

Children's Mystery Book Takes New Approach to Economics Education

After recent economic turmoil, new children's mystery novel helps teachers and parents introduce economic principles.

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Maggie M. Larche of Daphne, Alabama has released a children's detective novel that incorporates economic lessons, *Striker Jones: Elementary Economics for Elementary Detectives*. Through a series of ten mysteries, the book teaches the heart of economics—the logic of incentives, unintended consequences, and individual decision-making—through the nontechnical eyes of an average, curious kid.

With the heavy curriculum load schools bear, most teachers are unable to include economics instruction. While understandable, this situation deprives children of vital lessons. Thus, Ms. Larche created *Striker Jones* to give elementary teachers an age-appropriate resource that could easily be incorporated into a typical classroom. In addition to classroom use, the book is an excellent tool for parents who wish to augment the instruction their children receive in school.

Says Ms. Larche, "I was woefully misinformed about economics until I reached adulthood. In response, I set out to reach children with the lessons to which I wish I had been exposed as a child. After all, a solid grounding in economics builds the foundation for a lifetime of good decision-making."

A renewed interest in economic education is especially timely given the recent economic turmoil, the consequences of which will be affecting today's children for the remainder of their lives. "There is no more important subject for young people to be exposed to right now than elementary economics," says Professor of Economics James Larriviere of Spring Hill College. "Larche has produced a well written primer that illustrates the economic fundamentals clearly, succinctly and with a cool factor that young readers will love. Think young Sherlock Holmes meets Milton Friedman!"

Maggie M. Larche has a background in both teaching and economics. With a master's in social sciences from the University of Chicago, she is committed to bringing economic basics to today's youth. *Striker Jones* was born from her personal fondness for a good mystery.

Striker Jones: Elementary Economics for Elementary Detectives is available on Amazon.com and in bookstores nationwide.

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