

Book Title: *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey*

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As the second book in the Mysterious Benedict Society series, *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey* continues the story of Reynie Muldoon, Sticky Washington, Constance Contraire, and Kate Wetherall. These four gifted children discover that Mr. Benedict and his secretary/adopted daughter, Number Two, have been kidnapped by his evil twin, Mr. Curtain. Mr. Curtain is demanding information about a mysterious plant called duskwort. In order to save Mr. Benedict and Number Two, the four children follow clues that Mr. Benedict set out for them. Their journey takes them to Portugal through a ship called the *Shortcut*, where the children must overcome many dangerous challenges in order to face Mr. Curtain once more and save their friends.

The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey is filled with adventure, creative riddles, humor, and cliff hangers that make the book impossible to put down. Each of the four children play an important role throughout their journey, and there are many plot twists that render the story unpredictable and exciting. Another fascinating aspect about this book is that each time you read it, you learn something new or pick up on a clue that you did not notice before. Hence, it is fun to read this book again and again. This makes the book perfect as a gift for someone else, although I recommend gifting it with the first book of the series, *The Mysterious Benedict Society*, because a lot of the characters are introduced in the first book.

The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey can be enjoyed by people of all ages. However, I would especially recommend this book for students in grades 5 – 7 (ages 11 – 13) who love to read about adventure and puzzles. It is a fairly long novel, but each chapter is filled with captivating events and attention-grabbing detail. In addition, the illustrations at the beginning of each chapter help to bring the plot and characters to life. If you read and enjoyed *The Mysterious Benedict Society*, then you will definitely want to read *The Mysterious Society and the Perilous Journey*!

Recommended books

***The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart**

***The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner's Dilemma* by Trenton Lee Stewart**

***The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict* by Trenton Lee Stewart**