



# THE SHERLOCK SOCIETY

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## Educator Case Files: Classroom Guide and Activity Booklet

### INTRODUCTION

The *Sherlock Society* is the first in a fun and educational series perfect for any classroom, either as an all-class read or an independent reading recommendation. While reading, your students will solve clever mysteries, feel empowered to right the wrongs in their own lives, and of course, laugh along with the characters—all while learning right here in your classroom! Along with author James Ponti, Simon & Schuster has put together these digital case files with tools for educators to read and enjoy *The Sherlock Society* in their classrooms.

### ABOUT THE SERIES

As with the *City Spies* series, James Ponti has created an entirely new cast of loveable characters, high stakes action, and implied lessons about friendship, family, and the ways kids can make a difference in the world around them.

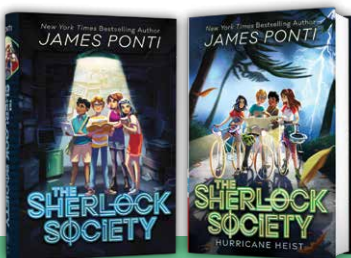
In this opener to the *Sherlock Society* series, four kids and one grandfather in Miami tackle a decades-old mystery while confronting very recent injustices as well:

Siblings Alex and Zoe Sherlock take their last name as inspiration when choosing a summer job. After all, starting a detective agency has to be better than babysitting (boring), lawn mowing (sweaty), or cleaning out the attic (boring and sweaty). Their friends Lina, an avid bookworm, and Yadi, an aspiring cinematographer, join the enterprise, and Alex and Zoe's retired reporter grandfather offers up his sweet aquamarine Cadillac convertible and storage unit full of cold cases.

The group's first target is the long-lost treasure supposedly hidden near their hometown Miami. Their investigation into the local doings of famed gangster Al Capone leads them to a remote island in the middle of the Everglades where they find alarming evidence hinting at corporate corruption.

Together with Grandpa's know-how and the kids' intelligence—plus some really slick gadgets—can the *Sherlock Society* root out the conspiracy?

*Sherlock Society* tackles mysteries new and old and with the help of this guide, your students can constructively discuss the plots, mysteries, and interpersonal relationships within the story and enjoy collaborating on creative detective-themed activities as well! So, what are you waiting for? Let's get started!



#### INSIDE YOU'LL FIND:

- Reading Group Guides
- Membership Card Reproducible Sheet
- Escape Biscayne Bay Activities
- Certificate for Your Classroom, Library, or Individual Students
- Reader's Theater