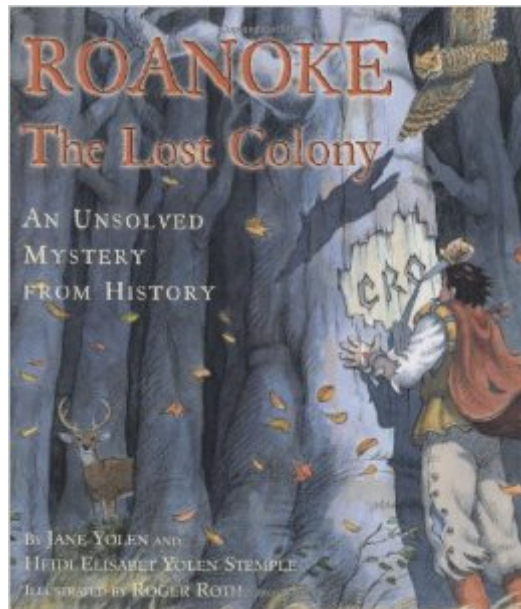


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# Roanoke: The Lost Colony--An Unsolved Mystery From History



## Synopsis

In 1587 John White was chosen by Sir Walter Raleigh to lead a new colony at Roanoke off the Atlantic coast. After bringing many men, women, and children to the new land, White went back to England to gather supplies for the long winter. But when he finally returned to the fort almost three years later, he found that all of the colonists had vanished. The only signs of life left were the letters CRO carved into a tree and the word CROATOAN carved into one of the fort's posts. Some people think that the Spanish army captured the colonists; some people think that the local native people murdered them; others think that the colonists went off to live with the native people and start a new life. Still others think that the colonists tried to sail home to England and were lost at sea. No one knows for sure. Become a detective as you read this true story, study the clues, and try to figure out the fate of the lost colony of Roanoke. The Unsolved Mystery from History series is written by acclaimed author Jane Yolen and former private investigator Heidi Elisabet Yolen Stemple. Read carefully and check your clues. You might be the first to solve a puzzle that has baffled people for years.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is a wonderful book for children ages 7 - 12. The historical information is presented in an organized way that captivates one's imagination. The illustrations keep a child's interest and the notebook pages help the reader try to solve the mystery.

Pretty good account of the mystery of the Roanoke colony. Provides much more information than any textbooks I've seen. There are better books out there though, I'd keep searching if you're just starting to browse.

This book was amazing! Full of interesting clues about the never-answered questions, "What really happened? Who is to blame for George Howe's death? And where is the colony now?" Jane Yolen brilliantly tells the story about how George Howe died, shot with arrows while fishing for crabs, and how the colony Roanoke disappeared twice without a trace. A brilliant tale of mystery. (...)

No one knows what happened to the European colonists that settled in Roanoke on the Atlantic coast in 1587. It's one of the great unsolved mysteries from history that Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple are bringing to the attention of a new generation of detectives. An intriguing read that will surely lead to fascinating discussions and varied opinions. Did the friendly Croatoan natives retaliate after they were wrongfully attacked? Did the colonists attempt a journey home only to get lost at sea? Were they all murdered or enslaved by hostile natives? What do you think??? Personally I think the Croatoans realized the colonists were not their friends and it was better to take a stand; possibly taking in the woman and children into their own tribes to marry or for laborers.

I gave this to a reading teacher to use in her 6th grade classes. She had the other mysteries and does a short unit with them so this was a new addition. She was very excited and grateful! I have subbed in her classroom and her students enjoy these lessons. Great book!

My nephew just purchased *Sabotaged* by Haddix, which is also about Roanoke. It's a time travel story. I haven't read it yet, but reading the two together might be an interesting undertaking. Speculating on what could have happened to the colonists of Roanoke is intriguing, and Jane Yolen makes the problem accessible, while stimulating the imagination.

I purchased this book for my niece before she visited us on the outer banks. It was a little hard for her to read. She is just finishing the 4th grade. We wanted her to know some of the history of this

beautiful place before she missed a week of school. It was a good challenge for her. She gave a book report with pictures from the area today and received an A+.

I love this book! It has a story within a story format. You have this mystery story as well as basic facts about Roanoke. As a fourth grade teacher in NC, it is a great read aloud.

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