

Missy Barrett Books *by Elyse Bruce*

THE CASE OF THE HOLLOW HAWK

(Coming April 2023)

Grandma and Grandpa Barrett enlist Missy's help them clear out the attic at their house. As the three of them set about digging through boxes and uncovering long-forgotten items stored in the attic turns into a mystery when Missy finds a beautifully carved hollow hawk hidden away. When the hawk reveals a secret compartment with a clue waiting to be found, Missy and her grandfather know only they will be able to solve "The Case of the Hollow Hawk."

THE PRINCE OF MOORLAND AND THE SECRET DIPLOMATIC MISSION

(Published: November 2022)

Sevier County isn't expecting a visit from the President of the United States of America, the Governor of Tennessee, or Dolly Parton so when Missy Barrett's brothers, Josh and Aaron, see a long, black limousine with a police escort drive through Sevierville, Missy wonders who the visitor is and what they are doing in East Tennessee. With help from her family and friends, Missy is in pursuit of answers to everyone's questions, but no matter what she does, she's always one step behind each clue she uncovers. Will Missy Barrett find out who the mysterious person is and why they have come to the Great Smoky Mountains?

THE CASE OF THE THOUGHTFUL THIEF

(Published: April 2022)

Something strange is going on in Missy Barrett's neighborhood. Someone is stealing things from people on her block and replacing them with strange items. It all began when one of Mrs. Whittington's knitting needles went missing and a sewing thimble was left in its place. Now everyone is noticing things disappearing from their homes, and it's up to Missy Barrett to solve the mystery of "The Case of the Thoughtful Thief."

THE CASE OF THE VANISHING VALISE

(Published: April 2020)

There's a mystery afoot at Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, but what's even stranger is that no one seems to know a mystery exists. An oddly worded plaque sets undercover private eye supersleuth detective Missy Barrett searching for an explanation. It isn't long before clues start coming out of the woodwork, taking the investigation through twists and turns of epic proportions. What Missy and her friends, Wren and Aspen, discover is bigger and better than anyone could begin to imagine. Could this be the discovery of the century for the sleepy town nestled in the Great Smoky Mountains?

BATS'N'CATS: A MISSY BARRETT HALLOWE'EN STORY

(Published: October 2018)

Sir Batson Katz's annual Candy Corn Bash is held every year on Hallowe'en at his estate on English Mountain. World famous supermodel and actress Twiggy Branch, Shakespeare's Wayward Sisters, Count Dracula, and other other-worldly celebrities will be there, along with real people who have received a hand-written invitation. The invitations hint that a very special announcement will be made at the party. Missy and her brothers, Josh and Aaron, can only imagine what wonderful surprise Sir Batson Katz has in store for everyone.

PINWHEELS AND PEARLS

(Published: March 2017)

Missy learns a lot about Relay For Life at her school during a school Assembly, and decides she needs to get involved. It doesn't take long for Missy to come up with two fundraising ideas and ways to get her family and friends to help out. "Pinwheels and Pearls" teaches children that every effort counts, and when everyone does what they can, a whole lot of good gets done!

BARNSTORMIN'

(Published: August 2016)

The love of black-and-white movies, an interest in Amelia Earhart, and a taste for adventure take Missy somewhere she never expected to find herself. After all, it's not every day you get to fly in a 1927 Waco Straight wing biplane with an expert pilot. With help from her grandfather and Marc Hightower, Missy Barrett becomes a real live, modern day barnstormer!

FANTASTIC THINGS

(Published: January 2016)

Missy Barrett loves her brothers, Aaron and Josh. She loves them both so much that there isn't anything she wouldn't do for them. Josh has a rare health condition called Myasthenia Gravis, and Missy thinks it's about time she asked Josh some important questions about what that is. After all, brothers and sisters are supposed to help each other out, and knowing what to do when Josh needs help matters.

This book is one of four books listed on the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America website.

NAILED IT

(Published: October 2015)

Missy Barrett convinces her mom and grandma that a Girls' Day At The Spa is just what they need. The trio decide that some old-school pampering is in the cards, and Cassie's place is the place to be. Questions about sugar scrubs, famous outlaw Jesse James, and more shows Missy just how much fun Cassie, Mackie and the Shear Madness Salon gang can really be!

