



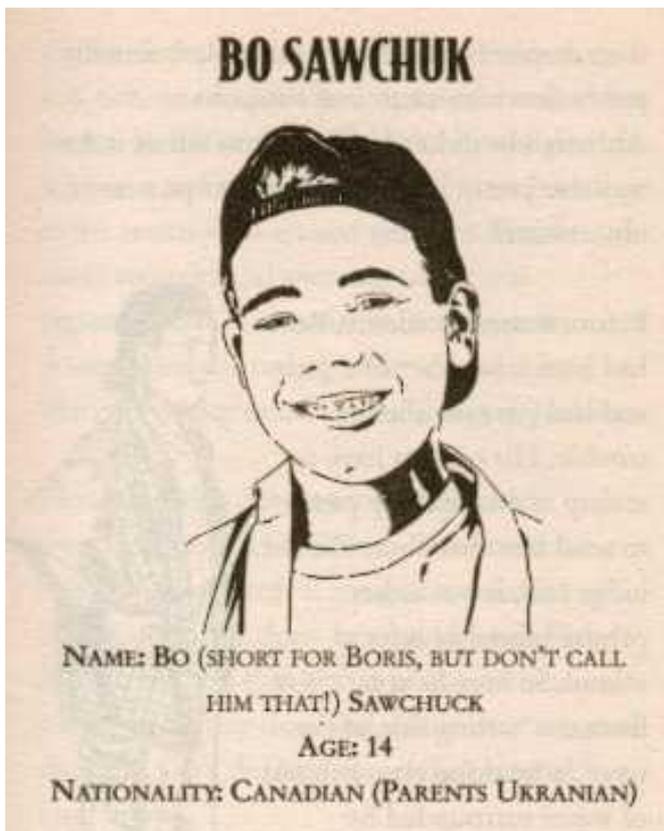
The Essential Case File : Character Profiles Bo Sawchuk

NAME : BO (SHORT FOR BORIS, BUT DON'T CALL HIM THAT !) SAWCHUK
AGE : 14
NATIONALITY : CANADIAN (PARENTS UKRANIAN)

Bo first met Shirley in an after-school detention. First of all, he thought she might be a stuck-up little rich kid (a lot of pupils at Sussex are !) but he soon realised that, despite her family's wealth, she's actually pretty down-to-earth and outspoken. Although he didn't want to admit it, he was also pretty impressed with her powers of observation.

Before Sussex Academy, Bo had been a member of a gang and had got into a lot of trouble. His parents had to scrimp and save every penny to send him there, but, like the judge said, it was either private school or reform school. So here he was, a boy from the 'wrong side of the river', a working class fish out of water surrounded by wealthy little snots.

It took a while, but Bo and Shirley have grown to be best friends – although he still thinks she's pretty weird at times. And way too rich, of course. The first time he visited her house, he felt really intimidated by the size of the place and the way it seemed to be bursting at the seams with art and antiques. But the snide remarks and showing off he was expecting didn't materialise, and Bo soon realised that the only problems caused by Shirley's background were of his own making.



Now Bo helps out on most of Shirley's cases although he often kicks himself for becoming involved. If she gets caught, it's a note home; if he does, he could be expelled. But Bo's found that he has just as curious a nature as Shirley does, and, while they argue all the time, she's the first person he's trusted in a long while.

Shirley would never admit it, but she feels the same way. Before Bo, she's always worked alone. Bu Bo does tend to jump to the most obvious conclusions, while Shirley is always challenging him to dig deeper. He also has a wicked sense of humour. Shirley admits that she can get a little intense when working on a particularly challenging mystery, and Bo's wisecracks often help her to lighten up – which in turn clears her thinking and leads to the correct solution of the problem !