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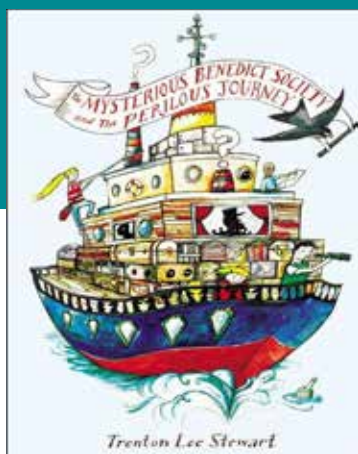
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## Book Review

# The Mysterious Benedict Society: and the Perilous Journey

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Intermediate

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440

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2008

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Mr. Benedict has planned a surprise for his four young friends, but it turns out Mr. Curtain has a far darker surprise for them all. Mr. Curtain has kidnapped Mr. Benedict and Number Two. Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance set out to rescue their adult friends. They travel by sea, train, and plain to reach the island on which the prisoners are being held following the clues left behind by Mr. Benedict as part of his surprise. With help from Milligan, the kids rescue their friends and stop another of Mr. Curtain's plots to take over the world. However, once again they fail to capture the mad scientist.

The characters have greater confidence in themselves than in the first book as they have all continued to develop their talents in the time between the two books. Constance, in particular, has new skills in pattern reading that make her interactions more exciting. However, all of the Mysterious Benedict Society members are still true to their traits and relationships as introduced in the first book. The message of the book is that people are generally good natured. In the beginning of the book Reynie doubts the trustworthiness of people, but experiences many acts of kindness that renew his faith in people.

\*Contains mild violence.