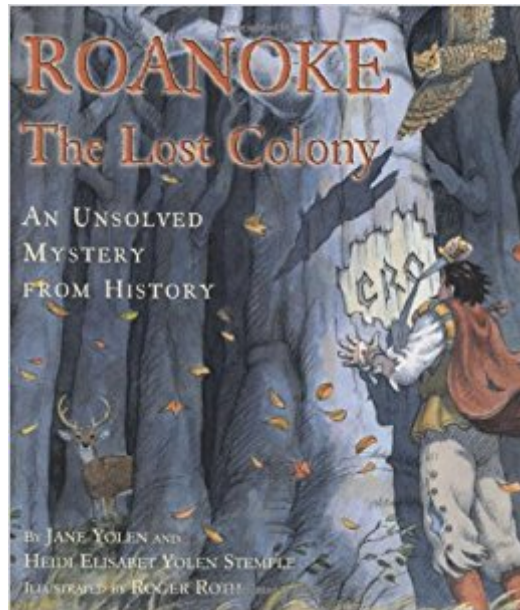




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# Roanoke: The Lost Colony--An Unsolved Mystery From History



## Synopsis

In 1587 John White was chosen by Sir Walter Raleigh to lead a new colony at Roanoke off the Atlantic coast. After bringing many men, women, and children to the new land, White went back to England to gather supplies for the long winter. But when he finally returned to the fort almost three years later, he found that all of the colonists had vanished. The only signs of life left were the letters CRO carved into a tree and the word CROATOAN carved into one of the fort's posts. Some people think that the Spanish army captured the colonists; some people think that the local native people murdered them; others think that the colonists went off to live with the native people and start a new life. Still others think that the colonists tried to sail home to England and were lost at sea. No one knows for sure. Become a detective as you read this true story, study the clues, and try to figure out the fate of the lost colony of Roanoke. The Unsolved Mystery from History series is written by acclaimed author Jane Yolen and former private investigator Heidi Elisabet Yolen Stemple. Read carefully and check your clues. You might be the first to solve a puzzle that has baffled people for years.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr. 2-5. As in *The Mary Celeste* (1999) and *The Wolf Girls* (2001), this picture book for older children is framed by a fictional story about a detective's daughter who investigates a famous historical mystery. Here she tells readers about the founding of the Roanoke colony in 1587. It seems the colony's leader, who departed to obtain supplies, returned to find the colonists gone. The girl sets forth several theories and questions about what may have happened to the "lost colony," letting readers examine the facts and draw their own conclusions. There's a lot going on here: a framework story, the historical account, the ending hypotheses, and the addition of "notebook pages" with background information; children may need to read the book more than once to take it all in. The large, picture-book format offers plenty of scope for Roth's appealing narrative illustrations in watercolor and pencil. An attractive, intriguing introduction to the lost colony. Carolyn Phelan

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Heidi Elizabet Yolen Stemple is Jane Yolen's daughter and sometime writing partner. Together they wrote the *Unsolved Mysteries from History* series. Heidi lives in Hatfield, MA. Roger Roth, Sr., has partnered with Dr. Hanby in his ministry and writing for many years. Together they oversee Mark Hanby Ministries/Fathers Heart Ministries, an internationally recognized teaching and resource center. Jane Yolen is an award-winning author who has written more than 200 books for children, including the bestseller *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* and the 1988 Caldecott Medal winner *Owl Moon*. She is known for her beautiful poetry and has even been called "the Hans Christian Anderson of America" (Newsweek). She lives in Hatfield, Massachusetts. Visit her at [JaneYolen.com](http://JaneYolen.com).

Pretty good account of the mystery of the Roanoke colony. Provides much more information than any textbooks I've seen. There are better books out there though, I'd keep searching if you're just starting to browse.

Great

I love this book! It has a story within a story format. You have this mystery story as well as basic facts about Roanoke. As a fourth grade teacher in NC, it is a great read aloud.

Product is as described.

A very dramatic story that seems to keep going as to what really happened. I think some real archaeology should be done there.

I purchased this book for my niece before she visited us on the outer banks. It was a little hard for her to read. She is just finishing the 4th grade. We wanted her to know some of the history of this beautiful place before she missed a week of school. It was a good challenge for her. She gave a book report with pictures from the area today and received an A+.

My 5th grade students love this book!

Very nice.

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