

# THE BOXCAR<sup>®</sup> D CHILDREN

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# Fingerprint Forensics

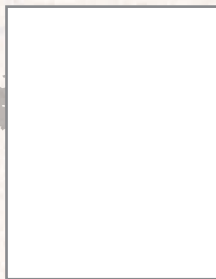
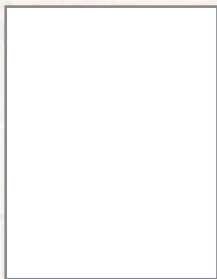
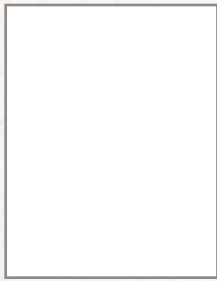
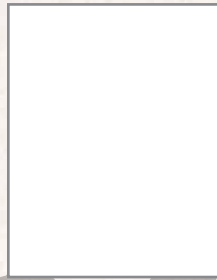
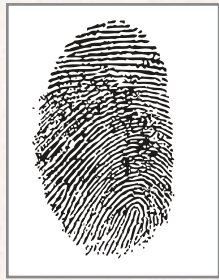
Fingerprints can be a big clue in any case as no two are the same. Follow the experiment below to analyze your own fingerprints and compare with friends.

**Instructions:** With a parent's permission, start by dipping your index finger in a drop of washable paint. Press your finger into the box below to create a fingerprint. You may need to press your finger several times to get a clear image. Repeat this for as many fingers as you would like.

Compare your prints with a friend or caregiver and notice the differences!

## What you'll need

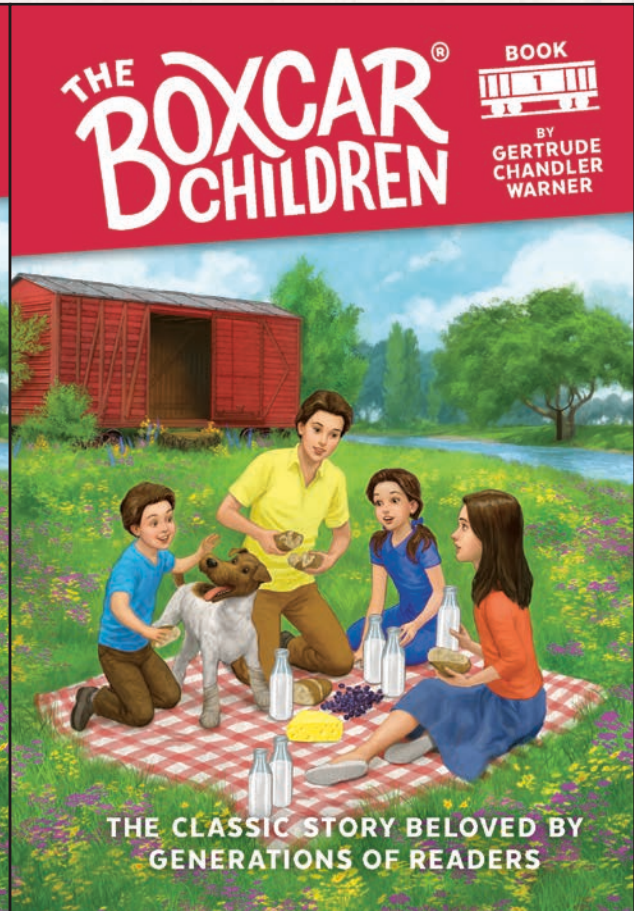
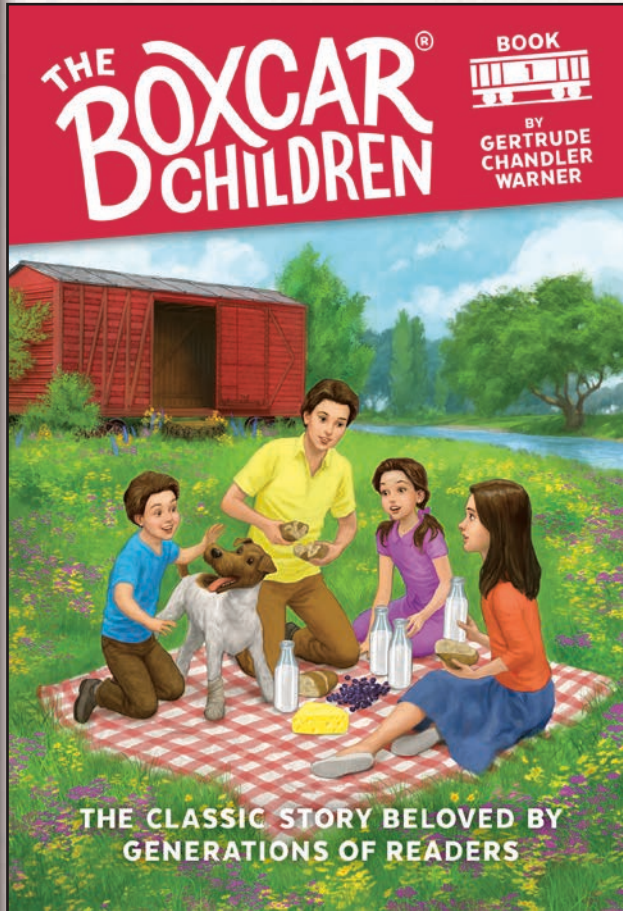
- Washable paint



