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Dig Deep into a Library Mystery!

Llati Wonk, Sleuth Librarian

and the

Mystery of the Missing "Smallest Book in the World"!



Llati Wonk

It finally stopped raining, so Llati Wonk, Sleuth Librarian, decided to do one of her three most favorite things in the world: Go out into the sunshine and dig in her garden. Of course, I am sure you know what her other two favorite things to do were. Yep-you guessed it! Reading and sleuthing, both of which she could still do even when it was raining. While she pulled weeds and plucked snails off her plants, her cell phone rang. “Llati Wonk here.” She answered. “Llati Wonk!” cried an excited voice. “Something terrible has happened! Someone has stolen the *Smallest Book in the World*” (and yes, that *is* the actual title of the book). They took it right out of the Hervey Family Rare Books Room on the 9th floor of the Central Library! It has been missing since May 12th.” She recognized the voice as the head Library Security Guard. “Don’t fret, Feiht Aton! I’m on the job!” exclaimed Llati. “Great!” said Feiht, “Let’s meet at the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, *asap*. I have already compiled a list of suspects and will round them up. See you

soon!" he promptly hung up even before Llati had a chance to ask the question, "Wait! How do you *already* have a list of suspects??!"

One hour later she marched into the branch with her marmalade cat Golatac, sneaking in behind her (sneaking in of course, as cats aren't really allowed in the library!). She saw that interviews were already in progress by Feiht at his makeshift interrogation table.

"Tsk-tsk!" She wagged her finger at him. Turning three shades of red, he quickly jumped up and almost tripped over Golatac! "What is that cat doing in here?" Feiht inquired with a look of disapproval on his face. "Shhhhh!!!" replied Llati. "Feiht, how *did* you come up with these lists of suspects, anyway?"

"I noticed each one of them at the Central Library in the Hervey Family Rare Book Room on the day that the "*Smallest Book in the World*" went missing, and then they all ordered books to be sent to their libraries!" he replied. "So, I thought we should take them all by their neighborhood branch libraries to search for clues they might have left after the book went missing! Well, so much for interviews, Llati thought, but maybe Feiht is onto something!

Read the instructions first!

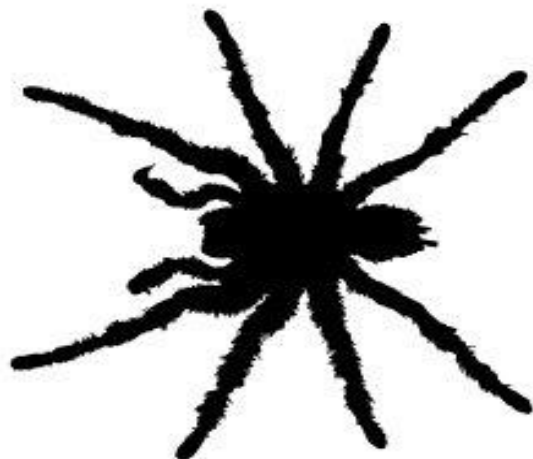
There are eight suspects and each one has a favorite library. There are three *possible* clues for each suspect on Facebook, but only one will be a real clue. There is a Facebook link under the suspect's name for each Library. If you want to look for the clues on your own then to go to *that* link and search on your own! However, there are also helpful hints such as direct links, dates, times, etc. after each possible clue. Look for clues along the way as you read through the story, as well. Don't get frustrated if you don't get all of the clues. If you have to spend more than a few minutes looking for a clue, just move on or go back to it later! (All solutions to clues are given at the end.) Some are just *possible* clues and they are there to show you all of the fun things you can do online through the Library!



Here are some tips to remember while digging for clues:

- 1) Some of the suspects are shown in the pictures on the Facebook pages.
- 2) Some of the suspects' *names* are clues.
- 3) There are letters and messages within the clues that will help you solve the mystery.
The numbers and letters will correspond to create words. For example: The Library has extended your due dates. 2, 3 11,12,13 5, 16 Write out the 2nd, 3rd,

etc. letter from "The Library has extended your due dates"" and it will spell "He has it". Remember to only count characters and not spaces.
- 4) The missing book *might* be shown in the clues.
- 5) Golatac is very soft and fluffy and Llati loves her very much. Not a helpful hint, just wanted you to know that!
- 6) Look for "Golatac Alerts" throughout the caper as they may hold clues.
- 7) Some clues that are words, may need to be unscrambled.
- 8) You may have to translate some of the clues written in other languages. So, brush up on your Pig-Latin!
- 9) The clues on Facebook will be under: Home, Posts, Photos, Events or Videos and you can do a search on Posts. They may have areas to look at or dates to help find them.
- 10) All clues on Facebook will never go back more than 6 months.



