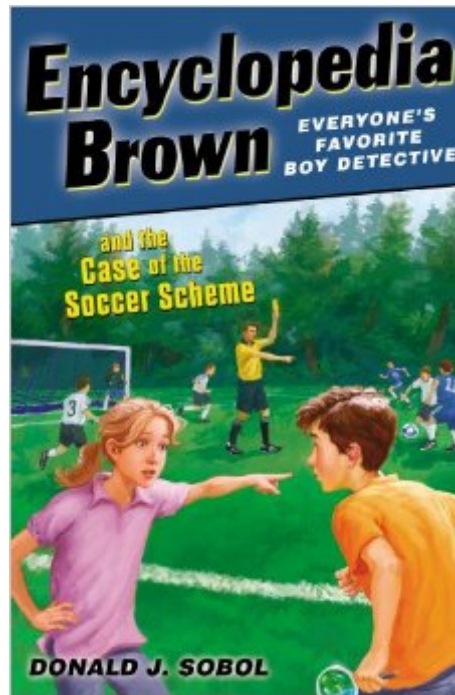


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# Encyclopedia Brown And The Case Of The Soccer Scheme



## Synopsis

For fifty years, Encyclopedia Brown has been the best boy detective on the block and a favorite character for generations of middle-grade readers. Following the classic formula, this installment presents ten mysteries, complete with answers at the end of the book that allow the reader to solve the cases, too. Join Encyclopedia as he takes on the cases of an African killfish, a library book vandal, and a nail-biting soccer game. "I loved Encyclopedia Brown as a kid." —Junot Diaz, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

Encyclopedia Brown. Who in the world of children's literature hasn't heard that name? Who isn't familiar with the boy detective from Idaville and his close friend Sally Kimball? As with the best young detectives, Encyclopedia Brown is famous in his neighborhood for solving mysteries that stump even the chief of police. What about the series, written by Donald J. Sobol and first launched in 1963, has such high appeal? Let's take a look at the most current title, Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Soccer Scheme to find out. A huge selling point for me with my students is the series format of ten stories per book, with each story being less than ten pages. For anyone is

daunted by reading, even the hundred pages often required of a chapter book with the simplest vocabulary feels like having one's teeth scraped. In contrast, being encouraged to read just the few short pages of a mystery instead like simply opening one's mouth and saying "ah" for a dental exam. In addition to the brevity, I also appreciate how Sobol creates an atmosphere that depicts an average student's life and activities. For example, in *Case of the Soccer Scheme*, the settings are as simple and common as a neighbor's house or yard, a local drugstore, a sports park, the town library, and a home business. Moreover, the crimes often amount to that of false accusations between classmates and attempted fraud in contests. The worse crimes involve a stolen goods and a burnt library book. In contrast, many other popular mystery series including the long-established *Nancy Drew* and *Hardy Boys* include kidnapping and murder. Finally, while all of the above might prove selling points for reluctant readers, *Encyclopedia Brown* should also appeal to any young person with an penchant for mysteries.

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