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## Keene Novels That Had Major Themes in 'Nancy Drew'

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Some of my favorite Easter eggs include the color representation of the Claw and the uniforms, which feature blue, green, yellow,

and red taken from the 1950s Nancy Drew board game; Keene High School, named after the books' author, Carolyn Keene; Nancy's classic blue roadster, which she always drives in the books; and my personal Favorite — the Tandy's in Season One, which refers to Russell H. Tandy, the artist who did the covers for the original books.

Those are just a handful of Easter eggs, but what about the plotlines from the novels? You might miss them if you're not looking, so I rounded them all up. The Newspaper Wall

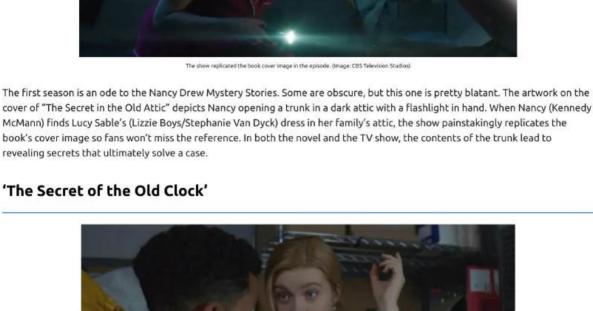
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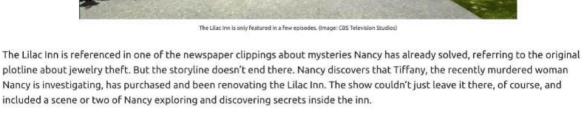
\*"Kidnapping Plot Uncovered — Ivory Charm Key Evidence" → Book No. 13, "The Mystery of the Ivory Charm"

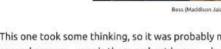
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- Longest-Running Cold Cases" → Book No. 4, "The Mystery at Lilac Inn"

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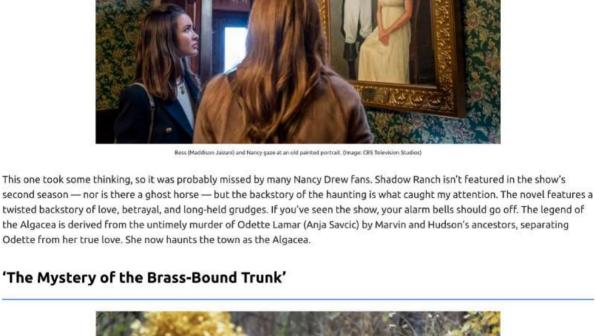


whereas in the show, it has a thumb drive that belonged to a dead girl, Tiffany Hudson (Sinead Curry). In both mediums, the contents inform Nancy about the deceased's wishes.

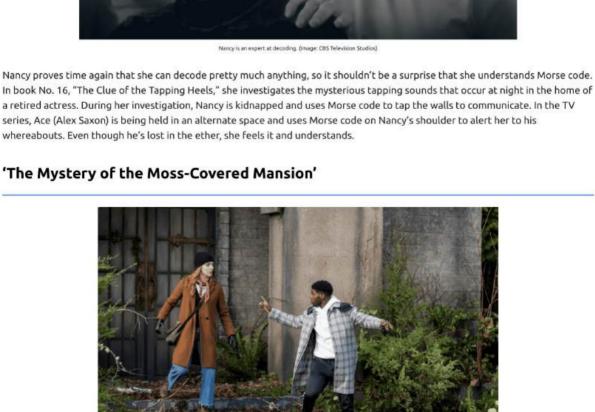




'The Secret of Shadow Ranch'



perpetrator in the "The Mystery of the Brass-Bound Trunk." 'The Clue of the Tapping Heels'



the show into Season 4 as the headquarters for Drew Private Investigations.

In Season 3, Nancy investigates a supposedly haunted moss-covered mansion that's abandoned deep in the woods. That's the exact plotline from book No. 18, "The Mystery of the Moss-Covered Mansion." The person inhabiting the house on the show is one of Nancy's ancestors on the Hudson side, which is part of a season-long arc that features Nancy sneaking into the building and scouting out clues. The mystery of the moss-covered mansion is ultimately solved, but the house itself continues to be featured on

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If you blinked, you probably missed the shot of Nancy's bulletin board with all the newspaper clippings from cases she's solved. Even if you saw it, you'd need to pause the episode to read all the titles. Don't worry about zooming in on the photo, since I've collected all the titles and paired them with the corresponding books. s "Daughter of Local Attorney Discovers Client's Missing Will in Antique Clock" → Book No. 1, "The Secret of the Old Clock"  $\mathbf{\tilde{z}}$  "Wooden Lady Missing From Ship; Young Detective Investigates Hidden Relic"  $\mathbf{\Rightarrow}$  Book No. 27, "The Secret of the Wooden \*Girl Detective Uncovers Secrets of Pine Hill" → Book No. 42, "The Phantom of Pine Hill" <section-header> "Girl Detective Aids Police; Hollow Oak Mystery Solved" → Book No. 12, "Message in the Hollow Oak" "Precious Sapphire Still Missing" → Book No. 45, "The Spider Sapphire Mystery" 🛸 "Keene High Sophomore Exposes Poor Treatment of Elderly Residents at Larkspur Lane Nursing Home, Prompting State Authorities to Shut Facility Down" → Book No. 10, "The Password to Larkspur Lane" 🐃 "Nancy Drew, 'Girl Detective,' Uncovers Cache of Gilded Age Stolen Jewelry at Lilac Inn, Solving One of Horseshoe Bay's

This plotline is also fairly easy to spot, since the old clock is designed to look like the one in the book's cover art. The clock contains a hidden compartment that conceals a clue that unravels a mystery. In the novel, the clock held Josiah Crowley's will, 'The Mystery of the Lilac Inn'

Diana Marvin (Judith Maxie) and Bess Marvin spend quality time together. (Image: C85 Television Studios)

The episode is named after "The Spider Sapphire Mystery," the 45th novel in the series, but I believe it has elements of the 17th, "The Mystery of the Brass-Bound Trunk." In the episode, Bess Marvin (Maddison Jaizani) steals a spider sapphire from the elder Diana Marvin (Judith Maxie). She only does it because an ex-boyfriend reappears in her life, causing havoc, threatening her, and forcing her to steal the bracelet off Diana's wrist. This boyfriend turns out to be an international jewel thief — as is the

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