InvestiGators books in order, and what age they're for

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All 9 InvestiGators books in order, from 2020 to Weather or Not in June 2026, plus the Agents of S.U.I.T. spin-off and the two specials outside the numbering.

There are nine InvestiGators books by John Patrick Green, from InvestiGators (2020) to Weather or Not (2 June 2026), and all nine are out as of 30 October 2026. Each book is its own case, so a child can start anywhere, but number order is nicer. Peabody's InvestiGators page has the nine as a checklist that prints as a reading log.

InvestiGators is about Mango and Brash, two alligator detectives who work for a secret agency and travel through the sewers to solve odd mysteries. The books are full-colour comics with short speech bubbles and a pun on nearly every page. Children who like Dog Man often find them next.

All nine, in order

- #: 1 · Title: InvestiGators · Came out: 2020
- #: 2 · Title: Take the Plunge · Came out: 2020
- #: 3 · Title: Off the Hook · Came out: 2021
- #: 4 · Title: Ants in Our P.A.N.T.S. · Came out: 2021
- #: 5 · Title: Braver and Boulder · Came out: 2022
- #: 6 · Title: Heist and Seek · Came out: 2022
- #: 7 · Title: All Tide Up · Came out: 2023
- #: 8 · Title: Class Action · Came out: 2024
- #: 9 · Title: Weather or Not · Came out: 2 June 2026

The order, titles and years come from Bookroo's series page, and Wikipedia's article agrees. The day for book 9 comes from Bookroo's page for it and from Linden Tree Books, which agree. The publisher is First Second, part of Macmillan. Macmillan's own pages would not open for us when we checked on 30 October 2026, so we couldn't confirm the day with them.

Does the order matter?

Not much. Each book is a separate case with no cliffhanger into the next. A child handed book 6 first will follow it fine. Reading in number order is still the nicer way, because Mango, Brash and the people around them grow more familiar, and the running jokes build. Nothing is spoiled by jumping into the middle.

What age InvestiGators is for

We put the series at 7 to 10, and that is Peabody's own estimate, not the publisher's. Here is why we say so. Bookroo and Linden Tree Books both give 7 to 10 for the newest book, but they are sellers, not the publisher. Bookroo's ages also move a little from book to book: 7 to 9 on a couple, 8 to 12 on book 8. Macmillan's pages, where the publisher's own age would be, didn't load.

An age on a book is a guess at who will enjoy it, not a reading level. The comic panels carry the story, so many six-year-olds follow InvestiGators read aloud. The puns reward a child who likes wordplay, and plenty of ten-year-olds still groan happily at them. We don't print reading-level scores: they belong to the companies that make them.

The series page says for grown-ups what to expect: cartoon chases, silly danger, a villain in most books and a lot of groan-worthy puns.

The spin-off and the specials

Three things carry the InvestiGators name without being in the numbered nine:

- Agents of S.U.I.T. is a spin-off series by John Patrick Green with Chris Hastings, set in the same world. Bookroo lists four books: Agents of S.U.I.T. (2023), From Badger to Worse (2024), Wild Ghost Chase (2025) and Sew Much Trouble (17 February 2026). It is a good next stop once the nine are done.
- Case Files is a solve-along edition with six new mysteries for the reader to work out. Listings give 2025, but the day varies between sellers, and it isn't numbered in the main run.
- High-Rise Hijinks was a 2024 World Book Day title in the UK, per Wikipedia. It isn't in the numbered US run.

None of these are on the checklist, which keeps to the nine.

The reading log

On the InvestiGators page, tap each book your child has read. The page says which one is next and how many are done. The ticks stay on your device only: nothing is sent to us, and there is no account. Press print and you get one black-and-white page with the nine titles, a box beside each and a line for the date.

If your child reads several series, My Shelf puts them all on one page and prints them together.

When the nine are done

What to read after InvestiGators has picks grouped by age and kind. Three that often fit: Dog Man for more silly crime-fighting, The Bad Guys for animal heists with few words on a page, and Lunch Lady for a short case-of-the-week mystery.

Questions grown-ups ask

How many InvestiGators books are there?

Nine numbered books, all out as of 30 October 2026. The ninth, Weather or Not, came out on 2 June 2026. The Agents of S.U.I.T. spin-off adds four more, and there are two specials outside the numbering.

What age is InvestiGators for?

Our estimate is 7 to 10. Sellers list most of the books between 7 and 10, with a few at 7 to 9 or 8 to 12. We couldn't open the publisher's pages to check its own age.

Do InvestiGators books have to be read in order?

No. Each is its own case. Going in order makes the characters and jokes more familiar, but a child can start with any book.

Peabody (peabody.kids) is free through the end of 2026. Every series on the book series hub has its books in order with a checklist kept on your device, and our library has stories for every reader.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/investigators-books-in-order