

# The Adventure of **Jack Bolin** Series



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## A Mystery of a Red Ghost

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### Synopsis of *A Mystery of a Red Ghost*

This is the first book of the Jack Bolin series. Jack was a fourth-grade boy. His real name was Kelana Guevara, but he loved to be called Jack, taken from the song he liked when he was little, "Brother Jack." His father was an Indonesian working at Indonesian embassy in Mexico. Her mother was a native Colombian but she could speak Indonesian fluently.

The story started with Jack moving to Ngulup Village, a small village in Ponorogo, to live with his grandfather, *Mbah Suro*. His moving to Ngulup was a punishment for something he committed in his previous school in Mexico, making a pipe smoke bomb using some chemicals. Although the bomb only caused a small explosion, it created chaos. Jack's parents took his mischief seriously so that Jack was punished by sending him to Indonesia. Jack's father also had to move to Venezuela. Because his new job location was considered less safe for Jack, Jack's parents entrusted Jack to his grandfather, a mask craftsman.

Now Jack had to adapt to the new place and people. One of the new friends he met was Lin Lin, a girl the same age as Jack. At first, he was annoyed with Lin Lin's presence for she always followed him. In fact, Lin Lin was assigned by Mbah Suro to look after Jack. However, Lin Lin actually helped Jack a lot adapt as a new kid in the village. Besides Lin Lin, Jack got another new friend named Bobol. Despite his quiet character, Bobol was resourceful and has a unique talent; he could communicate with animals.

One day Jack was harassed by Awang's gang when he met them on his way to a forest. Awang was the grandson of a famous *warok*, *reog* leader, in the village. However, Lin Lin could easily knock them down with her martial arts. But Awang still wanted to beat Jack and his group. Since Jack did not want to fight, Jack posed a challenge to enter the reputed haunted house, Villa Banaspati, on Friday night. Those who did not flee became the winners.

When they met the challenge, they saw the red ghost the residents had been afraid of. Awang's gang ran away. Jack, who was not afraid of ghosts, did not run away. He was curious and approached the balcony where the ghost appeared. However, Lin Lin urged him to go home for his safety.

Jack was still curious about the red ghost. What exactly was the red ghost? The next day he asked Bobol to accompany him to the villa. Jack's curiosity put him face to face with a very dangerous kidnapper syndicate. This time he went to the villa only with Bobol, without Lin Lin's protection. Would Jack and Bobol finally be able to beat the syndicate?

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## **A Mystery of the Stone Forest**

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### ***Synopsis of A Mystery of the Stone Forest***

Jack disregarded Lin Lin's order not to enter Stone Forest. He was curious why Lin Lin forbade him to go there. When Jack entered the forest, he met Bobol, his friend. Apparently Bobol often went there to feed Miri, his pet mouse who lived there. Suddenly a woman with a long hair and white cloth appeared; her face was scary. She was Suminten, a woman with mental disorder who roamed in that forest. Jack and Bobol ran away when they saw her.

Indeed, Lin Lin forbade Jack because she knew that Suminten lived in the forest. However, Jack became even more curious about Suminten. Was Suminten a ghost? Who was she actually? When he asked Lin Lin, she didn't answer. She asked him to join their school team instead to take part in a *reog* competition. Jack also did not get the answer from Mbah Suro because his

grandfather was busy helping Mbok Tamplek whose grandson suffered from drug addiction.

Meanwhile, the *reog* competition was getting closer. Jack felt that they could lose. To improve their chance of winning, Jack had to find out a way to make their group's performance more interesting.

At the same time, Jack realized that there was something wrong in Stone Forest. It was not only about Suminten; Jack saw a suspicious young man in the forest. Jack's curiosity and bravery led him face to face with the enemies who could harm them: the drug dealers.

Now they had to deal with strong opponents. Lin Lin's martial arts skills were tested. Bobol was even caught by one of the gang members just before the *reog* competition. Could they finally beat the drug dealers?

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