Feiht Aton

Feiht Aton, the Head Security Guard at the San Diego Public Library, liked to think of himself as a very observant person. This was not Llati Wonk's first mystery, and Feiht Aton liked to think of himself as Llati's partner, her "Dr. Watson", and frequently tagged along a few steps behind. Once Llati arrived at the busy Rancho Bernardo Library and went inside, Feiht began telling her about the suspects.

The Suspects

1. The dark-haired Youth Services Librarian, Catrina Snores (Rancho Bernardo Library)
2. The far-sighted Patron, Liararre Brainroom (Mira Mesa Library)
3. The diminutive Patron, Ybab Ami (North University Community Library)
4. The spindly Patron, Professor Ima F. Uzzione (PhD in Web Design), (Mission Valley Library)
5. The always on-time Librarian, Lovely Cardigan (City Heights/Weingart Library)
6. The technology savvy Book Club Leader, Dr. Phillip Thecart (San Ysidro Library)
7. The hard-working Library Assistant I, Skooby Niton (San Carlos Library)
8. The classic book loving Librarian, Moe Jeezner (Ocean Beach Library)

Time to Dig for Clues!



**First Suspect: Youth Services Librarian, Catrina Snores
and the Rancho Bernardo Library**

<https://www.facebook.com/RanchoBernardoBranchLibrary/>

Possible Clue #1: Is the suspect sheltering in her place reading the missing book?

[Sheltering in Place?](#)

Possible Clue #2: Jane Austen Online Book Club: Is Catrina one of the characters?

3, 11, 8 8, H, 14, 11 12, E, 4 (Home Page)

Possible Clue #3: Stay-in-Story Time Club: How many ducklings are there? [Ducks @](#)

[Stay-In Storytime](#)

Second Suspect: Patron, Liararre Brainroom ("Lia") and the Mira Mesa Library

<https://www.facebook.com/miramesalibrary/>

Possible Clue #4: Unicorns-a-Plenty! Which is your favorite unicorn?? (Photos)

Possible Clue #5: What did Ms. Dana make in the BIO Lab? 1 7,8 D,6, L,1,2,1,O,U, S
[BIO Lab with Ms. Dana](#)

Possible Clue #6: Admit One College Prep Academy: Are those reading glasses or sunglasses? Can she read the tiny print in the tiny book? [Admit One](#)

Golatac Alert! Where did she go? Llati couldn't find her anywhere!

Third Suspect: Ybab Amia at the North University Community Library

https://www.facebook.com/NorthUCLibrary/?ref=br_rs

Possible Clue #7: First 5 San Diego: Here he is! [First 5 San Diego](#)

Possible Clue #8: We can do it, San Diego! (Home Page)

Possible Clue #9: Fill Out Your Hands and Wash the Census?? [Census 2020](#)

Golatac Alert! Llati found Golatac in the North University Community Library and noticed she looked like she had put on a little weight and was acting quite skittish!

Fourth Suspect: Professor Ima F. Uzzione and the Mission Valley Library

<https://www.facebook.com/missionvalleylibrary/>

Possible Clue #10: Would the tiny, intelligent ones in the Living Coast Discovery Center video have taken the tiny book?? [Living Coast Discovery Center](#)

Possible Clue #11: Easy Folded Book Art-read between the lines! [Old books craft!](#)

Possible Clue #12: 4/19 @ 6:00 am (NPR): How *could I* have stolen the book?

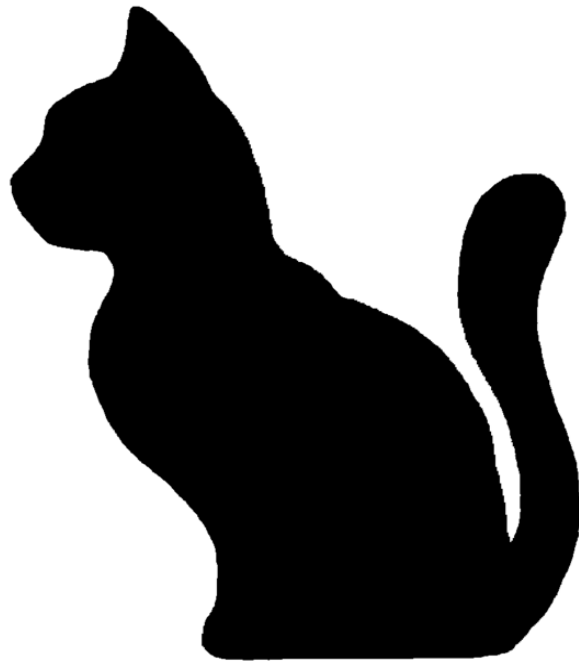
Fifth Suspect: Librarian, Lovely Cardigan at the City Heights Branch Library

