a young Hindu boy from the wild-animal act named Rishi was in trouble in *The Mystery of the Ivory Charm*, the Drew's invited him to stay at their home for a while.

LOCATIONS BEYOND RIVER HEIGHTS

- Bonny Scot Clipper Ship (Boston Harbor, Massachusetts) – Captain Easterly rented the Bonny Scot clipper ship in Boston Harbor for a couple of years before he decided to buy it. A mysterious person had been prowling around the old craft and some of the deckmen thought it was haunted. Captain Easterly asked Mr. Drew to find a clear title of property so he can buy it from the owner. The clipper ship is a three-masted ship Captain Easterly uses for his home. It has a main deck, a captain's cabin and quarters and a mess for officers and crew. The clipper is square-rigged and streamlined, with a trim black hull and a long prow and a missing figurehead. Nancy found an old snuffbox on the floor of Captain Easterly's cabin with a cameo face on the lid of a lovely woman with long curling hair and a serene expression she thought was a copy of the missing figurehead. On the box was the initials P.R. and the date 1850. The Bonny Scot turned out to actually be the *Dream of Melissa*, a lost clipper ship belonging to the Eastern Shore Shipping Company. A letter from Captain Perry Rogers was found in a secret compartment of the captain's desk noting that if deceased, to search his beloved lady of wood and therein find a precious ruby to be presented to his fiancée, Mathilda Witherspoon. Nancy and the girls found the wooden lady figurehead, the long-lost figure of Melissa which was like the carved lady on the snuffbox. The girls found the precious ruby and gave it to Mathilda Witherspoon's descendant, Mrs. Smythe of Provincetown. After the mystery was solved, the *Dream of Melissa* was deeded to Captain Easterly with a clear title. The ship was also painted a glistening gray and set under the long prow of the *Dream of Melissa* was the Melissa figurehead Nancy and the girls found. Captain Easterly also gave Nancy the honor of re-christening the ship. (BK27)
- Crocodile Island (Key Biscayne, Florida) – Mr. Drew asked Nancy and the girls to help solve a mystery related to an old college friend named Roger Gonzales who lives outside Miami, Florida. Crocodile Island is located twenty-miles from Key Biscayne with men who operate a crocodile farm called the Crocodile Ecology Company. Mr. Gonzales is a silent partner, but believes his partners are up to something dishonest. Nancy and the girls stayed in Key Biscayne with the Cosgrove's, friends of Mr. Drew's. Their son Danny is an excellent sailor and gave

the girls a quick tour to Crocodile Island in his motorboat, however two men in a boat threatened them and forced them away from the island. While there, they rescued a runaway named Colombo Banks and received some good clues. George recognized a picture of one of the men from the island. Captain Smith said the man was Awol from the Navy and he was looking for him. The police then went to Crocodile Island and arrested all of the gang members. He then took over ownership of Crocodile Island and Colombo and Sol became his new manager and assistant. (BK55)

- Deep River (Near San Francisco, California) – The town of Deep River is located in Deep River Valley near San Francisco, California and was once called Moonstone Valley. Nancy used an alias of Irene Insbruck and played a shy girl with a high-pitched voice while sleuthing here near the Moonstone Castle. (BK40)
- Deer Mountain Hotel (Near the Haunted Bridge) – Mr. Drew invited Nancy and the girls here as guests while on legal business. The Deer Mountain summer resort has many sports activities including, golf, swimming, and tennis. Dr. Aikerman is the house physician who once looked at Nancy after she injured her left hand falling off a terrace. While here, Nancy drove a golf ball over two-hundred yards during a championship golf tournament and set a new course record for women. A haunted rustic footbridge is located on the sixteenth hole that's old and in need of repair. Nancy's caddie said there's a ghost that haunts the bridge night and day, but it only turned out to be an old scarecrow. The town of Deer Mountain is nearby and has a service station, a drug store and a post office. Carrollton and Andover are also towns nearby. Several other hotels near here are the Hotel Lincoln and Hemlock Hall in the small city of Crofton. (BK15)
- Douglas House (Inverness-Shire, Scotland) – Nancy's maternal great-grandmother, Lady Douglas lives here. Nancy was asked to work on the mystery of a missing heirloom she was to inherit. Lady Douglas intends to turn over her large house and estate to the National Trust of Scotland as a public place of historic interest. Mr. Drew was there once and said that everything is very handsome. Nancy fondly recalls the almost unbelievable, fairy-like tales about her great-grandmother's life as the wife of a member of the House of Lords. Nancy very much enjoyed meeting Lady Douglas about whom she had heard so much and there was an instant sense of closeness between the two. The huge gray stone building lays on a steep hill that's flat on top in the Highlands of Inverness-Shire. There are many chimneys to the large residence with many small, leaded-glass windows. A beautiful garden and a small pond surround the palatial home. The high-ceilinged living room is covered with priceless oriental rugs and furnished with beautifully carved oak pieces. Lining the walls are portraits in oils of deceased members of the Douglas clan. The missing heirloom Nancy was to receive, was Lady Douglas' most prized possession. A beautiful brooch with a large topaz in the center surrounded by diamonds. Ultimately, Nancy's scheme caused the gang to be caught and led to finding the stolen brooch in the pond at the estate. Lady Douglas told Nancy, "You have really earned this heirloom and in a very hard way!" (BK41)
- Follett Mansion (Pennsylvania Dutch Country) – The Follett Mansion is a spooky old faded green Victorian house with a winding tree-shaded drive. Mrs. Tenney lives there and Alpha Zinn, her second cousin took some of the furnishings because

he also inherited half of everything. While looking around, Nancy found the clue of a witch tree symbol, a Pennsylvania Dutch hex sign. There's some beautiful antique furniture in the library and two matching cherry tables that George Washington once used. While reading a note from a gypsy the girls found in one of the George Washington desks, the girls discovered the secret of the Hoelt's farm near Lancaster. It was the crystal cave in the hole in the ground. (BK33)

- Hamilton Ranch (Midwest U.S.A.) – Nancy took flying lessons from Bruce Fisher, a new instructor at the Excello Flying School in the Midwest near Hamilton Ranch. Bruce told Nancy of a strange phenomenon, a mysterious cloud near some high hills in the area that never dissipates. Hamilton Ranch is only a few miles from the airfield and is owned by Pop Hamilton, a local deputy sheriff. It's a long, logwood one-story house with a comfortably furnished lobby and a huge stone fireplace. On the walls hang pictures of cowboys and Indians and a mural over the fireplace of stampeding Brahman cattle. At the ranch, there's a large corral behind the barn where Pop's beautiful palomino Major, went missing one night. Burt and Dave and the girls went to rescue some calves while Nancy and Ned investigated under the great white cloud where the Sky Phantom gang was ultimately captured. (BK53)
- Ivy Hall (Charlottesville, Virginia) – Nancy has a cousin named Susan Carr who lives in Charlottesville. Susan's friend, Mrs. Sheila Patterson, an actress, asked Nancy to help solve a mystery at her haunted house. Ivy Hall has lots of rooms, an attic with a trap floor and a slide leading to a slave tunnel under the house. Mrs. Patterson owns Ivy Hall and her daughter Annette lives there with her. Mrs. Johnson, a neighbor, said that the Grayce / Greystone families are probably one and the same and that Sir Richard Greystone's stained-glass window may be located at Ivy Hall where the Grayce family lived in 1850. Ultimately, Nancy found the original stained-glass window between two layers of brick in the library. Sir Richard Greystone bought the stained-glass window from the Patterson's. (BK34)
- Kaluakua Estate (Near Honolulu, Hawaii) – Mr. Sakamakai asked Nancy to solve his Kaluakua Estate mystery by the waters of Waikiki Beach near Honolulu, Hawaii. It involved an inheritance from his grandfather Nikkio Sakamakai and some strange symbols and queer happenings on the estate's beach where a Golden Pavilion was located. The Golden Pavilion is a circular open building about thirty-feet in diameter, with columns and a roof covered in gold leaf. It's screened from the house and set in a beautiful private garden with steps leading down to the water. Nancy and the girls found one clue buried under the Golden Pavilion and Ned found another on top. Both were related to Polynesian symbols and their translations. A king's treasure was hidden on top where Ned uncovered a long, varicolored ceremonial cape made of extinct bird's feathers, a museum piece. Ultimately, after the mystery was solved, the estate was given to the city of Honolulu as an outdoor theater and a great luau was held to celebrate. (BK36)
- Misty Lake (Near Baltimore, Maryland) – Located near the village of Misty Lake. The lake itself is a scant half-mile long. During the Civil War, Misty Lake was called Pudding Stone Lake. Baker Cottage is located on Misty Lake and Lawrence Baker is the owner. Cecily Curtis rented the cottage for two weeks. Henry Winch lives at the lake year-round in a small shop selling confectionary and fish bait, and also rents out boats. Cecily's family hid a clue to half of her family's fortune in an

iron bird somewhere near the cottage. Cecily is engaged to a music player named Niko Van Dyke. Misty Lake bluff rims the small oval lake with a stone house on top called Pudding Stone Lodge. A secret passage from the cellar of the lodge leads to the beach and was used during times of trouble. A phantom ship has been haunting Misty Lake. Nancy, Bess, and George stayed at Mrs. Hosking's guest house in the village about a mile from the water. Misty Lake has one main street and a few other roads. Mr. Carpenter is the president of the Baltimore Record Company who makes Niko's albums. Misty Lake has a small police department and Chief Stovall is in charge. Sayreville is a town outside Baltimore where the illegal record thieves were caught. After the mystery was solved, Chief Stovall said to Nancy, "I want to thank you young ladies for helping rid Misty Lake of these disreputable characters and solving the mystery of the phantom launch." (BK11)

- Moonstone Castle (Near San Francisco, California) – Deep River Valley was once called Moonstone Valley and is located near San Francisco. The castle is several miles from Deep River. Nancy used an alias of Irene Insbruck and played a shy girl with a high-pitched voice while sleuthing. The castle is now abandoned, but was once a beautiful show place fifty-years ago. Some foreigners built it and lived there until it became haunted, along with one tragedy after another. The stone cellar looks like an old-time dungeon full of empty rooms with a heavy oak door which leads to the tower. (BK40)
- Moss-Covered Mansion (Near NASA Space Center, Florida) – Nancy questioned Mr. Scarlett's Real Estate Office about the Webster House on the Indian River as the Moss-Covered Mansion was nearby behind a steel-mesh fence. Mr. Fortin lives there and trains dangerous animals and sells them to the circus. The mansion is very old and well preserved with walls covered almost entirely with clinging vines and green moss. Several large cages are attached to the rear of the house. Mr. Nickerson organized an inspection per Nancy's request, and Mr. Wilcox, a public health officer led the inspection with Nancy pretending to be his secretary. The third floor held an old tower with windows that looked out to the ocean with a powerful telescope and could plainly see the Space Center and the rocket that would take the astronauts to the moon. Later, Ned and Nancy found several hidden rooms in the basement, one with a swimming pool full of boiling water and another room with an amazing laboratory. A complicated-looking machine with a dish-shaped parabolic reflector stood in the center of the room, facing the outside wall made of glass building blocks. Ned thought it was a very powerful transmitting antenna-beamer. The telescope is used to find the object and the beamer is used to destroy it. Mr. Fortin is a cleaver and well-known scientist who once worked for NASA, but now wanted to undermine the U.S. Space Program. After the FBI, NASA men and the police caught the Fortin gang, the moon rocket lifted off A-ok as Nancy and her friends silently said prayers of thankfulness. (BK18)
- River Princess Showboat (Near New Orleans, Louisiana) – Located on Colonel and Stella Haver's property near New Orleans. The Haver's own the River Princess which is an old abandoned showboat located in a bayou on their property. Their daughter is Donna Mae who's engaged to be married. George and Bess are related to the Havers. The Havers plan to give Donna Mae a big engagement party during Mardi Gras. Donna Mae's former fiancé, Charles Bartolome promised to do the job

of restoring their showboat for the ball. Colonel Haver noted there's been strange happenings on the showboat and asked Nancy to solve the mystery. A canoe trip to see the River Princess was successful. It's about one-hundred feet long and twenty-five feet wide, and has two decks. The River Princess was plenty proud in her day with hundreds of gentle-folks coming to see the shows. Charles has some previous architect work and believes it's not in such bad shape. Henry De la Verne's and Mrs. Claibourne Farwell's grandfather used to own the River Princess. A great storm and flood drove the River Princess to its present location and it was abandoned. There is a story that several pirates hid a chest of gold coins under a bulkhead of the showboat. Henry looked for the pirate's gold many times, but it never came to light. Nancy and Ned searched the riverboat and found a metal chest full of gold coins under several floor boards and estimated its worth at fifty-thousand dollars. Captain Runcie and his men used his tugboat to move the River Princess from the small pond up stream to the Sunnymead dock where it was restored and made ready for the grand ball before Mardi Gras. (BK35)

- Shadow Ranch (Near Phoenix, Arizona) – Shadow Ranch is located at the base of a huge mountain with a group of low buildings about one-hundred-fifty miles outside Phoenix, Arizona, where Nancy and the girls went on vacation to help solve a mystery of accidents and sabotage for the Rawley's. Bess and George's Uncle Ed and Aunt Bet bought Shadow Ranch two months earlier and sunk a lot of money into it to get it into running condition. One large part of the ranch is now state property on which old Indian cliff dwellings still stand half way between Tumbleweed and the ranch. Sometimes a phantom horse and rider, the ghost of Dick Valentine an old-time outlaw appears and runs across the big meadow. Mr. Valentine was the sweetheart of Frances Humber, daughter of the local sheriff and original owner of Shadow Ranch. Shorty Steele, Dave Gregory, Tex Britten, and Bud Moore are ranch hands and Walt Sanders is the ranch foreman. Mrs. Thurmond is the cook. The ranch has several windmills on the property and there's a cabin among the crags of Shadow Mountain with a ghost town nearby. The closest town is Tumbleweed with a main street, a hardware store and a sheriff named Curtis who also works the Shadow Ranch area. Tumbleweed also has a general store, Mary-Deer Gifts, and a coffee shop. There's also a stockyard where you can buy fine palominos for breeding and also a rodeo arena. (BK5)
- The Hollow Oak (Near Cairo, Illinois) – Located in the river country around Cairo, in southern Illinois along the bluish waters of the Ohio River where there's a legend of a French missionary from Canada named Pere Francois. Pere traveled from village to village, converting Algonquin Indians. He was injured in an Indian war around 1680 and placed a secret message in a hollow oak before he died. Ned asked his cousin Julie Anne Carswell to help Nancy with lodging and support while working to solve the mystery. Nancy stayed at a farmhouse near an archeological dig of an Indian burial site. Clem Rucker, a local farmer drove Nancy and Julie Anne around sleuthing to find the message in the hollow oak. An elderly Indian named Robert Lightfoot visited the dig site and told Nancy it wasn't just a message; there was also a missionary's treasure. Pere Francois was captured by pirates on the Ohio River who stole the treasure and killed him and possibly hid it near the river in a cave. Nancy and Julie Anne got on a barge at Cairo and went up

and down the Ohio River looking for the cave. Theresa, the lead archaeologist suggested Nancy look near Cave in Rock along the Ohio River near Elizabeth town. Pirates and outlaws used the cave as their headquarters after the Revolutionary War and was later a hideout for a gang of counterfeiters. (BK12)

- Triple Creek Farm (A One-Day Drive from River Heights) – Located many miles from River Heights on a large six-hundred-acre sheep farm. Nancy's former schoolmate Junie Flockhart and her family moved there and bought the property. Junie came to visit Nancy and asked her to help solve the mystery of Triple Creek Farm. Mr. Flockhart produces sheepskin articles and parchment from sheep's skins. Junie works for her father and has had some training in animal massage and helps out with the newborn lambs. A mystery picture hangs over the fireplace mantel and is a parchment painting in four paintings. Mr. Rocco is a neighbor of the Flockhart's and one of their best clients. In the factory, the first room is for shearing the thick wool off the sheep. The second room is the slaughter house where the skins are removed and the meat is sent to the wholesale meat plants. The third room is where the skins are processed into sheepskin articles and parchments. Ezekiel Shaw works for Mr. Flockhart and lives high on one of the hills taking care of a large flock of sheep. (BK54)
- Waterford (A Long Plane Ride from River Heights) – Located by an airport on the coast where Mr. and Mrs. Horace Merriam live. Mrs. Merriam's uncle left her a very fine library of books, but Mr. Merriam urged her to sell the collection because their home is too small. Mr. Willis Basswood runs a high-class art gallery and book shop in town and agreed to sell Mrs. Merriam's book for a twenty-five percent fee. Mrs. Merriam is suspicious that Mr. Basswood is not giving her the seventy-five percent sales and Nancy and the girls were asked to help solve the mystery. Captain Turner works for the Waterford Police Department. (BK14)
- Winschoten Ocean Liner (Rotterdam, Holland to New York City) – Nancy, Bess, and George embarked on an ocean liner called the Winschoten from Rotterdam, Holland to New York City with Captain Detweiler and Mr. Harper as ships officer. Nancy spotted a man doing sign language on the dock before leaving, giving a warning to someone about Nancy being on the ship. The ship has three decks and Nancy, Bess, and George stayed on the lowest deck. Heinrich was their cabin steward and Rodman Havelock the assistant purser. One crewman in the luggage hold is named Pieter and speaks Dutch. The ocean liner has a promenade deck and other facilities. It also has an outdoor and indoor pool. The ship also has a fourth floor for passengers and the sports deck. Nancy and the girls worked closely with the captain and some of his crew to help capture a jewelry thief and his associates just as they disembarked in New York City. (BK17)

REGULAR CHARACTERS

CORNING, HELEN

HELEN CORNING – FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ACTIVITIES:

Helen Corning is one of Nancy Drew's best friends. Helen's Great-Aunt Rosemary Hayes recently became a widow and lives with her mother, Miss Flora at Twin Elms in Cliffwood. Miss Flora is Helen's great-grandmother and has taught her a lot about courage and perseverance. Helen's Aunt Martha is camp director at Camp Avondale, located on Moon Lake and she runs the place. While Helen and Nancy drove to Twin Elms, she told Nancy the big, big secret, that she's going to be married to a young handsome man named Jim Archer. Helen said that Jim is simply out of this world and that she had met him a couple of months earlier. Jim works for the Tristram Oil Company and has spent two-years abroad, but will soon be given a position in the states. The previous night Jim telephoned from overseas and asked Helen to marry him. Helen also has an Aunt June, her father's younger sister who lives in River Heights. Aunt June met Helen and Nancy at the Pinecrest Motel at Twin Lakes where the girls were staying and helped Helen design her dress for her upcoming wedding. Aunt June is a buyer for a River Heights Department Store. After Helen and Jim marry, she goes by Mrs. Jim Archer. Helen and Jim live in an apartment in River Heights about twenty-minutes from Nancy's. While out boating on Twin Lakes, a blinding storm came up and sunk Helen and Nancy's boat and they were rescued by Laura Pendleton, a sixteen-year-old girl in a row boat. Helen also likes to play tennis with Nancy and she has her own sports car.