FREE RANGE HIKING

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FOILED AGAIN

(Published: March 2015)

For the first time in her life, Missy visits a professional hair salon with her mother. Once she walks through the front door, the possibilities become endless as do the questions she has for the stylists working there. Just as with every situation Missy finds herself in, when Missy has questions, she's on the trail to uncover the right answers. In the end, you won't believe who gets foiled again!

ROAR LIKE A LION

(Published: December 2014)

Being a kid is a lot of fun with mysteries and adventures everywhere. When three girls in Missy Barrett's class decide to bully Missy, she doesn't let them get away with it. She decides the best way to deal with bullies is to have a plan so she turns to her older cousin Alana for advice. Will the girls find a good solution to Missy's problem? This book has a number of Chicago references including the Lincoln Park Zoo and Vienna beef Chicago style hotdogs.

A YEAR OF GOOD WEEKS: A WORKBOOK FOR YOUR MEMORIES

(Published: December 2014)

It's important to keep a record of the important things that happen to you throughout the year, and no one knows that better than me – Missy Barrett! Whether you're a kid like me or a teenager, or even a grown-up, having a record of good things to look back on will bring smiles to your heart. Someday, you and your family members are going to look back on books like this one and learn a lot about who you are and the good things that happened to you. Who knows? Maybe one day, you'll look back on this book and think that one of the entries would make a good novel or one of the pictures or photos should be made into a mural. Best of all, this book will be a time capsule that you can open up anytime in the future and enjoy for years and years and years to come.

INDIANS LIVE IN TIPIS

(Published: August 2014)

Missy Barrett thinks American history and North American Indian history go together like peanut butter and jam. That is, until one of her classmates breaks the news to her that her Grandpa can't be an Indian anymore because he lives in a house just like everyone else. But Missy isn't about to let someone strip her Grandpa of his heritage if she can help it. If there's a way to keep her Grandpa from losing his identity, she's going to find it, and she knows just who to enlist to help her find that solution! Whether your ancestors are First Nations peoples or settlers, Missy's approach to resolving the conundrum her classmate has tossed her way gets the job done.

THE SECRET INGREDIENT

(Published: June 2014)

Missy wouldn't dream of passing up a chance to visit her grandparents. Trips to visit them are always fun, but they're more fun when Grandma's making Nôhkom's Artisan bread and chocolate chip cookies. But baking isn't just about making bread and cookies. It's about sharing and making memories, as well as discussing important matters. The discussion weaves its way through the meals made in Fat Daddy's Kitchen in Chicago and how Missy's Grandma and Grandpa first met. Then Missy shares a secret with her Grandma. Missy knows what Grandma's secret ingredient is. Do you know what it is?

BARRACUDAS AND IMPALAS

(Published: July 2013)

You can always expect a spirited discussion when you visit a classic car show, but it's not often that one of the most excited classic car fans happens to be a 7-year-old child. But then again, Missy Barrett isn't just any child. She's Missy Barrett, and she's on a mission to find out as much about her favorite cars as any child can possibly learn. But it's not just about asking questions or getting a close-up view of those cars. Missy takes it one step further by phoning her grandpa and sharing. What you didn't know about Bonnie and Clyde or the President of the USA will amaze you as Missy regales her grandpa with everything she's learned. Whether you're a classic car owner or you just love cars, what Missy has to say about good old-fashioned automotive ingenuity is bound to rekindle your passion for the cars of days gone by.

HOUSTON, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM

(Published: June 2013)

It's not every day Missy Barrett gets to spend summer vacation in Tennessee. When her aunt and uncle invite her to visit her cousins in Sevier County, Missy jumps at the chance to find herself at the heart of new adventures. What she doesn't know is what those adventures are going to be. When the installation man comes to put up a satellite dish at the house, she can't begin to imagine all the things he knows. Where did the Internet come from? Who won the first race in outer space? Do scientists know what's out there? And is her family aware of all these facts? Find out in "Houston, We Have No Problem."

GUESS WHERE I AM, MOMMY

(Published: June 2013)

It's not every day that 7-year-old Missy gets to go with her mom on a business trip. When her mom takes her to Toronto for a meeting with the man upstairs, Missy makes the most of this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Along the way, she meets up with Mr. Wonderful, the Titanium Knight of the Periodic Table, the Ballerina Princess, and other inhabitants that exist in this exciting world. What other mysteries await them all in this amazing building? And how many other characters might be found by the ever curious Missy Barrett?

