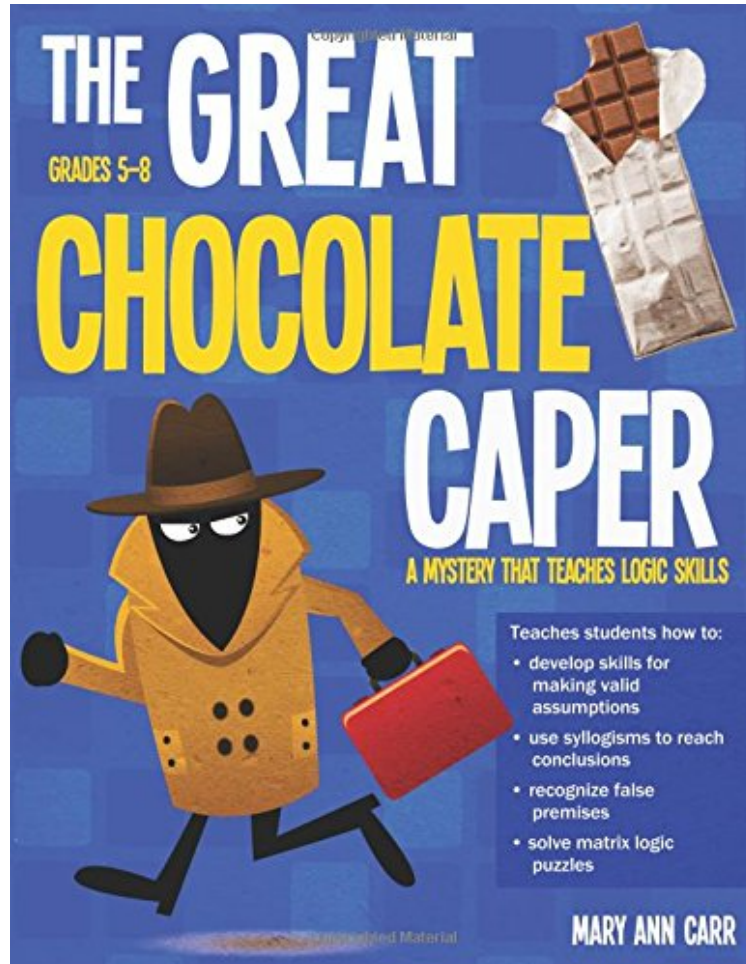


The Great Chocolate Caper: A Mystery That Teaches Logic Skills

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Mary Ann Carr : The Great Chocolate Caper: A Mystery That Teaches Logic Skills before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Great Chocolate Caper: A Mystery That Teaches Logic Skills:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By cricket Granddaughter loved this. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great activity book By S. Thomas I love this book and use it regularly in my classes. It really teaches the kids to think logically and follow the clues to the correct answer. But best of all, it is great fun! 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Terrific! By Laurel Fetzer I have loved this unit. Everything is spelled out and I can teach it with ease. I'm a volunteer in our school for the gifted/talented kids and it is nice to have something so well thought out. Thanks.

Reginald Van Feisty, owner of the world-famous chocolate factory, Dutch Delight Chocolates, is excited about his

brand-new recipe for chocolate. But, before he can manufacture even the first chocolate bar, the recipe is stolen! Have your students discover who stole Van Feisty's famous chocolate recipe and they'll not only be great detectives, they'll be masters of logical thinking. There are nine suspects, but which one is guilty? This mystery becomes a vehicle for teaching logical thinking. In solving the mystery, students will: differentiate between valid conclusions and invalid assumptions, use syllogisms to reach valid assumptions, recognize false premises, solve deductive matrix puzzles, and decode a secret message.

The Great Chocolate Caper: A Mystery that Teaches Logic Skills is meant for the 5th/8th grader. I used it with my 5th grade son and 8th grade daughter who have both been doing logic puzzlers from early elementary age. They jumped into this with great excitement because the puzzlers were part of a mystery they had to help solve...Through a variety of logic exercises, your child whittles down the nine person suspect list until the culprit is discovered. He will solve matrix puzzles, determine valid vs. invalid assumptions, pinpoint false premises and valid conclusions, examine fingerprint clues and decode secret messages. --"Our Journey Westward," Cindy West - March 14, 2011

About the Author
Mary Ann Carr began writing mysteries for kids to solve while teaching gifted students. Each of her mystery books are designed to develop critical thinking skills. She has taught grades 1-7, working with gifted children as a Gifted and Talented Education Resource teacher for 14 years. Prior to this experience, she worked in Richmond, VA, first as a classroom teacher then in a Chapter I program, teaching photography and video to struggling learners in the inner city. Carr was an educational consultant for 7 years, hired by school systems to conduct workshops in differentiation for classroom teachers. She holds a master's degree in curriculum development from Virginia Commonwealth University. She currently teaches in the College of William and Mary's summer enrichment program. Carr recently retired as a resource teacher and lives on the Chesapeake Bay in a rural county in Virginia.