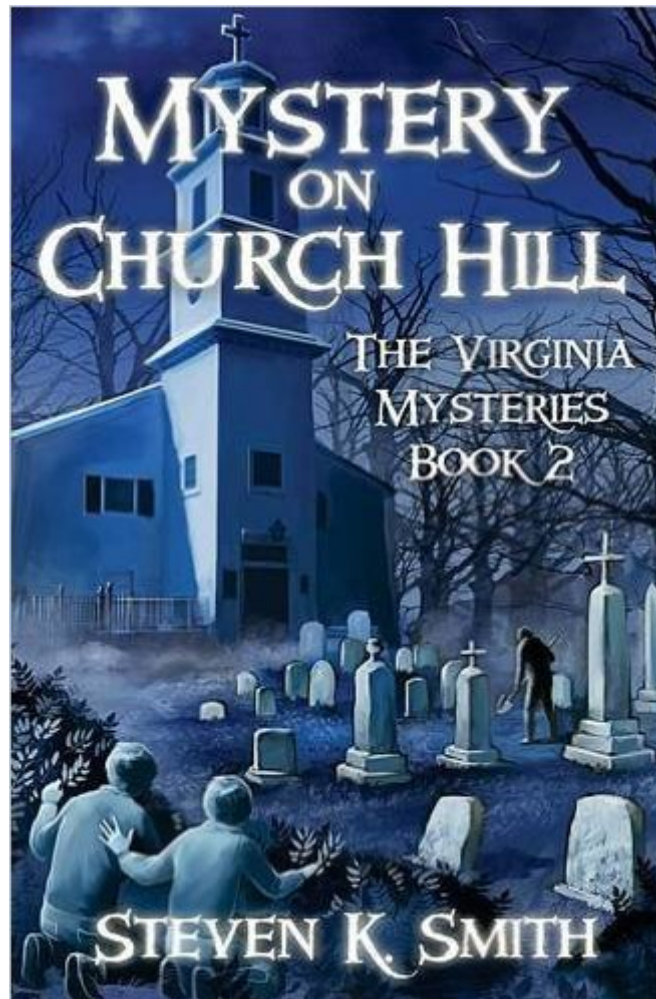


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# Mystery On Church Hill (The Virginia Mysteries)



## Synopsis

Magic Tree House meets Hardy Boys Young brothers Sam and Derek have a knack for uncovering mystery and adventure. When they visit Richmond's St. John's Church for a reenactment of Patrick Henry's famous liberty speech, they stumble upon a hidden piece of history. As the boys and their friends dig deeper, they find clues from America's founding fathers and a secret plot to steal a treasure from our nation's past. Join in the mystery as the search races from the cemeteries of Richmond to the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. The Virginia Mysteries - Adventures with a twist of history Book 1 - Summer of the Woods Book 2 - Mystery on Church Hill Book 3 - Ghosts of Belle Isle Book 4 - Secret of the Staircase

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## Customer Reviews

It was a warm and fuzzy reunion when I cheerfully joined impish brothers Sam and Derek on their second adventure. Learning all about Patrick Henry and his famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech, Sam's class embarks on a seemingly simple field trip to St. John's Church in Richmond's own historic Church Hill District. An innocent search for a restroom places Sam in the most unlikely of situations. He stumbles onto two men searching for a treasure. A very important, and valuable, piece of history had been hidden, then forgotten. Upon discovery of this

mystery, the hunt is on. Unfortunately, the seekers are solely in it for the money. Finding this motive simply unacceptable, Sam joins forces with his older brother Derek, and improbable cohort; female classmate, Caitlin Murphy. Mr. Smith's writing amused and delighted me throughout the experience. I simply adore the interactions within the Jackson family. The boys' observations and comments crack me up. I hear very similar statements from my own son. A particular piece in the book keeps popping into my head, bringing a smile each time. Derek makes reference to P. Henry and Sam wonders if his older brother is attempting to emulate a historical rapper. I found the entire book to be exactly this charming, without being cheesy. The mystery is intriguing and the adventure is spirited. Historical references and rich descriptions make something from our history books interesting and appealing. Elements combine to create a fun, satisfying and enriching book. Well done, Mr. Smith. I embrace whimsical, magical adventures often found in newer books and I continue to cherish the classic. As a parent reading with my 3rd grade son; I sometimes long for something simpler.

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