

Don't forget your magnifying glasses! Issue 9: Mystery is taking suspense to a whole new level!

Four times each year, *Lit Kids Magazine* spotlights creative work from 5 to 13-year-old kids. Our team of mentors guides the kids in editing their writing, art, and photography during a month-long mentorship to provide these budding creatives a glimpse behind the publishing industry curtain. We receive submissions from kids all over the world, and we couldn't be more proud of what they accomplish when they put their minds to it!

Throughout Issue 9: Mystery, you'll be scratching your head at the puzzles presented in these poems, stories, photography, and art. Within the following pages, you'll find clues about who these creative kids are at their core and how their experiences shape their reality (in the best way possible). So many of the featured pieces capture the essence of a classic Who-Dunnit while also infusing a healthy dose of humor to lighten the mood. A good mystery asks us to be resilient and notice the minute details when the going gets tough. These young creatives have resilience in spades, and their innovative minds inspire me to trust in myself when the world seems against me. I hope you also discover inspiration and encouragement as you read through Issue 9!

Please help us congratulate all the kids featured in this issue on a job well done. It's no mystery that the future is bright with these young creatives tackling old problems with a fresh mindset. Help us share their accomplishments far and wide. And keep shining!

Happy Reading,

Rebecca Weber

*Lit Kids Magazine's* Mentor-In-Chief

P.S. Do you know a talented kid or enjoy reading through our published issues? Please subscribe to our site for updates about open submissions and upcoming releases. Together, we can lift up the young voices as they reshape our world. Submissions open on a quarterly basis, and we couldn't be more excited to highlight new talent. As usual, thanks for your continued support!