

# Iris Blackwood and the Curse of Hemlock Island

IF / THEN BOOKS · IRIS BLACKWOOD MYSTERY ADVENTURES · DECISION TREE

*Every choice you made shaped Iris's path. Here's the whole map of every possible adventure — every decision, every twist, every ending.*

● Decision point ● Level 1 — Desk Agent ● Level 2 — Junior Detective ● Level 3 — Mystery-Solver  
● Level 4 — Sleuth ● Level 5 — Super Sleuth

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ENDINGS

**4**  
ENDING LEVELS

## How endings are leveled

### LEVEL 1

#### Desk Agent

Iris only advances in a small way, or not at all. Shut out or shut down.

### LEVEL 2

#### Junior Detective

Iris makes a few positive or lucky decisions and solves at least one part of the story.

### LEVEL 3

#### Mystery-Solver

Iris makes numerous positive decisions, solves at least two parts, undergoes a big change.

### LEVEL 4

#### Sleuth

Iris makes it all the way through. Many good and lucky decisions. Success and happiness.

# All endings, by level

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## LEVEL 1 — DESK AGENT (4 ENDINGS)

### L1 Ending #1 p. 107

*...Curiosity.” “We are too curious!” yells Theo, fists at his side. “Not curious enough,” says the woman firmly. “You must leave and never return.” With that, she slams the door. “You and your big mouth,” says Iris. “Hey this big mouth just saved you from hypo-something.” “Thanks a million,” says Iris.*

### L1 Ending #2 p. 109

*...and drives off. Iris spends the rest of the night right there against the fence in the woods, crying and crying and finally crying herself to sleep. The next morning she stumbles along the road for what seems like all morning before a kind old truck driver pulls over and gives her a lift into town.*

### L1 Ending #3 p. 112

*...de, that they have her best interest in mind. “It’s not just that,” says the man whose name she never learns. “It’s that you also proved not to think deductively. Why would you say you were a journalist if you still had a Magnifying Glass and a pair of X-Ray glasses on you?” Iris has nothing to say.*

### L1 Ending #4 p. 131

*...storm passes, and the night turns to twilight, is Iris able to make it to a distant bank. She is anxious to get home, but knows she needs to rest before she can do anything. She shuffles up to the front steps at just past 6:30 AM. Just in time to sneak back into bed and start a brand new school day.*

## LEVEL 2 — JUNIOR DETECTIVE (7 ENDINGS)

### L2 Ending #1 p. 118

*...and take her several miles upriver. She is met by Detective Barfensturner, who books her for Juvenile Delinquency and Trespassing. “This will go down on your permanent record,” says the Detective, as he takes Iris’s fingerprint. “No more funny business,” says Iris’s Mom, and this time, she means it.*

### L2 Ending #2 p. 125

*...ream, but he goes along with her day after day, week after week, month after month, looking for this mysterious island, researching at the local library, learning about the legend of the Island People, and even taking boat rides and using the most up-to-date GPS technology. They are searching still.*

**L2 Ending #3** p. 130

*...y's Candy Factory. He goes alone one night without telling anyone, and no one ever hears from Police Chief Simmons again. Detective Barfensturmer replaces him as Police Chief. The mystery of the candy factory, and the Island People remains a mystery in the legends of Saint Hyde's Island forevermore.*

**L2 Ending #4** p. 139

*...this. He's leaving all the profits to his Full-Time Employees." "Wow!" says Theo. "Lucky." "Not exactly," says Mom. "They were these little Island People he'd kidnapped." "You mean the Island People are real?" Theo yells. "Looks like," Mom says, "and looks like they're all a little richer now too."*

**L2 Ending #5** p. 141

*...op of her bed, and she rocks and bobs...and then a tremendous pressure and a great sucking noise...and then BOOM! Moments later, footsteps. The lid lifts. It's Mr. Lemoney. "Back already? What a disgrace!" he says. "Get out! You are not who I thought you were! I never want to see you again, understand?"*

