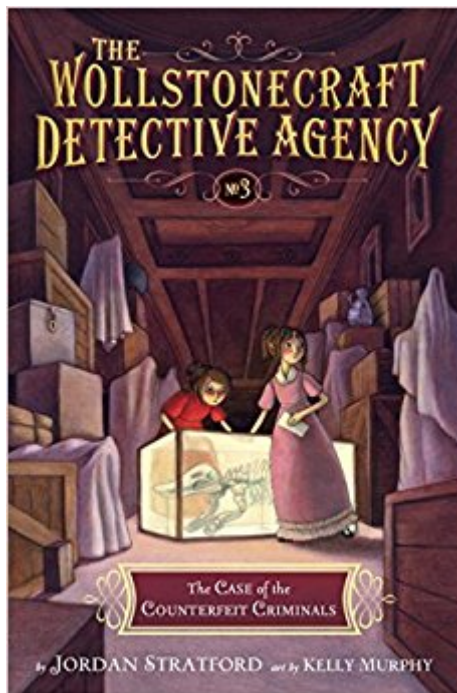




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# The Case Of The Counterfeit Criminals (The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency, Book 3)



## Synopsis

This "winner" (School Library Journal) of a history-mystery-science series continues as the Wollstonecraft Detectives--Ada Byron Lovelace and Mary Shelley--take on a case from the celebrated dinosaur bone hunter, Mary Anning. The Wollstonecraft Girls embark on their most important case yet--the famed dinosaur fossil hunter Mary Anning is being blackmailed. Her precious dog has been snatched and the kidnappers are demanding that Miss Anning authenticate some fake dinosaur bones up for auction at the British Museum in order to get him back. Ada and Mary have just three days to track down the fossil fakers, find the dog, and save the integrity of science! The game is truly afoot in this quirky caper involving blood-sucking leeches, an asthmatic pug, smoke bombs, secret elevators, diabolical disguises, and wicked word-play. Praise for The Case of the Missing Moonstone: "An enjoyable plot, resourceful heroines and fun writing." --Wall Street Journal "Smart and witty. . . . The detectives in training use quick thinking, book smarts, and social know-how to find a stolen gemstone. Comical narration and dialogue will charm readers thoroughly." --Publishers Weekly Praise for The Case of the Girl in Grey: "Mystery fans ... will relish the girls' romp around the stately home; discovery of an encrypted clue (in the crypt, of course); and unraveling of the mystery."--Booklist "Equal parts laughs and adventure, this lively mystery will keep you guessing till the end!"

Discovery Girls

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

JORDAN STRATFORD is a producer, author, and screenwriter. Stratford first launched the Wollstonecraft Detective Agency series on Kickstarter and in under a month had gained nearly 3,000 backers--clearly there was an eager audience. You can find him on the Web at [JordanStratford.com](http://JordanStratford.com) and on Twitter @JordanStratford. KELLY MURPHY is an accomplished picture-book and chapter-book author and artist. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, where she now serves on the faculty. Kelly lives with her husband in New England. You can read more about her work at [kelmurphy.com](http://kelmurphy.com).

The 3rd of a cute new series for children by Jordan Stratford. I actually enjoyed reading this to children and because my own name is Lovelace (no relation to the historical Countess) it's a nice educational bridge to curious kids who ask. The story itself is quite entertaining and has led my one to actually make their own sugar "smoke-bomb" from the book. A harmless thing that made for some good laughs and conversations of elementary chemistry. I highly recommend.

I love this entire series!

Ada and her young friends, including Mary Shelley, have formed the Wollstonecraft Detective Agency solving selected cases. Ada has been sick and has spent much time in bed while the doctor leeches her blood. She realizes that her former governess has held her mail and finally gets a stack. Ada, Mary and friend Jane, start sorting through the letters to decide on their next case. They come across a letter from a famous dinosaur fossil hunter, Mary Adding, whose dog has been kidnapped and decide this is the case. Ada's fierce grandmother comes home, grounds Ada to bed and ousts her friends and tutor. Now Ada has to creatively get away from the sick bed, sneak out to meet with her friends and try to help Mary find the kidnappers and rescue the dog. Ada is a science whiz and loves math and all sorts of puzzles. She discovers notes that have been written as anagrams and believes that her nemesis is behind the group that is blackmailing Ms. Adding asking her to verify a fake fossil exhibit at the British Museum. It is fun to follow Ada and her friends as they hunt down scoundrels, work on clues and manage some surprising interventions. This is an engaging, fun read/listen even for an adult and would be great for young girls 8-13. Audio Notes:

Nicola Barber does a fine job of narration. She captures the sweet voices and accents of the characters. The pacing is good and makes for a fun listen. I received this from the publisher through Audiobook Jukebox.

I purchased the three books in this series (site unseen/previewed) for my 8 year old niece after a suggestion from A Mighty Girl Facebook page. She is in love with these books and devoured the first one in a weekend. Follow A Mighty Girl and get these books for the girls in your life.

The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency rocks! It is one of the best books I have read! The Case of the Counterfeit Criminals is kind of spooky but I love it!

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