

# The Million Dollar Mystery

## *Introduction File*





# Get ready for a party packed with mystery, mayhem... and **MILLIONS!**

Millionaire Robbie Red has been mysteriously murdered at their mansion — and no one knows who did it!

Robbie's friends, family, and workers are all shocked and heartbroken... but the biggest surprise? YOU'RE invited to the reading of Robbie's will — and you're promised a cut of their fortune!

***But there's a twist...***

Before you can claim your cash, you and the other guests must solve the mystery of who took down Robbie Red.

Was it Doctor Turquoise in the family room with the stethoscope?  
Chef Mustard in the kitchen with the candlestick?  
Or possibly Professor Periwinkle in the park with the poison?

Put your detective skills to the test, follow the clues, and find the culprit before the clock runs out. Only once the mystery is cracked will the millions be yours!

## A Night of Clues, Twists, and Treasures!





## Thank you for choosing the Million Dollar Mystery!

This comprehensive packet has everything you need to host a murder mystery party your kids will be talking about for weeks to come. The game is simple to run and packed with fun for everyone. Every guest takes on an active role — either as a suspect or an investigator — and throughout the night, they'll be challenged to not only play their part but also figure out who committed the crime!

The Million Dollar Mystery is sure to be a hit with all of your guests.

In the following pages, you'll find a quick checklist of what the host needs to do to set the stage for success. Once the party begins, you'll be amazed at how smoothly it runs on its own — with kids fully engaged and having the time of their lives!

*\*\*Please be advised that the upcoming family-friendly murder mystery party touches on themes related to mushroom allergies. We understand these topics can be sensitive, please reach out with any questions or concerns before purchasing.*

### Assigning the Characters

- **What age is this mystery for?** This party is formatted for 8-12 year olds. The kids will need to know how to read for the game to flow smoothly. Adults or older friends can also help non-readers.
- **Who should be the host?** An adult should host and manage the party. To ensure that everything runs smoothly, the host should read through all of the materials well before the party date.
- **Because this party needs a minimum number of guests,** you should determine ahead of time which guests are attending before assigning characters.
  - The invite should be sent early with an RSVP date of two weeks before the party. Once your guests confirm, you can send them their complete invitation and character description. You can download an initial invitation to send at: <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations>
- **What if I don't have enough guests?** Siblings, parents, or friends can fill in for any of the missing primary characters. Once guests have confirmed and arrived, you are all set. The other character roles are helpful but not essential to the success of the party.
- **The culprit will not know they are guilty until you hand them their confession sheet at the end of the party.**

- **This game is set at a will reading where the kids are investigating the death of Robbie Red, whom they all knew.**

- **All characters in Million Dollar Mystery can be played by any gender.**



# Host Guide

## Making the Invitations

Before the party, each guest must receive three things: (1) the invitation, (2) The Silver Springs Gazette, and (3) their character description.

### The Print Option:

#### THE INVITATION

- To make the invitations, first input your party details into the invite page.
- Print out, double-sided, the number of invites that you need. Fold each invite in half.
- Invite should fit nicely into an A9 invitation envelope (5 3/4" x 8 3/4").

#### THE MEMORIAM

- This will provide information on the other guests at the party.

#### CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

- You will assign each guest a character to be at the party, and include their character description with the invite.
- ***Invite, Memoriam, and Character Descriptions are found in the Mystery Materials pdf.***

### The Download and Email Option

- Following your purchase of the party, you may also access and use the downloadable character descriptions from our website.
- Each description is a pdf file containing the above information for each character.
- This option allows you to email each of your guests their character description without having to print and mail the information.
- Please remember, the pdf file option does not include a place to enter the date, time, or address of the party, so you will have to inform or remind your guests of the party location details in another fashion.

