

# *How Can A Brilliant Detective Shine In The Dark?*

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**AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY**

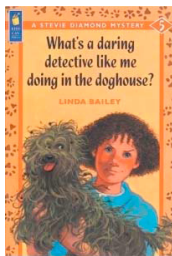
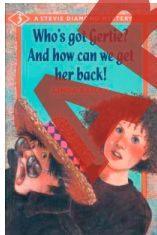
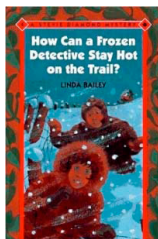
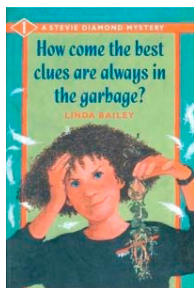
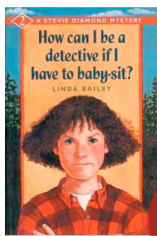
Linda Bailey is a Canadian author. She was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Her ancestors homesteaded in the inter-lake area of Manitoba.

Even as a young child her interests were in reading mystery stories and in characters that solved crimes and caught robbers.

She attended the University of British Columbia where she took a creative writing course. Because she liked to read mysteries herself she decided to write mystery novels. Her stories deal with an exciting plot with many suspects, clues and twists. Her heroine Stevie Diamond and co-detective Jesse Kulniki provide a colourful mystery adventure. Other books written by Linda Bailey include:



- How Come The Best Clues Are Always in the Garbage? 1992
- How Can I Be a Detective if I Have To Baby-sit? 1993
- Who's Got Gertie? And How Can We Get Her Back? 1994
- How Can a Frozen Detective Stay Hot on the Trail? 1996
- What's a Daring Detective Like Me Doing in the Doghouse? 1997

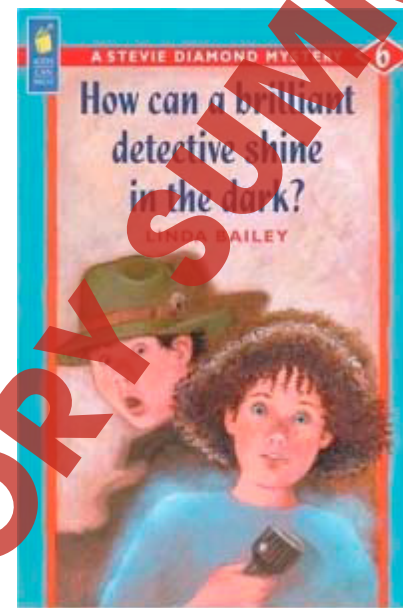


**STORY SUMMARY**

Stevie Diamond is going to a family reunion on Catriola Island. The mystery began with Uncle Archie who ran off to Europe to join a circus. No one ever talks about him much. Now is the chance to meet Uncle Archie and to find out what caused him to run off.

Her best friend, Jesse Kulniki, joins Stevie. There's not much to do on the island except read. A map is found in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. It's a map that leads to Bat Cave and a search for hidden gold.

Stevie finds the gold. Uncle Archie is revealed to be an imposter. The reason for Uncle Archie's disappearance is discovered. The gold is used to help find Archie in Europe. Diamond and Kulniki solve another mystery.



**CHAPTERS 1 & 2**

*Questions*

A. 1. Who are the characters introduced in these chapters?

ST \_ V \_ \_ D \_ \_ M \_ ND      \_ \_ NT P \_ TR \_ C \_  
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 N \_ T \_ L \_ \_      H \_ NK D \_ \_ L \_ Y  
 H \_ G \_      J \_ SS \_ K \_ LN \_ K \_

2. The story takes place on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The uncle who ran off to Europe was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To welcome the uncle home they organized \_\_\_\_\_.
5. One ground rule was \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The family name was \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The twin's favourite card game was \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Uncle Archie joined the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Three tricks he did were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Uncle Archie didn't inherit \_\_\_\_\_.
11. For dinner they had \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Because there wasn't much room to sleep inside they \_\_\_\_\_.

**CHAPTERS 3 & 4**

*Vocabulary and Language*

A. Steve packed the following books to take with her \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Write the titles of books you have read. Also indicate the main character(s) and the setting of the book.


B. Commas are used to separate things listed in a series ie. Five dog breeds are Boxers, Collies, Shepherds, Huskies and Spaniels. Complete the following: Don't forget commas.

1. Five girls in my class are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Six boys in my class are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Four games you play with a ball are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Five of my favourite things are \_\_\_\_\_.

