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The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner's Dilemma

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Reviewer: Tessa McMillan
Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate, Young adult
Rating: Outstanding
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The families of Reynie, Sticky, Kate, and Constance are all living at Mr. Benedict's home. The government officials from Stonetown want Mr. Benedict to give them the Whisperer, but Mr. Benedict wants to examine it before he turns it over. While the children's families are out of the house, members of Mr. Curtain's gang steal the Whisperer. Meanwhile, Constance is trying to understand her background. She finds out that a member of Mr. Curtain's gang came to take her away from an orphanage as a baby, but she ran away and lived inside Stonetown's library until she read Mr. Benedict's notice in the paper. While searching for Constance’s past, the children are kidnapped by Mr. Curtain's men and taken to a partially torn down building complex. There Mr. Curtain is trying to start up his Whisperer again to control the minds of government leaders, but it doesn't work, thanks to Mr. Benedict's efforts. The children's families, Mr. Benedict, and his assistants come to the children's rescue. Mr. Curtain is caught and imprisoned along with members of his gang. In the end, Constance is adopted by Mr. Benedict.

This is the final book in The Mysterious Benedict Society series. Stewart brings the series to a fulfilling and enjoyable conclusion.

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