



**JACK
STALWART**

The Escape of the
Deadly Dinosaur:
USA

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Chapter 1: The Mysterious Package

It was almost 7:15 p.m. and nine-year-old Secret Agent Jack Stalwart was sitting at his desk, doing his homework, when there was a knock at his bedroom door.

‘Who is it?’ asked Jack.

‘Just me, sweetheart,’ said a kind voice from the other side.

Jack got up from his desk, walked to his door and opened it.

‘Hi, Mum,’ he said. ‘What’s up?’

‘Just wanted to give you something,’ she said, handing him a package

wrapped in brown paper. 'It came for you in today's post.'

'Thanks,' said Jack, taking the package. It felt as if there was something hard inside.

'That Book of the Month club sure does send you quite a few books,' said Jack's mum, pointing to the sender's return address. Jack and his mum looked at the address together. It read: *Great Picks for a Fiver*, or GPF.

'Uh, yes,' said Jack nervously, worried his mum might catch on. 'They're great,' he added. 'They always send me just what I need.'

'Well,' he went on, holding the package close to his chest, 'I guess I'd better get on with my homework.'

'OK, dear,' said his mum as she walked away. 'Don't forget to clean your teeth before you go to bed,' she added.



Jack shut the door behind his mum and rushed over to his desk. He sat down and carefully unwrapped the package. Inside there was a book with a picture of a dinosaur on the front. It was entitled: *The Allosaurus: Everything You Ought to Know* by Lewis Porter.

The allosaurus, thought Jack. Why are they sending me a book about a dinosaur? And who is this guy, Lewis Porter? He doesn't work for the GPF.

