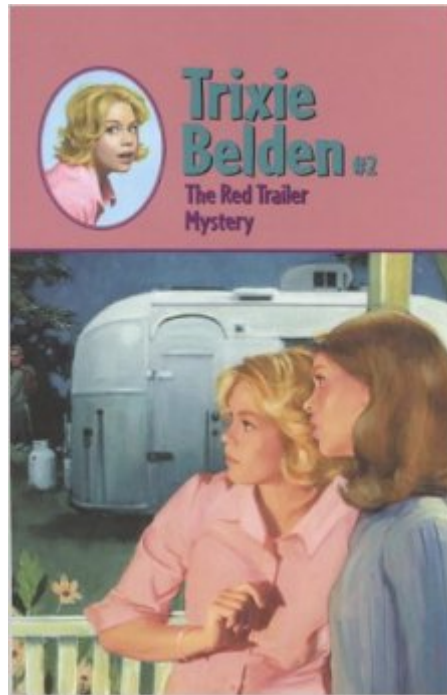


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The Red Trailer Mystery



Synopsis

Trixie and Honey's friend Jim has run away from Sleepyside "before anyone could tell him that he is the only heir to the huge Frayne fortune. The girls set out across upstate New York in a trailer to track him down . . . and stumble onto another mystery along the way!

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Customer Reviews

The good news is that Jim Frayne has indeed inherited money from his great uncle and will have a new guardian appointed. The bad news is that he left Sleepyside before he could find out. So Trixie, Honey, and her governess, Miss Trask, set out in the Wheeler's trailer to find him. The first night out, they stop next to a mysterious red trailer. The family stays inside with the curtains closed. When they arrive in upstate New York, they learn that trailer thieves are operating in the area. Will Trixie and Honey be able to find Jim before he leaves New York for good? What is going on in that mysterious trailer? And have the girls stumbled on the thieves' hide out? This book picks up minutes after the first book in the series ended. This is unusual in kid's books, and I rather enjoyed it.

There's enough of a recap that anyone new to the story will feel right at home, although it's obviously best to read book 1 first. The first time I read the story, I knew the ultimate outcome of their search for Jim. However, the sub-plots kept me interested the whole way through. Trixie and Honey are more themselves than in the last book. And, like the last book, so much happens that it's hard to

put the book down. This book also contains one of my all time favorite scenes from the series. I always laugh when Trixie and Honey are trapped in the loft by Al. Honey especially is funny while being perfectly in character. Julie Campbell took her time setting up the characters and events of the series, so these first books are really needed to fully enjoy what follows. But that's no trouble since they are so much fun to read. I've been reading them for years, and I don't plan to stop in the near future.

Thirteen-year-old Trixie Belden, and her best friend, Honey Wheeler, couldn't have been more upset when their new acquaintance, Jim Frayne, ran away from Sleepyside, in the hopes that he would not be caught by his abusive stepfather. Unfortunately, Jim took off right before Trixie had the chance to tell him that he was the heir to a huge fortune. Now Trixie and Honey, along with Honey's Governess, are on a trailer trip through upstate New York to locate Jim. However, during their trip they meet up with a family in a red trailer, who couldn't look more upset, and when their eleven-year-old daughter runs off through the woods, Trixie and Honey decide to try and find her as well. But when the two girls meet up with a couple of trailer thieves, they have to try and save themselves, protect all trailer owners, get the trailer thieves arrested, and find Jim and the lost little girl before it's too late. If only the two girls had known that their little trailer trip would turn out to be so full of surprises. I am a longtime reader of the NANCY DREW series, so when I stumbled across the TRIXIE BELDEN series, I knew that I had to give it a try. I read the first book in the series a few months ago, and loved it, so I decided to get the second book in the series. To my surprise, I loved it even more than the first. Julie Campbell is a marvelous storyteller, whose characters couldn't be more fun and exciting to read about. Trixie is an upbeat girl, who is always getting into trouble; while Honey is more shy, but at the same time loves a good mystery. Fans of mysteries will adore Trixie Belden, and find themselves grappling to read the next book in the series. Erika Sorocco Book Review Columnist for The Community Bugle Newspaper

I first discovered Trixie Belden when I was 11. Now, 27 years later, I still love these books as a great friend from childhood. All of my school girl friends read about Trixie, the Bob-Whites of the Glen and all of their adventures. I wish these books were still available in print or even in the public libraries so every girl or boy could read and fall in love with them and their adventures like I did. These books are a great stepping stone into the Nancy Drew series or even as companion books. They open the eyes of the reader and make them think as they see the mystery unfold. Plus, the BWG's make a great set of friends for anyone to have.

I read my first Trixie Belden book when I was 9 (37 years ago!) and I fell in love with the Belden clan, their farm, Honey, and Jim, and the horses! I can't believe this series is no longer in print. The kids are so normal, the dialogue natural, and the mysteries engrossing. When I read about Trixie, I became a "Bob-White" - these were my friends. Several years ago, I found my old collection in a box and re-read them. My husband thought I was nuts, but I had a ball remembering the plots and characters and feeling like a kid again---solving mysteries with Trixie!

The Red Trailer Mystery is one of the best in this series. Readers should read "The Secret of the Mansion" before Red Trailer Mystery, as Red Trailer is a continuation of the story line begun in Secret. When I was a pre-teen & young teen, I devoured all Trixie Belden books. They are dated, but are still wonderful fun to read. The first 10 books in the series are by far the best. Trixie is a strong character and a very positive role model for young girls.

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