

Chapter One

One cold November afternoon Cam Jansen and her friend Eric Shelton were walking through town. Eric wanted to enter a photography contest. Cam was helping him look for something to photograph.

Cam picked up a crumpled potato chip bag from the street and held it over a litter basket.

"Take my picture," she said. "You can call it 'Local Girl Cleans Up.'"

"I can't take a posed picture," Eric told her. "You know the rules." Eric reached into his pocket and took out a page torn from a newspaper.

"Here it is," Eric said, pointing to the page, "rule three."

"I know the rules," Cam said.

Cam closed her eyes and said, "Click." She always said, "Click," when she wanted to remember something. "My mind is a mental camera," Cam often explained, "and cameras go click.

"Announcing our first Junior News Photography Contest," Cam said. Her eyes were still closed. "Grand prize one hundred dollars. Entry rules. One. Only twelve-year-olds and under may enter."

As Cam talked, Eric looked at the contest announcement in the newspaper.

"Two. Photographs must be black-andwhite. Three. Photographs must be of local interest. They must not be posed. Four. All entries must be received no later than November thirtieth."



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Can Cam use her photographic memory to crack the case?

There's a mystery in the air!

When Cam and Eric see strange lights above the trees, they're sure that U.F.O.s have landed. When they investigate, they find that there's more to the alien invasion than meets the eye. Between Eric's camera and Cam's photographic memory, can they prove what they see?

"What wrongdoer is any match for Cam Jansen, the girl with the amazing photographic memory?"
—Booklist

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