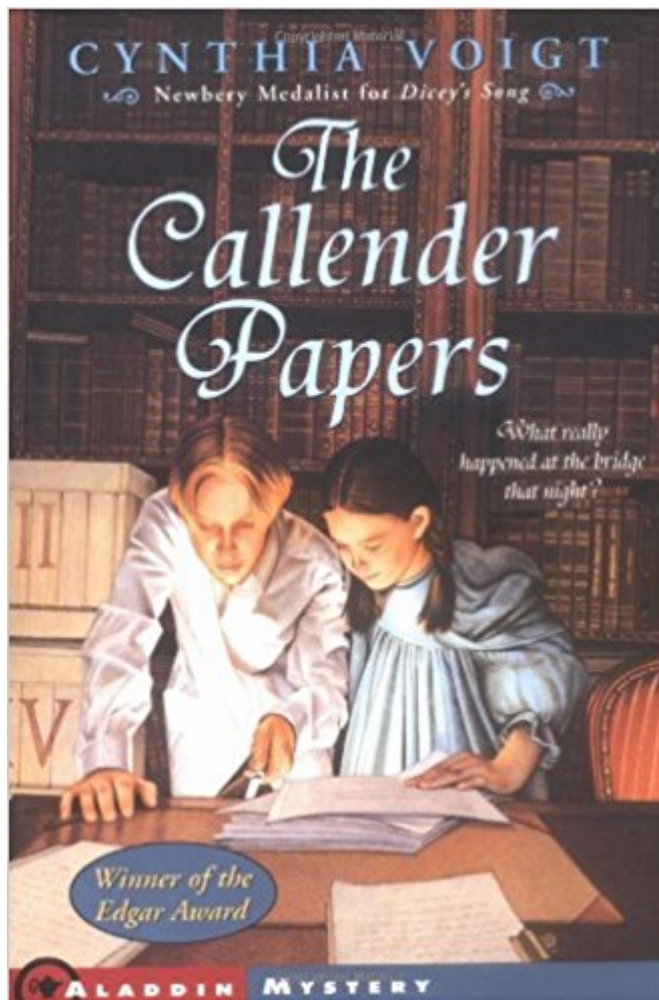


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# The Callender Papers



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an intriguing mystery of a young girl's involvement surrounded by boxes of papers in a job to sort them and how she finds a family she never knew she had is intertwined with new people she meets and who really is that mysterious Mr. Thiel, her boss?

Tonight is book club, and I just finished the book this is an awesome book! I usually predict the endings right but never expected this ending!!

The book was easy to read, interesting story, and excellent life lessons for a young person. Touched on motivation, independence, relationships, and trust.

I'm 11 years old and this book bored me to death. It was also very predictable. Every time I read I ended up falling asleep

A good mystery, any mystery worth its salt, must maintain a sense of suspense throughout. This mystery does not. A thirteen year old orphan is permitted by her aunt (her parents' origins are a mystery) to take a job helping to catalogue the "Callender Papers", the documents of her aunt's childhood friend. As she works, she uncovers a mystery involving the death of a character's wife and the disappearance of a child when it was young. It takes very little time to figure out that the protagonist is indeed this child. Unfortunately, she is not spunky enough a heroine to make her adventures intriguing, even when she is put in danger.

'The Callender Papers' begins like many other Cynthia Voigt books. But as you read on in the story, it gets so interesting that you can't put it down. This book is the winner of the Edgar Allen Poe Award, which it definitely deserves. I would suggest that this book is for ages twelve and up. Cynthia Voigt has written many other good books such as 'Homecoming', 'A Solitary Blue', 'Dicey's Song', 'Come a Stranger', and 'Bad Girls'. If you would like to read a gripping mystery for young adults, get this book today! For more book recommendations, e-mail me at [Klaptrap3@aol.com](mailto:Klaptrap3@aol.com)

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