



The Junior Detective Kit

Everything a new recruit needs

Badge, logbook pages, a secret code, a mystery to solve at home,
and bookmarks for the whole crew — from the case files of Leo, Max
& Maya.

A NOTE FOR THE GROWN-UP

Welcome to the Detective Club

Hi there,

Thank you for letting Leo, Max, and Maya into your family's reading time. This little kit is our way of saying thanks — a few printable pages to keep the fun going after the last chapter closes.

Everything inside is designed to be printed at home in black and white, no fancy paper required. Hand your young detective a pair of scissors (with your help, if needed) and let them build their own detective kit at the kitchen table.

- A wearable Junior Detective badge
- A blank case log page, styled after Leo's own notebook
- A secret code for writing top-secret messages
- A real mini-mystery to solve around your own house
- Three bookmarks — one for each member of the trio

If your detective solves the mystery inside (or just has a good time trying), we'd love to hear about it. And if you have a spare minute, a short review on Amazon helps other families find the series — it really does make a difference for a small, independent series like this one.

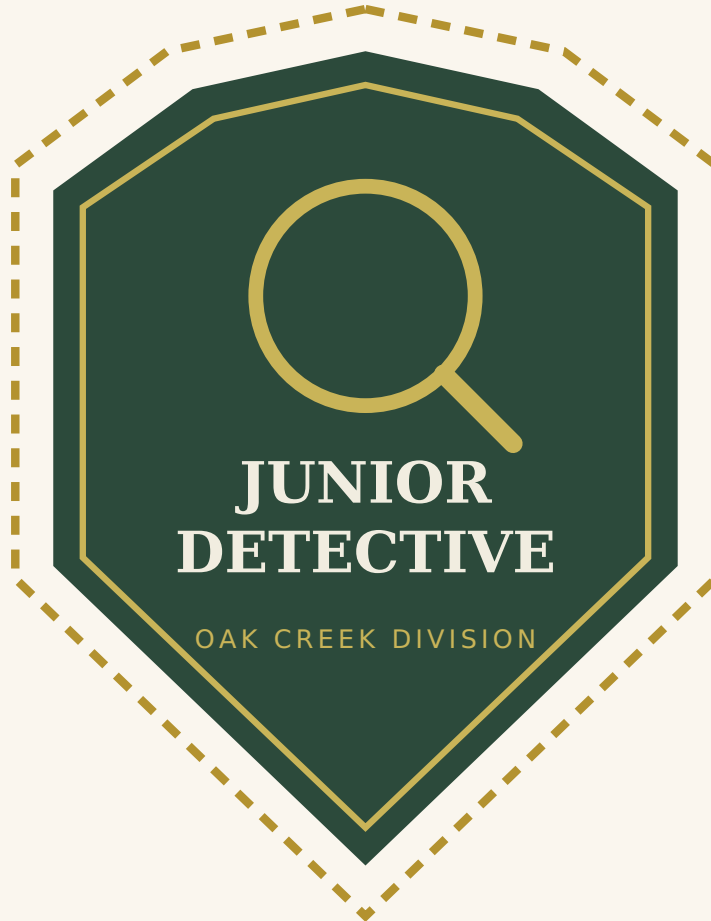
Happy sleuthing,

K.C. Thorne

CUT IT OUT & WEAR IT PROUD

Junior Detective Badge

Cut along the dashed line, then write your detective name on the line below.



My Detective Name: _____

Tip: glue the badge to a cereal-box cutout or thin cardboard first for a sturdier, wearable badge. Add a safety pin or loop of tape on the back.

Detective's Case Log

CASE # _____

DETECTIVE'S NAME

WHAT HAPPENED? (THE MYSTERY)

CLUES FOUND

CLUE #1

CLUE #2

CLUE #3

SUSPECTS

CASE SOLVED! WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

MAYA'S FIELD NOTES

Crack the Detective Code

Use the symbol key below to write — or decode — a top-secret message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
●	▲	■	★	♡	●●	▲▲	■■	★★	♡♡	●▲	■★	♡●
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
▲■	●★	♡▲	■●	★▲	●■	▲♡	★●	■▲	♡★	▲●	■♡	★■

DECODE THIS MESSAGE

■♡ ●★ ★● ★
 ▲♡ ★★ ★ ★★

Stuck? Ask a grown-up to check the answer key on the very last page.

A CASE FOR YOU TO SOLVE

The Mystery of the Missing Cookie

Somebody in your house ate the last cookie — and didn't own up to it. Can you crack the case like Leo, Max, and Maya would? Grab a grown-up or sibling to help and follow the steps below.

- 1 Investigate the scene.** Head to the kitchen. Look for crumbs, an open cookie jar, or anything out of place. Write down what you notice.
- 2 Question your suspects.** Ask everyone in the house one question: "Where were you right before the cookie went missing?" Write down their answers — word for word.
- 3 Look for clues that don't match.** Does anyone have crumbs on their shirt? Chocolate on their fingers? A story that doesn't quite add up? That's a clue worth writing down.
- 4 Follow the evidence, not your guess.** A real detective doesn't decide who's guilty first and look for proof after — they let the clues lead the way.
- 5 Solve the case.** Once you've got your clues lined up, make your best guess — then ask if you got it right!

CASE CLOSED! THE COOKIE THIEF WAS:

Cut-Out Bookmarks

Cut along the edges — punch the hole and add a ribbon if you'd like.



Leo

THE LEADER

*"Every clue matters — even
the small ones."*



Max

THE MUSCLE

*"Leap first, figure it out on
the way down."*



Maya

THE TECH WIZARD

*"Give me ten minutes and a
magnet."*

OAK CREEK TRIO DETECTIVES

Certificate of Achievement

Junior Detective Training — Completed



THIS CERTIFIES THAT

has officially completed detective training, solved the case, and joined
Leo, Max, and Maya as a full member of the Oak Creek Trio Detectives
— earning every right to the title of Junior Detective.

K.C. Thorne
AUTHOR

DATE AWARDED

OAK CREEK TRIO DETECTIVES

Case Closed — For Now

Thanks for joining the detective club. Leo, Max, and Maya have four more cases waiting whenever you're ready.

1. The Great Hamster Chase
2. The Midnight Footprints
3. The Locked Treehouse Chest
4. The Flying Gadget
5. The Playground Map

— K.C. Thorne

ANSWER KEY (FOR GROWN-UPS)

Page 5, secret code: the message decodes to "**YOU DID IT.**"