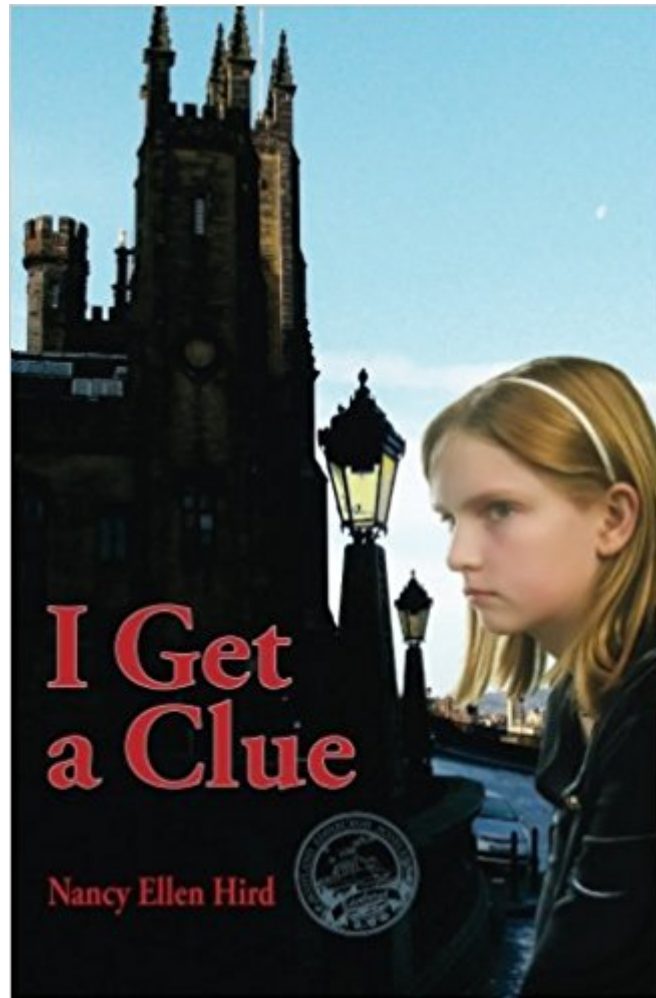




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I Get A Clue: A Novel from My Edinburgh Files



Synopsis

Jet-lagged, after the long flight from the States, Libby Carlsen trips over her sister's suitcase and stumbles into a mystery. Actually more than one. Big-city Edinburgh is so different from Libby's home in California. Is she up to all the changes? Will she make friends? And then there's the conversation she accidentally overhears between her aunt and Mr. MacLeod, the owner of the local bakery. Could someone really be trying to hurt his business? It seems unlikely and yet . . . Philippa, a neighborhood girl with a flair for the dramatic, is certain SOMETHING is going on at the bakery. She wants Libby to help her investigate. Sleuthing turns out to be edge-of-your-seat exciting, but it has its downside—false leads and embarrassing setbacks. Sleuthing also can be dangerous . . .

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"I loved this riveting mystery set in Scotland, with so many details that I felt transported to Edinburgh. But it was Libby--the spunky and caring heroine--who kept me turning pages. This well-crafted book is a real treat. Libby's next adventure is definitely on my reading list!"
-Pamela Walls, author of "Abby and the South Seas Adventures"

Nancy Ellen Hird likes puzzles and mysteries. This is good because she also finds life to be something of a mystery. She's just glad God is holding her hand and leading her. "I Get a Clue" is the first book in the series from my Edinburgh Files. She conceived the idea for

the book on her first trip to Edinburgh. Mrs. Hird is a wife, a mom, a writer and a credentialed teacher. (She taught seventh grade and preschool.) Two of her published works for children are "Marty's Monster" and "Jessica Jacobs Did What?" She has also written short stories and articles for children and adults. For several years she was a freelance reviewer of children's and teen's literature for the Focus on the Family website. Visit her and learn more about the book at www.desertfirespress.com.

Nancy Hird is as much a master 'painter' as she is a gifted writer. Her brilliant images, well crafted characters and authentic dialog are all so compelling that I was caught up and on the airplane to Edinburgh along with Libby and Mags in no time. I started reading the paperback early in the morning and bought the Kindle edition for reading on my Mac that same afternoon. It was not long before I was cringing with Hird's central character Libby as she valiantly took on the challenge of balancing adolescent awkwardness with adapting to a whole slew of Scottish quirks and differences. Just like Libby, I was also bursting with curiosity about the mysterious goings on on the other end of that telescope. Mac in my lap, I was transported back to my youth (decades ago) when I would devour everything Beverly Cleary wrote. "I Get A Clue" is a real winner for all ages and I hope Ms. Hird keeps pumping them out for years to come.

I really enjoyed "I Get a Clue." It is an entertaining tween mystery set in Edinburgh. Even though, I'm an adult and an avid mystery reader, I was surprised by the ending! I actually bought 3 copies of this book, one for my niece, one for our church library and of course one for myself. I can't wait for Libby's next adventure.

This story was really fun the main character was fun and funny girl like all girls that age thinks that the smallest injustice done to them is the end of the world. It was like a modern version of Nancy who didn't know yet that she wanted to be a detective and with a little more true to life child dramatics that made it fun for even adults to read. This is a safe and fun book for kids.

As a homeschooling mom of 5 kids, my plan was to read one chapter of this book out loud each day to my kids. They listened with rapt attention and begged me to keep reading when we came to the end of each chapter. I was glad to "give in."

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