

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.