

***Randi Rhodes Ninja Detective – The Case of the Time-Capsule Bandit***

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The book is about a girl named Randi Rhodes moving to a new town place with her dad after her mom dies. Randi has to make new friends and learn a whole new lifestyle. When she first arrives the town is unveiling a time capsule and it disappears, Randi jumps right in and starts investigating, she has always been an amateur detective so this appeals to her.

The book starts when Randi and her dad move from Brooklyn to start a new life after her mom dies. Randi and her dad move to Deer Creek, Tennessee. When they arrive they go to the unveiling of the towns time capsule, a disruption occurs and the time capsule is missing. Angus McCarthy is blamed because he let out a skunk and while everyone was trying to catch it the time capsule went missing. The mayor announces that the sheriff has a week to find the time capsule but Randi decides she can do the job instead. Randi starts asking questions around town. Though she isn't trying to, Randi makes a new friend, DC and they start The Ninja Detective Club. Randi and DC decide their first case will be the case of The Missing Time Capsule.

Randi and DC learn about a legend of the Haunted Cabin so they think that will be a good place to start the investigation. The investigation leads them around town where they meet a new friend named Pudge and ask him to join the Ninja Detective Club. The group investigates on Angus McCarthy's property, he is still the prime suspect of the sheriff. I don't want to give away the surprise but Angus is not the culprit.

Once the mystery is solved the story goes on to Randi competing in a beauty pageant to get back at a mean girl.

The cover of the book was misleading, I was expecting a group of ninjas investigating a crime. The group didn't get together and the action didn't start until halfway through the book and it ended very quickly and became a story about a girl's beauty pageant.

I don't think this book was for me. I would recommend to kids a little younger than me, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> graders and think it would be better for girls than boys. If you are looking for a good action book I would recommend *The Percy Jackson Series* by Rick Riordan.