

SUMMER READING COURSE LINK

CHOICE TITLES

COURSE TITLE	British Literature
GRADE	11
TITLE	<i>The #1 Ladies' Detective Agency</i>
AUTHOR	Alexander McCall Smith
GENRE	British Mystery

DESCRIPTION

Precious Ramotswe uses money her father left her to open the first ever Ladies' Detective Agency in the country of Botswana. Faced with her own and others' doubts that a woman can be a good detective, she puts her fears aside and sets out to solve mysteries ranging from the ordinary to the more sinister. Despite the fact that her only assets are a tiny white van, two desks, two chairs, a telephone, an old typewriter, a teapot, and three teacups, she possesses the intangible assets of intuition and intelligence that lead Precious to become The #1 Ladies Detective Agency's number one detective. This novel provides the rare opportunity to learn about another country and culture while enjoying a great mystery story.

SUGGESTED STUDENT RESPONSE

While you read, you may wish to take notes, annotate, complete a journal, or somehow note significant information related to the theme of good and evil throughout the book or the main character's decision – making strengths and weaknesses.