HELEN CORNING – PHYSICAL & CHARACTER TRAITS / SLEUTHING SKILLS:

Helen Corning is a slim, attractive school friend of Nancy's who lived in a white cottage in River Heights before becoming Mrs. Jim Archer. Helen is one of Nancy's three best friends and approximately three-years older. Helen likes to visit her Aunt Martha at Camp Avondale on Moon Lake and frequently invites Nancy along. Once, Nancy and Helen discovered a secret stairway at Riverview Manor in Cliffwood leading to an earthen floor passage way that led to Twin Elms Manor nearby. Helen once said to Nancy, "Close association with you is making me more observant." In *The Invisible Intruder Mystery*, Helen Corning Archer sent Nancy a letter inviting her on a vacation to prove or disprove rumors about five ghosts haunts some distance from River Heights. While helping Nancy with one of her mysteries, Helen once used an alias of Helga Marsh, a dancer.

DREW, CARSON

CARSON DREW – ACTIVITIES:

Carson Drew has an air-conditioned sporty sedan he parks in the family's garage and occasionally likes to go bowling with friends. Carson is an accredited writer and has a number of publications to his credit, all on legal matters. He also likes to read the daily newspaper.

CARSON DREW – FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND EDUCATION:

Carson Drew and his daughter Nancy, along with their housekeeper Hannah Gruen live in River Heights and together form the Drew household. Carson's middle name is Campbell, but he never uses it. However, he once used an alias on a trip to Japan and called himself, Campbell Drewry. Carson's sister is Eloise Drew who lives in New York

City. Nancy goes to visit Aunt Eloise frequently when she's working on one of her mysteries and also occasionally while on vacation.

Carson is a prominent lawyer in River Heights and works in an office building in downtown and occasionally shares legal documents with other lawyers. He frequently discusses puzzling aspects of his law cases with Nancy and finds her suggestions practical. No matter how busy Mr. Drew is with his own criminal cases, he always finds time to discuss Nancy's cases with her. When she stops by his office for advice, he often says, "At your service Nancy." Carson once greeted Nancy at the office, "Hello, Nancy! How's the junior partner of Drew and Drew, Incorporated?" Mr. Drew often says, "I must comply with the law and the ethics of my profession." Mr. Drew frequently calls home to say he's working late because something unexpected came up in connection with one of his cases.

Occasionally Mr. Drew has said, "Well hello Nancy, if I had known you were home, I'd have come home sooner." Mr. Drew also likes to call Nancy every night at eight o'clock while he's away on business. Henry Durkin is the superintendent of the office building where Mr. Drew's law firm is located. Mr. Drew's office staff includes Miss Lamby his typist who often prepares legal documents so people can understand the full meaning of them more easily. Miss Lamby once said of Mr. Drew to Nancy, "There's no better lawyer in River Heights than you father." Mr. Drew's main secretary is Miss Hanson; several others include Miss Robertson and Miss Johnson. Carson also hired a temporary researcher, Miss Marty King who had recently graduated from nearby Bushwick Law School. Carson also has an attorney friend named Mr. Scott. When Carson asks Nancy, Bess, and George to track someone down for him, all expenses are paid for by his law firm as business expenses.

Chief McGinnis of the River Heights Police Department occasionally helps Carson on an unofficial basis. Miss Ingle is a woman detective who also works with Mr. Drew in searching for suspects. Once when she took ill, Mr. Drew invited Nancy to take her place until she was well again. Ira Nixon is the Drew family's elderly mail carrier who's going to retire soon, but also has an obnoxious brother named Edgar who occasionally steals from him. Mr. and Mrs. Gleason are one of the Drew's neighbors along with Mrs. Dondo, but she's an angry and unpleasant woman. Mrs. Dondo once tried to make trouble for Nancy by accusing her of leaving town to avoid paying her one-hundred dollars that was lost in the mail. Mr. Drew talked to her sternly and Mrs. Dondo agreed she wouldn't say anything else against Nancy. Dr. Amundson lives up the street and helps the Drew's in an emergency, but he's not the family physician. Dr. Darby is the Drew's family physician. Henry Rolsted is an attorney who specializes in wills and other estate matters and is an old friend and college classmate of Carson's. Carson also has an old friend named Captain Easterly he met in Boston who lives on a clipper ship in the harbor. Judge Hart has his own office in Masonville and works for the town and is an old friend of Carson's.

Mr. Drew has three diplomas he calls sheepskins of his own. One for high school, one for college, and the third and most impressive, one for law school. Carson graduated from all three with honors. Carson was once awarded the Outstanding Attorney of River Heights and won many difficult cases by his brilliant, clear thinking.

CARSON DREW – PHYSICAL & CHARACTER TRAITS / SLEUTHING SKILLS:

Carson Drew is a tall and handsome distinguished looking man in his late forties whose been a widower since Nancy was three-years old. Mr. Drew has a deep resonant voice. Mr. Drew has a pleasant disposition, a twinkle in his eyes, and a keen mind.

Carson and Nancy are companionable in that they both share a delightful sense of humor and are very kind. Mr. Drew is proud as always of Nancy's desire to assist others. Hot biscuits, and chicken and sweet pickles are one of Mr. Drew's favorite dinners. His favorite desserts are apple pie with lots of cinnamon on it and lemon-meringue pie. Mr. Drew said to Nancy, "You've proven to me many times you know how to take care of yourself, but I can't help worrying about you." Mr. Drew once asked Nancy not to go to Ship Cottage alone, "You're all I have, Nancy. You're very dear to me. Don't forget that." When Mr. Drew flies, he travels in style and typically likes to fly first-class.

At the start of a mystery, if Carson is busy on other cases, he recommends Nancy as an amateur sleuth and often says, "Good luck". Nancy also starts other cases on her own and Carson occasionally helps with sleuthing on some of her mysteries. He also assists Nancy in helping others in trouble, including to not charge for his services unless they bring results. Mr. Drew once said to Nancy, "My dear, you look like the cat that swallowed the canary. What's the big scoop?" After Carson's been threatened, Nancy occasionally thinks about all kinds of horrible things that might happen to him. Once when Nancy said to her father, "Please promise me that you'll be careful."; he responded by pounding his chest and saying, "You know me, I can be pretty tough when the need arises." He was once kidnapped and placed behind a padlocked iron door in a passage way under Twin Elms Manor, but his robust health and sturdy constitution stood him in good stead while imprisoned. When Nancy solves a mystery, Carson often stares at his daughter with mingled pride and amazement.

Mr. Drew has a friend at the FBI he calls on when needed on difficult cases. Once while being attacked in his home, Mr. Drew kept dodging the blows and sending back some stinging ones in return. Occasionally, Mr. Drew likes to call Nancy, Detective Drew when she asks him to follow up on a lead. "I always give Nancy hard assignments and always with great confidence that she will come up with the right answers. Mr. Drew once sat down to show Nancy how to make hieroglyphics on a pad of paper after looking through personal ads in the newspaper. A few years back, Carson also took an instruction course on how to deactivate bombs.

ADVISE TO NANCY:

"You must be very careful about what you do or say. You are getting into deep water." "I wonder if you realize just what you're getting yourself into, detective work isn't always the safest occupation in which to engage. If you find anything that might frustrate them, they could make things extremely difficult for you." "I'm glad you have the courage of your convictions, but I didn't want you to march off into battle without a knowledge of what you might be up against." "If anyone attempts to make serious trouble, I promise to deal with them myself and take the matter into court." "Be careful as embezzlers can be dangerous people, because they are playing for big stakes." "Stay on your guard and stay with groups of people as much as possible." "Don't trust an informer too far." "Criminals, like bad money, have a way of turning up sooner or later." "Just one word of advice young lady, be careful! You know you're the only detective I have!"

“Regarding clues, look for specific information about people and their habits or other helpful clues.” “Where’s there’s smoke, there’s fire.” “Don’t build your hopes too high, there may be a slip you know.” “An investigator’s work is always tedious.” “Every clue is worth investigating, as some people may not be so innocent as they seem.” “Mysteries are usually solved more by hard work than good luck.”

“You sound like a trial-lawyer the way you cross-examine me.” “Unless a will written later turns up, that’s the way it has to be. It may not seem fair, but it is legal and nothing can be done about the situation.” “Properly signed and witnessed wills can be accepted for probate and hopefully will not have any loopholes.” “It’s good to watch potential suspects, but of course we don’t want to arrest an innocent man. We need to have concrete evidence before calling in the authorities.” “Whatever you do, don’t overstep anyone’s legal rights.” “Never advise clients to send you money, only checks in the mail.” “When keeping things strictly confidential, lower your voice and don’t repeat things to others.”

“Perhaps if you’d give your mind a little rest from your matter, an inspiration about the case might come to you.” “Reviewing the various details of a case just before going to bed might bring a ready answer in the morning.” “The best way to clear your brain is to take a walk and commune with nature for a time.” “If you get confused, sit back and try to arrange the facts into some kind of order.” “A change of scenery is a good idea when you’re in a mental jam.”

DREW, ELOISE

ELOISE DREW – FAMILY AND ACTIVITIES:

Eloise Drew is the sister of Carson Drew and Nancy’s Aunt Eloise. Nancy occasionally calls her Aunt Lou. Eloise lives alone in New York City in a large old-fashioned apartment which was converted into two separate apartments with separate entrances from the hallway. The city always holds a thrill for Nancy as she loves visiting her aunt and going to various shows. Eloise Drew has a summer home in the Adirondacks about a three-hour drive from River Heights. A narrow road leads to her place and there’s a garage with a wood shed out back and a huge living room with a fireplace. Annually, Eloise typically goes there on a three-week summer vacation. Aunt Eloise has a chanter from a bagpipe and plays a little bit of the tune “Scots, WhaHae” for Nancy and the girls. Aunt Eloise also showed Nancy how to play the bagpipes and she was quite pleased with herself.

ELOISE DREW – PHYSICAL & CHARACTER TRAITS / SLEUTHING SKILLS:

Aunt Eloise is a tall, attractive looking woman of middle age whom Nancy strikingly resembles. She also possesses a charming grace which marks her as a woman of unusual intelligence. She works as a private school teacher and has an interest in financial things. She’s always delighted when Nancy, Bess, and George come to visit and to work on one of Nancy’s mysteries. Eloise likes to help the girls with their sleuthing and even helped to solve several mysteries. She once rented the Bide-A-Wee cottage on Otesaga Lake in New York. Nancy and the girls were there to solve a mystery about a mysterious woman who glides over the water on misty mornings. Ned and the boys also came to visit and brought along Professor Matt Bronson, a chemistry professor at Emerson College who’s about the same age as Eloise and likes similar things.

DREW, NANCY

NANCY DREW – ACTIVITIES:

Nancy likes to play tennis with her friend Helen and go boating together. She and the Drew's housekeeper Hannah Gruen also like to go to the theater to see movies. When Nancy isn't busy sleuthing, she likes to go swimming and dancing at the country club. Nancy once took a swimming life-saving course and occasionally uses it to help others. She also likes to go to dances at Emerson College with her special friend Ned. Nancy also likes to oil paint and work in the family's garden where white gardenias are her favorite flowers. She also won first prize in an annual charity flower show. Nancy completed an advanced skin-diving course in the Muskoka River and likes to dive in both salt water and fresh water. Nancy has a knitting bag in which she keeps the sweater she's knitting for her father's birthday. Nancy also likes to read and write letters. She's also interested in psychic things and once wore an elephant charm. Nancy likes to go sailing at the Waterford Yacht Club in River Heights. She also likes to play ping pong and golf with George and Bess. Nancy once drove a golf ball over two-hundred yards and played in a championship golf tournament at the Deer Mountain Hotel where she set a new course record for women. Nancy is a talented tap dancer and thinks it fun to tap out messages in Morse Code. Nancy once learned the entire deaf sign language. She is also interested in drawing and sketching figures and faces and once attended art school. Nancy also does a good job of playing the piano from sheet music.

Nancy likes to water ski and is proficient at snow skiing. She once won a novice ladies slalom race with the fastest time. Mr. Drew said he thought Nancy would always be better on ice skates than on skies as she was fortunate to have a very fine teacher. Nancy also likes to snow shoe. Nancy once went to a lawyer's club meeting with her father and found herself the center of attention. Her father's friends enjoyed exchanging sallies with the young detective and trying to stump her on knotty problems. Nancy also like to go for walks with her father. Nancy occasionally baby sits for friends. She's also a skillful horse rider and once took trick riding lessons with Senor Roberto who taught her to ride without a saddle and to jump onto moving horses. Nancy was a temporary bare back rider for the Sims Circus and also learned a few ventriloquistic tricks. Nancy studied dance and is quite accomplished. She once took a couple of stained-glass making lessons from Mr. Mark Bradshaw. Before going to Hawaii, Nancy took hula dance lessons from Mr. and Mrs. Sakamakai. Nancy once learned her lines quickly and easily and quoted from love scenes in a play she was asked to help with. Aunt Eloise also showed Nancy how to play the bagpipes. Nancy and Ned like to go canoeing. Nancy also took ballet lessons and loved them. She also likes to play the guitar. Nancy also took flying lessons from Bruce Fisher, a new instructor at the Excello School in the Midwest, nearby Hamilton Ranch.

NANCY DREW – FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND EDUCATION:

Nancy and her father Carson Drew, along with their housekeeper Hannah Gruen live in River Heights and together form the Drew household. Nancy has an Aunt Eloise Drew who lives in New York City whom she goes to visit now and then. Nancy and her father are companionable in that both share a delightful sense of humor and are very kind. On Sunday mornings the family attends church together. Ever since Nancy was a little girl, she's found solace in talking to Hannah Gruen who always gives her good advice. Nancy

has a little fox terrier dog named Togo who's an affectionate animal and likes to jump in Nancy's lap and go for little runs. Hannah once said to Nancy of Togo after he went missing, "Oh, I hope you find him. Togo is such a dear and lots of company." Nancy has a cousin named Susan Carr who lives in Charlottesville, Virginia. Nancy's maternal great-grandmother is Lady Douglas who lives in Inverness-Shire, Scotland.

Helen Corning is one of Nancy's three best friends. Bess Marvin and George Fayne are cousins and Nancy's other two best friends who love to do things together and help Nancy with her sleuthing. Nancy and Dirk Jackson, a former high school tennis champion once enjoyed a date at the Little Theater Group and Orchestra. Another friend from high school is Don Cameron who went to Spring Prom with Nancy. Nancy also met a young man named Ned Nickerson in Mapleton whom she liked because he helped her out of a few tight spots. Nancy likes being around strangers with Ned, especially ones she finds intelligent and full of fun. Nancy loves to hear from Ned when he calls to see how she's doing. Nancy feels that Ned Nickerson is just about everything a girl could wish for. He is wonderful company, lots of fun, yet serious and practical whenever she enlists his aid on a case. Many persons are awed in the presence of Mr. Drew, but Nancy is delighted when new friends feel at ease around him. Nancy was very popular in high school and had many loyal friends and positions she held in school. Both Nancy and George once said, they'd like to be astronauts.

NANCY DREW – PHYSICAL & CHARACTER TRAITS:

Nancy is an attractive, slender girl of eighteen with titan blond hair and reddish-gold glints and blue eyes. Her strawberry-blond hair vividly contrasts with her teal-blue convertible. Although only eighteen-years old, Nancy's abilities are so well known that anyone in River Heights who's in trouble is likely to seek her assistance. Daughter of an eminent criminal lawyer, she is usually sensible, clever, and talented. Nancy has a driver's license and owns a new dark-blue convertible. Nancy frequently delivers legal papers to judges for her father and thinks it's fun to help him in his work. Nancy is a sympathetic listener and always has positive reassuring words for people. Occasionally, a sixth sense seems to tell Nancy when someone is in trouble and needs help. She also tries not to raise the hopes of others which might never be realized. One of Nancy's favorite community projects is the River Heights Recreational Youth Center where she likes to give hugs.

Occasionally Nancy questions things as if she's a trial lawyer and is not afraid of the people she's investigating. When in tight situations, Nancy resolutely shakes off her inner nervousness while holding onto her courage. She also tries to let others know where she's going in case she gets in trouble and needs help. In general, she doesn't like to take chances. Nancy doesn't like to get credit for capturing thieves or for solving mysteries. Nancy occasionally collects souvenirs from the mysteries she's solved. Nancy believes that being on time is important. She's also good about giving first-aid to those in need. Nancy is occasionally tempted to tell her friends a secret, but recalls that the secret is not hers to reveal and remains silent.

Nancy has an outstanding reputation as an amateur sleuth, even with the police. Friends often declare that Nancy is good at finding the key to a baffling enigma partly because she's a "chip off the old block", referring to her brilliant father. Nancy doesn't believe in ghosts or spirits. Nancy possesses courage and daring beyond her years. She always pays heed to the wisdom of her father and others of his generation. The safety of innocent

persons involved in her cases is always her chief concern. Nancy is not scared when she gets threatening notes from anonymous writers and calls them cowards. Nancy also knows a little bit of German. Nancy has a photographic mind and is able to make mental pictures and memorize strange words and is good with directions and instructions. Nancy can also read and speak French and many Spanish dialects and vernaculars.

