



Young Cam Jansen and the Missing Cookie

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Recommended Ages:

5-9

Summary: Cam Jansen can find a mystery anywhere, even in the school lunchroom! When Jason opens his lunch box and finds only cookie crumbs, Cam's amazing memory clicks into action.

Discussion Questions: Spoiler alert! Some of the questions contain key elements of the plot. Do not read if you don't want to know what happens!

1. Before you read your first Cam Jansen book, did you think Cam was a girl or a boy? Why?
2. Cam Jansen has a photographic memory. She can remember anything she sees once. Would you like to have this talent? Why or why not?
3. Cam Jansen's memory is what makes her different. Do you have any unique talents?
4. Why do you think Cam always closes her eyes when she says, "Click"?
5. When Jason's cookie went missing, he accused different classmates of stealing it. What happens when people jump to conclusions?
6. Why is it important to get the facts right? Name some situations where correct or exact facts are important.

Activities:

- Discuss what makes a good mystery. Discuss why people like to read mysteries and what they like about the Cam Jansen mysteries. For example, they may like a mystery because it has a twist at the end that is different from what they predicted would happen.
- Test memories by playing memory games.
- Ask if they have solved a real-life mystery.

Snack Ideas: Chocolate chip cookies!