

## NANCY DREW FACTOIDS



Edward Stratemeyer created Nancy Drew.

**The first three books in the series: *The Secret of the Old Clock*, *The Hidden Staircase*, and *The Bungalow Mystery* all debuted on April 28, 1930.**

Besides blue, Nancy Drew's car has been yellow, green, and even maroon.

**Carolyn Keene was a pseudonym for many ghostwriters over the years.**

In the early books, Nancy often wore glamorous heels and fashionable frocks while chasing suspects, climbing ladders, and sleuthing for "ghosts" in secret passageways.

**Nancy Drew never takes money for her detective work—she is an amateur detective after all!**

Since 1930, Nancy Drew has solved over 500 cases! Pretty good for a 77 year old sleuth.

**In the classic Nancy Drew series, volumes 1-56 from 1930 to 1979, Nancy Drew never solved murders.**

Nancy Drew's chum George Fayne's catch phrase was "Hypers!" (Like—Wow!)

**One of Bess Marvin's favorite foods was a gooey chocolate fudge sundae.**



Nancy Drew went off to college in a short-lived series, *Nancy Drew On Campus*.

**Nancy Drew's first trip outside the United States was to Canada in the original text of *The Message in the Hollow Oak*.**

Nancy Drew packed heat—carrying her father Carson Drew's revolver in two early mysteries—the 1930 text of *The Hidden Staircase* and the 1931 text of *The Secret at Shadow Ranch* (she shot a lynx.) In contrast, in the 1965 Nancy Drew book, *The Spider Sapphire Mystery*, when confronted with guns, Nancy and her pal George Fayne tossed them into a brook.