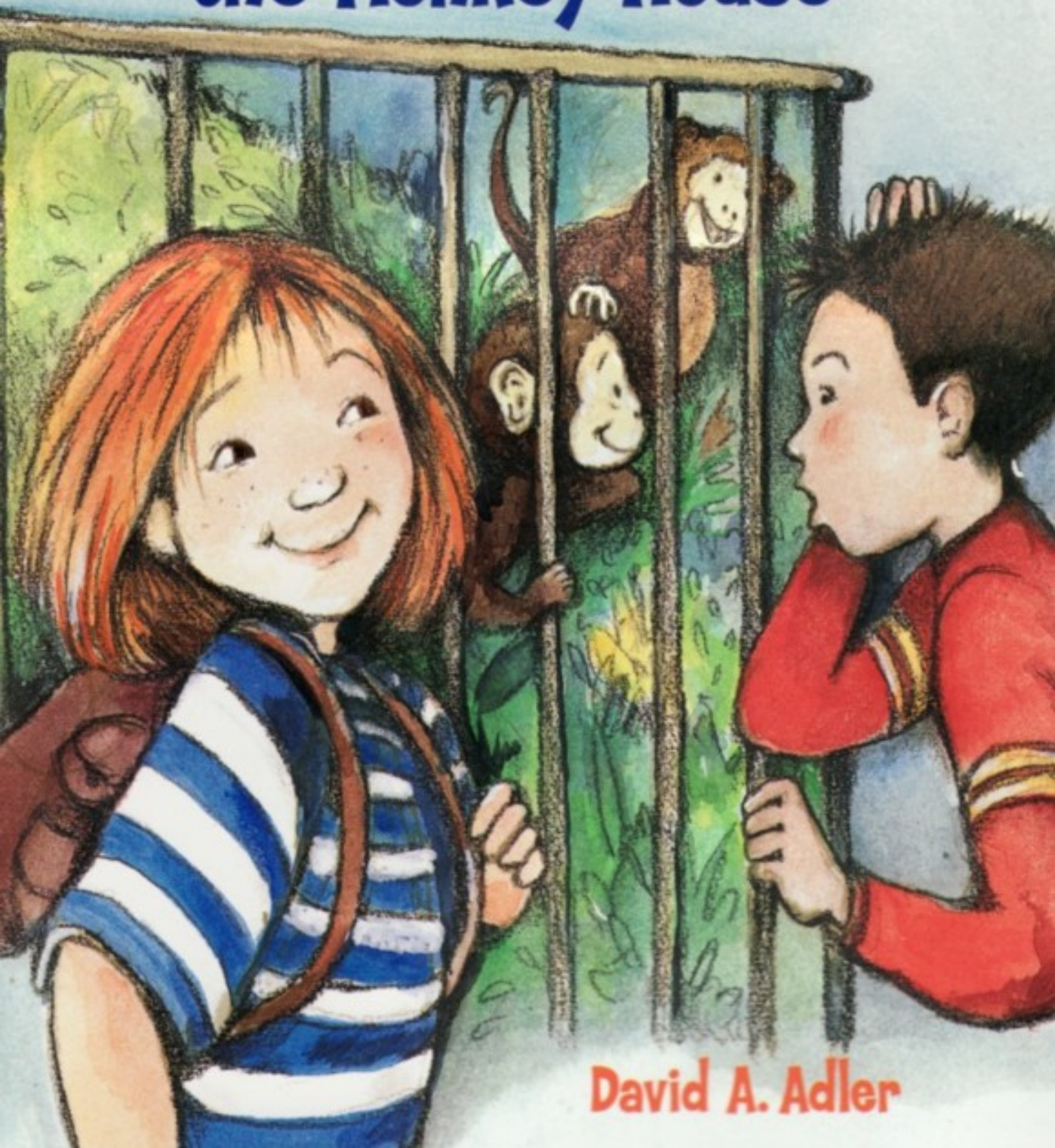




Cam Jansen

The Mystery at the Monkey House



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Chapter One

“Quick,” Cam Jansen told her friend Eric Shelton. “Pull the cord. Ring the bell.”

Cam and Eric were riding on a bus. Eric reached up and pulled the cord above his window. It rang a bell. The driver knew someone wanted to get off at the next stop. At the corner, the bus stopped and the driver opened the doors. Cam and Eric got off.

“We almost missed our stop,” Cam said. “The Jackson Park Zoo is right up this block.”

It was a cool spring afternoon. Cam and Eric had gone to the zoo right after school. When they reached the zoo entrance, Eric took out his wallet and paid the fee. Cam paid, too.

“Look,” Eric said. He pointed to a boy just ahead. “There’s Billy Adams. He’s the boy I told you about. He just moved into my apartment building.”

“Hey, Billy, Billy!” Eric called.

The boy turned. Cam and Eric walked



over to him. "This is my friend Jennifer Jansen," Eric told the boy. "But everyone calls her 'Cam'."

"Cam?"

"It's short for 'The Camera.' Everyone calls her that because she has an amazing memory. Her mind takes a picture of whatever she sees. When she wants to remember something, she just looks at the pictures she has stored in her brain."

Cam, Eric, and Billy were standing on a wide paved road. In front of them was a large map of the zoo.

Eric said, "Cam can take one look at this map. Then she can close her eyes and tell you where everything is."

"I don't believe it," Billy said.

Cam looked at the map. She said, "*Click*," and closed her eyes.

"What did she say?" Billy asked.

"*Click*," Eric whispered. "She always says that when she wants to remember some-



Can Cam use her photographic memory to crack the case?

Someone's been monkeying around at the monkey house!

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