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Loulou: Garden Detective

THE STRANGE CASE OF THE HAZELNUT TREE

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- A book series of stand-alone novels with coloured illustrations and a grid to fit every children's progress and develop their appetite for reading.
- Sweet stories to discover mother nature's secrets while following the investigation of a clever young detective.

This morning, panic breaks out in mum's garden: an intruder has ravaged the hazelnut tree and the nuts are all over the grass. Loulou and her cat, Mister Poirot, embark on a hectic investigation to find out who is responsible for this crime, under the sceptical eye of her friends Elza, Léo, Mat and Tit'. But don't fear, light will be shed on the great hazelnut affair by this evening, Loulou's word!

Ending: After suspecting and then clearing the strange neighbour, Mr. Grignote, a bird (a woodpecker) and a squirrel, Loulou understands that the animal responsible for making the nuts fall is in fact a little insect that loves nuts: the nut weevil. The case is closed!

Extras:

- Super tips to learn how to make hazelnuts sing!

THE AUTHOR

Isabelle CABRIT worked in tourism and local development for several years. After a brief period in Paris, she moved her family and her life to Savoie. There, her desire to write began to grow. She changed careers and became a freelancer for websites dedicated to gardening and plants. Loulou's investigations reflect her interests (gardening, nature and detective stories).

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The series:

Loulou, 8 years old, is a great lover of detective novels and a fervent admirer of Agatha Christie. She would like to be a detective when she grows up!

All the **mysteries of her daily life**, especially when it's about the garden and nature, get her little grey cells working -as dear Hercule Poirot would say. Vegetables nibbled or fruits disappearing, trees damaged, leaves flattened, suspicious prints... Loulou and her faithful assistant, the cat Mister Poirot, are ready to investigate. Always with a great deal of benevolence towards the two, four or six-legged culprits of course!



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THE LEEK THIEF

It's the very end of the summer break. But when the family comes back home: a big tragedy has happened ! Loulou's mother notices that some of her leeks have disappeared, and her father is convinced that a mole has taken advantage of their absence to make mounds on the lawn. Loulou concludes too quickly that the mole is the leek thief... But the case is more complex than that, as Mr. Grignote, her neighbour and animal expert, shows her. A good detective must verify their hypotheses before jumping to conclusions.

Ending: After suspecting and then clearing the mole, the mice and a squirrel, Loulou understands that the animal responsible is in fact a rodent: the mole rat. The case is closed!

Extras:

- Super tips on how to welcome a bird of prey in your garden
- Identikit "The mole rat" (or "ground vole")



Release Date: August 2020



THE HEADLESS PEACH TREES

It's the spring break. During a walk in the garden, Loulou's mother discovers that her two young peach trees, planted in the autumn, have been cut down. It's time for a new investigation ! And Loulou has to be quick because mum is already accusing Mat's older brother and his mates who like to fly their drones in the area...

Ending: At first, Loulou considers the animal trails: the hare and especially the deer are suspected. With the help of her friends, Mister Poirot, Léo's grandfather, Mr. Grignote and her own grandfather, Loulou discovers that the culprit is none other than... her father! Fascinated by the drones, he had mismanaged his brush cutter...

Extras:

- Super tips for following a deer trail
- Identikit "The deer"



Release Date: March 2021



PUMPKIN IN DISTRESS

Loulou and her friends are getting ready for the long awaited Halloween celebration. What's on the agenda? Pumpkin contests, candy hunts and a mega-party at the festival hall. In the morning, Elzouille, comes to Loulou's house to carve their pumpkins into Jack O'lanterns. The pumpkins come straight from mum's garden! But when the girls go to get their tools, they realize that the cellar is home to bats. After a discussion with her neighbour, who is an animal experts, Loulou is keen to protect her new housemates, but her parents are less enthusiastic... Especially since the bats have knocked over some jars, pierced Mister Poirot's bag of food and started to steal from the house...

Ending: After her investigation, Loulou discovers that in addition to the bats, her house is also home to a weasel, the true responsible for the overturned jars and the theft of the catfood!



Extras:

- Super tips on how to build a bat house
- Identikit "The weasel"



Release Date: October 2021



THE CURSE OF THE STRAWBERRY PLANTS



It's springtime, and while visiting a medieval castle with her class, Loulou has to solve a mystery: the wild strawberries that grow in the castle's garden have dried up. These strawberries are the emblem of the castle. Loulou notices a young boy in a wheelchair collecting a strange yellow substance... Has he poisoned the strawberry plants?

Ending: Between two workshops to discover the bestiary of the Middle Ages and the medieval garden, Loulou exchanges with the boy. His name is Zac and he is the son of the castle owners. win the yellow blob and decides to help Loulou: their prime suspect is a worm but they end up then discover that cockchafer larvae are actually behind this "terrible" curse.

Extras:

- Super tips on how to create a blob
- Identikit "The cockchafer larvae"
- A blank space in order to invent a fantastic animal

Release Date: May 2022