**CHAPTERS 7 & 8**

*Writing and Creativity*

A. Illustrate and name ten items you could buy in Mr. Priddy's store.

B. Draw what was found on the floor of the cave.

C. Show what Stevie found on the wall of the cave. Put in what you think was scratched on it.

**CHAPTERS 9 & 10**

*Questions*

A. True (T) or False (F):

- 1. Stevie and Jesse heard sounds in the cave.
- 2. To teach the twins how to juggle Uncle Archie was using balloons.
- 3. Uncle Archie had wandered near the cave that morning.
- 4. Uncle Archie was a lion tamer in the circus.
- 5. Chocolates were the bingo prizes.
- 6. Aunt Ivy mentions Arlenville in her sleep.
- 7. Aunt Edna was nervous and was pacing the floor.
- 8. Pancakes were the breakfast meal.
- 9. Coopers feet were small.
- 10. Hank had dark hollows under his eyes.
- 11. Uncle Archie is Hank's oldest buddy.
- 12. Hank said, "If that's Archie Cooper, I'm Princess Anne."
- 13. Aunt Ivy only sees the good in people.
- 14. Uncle Archie had the curly Cooper hair.
- 15. Uncle Archie had the big Cooper feet.
- 16. Uncle Archie's stories didn't sound real.
- 17. Uncle Archie is Orville Frisk.
- 18. Uncle Archie is really Elvis Presley.



**CHAPTERS 17 & 18**

*Writing and Creativity*

A. Illustrate and name all the people who were going to Bat Cave to look for the gold.

**CHAPTER 19**

*Writing and Creativity*

B. Create a board game based on this book. Examples are shown. Listen to your teacher for further instructions.

80	79	78	77	76	75	74	73
65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
64	63 Stevie and Jesse hear moaning	62	61	60	59	58	57
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
16	15	14	13	12	11 Jesse finds a map	10	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

## CHAPTERS 5 & 6

### Questions

#### A. Choose the correct answer.

1. Woke up Jesse and Stevie as they slept in the living room.

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|---------------------|----------------|
| ___ a) Aunt Edna    | ___ b) Elvis   |
| ___ c) Uncle Archie | ___ d) Valerie |

2. Jesse picked this book to read.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ___ a) Adventures of Tom Sawyer | ___ b) Adventures of Robin Hood |
| ___ c) Little Women             | ___ d) Anne of Green Gables     |

3. The "x" on the map pointed to:

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| ___ a) Rat Cave | ___ b) Cat Cave |
| ___ c) Mat Cave | ___ d) Bat Cave |

4. Inside the book they found:

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ a) money        | ___ b) a library card |
| ___ c) a wad of gum | ___ d) a map          |

5. The giants of the Catriola forest were:

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| ___ a) Cedars | ___ b) Maples |
| ___ c) Firs   | ___ d) Birch  |

## ANSWERS

### 1 & 2

Uncle Archie, Aunt Edna, Aunt Ivy, Valerie, Natalie, Hugo, Aunt Patricia, Kenneth, Kevin, Uncle Bob, Hank Dooley, Jesse Kulniki

about the food **or** Be nice to your cousins.

to the fence top, riding a bicycle in circles backwards.  
family clodhoppers.  
neatloaf and potatoes.  
the far end of the meadow.

### 1 & 2

Island 2. Aunt Edna, Aunt Ivy 3. Uncle Archie, Europe, circus 4. arms, goosebumps 5. dad, Radical, couch, pizza, baseball,

### 1 & 2

happened," she said quietly. 2. "You loved that bear Valerie," said Aunt Edna. 3. "Hi Kenneth," I said.  
answered. 5. I muttered, "I'll do it myself."  
3. tent, 4. cake, 5. hair, 6. dock, 7. hums, 8. pink, 9. golf, 10. hour, 11. soya, 12. food

### 1 & 2

Stevie, uncle, teeth, aunt = leftover letters spell - Mental Telepathy

### 1 & 2

- Emphasize features of a good poster - large coloured illustration - times - dates - location. Have children name their circus and

### s 3 & 4

getting a breath of fresh air. 3. She's scared of driving. 4. mud 5. brisket, peas, shredded grey stuff with brown flecks and a salad 6.  
vegetarian 8. cheese and crackers 9. why did he leave town. 10. Crazy Eights, War, Rummy, Hearts, Student Response 11. a  
dormroom 13. leave 14. bookcase 15. Student response.

### s 3 & 4

bed (P) 2. Jesse and I (S), slapped (P) 3. Aunt Ivy (S), searched (P) 4. Aunt Edna (S), searched (P) 5. slug (S), wriggled (P) 6.  
(P)  
a, Hugo, Ivy, Jesse, Kenneth, Kevin, Natalie, Patricia, Stevie, Valerie - student responses

### s 3 & 4

blackbird, bumblehead, bluebird, merganser, goose ducks, finch, quail, herons, bittern, bunting, catbird, razorbill, waxwing, owl,  
hummingbird, bobolink, cormorant, magpie, canvasback, osprey, chickadee

### s 5 & 6

1. - D, 4. - D, 5. - A

### s 5 & 6

D, 9. - C, 10. - A,B

### s 5 & 6

plaid grandpa-type 2. wiggly, wooden 3. beautiful, all, tourist 4. fabulous, skunk, stepped on, huge, gristly  
blood-drinking, hair-tangling

### s 5 & 6

- pounded 3 - can fly 4 - was standing 5 - walked 6 - followed  
broken 3 - me 4 - they're 5 - quiet 6 - he 7 - I 8 - I

### s 5 & 6

with a brown leather band that had a small broad feather in it. The hat had a wide brim.  
tomatoes, pears, bananas, paring knife, plastic bottle, plastic bag, four cookies