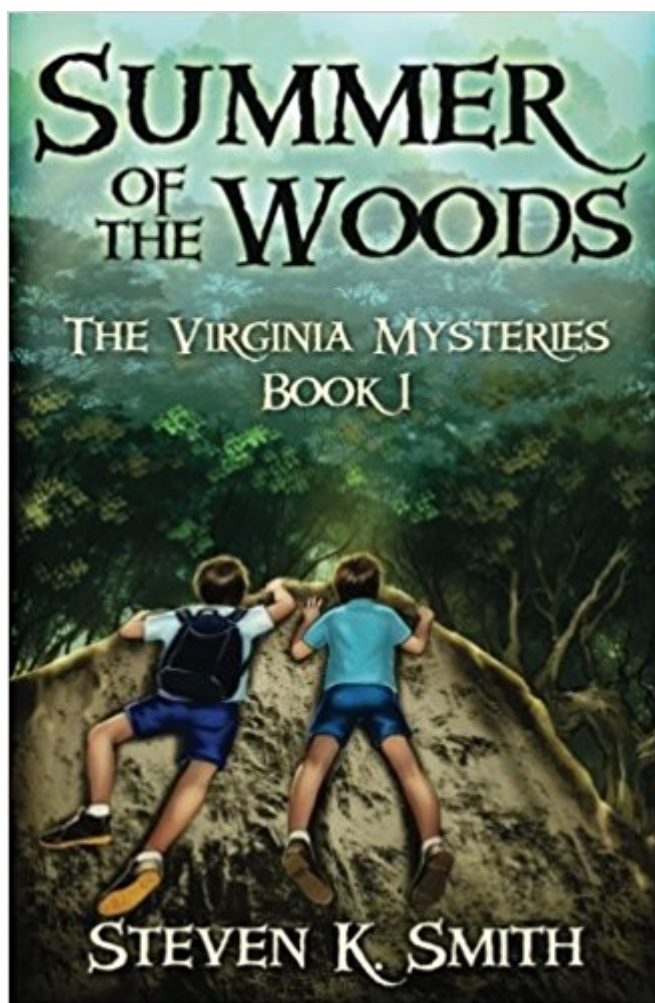


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# Summer Of The Woods (The Virginia Mysteries)



## Synopsis

Magic Tree House meets Hardy Boys "A perfect summer reading adventure!" When ten-year-old Derek and eight-year-old Sam move with their family to Virginia, they have no idea what adventures the summer will bring. As the brothers explore their creaky old house and the deep surrounding woods, they uncover a sixty-year-old mystery of a valuable coin collection stolen from the local museum. Join the boys as they spend their summer running from danger and searching the woods, secret caves, rushing waters, and hidden passageways for treasure and the rare 1877 Indian Head cent coin! The Virginia Mysteries - Adventures with a twist of history Book 1 - Summer of the Woods Book 2 - Mystery on Church Hill Book 3 - Ghosts of Belle Isle Book 4 - Secret of the Staircase

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 6

## Customer Reviews

"My son loves your books (is currently on #3 and we just bought them a month ago - for him it's a major step). He finished book #1 that night. He has never read a book in that short of time. The second book he finished right after we got back from vacation. Thanks for all you do and for these amazing stories that has my son loving to read now!" - Michigan parent

Steven K. Smith writes The Virginia Mysteries, a middle grade adventure series with a twist of

history. Steven lives in Richmond, Virginia, with his wife, three sons, and a golden retriever named Charlie. Born and raised in rural northwestern New Jersey, he moved to Virginia in 2011 and quickly fell in love with its history and charm. You can find him at [MyBoys3.com](http://MyBoys3.com), where he blogs about the adventures of raising three young boys. When he's not writing, Steven works in e-healthcare and enjoys coaching his boys in sports, hiking and camping, photography, and taking naps. Some of his favorite children's books include *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Rascal*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *Bridge to Terabithia*, and the *Chronicles of Narnia* series.

This book, in fact, this entire series has been quite enjoyable for me as well as my family. We have actually started a Friday Night Mysteries night each week, reading a few chapters aloud to our boys. They LOVE it! Especially the way the chapters lend a to "cliffhanger" style reads. Thanks so much for these books!

Our school used Steve's book, *Summer of the Woods*, as our ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK title this year. Kids and parents alike loved the sweet adventures story of the two brothers and the mystery that results with an unexpected discovery. The local history connection provided additional learning opportunities in and out of the classroom. Steve's willingness to come in and do writers workshops and book chats elevated the reading experience to a whole new level. Steve worked with us every step of the way from making the purchase process easy to providing daily trivia questions for the school to read on the morning announcements. I look forward to reading the sequel to my kids this summer and taking some educational "field trips" as a family. Kristen Hebert, BWE parent of two children and PTA President

My 12-year-old daughter loved this book! She is a great reader, but an active, sporty preteen so she doesn't intentionally take much time to read for fun but is asking for all the rest of the series after reading this one!

This book is perfect for my 6 year old. We read a chapter a night and he can't wait to see what happens to the two brothers exploring a mystery in the woods behind their new home.

Fantastic book, my 10 year old read it in two days with no prompting. He excitedly recounted the plot, which is told from a young boy's perspective. We will be ordering the other books in this series.

Really enjoyed reading this book. Even though I'm an adult. It was like being a kid again. I like how the author mixes real history with the story. I really like how it ended. I highly recommend this book as a great read for kids. I look forward to reading more of Seven's books. I'll have to get one for my grand kids to read. Well done Steven!

We like to spend Sundays doing things as a family. When this book arrived, we read it allowed and all four of my kids sat enthralled for hours. We read the entire book, with a pause for lunch. They found it so interesting, they collected their own piggy bags and dumped them out looking for special pennies! This is a must read!

My 10 year old says he gives this book "two thumbs up." He read it in two days and couldn't wait to order the second book. The story is especially relatable for boys in the 4th-5th grade age group, and as a parent, I appreciate that the book includes some historical facts. Highly recommend this series.

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