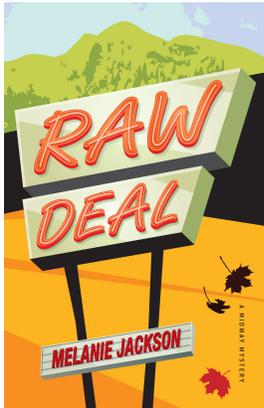


## No Way Out and Raw Deal by Melanie Jackson



... and school presentations on Clues to the Art of the Mystery

### A simple favour that turns deadly ...

It's a chance for the new kid, Colin, to score points with popular Jace Turpin. All Colin has to do is take over Jace's early morning shift at the burger joint. Flip some patties, sizzle up some fries ... Easy.

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For ages 10-14, *Raw Deal* will appeal not only to reluctant readers, but to all those who enjoy surprises and sizzling plot twists.

Award-winning author Melanie Jackson is on the BC Literacy Council of the International Reading Association, as well as a volunteer creative-writing mentor with the Vancouver School Board.

"Melanie Jackson has a fantastic presentation on how to write a great mystery. She showed a PowerPoint presentation, did readings from her many books and showed clips from Alfred Hitchcock's *To Catch a Thief* to give examples for each point she discussed. Her mystery books all have BC settings and support the social studies and science curriculum at many grade levels as well as other excursions teachers take their students on.... I would recommend her presentation [...] our students enjoyed the books and the teachers found them to be good read-alouds." Said teacher-librarian Janet Mumford of McNeely Elementary in Richmond, BC.

### Teachers, librarians!

Contact Melanie at [jackson.melanie@gmail.com](mailto:jackson.melanie@gmail.com) about in-person or Skype presentations for students on Clues to the Art of the Mystery, including readings from *Raw Deal*. Melanie guides students through plot elements, from catchy beginning to conflict to resolution. Visit Melanie at [www.flavors.me/melaniejackson](http://www.flavors.me/melaniejackson).

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