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While vacationing at Camp Merriweather near Francisville, Mrs. Strook, an elderly citizen, asks Nancy to find an old stagecoach her great-uncle had hidden. This stagecoach may contain a valuable treasure that would benefit the town that needs funding to build a new school. This book is the original text. A revised text does not exist.

## **The Clue in the Old Stagecoach Details**

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## From Reader Review The Clue in the Old Stagecoach for online ebook

### Luisa says

[ Well, she's done it again, folks! Once again, Nancy has put together the clues and discovered the hidden treasure that will bring in enough cashish to save the town from financial ruin or having to close its only school. It was solid--no kidnappings, but there was a surprise attack on Nancy and her friends as they dug up the old stagecoach. Character-wise, there were no real "guest stars"--only the typical gang was really explored, and Carson Drew, Nancy's debonaire father, playe

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### Ella says

I love these books because they jump right into the story and they don't make me bored in the beginning or in the middle. Throughout the book things are always happening that make the story intense and gripping. I never get bored of them!

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### Josiah says

Such a fun and exciting book! Nancy is in danger all the time, and there were a wide variety of suspects, unlike having only like 1 or 2. The wild west theme just makes it more exciting. This book is for any ages who enjoy mystery and adventure!

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### ? BookAddict ✍️ La Crimson Femme says

I remember the first time I read Nancy Drew. It blew my mind that there were girls presented with a brain. Most of the stuff I'd read up to that time, was that girls were sugar and spice - fluffy. No brains. To also learn about George who is a tomboy was a nice validation. Carolyn Keene wrote just for me! That is how I felt. When I did more research, I was shocked to find out, Ms. Keene was actually a man ... writing under Frank Dixon. I also loved the Hardy Boys. No wonder I loved these series.

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### Sarah Crawford says

This is one of the Nancy Drew novels that was not modified from an earlier edition of the same title. The story starts with the girls in a forest where they see a stagecoach driven by what turns out to be fake horses. A nearby old village is being reconstructed for tourists. The town, though, also needs money for a new school and it can't afford that.

The bad guys include a man a woman couple who are always asking Nancy questions and following her around, and a guy named Judd Hillary who is basically an idiot.

The stagecoach is stolen and Nancy and the others see thugs working on it, but it turns out to be the wrong stagecoach. There's a second one buried somewhere and it supposedly has a treasure of some kind of it that could help the town get the money it needs for the school.

Nancy and the girls have to spend a lot of their time avoiding the couple, avoiding explosions, cave-ins, and buildings that blow up, and doing a whole lot of digging. Altogether it's a rather good story.

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### **IrishFan says**

I enjoyed this one, and do not remember reading this one when I was younger. They actually had trouble finding clues for this one, which is refreshing.

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### **Becky says**

I haven't read a Nancy Drew mystery since I was a child, but after putting together a jigsaw puzzle of a collage of Nancy Drew book covers, I was hit by the nostalgia bug. So, when I saw one of the Carolyn Keene mysteries at a yard sale, I just had to pick it up. It took me back to a childhood filled with carefree summer days reading on the front porch, so how could I not like it? I don't know if young girls today even read these, but if so, they will probably laugh at certain aspects of these books from another generation. I enjoyed my little trip down memory lane.

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### **Andrea Turner says**

This is one of the Nancy Drew books I got for Christmas, to add to my collection. Since I didn't own it, I hadn't had a chance to read it before. As always, *The Clue in the Old Stagecoach* was an interesting mystery. Though I strongly feel that in real life Nancy Drew would need to fail once in a while. Also- how is she not dead yet?

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### **Elle G says**

I enjoyed reading this novel. It was just like any other Nancy Drew book that I have read. I would have liked it better if the author, Carolyn Keene, would have changed it up a bit. This book freaked me out a little because of the people who would explode things to find clues and money leading to the missing stagecoach. There was also people who would stalk Nancy and watch her every move to make sure she didn't find the money or another clue before them. This book also had a lot of history involved in it. It talked about the olden days when stagecoaches were used for everyday travel for some people and the history behind them. I would recommend this book and I liked it.

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### **Joanna says**

One of my favorite parts of the Nancy Drew books is there's always a section where you get taught

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something new--in this book it was about stamps. Additionally, I learned that, at least at the time this was written, swimming ballets were a thing. Who knew?

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## Mr says

Amelia Hurley NOvatny 180 pages

nancy Drew helps a lady help her town and get her uncle's stage coach back. Nancy finds that the stage coach was buried in parts near a wrecked train station. There they think that the clue was stolen right out of her hands, but really, that was a fake. The real clue was 5 blocks of benjamin franklin stamps with the glue still on them. This helps the town build a new school.

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## Phe says

*The Clue in the Old Stagecoach* is a children's story by Carolyn Keene (*pseudonym*) and the 37th book in the *Nancy Drew* series.

*Despite threats against her life, Nancy pursues the search for a clue in an antique stagecoach that may be of great value to the people of Francisville.*

I've always been a voracious reader. So, as a child, one of my favorite things about summer was the frequent trips to our local library, which was less than a mile from our house. Like most young girls of a certain age (*ahem*), my love for mysteries started with Nancy Drew—there simply was no mystery too baffling that she couldn't solve. And as I would read her most current adventure, I would imagine myself following in her footsteps ... taking charge and plunging ahead, getting into mischief, chasing down culprits and solving the mystery. Even though I haven't re-read any of these books since I was a child, I still think that Nancy is a great character—her courage, confidence and fierce independence, makes her an iconic source of inspiration for young girls everywhere. A must-read children's book, *The Clue in the Old Stagecoach* is another wonderful *Nancy Drew* mystery.