NANCY DREW – SLEUTHING SKILLS:

Ever since people have learned that Nancy possesses an unusual ability to track down elusive clues and solve mysteries, the young detective has been called upon to track down scoundrels and has gained a reputation of her own. Nancy likes to do her sleuthing subtly when possible. The more complicated and original the mystery, the better Nancy likes it. Nancy once made a study of complicated codes and is quite successful at working them and finding answers to various puzzles. Bess admiringly said to Nancy, “Your hunches are so often right it startles me. How do you propose to go about proving this one.” Nancy once professed to liking graphology and being intrigued by being able to tell a person’s character by means of their handwriting. Mr. Drew said, “Nancy has fantastic intuition when working on a case.” Nancy finds each new mystery intriguing and is always impatient to start solving it.

Nancy keeps a flashlight and matches in her car for sleuthing after dark and for emergencies when needed. She also carries an overnight case in her car trunk in case she wants to stay some place and do a little more investigating. Nancy carries a small magnifying glass in her handbag for scrutinizing clues and also some paper and colored pencils for drawing pictures. She also keeps a small camera in the glove compartment of her car and an underwater camera her father gave her.

Nancy frequently tries to follow tire marks driven by thieves and is always anxious to find out about clues before they’re destroyed by others. Nancy occasionally says, “I’ve found it! I’m glad I didn’t give up the search!” Once, when Nancy, Bess and George were guessing about a clue she said, “Hold it! As detectives we must not get carried away with guesses. Let’s try to find out the facts.” Mr. Drew said of Nancy, “It would be just like Nancy to follow up a good clue, particularly if she thinks there’s something odd. She never gives up until she figures out the solution to whatever the problem is.” While trying to solve a clue, Nancy tried solving a cryptogram by using simple substitution using a series of numbers for letters of the alphabet. Nancy also places ads in the River Heights Gazette to follow up on clues and look for additional information.

One police officer said to Nancy, “So you’re the daughter of Carson Drew. I see you’re following in his footsteps. Starting rather young, aren’t you?” Mr. Drew trained Nancy to be self-reliant and understand a seemingly unrelated chain of events often becomes a single baffling mystery. Nancy sometimes gets stumped on where to look next for puzzling clues and confides in her dad. Nancy and her father have come to depend on each other for advice and assistance.

Nancy, Bess, and George communicate in secret when around criminals by giving the owl signal whistle. Nancy believes that Bess and George are part of her detective force and she also likes to have Ned Nickerson’s help. Burt Eddleton once said that Nancy’s friends are all part of her training school. George and Bess often wonder whether it was Nancy’s charm, her straight-forward manner, or her business-like approach that unfailingly gained her entrance to offices of officials. Nancy is fascinated by watching police officers

searching for clues and typically picks up a couple of pointers. Nancy has stated, “Without one shred of evidence, I won’t make any accusations to notify the police.” Nancy often lapses into silence to think about mysteries and what’s behind cases and makes quick mental notes as to the location of places that might help her solve the mystery. Nancy once said, “I never know when I’m going to have to take chances! I just know that anytime I undertake a case, I’m apt to run into some kind of trap.”

Bess once said, “Nancy wouldn’t give up her detective work for anything. She spends most of her time solving mysteries.” George once said, “Bess, you know as well as I do that the thrust of a hundred-thousand-pound rocket couldn’t force Nancy to give up this case.” Nancy once said to Ned, “You know the only way you could get me to stop working on one mystery is to intrigue me with another.” Even criminals have been known to say, “But that didn’t frighten off Miss Nancy Drew, either! Is it my fault she doesn’t scare easy? We had a swell racket going. Now, thanks to those nosy girls, we got to stop it.” Mr. Drew asked Nancy to use an alias while solving the Whispering Statue case. She settled on Miss Debbie Lynbrook which was suggested by Hannah Gruen. Mr. Drew said to Nancy, “My dear, you were in serious danger when you encountered those thieves. I don’t like to have you take such risks. I’m very grateful in deed that you are back home safe.” If the thieves don’t think they’re being followed, they won’t be on their guard. Nancy once set a trap by using a code in the newspaper personals to get the thieves to gather together.

After solving a mystery, when people try to give Nancy various gifts, she often says, “She’s embarrassed and quickly tells them she never solves mysteries for anything but the sheer delight of it.” After solving the mystery at Lilac Inn, Nancy was honored at a colorful Army ceremony where she was presented with the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal for outstanding work. After Nancy solved the message in the hollow oak mystery and found the treasure, she became an honorary member of the New York Detective Club by a unanimous vote of its members. Asa Sidney once said of Nancy, “You certainly used your head outwitting Jemitt who’s three times your age, it’s quite an accomplishment.” After the Red Gate Farm Mystery was solved, Secret Service Agent Horton thanked Nancy for solving one of the most baffling cases of counterfeiting the United States Government had ever had. While looking for clues on a case in Masonville, Nancy was offered a job on the Masonville Police Department. The officer said he wished he had some of Nancy’s woman’s intuition. Captain Gray of the New York City Police Department said to Nancy, “I’m intrigued by your sleuthing ability. I couldn’t have had a better report from one of my top men.” Nancy always enjoys the fun of solving another mystery and feels a vacuum in her life when one comes to a close and always feels rather pensive and hopes that another challenging case will come along soon.

EDDLETON, BURT

BURT EDDLETON – ACTIVITIES, FRIENDS, AND TRAITS:

Like Ned and Dave, Burt also plays football for the Emerson College football team. Burt is also a champion sprinter on the track team. Ned, Burt, and Dave have all enjoyed being the world’s best camp counselors at Camp Hiawatha on Sylvan Lake during their summers off from Emerson College. Burt only shows a mild interest in pets and is frequently George Fayne’s special friend. He is shorter than Dave Evans, is blond haired, and a husky athletic looking young man.

EVANS, DAVE

DAVE EVANS – ACTIVITIES, FRIENDS, AND TRAITS:

Dave likes to play the guitar. He also calls himself the mop-up-man for the Emerson College football team. Dave is studying archaeology at Emerson College and draws very well. He assisted Nancy and the gang when making a substitution stone tablet to give to Fleetfoot Joe in Nevada. Ned, Burt, and Dave have all enjoyed being the world's best camp counselors at Camp Hiawatha on Sylvan Lake during their summers off from Emerson College. Dave has blond hair and green eyes and a rangy build. Dave is Bess Marvin's special friend and is from the town of Emerson. Dave is never pleased when Bess dates other boys. Dave is athletic looking, rangy and has fair hair and green eyes. Dave has no enthusiasm for cats and prefers a nice big dog for a pal. Dave has a special camera that his uncle developed that takes great pictures day or night. Nancy said the camera is perfection, day or night.

FAYNE, GEORGE

GEORGE FAYNE – ACTIVITIES:

Nancy, Bess, and George like to read and write letters. George is an excellent swimmer. Once while on a barge on the Ohio River she was knocked off into the water. One of the barge workers called out to George and said, "You're some swimmer, young lady!" George and Bess occasionally perform in plays for children. George likes to take judo lessons and occasionally uses it to help protect herself and her friends. Nancy, Bess, and George all like to go sailing at the Waterford Yacht Club in River Heights. They also like to play ping pong, tennis, snow shoeing, horseback riding, and go golfing together. Both George and Nancy once said, they'd like to be astronauts. George also likes to do comic impersonations of famous people.

GEORGE FAYNE – FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

George's real name is Georgia and she's one of Nancy Drew's three best friends. She's eighteen and a cousin to Bess Marvin. The three girls grew up in River Heights and have shared many exciting adventures together. Nancy once secretly sent a bouquet of flowers to both Bess and George because she wanted them to have a special surprise. George said it was a sweet joke, the kind she liked. George's father is an electric engineer. She has an Uncle Ed and an Aunt Bet Rawley who own Shadow Ranch outside Phoenix, Arizona where George, Bess, and Nancy were invited to solve a mystery. George also has another cousin, Alice Regor, who's staying at Shadow Ranch and another cousin named Marian Shaw. The Marvin's and the Fayne's are related to a very old man, Asa Sidney who lived at the Twisted Candles Inn. At the reading of a secret letter from Asa Sidney to Carol Whipple after his death, it turns out Carol is a cousin to Bess and George. George also has a Great-Uncle Pete and several relatives in New Orleans, the Colonel and Aunt Stella and their cousin, Donna Mae.

GEORGE FAYNE – PHYSICAL / CHARACTER TRAITS / SLEUTHING SKILLS:

George is an attractive tomboyish girl with short dark hair. George's boyish name fits her slim build and straightforward breezy manner. Her face is also handsomely pert and she always wears simple tailored cloths. George has classic features and gives every indication of being a strong athletic person who can keep guard. George is vivacious with a winning smile and craves adventure and spooky things. Several of George's pet expressions are "Hypers" and "You slay me!". Nancy, Bess, and George communicate in secret when around criminals by giving the owl signal whistle. Nancy calls George and Bess, good amateur detectives. Hannah frequently notes that Nancy has a long list of accomplishments and that George and Bess have been a wonderful help to her. George once noted to Bess that scary situations are what make solving mysteries so exciting. While in Key Biscayne, Florida, the girls agreed to use an alias and George's was Jackie Boonton.

GRUEN, HANNAH

HANNAH GRUEN – ACTIVITIES:

On one trip to see Abby Rowen, Nancy delivered a homemade meal that Hannah insisted upon sending for the invalid. When the Drew's mail-carrier got sick, Hannah also made him some stew and asked Nancy to deliver it. Hannah likes to attend club meetings. She once bought a mink stole from the Forest Fur Company and invested some money in their stock. One of Hannah's hobbies is the study of birds. Hannah and her friends also like to go to the theater to see a movie.

HANNAH GRUEN – FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Hannah, Carson Drew, and Nancy Drew live in River Heights and together form the Drew household. Hannah's full name is Hannah Frances Gruen and she's the Drew family's faithful housekeeper and manages their household. When Mrs. Drew passed away from a sudden illness, Hannah became like a second mother to Nancy and has helped to rear her since she was three-years old. There is a deep affection between the two, and Nancy likes to confide all her secrets and latest adventures to Hannah and often gives her an affectionate hug and kiss.

Hannah also has a niece named Effie Schneider who once offered to help with the housekeeping when she sprained her ankle. Effie calls her Aunt Hannah, she is fun and a bit scattered brained, but her mom says she's a good worker and a dandy cook. Effie also works as a maid and is kindhearted and loyal to the Drew family. Hannah also has a distant relative named Herb Baylor who works as an engineer assembling rockets at the Vehicle Assembly Building at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Hannah is also a good friend of Mrs. Bealing who's a practical nurse. Another one of Hannah's friends is Esther Mills. Hannah once took a great fancy to the Hoover sisters and the news of Allison's singing talent thrilled her. Ira Nixon once said of Hannah, "She's a fine, kind woman and one of a few people a man likes to confide in."

Hannah frequently speaks to Nancy about Ellen Smith, the daughter of the Smith family whom Hannah worked for, years ago. Hannah taught Ellen lots of children's songs. She was really wonderful to Ellen's family and Ellen was sorry when Hannah left. Nancy once met an elderly lady in Masonville named Mrs. Wendell while she was looking for clues. Nancy was surprised to hear she used to take care of Hannah when she was a little girl.

HANNAH GRUEN – PHYSICAL & CHARACTER TRAITS:

Hannah Gruen is a slightly plump tender-hearted motherly looking house-keeper for the Drew's. Hannah is level-headed and a kindly person who makes and serves meals for Carson and Nancy Drew. Hannah is a methodical person who always writes down what the dinner menu will be. Hannah also offers to make tea and dainty sandwiches when guests call. After dinner, Hannah insists on tidying up the kitchen while father and daughter talk. Once when Hannah sprained her ankle, Nancy returned home to care for her. Hannah once said to Nancy, "When people get old, they don't like change and probably put up with things rather than moving."

Hannah is an excellent cook and enjoys baking and often surprises the family with delicious cakes and pies. Hannah hates to have anyone else reign in the kitchen because she likes it neat. Hannah feels better when she's keeping busy. Hannah is also good at sewing up Nancy's clothes when they get damaged. Hannah usually has plenty of courage when confronted with a crisis, but backed away in alarm when a one-foot crocodile was on the loose in the Drew's living room. Hannah frequently fosters Nancy's natural instinct to face danger without flinching. Hannah always worries about Nancy when she's out solving a mystery. She frequently notes that Nancy has a long list of accomplishments and how Bess and George have been a wonderful help to her. Hannah is very proud of Nancy's accomplishments as a young amateur detective. Hannah once said of Nancy, "I can see why you're a good detective, if you don't find hidden gold under one stone, you turn up another."

HANNAH GRUEN – SLEUTHING SKILLS:

Hannah frequently lets her imagination run away with her regarding bad things that might happen to Mr. Drew after he's been threatened. When Nancy needed a diary translated from Swedish to English, Hannah recommended Mr. Peterson, an old Swedish bakery friend across town. Mr. Peterson said of Nancy, "I just can't believe the little girl who loved cookies is now a detective!" Hannah once said, "Nancy, you might have been killed by those awful men. Well, I'm certainly glad they've been captured." Hannah once said to Nancy, "Nancy, you're like a cat with nine lives, the way you so often just miss being injured." In the Amity Place mystery, Hannah was asked to take Nancy's place in helping Miss Carter while Nancy had to be away. Hannah even said to Nancy, "This is the first time I've ever tried to substitute for you in solving a mystery." Nancy said, "Who knows? Maybe you'll solve it while I'm gone."

Hannah once drew a fake copy of a secret map and gave it to the crooks. Mr. Drew said, "Hannah, you're as clever as any detective of my acquaintance." Hannah was invited to Honolulu, Hawaii to keep an eye on Nancy, Bess, and George and help prepare meals while they worked on the Golden Pavilion Mystery for Mr. Sakamaki. Hannah once said, "Nobody can threaten Nancy Drew and get away with it! It worries me, but I admire her courage." Mr. Drew praised Hannah for being wiser and more sensible than he and Nancy in hiding a valuable old wooden plaque in the Clue of the Crossword Cipher. Hannah once said, "You've never seen Nancy when she's trying to solve a mystery. She's like a hound on a scent and never gives up until she has caught the villain!"

MARVIN, BESS

BESS MARVIN – ACTIVITIES:

Bess, Nancy, and George like to read and write letters. Bess and George occasionally perform in plays for children. Bess, George, and Nancy all like to go sailing at the Waterford Yacht Club in River Heights. They also like to play ping pong, tennis, snow shoeing, horseback riding, and go golfing together. Bess sometimes has a sketching pad and pencil in hand and once made a quick sketch of Nancy on an ex-circus horse named Belgian Star. Bess once reduced herself in order to get a part in one of the Footlighter's plays. She also knows a lot about Shakespearian plays, their names and many quotes. Bess also likes to play the piano and take pictures with her camera.

BESS MARVIN – FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Bess is one of Nancy Drew's three best friends. She's eighteen and is a cousin to George Fayne. The three girls grew up together in River Heights and have shared many exciting adventures. Mr. Marvin occasionally attends council meetings at River Heights City Hall. He also drives a family station wagon. Nancy once secretly sent a bouquet of flowers to both Bess and George because she wanted them to have a special surprise. Bess said, "It was great of you to do this Nancy." She has an Uncle Ed and an Aunt Bet Rawley who own Shadow Ranch outside Phoenix, Arizona where George, Bess, and Nancy were invited to solve a mystery. Bess also has another cousin, Alice Regor, who's staying at Shadow Ranch. Another cousin is Marian Shaw.

The Marvin's and the Fayne's are related to a very old man, Asa Sidney who lived at the Twisted Candles Inn. At the reading of a secret letter from Asa Sidney to Carol Whipple after his death, it turns out Carol is a cousin to Bess and George. Dick Milton is the owner of Milton's Pottery Shop in River Heights and is a cousin to Bess Marvin who once attended a ceramics class of his. Bess also has an Aunt Celia whom her mother goes to visit now and then. Bess has several other relatives in New Orleans, the Colonel and Aunt Stella and their cousin, Donna Mae. Mr. Beaman and Mr. Simmons live next to the Marvin's home. While at Hamilton Ranch in the Midwest, Bess had taken a liking to Chuck Chase, one of the ranch hands and rodeo riders. Bess admitted she might be in love with Chuck and burst into tears. Chuck had asked Bess to marry him and stay and live there, however Bess eventually decided to stay with Dave Evans and not marry Chuck.

BESS MARVIN – PHYSICAL & CHARACTER TRAITS:

Bess is pretty, blond, and usually smiling with deep facial dimples that show prominently on her naturally pink cheeks. Bess is slightly plump with a suntan and has a love for feminine luxuries. Bess has a penchant for second desserts and frilly dresses. Bess once said, "I'd rather be pleasantly plump than give up sundaes!" Bess loves sweets and worries little about her weight. Bess once said, "I don't know which is harder, to keep on a diet or to keep a secret." Bess is considered a culinary expert and likes to hold up a spoon and strike a chief-like-pose. Bess doesn't particularly care for spooky things and gets squeamish around skeleton bones. Bess likes to think of the romantic side of things and plays Cupid now and then. She also enjoys flirting with handsome and charming men by winking with her sparkling eyes. Nancy and the girls once followed a suspect into a séance in New Orleans and Bess was completely entranced by what was going on and wanted to ask questions of the spirits. Bess is not as brave as George and Nancy, but enjoys clear

warm days as they seem to give her courage. Bess worries some about her figure and once joined a new dancing school and took a class on reducing. Yet she always carries a little snack in her large handbag for any emergencies. Bess has taken dance lessons since she was a tiny tot and knows all the steps that are taught to small children.

