



Treasure at Turtle Lake

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**Three strange symbols could
lead to buried treasure**

Rather than face the consequences of his attempted shoplifting, twelve-year-old Joel Osler leaves his mother's home in Toronto to go live with his dad and stepmother in Turtle Narrows. He hopes to make a fresh start in the little lakeside town. On the way, he meets a man who shows him the map with its three clues.

When he sees the man again in Turtle Narrows, asking questions about the map, Joel knows he's on to something.

Joel finds an unlikely ally in the fiercely independent Paige Duggan, a Grade Seven classmate at the school he now attends. Paige lives with her guardian and a growing number of rescued animals in a tiny cottage they call the Mousehole. In an effort to avoid his

stepmother and hoping for a dog-walking job like Paige's, Joel volunteers to work at the local animal shelter.

Joel's past mistakes come back to haunt him when a silver compass disappears from the teacher's desk. Is he destined to be the number one suspect every time something goes missing?

Joel shows Paige the drawings he remembers from the map, and the two team up to match wits against the man, hoping to discover the meaning of the three clues before he does.

When the man traps the teens in a shed on the wharf, the quest becomes more than a race against time.

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