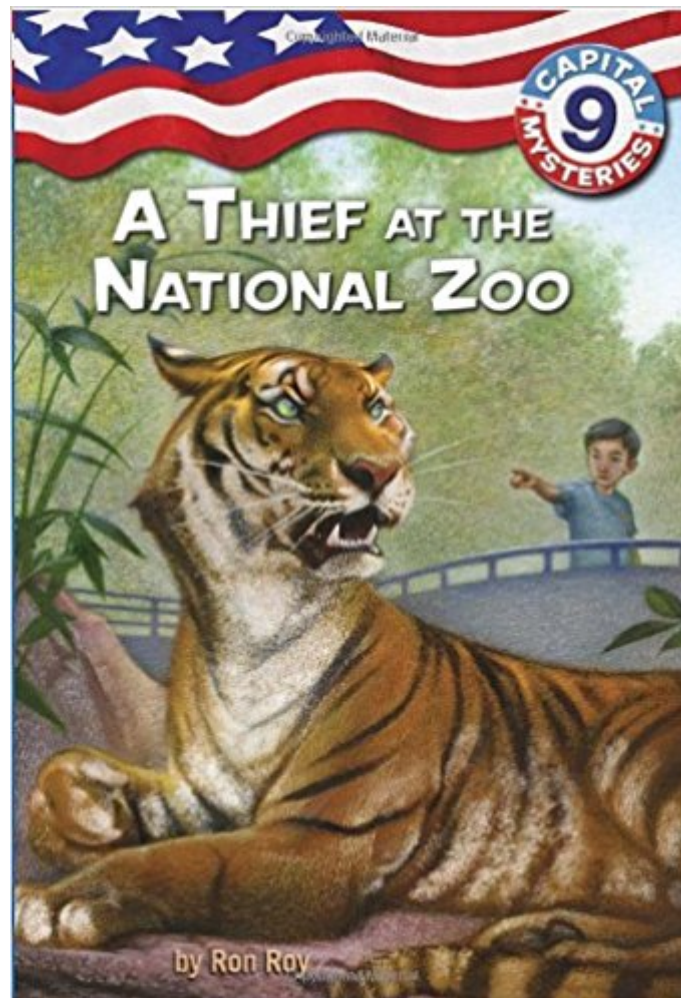




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# Capital Mysteries #9: A Thief At The National Zoo



## Synopsis

From popular A to Z Mysteries author Ron Roy comes a red, white, and blue mystery perfect for President's Day! In the ninth book of the Capital Mysteries series featuring fun facts and famous sites from Washington, D.C. KC and Marshall are helping out with the baby tigers at the National Zoo when they meet a new friend, Sunwoo, from China. Sunwoo's father is lending the zoo a precious jewel called the Tiger's Eye to raise money for endangered tigers. But during the zoo's big party, the lights suddenly go out. And when they're turned back on, the jewel is missing! Who stole the Tiger's Eye? And how did someone sneak it out of a room with no windows and a guarded door? Each book highlights one of the famous museums, buildings, or monuments from the Washington area and includes a map and a two-page fun fact spread with photographs. Parents, teachers, and librarians agree that these highly collectible chapter books are perfect for emerging readers and any kid who love mysteries!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

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## Customer Reviews

RON ROY has been writing books for children since 1974. He is the author of dozens of books,

including the popular A to Z Mysteries, Capital Mysteries, and Calendar Mysteries. When not working on a new book in his Connecticut home, Ron likes to teach tricks to his dog Pal, play poker with friends, travel, and read thrilling mystery books. Visit him online at [RonRoy.com](http://RonRoy.com).TIMOTHY BUSH is a writer-illustrator with many children's projects to his credit. He lives in New York City, New York.

My kid stays up all night reading these. He is in second grade and is able to retell the entire book to us the next morning. He may be sleepy, but he is getting smarter and beginning to love reading thanks to these books. We live in AZ and couldn't find the series locally. Very glad they are all available on .

Son loves these books and because of that he loves to read!

Very good book

very enjoyable book. my daughter loved reading it for her book report. I would highly recommend this book for anyone to read.

I think this was the best book ever because you never know who is the thief or thefts. That's why I like this book

We have several in this series. It is a good mystery book,my 8 year old loves these.

I read a few of Ron Roy's "A to Z" mysteries and was so impressed that I grabbed the first two from the "Calendar" series for younger readers and this volume from the "Capital Mysteries" series. I'm happy to report that those volumes were just as entertaining.Roy has three sets of mysteries. The "A to Z" mysteries, (26 volumes for the 26 letters and then three bonus volumes), are for older chapter book readers. The "Calendar" mysteries, (surprise - 12 volumes), are for younger readers and, in a clever twist, feature the younger siblings of the protagonists from the "A to Z" set and are based in the same small town. The third series is distinct from the other two, with entirely different characters. It features mysteries that take place at various national landmarks in Washington, D.C.. Age-wise the "Capital" books seem just a bit older than the "Calendar" books and on par with the "A to Z" books, but depending on your particular reader your mileage may vary.The hook in this series

is that we have a boy and girl pair of kid sleuths, and the girl is the step-daughter of the President, which explains how she gets behind the scenes access to all of the landmarks. All of the books feature an appealing set of characters, fair mystery plots, a bit of action and decent secondary characters. The Capital books are like junior junior junior versions of the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mysteries. They have younger heroes, they are shorter, there are fewer twists and turns, there's very little danger, and the mysteries are a lot tamer. But that said, they have many of the same strengths. The two heroes play equal roles, with no apparent bias between boys and girls. There is the same authentic and mutually supportive friendship among them. Adults are generally patient, resourceful and dependable, (when they aren't the villain in disguise). There is a good balance between clue hunting and figuring things out. Probably the biggest difference between these books and the sets for older kids is that there is very little adventure, in that the kids are rarely chased or trapped or threatened or menaced. These are much milder on that score. The mysteries are conventional, but I mean that in a good way - clues are fair, red herrings are fair, and the resolutions are logical. There are some convenient coincidences, but that's par for the course, especially in a relatively short chapter book. But even then the emphasis is on logical thinking and deductive reasoning, which is something that is often wanting in more fanciful and less thoughtfully plotted books for this age group. In this volume a priceless jewel that is on loan to the National zoo is stolen during a presentation ceremony. The kids are very clever in gathering clues and thinking things through, and while everything falls conveniently into place, the solid bones of a decent mystery for new readers are clearly in place. So, these are kids' books, but they aren't silly, and there is no hint of fart/booger humor, which may have its place, but not necessarily here. The writer treats the young chapter book reader with a lot of respect and I would expect that these stories would be a satisfying read for a youngster. I doubt you can ask for much more than that at this level and I could see a kid just eating up these tales and this likable cast of characters. Please note that I found this book while browsing the local library's Kindle books, and downloaded it for free. I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

Love. Perfect for my 6 and 8 year olds! Fun and informative- lots of great history lessons, too!

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