BESS MARVIN – SLEUTHING SKILLS:

Nancy said, “Bess always worries about the possibility of running into danger, but she’s one of the world’s best sports when the necessity arises.” Hannah frequently notes that Nancy has a long list of accomplishments and how Bess and George have been a wonderful help to her. Bess often says, “You’re going to fast for me, Miss Detective.” Bess sometimes times calls herself, Deputy Marvin. Nancy, Bess, and George communicate in secret when around criminals by giving the owl signal whistle. Bess reluctantly follows Nancy and George looking for clues, but then loses her fear and shares in their zest for the adventure. During one of Nancy’s mystery’s, George called Bess the cornball poet of the year as she once quoted several poems while on a ship. Nancy once said, Bess and George are good amateur detectives. While in Key Biscayne, Florida on a case, the girls agreed to use alias’s while there. Bess was Elisabeth Boonton which is Mrs. Marvin’s maiden name. Bess doesn’t like to hear stories about cruelty. While in Florida with the girls, Bess was almost bitten by an alligator.

NICKERSON, NED

NED NICKERSON – ACTIVITIES:

Ned, Burt, and Dave have all enjoyed being the world’s best camp counselors at Camp Hiawatha on Sylvan Lake during their summers off from Emerson College. Ned also worked a summer job selling life insurance. Nancy went to a dance at Emerson College with Ned and all the boys from his chapter house kept cutting in on his dances. Ned complained good-naturedly to Nancy, “That’s the punishment a fellow gets for bringing a popular girl.” State University once played a football game against Ned’s team at Emerson College while Nancy and the girls were there watching the last game of the season. Ned played quarterback and was also the team’s punter and field goal and extra point kicker. Ned is also part of the crew team at Emerson College where his position is stroke on the team. At the end of one crew race, the result according to a high-speed camera showed the winners as Emerson College. Ned and Nancy also like to go canoeing and ride horses together. Ned also likes to watch exciting Western movies. He also took flying lessons and joked with Nancy, “I couldn’t let you get ahead of me!”

NED NICKERSON – FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND EDUCATION:

Ned Nickerson’s middle name is Coleman. Ned’s mom is very pretty, has prematurely white wavy hair, a petite figure and dresses attractively. Ned’s family’s home is in Mapleton, not far from River Heights. His parents also own a little cabin on Cedar Lake along the Muskoka River near River Heights. The Nickerson’s also have a second home on Merritt Island in Florida. Nancy Drew met Ned in Mapleton while working on a case and he helped her out a few times. During the Hollow Oak mystery, Ned set it up with his cousin Julie Anne Carswell to help support Nancy while she worked on the case. Ned also has a cousin named Helen Tyne.

Ned's two best friends are Burt Eddleton and Dave Evans who also go to Emerson College with him. Ned is a member of the Omega Chi Epsilon House at Emerson College. Phil Roberts' is a friend of Ned's from Stanford whose father is the postmaster in town. John Sander is also a friend of Ned's who became a well-known chemist and lives a few miles down the shore from Candleton. Bill Malcome is a friend of Ned's who likes to go to dances with Ned and the girls. Ned was once a college exchange student in Hong Kong and learned to speak some Cantonese. He also studied Chinese culture which makes him very valuable in a number of fields. One day, Ned would like to get into the United States Intelligence Service.

Ned is a special friend of Nancy's and the nicest young-man she knows. He stands high in his engineering classes at Emerson College, plays football, and was sent on a special assignment to South America in connection with one of his courses. Ned's invention at Emerson College is a new way for scientists to produce laser light so that even a small source of energy will do great feats. It's done by converting all of the energy into light. Ned likes spooky stories that he's learned about from his courses at Emerson College. At an Omega dinner-dance it was announced by unanimous vote that the next president of Omega Chi Epsilon Fraternity of Emerson College is Ned Nickerson. The outgoing president, Chuck Wilson said, "Ned, I'll turn the gavel over to you after the private induction ceremonies next week. In the meantime, my personal congratulations and good luck, brother." Nancy was bursting with pride as everyone rushed up to shake Ned's hand and wish him well.

NED NICKERSON – PHYSICAL & CHARACTER TRAITS:

Ned is a good-looking young man, broad shouldered and deeply tanned. Ned is athletic looking, tall and handsome and has a soulful expression in his big blue eyes. He also has wavy dark hair and a ready smile. Nancy, Bess, and George all agree that Ned looks like his father when he smiles broadly. Ned and Nancy are special friends of long standing, enjoy the same things and frequently go to parties together.

Ned is always true to his word and picks up Nancy whenever he says he's going to. At the end of one of Nancy's mysteries as she began to think about her next mystery, Ned said, "Nancy, how about taking your mind off mysteries for a while and thinking of me instead?" Nancy laughed mischievously and gave a mock salute and said, "Aye, aye sir!" Ned said of Nancy regarding the Black Keys Mystery, "Sounds too dangerous, remember, I like you all in one piece." Nancy said, "So do I!" Ned only shows a mild interest in pets. After talking to a fortuneteller at the carnival in Claymore Ned said, "My future is pretty well set, I'll go into business, prosper, and marry a certain ambitious young lady named..." Nancy once asked for an explanation of why Ned gave the impression to a possible suspect that they were married. Ned said, "Well, someday I hope it'll be true."

NED NICKERSON –SLEUTHING SKILLS:

Ned likes to help Nancy with her sleuthing. Ned once said to Nancy, "One thing that makes you so interesting, Nancy, is that I never know when I ask you to go out, what mystery will come our way!" Occasionally, Ned has good reason for scolding Nancy. Many times, when they have a date, Nancy changes the plans completely and involves him in some mystery she's trying to solve. Ned reaches out to Dave Evans and Bess Marvin when he can't get a hold of Nancy. Ned frequently tries to cheer Nancy up after a number

of her clues have failed. Ned once said of Nancy, “She’s the best girl detective in the whole world.” Ned is a chemistry expert who analyzed bits of paper for Nancy as part of the blue fire clue in the Password to Larkspur Lane. Ned said mischievously, “You don’t expect me to look at this, do you, when I could be looking at you?”

NANCY DREW MYSTERY BOOK SUMMARIES

BOOK 1 – SECRET OF THE OLD CLOCK

Nancy once saved a little girl named Judy who fell off a wall. Edna and Mary Turner were Judy’s great-aunts. Josiah Crowley, a cousin of Edna and Mary Turner used to help them out financially before he passed and promised to remember them in his will. Two non-relative friends of Josiah’s are Grace and Allison Hoover. Allison is eighteen-years old and has a musical voice that’s clear with bell-like tones and would love to take voice lessons. Josiah Crowley lived on a farm next to the Hoover’s and had a well-to-do cousin, Mr. Richard Topham of River Heights whom he lived with prior to his passing, but his family wasn’t kind to him. The Topham’s have two daughters, Ada and Isabel. Mr. Topham produced a will making him executor of Josiah Crowley’s estate leaving everything to him and his family. Edna and Mary Turner and others felt there must be a later will because Josiah said he planned a big surprise they would see in a will he wrote himself and had witnessed. Abby Rowen said Josiah hid his will in a family clock with a crescent moon on top. Ultimately Nancy found the clock and a little blue notebook that belonged to Josiah Crowley. After this, Mr. Drew arranged to have the Crowley will read to the relatives with Mr. Warren from the bank. Everyone praised and thanked Nancy for her untiring efforts. Josiah Crowley’s relatives felt that he would want Nancy to keep the Crowley clock as a gift for solving the mystery and seeing justice done. (BK1)

BOOK 2 – THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE

Helen Corning’s Aunt Rosemary lived with her mother at Twin Elms since becoming a widower. Helen contacted Nancy to determine what’s causing many strange mysterious things at Twin Elms. Nancy judged Nathan Gomer as the kind of person who stays within the boundaries of the law, but who’s ethics are questionable. Nancy understood the mansion at Twin Elms was haunted according to Helen and her family. To cheer up Helen’s great-grandmother Miss Flora, Nancy once told her she would put her on the Drew and Company detective squad. Nancy and Helen eventually discovered a secret stairway at Riverview Manor which led to a passage way to Twin Elms Manor and ultimately, they solved the mystery. Nancy received a super victory luncheon to celebrate. (BK2)

BOOK 3 – THE BUNGALOW MYSTERY

While Nancy and Helen were out boating on Twin Lakes, a blinding storm came up and sunk their boat and they were rescued by a young girl named Laura Pendleton in a row boat. Laura said she knew of Nancy’s reputation and that she might need her help one day. Mr. Drew asked Nancy to help him look into the type of home and insight into the character of people with missing securities. When Nancy’s friend Don Cameron and her new friend, Laura Pendleton realized she was missing near Melrose Lake, they asked Mr. Drew to help find her. Nancy had asked Hannah to send the police to the Aborn’s house if

she didn't return at a reasonable hour. After Nancy solved the mystery, she received Laura Pendleton's beautiful aquamarine ring as a gift for solving the mystery. (BK3)

BOOK 4 – THE MYSTERY AT LILAC INN

Nancy and Helen went on a canoe ride up the Muskoka River to visit their friend Emily Willoughby at the Lilac Inn where Emily's Aunt Hazel runs the inn. Nancy and Helen are to be Emily's bridesmaids at her wedding. Dick Farnham is Emily's fiancé and his friend John McBride is his best man. John is a major at an Army missile base whose investigating some top-secret electronics parts which were stolen from the base and led him to Lilac Inn. Maud Potter, the entertainment director at Lilac Inn said she likes to play western tunes on her guitar for guests at the inn. After solving the mystery at Lilac Inn, Nancy was honored at a colorful Army ceremony where she was presented with the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal for outstanding work. Emily Willoughby also gave a pin set with tiny diamonds in the form of a lilac spray to Nancy as a gift for solving the mystery. (BK4)

BOOK 5 – THE SECRET OF SHADOW RANCH

Alice Regor is Bess Marvin and George Faynes' cousin who's staying at Shadow Ranch about one-hundred-fifty miles outside Phoenix, Arizona. They were invited there on vacation and to help solve a mystery. Ross Regor, her father has been missing for almost six-months and is the president of a bank in Chicago that was robbed. Alice thinks he's being held somewhere near Shadow Ranch. Nancy admires the confident way Dave Gregory does his job and his kind, firm manner with the animals. Dave has a brother and a sister and they are the only remaining descendants of Frances Humber. His father died two years ago and Dave is working his way through college. He took a summer job at the ranch to help look for a treasure. After the mystery was solved, Nancy refused to take any part of the Valentine Gold Treasure. (BK5)

BOOK 6 – THE SECRET OF RED GATE FARM

Nancy once said, "There's one thing for certain, now that the woman has forbidden me to go near the camp, I can't resist finding out what's happening there!" Red Gate Farm also has a springhouse. Nancy occasionally visits Red Gate Farm and brings home fruits and vegetables from the farm. Secret Service Agent Horton thanked Nancy for solving one of the most baffling cases of counterfeiting the U.S. Government had ever had. (BK6)

BOOK 7 – THE CLUE IN THE DIARY

Nancy, Bess, and George fell in love with a five-year-old girl named Honey Swenson at the Sandy Creek carnival. Honey is bright and adorable and her real name is Helen Ebba Swenson. Honey lives at Riverwood Cottage with her dad, Joe Swenson. Nancy and the girls stopped to help when an explosion and fire broke out at the Raybolt home about two-miles from Mapleton. When Nancy needed a diary translated from Swedish to English, Hannah Gruen recommended Mr. Peterson, an old Swedish bakery friend across town. After the mystery was solved, Nancy received a beautiful purse and the Swenson / Dah l "D" signet ring for her assistance. Joe Swenson's gift to Nancy was to remind her of her adventure and of his deep gratitude for all she's done for the family. (BK7)

BOOK 8 – NANCY’S MYSTERIOUS LETTER

Little Tommy Johnson likes to ride his tricycle on the sidewalk in front of the Drew’s house. Tommy once said to Nancy, “While I was racing, I was playing detective like you.” Tommy asked for a detective’s badge and then told Nancy everything he knew about the man and the car she was looking for. Nancy once received a letter from London, England noting she was a possible heir to an inheritance if she were Nancy Smith Drew. She wasn’t, but this was the start of another mystery. After the mystery was solved, Nancy Smith Drew said to Nancy, Bess and George, “You dear girls, I can never thank you enough.” (BK8)

BOOK 9 – THE SIGN OF THE TWISTED CANDLES

Mr. Peter Boonton is Bess and George’s Great-Uncle Peter. Jacob Sidney is the son of Asa’s dead brother and once said, “Asa thinks more of Carol than his own flesh and blood.” Later the Sidney – Boonton feud boiled over and Bess and George no longer wanted to help Nancy with her sleuthing. Stung by the snub, Nancy had tears in her eyes. Mr. Drew advised, “Some people are hard to understand. You’ll have to accept the situation, I’m afraid and trust that time will set matters straight.” Bess and George are related to the Boonton’s and are great-grandnieces of old Asa Sidney. Later, after Nancy had an opportunity to explain what was going on, she was once again on friendly terms with Bess and George. Asa Sidney was a trustee of the Fernwood Orphanage and took a great fancy to a little girl named Sadie Whipple, but insisted her name be changed to Carol to honor his previous child who was lost. The Jemitt’s offered to become foster parents of Carol and moved into the Twisted Candles Inn to help out. Carol called Nancy and asked if Mr. Drew would be Asa Sidney’s lawyer and help draw up his will. When Asa Sidney passed, Hannah went to stay with Nancy and Carol at the Twisted Candles Inn. Carol said, “When Mr. Sidney went, every bit of happiness left this old house.” Carol was kidnapped while Nancy and the girls were looking for treasures at the Inn. After the mystery was solved, a thrill went through Nancy as the Boonton-Sidney feud was over. (BK9)

BOOK 10 – PASSWORD TO LARKSPUR LANE

Helen Archer Corning’s grandmother and grandfather recently moved to Sylvan Lake and have a dreamy stone house on a hill overlooking the lake, but some queer things keep happening. A mysterious blue flame at the bottom of the hill has been bothering the Corning’s at night. The Corning’s housekeeper Morgan has a bedroom near the back of the house and usually comes and goes so as not to bother the Corning’s. There’s also a footpath to the beach where the girls go for a swim. Nancy and the girls went to stay at Sylvan Lake to try and help solve the Corning Mystery. Morgan is usually cheerful, but he’s changed since the blue flame first appeared and is now more of a stranger. Dave, Burt and Ned took camp counselor jobs at Camp Hiawatha on Sylvan Lake and are the world’s greatest camp counselors. Mr. Dennis is the Camp Director. When Nancy reviewed Morgan’s letters of recommendation for the housekeeper’s job it turns out they were forged. He also had a prison record under another name and is pretty good at lock picking. Ned is a chemistry expert and analyzed bits of paper for Nancy as part of the blue fire clue. The thieves were keeping Mrs. Eldridge about five-miles away from Larkspur Lane. After

the mystery was solved, Nancy was offered Mrs. Eldridge's bracelet and French crystal earrings in the form of larkspurs, but she declined. (BK10)

BOOK 11 – THE CLUE OF THE BROKEN LOCKET

Mr. Drew gave Nancy a door key to a cabin on Misty Lake in Maryland which was possibly the key to a mystery. Nancy went there to see what was frightening Mr. Winch. People were afraid to go to Bake Cottage because of a lost launch. After the mystery was solved, Cecily thanked Nancy for finding the treasure, trapping the music record pirates, and for helping Susan get Kathy and Kevin back. Cecily and Susan agreed to have the broken locket repaired and to give it to Nancy as a memento of her adventure. Nancy smiled and through her tears said, "I'll never, never forget you or the clue of the broken locket." (BK11)

BOOK 12 – THE MESSAGE IN THE HOLLOW OAK

Boycey Osborn, a detective in the New York Detective Club once told Nancy about the message in the hollow oak mystery in Illinois that he and his fellow detectives weren't able to solve. As part of the mystery, Nancy translated some French inscriptions on a coin belonging to a man named Clem Rucker. PF on the coin stood for Pere Francois. A friend of Ned's, Julie Ann helped Nancy with her sleuthing early on with the case, until Bess and George could help out. Nancy and the girls also helped out at an Indian dig site. After Nancy solved the message in the hollow oak mystery and found the treasure, Clem, Mr. Drew, Aunt Eloise, and all of the members of the New York Detective Club congratulated Nancy and showered her with praise. Nancy became an honorary member of the club by a unanimous vote. Nancy was also given the honor of digging the first shovel of dirt at the new Hopewell burial mound discovered by Pere Francois. Paulson University agreed to finance the expedition and Theresa took the lead. Clem Rucker also gave a 1680's Pere Francois coin to Nancy as a gift. (BK12)

BOOK 13 – THE MYSTERY OF THE IVORY CHARM

Nancy once invited her five-year-old neighbor Tommy to a wild-animal show. Later, Nancy offered to help care for Rishi, an Indian Hindu boy from the Wild-Animal Show who ran away to look for his true father. Rishi gave Nancy a beautiful ivory elephant charm, his father Rai had worn as a way of thanking her for helping him. Nancy agreed to wear the good luck charm with the intent of giving it back to Rai. Nancy even borrowed some clothes for him to wear from Bobby Allen down the street who's about Rishi's size. While Nancy was in trouble, Rishi said, "Nancy is not in serious trouble while she wears the wonderful elephant charm. If she meets any bad trouble, the mystic power of the charm will save her." At Dawson Farm, Nancy conversed with Mrs. Allison who went into a trance after seeing Nancy's elephant charm. She talked with her trying to get more clues and to find out whether Rishi was Rajah's son. Rai kidnapped Rishi and brought him to the Putnam Farm where he held him in the loft. The police arrived and captured Rai and Mr. Tilak, Rishi's father administered first-aid from the ivory charm and revived Rishi. Mr. Tilak and Rishi, as a token of their appreciation gave Nancy the ivory charm as their most precious material object. They also gave Nancy, Bess, and George several mementos from the collection of a recovered fortune in jewels. (BK13)