<https://www.facebook.com/CityHeightsLibrary/>

Possible Clue #13: Have Holds to pick up? (Home Page)

Possible Clue #14: CENSO Yo Cuento! 6-7-3-5 [Censo Yo Cuento](#)

Possible Clue #15: "Library Update": You won't be late! [Update!](#)



Sixth Suspect: Book Club Leader, Philip Thecart at the San Ysidro Library

<https://www.facebook.com/SanYsidroLibrary/>

Possible Clue #16: Free Through Gale [Lifelong Learning Opportunities?](#)

Possible Clue #17: "Not everything is cancelled." Smart Bear! Who is he? You will need his name: 3,11,7,13,6 (Photos)

Possible Clue #18: Giraffe Cam: See the little cutie at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. 4/23/2020 9:48 AM (Posts)

**Seventh Suspect: Library Assistant, Skooby Niton
at the San Carlos Branch Library**

<https://www.facebook.com/SanCarlosBranchLibrary/>

Possible Clue#19: Is it Ernie & Bert or is it Bert & Ernie? [Old school fun!](#)

Possible Clue#20: What? Contactless Pick Up Service at some Branches? Skooby Niton is waiting for his hold called "I am Ticonnen!" Have you read it yet?? (Posts)

Possible Clue#21: Online Summer School? Brainfuse! [Help!](#)

Eighth Suspect: Librarian, Moe Jeezner at the Ocean Beach Branch Library

<https://www.facebook.com/oceanbeachlibrary/>

Possible Clue#22: Let us know what's on your Bucket List and post it! Then find one here. [Find Your Bucket List Book](#)

Possible Clue#23: 4/27 @ 6:00 pm: Hathway ookbay siay ristinkay eadingray?
4, 5, 6, 7 12, 13 (Reverse words)

Possible Clue#24: What's wiggling and crawling at OB? [Wigglers now online!](#) Would one of the suspects possibly be attending?

Golatac Alert! She was spotted in the OB Library! But why did she look so tired? (Could it be from all the running around she was doing??!)

Investigating Clues at the Central Library

As Llati Wonk, Feiht Aton and the suspects headed over to the Rare Books Room at the Central Library, Llati noticed yet again that Golatac was nowhere to be seen! "What is with my cat today?" she wondered. She was used to just having her faithful cat follow her around wherever she went! Anyone else might have wondered how she got herself to the library, but Llati knew what a crafty and resourceful cat she was and it wouldn't have surprised her at all if she regularly visited *all* of the libraries! Then suddenly, it occurred to her that maybe Golatac was the culprit! "Oh no! Maybe that's why she had been acting so strangely and looking like she had put on a little weight! Could she have *eaten* the smallest book in the world??! She abruptly turned to her trusty "Watson" and said

“Feiht, please do me a favor and take one last look around the library and see if perhaps there are any more clues, or if perchance, you see Golatac!” “Got it Llati!” he replied eagerly. “Just tell me where to look!”



Feiht Aton Digs for Clues
(Otnay an Uspectsay)

<https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>

Possible Clue #25: Can cats be read to? Golatac might like to know what’s available in our eBooks/eAudiobooks catalog! <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/elibrary>

Possible Clue #26: Library Program Videos: Does the culprit like opera? [Could it be?!](#)

Possible Clue #27: Book Buzz Book Reviews? Not Book Purr Book Reviews? [2020](#)

Possible Clue #28: (<https://www.sandiego.gov/sdplstorytime>) Bilingual Storytime @ 10am on Fridays with _____?

Investigating the Hervey Family Rare Books Room

Llati, Catrina, Lia, Ybab, Lovely, Phillip, Scooby and Moe all crowded into the elevator and made their way up to the 9th floor where the Rare Books Room was located. “Hey! Where is Ima?” Scooby asked. Ybab blew a raspberry. Someone else murmured under their breath, “Ima F. Uzzione is probably the thief and he just crawled off somewhere!” When they arrived at the Rare Books Room Llati charged forth through the front door and nearly ran into the Wangenheim Special Collections Librarian himself, Shush McBookish! “Llati! What are you doing here?” asked a very surprised Shush McBookish! “.... and who are all these people??”



