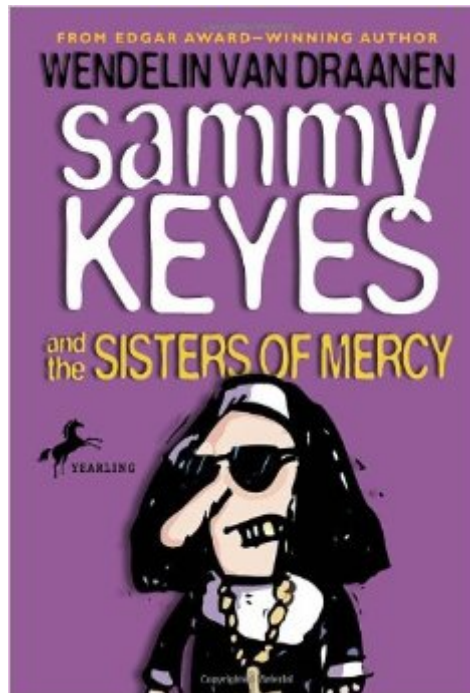


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# Sammy Keyes And The Sisters Of Mercy



## Synopsis

“The hottest sleuth to appear in children’s books since Nancy Drew” (The Boston Globe) is back! Don’t miss the third book in the series that’s been described as “a combination of Carl Hiaasen’s Flush and Janet Evanovich’s Stephanie Plum books” (School Library Journal) and hailed as “nonstop whodunits” (Kirkus Reviews)! I was supposed to be in church to get myself out of trouble. But then Father Mayhew discovers that something’s just been stolen. And the only people in the church are him and me. Sammy was working off some junior high detention time by helping out at St. Mary’s, but now she’s the prime suspect in a robbery! The more she pokes around searching for the real culprit, the more amazed Sammy is by all the gossip and petty jealousies bubbling beneath the church’s serene surface. This is just like junior high! Caught up in the mystery are a homeless girl in high-tops, a trio of singing nuns, two angry Sisters, and one bumbling Brother. With a crazy cast like this, it’s not easy to tell the saints from the sinners. . . . Praise for the Sammy Keyes series: “If Kinsey Millhone ever hires a junior partner, Sammy Keyes will be the first candidate on the list. She’s feisty, fearless, and funny. A top-notch investigator!” “New York Times bestselling author Sue Grafton “Sammy is smart-mouthed and hard-hitting . . . the sleuth delights from start to finish. Keep your binoculars trained on Sammy Keyes.” Publishers Weekly “The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)” Midwest Children’s Book Review

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## Customer Reviews

This book, which is the last of a group that I bought at a used book sale to complete a purchase of a couple of books that I wanted but had to find several others to make up "ten for a dollar," is the third of a series; the first two are Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief, which won the 1998 Edgar Award for Best Children's Mystery, and Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man. Samantha (Sammy) Keyes is a seventh-grade girl at William Rose Junior High School at Santa Martina (probably in California). Her mother, the Lady Lana who has gone to Hollywood to become a movie star, has dumped her off to live with Grams whose senior apartment house doesn't allow kids. Sammy doesn't even know who her father is, but she does have his catcher's mitt. In *The Sisters of Mercy*, Sammy has abused the school's PA system and is serving twenty hours of detention by doing community service. Grams has worked it out for her to do it at St. Mary's Church, helping Father Mayhew clean and paint his office while the Sisters of Mercy, a trio of singing nuns named Bernice, Abigail, and Clarice, are in town to do a fundraiser for the church. However, Father Mayhew's ivory cross is stolen, and Sammy is blamed at first because she was the only one in the room, so she is sent to work at the soup kitchen with Sisters Josephine and Mary Margaret and Brother Phil and also help the Sisters of Mercy with their fliers. Along the way we also learn about Sammy's catching on her girls' softball team, her problems at school with her arch-nemesis Heather Acosta, and her efforts to help a homeless girl named Holly Janquell who comes to the soup kitchen. Father Mayhew eventually decides that Sammy didn't take the cross, but who stole it? Was it Josephine and Mary Margaret who are trying to finance a trip to Las Vegas?

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