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10 True Tales: FBI Heros

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The FBI is the top criminal investigation group in the country. This book covers a variety of tough, high-profile cases solved by the FBI. The stories include a Dallas terrorist who is ready to blow up a popular building, the kidnapping of a four-day-old baby, interns stealing moon rocks from NASA, a murder of four that left no evidence, a woman who sent cookies with rat poisoning to fourteen government officials, an eight-year-old kidnapped from her bedroom, a bank robber who stole about $2 million, two young adults providing material support to terrorist organizations, the abduction of a wealthy man’s wife and sons, and the conviction of a high-ranking CIA officer of selling information to Russia from jail via his son. Many tough cases, several dead ends, but in the end, justice reins supreme.

This book does a fantastic job helping the reader to understand the text, the FBI, and the stories. The table of contents is immediately followed by a short section about the history and role of the FBI. Uncommon vocabulary and FBI jargon is defined throughout the text. With each story, the reader is thrown into the heat of the action, being able to discover clues and make sense of meaning right alongside the FBI personnel trying to solve the puzzle. Each story has a clear rising action, a powerful climax, and fulfilling resolution. Some stories, as they are crimes, have some violence that may be best for younger ears and eyes to avoid. This book would make a nice enhancement to an upper elementary-middle school library. A child interested in pursuing a career in criminal justice may find this particularly interesting as different jobs in the FBI are described.

*Contains mild sexual content and moderate violence.