

Children's Economics Series *Striker Jones* Expands with *The Midnight Archer*

Children's detective series teaches elementary school-aged children new economic concepts with sequel release.

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Maggie M. Larche of Daphne, Alabama, announces the release of *Striker Jones and the Midnight Archer*, a creative offering for elementary school-aged children that blends detective fiction with economic instruction. *The Midnight Archer*, the second release in the *Striker Jones* series, teaches children basic economics through fun mysteries solved by boy detective, Striker Jones. Through equal doses of intrigue and humor, readers will learn concepts such as specialization, investment, wants vs. needs, and scarcity.

“Most children aren't formally exposed to economics until high school or even college,” says Ms. Larche. “That's like jumping into calculus without first learning to add.” The *Striker Jones* series is an excellent tool for teachers to enrich their social studies instruction or for parents to augment their children's formal education.

The Midwest Book Review says the book combines “effortless teaching of both excellent cooperation values and basic economics.” It continues:

Once again creative author Maggie Larche proves that middle grade readers (and younger) are up to solving mysteries, analyzing economics, and picking up on clues in a fun and rollicking series that has some heart and group ethics at the core of the story.

The first book in the *Striker Jones* series, *Striker Jones: Elementary Economics for Elementary Detectives*, and its accompanying *Teacher's Companion* are already being used to introduce economics to children in classrooms and homes across America. Ms. Larche's first offering has received strong reviews from the Rutgers University Project on Economics & Children and the Midwest Book Review.

The Rutgers University Project on Economics & Children said:

Striker Jones is an excellent text for older elementary students beginning to grasp more and more complicated economic concepts. Through its easy flowing narrative with lots of conversational dialogue, children will learn to see that economics affect their daily life far more than they realized!

Similarly, the Midwest Book Review called *Striker Jones* “a thoughtful delve into economics and short fiction, a top pick for younger readers.”

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.

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