



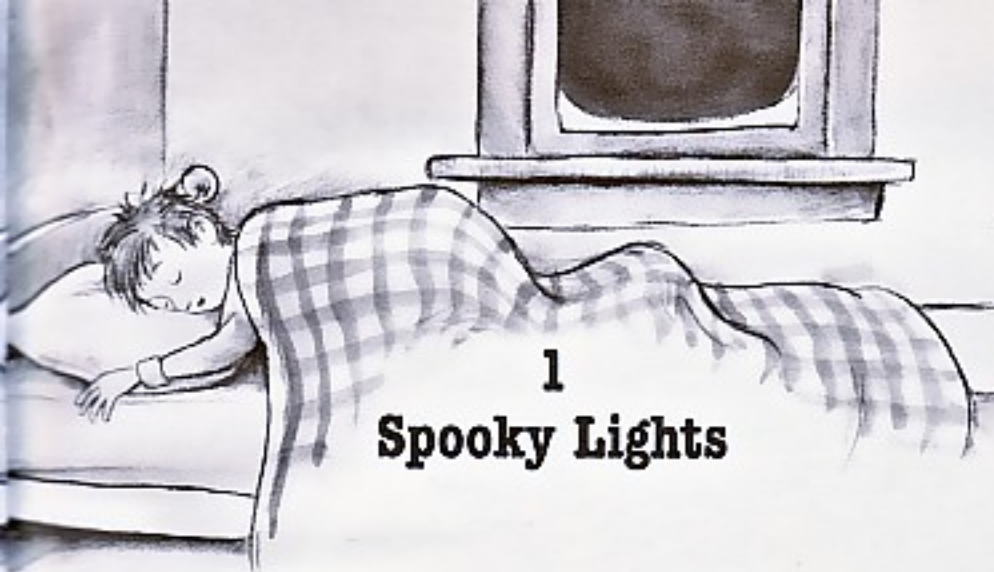
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Mysteries

January Joker

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With the
younger
siblings of the
A to Z Mysteries®
kids!



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Spooky Lights

Bradley Pinto sat up in bed. His red hair was flat on one side. He blinked and rubbed his sleepy brown eyes.

Bradley thought he'd heard a strange noise outside his bedroom. Yawning, he climbed out of bed. He tiptoed by his twin brother's bed. He stepped over the two lumpy sleeping bags on the floor.

Bradley put his ear to the door. No noises. He opened the door. Nothing out there.

Then he noticed a bright light outside his bedroom window.

"Oh my gosh!" he said.

Bradley ran to his brother's bed.

"Hey, Brian. Wake up!" Bradley whispered.

"Umph," Brian mumbled.

Bradley poked Brian's leg. "Bri, wake up! There are weird lights in the backyard!"

A sleeping bag sat up. Inside it was Nate Hathaway, one of Bradley's best friends. "Let me see!" Nate said. He crawled out of his bag. Nate had black hair, like his sister, Ruth Rose. The twins' older brother, Josh, was best friends with Ruth Rose and her neighbor Dink Duncan.

The other sleeping bag popped up. It was Lucy Armstrong. She was Dink's cousin, visiting for a year from California. Her parents were helping build a school on a reservation in Arizona.

"What's going on?" Lucy asked. Her



blond hair was tied in pigtails. She wore Wonder Woman pajamas.

Brian grinned from his bed. "Bradley is having a dream," he said.

"I am not!" Bradley said. "There's something out there, and I'm going to see what it is!"

Bradley put on his slippers and stepped out into the dark hallway.

"Wait for us!" Nate said behind him.

The four kids tiptoed through the house and down into the kitchen. Bradley pulled open the back door.

A strange yellow light filled the backyard. The snow and the barn had turned yellow.

"See, I told you!" Bradley said. He stepped out onto the porch. Brian, Nate, and Lucy followed him.

"What is it?" Lucy whispered.

"It's cold out here!" Brian complained.

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January is for Joker . . .

Green Lawn, we have a problem! When **Bradley** Pinto wakes up in the night to strange lights in his backyard, he wonders if there are aliens in town. When he sees three-toed tracks in the snow, he's sure of it. His twin, **Brian**, and friends **Lucy** and **Nate** aren't so certain. But then Lucy's cousin Dink, the twins' brother Josh, and Nate's sister Ruth Rose all disappear. Are there *really* aliens in Green Lawn? And where could they be taking Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose?



Bradley



Brian



Nate



Lucy