

The secret of the reappearing Trixie Beldon Books

On a rainy summer afternoon in the 1980s, our cottage games closet relinquished a tattered stack of Trixie Belden mysteries. For the next week, I eagerly solved the mystery of the red trailer with the help of Trixie's ace hunches, her best friend Honey's inexorable support, and the aid of the girls' club, the Bob-Whites of the Glen.

My mom can relate. She read the same mysteries at the lake in the 1950s.

In June, Random House is republishing the first four books in the series, originated by Julie Campbell Tatham in 1948. While Trixie is a teen from a simpler time, her spunky, resourceful character and updated look on the retro-chic covers may well hook a whole new generation of girls, eagerly solving *The Secret of the Mansion* on cottage docks this summer.

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