



## Nancy Drew Timeline

- 1862 – Edward Stratemeyer born
- 1892 – Harriet Stratemeyer (Adams) born
- 1905 – Mildred Augustine (Wirt Benson) born. Edward Stratemeyer forms the Stratemeyer Syndicate publishing company
- 1927 – The Hardy Boys series debuts
- 1930 – The Nancy Drew series debuts with *The Secret of the Old Clock*. Edward Stratemeyer dies
- 1959 – Revisions/updates to the original texts of volumes 1-34 begin
- 1979 – Adams contracts with Simon & Schuster to publish forthcoming Nancy Drew books. Simon & Schuster will pick up the original series with volume 57 and launch several spin-offs
- 1982 – Harriet Adams dies
- 1985 – Stratemeyer Syndicate sells its remaining assets to Simon & Schuster
- 1998 – HeR Interactive launches its Nancy Drew computer game series
- 2003 – The original Nancy Drew Mystery Stories series ends after 175 volumes. Simon & Schuster begins a new Nancy Drew series, variations of which continue to this day



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## Nancy Drew History Suggested Reading

***Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew and the Women Who Created Her*** by Melanie Rehak (2006). Great history of the Nancy Drew series. My top pick.

<http://www.nancydrewsleuth.com> Website of leading Nancy Drew historian Jennifer Fisher. Includes history, fan club and conventions info, info on collecting Nancy Drew books and collectibles and lots more

<http://www.nancydrewworld.com> Lea Shangraw Fox's detailed website about foreign editions of Nancy Drew books

***Clues for Real Life: The Classic Wit and Wisdom of Nancy Drew*** by Stephanie Karpinske (2007). Fun and inspiring motivational book with lots of illustrations, uses Nancy Drew as a case study in life lessons

***Farah's Guide to Nancy Drew Books and Collectibles*** by David Farah. The definitive guide to pricing and dating the different printings of Nancy Drew books

***Missing Millie Benson: The Secret Case of the Nancy Drew Ghostwriter and Journalist*** by Julie K. Rubini (2015). Biography for young readers about the woman who wrote 23 of the first 30 Nancy Drew books

***Nancy Drew and Company: Culture, Gender and Girls' Series*** edited by Sherrie A. Inness (1997). Scholarly essays about girls' series books

***The Nancy Drew Scrapbook*** by Karen Plunkett-Powell (1993)

***Rediscovering Nancy Drew*** edited by Carolyn Stewart Dyer and Nancy Tillman Romalov (1995) Collection of literary essays from a landmark early conference about Nancy Drew

***The Secret of the Stratemeyer Syndicate: Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys and the Million Dollar Fiction Factory*** by Carol Billman (1986) An early history. Some errors, but a good succinct overview