



The Essential Case File : Character Profiles Bart James, Stirling Patterson, Alicia Gianelli

Batholomew James III

.... or Bart to those who know him ! (Yes, he thinks his name is ridiculous too.) Bart is quite an avid admirer of Shirley's detecting skills. He is very much in awe of her and respects her, but he is also finds her rather intimidating. Mind you, Bart finds most of the rest of the world intimidating too.

Sometimes, out of kindness, Shirley will give Bart a simple task to do - but it's amazing how someone as bright as Bart can still find a way to mess things up !

Yet Shirley still has a soft spot for her friend. Besides, Bart is an expert on the paranormal. Shirley knows if she ever needs information on anything at all about UFO's, crop circles, ESP, psychic phenomena or alien abductions, she only has to ask Bart and he'll know the answer. If he doesn't he'll have a book on it, or know the address of the right web site.



Stink Patterson :

Stink - real name Stirling Patterson - is the clown of Sussex Academy helped hugely by the fact that his dad owns the Laugh Riot, a nationwide chain of novelty stores. If ever there's a whoopee cushion of fake dog poo in the classroom, you can bet it has something to do with Stink.

Shirley (and most other people) find Stink's sense of humour a little over the top at times, and definitely rather juvenile. On the other hand, the time that he put a plastic spider in Molly's tea gave Shirley the chance to make an unseen getaway. Sometimes, however, his pranks get in the way of Shirley's detecting. Not for long though - by now, Shirley can spot a Stink - trick a mile off.

The biggest joke of all is that Stink has a serious crush on Molly - something that's bound to get him into big trouble.



Alicia Gianelli :

Alicia Gianelli is probably the closest thing Shirley has to a best girlfriend in her class. Her father is an Italian diplomat and her mother is a native American. This mixed lineage has given Alicia the taste for expensive fashion and parties, coupled with the recognition of the ancient cultures and traditions of her maternal ancestors.

She and Shirley get along well, although Shirley can't begin to understand Alicia's obsession with boys. She accepts people as she finds them and is always lots of fun, but unfortunately Alicia is easily swayed by peer pressure and gossip - and, therefore, by Molly. So Shirley can't always trust her