The confused looking group of suspects just stared back and forth between Llati, and Shush.

"I am here to solve the mystery of the missing "Smallest Book in the World!" said Llati. "Really? Well, I could have told you that!! I knew that a long time ago!" exclaimed a very exasperated Shush. *A long time ago?* thought Llati. It had only been missing since May 12th!

Just then, Feiht rushed in. Llati said, "Wow that was quick! You weren't even gone that long!" Everyone stared at him. "That's because I'm fast." replied Feiht. "Well, did you find Golatac?" asked Llati. "No." Feiht sadly replied. "But I did find out some *VERY* interesting things!!" "What?!" asked Llati. "Well, first of all, they didn't have the book I was looking for. I really wanted to read "*Curiosity Thrilled the Cat*, by Sophie Kelly, again" he replied disappointingly. Llati rolled her eyes. "Did you ask a staff member to help you find it?" "No" he replied". "But I do know how to find books myself!" "Hmmmmm....." Llati said. "You never ask for help, and just assume that they don't have it or can't get it for you!" Llati mumbled something under her breath. "What?" Feiht asked. "Shhhhhhh!" she said.

"Well," Feiht said, "Take a quick look at these discoveries I wrote down for you and add them to your other clues!" As Llati gave the new clues a quick once over she stuffed them into her pocket with the other ones (yes, it was a big pocket). She steeled herself. "Well Shush, I went through all of the clues that I could find and determined who the culprit was! And I'll tell you this much, I am quite embarrassed to say that I think my cat ate it!" The suspects all gasped! "As a matter of fact," she continued, I haven't seen Professor Ima lately either. Golatac probably made a meal of him too!!" Shush seemed amused. "No Llati, but if you are ready, I will show you the *rarest* sight of all in this entire library!



Following Shush to the back corner of the room, they discovered Golatac under a desk, lying like a queen across an old blanket feeding five tiny new kittens (two orange, two white and one striped)!

“Are you kidding me?!” an astonished Llati cried. “I had absolutely no idea!” Well, she said sheepishly, that solves *one* mystery! But what of the missing rare book?”

She addressed the suspects, “All of you denied any involvement in this mystery. Did you not? But it had to be *one* of you!”

Shouts of protest came from the disgruntled group. Everyone appeared offended. Moe took a combative stance! Ybab cried a little. “Shhhhhhh! This is a library!” yelled Shush! “Stop yelling Shush!” cried Feiht. Suddenly everyone started cracking up because of the attention they were drawing to themselves. Ybab drooled a bit and then burped.

Shush composed himself. “Well, I guess I didn’t figure it out after all. But that won’t stop me from sleuthing!” said Llati.

“Don’t worry Llati. I know the answer to this caper!” proclaimed Shush...*Do you???*

***Spoiler Alert!* Are you ready to discover the mystery? It is right below!**



Mystery Uncovered!

Feiht Aton, as a frequent visitor to the Hervey Family Rare Books Room noticed that the book was missing on May 12th, when it also happened to be Shush McBookish's day off. Feiht had good intentions when he called Llati Wonk to report the missing book, but he neglected to ask the librarian who was filling in that day where the book might be. Shush, knowing Golatac was pregnant, put the "Smallest Book in the World" aside to read to Golatac and the very tiny kittens after they were born!

Well, after everyone let out a big sigh of relief, Llati asked Shush if Golatac and her kittens could spend the night (which of *course* he said yes to). "But Llati! "Feiht cried. "Cats aren't allowed in the library!" "Shhhhhhhhh!!!!!" replied Llati." Hey! Who wants a ride home???"

Epilogue

On the ride home, both Llati and Feiht apologized profusely for dragging the suspects through all of that drama. Llati told Feiht not to jump to conclusions about people in the future and Feiht told Llati to stop letting her cat into the library.

Disclaimer: These are all fictional characters and fictional names. However, there really is a “Smallest (published) Book in the World” (part of the Wangenheim Collection) in the Hervey Family Rare Books Room at the Central Library!

Riddles & Clues Discovered!

Clue #1: The dark-haired Catrina Snores is sheltering in her Lighthouse where she lives. If you look closely, you can see that she is not reading the missing book, but listening to an audio book!

Clue #2: Take the letters corresponding to the numbers from “Jane Austen Online Book Club” and you get “not this one”.

Clue #3: No clue, but there are five ducklings.

Clue #4: No clue (Just a lot of amazing unicorns.)

Clue #5: No clue here, but Ms. Dana makes ice cream. If you match up the numbers with the letters it reads “I am delicious!”

