

## **The Boxcar Mysteries**

Stories about characters and events that are not real are called fiction. The Boxcar Children is a series of fiction books that are mysteries. Mysteries are stories with secrets or unexplained events. Usually, the secrets or events are not explained or known until the end of the story.

In the first of these books, four orphans- Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden- search for a safe place to live. They finally settle in an old boxcar and make it their home. They make beds out of pine needles. To wash, they use a nearby brook. The first night in the boxcar, they fix a delicious dinner of blueberries.

The Alden children solve many mysteries. A lighthouse, a houseboat, and a woodshed are just a few of the exciting places that the children visit. Their unpredictable adventures will keep you reading for hours!

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