GRAND THEFT: COOKIE

(Published: December 2012)

Being a kid isn't as easy as it used to be. When twelve friends between the ages of 7 and 10 head off for a day of adventure and fun in the forest, they never expect to find themselves embroiled in a court case. What they especially don't expect to find is that someone they all know and love has been accused of theft. Adult justice and television show reality collide with childhood innocence in ways that will have readers crying and laughing at how society can impact on children raised in today's world.

Books by Elyse Bruce

IDIOMATION: GOOD v EVIL

(Published: October 2014)

Elyse Bruce digs deep into the history of another 75 well-known sayings, expression, clichés and idioms we still hear in day-to-day conversations, and shares what they mean, where they came from, and who coined them.

THE CLIP'N'DIP PRAISE THE HEAVENS MULTI-FAITH CONGREGATION

(Published: December 2013)

Religion, spirituality and what's between God and each of His children is something no outsider can understand. But every once in a while, a little perspective is needed and that's exactly what one of the members of Calvary Redemption hopes to find. Humor and satire blend together in a style that owes as much to Mark Twain as it does to Stephen Leacock. This tale takes a peek behind the curtains and reveals the many surprises that lay waiting for the reader.

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Books by E.B. Taylor

BUTT ASS NAKED WITH THE FAN ON HIGH

(Published: February 2022)

Samantha has everything a woman could want in life: A thriving business, a cozy apartment, a nice car, and great clothes. What she doesn't have is a boyfriend. When men start vying for her attention, things get complicated. Being popular in business is one thing, but this is something completely different.

SKELETONS AT THE FEAST

(Published: September 2020)

This anthology is a delectable selection of six more horror-thriller stories and a follow-up to *Flowers On Your Grave: An Anthology of Short Stories*. Thomas D. Taylor and E.B. Taylor serve up three stories each that are guaranteed to haunt your thoughts long after you've finished reading this anthology. Are these stories based on real life events? Only you and your imagination will know for sure. Thomas D. Taylor's writing style is a combination of H.P. Lovecraft, Bram Stoker, Robert Louis Stevenson, and a touch of Stephen King. E.B. Taylor's writing style reminds readers of a macabre Agatha Christie with a hint of Joyce Carol Oates to spice things up. Once again, the instinctual dread found in each story will make readers question whether their world -- and the people who populate it -- are what, or who, they claim to be.

FLOWERS ON YOUR GRAVE

(Published: October 2018)

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RIGHT THIS FOR ME

(Published: April 2017)

Right This For Me is a story that resonates with creative types reaching for the brass ring and who wonder if they will ever break through to the ranks of the rich and famous. Does talent and pop culture trump inspiration and rules? Is there any way to tell which story is going to make it to the top of the New York Times best seller list?

END OF THE INNOCENCE

(Published: August 2016)

End Of The Innocence is a psychological thriller guaranteed to keep readers glued to the page as they make their way through the school day with principal Trevor Raines. When the first school bell signals the start of classes, no one can predict how the day will come undone over the course of a few hours. No matter how prepared anyone might be for the unexpected, sometimes the future writes itself in ways no one can imagine or believe. E.B. Taylor balances reality against horror in true Hitchcock style by telling a story that delivers a disturbing ending sure to shock and startle readers.

A SUMMER OF SOMEBODIES: CAUTIONARY TALES FOR MODERN TIMES

(Published: July 2016)

Nine carefully crafted short stories deal with nine issues, challenging readers to go head-to-head with our technologically interconnected and intertwined real and virtual lives. As the digital world continues to collide with reality, the question is one of survival, not advancement. This collection of cautionary tales for modern times gives readers a glimpse into the future -- a future that is speeding towards us at a blistering gallop. Are we ready to push back?

KNICK KNACK PADDYWHACK

(Published: April 2016)

When autistic advocacy meets up with narcissism and a criminal mindset, it's up to Aidan Beresford-Smith to sift through hearsay and documentation. Untangling the secrets of Rion McNeally's mind proves to be a challenge as fact and fiction are blurred into a muddle of half-truths and outright lies. As the final chapter plays out, even the man at the center of the controversy has no idea who has the winning hand. This novel deals with a number of themes including autism spectrum disorder and criminal activities.