

***I SPY Mystery* User Guide**

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About Scholastic

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As a leading publisher of children's educational materials, Scholastic brings a wealth of expertise to its software production. Each award-winning title offers challenging activities and memorable characters, as well as outstanding animation and sound, designed to spark your imagination.

Welcome

It's time to put your detective skills to the test. So pull up a chair and begin the quest!

Discover a new way to play I SPY with 13 fascinating mysteries that need your super-sleuth skills! Choose a case file, then earn mystery clues by solving I SPY riddles and searching for carefully concealed objects. Use your problem solving skills to gather clues and solve the cases of *Locked Gate*, *Pirate's Map*, *Midnight Mouse*, and many more clever mysteries.

I SPY Mystery is inspired by the book *I SPY Mystery*, by Jean Marzollo and Walter Wick.

System Requirements

Check the **System Requirements** below to make sure your computer is compatible with *I SPY Mystery*. If your system meets these requirements and you are still experiencing difficulty installing or using the software, please refer to the **Troubleshooting** section of this manual.

Windows®

Pentium® II 266 MHz or faster processor
Microsoft® Windows 98, 2000, Me, XP, or later
64 MB RAM
Minimum 20 MB hard disk space available
8X CD-ROM drive
16-bit color
Windows-compatible sound card

Macintosh®

iMac/G3 233 MHz or faster processor
Classic System 9.2; OS X 10.1.5 or later
64 MB RAM
Minimum 20 MB hard disk space available
24X CD-ROM drive
16-bit color

Installing *I SPY Mystery*

Windows: ^[1]1. Insert the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. ^[2]2. When the *I SPY Mystery* start-up screen appears, click **Install**. ^[3]3. Follow the on-screen instructions for installation.

Note: If the start-up screen does not appear (you may have AutoPlay disabled), double-click the **My Computer** icon on your computer's desktop, and then double-click the ***I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM** icon in the My Computer window. Double-click the **Mystery Setup** application to install *I SPY Mystery*. For Windows XP users, the My Computer icon is located in the Start menu.

Macintosh: ^[1]1. Insert the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. ^[2]2. Double-click the **Install *I SPY Mystery*** icon within the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM window. ^[3]3. Follow the on-screen instructions for installation.

Note: On Macintosh OS 9 the *I SPY Mystery* start-up screen may appear when you insert the CD-ROM. When the *I SPY Mystery* start-up screen appears, click **Install**. If the start-up screen does not appear, follow the Mac OS X instructions.

Launching *I SPY Mystery*

Windows:

1. Insert the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive and wait for the start-up ^[1]screen to appear.
2. Click **Play**.

Note: If the start-up screen does not appear, click the **Start** menu, choose **Programs**, and then select ***I SPY Mystery*** from the **Scholastic's *I SPY Mystery*** menu. ***I SPY Mystery*** can also be launched using the ***I SPY Mystery*** shortcut, which can be placed on your computer's desktop during installation.

Macintosh:

1. Insert the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive and wait for the start-up ^[1]screen to appear.
2. Click **Play**.

Note: On Macintosh OS X the start-up screen may not appear when the CD-ROM is placed in the CD-ROM drive. If the start-up screen does not appear, double-click the ***I SPY Mystery*** icon, which is placed on your computer's desktop during the installation. ***I SPY Mystery*** can also be launched using the ***I SPY Mystery*** icon within the ***I SPY Mystery*** folder on your computer.

Getting Started

Sign in by typing your name on the line. If you have played the game before, pick your name from the list. Click **GO!** on the blue light bulb or press **ENTER/RETURN** on your keyboard to begin. When you enter your name, the program will automatically save your game. To delete a name from the list, click the name, then press **CONTROL + D**.

1. Type your name on the line if you have never played before.^[1]^[SEP]2. Select your name from the list if you have played before.^[1]^[SEP]3. Click to start.

Main Menu

Spread about the detective's desk are thirteen case files, which represent mysteries you'll solve during the course of the game. Just click on the name of the mystery you'd like to play to get started.

1. Click the QUIT button to exit the program. Your game will automatically be saved.^[1]^[SEP]2. Click on any file folder to start a mystery.^[1]^[SEP]3. Click for help with the menu screen.^[1]^[SEP]4. Click to view game credits.

I SPY Picture Riddles

Each mystery case file contains 3–6 I SPY riddles. No two riddles look alike, but they all are played the same way.

How to Solve I SPY riddles^[1]^[SEP]Listen to the riddle and hunt for the objects listed. Once you find an object, click it and the word in the riddle will turn a different color. Click the headphones to hear the whole riddle again. Click any word or phrase in the riddle to hear it read aloud.

