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“SPINE-CHILLING AND CREEPY!” —MAX BRALLIER,
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MONSTERIOUS

**A NEW SERIES OF TERRIFYING TALES THAT COMBINE
MONSTERS + MYSTERIES, PERFECT FOR FANS OF GOOSEBUMPS**

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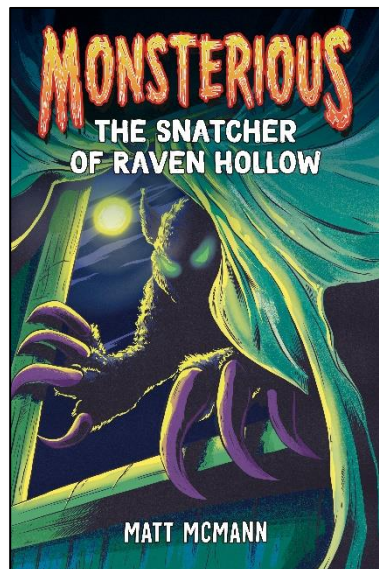
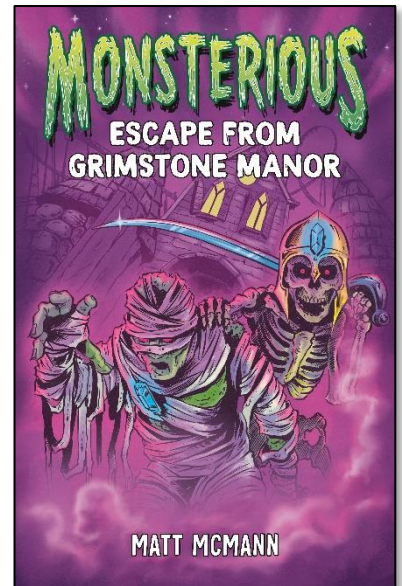
The **Monsterious** series (Putnam; 5/9/23) is the ideal read for kids who can't get enough of Goosebumps and Five Nights at Freddy's. Combining high concept storytelling with a great hook, readers will love the unexpected, spine-chilling twists and turns, action and suspense, and creepy mysteries to unravel in each installment.

Monsterious is pitch-perfect middle grade, ideal for both reluctant and avid readers. Each book comes in at fewer than 200 pages, and every chapter ends with a chilling cliffhanger that will keep kids turning the pages. With the first two books publishing simultaneously, each book in the series completely stands alone, with a different setting and main characters—and different monsters—in each installment, and can be read in any order.

ABOUT MONSTERIOUS #1: ESCAPE FROM GRIMSTONE MANOR: Zari has always been fascinated by creepy stories about Hezekiah Crawly, the real-life inspiration behind her local amusement park's haunted house attraction, so she's thrilled when her friends Mateo and Taylor agree to go on the last ride of the day before the park closes.

But when the ride breaks down, the three get trapped inside the haunted house for the night! As if that weren't scary enough, the kids stumble onto a hidden staircase leading to a dark, cobwebbed crypt that doesn't seem like part of the ride—and by the looks of it, they aren't alone down there. Is it possible the stories about Hezekiah Crawly and his monstrous experiments are true? And if so, can

Zari, Mateo and Taylor make it through the night in one piece?



ABOUT MONSTERIOUS #2: THE SNATCHER OF RAVEN HOLLOW: When her small town is rocked by a series of baby kidnappings, Teo vows to spend her summer break solving the mystery, and convinces her friend Logan—who would much rather spend his vacation relaxing—to help.

Their search for answers soon leads them to the woods at the edge of town, and Teo fears some kind of supernatural creature might be behind the snatchings. What else could explain the creepy figure they see moving through the trees, or the bloodcurdling screams coming from the forest at dusk?

Logan has his doubts, but when another child is taken, there's no time to waste. Can he and Teo get to the bottom of the kidnappings and rescue the missing babies before it's too late?



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: As a professional musician, **Matt McMann** played an NFL stadium, a cruise ship, and the International Twins Convention. Now he writes the kind of spooky mystery adventure books he loved as a kid. He's hiked the Pacific Northwest, cruised Loch Ness, and chased a ghost on a mountain. While he missed Bigfoot and Nessie, he caught the ghost. He enjoys brainstorming new books with his wife, *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa McMann, viewing his son Kilian McMann's artwork, and watching his daughter, actor Kennedy McMann, on television. Visit him online at mattmcmann.com, and follow him on Twitter and Instagram @matt_mcmann.

PRAISE FOR MONSTERIOUS

"[D]eftly explores themes such as courage and the challenges of being vulnerable with friends. There are no dull moments...**Frighteningly fun.**" —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Spine-chilling twists and turns and a creepy mystery to unravel. Grab a flashlight—**this will have you up reading way too late!**" —*Max Brallier*, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of The Last Kids on Earth series

"**A roller coaster of jolts, twists, thrills**, and nightmarish creatures creeping out from the shadows. What a wild ride! —*Margaret Peterson Haddix*, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Shadow Children sequence

"**A fast-paced thrill ride of a book**, crawling with haunts and horrors at every turn. Enter if you dare!" —*Marissa Meyer*, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of The Lunar Chronicles

"Take my advice and read *Monsterious*. It's **fun and terrifying!**" —*James Riley*, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Story Thieves*

"Delicious, creepy, **scary fun!**" —*Adam Gidwitz*, Newbery Honor author of *A Tale Dark and Grimm*

"**Scream. Laugh. Repeat.**" —*James Ponti*, *New York Times* bestselling author of the City Spies series

"Filled with humor, heart, and creeps galore. **An absolute delight** from beginning to end!" —*Alyson Noël*, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of The Immortals series

"**Irresistibly fun, monstrously clever, and laced with heart.** I couldn't put it down!" —*Lindsay Currie*, author of *Scratch Scratch*

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MONSTERIOUS # 2: THE SNATCHER OF RAVEN HOLLOW

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