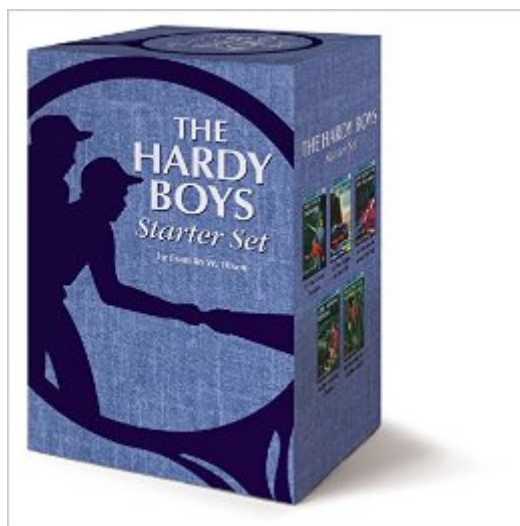


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# HARDY BOYS STARTER SET, TH The Hardy Boys Starter Set



## Synopsis

A special treat for Hardy Boys fans! The first five books in the classic mystery series are packaged together in a collectible box set featuring a newly redesigned slipcover. Titles included are #1 The Tower Treasure, #2 The House on the Cliff, #3 The Secret of the Old Mill, #4 The Missing Chums, and #5 Hunting for Hidden Gold.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I can recall reading my first Hardy Boys mystery at 8-years of age... 58-years ago... that first book was "The Sinister Sign Post." I would read the Hardy adventures late at night, under the covers, with a flashlight. My dad would get very annoyed as any time he needed the flashlight the batteries were dead. My parents, in buying these books for me, gave me the greatest gift I have ever received. Because of the Hardy Boys I became an inveterate reader. And because of that, it made my way through elementary school, high school and college much, much easier. One thing, not so positive, should be pointed out however. The stories published in the 50's and early 60's were rich in language... some of the words were not easy for a snot-nosed kid. So much the better, my vocabulary was greatly improved. But the current books have been dumbed-down something terrific. If you doubt that go to a used book store and find a Hardy Boys mystery that was published in say... 1955 and compare that to a same titled current book. The difference is amazing... alas. L.C. Robinson

My 2nd grader recently got these from his grandparents. He is about half way through the first book and is enjoying the story of a stolen jalopy. It is a little difficult (but not too difficult) for my 7 year old who is an excellent reader, but he seems to be enjoying the challenge. He is learning new vocabulary, which is always good!

We purchased the Hardy Boys starter set after my 5th grade son had read the first book. He had to read a mystery book for school. He liked it so much we purchased the others. He just finished the second book in record reading time. Even though these books were written quite some time ago, they still can appeal to kids today.

Both my 10 yo son and 8 yo daughter are enjoying these for "story time" at night. I think it's actually helping my daughter's comprehension. The mystery keeps them engaged while at the same time the vocabulary is varied enough that they are always expanding what they know. We always discuss what we are reading which is great with mysteries. We also have been enjoying the original Nancy Drew series.

For a wonder, I never read a Hardy boys novel when I was growing up, probably because they weren't on the shelves at the library where I got most of my books. Of course I saw the Disney versions and the tv series, but I never read one of the books until I was sixty one years old. Then while shopping online I found this boxed set and decided to buy it and read what the books were like. The first thing I found was that these are not the original versions of the stories written in the late twenties and early thirties. The giveaway was when some of the villains stole a case of transistor radios, which were not even invented til long after the forties. So this is the series rewritten in the sixties. That said, the stories were ingenious and well written. Also, I liked the group of friends that were always ready to help the heroes with their adventures. Television lost out on a good thing when they did not mention these guys and girls on the shows. After reading through the books, I passed them on to some of my friends, who are eagerly reading them, too. These books are a good read and a fine memento of a time when it was considered possible for a pair of teenagers to take on a gang of criminals and not get killed out of hands.

I personally think these novels are some of the best ever. They are filled with action packed adventures. They keep you flying through the pages to find the answers to the mysteries. They even

keep you laughing at the Hardy Boy's friend Chet Morton and his jalopy. These are MUST read action packed novels.

My 12 year old son loved this series..He was given these as a gift and has read one after the other..The decades old technology, motorcycles, speed boats kept him very interested..The Hardys are a classic that never fails to satisfy..

I loved reading the Hardy Boys growing up but my son finds them a little tame and old fashioned.I found a great series by RT Byrum which is similar to the Hardy Boys but with new modern toys, gadgets and gizmos. In fact, I think the stories are even better written and more entertaining.The first in the series is Mystery of Shrieking Island. You will love them. I sure did.

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