BOOK 14 –THE WHISPERING STATUE

Mrs. Merriam is a client of Mr. Drews whom Nancy is helping with a mystery in Waterford. She has a fine library of books she's selling, but is suspicious of Mr. Willis Basswood who's selling the books for her. Nancy and the girls are staying with Mr. Ayer, manager of the Waterford Yacht Club. Mr. Drew asked Nancy to wear a disguise for protection and use an assumed name while working on the case. Nancy settled on Miss Debbie Lynbrook which was suggested by Hannah Gruen. When Nancy and the girls first arrived in Waterford, they were immediately kidnapped. After they escaped, they contacted Captain Turner of the Waterford Police Department. Mr. Marco De Keer lives in an old barn on the outskirts of Readville, a town near Waterford and is a sculptor who makes very fine reproductions. Mr. Drew knows a sculptor named Sylvester Holden in New York City and asked him to go to Waterford to inspect the whispering statue at the yacht club, but turned out to be a reproduction. After the mystery was solved, Nancy received thanks from everyone for solving the mystery. The whispering statue was even heard to say, "Thank you, Nancy Drew, for giving me back my voice." (BK14)

BOOK 15 –THE HAUNTED BRIDGE

Nancy once professed to liking graphology and being intrigued by being able to tell a person's character by means of their handwriting. Martin Bartescue took an interest in Nancy as she was also a good golfer, but Nancy took an instant dislike to him because he liked to brag and was known to cheat at golf. Nancy once had driven a golf ball, over two-hundred yards while playing in a championship golf tournament at the Deer Mountain Hotel where she set a new course record for women. A rustic haunted footbridge was located on the sixteenth hole which peaked Nancy's interest. It's surrounded by a patch of woods and a ghost that guards the bridge night and day, but turned out to be an old scarecrow. While looking for a lost golf ball, Nancy found a small brass treasure chest buried in the mud near the creek by the haunted bridge. The carved brass case was filled to the top with jewelry and a jeweled compact with a tiny picture inside. Miss Margaret Judson lived at the Judson Mansion on the other side of the bridge, but it burned down a few years earlier and she ran away after the fire. Margaret was previously engaged to Professor Mark Wardell who has an office at the science building at Andover College. The Judson's were aloof people and never mixed with their neighbors. Nancy observed various women to see if any seemed to act suspiciously or might be a member of the gang of jewel thieves. Crofton is a small city near Hemlock Hall, where Nancy suspected Margaret Judson was staying. After the mystery was solved, Nancy said, "Good-bye, old Mr. Ghost! A million thanks for spooking me into a very puzzling mystery." (BK15)

BOOK 16 –THE CLUE OF THE TAPPING HEELS

One of Hannah Gruen's friends is Mrs. Bealing. She's a practical nurse and works in Berryville taking care of Miss Carter who broke a leg and is in a wheel chair. Miss Carter retired from acting and lives alone and breeds Persian cats. Her greatest role was as a dancer in "The Dancer and the Fool". Miss Carter also has an alias and goes by Miss Violette. Toby Simpson was the fool in the play and once came to call on Miss Violette. Toby and Miss Carter were engaged to be married, but became separated. Mrs. Bealing has

heard mysterious tapping sounds in the walls of Miss Carter's home at night and thinks they sound like tap dancing. Miss Carter asked Nancy and the girls to help solve the mystery. Some of Miss Carter's cats have been stolen and it appears they're being drugged as well. George and Bess slept in the garage to try and catch the thief and Nancy slept in the house to try and catch the tapper. Nancy noticed the tapping sounds are uneven and maybe a code. Mr. Bruce, a neighbor next door threatened Miss Carter to get rid of her cats. William Woonton owned Miss Carter's house at one time and still had stuff in the cupboards including a diary of Gus Woonton, once a mental patient at the Beverly Hospital. Nancy is in the Rivers Club charity play where she's playing the part of a dancer with three tap numbers. Miss Carter goes to various cat shows to sell her Persian cats. At one of the cat shows, George played an auctioneer to sell Abatha, the last Persian cat for Miss Carter. Nancy saw Toby Simpson in town and invited him over for supper at Miss Violette's house. They all had a wonderful evening and Toby and Miss Carter agreed to give it a go again. After Nancy and Ned caught Gus Woonton in the attic he said, "Girls aren't supposed to be so bright." After the mystery was solved, Nancy received many thanks for solving the mystery. It was a happy ending for all involved. The crooks were caught and Nancy looked forward to the next mystery. (BK16)

BOOK 17 – MYSTERY OF THE BRASS-BOUND TRUNK

In this mystery, Nancy, Bess, and George embark on an ocean liner called the Winschoten from Rotterdam, Holland to New York City with Captain Detweiler as captain of the ship. As the ship was leaving the dock, Nancy spotted a man doing sign language, but couldn't find who received the warning message about Nancy Drew being on the ship. Nelda Detweiler, the captain's niece joined the girls in their cabin. Rod Havelock is the assistant purser. A brass-bound trunk was accidentally delivered to the girl's room when Nancy's trunk was lost. After Nancy found some important papers in the brass-bound trunk, she shared them with the captain for safe keeping. The captain told Nancy, "You've done a wonderful job sleuthing while on board and this is the most important find. The government in Johannesburg owes you a deep debt of gratitude." Two of the jewelry thieves threw Nancy and Nelda overboard to stop them from sleuthing, but they were swimmers and were rescued by the ship's motorized rescue launch. While docking in New York City, Rod Havelock told Nancy, "I've enjoyed working with you. In my opinion, you're one of the cleverest sleuths in the world and I'll miss playing detective with you." After the ship docked, Nancy and Nelda were questioned by Mr. Drew and Mr. Carson, an FBI agent. Mr. Otto August then claimed his brass-bound trunk and was immediately arrested by the FBI. The missing diamond bracelet was also found and Nelda was exonerated. Mr. Carson thanked Nancy and said, "This is the most important find we've made in a long time. We'll dub it the finger-language gang heist." (BK17)

BOOK 18 – MYSTERY OF THE MOSS-COVERED MANSION

Mr. Drew's new client is Mr. Billington who was accused of bringing explosive Hamlin oranges into NASA's Space Center. He owns an orange grove on Merritt Island and produces Pineapple Oranges. Mr. Drew asked Nancy to help solve the mystery before Mr. Billington goes to trial. Nancy and the girls and Hannah stayed at Mr. Billington's home

on Merritt Island. Antin and Tina Resardo are caretakers there. Nancy's date, Ned Nickerson's parents also have a house on Merritt Island. While nobody had any proof, the Resardo's appeared to be dishonest. Mr. Drew set up a tour of the Kennedy Space Center for everyone so Nancy could get acquainted with the place where the explosive oranges were taken and to pick up any clues. A fake Mr. Billington had all the proper credentials and was allowed in and caused the explosion. Nancy set a trap using a code in the newspaper personals to get the thieves to gather together and she was able to get all their license plate numbers. Ultimately, word got out of Ned and Nancy being trapped at the Moss-Covered Mansion and the FBI, NASA men and the police and their friends came to their rescue. Mr. Drew picked up press passes so they could watch the moon shoot from Kennedy Space Center. As the moon rocket lifted off and was A-ok, Nancy and her friends silently said prayers of thankfulness. Mr. Drew said to Nancy, "I'm terribly proud of you!" George said, "You know as well as I do that the thrust of a hundred-thousand-pound rocket couldn't force Nancy to give up this case." (BK18)

BOOK 19 –THE QUEST OF THE MISSING MAP

Ellen Smith headed to Rocky Edge Estate about a summer job to help her earn money for Blackstone College of Music. Ellen knows of a mysterious story associated with a map and a buried treasure. Trixie is Mrs. Chatham's daughter. Trixie believes the estates small studio / cottage is haunted. Everything that Nancy learned about the Tomlin family seemed to confirm that Captain John Tomlin was Tomlin Smith's missing brother John Abner. Mrs. Chatham's first husband's name was John Tomlin. Mr. Smith is interested in geography and finding the treasure island. His father was captain of an ocean-going freighter, the Sea Hawk. Mr. Smith also has a twin brother named John Abner Tomlin. Mr. Smith's dad once told him their grandfather hid a treasure on a small uncharted island in the Atlantic Ocean and left a map showing its location. His dad took the parchment map, tore it in two and gave half of it to each of his sons and told them to work together to find the buried chest. Mr. Tomlin went down with his ship in a storm. John Abner was put in a separate life boat and never seen again. Tomlin Smith lived with six sailors on a small island for a year and was then brought to the United States and adopted as Tomlin Smith and still had his half of the map. Nancy looked at and made a copy of the map, but realized it wasn't worth a nickel without his brother's half. One of Ned's friends at Emerson College is Bill Tomlin who mentioned his grandfather's brother was a sea captain who had twin sons. One of the twins became a sea captain. Nancy recovered the model of the Warwick and returned it to Mrs. Chatham as her first husband had sailed the original vessel. Nancy found Captain Stryver and a ship called the Primrose out of New York for rent to the southern Atlantic. After several delays and attempts to stop Nancy and her friends at Little Palm Island, the treasure was found. A stained letter addressed to his descendants bore Captain Tomlin's signature. Tokens of the treasure were given to every member of the expedition and Nancy received a beautiful jeweled bracelet. (BK19)

BOOK 20 – THE CLUE IN THE JEWEL BOX

Marie Alexandra lives in River Heights with a maid named Anna who calls her Madame Marie. Mrs. Alexandra recommended Nancy visit Mr. Faber, an antique dealer in River Heights to get a birthday gift for her father. Francis Baum, a man whose wallet was stolen had the same picture of Mrs. Alexandra's long-lost grandson in a sailor suit. Nancy again

witnessed the thief remove a billfold from a man's pocket. Mrs. Alexandra was a former queen in her country and came to River Heights to avoid publicity. Nancy promised to do everything possible to trace the missing prince. Helen and Jim Archer returned from Europe to River Heights with their new friend, Katherine Kovna. Katherine designs clothes and hopes to open a fashion shop in River Heights. Mrs. Alexandra has an Easter egg that was made by Mr. Faber's father and contains a most unusual object that sings in a foreign language and says, "clue in jewel box!". Katherine rented a shop in the arcade of the Hotel Claymore. Mr. Ellington takes care of a young boy named Buddy Farrell, the son of an apartment house superintendent he lives in. He's a talented commercial artist who shows his drawing at local exhibits, and sells them to magazines. He signs his drawings, R.H. Ellington. Mr. Ellington believes Katherine is going to win the grand prize at the fashion show. Mr. Ellington's first name is Richard. Katherine won the grand prize by unanimous vote. After arresting the pick pocketers, the stolen treasures were found and returned to Mrs. Alexandra. Nancy and friends went to look for Richard Ellington and suspected him of being Mrs. Alexandra's missing grandson. A doctor's mark of an A-shape on his left foot proved he was the missing prince. Everyone met at Mr. Drew's for his birthday and everything was revealed. Mr. Drew's birthday gift from Mr. Faber was a handsome leather and silver box. Mr. Drew accidentally revealed a false bottom to the box and found a piece of paper with a formula for the long missing process of enamel making, now owned by Mr. Faber. Mrs. Alexandra closed by saying, "I give especially warm thanks for my great happiness and good fortune to our darling Nancy Drew." (BK20)

BOOK 21 – THE SECRET IN THE OLD ATTIC

An elderly man of military bearing named Philip March left some letters with the Drews to look for clues to where some original songs may have disappeared. The letters were written four years earlier by a young lieutenant named Fipp to his wife Connie. Philip March Jr. is Mr. March's son. They lived on the family's estate a few miles up the Muskoka River from River Heights. Fipp lost his life four years earlier during a routine training mission and his wife passed away soon afterwards. Mr. March's wife also died and now he only has little Susan, six-years old and entrusted to his care. He needs a housekeeper to help, but can't afford one unless his son's music is found and sold. Fipp's songs were never published and he put them away in a secret place before he entered the service. Mr. March heard one of his son's melodies on the radio that was never published and said his son's song was stolen and asked Nancy to find the thief. Nancy looked for any objects which could be sold to antique dealers to help take care of things for a while and also searched the house and attic for the missing music. Susan became sick and Nancy called on Hannah's niece, Effie Schneider to help with the house keeping. Mr. Booker owns a silk making company and the Lucius Dight Corporation is owned by Lawrence Dight who may have stolen Mr. Booker's formula. Nancy came up with a ruse to get access to the Lucius Dight Corporation to tour through the factory and look for Mr. Booker's formula. Nancy found the name of one of Fipp's songs on the radio and got the composer's name. Fipp's piece called "Song of the Wind" was based in part on a song that Mr. March's mother wrote years ago. Susan took a fall on one of the stairs and accidentally ripped the wallpaper behind which revealed several bars of music. Nancy and the girls removed a large area of wall covering revealing a charming, old-fashioned scene of a woman seated at a piano and a man beside her singing. Nancy found out that some of Fipp

March's music was being sold to a music store and now had proof that Ben Banks is an imposter and claimed Fipp's melodies as his. Ben's own name is Horace Dight, a second cousin to Lawrence Dight. Nancy looked at the attic wardrobe closer and found evidence of a hidden room behind it. Bushy Trott was stealing Fipp's music from the hidden room where Nancy also found the rest of Fipp's music in a secret compartment of a piano desk. Mr. Drew, Ned, and the police then got involved and the thieves were arrested as the mystery was being solved. For Nancy's assistance in solving the mystery, Mr. Booker made her a pale-yellow evening dress which was soft and beautiful in texture. Nancy wore her new evening dress to a dance at Emerson College with Ned. Mr. Drew said to Nancy, "It took courage to hunt for clues in the spooky old attic, if you hadn't had it, you never would have discovered the attic's secrets." (BK21)

BOOK 22 – THE CLUE IN THE CRUMBLING WALL

Lieutenant Masters, in charge of juvenile offenders for the River Heights Police Department reached out to Nancy to help solve a mystery. An eight-year-old girl named Joan Fenimore has been in trouble for stealing flowers. Nancy was asked to find Joan's aunt, Juliana Johnson, a dancer who disappeared ten-years earlier at the height of her career before she can receive an inheritance a friend willed to her. Juliana is Mrs. Fenimore's sister. Hannah Gruen has an old friend named Salty, he was once a sailor and one of River Heights eccentric characters. Joan has a passion for flowers and has an amazing knowledge of them. Joan's widowed mother is ill and very poor. Mrs. Fenimore told Nancy her sister Julie went away by herself for a month's rest and was never heard from again. She was engaged to a wealthy manufacturer named Walter Heath who willed Heath Castle to her after his death. If Juliana doesn't claim the castle within five-years, it will be sold and the money given to charities. Ira Heath was Walter's father who owned a button factory about a mile down river from the castle on the Muskoka River, but closed years ago. Ira was born in England and went back to visit and died while he was in London. Walter was put in charge of his estate. Daniel Hector became the executor of the estate after Walter's death and has a sharp law practice in River Heights that doesn't appeal to Mr. Drew. Nancy and the girls went to visit Heath Castle. Mrs. Fenimore mentioned that Daniel Hector is only pretending to search for Julie. Julia Flower didn't want anyone to know of her hit and run accident until she was well. Dr. Barnes told her she'd never walk properly again and that she'd be lame for the rest of her life. Mr. Heath had found a big pearl and was going to give it to Juliana. Nancy and the girls found a metal box full of papers and photographs and a small leather-bound diary at the castle. After being in her accident, Juliana mentioned, "His little Cinderella will never dance for him again." Possibly intending to live in some secluded place for the rest of her life. Nancy and the girls found Juliana at a place called "Jardin des fleurs", meaning "Garden of Flowers". Later, the police rescued Nancy, the girls, and Juliana in a dungeon at Heath Castle and captured Daniel Hector and his two birds. After Juliana Johnson was rescued, the castle springs were tested and contained pure and rich minerals. Mr. Drew made arrangements with a bottling company to market the spring water. The bottling company also offered to financially convert part of the castle and grounds into a health resort. Part of the castle was also turned into a free vacation spot for handicapped children. Walt's ring, set with a huge pearl was recovered by Mr. Drew and given to Juliana. The inscription inside read, "To my Cinderella". (BK22)

BOOK 23 – THE MYSTERY OF THE TOLLING BELL

Mrs. John Chantrey is a close friend and client of Mr. Drew's who was swindled out of a lot of money and Mr. Drew is trying to help her get it back. Ghostly and unexplainable things are happening along the coast of White Cap Bay. Amos Hendrick is looking for a Paul Revere bell, casted in a furnace in Boston during the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Chantrey said the Candleton mystery was along the shore and concerns a cave at the base of Bald Head Cliff. When Amos heard about the bell at Bald Head Cove, he asked to go there with Nancy and the girls. Nancy also found a weather-beaten cottage located at the top of the cliff above the cave. Mother Mathilda is a candlemaker and knows everything that goes on around Candleton for the past sixty-years. A dark stone tunnel leads from the cottage on top of Bald Head Cliff down to the tolling-bell cave. Along the tunnel, Nancy found a fake cosmetic factory along with samples of Mon Coeur perfume and Sweet Chimes labels. Nancy became trapped by the rising tide in the cave and Ned and George came to her rescue. About the same time, the local police captured all of the local gang members. Fortunately, the people who had previously bought stock under the Mon Coeur Company label got most of their money back. Mr. Hendrick recovered the jeweled bell he was looking for. Nancy also found a Paul Revere bell in the Bald Head Cave which turned out to be the tolling bell. Nancy ended up keeping the Paul Revere bell as a reward from Mr. Hendricks. (BK23)

