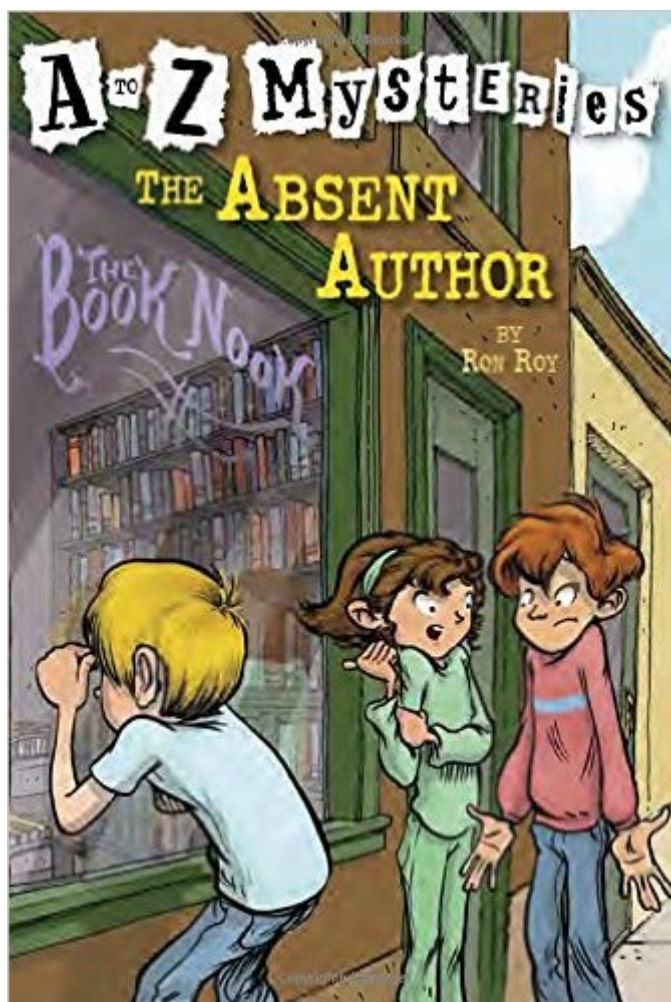


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I read a few of Ron Roy's mysteries, ("The Falcon's Feathers", "The Canary Caper"), and was so impressed that I grabbed this first one to see how it all starts and to see if more in the series are as good as that sample. Happy to report that this volume was just as entertaining. It is lighter than the later books on character description, but stronger on the mystery/detection angle. Roy has three sets of mysteries. The "A to Z" mysteries, (26 volumes for the 26 letters and then three bonus volumes), are for older chapter book readers. The "Calendar" mysteries, (surprise - 12 volumes), are for younger readers and, in a clever twist, feature the younger siblings of the protagonists from the "A to Z" set. The third series features mysteries that take place at various national landmarks in

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