• For this, we do have downloadable, emailable invitations that can be found at: <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations>

– ***Downloadable invites, with character descriptions, will be available in your online account after purchase.***



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## Preparing the Mystery Materials

- Cut out and make name tags for the guests. (You can print the name tags onto adhesive label paper or print on regular paper and include a pin with the name tags so that the guests can secure them to their outfits.) *The name tag template is compatible with Avery labels 15163, 18163, 5163, 5263, 5523, 5663, 5963, 8163, 8253, 8463, 8663 and 8763.*
- Be sure to make enough copies of the Who Durnit voting sheets for the number of guests attending.
  - There is only one design included which has 2 voting ballots/page included.
  - You will have to print this page multiple times to ensure you have enough ballots for everyone.
- Cut all of the sheets with dotted lines in half.
- Cut out the commercial strips along the dotted lines.
- The mystery materials will be numbered 1 - 7 in the top right-hand corners. Paper clip all of the pages with the same numbers together. Keep the pages in the order they appear in the pdf.
- Discard any introductions for characters who will not be included in your party.
- Separate out the name tag for Marshal Lincoln and paper clip it along with the #2 stack.
- Place the materials labeled with a #7 in a sealed envelope and label it "Solution."
- Keep the paper clipped stacks, as well as the name tags, awards, and "solution envelope" in a safe and convenient location so you can access them quickly when needed.

## Optional Hosting Ideas:

- Included with Mystery Purchase.
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## ***Start of The Party: The Guests Arrive***

- Have the guests' name tags and introduction speeches available for them.

## ***Stage One: Introduction & Murder***

- After all of the guests have arrived, the host will read an introduction which will explain the game and start the introductions.
- Each of the kids will read their introduction speech.
- Once the introductions are done, Professor Periwinkle will read the will.
  - If you plan to serve a meal during the party, it is best to do it here. (Optional)

## ***Stage Two: First Investigations***

- Professor Periwinkle will read a second speech, and the kids will be divided into suspects, investigators, and actors, who will prepare additional skits.
- Hand each child their appropriate sheet and have them practice their dialogue according to their part.
  - The children named as suspects will receive a suspect card with their character name on it.
  - Hand detective cards to 7 of the kids who are not listed as suspects.
  - Divide the rest of the guests into groups of 2-4. Hand each group one "headline" card.
- After 10 minutes, have the actors present their skits.
- Following the skits, have the children present their investigations, one suspect at a time with rest watching.
  - You may want to arrange two chairs at the front of the room to provide for this.
  - Have the investigations go in the order that they were named as suspects.

## ***Stage Three: Evidence & Investigations***

- After the first round of investigations, evidence will be presented and more suspects will be named.
- Hand each child named as a suspect their suspect card and have them read and practice their dialogue.
  - Hand out investigator cards to children who are not suspects.
  - While suspects and investigators are practicing, encourage the rest to talk about the possible motives for the murder.
- Have a second round of investigations, much like the first.
- The host will then read a short synopsis and hand out sheets for the kids to guess the culprit.
  - Lay the evidence on a table so everyone may see it before making their guesses.

## ***Stage Four: The Solution***

- When all accusations are handed in, the host will read the solution aloud.
- The guilty party will confess!





IN LOVING MEMORY

# Robbie Red

Famous Child Star • Millionaire Actor • Sibling, Friend, and Boss



It is with sadness and mystery that we say goodbye to Robbie Red, the world's most famous child actor turned millionaire. Robbie grew up on television, starring in *The Young and the Hopeless*, and became a superstar. Robbie lived in a grand mansion with many helpers, friends, and family nearby.

On the day of Robbie's passing, many questions were left unanswered. Robbie's mansion is now the center of attention, where friends, family, and employees have gathered for the reading of Robbie's will—and maybe to uncover what really happened. **Among those are:**