1. Click individual words to hear them read aloud.^[1]^[SEP]2. Click to hear the riddle.^[1]^[SEP]3. Click for help.^[1]^[SEP]4. Click the object when you find it.^[1]^[SEP]5. Click to return to the previous screen.

Mystery File

How to solve a mystery^[1]^[SEP]Once you've solved all the riddles in a mystery and returned to the case file, a mystery clue will appear at the bottom of the screen.

Each mystery clue is specific to the case at hand and will require you to do some super-sleuthing in the riddles you've just solved.

There are a few different ways to solve the *I SPY Mystery* riddles. Some mysteries will require you to find clues leading to a single object. Others will challenge you to collect objects from multiple riddle screens, or follow a series of sequential clues.

If you get stuck at any point during the game, click the **HELP** button for guidance.

Special Cursor Features

In some of the riddles you will use a special cursor tool to observe and find riddle objects.

Binoculars^[SEP] You'll use binoculars in the Overlook riddle (in *Mystery of the Pirate's Map*). The binoculars function as a cursor to help you find hidden objects. When you locate an object, just click!

The Magnifying Glass^[SEP] In the Butterfly riddle (in *Mystery of the Broken Machine*) and the Museum display case (in *Mystery of the King's Crown*), the magnifying glass cursor allows you to see objects more closely. Use it to find each object, then click.

Microscope^[SEP] In the Microscope riddle (in *Mystery of the Scientist's Code*), use the microscope to help see the objects more clearly. Click on **1X**, **5X**, or **10X** to increase or decrease the magnification of the objects.

Mysteries

Mystery of the Broken Machine

Mystery of the Broken Machine contains six I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

A bunch of parts are missing from this mystery machine. Can you find them?

Solution: Find the missing pieces of the machine that are indicated in green on the machine plan screen. Once you've found each missing part and returned it to its correct place on the machine, press GO to see what this machine does!

Hint: Use the machine plan riddle screen to figure out where each part goes.

Mystery of the Fisherman's Catch

Mystery of the Fisherman's Catch contains four I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

In this mystery, pay careful attention to clues presented on the riddle screens to figure out which fish the fisherman is trying to catch.

Solution:^[SEP] Pay special attention to the packaging of the bait in the tackle box. When you think you've got it, find that fish, and the mystery is solved!

Mystery of the Four Letters

Mystery of the Four Letters contains four I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

In this mystery, your challenge is to identify the mysterious creature described in a series of

hand-written notes.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP} You will find one letter on each riddle screen. Click on each one to open it and have it read aloud. Try to figure out what mysterious creature the letters are describing. Find the creature to solve the mystery.

Mystery of the King's Crown

Mystery of the King's Crown contains four I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

In this mystery, you must find and return all of the jewels that are missing from the King's crown.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP} Search this mystery's riddle screens to find the five missing jewels. When you find the jewels, figure out how to use them to restore the crown to its original glory.

Mystery of Knight Fall

Mystery of Knight Fall contains four I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

In this mystery you are asked to figure out which knight is about to fall off the castle wall.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP} There are knights on three of the four riddle screens in this mystery, but only one fits the clue's description. Look closely at all of the screens to find him!

Mystery of the Locked Gate

Mystery of the Locked Gate contains three I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

The challenge in this mystery is to figure out how to open the locked gate in the castle's dungeon.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP} The Key Cabinet screen holds a clue to the correct key-turning sequence. Start your investigation there. Once you've figured out the correct sequence, return to the Dungeon and try it. A big surprise awaits those who solve this mystery and unlock the gate.

Mystery of the Midnight Mouse

Mystery of the Midnight Mouse contains four I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

In this mystery, you'll follow a sneaky mouse through a series of riddles to find out where it spends the night.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP} As the mouse moves from riddle to riddle, watch the time to figure out where he settles down for the night.

Mystery of the Missing Art

Mystery of the Missing Art contains five I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

Can you find the missing painting? That's your challenge in this mystery.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP}To solve this mystery, you'll need to find a series of paintings on multiple riddle screens. Start by finding the *frame with your name*. From there, follow the clues that mysteriously present themselves until you've cracked this case!

Mystery Meal

Mystery of the Mystery Meal contains four I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

In this mystery you're figuring out what's cooking in the creepy kitchen.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP}Find the ingredients on the riddle screens, then combine all of them to cook up a solution!

Mystery of Old Thunder

Mystery of Old Thunder contains four I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

In this mystery, you'll go on a scavenger hunt through the riddle screens to figure out what struck down *Old Thunder*, a legendary ship.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP}Look closely at the painting of *Old Thunder* for a striking clue to the five items you're going to have to find on this mystery's riddle screens. Once you find the five items, go back to the painting to watch the story unfold.

