



Nancy Drew

Sources and 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

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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