**Ash Black – Butler.** Robbie's loyal servant who knew almost all of Robbie's secrets.

**Pearl White – Maid.** Loved cleaning the mansion, but didn't always love cleaning up after Robbie.

**Sam Silver – Footperson.** Worked for Robbie but longed for freedom from the mansion's rules.

**Chef Mustard – Cook.** Famous for a peanut-free cookbook and dreaming of TV stardom.

**Agent Mango – Agent.** The deal-maker who launched Robbie's career and made plenty of other secret deals.

**Cocoa Brown – Co-Star.** Robbie's dramatic soap opera partner who now enjoys the spotlight alone.

**Kelly Green – Accountant.** Knew the truth about Robbie's money—and that it wasn't quite what people thought.

**Dr. Turquoise – Doctor.** Treated Robbie for stress, but insists they had nothing to do with Robbie's end.

**Professor Periwinkle – Lawyer.** Knew Robbie's most recent wishes and all the secrets of the will.

**Berry Red – Younger Sibling.** Always wanted to act and finally got a role next to Robbie.

**Crimson Red – Older Sibling.** Jealous of Robbie's fame, but never wanted their spotlight.

**Admiral Indigo – Chauffeur.** Drove Robbie everywhere and remembers all of Robbie's last stops.

**Captain Carrot – Dog Walker.** Took care of Robbie's dogs—even when others in the mansion complained.

**Mickey Mint – Gardener.** Looked after the mansion's grounds and noticed some secret meetings.

**Peyton Purple – Best Friend.** Loved Robbie but didn't trust everyone in the mansion.

**Reese Rainbow – #1 Fan.** Ran Robbie's fan club and was always ready to cheer for their favorite star.

**Jade Jones – Cousin.** Always thought Robbie got more attention than anyone else in the family.

**Sage Silverton – Tutor.** Helped Robbie with schoolwork when acting got in the way of studying.

**Sky Blue – Childhood Friend.** Grew up playing with Robbie before the fame took over.

**Ivory Lane – Stylist.** Picked Robbie's outfits and made sure Robbie always looked like a star.

**Maroon Taylor – Neighbor.** Lived next door to Robbie and often complained about the noise from the mansion.

**Coral Quinn – Swimming Instructor.** Taught Robbie to swim and spent many summers at the mansion's pool.

**Onyx Blackwood – Security Guard.** Kept watch over the mansion and always knew who came and went.

**Olive Rivers – Nutritionist.** Made Robbie's strict meal plans and worried about Robbie's health.

**Lilac Drew – Fan Club Assistant.** Worked with Reese Rainbow and helped run Robbie's official fan club.

**Amber Ray – Acting Coach.** Trained Robbie for auditions and big performances.

**Hazel Stone – Pet Sitter.** Cared for Robbie's smaller pets—parrots, cats, and fish—when the mansion got busy.

**Slate Morgan – Bodyguard.** Escorted Robbie to events and kept fans at a safe distance.

**Teal Harper – House Painter.** Kept the mansion colorful with fresh coats of paint and special murals.

**Indigo Frost – Gamer Friend.** Played video games with Robbie late at night when acting got stressful.

**Goldie Sparks – Driver.** Filled in when Admiral Indigo was busy and knew plenty of shortcuts around town.

**Silver Bell – Music Teacher.** Taught Robbie piano lessons, though Robbie preferred acting to practicing.

# Host Guide

## Sample Character

(a sample of what each child will receive within their invitation.)

### Your Character



# Mickey Mint Gardener

### **Background:**

Robbie Red has been found murdered in their own mansion! Once a childhood actor, Robbie built a fortune worth millions. In life, Robbie promised you a generous share of their wealth upon their death. You are now attending the reading of Robbie's will to discover how much you stand to inherit.

**Acting and Dressing the Part:** As Robbie's gardener, you were supposed to make the garden beautiful—but with Robbie's dogs running wild, you stuck to planting tough shrubs and trees. You've seen Agent Mango and Chef Mustard secretly meeting in the garden and wonder what they're up to. *Shh! Don't tell anyone—that's a secret not everyone knows.*

**Dressing Tip:** For the party, wear something casual that fits gardening, like gloves, a sun hat, or tools. Add some minty green so people connect you with your name.

### **Your Introduction Speech:**

(You DO NOT have to memorize this.)

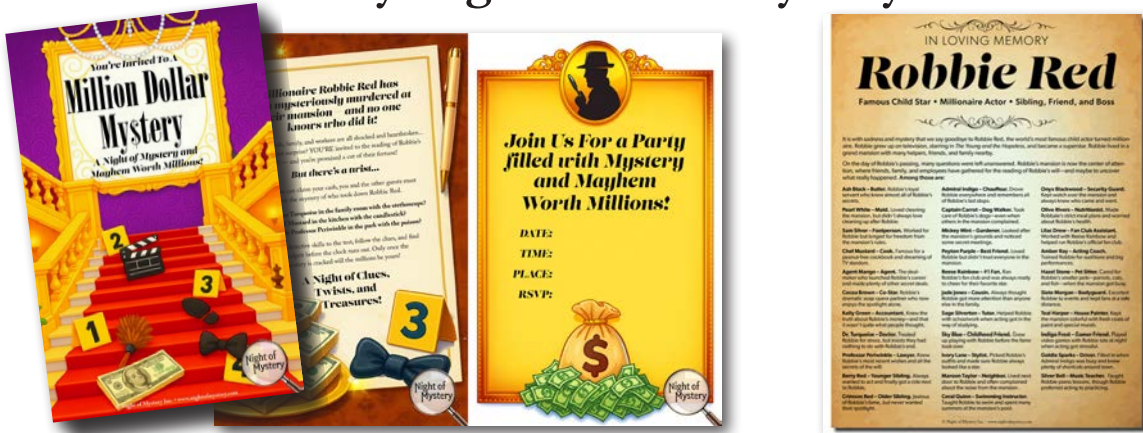
I'm Mickey Mint. I was hired to make Mystery Manor look pristine. Instead, I spent more time picking up after others. I hope Robbie left me something in that will—because I need a vacation from this place.