**L2 Ending #6** p. 142

*...ob...and then a tremendous pressure and a great sucking noise...and then BOOM! Moments later, the sound of hurried footsteps. The lid lifts. It's Mr. Lemoney. "Back already? What a disgrace!" he says. "Get out! Get out! You are not who I thought you were! I never want to see you here again, understand?"*

**L2 Ending #7** p. 154

*...ack to Hemlock Island to investigate, and is never heard from again. After several confusing months, in which the police department isn't entirely sure what to do, they finally promote Detective Barfensturmer to head of the department. The mystery of the Police Chief's disappearance is never solved.*

### LEVEL 3 — MYSTERY-SOLVER (11 ENDINGS)

**L3 Ending #1** p. 115

*...attention, especially when it doesn't shine a positive light. Who does? Stopping drugs is fine and dandy, but being known as the place where the Island People still exist, and where they were also illegally employed, is not something anyone is proud of, even if it has helped with tourism ever since.*

**L3 Ending #2** p. 121

*...about her going to some mysterious island and having adventures and living their forever and ruling the island, she just has to shake her head. What a crazy old coot. Iris has helped bring Justice to their small island community, and that, after all, is what being a private eye is really all about.*

**L3 Ending #3** p. 134

*...ck Island. She learns her people's language. She rules for many long and lonely years, wondering every single day, when she will have the opportunity to slip away and return to her home on Saint Hyde Island where she has been missing so long they may have given up hope that she'll ever be returning.*

**L3 Ending #4** p. 137

*...rific explosion spews molten hot lava out of the volcano. Nothing will happen to her, for she is the Island Ruler now. This is her destiny. Is she even herself? Where is the person known as Iris Blackwood? Perhaps she can find herself in the book, if she can find it again, if she even cares to look.*

**L3 Ending #5** p. 143

*...One. I will rule this Island and be the best ruler these small people have ever seen. She soon finds it's lonely at the top. She also finds she is not allowed to leave her perch up above the village. The rope is removed. She is fed bountiful meals twice a day, the only time she can remove the mask.*

**L3 Ending #6** p. 145

*...till looks at her as if she's a ghost. Sometimes, when she thinks about Hemlock Island, and how she broke the curse—or at least set herself free from the forbidden temple—she feels a cold chill run up her spine, and she thinks of the sea and of fish and of wind, and she feels very much like a ghost.*

**L3 Ending #7** p. 147

*...ame age as when she first discovered the entrance by the well. Theo is still alive, although he is an old man. She never sees her mom. Dash died in the jungle fighting off more monitor lizards. She has been gone for a very long time. Iris, still so young, feels like a forgotten person, like a ghost.*

**L3 Ending #8** p. 148

*...reat monster, and how their mother and the police were searching all over the island for her. They'll surely be relieved to know she's okay, but her days as a Detective may be numbered. Iris isn't sure how she feels about them leaving her there, but she surely doesn't believe they battled a monster.*

**L3 Ending #9** p. 151

*...the Island People, the government refuses to say one way or the other. Lemoney's Candy Factory soon goes out of business. Iris is relieved just to have her life back on Saint Hyde's Island. She pays more attention to her schoolwork, and for the time being, she's not taking any calls as a Detective.*

**L3 Ending #10** p. 158

*...y Hemlock syrup, and certainly not any treasure. Barfensturmer is furious. His red face fumes. "You did this on purpose," he says. Police Chief Simmons is not amused, either. "I'm disappointed," he says. "The department doesn't have time for wild goose chases. Or should I say, wild 'Orlock' chases?"*

**L3 Ending #11** p. 159

*...d Hemlock Preservationist Society. "That treasure is for the people of Saint Hyde's Island," he says. "We need it to make our community a safer place." That year, Barfensturmer runs for Mayor. He wins, and is soon driving a convertible Mercedes Benz. When he sees Iris, he gives her a nod and a wink.*

#### LEVEL 4 — SLEUTH (6 ENDINGS)

**L4 Ending #1** p. 128

*...e public golf course. The treasure chest is full of gold doubloons and priceless jewels. Iris declares her money will be used to build a school, improve the library, and open a museum about preserving St. