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Natalia says

It's Nancy Drew meets Encyclopedia Brown meets Mr. Wizard. Each Chapter has a story and an activity to do at the end. Such as Chapter one deals with handwriting and how to read "clues" in the way people write.

Sheri says

Short chapters covering various techniques for sleuthing out the criminal. Perfect for the budding junior detective and complements the Nancy Drew series quite nicely.

ErikaH15 says

5/5 stars. Great book! Awesome insight on tips used by Nancy Drew to solve cases. Each chapter focuses on a different strategy - from decrypting codes to observing appearances, this book gives readers of all ages inspiration to go out and solve a mystery!

Emily Pohl-Weary says

This is the book that made me determined to be a detective, just like Nancy.

Shaundell says

What a great little book! This book is divided down into ten chapters, with each chapter focusing on a different element that a good detective focuses on, such as body language, handwriting, and fingerprints. Activities and information are located at the back of each chapter. I took this book and created a detective unit for my English class to help us as we write our mystery/suspense stories.

Jerry says

Before opening this, I had expected it to be an instructional manual of sorts. It is, to a degree...but, it also contains several mini-mysteries involving Nancy, her father, and friends of hers who don't appear in any of the other books I've read. While entertaining at times, I found some parts--especially the ones on palmistry and interpreting someone's personality via his/her handwriting--to be ridiculous. Still, it's better than I thought it would be.

Ralph says

As a modern criminology textbook, "The Nancy Drew Sleuth Book" leaves much to be desired. However, as a detective handbook aimed at the target audience of the venerable series it is excellent. It's the sort of book I would have liked to own when I opened my first detective agency, and at the time I would have been at the lower end of the "target audience" agewise even if not genderwise. During a single summer, I read every single Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys book that had been published up to that time, and the experience hooked me as a fan of both series as well as a gumshoe wannabe. Unfortunately, this book did not exist in that long-ago year, so I had to glean what I could from the books themselves, and, all in all, that was no small amount of sleuthing lore.

In this book, the techniques of detection are dispensed to the reader in ten easy-to-digest chapters in the form of cases solved by Nancy Drew's Detective Club, which is composed of several of her friends in River Heights. Each chapter covers a particular phase of crime detection, such as handwriting, fingerprints and codes. There is even a fun section in which Nancy and her friends, by learning the psuedo-science behind palmistry, are able to turn the tables on a crook who believes in fortune telling. None of the crimes investigated are graphic or horrific in nature, and parents need not worry about the violence level. The book is clearly written, the cases are intrinsically interesting, justice is always served (with ethics thrown in for good measure), and the information presented is accurate and useful. Sam Spade might not have much use for this book, but Sam Spade Jr, well, that's another story entirely.

Kereesa says

Am I a real sleuth now, Nancy?

This was a like a series of themed short stories. But they were all awful. I think I'll go back to 80s ND now.

Emily says

Definitely a children's book! But still had some good information. I can promise all the information is necessarily true, but still good information to keep in the back of your mind as a reminder. A quick read, though I didn't personally agree with it all. I felt like a lot of chapters were drawn out, still an alright book though with all your favorite characters. Suitable for middle grade and up. 3.5 out of 5 stars.

Sarah Crawford says

This is an extremely well done book. The basic theme is that Nancy has a group of girls that form a Detective Club. She tells them about various methods to gathering clues. Each section is a short story about the club, what type of clue they are involved with, and an activity so the reader can try out their own skills.

The first section is on handwriting and the second is on thumbprints. Fingerprints are, of course, of major value in crime-fighting. The next section is about how to really notice what is going on around you so that you can describe to the police any suspicious character that you see.

One of my favorites, codes, is the next section. This is followed by a section on observing and taking shoe prints from a crime scene. Another section on observing people follows that one. Then there's a story about a woman who has lost a cameo and the girls help her find it.

Palm prints form the next section, although I doubt they are considered very useful in actual crime-fighting. A section on testimony shows how two different people, neither of whom is a crook, can differ considerably on their view of something.

The last section confuses me a little. There's a report of a ghost in a place and, as usual, it's not a real ghost. There is a guy who doesn't want the place sold and he acts the part of the ghost. The odd part is that he leaves a message on the basement wall, but it's in code. Why in code? I know there was a section on code breaking earlier, but a guy who wants people to stay away will leave an easily understandable message, not one in code.

Other than that one problem, this is a really neat book.

thewestchesterian says

The biggest mystery involves keeping track of all the characters in the girl detective club. This compilation book of Nancy's tricks of the trade unfolds technique by basic technique over the course of a small number of chapters. Compared to a standard Nancy Drew book, the chapters are lengthy and include a mystery which Nancy solves despite the input of a extensive number of girls in her girl detective club. The text makes little distinction between these minor characters and none really gets a chance to contribute much to any of the solutions. Each chapter includes a minor activity most of which are silly (e.g., *"go to a public place and observe the people there."*) In short, opt for an installment of the regular series instead.

Onysha says

Entertaining at its best. I don't agree with using handwriting as a way to know someone's personality, and the chapter on palmistry was just plain weird. Apparently, I am very unlucky according to palmistry.

A bunch of unrealistic chase scenes, with shockingly docile criminals. And the thing about expensive brooches is that you don't wear them outside. Ever. Unless you want to lose them.

Codes like "FSSU KCUXUDIEFJV EKFNEBHFWKDMWFNEGJBG"** sound like they're a foreign language? Oh, puh-lease, how stupid can you get? Foreign languages don't sound that much like the nonsense spouting from your mouth.

**Not a reproduction of the code in the book, but you get the gist.

Makay E says

This book helped me a lot with being a better detective I can already tell I am improving. This was an interesting book to read I liked to see if I could figure it out before her. I also learned a lot about fortune telling and other fun things. This is definitely a book I would read again.

Seema ♥Nerdgirl♥ says

Finally! Glad I finished it. Took me a long time to finish it.

I didn't really like it as it was so boring. All it talked about was sleuthing skills and things like that. No real mystery! Not that I expected it. Just that I didn't feel like I was reading a real Nancy Drew book. On chapter eight, it talked about palm prints. Nancy does not believe about reading palms, okay? It made me kind of mad! Also, Bess and George rarely appeared. They only appeared on chapter two.

Reading this book was a chore! If you want to read a good Nancy Drew book, don't waste your time on this one! I felt like falling asleep in most of the parts.

Stef says

I should've expected content like this -- Nancy impressing an adoring gaggle of girls who are indistinguishable from each other by solving mini mysteries -- but I'd still hoped for more. I wanted this to teach me -- an adult woman in her thirties -- how to solve charming crimes! I don't have the patience for any Nancy plots right now, no matter how short they are. I'm going to stop reading at chapter four, skim all the activities, and call it a day.