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## Tabi34 says

Nancy is a hussy! That's right, I said it. I have suspected all along that she was only toying with Ned Nickerson's affection and in this book, it was confirmed.

Nancy and her chums - Bess and George, are on vacation at a lodge. How very swank 1950s (I wish I could afford to go off to a resort for the summer in my convertible). Anyway, while they are there, they hang out with three boys not their usual dates. At one point, Ned calls and says he and Burt and Dave are coming to visit. Bess says something to Nancy about this as Nancy has been very chummy with one boy named Rick. They have been dancing together, taking moonlight walks that don't involve discussing a case. In reply to Bess, Nancy says something like oh never mind, it will all work out. So is she hoping that good old Ned will find out? Or does she know that Rick will leave just before Ned arrives (which he does - luckily for Nancy who can keep Ned in the dark about her other men and he will still be her lackey). Wow I'm being snarky today towards Nancy.

The story unfolds, with Nancy stumbling onto yet another mystery. This one I didn't feel was as well written as the others. Maybe in the re-write in the 70s the editors left some scenes out. It just didn't seem to flow. I never really got caught up in the story - not like some of the previous ones. It was just lacking some excitement.

A quick synopsis without a spoiler - Nancy is suppose to find an old stagecoach that has a hidden secret in it which hopefully will help a town build a new school which it desperately needs due to a sudden growth in population. (I suppose using taxes from all the new houses would be too simple). So Nancy and her friends set off to solve the case, but they seem to spend a lot of time doing other things, like dancing and doing water ballets.

Well here's hoping that the next mystery that Nancy finds will be more exciting.

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### **Greta says**

Great Nancy Drew. It had sense of setting which was interesting, a vacation hotel and the time period references to the old west were interesting. There was some fun humorous and campy moments with the girls. The villians were fun and will help give young readers a sense of character traits. The story plot had a poignancy and human interest angle that set it apart from some other mystery stories. The plot was action filled in way more like the first books in the Nancy Drew series!

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### **John Yelverton says**

Yet another great addition to the Nancy Drew mystery book series.

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### **Melanie says**

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### **rabbitprincess says**

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Now I know these books aren't supposed to be Great Works of Literature, but to put it mildly, I would not start any budding Nancy Drew fan on this book. While the Old West theme is cute and the idea of towns struggling financially and having to cope with new housing developments and the problems they bring is a timely topic, the mystery itself is solved in a ridiculous way and peopled with caricatures. Two of the bad guys are pointed out right away and are so painfully obvious that they may as well wear signs with neon flashing lights indicating "BAD GUY" on them. A third is so ridiculously cartoony that I nearly sprained my eyes from rolling them so hard every time he appeared.

Also this may be more of a personal annoyance, but the three sleuths (Nancy, Bess and George [who is also a

girl, in case you're not familiar with the series]) are staying at a camp in this book and seeing three guys at the camp when they already have boyfriends! And then when Nancy gets a letter from her REAL boyfriend saying "Hey, I'm going to come to the camp with Bess's and George's boyfriends," there is some discussion about what is going to happen when the two sets of guys meet up with each other, and Nancy just goes "Sometimes these situations just solve themselves." That is an extremely inappropriate message to be sending: that it's okay to cheat on your boyfriend when you're far away from him and then not take responsibility for your actions. And VERY CONVENIENTLY, just before the real boyfriends arrive, Nancy's boytoy's father takes ill suddenly and the three Camp Boyfriends (in the sense of "the boyfriends they have at camp", not the adjective) have to leave. That is not how life works! Not often, anyway. Of course Nancy and Ned could have an open relationship, but really, you have to wonder how much she actually told Camp Boy about her life back home.

And while we're on the subject of boys, it kind of undermines Nancy's brave, independent spirit when she says "It's a good thing the real boyfriends are coming, because I have a hunch that this mystery will get dangerous, and we'll need boys around to help." ARGH GIRLS ARE JUST AS CAPABLE AS BOYS. I mean fine, wanting backup is a good idea, but that is probably a job for the police and not necessarily boyfriends. Of course I have to remember that this book was originally published in 1960, and therefore even though it annoys me to read about characters saying things like that, it's important not to colour them over with modern attitudes -- it provides a glimpse into past attitudes and perspectives.

That being said, though, I don't think even a chance to talk about current affairs and older perspectives on women's independence is enough to get me to recommend this book. The mystery itself is not particularly exciting, written in a very connect-the-dots manner. There are better books in the series.

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### **Aswathy says**

I remember reading this book very clearly.. My muthachan had a life membership in the Tvm public library and seeing that i love reading he began bringing me one book out of the 3 books he used to take.This was the 1st book he brought me. He brought this book just before my 6th std annual exam and i was forbidden from reading it until my exams were over. I waited impatiently for my exams to end and finished this book in one go.

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### **Alex says**

Another delightful little Nancy Drew re-read.

However - who is this Rick Larrabee that Nancy is dating while on vacation?!?! She seems to have more chemistry with Rick in the one week she knows him than she's ever had with Ned. Poor Ned.

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### **Stephanie A. says**

My mom loved these books, and after a childhood spent watching Claudia obsess about them in the Babysitters Club books, I was really eager to dive into this world. Unfortunately, while I liked the setting and was intrigued by the summary, it turns out I don't find juvenile investigators very compelling (I didn't have much luck with Trixie Belden either), so I've never read another. Biggest disappointment of my literary life.