BOOK 24 – THE CLUE IN THE OLD ALBUM

Mrs. Struthers lives in River Heights and has a granddaughter named Rose who lives with her. Mrs. Struthers is reputed to be wealthy and travels a lot and has a large collection of hundreds of dolls she acquired from all around the world. Rose says that Granny doesn't approve of anything she does. Rose's father is a Spanish gypsy and a talented violinist. Enid was Rose's mom, but died of poor health and a broken heart after being banished from her family for marrying a gypsy. Rose has a desire for wanderlust and freedom that's in her. Mrs. Struthers asked Nancy to help find a very important doll that holds a secret and would mean a great deal to Rose. The doll is associated with her daughter's death and has something to do with the family's old photo album. Enid's married name was Mrs. Romano Pepito, but Rose goes by Struthers. A secret note said, "The source of light will heal all ills, but a curse will follow him who takes it from the gypsies!" Nancy and the girls flew to another state to look for dolls for Mrs. Struthers and bought a doll and a family album with the name Euphemia Struthers on it. Mrs. Struthers hired a tutor at home to add music and dancing to Rose's studies. Rose also has a desire to play the violin like her father and likes to entertain people and shows real talent. Dr. Tiffen is the physician who diagnosed Enid's illness and knew she didn't have long to live, but he was puzzled because at times she seemed to have abundant energy and at others, almost none. Nancy saw Thomas Smith, a violinist who plays on a TV program and recognized him as Romano Pepito. Nancy tracked Romano down at a gypsy camp and also found Rose Struthers there after she was kidnapped. Nancy then secretly introduced Rose to Romano. He said, "My little Rose!" and he sobbed. "You are alive and well." Nancy also found the Source-of-Light doll in one of the trailers and returned it to Mrs. Struthers. At the end, Nancy agreed to accept Mrs. Struthers fan doll as a gift for solving the mystery. Rose and Romano went on to play the violin on TV together and live with Mrs. Struthers in River Heights. (BK24)

BOOK 25 – THE GHOST OF BLACKWOOD HALL

Mr. Freeman, a jeweler in River Heights asked Nancy to help out an old customer and friend, Mrs. Henry Putney who is a widower and lives alone. Her husband died recently and she now has strange premonitions. Mrs. Putney had some of her jewels stolen and asked Nancy to investigate. Mr. Bigelow is one of the owners of the Bigelow Company Jewelry Store in River Heights. Howard Brex is a salesman there and former jewelry designer for a New Orleans house. Nancy and the girls took a trip to New Orleans to call on Mr. Johnson, Howard Brex's former boss. Upon their return, Bess asked Nancy to help their cleaner's daughter, Lola White who had become unnaturally subdued in a trance and was giving someone most of her money. Nancy also saw another girl put money in a black walnut tree along the upper Muskoka River. While Nancy and Ned were on a canoe ride, they saw Lola White in a trance walking into the river and came to her rescue. Mr. Johnson informed Nancy by letter of a Three Branch Ranch dishonest stock investment scheme. After questioning Mrs. Putney, she admitted she was advised by her husband's spirit to invest in the Three Branch Ranch stock. One evening Nancy and Ned went to visit Blackwood Hall where they rescued Lola White and fell into some quicksand, but escaped. After the girls suspected Nancy was kidnapped, Bess and George went to get Togo, Nancy's dog and used him to follow Nancy's trail in the black woods where Togo found Nancy under some bushes. When Mrs. Putney and Lola came up missing, Nancy followed a lead to Mr. Putney's hunting lodge on Lake Jasper, across the state line. Ultimately, the three Brex brothers returned to Blackwood Hall as the police were closing in on them. Nancy was trapped by the brothers in a rope elevator in the mansion while looking for more clues with Ned. Mr. Drew and the others rescued Nancy. Ned contacted the State Police and led them in capturing the Brix Brothers Gang at a little hotel down the river. A notebook containing the names and addresses of the people they swindled was found and the money repaid. After solving the mystery, Nancy received a cameo ring which belonged to Mrs. Putney as a memento of the case she solved. (BK25)

BOOK 26 – THE CLUE OF THE LEANING CHIMNEY

Bess Marvin's cousin Dick Milton owns Milton's Pottery Shop in River Heights where someone stole a green porcelain vase with an enormous black Chinese dragon with red claws worth thousands of dollars. The thieves also stole a small green jade elephant. The owner of the stolen pieces is Mr. Soong, a retired Chinese importer who lent the pieces to Dick Milton. Dick mentioned to Nancy about a leaning chimney he heard about near Masonville with unusual China clay, the main ingredient for making fine pottery. While Nancy was in Masonville looking for clues to the leaning chimney and Chinese clay, she met Mrs. Wendell who had a trunk in the attic with old papers and maps. Nancy found a secret panel in the third-floor closet and found several Chinese vases decorated with lotus blossoms. Mr. Soong helped Nancy decipher some authentic Chinese symbols on one of her clues. Miles Monroe is a retired geology professor who knows of clay deposits between River Heights and Masonville where there's an abandoned Civil War pit called the Hunter's Bridge Iron Mine and Smelter. While looking for clues, Nancy found Eng Lei and Eng Moy, Mr. Soong's old missing friends in a large room with a wide work bench for making fake Chinese porcelains. The leaning chimney was above the smelter of the old iron mine and was being used as a kiln to fire pottery. After the mystery was solved, Eng

Lei and Eng Moy made Nancy an exquisite vase which tells a story. Against a soft-green background was pictured a slender, golden-haired girl which was Nancy, pitting a lance at an evil scaly green dragon and protecting behind her three Chinese men in long oriental robes representing Lei, Moy and Mr. Soong. Nancy said, "There aren't any words to express the way I feel about this vase. It's more to me than just a gift. It's a token of friendship and a bond between me and three of the nicest people I've ever known. I'll treasure it always." (BK26)

BOOK 27 – THE SECRET OF THE WOODEN LADY

Mr. Drew has an old friend, Captain Easterly who rented a clipper ship in Boston Harbor for a couple of years and decided to buy it. A mysterious person had been prowling around the old craft and some of the deckmen think it's haunted. Captain Easterly asked Mr. Drew to find a clear title of property so he could buy the ship before the owner goes west. Captain Easterly showed Mr. Drew and Nancy his unusual home aboard the Bonny Scot. The Boston Police Department examined the Bonny Scot for damages to the captain's cabin from vandals. Nancy found an old snuffbox on the floor of Captain Easterly's cabin with a cameo face of a lovely woman with long curling hair and a serene expression on the lid. Probably a copy of the figurehead on the ship. On the box was the initials P.R. and the date 1850. The Bonny Scot turned out to actually be the Dream of Melissa, a lost clipper ship belonging to the Eastern Shore Shipping Company where Mr. Ogden works and was amazed to learn their long-lost clipper ship had turned up. A letter from Captain Perry Rogers was found in a secret compartment of the captain's desk noting that if deceased by pirates, to search his beloved lady of wood and therein find a precious ruby to be presented to whom he hoped to make his wife, Mathilda Witherspoon. Nancy and the girls eventually found the wooden lady figurehead, the long-lost figure of Melissa which indeed looked like the carved lady on the snuffbox. The girls removed a block of wood from the shoulder and found a tiny metal box with a velvet lining and a precious ruby. After the thief's were caught, the ruby was given to Mathilda Witherspoon's descendant, Mrs. Smythe. After the mystery was solved, Mrs. Smythe's neighbor gave Nancy a drawing of the Dream of Melissa with the figurehead on it from when it first set sail. Red Quint also gave Nancy the snuff box as a gift. The Dream of Melissa was deeded to Captain Easterly with a clear title. The ship was painted a glistening gray and set under the long prow of the Dream of Melissa was the Melissa figurehead Nancy and the girls found with the ruby in it. Nancy was also given the honor of re-christening the ship by Captain Easterly. (BK27)

BOOK 28 – THE CLUE OF THE BLACK KEYS

Terence Scott is on the faculty of Keystone University and approached Nancy to assist with solving a mystery of the clue of the black keys. Dr. Graham, Dr. Pitt, Dr. Anderson and Terry Scott were looking for a secreted treasure in Mexico when Dr. Pitt and a stone cipher tablet went missing. Several missing large, ancient black keys made from obsidian were also part of the mystery. Dr. Pitt is the president of Keystone University and a friend of Carson Drew's. The mystery stone and the frog treasure were tied together and locked away in silver by three "magic" obsidian keys. Several others working on the mystery are Dr. Graham, an archaeologist from Jonsonburg College and Dr. Anderson, a geologist from the Clifton Institute near Emerson College. Nancy passed a quiz in Dr. Anderson's class at the Clifton Institute and was allowed to go on the Florida expedition as a special

student. Nancy hoped to help look for treasure in the Florida Keys and also to find Dr. Pitt. Terry Scott and Nancy found Dr. Pitt in a small hut under some concealing mangroves on Black Key Island. The treasure was ultimately found in Mexico by Dr. Pitt, Dr. Anderson, and Terry Scott with Nancy's help. Dr. Anderson wanted to tell all his students at Clifton Institute that the best way to discover treasure is to have an observing eye and a brave heart. He also said, "I wish all my students were live wires like Nancy Drew." (BK28)

BOOK 29 – MYSTERY AT THE SKI JUMP

Mrs. Channing is from the Forest Fur Company and they have many branches all over the country. Mr. Drew said of the Forest Fur Company, "No reliable company would peddle expensive furs and stocks door to door at bargain prices." Mrs. R.I. Channing sells furs and stock to others who live in River Heights. The fur company's headquarters is in Dunstan Lake, Vermont, but is possibly a phony outfit. Mrs. Clifton Packer is a wealthy widow in River Heights who bought several hundred shares in the Forest Fur Company. The trail to some stolen jewelry led to Longview Inn about five miles from Aunt Eloise's lodge in the Adirondacks. Nancy was captured by the thieves and thrown into an abandoned cabin in below freezing temperatures and was found a few hours later by family and friends lying on the floor, numb with cold and barely conscious. The doctor said, "Had Nancy not knew enough to keep exercising, she might have frozen to death. The state police captured the thieves and Nancy provided the final evidence to put them away which included a canvas-covered bundle of stolen minks from the Wells Mink Ranch along with some stock certificates. A final dinner party was held at the Longview Inn in Nancy's honor to celebrate her solving the mystery at the ski jump. Mrs. Parker asked the police to present her diamond pin to Nancy for the wonderful way she tracked down the thieves. She also received several glossy mink pelts, enough to make a lovely stole in remembrance of her adventure at Big Hill. Ned also received a deer head from Mr. Wells to hang over his fraternity house fireplace at Emerson College. (BK29)

BOOK 30 – THE CLUE OF THE VELVET MASK

Linda Seeley works at the Lightner Entertainment Company and used to go to school with Nancy. A masquerade party was hosted at the Hendrick Estate where Nancy's school friend Gloria Hendrick lives. Linda Seeley's boss is Mr. Peter Tombar. Nancy and the police are both working to catch the Velvet Gang for stealing valuables from various parties at well-to-do homes. Lieutenants Connolly and Whyte of the State Police helped to find George after she was drugged and kidnapped off the train near Amstar. After Nancy and Bess recovered George, she asked Nancy not to do any more work on the Velvet Gang case. Mr. Tombar once fired Linda Seeley because a bottle of ink was opened without his permission. Mr. Ralph Snecker works at Taylor's Department Store and uncrates and marks items to put out on sale. Mr. Lightner caught Peter Tombar when he was about to attack Nancy and asked him to resign on the spot. Ned, after hearing that Nancy had not come home from sleuthing with Bess at the Blue Iris Inn said, "I was afraid of this. She becomes so completely wrapped up in a mystery. Now something has happened." With Nancy and the State Police's help, dozens of cartons of silver and other valuables stolen from River Heights homes were recovered and returned to their owners. Mr. Lightner gave Nancy a gift of an ancient mask of a beautiful Egyptian queen for helping to solve the Velvet Gang mystery. (BK30)

BOOK 31 – THE RINGMASTER’S SECRET

Aunt Eloise from New York City sent Nancy a mystery package which held a gift with an unusual story. An exquisite gold bracelet with darling horse charms, but the sixth one was missing. Senor Roberto who taught Nancy how to trick ride used to work for Sims Circus. He taught her to ride without a saddle and to jump onto a moving horse. Nancy’s mare was an ex-circus horse named Belgian Star. Teddy Brown is a six-year-old neighbor whom Nancy took to see the Sims Circus tents be put up. Lolita also does a very daring trapeze act. Lolita is Mr. and Mrs. Kroon’s adopted daughter. Pietro, one of the circus clowns gave Nancy information about Lolita and the necklace charm her mother gave her before her parents died in a circus accident. Her parents, John and Lola Flanders had been American trapeze artists known as The Flying Flanders. Reinhold Kroon is the ringmaster and practically in charge of the whole circus. Mr. Sims rarely travels with the circus. Dan Webster is the circus horse trainer and once asked Nancy to solve the mystery of Sims Circus. Lolita and Pietro are engaged to be married. When the main bare back rider, Rosa, was injured, Dan Webster asked Nancy to be her replacement until a new temporary bare back rider could be found. The leader of the equestrian group is Rancoco. Mr. Drew and the others said that Nancy was a sensation. While at the circus, Nancy used a ventriloquistic trick to help out a friend. Nancy and George were later kidnapped and put on a train of which they eventually escaped. Mr. Drew and Nancy went to England to look for Lolita’s mother, Lola Flanders and found her in a nursing home and returned to the U.S.A with her. The reunion of Lolita and Lola Flanders occurred at the Melville Hotel. The Sim Circus Gang was round up and put away by the State Police. It turns out Lola Flanders owned most of the stock in the Sims Circus. Lolita, the happy bride and Pietro, her real prince were married during a full performance night in the great circus ring at the circus. Nancy gave the beautiful horse-charm bracelet to Lolita as a wedding gift. (BK31)

BOOK 32 – THE SCARLET SLIPPER MYSTERY

Bess joined at class at the Fontaine’s Dancing School to help reduce her figure. Nancy is always intrigued by the background of any art form, including dance. Henri and Helene Fontaine are from France and were recently warned that they would have to move again. Henri and Helene are Centrovians and once refugees in France under the name of Provak. Nancy found a clue in one of Mr. Howard’s figurines he purchased from a foreign art dealer named Mr. Warte. Bess has taken dance lessons since she was a tiny tot and knows all the steps that are taught to small children. Nancy and Bess volunteered to teach the small children’s dance class for the Fontaines when they went into hiding. Nancy agreed to take the dancing part for the charity show at the River Heights Civic Center. Nancy thought she would improvise to the “Satiric Polka” by Shostakovich and move naturally to the distinctive rhythm, combining ballet and rhythmic modern dancing. Nancy also solved a cryptogram as part of one of her clues. Henri Fontaine offered to paint Nancy’s portrait as a reward for helping him and his wife. Mr. Fontaine had painted twelve pictures of Helene as a ballerina and sold them to an unknown buyer. Ultimately, the paintings were used to smuggle jewels from France into the U.S. where the paintings were sold to various dance studios. Ultimately, all of the gang members were caught. Henri finished Nancy’s portrait and said it was his finest work. Henri suggested it be titled, “America’s Loveliest Sleuth.” (BK32)

BOOK 33 – THE WITCH TREE SYMBOL

Mrs. Tenney owns the Follett Mansion near Lancaster, Pennsylvania and recently moved into Nancy's neighborhood in River Heights. Mrs. Tenney's second cousin, Mr. Alpha Zinn took some of the furnishings from the mansion before she was able to see what was still there. While looking around the mansion, Nancy found the clue of a witch tree symbol, a Pennsylvania Dutch hex sign. An Amish family also asked Nancy to find their daughter who had recently disappeared. Nancy and Ned found the stolen Amish buggy and black horse and furniture and turned it over to the State Police. Nancy received a phone call that her father was in the hospital and very ill and hoped she would not be too late to see her father alive. George thought the call was fake and called her mom who confirmed Mr. Drew was not ill. Nancy complimented George for being quick-witted and for realizing that the call might be fake. After Nancy saved two boys lives from a falling beam during a barn raising, one boy's mom said, "I must admit that I never thought any woman were so brave as the Amish, but you have made me see that a girl does not have to be brought up like a pioneer to be courageous and helpful to others." Nancy and the girls found the Hoelt's farm, the stolen antique furniture and Manda, the Amish girl who ran away. Reading a note from a gypsy they found in one of the George Washington desks, the girls now knew the secret of the Hoelt's farm. It was the crystal cave in the hole in the ground. Manda returned home and was engaged to a man from Lancaster and planned to have a big Amish wedding a month later. (BK33)

BOOK 34 – THE HIDDEN WINDOW MYSTERY

Bess's mother says that Mrs. Dondo is a troublemaker who just moved into the neighborhood and is a social climber, a schemer, and very unpopular. Mrs. Dondo has a brother named Alonzo Rugby who's too slick for his own good and Mr. Dondo doesn't like his business dealings. The April Continental Magazine had an article regarding a reward for anyone who could solve the mystery of a missing stain-glass window. Sir Richard Greystone of England noted it's been in his family since the fourteenth century and was brought to the U.S. in about 1850 and pictures a knight riding off into battle. It also has the family shield and a peacock emblazoned on it. If Nancy solves the mystery, she plans to give the reward money to the River Heights General Hospital Fund for the new children's wing. Mr. Atwater is a client of Mr. Drew's and is an authority on stained-glass windows and loves to talk about his art. He still makes stained-glass windows, but only as a hobby in his complete studio in his home. Mr. Mark Bradshaw agreed to give Nancy a couple of lessons on stained-glass making and his studio / home is called Waverly. Susan Carr is Nancy's cousin who lives in Charlottesville, Virginia and she and the girls often visit. When Ned and the boys were in Charlottesville for an annual collegiate conference, they stopped by to see the girls at Susan's home. Mrs. Patterson, an actress and friend of Susan Carr's asked Nancy to help solve a mystery at her haunted house. Sheila Patterson owns Ivy Hall and she and her daughter Annette live there. Mrs. Johnson, a neighbor said that Grayce / Greystone families are probably one and the same. She also said that Sir Richard Greystone's stained-glass window may be located at Ivy Hall where the Grayce family lived in 1850. Ultimately, Nancy found the original stained-glass window between two layers of brick in the library of Ivy Hall. Sir Richard Greystone

not only paid the reward money to the hospital for the children's wing as Nancy asked, he also bought the stained-glass window from the Patterson's at Ivy Hall. (BK34)