Mystery of the Pirate's Map

Mystery of the Pirate's Map contains five I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

In this mystery, you'll follow clues to find a pirate's hidden treasure.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP}Find the missing pieces of the pirate's map on riddle screens of the case file. Piece them together and follow the clues to solve this mystery and find the hidden treasure!

Mystery of the Scientist's Code

Mystery of the Scientist's Code contains four I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

Use your code-breaking skills to solve this I SPY mystery.

Solution:^[1]_{SEP}The notes that the scientist has written are in secret code. The key to decoding them

is on four silver puzzle-like pieces. Find these pieces on the riddle screens and piece them together to crack this code and solve the mystery.

Decoding Hint: Each X on the decoder represents four letters of the alphabet. Each part of the X, along with the pattern of dots and dashes within it, represents a letter. To crack this code, match each symbol in the scientist's notebook to the corresponding one on the decoder.

Mystery of the Skeleton's Books

Mystery of the Skeleton's Books contains five I SPY riddles in the case file. Complete the I SPY riddles to earn your mystery clue.

Your task in this mystery is to figure out which book is the skeleton's favorite.

Solution:  The books on the bookshelf are trying to tell you something. They are spelling out a message, but some of the letters in that message are missing. Find the missing letters on the riddle screens to complete the message, which will bring you closer to solving this mystery!

Basic Troubleshooting (Windows)

Problem The *I SPY Mystery* AutoPlay start-up screen does not appear when the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM is placed in your computer's CD-ROM drive.

Possible Cause: AutoPlay is not enabled on your computer.

Solution:

1. Double-click the **My Computer** icon on your computer's desktop.
2. Right-click the **Mystery** CD-ROM icon in the **My Computer** window.
3. Select **Open** from the pop-up menu.
4. Double-click the **AutoRun** application to start *I SPY Mystery*.

Problem: The *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM cannot be seen from Windows Explorer.

Possible Cause: The CD-ROM drivers are not installed properly. (Other CD-ROMs also cannot be seen from Windows Explorer.)

Solution: In your Start Menu, select "Settings", then "Control Panel". If you are using a Windows XP computer, the Control Panel can be found right when you open your Start Menu. Open the Add New Hardware control panel and follow the instructions.

Possible Cause: The *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM is scratched or dirty.

Solution: Make sure that the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM surface is free of all fingerprints and is not scratched.

Problem: *I SPY Mystery* is running slowly on your computer.

Possible Cause: Other programs are running.

Solution: Quit any other programs running on your computer and re-launch *I SPY Mystery*.

Possible Cause: The I SPY Mystery CD-ROM is scratched or dirty.

Solution: Make sure that the I SPY Mystery CD-ROM surface is free of all fingerprints and is not scratched.

Possible Cause: I SPY Mystery is being run from a DVD-ROM drive. (Note that this usually causes only minor performance problems.)

Solution: If your computer is equipped with both CD-ROM and DVD-ROM drives, quit the program and restart running from your CD-ROM drive.

Problem: You see the message "An attempt to reset your monitor settings to high color (16-bit) has failed."

Cause: I SPY Mystery requires that your monitor settings be set to High Color (16-bit). An attempt was made to reset the color depth of your monitor and failed. Some computers require that these settings be changed manually.

Solution: In your Start Menu, select "Settings", then "Control Panel". If you are using a Windows XP computer, the Control Panel can be found right when you open your Start Menu. Open the Display control panel. Select the Settings tab and change the color palette to High Color (16-bit).

Problem: On opening the Display control panel and choosing the Settings tab, High Color (16-bit) is not an option under the palette menu.

Cause: On some computers, problems in the video driver software may prevent your monitor from resetting to High Color (16-bit).

Solution: Contact your computer manufacturer for instructions on getting updated video drivers.

Problem: You see the message "An attempt to reset your monitor resolution settings to 640x480 has failed."

Cause: I SPY Mystery requires that your monitor resolution settings be set to 640x480. An attempt was made to reset the color depth of your monitor and failed. Some computers require that these settings be changed manually.

Solution: In your Start Menu, select "Settings", then "Control Panel". If you are using a Windows XP computer, the Control Panel can be found right when you open your Start Menu. Open the Display control panel. Select the Settings tab and change the screen area setting to 640x480.

Problem: On starting the game, you see the message "Handler not defined.
#INIT_START Script Error. Continue?"

Possible Cause: *I SPY Mystery* is already open under another user account on your computer.

Solution: Click **No** to quit *I SPY Mystery*. In the Start Menu, click **Log Out**, and in the window that pops up, choose **Switch Users**. Switch to other user accounts which may

be running *I SPY Mystery* and quit the game. Return to the account you started in and re-launch the game.

