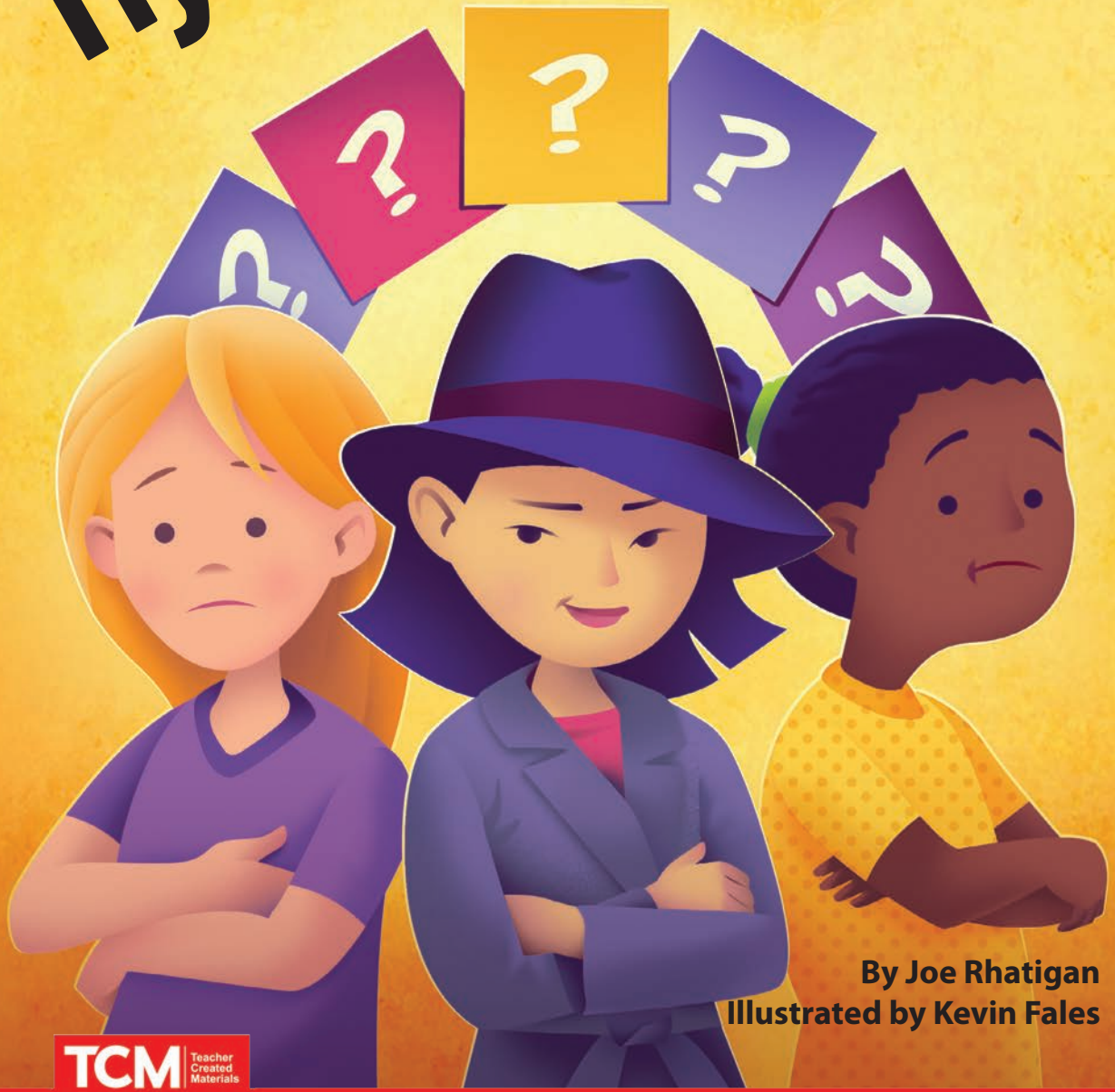
The Case of the Mysterious Notes



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Chapter One

The New Kid

My name is Quinn Gray. I wear a fedora and a trench coat. Why? Because I'm a private investigator. I solve mysteries!

Ms. Kenney is our teacher. She doesn't let me wear the hat in class. Or the coat. She likes everything to be a certain way. We sit in straight rows. Our homework can't have anything crossed out. And she puts everything in order by letter. That includes her students.

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So, when a new kid shows up after morning circle time, we all know what's next. The boy's name is Pete Allison. His last name begins with *A*. That means everyone except Josh Adler has to move back a seat. My best friend, Jessica, and I sit next to each other. So, moving back doesn't bother either of us. We're still next to each other.

The afternoon is dull. I spend my time wondering if there's anything mysterious about the new kid.



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Chapter Two



I Take the Case

I don't learn much about Pete over the next week or so. He's quiet. My dad says it's the quiet ones you have to watch out for. So I keep an eye on him.

We get 20 minutes for recess each day, and I always sit at the picnic table. This is where I meet my clients.

Business has been slow. I am beginning to think about starting a lemonade stand when Jessica comes to my "office." She knocks on the table.

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When Jessica starts receiving mysterious notes on her desk, she turns to her best friend for help: Quinn Gray, Private Investigator! But will this case prove too tough to crack?

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