Clue #6: Lia is wearing sunglasses, not reading glasses which she needs because she is farsighted. So, she might not be able to even see up close to read the tiny book!

Clue #7: On the First 5 California picture, there is a baby. “Here he is!” refers to the baby. Ybab Ami is a baby, thus he couldn’t have taken the book. How can babies get to libraries by themselves??

Clue #8: No clue here, just an enthusiastic and encouraging statement that San Diego, in fact, can do it.

Clue #9: No clue here either, just reminders about washing your hands and filling out the Census.

Clue #10: No, the tiny baby octopi did not take the book because it would get wet!

Clue #11: No clue, just a really fun art project for tweens, teens and adults! (It might be a little difficult for the little ones, like Ybab Ami)!

Clue #12: Ima is a Tarantula in that picture. How *could he* do it? It would take him a ridiculously long time to get to the Library. In fact, a tarantula could be following you for 3 weeks and you wouldn't even know it!

Clue #13: No clue here. But great information if you have been waiting for a Hold!

Clue #14: Matching the numbers with the letters in “CENSO Yo Cuento” and you get “Yo no” = “Not me”.

Clue #15: No clue, but good to know info.

Clue #16: No clue here, but you have many *amazing* opportunities for Lifelong Learning through Gale for free.

Clue #17: The bear is Winnie the Pooh and matching up the numbers with the letters, it says “not he”.

Clue #18: No clue, but check out the baby (not Ybab) at the Safari Park!

Clue #19: No clue here-but it is important to start this conversation. So, which is it??

Clue #20: The book entitled “*I am Ticonnen*” unscrambled is “I am innocent.”

Clue #21: No clue, but a great homework resource-they will even edit your papers and return them to you with suggestions.

Clue #22: Moe likes his classics and can find them here! Not a clue, but a great resource!

Clue #23: What is Kristin reading? Translate from Pig-Latin and you get, “*The Book with No Pictures*” for the Stay-in-Storytime Club. If you match the numbers to the corresponding letters of the real title and reverse them, you will see “No book”.

Clue #24: Babies & toddlers are wiggling and crawling (as opposed to Ima F. Uzzione), but no clue. Well, Ybab Ami might have attended, though.

Clue #25: Yes! Of course, cats can be read to, just as any pet can. Cats especially love a good mystery *yarn*.

Clue #26: You can see an opera series through the library website but you won’t see a clue.

Clue #27: Clue: “Cats purr” is in reference to Golatac (and her kittens) to whom the tiny book will be read!

Clue #28: Virtual Story Time on Fridays with Bibliotecaria Ady! Not a clue, but great fun!

Did you discover these clues?

“Llati Wonk” is “Know It All” spelled backwards.

“Skooby Niton” is “No tiny books” spelled backwards.

“Feint Aton” is “Not a thief” spelled backwards.

“Golatac” is “catalog” spelled backwards.

“Ybab Ami” spelled backwards is “I am a baby.” Additionally, he blew a raspberry in the elevator in response to someone asking where Ima crawled off to. Most adults (hopefully) do not do this in response to a question, at least in public. Ybab Ami also cried a little and then burped when Llati announced that she thought Golatac ate the book.

Ima F. Uzzione is “I’m a fuzzi (fuzzy) one”, and the PhD he holds is in “Web Design” because he is Tarantula, and they design webs.

"Otnay an Uspectsay" is Pig-Latin for Not a suspect in reference to Feiht Aton when he goes to look for Golatac.

Finally, if you got this one, you had a good chance of solving the mystery:

Liararre Brainroom when unscrambled is "Rare Room Librarian"!

Did you Know?

After this whole fiasco, Catrina Snores went home and took a nap. She didn't snore.

Lovely Cardigan, in fact, did not own a single Cardigan sweater, even though she was a Librarian.

The collection of unicorns shown in the photo from the Mira Mesa Branch Library is the actual collection belonging to the real Youth Services Librarian's daughter.

Moe Jeezner held a 5th Degree Black Belt in Kenpo Karate, hence the combative stance after Llati accused them of thievery in the Hervey Family Rare Books Room.

Ybab Ami grew up to be the President of the United States.

The Real Deal!

The "Smallest (published) Book in the World" is a leather-bound ABC-picture book (4-color print), was produced in the traditional book city Leipzig. Measuring 2.4 x 2.9 mm, this is the world's smallest book in a published edition. Its full title is "The Smallest Book in the World-ABC".

This book is so small that Golatac could probably eat a dozen of them and you couldn't even tell!