Problem: I SPY Mystery plays in a small window with a large black border.

Possible Cause: I SPY Mystery failed to change your monitor resolution. Some computers require that these settings be changed manually.

Solution: In your Start Menu, select "Settings", then "Control Panel". If you are using a Windows XP computer, the Control Panel can be found right when you open your Start Menu. Open the Display control panel. Select the Settings tab and change the screen area setting to 640x480.

Possible Cause: You are playing on a laptop computer or a flat panel monitor.

Solution: Some laptop and flat panel monitors are incapable of resizing to 640x480 resolution. This will not affect performance in any other way.

Problem: Audio is not functioning within I SPY Mystery.

Possible Cause: The speaker volume or system volume is turned all the way down.

Solution: Check your speaker volume control as well as the Windows system volume control.

Possible Cause: Another application is running which is using the sound channel of your computer.

Solution: Quit all applications on your computer and restart I SPY Mystery. Use the Alt-Tab keys to cycle through open applications and shut down.

Possible Cause: Your computer is missing a component required for audio playback.

Solution: Double-click the dxsetup.exe file in the DirectX8a directory on the I SPY Mystery CD-ROM. Proceed through the installation of DirectX.

Possible Cause: Some computers have sound cards that are not completely compatible with DirectX.

Solution: Many sound and performance problems are fixed by turning off sound acceleration. To turn off hardware acceleration:

1. Go to **Start** and select **Run** from the menu. Type "dxdiag" into the text field and press **Enter**.
2. The DirectX Diagnostics window opens.
3. Click the **Sound** tab.
4. Locate the "Hardware Sound Acceleration Level" slider and drag it all the way to the left, so that "No acceleration" is shown as the current setting.
5. Click **EXIT**.
6. Restart *I SPY Mystery*.

Problem: Audio still does not function correctly within I SPY Mystery after trying all of the steps above.

Cause: On some computers, problems in the audio driver software may prevent *I SPY Mystery* from playing sound correctly.

Solution: Contact your computer manufacturer for instructions on getting updated audio drivers.

If audio still performs poorly after following all steps listed above, run an application named "soundfix.exe" located in the support folder of the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM.

Problem: The installation of *I SPY Mystery* quits or *I SPY Mystery* fails during the installation.

Possible Cause: You are logged onto your computer without administrative rights.

Solution: Log onto your computer as a user with administrative rights and re-install *I SPY Mystery*. (Administrative rights allow users to install software onto their computers.)

Possible Cause: Your computer does not have enough free disk space to install *I SPY Mystery*.

Solution: Verify that you have at least 20 MB of free disk space on the computer drive you are using to install *I SPY Mystery*.

Basic Troubleshooting (Macintosh)

Problem: The *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM cannot be seen when inserted into your Macintosh.

Possible Cause: The *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM is scratched or dirty.

Solution: Make sure that the *I SPY Mystery* CD-ROM surface is free of all fingerprints and is not scratched.

Problem: You see the message "The application AutoRun could not be opened because 'InterfaceLib- GetComponentResource' could not be found."

Possible Cause: Apple QuickTime has been manually removed from the system.

Solution: To correct this error, reinstall QuickTime. The latest version is available from <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/>.

Problem: *I SPY Mystery* is running slowly.

Possible Cause: Other programs are running.

Solution: Quit any other running applications and re-launch *I SPY Mystery*.

Possible Cause: For Mac Operating Systems 8.6 - 9.2, Virtual Memory may be off.

Solution: In Operating Systems 8.6 - 9.2, turn on Virtual Memory using the Memory control panel. Increase the amount of Virtual Memory used by your computer and restart your Macintosh.

Possible Cause: For Mac Operating Systems 8.6 - 9.2, File Sharing is on.

Solution: In Mac Operating Systems 8.6 - 9.2, open the File Sharing Setup control panel and

turn off File Sharing.

Problem: The installation of I SPY Mystery quits or I SPY Mystery fails during the installation.

Possible Cause: You are logged onto your computer without administrative rights.

Solution: Log onto your computer as a user with administrative rights and re-install *I SPY Mystery*. (Administrative rights allow users to install software onto their computers.)

Possible Cause: Your computer does not have enough free disk space to install I SPY Mystery.

Solution: Verify that you have at least 20 MB of free disk space on the computer drive you are using to install I SPY Mystery.

Problem: I SPY Mystery freezes for 10–30 seconds at a time.

Possible Cause: For Mac Operating Systems 8.6 - 9.2, File Sharing is on.

Solution: In Mac Operating Systems 8.6 - 9.2, open the File Sharing Setup control panel and turn off File Sharing.

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