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## What you get with the mystery:



Designed invites for your guests with character information and more information on the mystery for each of your guests. You can print or email these.



Introductions for each of the guests to help set-up the mystery at hand.



EVIDENCE that will be presented.



Scripted investigations to facilitate kids questioning one another. (2 ROUNDS)



Accusation Forms!



SOLUTION!



Super Sleuth, Funniest, Most Dramatic, and Best Costume Awards!

PLUS -- THE EXTRAS!!! (see next page)



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# The Extras

Included in the following pages are ideas and designs to help you decorate with fun and authentic materials that are easy to make.





## More Party Planning Resources

Night of Mystery does our best to provide you with everything you need to create a unique and creative mystery party - including giving you plenty of party planning resources and ideas for *each* mystery theme we offer! **Check out any/all of the resources below!!!**

### ***TheMillionDollarMystery.com***

Simply type in [TheMillionDollarMystery.com](http://TheMillionDollarMystery.com) and it will take you to the "Party Tips" section of Night of Mystery dedicated to giving you the best ideas for decoration, costumes, hosting tips, etc. for THIS MYSTERY!!! Be sure to explore the "Hosting Tips" section of this was well!

### ***All The Extras supplement***

Check out the supplement that is filled with designs, posters, ideas, etc.

### ***Our Pinterest Page***

Get ideas and how-tos on theme-centric decorations, food, etc. Be sure to "Follow Us" to get the latest and greatest pins that we add to the boards! [Visit The Million Dollar Mystery Pinterest Board](#)

### ***Flickr Albums***

[Check out pictures from other host and hostesses](#) from your mystery theme! See how much fun others had throwing this theme and get ideas for your own mystery party.

### ***Visit us on Facebook*** <https://www.facebook.com/nightofmystery/>

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# Host Guide

This has been just a sampling of what you  
will receive when you purchase

## *The Million Dollar Mystery*

**The complete package includes:**

- **A Host Guide**— A complete how-to of throwing your party which includes directions on preparing the invitations, assigning characters and preparing for the party.
- **A Schedule of the Night**— A step-by-step breakdown of how the party will go.
- **An Introduction**— to be read to the guests upon arrival.
- **Designed Invitations**— that you can customize with the details of your party.
- **Robbie Red's Memoriam**—to be sent with the invitations, it includes background information on the other guests that will be at the party.
- **Character Sheets**—descriptions of the characters, including costuming and acting tips and the kids' first introduction speech (they do not have to memorize this!).
- **Name Tags**
- **Introduction and Investigation scripts for the kids**— These simple, yet fun, scripts will be for the kids to read throughout the party. Each will reveal some clues about who the culprit may or may not be!
- **Evidence** — more clues that will be presented throughout the party. This evidence will help the kids solve the mystery and find the culprit.
- **Solution & Confession**— a detailed description of the what and why the murder happened including WHO is the culprit.
- **"Who Dunit" Cards**— to allow your guests to guess the guilty party.
- **Award Certificates**— to be awarded to each of the guests that solve the murder.
- **Party Printables and Extras**— directions, templates, and designs to help you plan for your party. (Pictured on previous page. **Included are:** suspect board, room signs, a designed menu and more!)

All of our parties come in the form of a professionally designed pdf. Immediately after completing your order, you will be able to create a member account. Once in your account, you will have the ability to download your party (including optional emailable invitations for your guests and party extras) for sixty days after your purchase. If you forget your password, you can request a new password be sent to your email. By having our games online as instant downloads, we are able to satisfy even the most urgent need for a party.

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