BOOK 35 – THE HAUNTED SHOWBOAT

George and Bess have relatives in New Orleans. Bess calls them the Colonel and Aunt Stella and they have a daughter named Donna Mae who's engaged to Alex Upgrave from New York. The Haver's are giving Donna Mae a big engagement party during Mardi Gras. Donna Mae's former fiancé, Charles Bartolome promised to restore their showboat, the River Princess for the ball. Even before starting this new mystery in New Orleans, a professional thief stole Nancy's locked car out of the Drew's garage. So, Mr. Drew went out and bought Nancy a stunning new yellow convertible. Donna Mae lives at Sunnymead Plantation with her parents. Colonel Haver noted there's been strange happenings on the showboat and asked Nancy and the girls to help solve the mystery. The Haver's help was introduced as Mammy Matilda and Pappy Cole. Not a single towboat captain would push the River Princess out of the bayou. Uncle Rufus, a voodoo doctor gave Nancy and the girls a ride out to see the showboat in the swamp. Charles showed the girls around the River Princess as it was his job to restore the riverboat. Nancy found evidence that Donna Mae's fiancée was not the real Alex Upgrove and he fled. Nancy and Ned searched the riverboat and found a metal chest and mass of gold coins under several floor boards which Ned estimated at fifty-thousand dollars-worth. Ultimately, the remaining gang members were caught. Captain Runcie and his men used his tugboat to move the River Princess from the small pond up the stream to the Sunnymead dock. The River Princess was restored and ready for the grand ball before Mardi Gras. Alex Upgrove stole the gold coins, but was tackled by Ned just off the pirate's float at the end of the Marti Gras parade. As a souvenir, Nancy was given one of the gold coins and the Haver's and the De la Vernes shared the rest of the treasure. After the pageant, Donna Mae and Charles Bartolome were formally engaged. (BK35)

BOOK 36 – THE SECRET OF THE GOLDEN PAVILION

Mr. Sakamakai asked Nancy to solve his Kaluakua Estate mystery near the waters of Waikiki Beach area of Honolulu, Hawaii. It involved an inheritance from his grandfather Nikkio Sakamakai and some strange symbols and queer happenings on the estate's beach near the Golden Pavilion on the grounds. The strange symbols turned out to be ancient Polynesian symbols, one meaning water and the other meaning sleep or death. Before going to Hawaii, Nancy took hula dance lessons from Mr. and Mrs. Sakamakai. The Armstrong's are the Sakamaki's closest friends in Honolulu and offered to help Nancy in case of trouble. George found some old, small, dark wooden figurines in a hidden drawer under a heavy teakwood table. A local Polynesian expert curator examined each piece carefully and declared that the statuettes were very old and authentic and locked them up at the local museum. Nancy and Ned went skin diving at Kaluakua and had a close encounter with a shark. One clue was found buried under the Golden Pavilion and one on top, both having Polynesian symbols. The one hidden on top was a king's treasure which Ned uncovered. It was a long, varicolored ceremonial cape made of bird's feathers from the extinct o-o bird, a museum piece. The whole gang was hanging out at Mr. Sakamaki's house when the police surrounded the house and captured them all. High praise was given

to Nancy, Ned and their friends for solving the mystery of the Golden Pavilion. Kaluakua was given to Honolulu as an outdoor theater and a great luau was held to celebrate. (BK36)

BOOK 37 – THE CLUE IN THE OLD STAGECOACH

While Nancy and the girls were vacationing at Camp Merriweather, they stopped a runaway authentic stagecoach which was being taken to the deserted village of Bridgeford. John O'Brien was the young man who was toeing the stagecoach when it broke loose. Nancy and the girls met up with Mrs. Strook in Francisville about a mystery to solve regarding her Great-uncle Abner Langstreet's stagecoach business that went out of business when the railroad was built. He disappeared in September of 1853 and was found dead ten years later in a small farm-house a few miles out of town. Great-uncle Abner left a secret in his stagecoach and Mrs. Strook asked Nancy to help find it. Mrs. Strook gave Nancy a photograph of her great-uncle's stagecoach for comparison with an authentic stagecoach in an old barn at the deserted village of Bridgeford. Nancy stared at the photograph and noted the design and size were identical and looked as if it might have been Great-uncle Abner's stagecoach, but it wasn't. Nancy and the girls also looked at the small farm-house where Great-uncle Abner spent his last days and found some old notes. Nancy looked at the notes and determined that Abner buried the old stagecoach on a section of family property along the railroad. Nancy and her friends found the spot and dug up numerous chests containing the various parts of the old stagecoach. A letter from Abner Langstreet was found noting that when the cornerstone of the townhall in Francisville was laid in 1851, he put something into the cornerstone that might be of great value to the town. Art Warner, a resident and lawyer of the town scheduled a little celebration with the town fathers to open the cornerstone to see what the secret was and everyone was in attendance. In an envelope from Abner Langstreet were five blocks of four stamps each. They were Benjamin Franklin stamps of 1851 with the gum still on them and worth about \$150,000. Added to what the town could raise, they now had enough to build a fine new school. Mrs. Strook said, "All the credit for solving the mystery goes to Nancy Drew." She in turn praised her friends and Mrs. Strook. A special celebration with the restored old stagecoach was planned for Francisville with part of it being a parade with real horses. The mayor closed with, "Nancy Drew, detective, is hereby proclaimed an honorary citizen of Francisville because of the fine work she has done for our town!" (BK37)

BOOK 38 – THE MYSTERY OF THE FIRE DRAGON

Nancy and the girls headed to Aunt Eloise's in New York City to help out with a mystery surrounding Chi Che, an eighteen-year-old student at Columbia University who was in grave danger. At the time, Ned was an exchange student outside Hong Kong studying engineering at Chung Chi College. Grandpa Soong said that George Fayne reminds him very much of his granddaughter. Chi Che speaks seven languages and is of great help to Mr. Stromberg at the local bookstore. Grampa Soong was writing a manuscript when someone broke in and stole it. When George dressed up as Chi Che and walked around Columbia University, a man approached her and asked, "How did you get away Chi Che Soong?" While Nancy was in Hong Kong making plans, she was kidnapped and taken away by plane. Ned got the police involved and three fighter jets came to her rescue. After her bonds were unfastened, she freshened up and told Ned, "I'm ready to go to Kam Tin to continue sleuthing for Chi Che." In astonishment Ned said, "You can certainly take it!"

After being kidnapped again, Nancy was placed on Mr. Lung's junk. Nancy and Chi Che escaped by jumping overboard and swimming to another boat which brought them to shore. They reported this to Mr. Drew by phone and returned to the hotel and the police rounded up the rest of the gang members. Grandpa Soong's stolen manuscript was also recovered. For their help, Grandpa Soong said that he would dedicate his book to Nancy and the girls. Nancy was touched and said she could not imagine any greater reward for her efforts. (BK38)

BOOK 39 – THE CLUE OF THE DANCING PUPPET

Mr. Drew introduced Nancy to one of his clients, Mr. Hamilton Spencer, a professional actor. He and his wife Margo are engaged by the Footlighters to coach their plays. Nancy noticed that the old Van Pelt Estate was given to the Footlighters and is ideal for performances. Nancy was asked to solve the mystery of the dancing artificial marionette at the Van Pelt Estate. Nancy and George also joined the Footlighter's with Bess so they could spend more time at the estate and help solve the mystery. Bess was cast as a maid and as an amateur actress in the Spencer's Civil War play. Emmet Calhoun said to Nancy with admiration, "Excellent, I see you know Shakespeare's Henry the Sixth. Did you ever think of training for the theater? You have a marvelous speaking voice. Think about it my dear. You might become a great actress!" When the leading lady became sick, Nancy stepped in to take the part and did an excellent job in the play. The dancing puppet was found and it was full of stolen valuable necklaces. A fifty-year-old diary of Ralph Van Pelt's was also found. He was an inventor who came to the U.S. from Holland. He used to make life-sized puppets with mechanical devices inside to make them move. Bess was also able to play a minor character in the show. A fourth and final puppet was found under the floor boards in the attic wearing a Spanish costume. Inside were papers and drawings on how to produce electricity from chemical fuels. (BK39)

BOOK 40 – THE MOONSTONE CASTLE MYSTERY

Mr. Drew and Nancy are on a case to solve Mr. Bowen's mystery and find his missing grandchild Joanie. Nancy received a mysterious package in the mail containing a moonstone. Grandmother Horton lived on the outskirts of town but recently passed and now Mrs. Emory lives in the Horton house. Mrs. Hemstead is a local woman who prides herself on not missing a thing that's going on. Nancy used an alias named Irene Insbruck and played a shy girl with a high-pitched voice while sleuthing in Deep River near the Moonstone Castle. Mrs. Thompson is the owner of the Long View Motel where Nancy and the girls were staying. Deep River Valley was once called Moonstone Valley. When Nancy and the girls and Ned and the boys were accused of stealing a boat, she told the police she was Nancy Drew, the daughter of Carson Drew of River Heights, an attorney, and the case was dismissed. Dave said, "Boy, am I glad to be a friend of such a famous person!" Through Nancy's sleuthing, she eventually concluded that Jody Armstrong and Joanie Horton are the same person. In the end, all of the gang members were put in jail and Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, Jody Armstrong's grandparents were reunited. Jody received the remaining of Grandma Horton's stolen securities and gave a lot of the money to her grandparents to use in their missionary work. (BK40)

BOOK 41 – THE CLUE OF THE WHISTLING BAGPIPES

Nancy's maternal great-grandmother, Lady Douglas lives in Inverness-Shire, Scotland. Nancy worked next on the mystery of a missing heirloom that was to be hers, but was mislaid or lost. Lady Douglas intended to turn over her large house and estate called Douglas House to the National Trust of Scotland which preserves old castles, ruins, and other places of historic interest. Ned told Nancy about a ring of thieves who were stealing sheep and lambs in the Highlands of Scotland. Bess submitted a picture of Nancy sleuthing into a contest by the magazine Photographie International and won a trip anywhere she wanted to go. Bess told Nancy, "You'll be famous all over the world! The picture that won first prize was a picture of Nancy with a magnifying glass, looking at some footprints. Nancy detested publicity, and here she had suddenly and inadvertently been brought to the attention of the reading public. Someone ran a truck into Nancy's blue convertible and it was a total wreck. Ned offered to solve the mystery of who totaled her convertible while she was away in Scotland. Aunt Eloise has a chanter from a bagpipe and played a little bit of the tune "Scots, WhaHae" for Nancy and the girls. Aunt Eloise showed Nancy how to play the bagpipes and she was quite pleased with herself. Because of Nancy's picture in the paper, she was being recognized by various Scots. She decided not to give any more autographs or give anybody else a chance to use her autograph in some unsavory scheme. Next, Nancy and the girls traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland. Having met Lady Douglas at Douglas House, there was an instant sense of closeness between her and Nancy. The missing heirloom Nancy was to receive was Lady Douglas' most prized possession. A brooch with a large topaz in the center surrounded by diamonds. Ultimately, Nancy's scheme caused the gang of sheep thieves to be caught and ultimately led to finding the stolen brooch in the pond at Lady Douglas' estate. Lady Douglas told Nancy, "You have really earned this heirloom and in a very hard way!" (BK41)

BOOK 42 – THE PHANTOM OF PINE HILL

Nancy and the girls arrived for Emerson College's June Week and Ned Nickerson helped the girls find lodging at an old house on Pine Hill in Emerson. Uncle John Rorick is an elderly bachelor who lives there with his housekeeper. Uncle John noted that the phantom of Pine Hill wants something in his library, a room he keeps locked. It appears the phantom of Pine Hill also stole a pearl necklace from Nancy. A chest of wedding gifts for the Rorick family was sent by ancestors from France and a shipment of gold coins for Emerson Bank, but both were lost during an explosion on the Lucy Belle, a steamship that sank not far from Settler's Cove. While Nancy looked at an old Indian Village, she came across a shallow cave and found a clue from the Lucy Belle. Then all of Uncle John's money and a valuable coin collection were stolen from his safe. Nancy and Ned went scuba diving and found the remains of Lucy Belle and explored the cargo hold, but didn't find anything. While searching around the fireplace in the library, Nancy found an amazing passageway above the mantel shelf which led to the kitchen. George found Uncle John's stolen coin collection in the passageway. Bess caught the phantom with his spray gun in the library by knocking him off balance and he fell unconscious. She called the police and Fred Jenkins and his dad were arrested. One of the gang members gave Nancy back her pearl necklace and said, "I'm giving you your pearl necklace because I admire your grit!" Nancy and the girls continued to look for the wedding gifts at the Indian Village near a huge old pine stump and dug up two iron chests. One had the words Lucy Belle on the lid

with a huge heap of gold coins inside that likely belonged to the town of Emerson. The other chest had the word Rorick in bold lettering on the lid with the wedding gifts for Abigail Rorick inside. Uncle John presented the chest of gold coins to the town officials and the wedding gown and other pieces to the Emerson College Museum. He also said he would give the precious miniature jewels to the first of the three girls to be married. They all blushed and Nancy quickly changed the subject. (BK42)

BOOK 43 – THE MYSTERY OF 99 STEPS

Mr. Drew needed assistance from Nancy to solve a mystery in Paris, France and at a large chateau in the country. Mrs. Blair, a neighbor to Bess and George had a dream related to the mystery of the 99 steps. She lived in France as a small child and had a frightening experience. Mr. Neuf sent a message to Mrs. Blair not to tell anyone about the 99 steps. Marie and Monique Bardot, nieces to Mrs. Blair stayed at the Drew's while visiting their Aunt Josette. Mr. Drew's case is called, "The Case of the Frightened Financier." Monsieur Charles Leblanc is a business owner who is scared for some reason and is trying to close down his factory. A man warned Nancy several times not to go to France. The warnings possibly came from Mr. Claude Aubert, a twin to Louis Aubert in Paris, who is somehow tied to Mr. Drew's financier mystery. After many setbacks, Nancy and the girls eventually found Chateau Loire and the 99 steps leading to an old-fashioned wooden door which once led to an alchemist's prison. Nancy devised a plan to expose the fake alchemist, Abdul Ramos / Louis Aubert. Mr. Leblanc cooperated in catching Abdul and his wife who sings the madrigals. Mrs. Aubert turned out to be Lucille Manon, a friend of Mrs. Josette Blair, her governess from many years ago. The police arrested Louis Aubert and Lucille Manon and while preceding from the prison, Nancy was the last one to close the door to the mystery of the 99 steps! (BK43)

BOOK 44 – THE CLUE IN THE CROSSWORD CIPHER

Carla Ponce from Lima, Peru asked Nancy to solve the monkey mystery using a three-hundred-year-old round wooden plaque to find a treasure. While in Lima, Peru, Nancy said she would depend on George and her judo to take care of any trouble makers. In the past a young Inca Indian came to the home of one of Senor Ponce's ancestors and handed him the plaque. The plaque is made of arrayanes wood which only grows in the Argentine forest in Peru. Carla's ancient ancestor named Aguilar had carved the plaque. Upon a return trip from the Argentine forest to Lima, Peru, Nancy was almost sucked out of an airplane when the hatch door blew off. Maponhni provided travel services for the girls and Pansitimba assisted with finding clues on the plaque and provided ancient stories from his tribe linked to Carla's ancestors. This then led to the Nascan lines about two-hundred miles south of Lima in southern Peru where giant figures were scratched into the earth in the pebble desert. A helicopter pilot located the same monkey etched on the plaque, scratched into the earth by the Ponce's ancestor Aguilar. Everyone agreed with Nancy's idea as to where they should look for treasure and at first, they found the mummy of Renato Aguilar. El Gato and his companions were arrested by Federal police officers for trying to stop Nancy and the girls from finding the treasure. Nancy and the others found a solid-gold box with several solid-gold objects of Inca design buried at the tip of the monkey's tail. Nancy and her special friends actually solved a three-hundred-year-old mystery and Nancy said, "I didn't do it alone. A lot of credit goes to my very special friends." (BK44)

BOOK 45 – THE SPIDER SAPPHIRE MYSTERY

Nancy asked her dad about the spider sapphire mystery. She and the girls signed up to go on an African safari with Ned and the boys through Emerson College and the botany, zoology, and geology departments. Professor and Mrs. Wilmer Stanly were the leaders for the safari. The worst mission Nancy and the girls ever had was to go to Emerson College to find Ned after he was kidnapped. Nancy and the gang and the police found Ned bound-up in a cabin down by the river. After the Emerson College group landed in Nairobi, Kenya they hopped onto three buses and began their safari. While visiting one of the tribes, Nancy was asked to sing the love lullaby Madame Bulawaya had taught her and the natives were enthusiastic. Nancy eventually found Tizam at a woodworking shop in Mombasa where he makes exquisite pieces of three gazelles. Tizam had amnesia, but soon remembered who he was after Nancy sang his sisters lullaby and mentioned the spider sapphire. With a clue from Tizam, Nancy and Ned found the spider sapphire in an abandoned dungeon off Vasco da Gama Street. Nancy and Ned returned the spider sapphire to Mr. Tagore. As a gift, Tizam gave Mr. Tagore and the young people woodcarvings of the three gazelles standing together. (BK45)

BOOK 46 – THE INVISIBLE INTRUDER

Helen Corning Archer sent Nancy a letter inviting her on a vacation to prove or disprove rumors about five ghost haunts some distance from River Heights. Seven couples made up the ghost hunters. The first-stop was Pine Grove Camp on Lake Sevanee with its haunted canoe that propelled itself. The second-stop was in Vernonville at a medium's prophecy hut where during seances it always thundered inside for people to hear. The third-stop was the Red Barn Guesthouse in Middleburg where several people had seen a phantom horse racing across a field at night with a ghost rider running after it. The fourth-stop was at Crag Mountain Inn that once was an old fort and has ghosts of prisoners reported fluttering around. The fifth-stop was a private home called the Cranshaw Estate where the owner was a skull and shell collector and every night there was an invisible intruder in the mansion. Ultimately, Nancy was excited to solve all five-mysteries in one trip. (BK46)