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# Spot the Difference

Part of solving any mystery is attention to detail. Circle the five differences in the covers below to practice collecting clues.



## Answer Key:



# Puzzling Riddles

Put your mind to the test with these five brain teasers. These can help you exercise your mystery-solving muscles so you can join the Boxcar Children on their next adventure!

**1.** I am so simple that I can only point, yet I guide people all over the world.

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**2.** What is always in front of you but can't be seen?

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**3.** I can run but not walk, and you often follow me around. What am I?

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**4.** I go around the world, but never leave the corner. What am I?

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**5.** What kind of band never plays music?

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## Answer Key

1. A compass
2. The future
3. Your nose
4. A stamp
5. A rubber band

# Mystery Maze

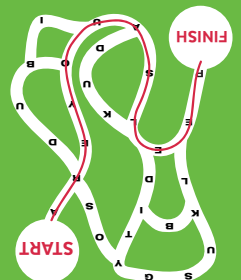
Find your way out of the maze below to reveal the answer to the riddle.  
After you find the way out, write down each of the letters to unlock the secret code!

**RIDDLE:** What question can you never answer yes to?



**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Answer Key



Are you asleep

# Identify the Suspect

Gather a friend and pick someone you both know to write about.  
Once you have filled in your clues, take turns reading them aloud  
so your friend can try to guess which person you are describing!  
Make sure to keep your choice a secret until the end!

My person's name is \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is their hair color? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How tall are they? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where do they live? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are their hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_



If your friend is still stumped, have them continue to ask their own questions  
about your mystery person until the correct identity has been revealed!

# Secret Word Search

Help Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny on their very first adventure to the boxcar in the woods by circling the words below.

Blueberries

J F C E X B G P U V T Y W S C

Brook

X C E R U C J B B P E S Z T C

Clothesline

D E Z I F J Q X L P H W Y F L

Farmhouse

M T R A H D V X H H S W X H O

Handkerchief

O M D U M C B E L V A F S F T

Moon

D M E D S F R T P T L E O R H

Teapot

I T S A U A H E U X I M C G E

Treasure

J O U K R W E C K R Z Q U X S

E P O E M X Q R R D F U J L L

H A H K A K R E T K N I X B I

B E M L W D B Z Q X R A N V N

R T R T A E G K N Q E N H Q E

O F A K U Z A R Q M H M O B M

O Q F L C N Q T C J F R Z O E

K R B L E K V N U F U S U M M



## Answer Key

