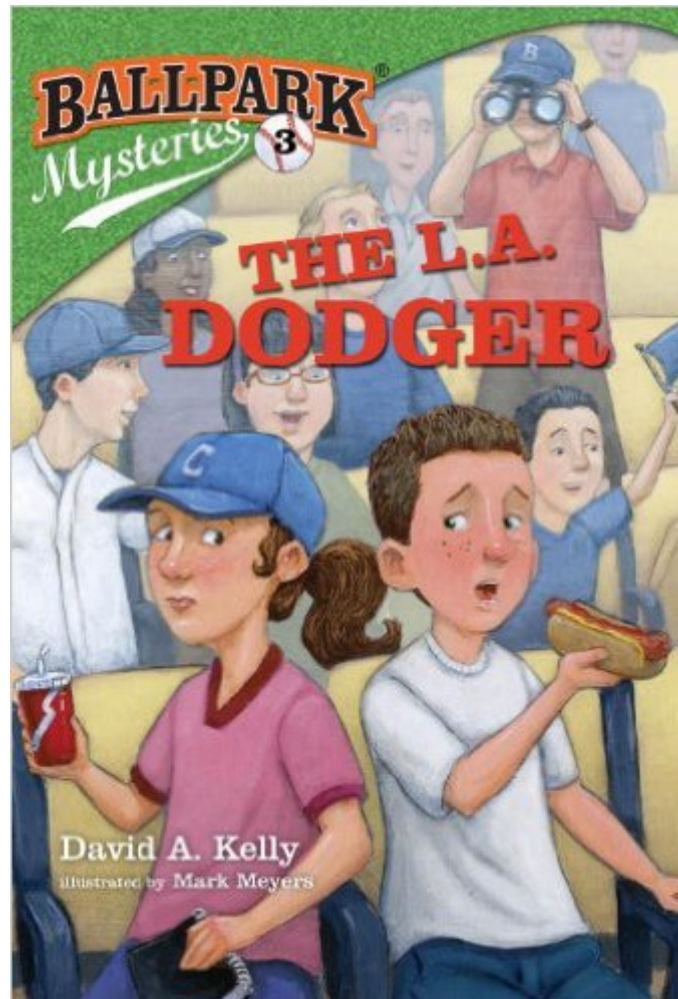


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# Ballpark Mysteries #3: The L.A. Dodger (A Stepping Stone Book(TM))



## Synopsis

Now batting thirdâ”book #3 in a brand-new early chapter book mystery series where each book is set in a different American ballpark! It's spring break and Kate and Mike are off to Los Angeles to visit Kate's dad, a scout for the Dodgers. But all is not sunny in L.A.â”strange things have been happening to Kate's dad. Pages have gone missing from his clipboard. He's gotten threatening phone calls. And he thinks he's being followed! Is someone after Mr. Hopkins's top secret scouting reports?The L.A. Dodger includes a fun fact page about Los Angeles's Dodger Stadium.Cross Ron Roy's A to Z mystery series with Matt Christopher's sports books and you get the Ballpark Mysteries: fun, puzzling whodunnits aimed at the younger brothers and sisters of John Feinstein's fans.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

The third book in the Ballpark Mysteries Series by David A. Kelly titled, The L.A. Dodger, is a fun read for kids in the 6-9 age range whether reading on their own, with a parent or in the classroom. The writing is clear and well done and the who-done-it has some fresh twists. Parents reading to their kids may not admit it, but the book is full of curiosities, especially in the 'Dugout Notes', that will teach them things they didn't know. Teachers as well will love the numerous uses for classroom

whole language curriculum. It is a high interest subject teaching the benefits of doing good deeds and cooperation which produces positive returns. The format compares for the young reader a fictional mystery and then a set of non-fictional fascinating facts. Sports fans and others of all ages will love Mr. Kelly's tale. Read more at [...]

Already have read the first two books and had to order this book right away! My son enjoys the combination of the baseball story along with the mystery. The book combines real information about the L.A. Dodgers in the story. There is even a fun facts section at the end of the book that shares more detailed and interesting information about the ballpark and team's history. Great book!

Glad we discovered this series. Since we received them he has been reading one after the other. My eight year old loves this book. It's both a mystery and sports book. What could be better?! Definitely recommend.

My 6 year old son and I absolutely love reading this series by David A. Kelly. It is written in such an exciting and "mysterious" way that easily captures and fascinates the young mind and, at the same time, teaches them about the game and some of the special quirks and cultural/historial differences inherent in each stadium/city. I can't recommend this series highly enough for Dads and sons to enjoy together.

This entertaining third misadventure in the Ballpark Mystery early chapter book series is sure to earn new fans. The girl and boy problem-solving cousins appeal to both genders and may indoctrinate future mystery buffs in a safe, fun, and exciting introduction to the genre. Even non-sports fans will enjoy the tidbits and trivia of baseball and baseball history. Young readers will vicariously enjoy the cousins flying cross-country by themselves and using ketchup as self-defense in addition to their whirl-wind tour of Los Angeles.

Kate and Mike are off again, this time to Los Angeles to visit Kate's Uncle, a scout for the Dodgers. While they are there, they learn about some missing pages to her uncle's scouting report clipboard. And where could they be??? Here is another exciting baseball story thriller. Like the spellbound TV court thriller, "Ally McBeal," written by David A. Kelly, here, using baseball as a platform, is an excellent baseball thriller that will keep kids sitting on the edge of their seats for many hours reading and trying to figure out what happened to the missing pages from a clipboard. David A. Kelly is a

master at writing the Ballpark Mystery Series. His stories are always very intriguing and for that reason I give this book five stars and recommend that kids of all ages read it. Marvin P. Ferguson, author of BOYS ON THE GOLD COAST.

I bought for my 8 year old grandson. It is part of a series, and yet each book does not require the reader to have read any others. Definitely do not have to read in order. He can finish it in a day, not a school day, because it keeps his interest. It also is based on facts. He enjoys the books. I have even preordered the next one coming out in 2014. He is excited to know he will get it soon after it is published.

My son and I really enjoyed reading this short mystery. It has a lot of great historical information about the Dodgers. Kate and Mike are the main characters. Kate is heading to LA with Mike to visit her father that is a scout for the LA Dodgers. Things start happening right away as Kate and Mike try to help Kate's Dad and the Dodger organization, by solving the mystery. We are looking forward to book number 4!

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