BOOK 47 – THE MYSTERIOUS MANNEQUIN

An anonymous package was mailed to Mr. Drew containing an Oriental silk rug that he guessed his Turkish-American client, Farouk Tahmasp had sent him. Mr. Tahmasp mysteriously disappeared two-years-ago after he was accused of smuggling rugs, but was acquitted. He had a mannequin in the window of his shop of a young Turkish lady, but closed his shop and sold his rugs to a dealer in New York. The mannequin was probably sold to a shop or museum, but nobody knew for sure. After the rug store closed, it became Anthony's Tailor Shop. Mr. Anthony found a pair of Turkish slippers in his shop and gave them to Nancy. Nancy looked for a message in the rug from Mr. Tahmasp. It said, CAR SON FIND MANNEQUIN. Another part of the rug message said, I LOVE HER. Another word was found in the rug message, CARRY. Mr. Simpson owns the Travel Bureau in Compton and is the father of the boy who almost drowned at the Water Wheel Restaurant in Everest. Mr. Randolph is Mr. Simpson's assistant and they have an upcoming trip to Turkey in which they invited Nancy to join them because she helped save Mr. Simpsons

son from drowning. Another rug message noted, HER TO. Two more clues were NST LE, which Nancy concluded meant CONSTANTINOPLE. Additional rug clues noted, SHOESHINE STAND. Nancy and the gang planned a trip to Istanbul, Turkey to hopefully solve the mystery. Bess was kidnapped by Aslanapa and then Ned and the boys rescued Bess. The police arrested Aslanapa and his family. While at the Great Cistern, Nancy was attacked and Farouk showed up and embraced Aisha as they were to be married. Bess noted, "What a wonderful ending to a mystery." Mr. Drew made reservations at a beautiful dinner banquet for everyone that evening. As it turns out, Aisha was the mannequin that everybody was looking for. Aisha asked to have a fine painting made of everyone who solved the mystery with Nancy in the center, in the place of honor. (BK47)

BOOK 48 – THE CROOKED BANISTER

Mr. Drew and Nancy agreed to help a couple from River Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Melody who were recently swindled by a man named Rawley Banister from Mountainville. Rawley sold the Melody's a piece of land in Arizona which turned out to be on an Indian reservation. Rally's sister Sally Carrier and his brother Thomas Banister his put up bail for him, but he skipped town. A fire at the Ruppert Motel in Mountainville burned a copy of the deed against Rawley Banister and the originals Mrs. Melody had. Rawley calls himself the Crooked Banister and his home is full of unusual architecture. He liked to see how much he could build things off balance without them toppling over. Rawley Bannister's robot needed repair and Mr. Glassboro, a very good electrician from Mountainville helped out. After Robby the robot was repaired, it attacked Mr. Glassboro and Nancy and Bess and George rescued them out of a locked closet. Rawley continued to swindle other people through false real-estate deals and false club memberships. Based on a few clues, Mr. Drew and Nancy took a quick trip to Leupp, Arizona to see if they could find anything that would help solve the mystery. Bess and George stayed in Mountainville to work on the case with Thomas Rawley. Mr. Drew and Nancy found several more clues in Arizona. All the young people vowed to help the Navaho children of Leupp and the nearby community and appointed Bess to be chairwoman of the committee. The gang eventually found boxes of money and a skeleton's bracelet behind the wall of the crooked stairway in the Banister House. The police, Thomas Banister and Mrs. Carrier arrived and Nancy and her friends turned over Clyde Mead, Rawley's partner. Rawley was killed in an explosion on his cruiser and drowned. (BK48)

BOOK 49 – THE SECRET OF MIRROR BAY

Nancy's Aunt Eloise rented a rustic cottage on Otesaga Lake in New York as she and the girls were invited to solve a mystery about a mysterious woman who glides over the water on misty mornings. The name of the cottage is Bide-A-Wee, which is Scottish for "Stay A While". A vacation swindle also happened to several busloads of people from New York City by a woman who was Nancy's twin. There was also a green sorcerer who lived on the mountain. Nancy and George rescued Miss Armitage from drowning as she looked for a box with a beautiful royal coach in it that she intended to give to the Fenimore Museum. Nancy agreed to help find the royal coach. Officer Duffy also helped Nancy look for her twin on top of the mountain. While looking for the coach in Otesaga Lake, Nancy and the girls found a small cash of coins of English origin and put them in a safe-deposit box at the bank and notified the police. Ned and the boys came to visit and brought along Professor

Matt Bronson, a chemistry professor at Emerson College who's about the same age as Aunt Eloise. One night, Nancy's twin was captured by Drew and company. Matt had an astounding revelation as to what the thieves were doing. They were looking to develop a formula for cold light using the phenomenon of fireflies. The State Police captured several of the gang members at the Hyde Homestead above the lake and the two gang leaders were apprehended a short while later. Nancy and the gang then crossed the lake to look for the secret of Mirror Bay. After some hard work they found a metal box in the deep water which held an exquisite child's royal coach which Miss Armitage presented it to the Fenimore Museum as a wonderful addition to their exhibits. The museum had a special key to Cooperstown made for Nancy and her friends, and one for Nancy to Mirror Bay. (BK49)

BOOK 50 – THE DOUBLE JINX MYSTERY

Mr. Drew was engaged to unjinx a man named Oscar Thurston who owns a farm and a small zoo, but was warned that if he took the case, he too would be cursed. Ramsey Wright, owner of the High-Rise Construction Company wants to build apartment buildings on Mr. Thurston's land. School children and grownups from the town of Harper and for miles around go to the Thurston Farm to see the animals and the birds. Oscar is a naturalist farmer. Kammy, a Eurasian student at Harper University owns a wryneck bird which is used in witchcraft to put jinxes on people, and is staying and helping out at the farm. Mrs. Thurston is quite superstitious. Nancy drew a picture of a missing man and Chief Pepper of the Harper Police Department gave copies to all his men. Councilman Ryan owns a clothing store in Harper and is one of five councilman who will be voting on whether to condemn the Thurston Farm so apartments can be built there. The other councilman and local business owners are Mr. Hinchcliff, Thomas Winnery, Mr. Clifford, and Mr. Tabler. Nancy and the gang continued to look for the suspects and with the help of the State Police, all were apprehended. Based on a last-minute plan from Nancy, the Thurston's property was saved and wouldn't be condemned. All five councilmen voted to save the property and allow high-rise apartments to be built nearby. (BK50)

BOOK 51 – MYSTERY OF THE GLOWING EYE

When an unpiloted helicopter landed on the Drew's front lawn, Nancy found a warning note inside, "Beware of Cyclops". Marty King, a new researcher Mr. Drew hired, recently graduated from Bushwick Law School. Nancy thought she would be taking her place on some of her father's upcoming cases and was a bit jealous. While looking for Ned and the mysterious helicopter, Nancy and the girls met her dad and Marty King on another case. Mr. Drew suggested that Nancy investigate the Anderson Museum in Hagar because he thought there was a clue there about the glowing eye. One hanging wall display at the museum had enlarged glass eyes with descriptions of the types of eyes. Zapp Crosson, a graduate student who works with Ned in the lab, disappeared along with Ned at the same time. Nancy and the girls continued to look for clues to their whereabouts. Nancy found a giant-sized glass eye in the lab and a voice spoke to her from inside, "Don't touch me! I am the deadly Cyclops!" Nancy and the gang looked for Ned in a swamp near Arbutus and found a cabin full of electronic equipment and some notes describing how Ned was being treated. They didn't find Ned at a local farmhouse either and just missed his captor. Nancy also discovered that the glowing eye was removed from the Hagar Museum. Later, a paralyzing light from the glowing eye caused Nancy and friends not to speak or move for

five-minutes. Nancy and Burt surprised and captured Zapp Crosson in the attic of the museum and the police took him away. The following morning, Ned showed up at Emerson College in a helicopter and explained everything. Ned's invention is a new way for scientists to produce laser light so that even a small source of energy will do great feats. It's done by converting all of the energy into light. The names of Crosson's pals were also turned over to the police. While Nancy updated her father on what's going on, she was delighted to hear that Marty King had been jealous of all her accomplishments and that she was asked to resign and had left her father's employ. (BK51)

BOOK 52 – THE SECRET OF THE FORGOTTEN CITY

Mrs. Wabash, a woman who lives in Nevada, asked Nancy to look for clues to a lost treasure in the Forgotten City. Fleetfoot Joe, an Indian stole some stone petroglyph tablets and a paper dictionary from Mrs. Wabash. Professor Donald Maguire from the University of Nevada had tried to help decipher the petroglyphs and noted that several golden sheets were probably hidden in the desert. Students from Emerson College and the University of Nevada planned to go to the desert by caravan to search for the Forgotten City and possibly some lost artifacts. Nancy and the gang made an authentic looking substitution stone tablet and gave it to Fleetfoot Joe to lead him astray. All of the professors and students met in Las Vegas to plan how to solve the mystery. At the hotel, they found Miss Wanna Antler, a student of geology and surveying who was to help them. The research team made camp in the desert based on her advice. At dinner time, Miss Antler told of various stories and legends she'd heard from older Indians. Nancy and Ned took a side-trip to visit the Valley of Fire and search for the missing tablets among the fantastic conglomeration of red rocks. Wanna looked at one tablet they found and said that it proved her theory about an underground river with gold nuggets on its shores. Nancy, Wanna and the gang took another side trip to look for the lost river and well. Nancy found a turquoise bead and Bess an ancient clay doll that Wanna suggested she present to the curator of the Lost City Museum. Inside the well, Ned found a gold nugget down at the level of the lost river. Nancy and Ned also unearthed a complete human skeleton. Fleetfoot tried to abduct Nancy, but the researchers were able to capture him. Nancy and the gang again searched the Mouse's Tank and the Valley of Fire. Additional tablets were found and returned to Mrs. Wabash so she could piece out the full story of her ancestors and the Forgotten City. Mrs. Wabash used a petroglyph dictionary to figure out the probable translation of the stone tablets. Nancy and the gang returned to the well / tunnel to continue the search for the gold plates. Nancy found the lost treasure of the Forgotten City along the river tunnel and her and Ned were rescued down river by George and Burt at the water hole. With the discovery of the river, once again it could be a great farming spot for the local Indians. When the contents of the bundle were removed, there were four oblong gold plates covered in fine-lined symbols which Nancy gave to the curator of the Lost City Museum. A rousing cheer was made for Nancy and her invaluable discovery. (BK52)

BOOK 53 – THE SKY PHANTOM

Nancy took flying lessons from Bruce Fisher, a new instructor at the Excello Flying School in the Midwest near Hamilton Ranch. Pop Hamilton is the owner of the ranch and a local deputy sheriff. Bruce and Nancy used Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) to locate an airplane in distress by following the volume level of beeps, louder meaning closer. Bruce

told Nancy of a strange phenomenon, a mystery cloud that never dissipates near the high hills in the area. Roger Paine is the owner of the downed plane they found, but he was missing and his plane mysteriously disappeared the next day. Bruce noted you can get lost inside the great cloud and sometimes compass needles go crazy if you get too close. Nancy and the girls and three men went on a trail ride to look for more clues to the missing pilot and a stolen palomino horse which they found in a natural stone stable. Having investigated the cloud by plane, it appeared to hide infinitesimal bits of magnetic particles in the shape of a sky phantom. Nancy found a cryptogram on the back of a silver metal plate which she solved and it read, "Revolution Bomb Site Under Great Cloud". Ned and the boys came to visit Nancy and the girls. Burt and Dave and the girls went to rescue some calves while Nancy and Ned investigated under the great white cloud. Here they found some rifles and disarmed bombs. Six planes full of people went after the Sky Phantom and his gang who were ultimately rounded up under the great white cloud. Nancy and Ned found Roger Paine tied up in a cave near the natural stone stable and freed him. The mystery of the sky phantom was solved and Nancy was congratulated and commended for her work. Nancy also congratulated Bess and George and Ned and the boys, as without them, Nancy could never have put all the pieces of the puzzle together. (BK53)

BOOK 54 – THE STRANGE MESSAGE IN THE PARCHMENT

Nancy's former schoolmate Junie Flockhart and her family moved about a day's drive away from River Heights to Triple Creek Farm, a large sheep farm. When Junie came to visit Nancy, her father sent along a sheepskin jacket gift and a story about a mystery he wanted Nancy to solve for him. Regarding the parchment he recently bought, he got a phone call about the pictured message. If anyone could figure it out, they would bring happiness and comfort to several people, and right an old wrong. The mystery picture now hangs over the fireplace mantel at the farm. The parchment painting is in four paintings. First – a beautiful woman; second – a young man with his back to the viewer; third – portrays a group of angels surrounded by clouds with the figure in the center holding an infant; and fourth – depicting a collision between a steamer and a sailing vessel. Ned believes that Vincenzo Caspari, an interesting artist who lives near the farm, might be able to help out with the parchment. Mr. Flockhart bought the mysterious parchment from his neighbor Sal Rocco who lives across the hill and is one of his best clients. Nancy met a young boy at Mr. Rocco's named Tony who might be the young child in the mystery parchment. Junie's boyfriend is Dan White who studies Italian at a nearby university and was able to talk with Tony. Mr. Vincenzo Caspari mentioned an artist with the initials D.B., Diana Bolardo who lives in Rome, Italy and reached out to her through his family. Mr. Rocco was very cruel to the young boy and eventually Tony ran away. Later, Nancy and Dan found Tony who said he wanted to go back to his family in Italy. Diana Bolardo, who painted the parchment, was contacted and said she would come to the Flockhart's farm. Mrs. Bolardo came to the U.S. to see her son Tony who looks a lot like her and shows great promise as an artist. Mr. Rocco and his men were caught and handed over to the police. Tony returned to Italy with his mom where he would continue to learn English and be trained as an artist from the masters. Someday Nancy hoped to see many beautiful paintings by Antonio Rocco Bolardo. (BK54)

BOOK 55 – MYSTERY OF CROCODILE ISLAND

Mr. Drew asked Nancy and the girls to help out on a mystery related to an old college friend named Roger Gonzales who lives outside Miami, Florida. Twenty-miles from Key Biscayne is a place called Crocodile Island with men who operate a crocodile farm. Mr. Gonzales has stock in the Crocodile Ecology Company and is a silent partner, but believes his partners are up to something dishonest. Nancy and the girls pretended to be tourists so his partners wouldn't catch on to their investigation. The girls stayed with friends of Mr. Drew's, Mr. and Mrs. Cosgrove. Their son Danny is an excellent sailor and is familiar with the keys and offered to take the girls around in his motorboat. The girls were immediately kidnapped when they got to Florida, but were able to escape and take a taxi to the Cosgrove's. Danny gave the girls a quick tour to Crocodile Island in the families motorized skiff, but two men in a boat called "The Whisper" threatened and forced them away from the island. Next, they used a different boat to try and pick up additional clues and rescued a runaway boy named Colombo Banks from the island who gave them just that. Danny and the girls visited a small local Navy Station with a bottle and note that George found. Captain Smith said the old Venerable's records note appeared to be authentic. After George recognized a picture of one of the men driving the Whisper, the captain said the man was Awol from the Navy and that he was looking for him. Colombo was also able to identify the man who beamed a golf ball at Mr. Gonzales head sending him to the hospital. The police then went to Crocodile Island and arrested all of the gang members. Mr. Gonzales thanked all of them for their superb work. He also took over ownership of Crocodile Island and Colombo and Sol became his new manager and assistant. (BK55)

BOOK 56 – THE THIRTEENTH PEARL

Mr. Drew asked Nancy to work on a mystery theft that recently took place. Mr. Moto is a Japanese jeweler in River Heights who works for a large firm with offices all over the world and may be involved in the theft. Nancy and the girls witnessed a robbery of a very expensive pearl necklace from Mr. Moto's jewelry store. The thief possibly works for World Wide Jems Incorporated headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. Chief McGinnis recommended Nancy call on Professor Joji Mise, a teacher in Japanese art to learn about pearls and customs in Japan. Professor Mise has a brother and his wife who live just outside Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Moto has a brother, Tetsuo, who lives in Tokyo. Following up on a clue related to Rising Sun Tires, Nancy discovered that Mr. Kampura imports tires from Japan and lives on the outskirts of River Heights. He's in the wholesale jewelry business and also works for World Wide Jems Incorporated. Toshio Mise and his wife hosted Mr. Drew and Nancy as guests in their home just outside Tokyo. Mrs. Rossmeyer is a lover of gems and a well-known jewelry trader. Mr. Drew and the gang flew by plane to visit a pearl farm where Nancy saw one of the thieves who took her picture at the famous Nara Park in Japan. The Mise's invited Mr. Drew and Nancy to a wedding reception where bracelets, necklaces, pins, and hair ornaments were stolen from guests. Mr. Drew and Nancy returned to River Heights where Nancy and Ned were invited to a going away party for Mr. Moto at Mrs. Rossmeyer's home. At the party, Nancy and Ned were tricked and locked in a hallway, but escaped. Nancy and Ned left Mrs. Rossmeyer's home and went to the police. It turned out the real Mrs. Rossmeyer was still in Paris, France. Nancy and Ned returned to Mrs. Rossmeyer's home and followed a car many miles to another home where they discovered Mr. Kampura, Benny the Slippery One Caputti and his wife. Mr. Moto and

the stolen jewelry were being held there in a dungeon. Nancy and Ned also found the exquisite pearl necklace with twelve pearls on each side of a huge magnificent center one that was stolen from Mr. Moto's jewelry store. When the police arrived, everyone was locked up. Mr. Moto helped to locate many of the stolen pieces of jewelry throughout the house and returned them to their rightful owners. Mr. Drew agreed to represent Mr. Moto in making charges against his kidnappers and the jewel thieves. As Ned and Nancy drove off in his car to River Heights, Ned told Nancy she did a great job. Nancy in turn told Ned he was a terrific help and said, "Do you think we'll ever get another mystery to solve?" Ned chuckled and said, "It seems to me that you have had quite a few mysteries to solve since The Secret of the Old Clock." As Mr. Drew took Mr. Moto home, the Japanese jeweler said to him, "I think you have the most wonderful daughter in the world!" (BK56)

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