

Genre: Mystery

A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story.

Mystery

- Suspense – the part of the story that keeps the reader in doubt as to the outcome of a situation or the entire story.
- Mystery stories use clues to solve a crime or puzzle. This is often known as **foreshadowing**.
- Foreshadowing – a literary device where hints or clues suggest what will happen next in a story.

Story Elements

- Setting – the time and place in which a story happens.
- Characters – the personalities, people, or animals in the story.
 - Main character(s)
 - Secondary characters
- Plot – the action of the story; usually a series of events which build on one another from the beginning to the end of the story.

Story Elements

- PLOT includes
 - Problem/Conflict
 - Climax – the high point of the story; often the turning point in the story. The part that is usually the most exciting.
 - Resolution

Story Elements

- Resolution – the end of the story when the problems are solved.
- Theme – the central idea or message in a piece of writing; not usually stated directly in the story, but must be inferred.
 - Most stories will have more than one theme.