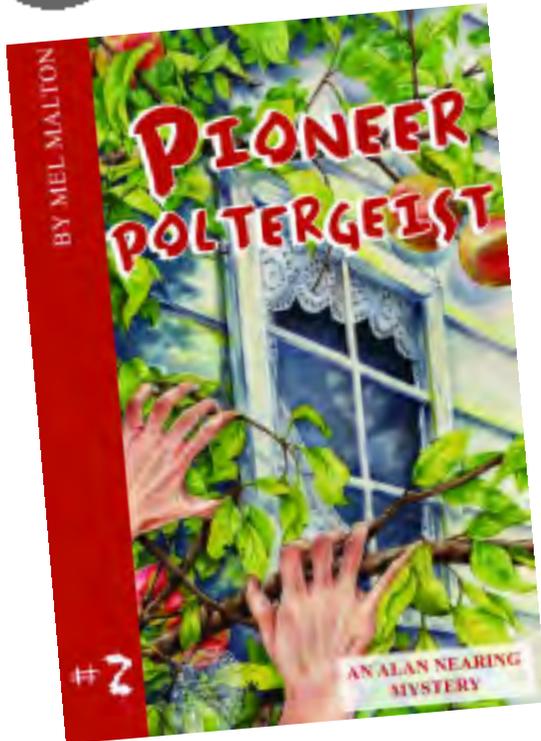




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Pioneer Poltergeist

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Alan Nearing Mystery #2

**Are the strange events at the pioneer
village human or supernatural?**

Something is haunting the Laingford Pioneer Village, a mysterious presence determined to get Alan and his friends Ziggy and Josée in trouble. They are spending the tail-end of the summer working as costumed helpers at the historical site, and when things get weird, the Alan Nearing detective agency starts investigating.

The adventure begins when a handgun is found buried in a pile of manure in one of the Park's animal pens. When the police are called, the constable suggests that they keep their eyes open for anything strange. Strange things do start happening, but Alan decides he wants to follow the clues on his own.

A stolen pie, a mysterious face in a window, some cryptic messages...is the poltergeist just a prankster, or are there sinister forces at work?

At the same time, Alan has a more personal mystery to deal with. There's a chance that his father, who disappeared in Haiti nine years ago, might still be alive. His mother's not talking, but he stumbles across an email on the family computer that might hold the answer. Is his long-lost father coming home?

This book is set in cottage country—a landscape of lakes, trees and tourists. The Pioneer Village offers the three friends, and readers, a chance to learn about life in pioneer days, and to live it as well. Filled with a cast of quirky characters, including Evan the Blacksmith, Mrs.C, the motherly “professional grandma”, a gruff groundskeeper called Sheldon and Ellen, a teenaged Goth-with-attitude, the story is lively, funny and suspenseful.

- Second book in the children's mystery series that also includes *The Drowned Violin*.
- The author is a successful mystery author (the Polly Deacon series for adults).
- A series of perfect summer adventure novels featuring three friends.

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