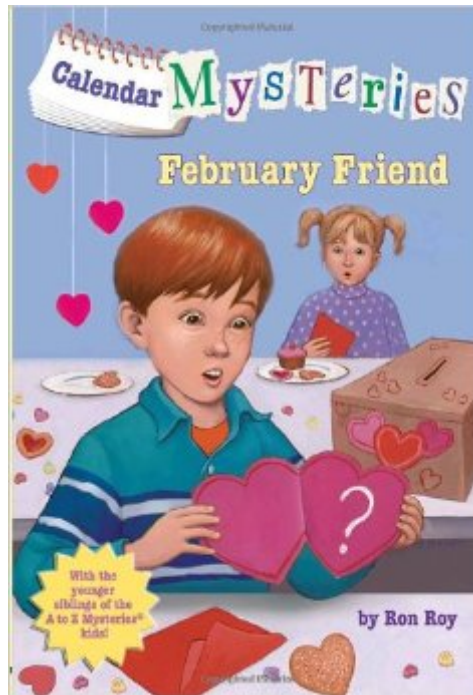


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# Calendar Mysteries #2: February Friend (A Stepping Stone Book(TM))



## Synopsis

It's a mystery every month from popular A to Z Mysteries author Ron Roy! February is for Friend... In the second book of the Calendar Mysteries "an early chapter book mystery series featuring the younger siblings of the A to Z Mysteries detectives" it's a Valentine's Day party! Bradley is passing out his class's valentines, but one of them has no name on it. Inside, the card tells the class to look in the closet. When they open the closet door, the kids find a rabbit named Douglas in a cage! What mysterious "friend" left him there? And why? Then the bunny gets sick. It's up to Bradley, Brian, Lucy, and Nate to track down his owner and figure out what is wrong with poor little Douglas. Parents, teachers, and librarians agree that these highly collectible chapter books are perfect for emerging readers and any kid who love mysteries!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

February's Calendar Mystery is fantastic. February of course brings Valentine's day, goodies and cards. This year, however, it also brought a special treat. The class received a mystery card that lead them inside the closet to find a rabbit named Douglas. The class is excited to receive a new

class pet, but when Brian and Bradley take the rabbit home for the weekend they quickly notice that he is hiding in a corner unwilling to eat, drink or socialize. The children become worried and take him to see their family vet. The doctor informs them the rabbit is not sick, he is merely homesick for his original owner. If they do not find out who left Douglas in the classroom, he may soon die. The clock is ticking and there is a mystery to be solved. Once the true owner becomes identified a new problem arises. Read for yourself to find out how the mysteries are creatively solved and they find a happy forever home for Douglas. I recently began to read the Calendar Mystery series. In fact, this was the first one I read. I was intrigued how the author made the kids really think and use some creative ways to find the true owner. The book has multiple problems, rather than your typical whodunnit mystery book. I enjoyed reading the way the kids worked together to find a solution. I believe any young reader would enjoy this book, as well as the whole series. By Kerri J. Busteed Author of Will's First Hunt

I read a few of Ron Roy's "A to Z" mysteries and was so impressed that I grabbed the first two from the Calendar series for younger readers. I'm happy to report that those volumes were just as entertaining. Roy has three sets of mysteries. The "A to Z" mysteries, (26 volumes for the 26 letters and then three bonus volumes), are for older chapter book readers. The "Calendar" mysteries, (surprise - 12 volumes), are for younger readers and, in a clever twist, feature the younger siblings of the protagonists from the "A to Z" set. The third series features mysteries that take place at various national landmarks in Washington, D.C. Both the "A to Z" books and the "Calendar" books feature an appealing set of characters, fair mystery plots, a bit of action and decent secondary characters. The Calendar books are like junior junior junior versions of the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mysteries. They have younger heroes, they are shorter, there are fewer twists and turns, there's very little danger, and the mysteries are a lot tamer. But that said, they have many of the same strengths. The four heroes, (first graders Bradley, Brian, Nate and Lucy), play equal roles, with no apparent bias between boys and girls. There is the same authentic and mutually supportive friendship among them. Adults are generally patient, resourceful and dependable, (when they aren't the villain in disguise). There is a good balance between clue hunting and figuring things out. Probably the biggest difference between these books and the sets for older kids is that there is very little adventure, in that the kids are rarely chased or trapped or threatened or menaced. These are much milder on that score. The mysteries are conventional, but I mean that in a good way - clues are fair, red herrings are fair, and the resolutions are logical. There are some convenient coincidences, but that's par for the course, especially in a relatively short chapter book. But even then the

emphasis is on logical thinking and deductive reasoning, which is something that is often wanting in more fanciful and less thoughtfully plotted books for this age group. In the "January" volume the kids get an alien invasion scare. Is it real or a prank? The kids are very clever in gathering clues and thinking things through, although there is a bit of a thrill behind the idea that the invasion might be real. This one is less about detecting and solving and more about pranking. In the "February" book we have a full blown mystery. Who abandoned a pet rabbit in the classroom, for adoption by the class? The kids follow clues and do actual detective legwork, and while everything falls conveniently into place, the solid bones of a decent mystery for new readers are clearly in place. So, these are kids' books, but they aren't silly, and there is no hint of fart/booger humor, which may have its place, but not necessarily here. The writer treats the young chapter book reader with a lot of respect and I would expect that these stories would be a satisfying read for a youngster. I doubt you can ask for much more than that at this level and I could see a kid just eating up these tales and this likable cast of characters. Please note that I found this book while browsing the local library's Kindle books, and downloaded it for free. I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

I was happy to find this new series for my students who like the A to Z Mysteries. The books are the perfect length for students who are just stepping into chapter books, and the content keeps them interested. I will definitely be buying more.

This book is a mystery to all. This book is so fun that it will make you go coo coo! This book is amazing. --- from Grace Eileen, age 6As you can see, my daughter loved this book. She has had a hard time keeping an interest in chapter books, but she really looked forward to more chapters each night. She is also able to read any page herself as we go through the book. We will buy more books in this series.

This is a wonderful book. This is a great calendar mystery. This book is about young twins Bradley and Brian with Dink's cousin Lucy and Ruth Rose's little brother Nate. I would recommend this book to mystery readers.

"February Friend" by Ron Roy. Calendar Mystery Series for kids. The four main characters: Bradley, Brian, Nate, Lucy. They are younger siblings/cousin of the main characters of the A-Z mystery series. Location: Green Lawn, Connecticut. In this book, it is Valentine's Day. Everyone is looking forward to the Valentine's Day party at school. Paper valentines, cupcakes, cookies,

brownies, the works. But in addition to the food treats and paper valentines, the kids get something else at their valentine's party . . . The kids and their families love animals. Therefore, they are always delighted to have an animal visitor. I will not say more, as to not ruin the book. But I will say that they must find the owner . . . Very good book. Very entertaining. If you have young children, I would recommend this series. Or if you are a teacher, I think your students would love these books.

This is part of the first grade monthly book club gift that I purchased for each student in the classroom. It was a fun way to promote reading and spark group conversation at the lunch table.

These was a very mysterious books! it was very exciting. I loved the mystery behind it! It's Valentin's Day again and Bradley, Nate, Brian, and Lucy find a mystery in there school! They found a bunny in their school class room! They are trying to find the bunny's true home! Help Nate, Brian, Bradley, and Lucy solve the mystery!

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