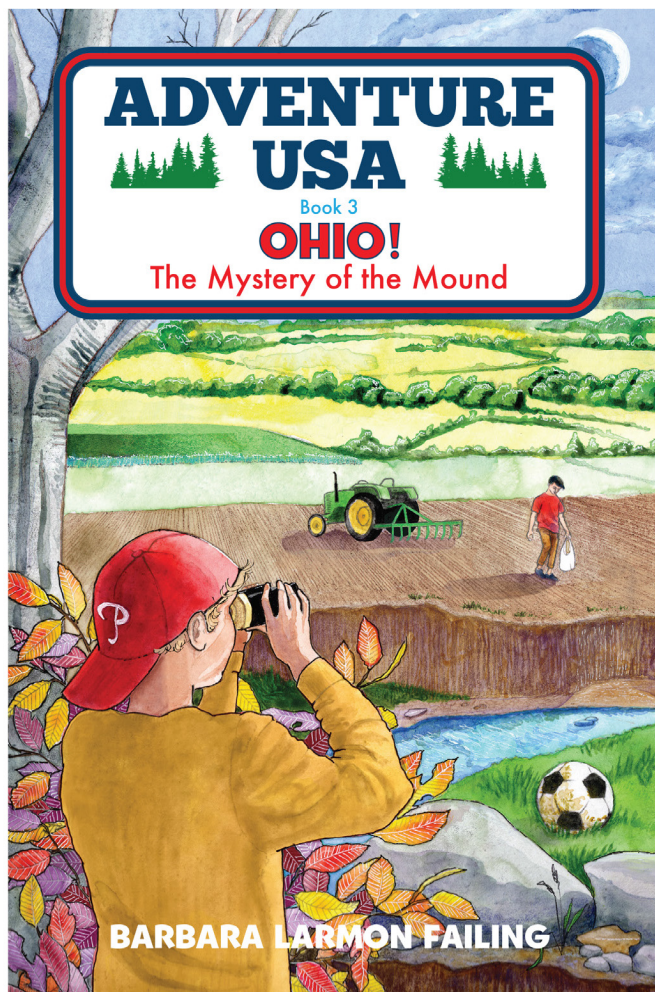


ADVENTURE USA

Book 3



After days of heavy rain, eleven-year-old twins Josh and Lizzie Parker, and their travel-blogging parents arrive at the Jacksons' home in Welshburg, Ohio, an area famous for ancient mounds. Their son, thirteen-year-old William, a prize-winning rock hound, is a candidate for All-Star Science Camp, a prestigious program he's longed to attend. But recently, William has lost all interest in rocks, and now he's into soccer, playing striker, with disastrous results. Josh suspects the cruel taunts of Brady Yoder, a neighborhood bully, are responsible.

Suddenly, the twins learn of a golf course development deal that could endanger the historic area. The Yoders can't wait to sell their land to developers, and the sale seems certain to succeed. Occasionally, rain reveals artifacts long hidden near mounds, and the treasure-hunting twins hope a discovery might rekindle William's interest in rocks and disrupt the deal. But who else is looking for treasure, and what other surprises does the land hold?

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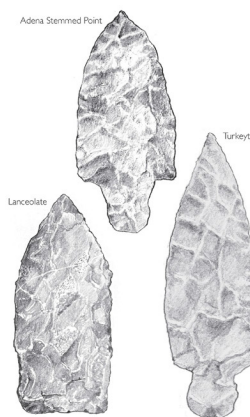


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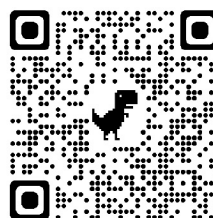
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—D. Donovan, Senior Reviewer, Midwest Book Review



Adventure USA is Barbara Larmion Failing's middle grade adventure series set across the US. *OHIO! The Mystery of the Mound* is Book 3 of this series. She has used her experience living in different states to craft adventures for 3rd - 6th graders. Barbara's delight is reading and writing and encouraging children to share that joy. She is a former reading specialist and elementary school teacher.



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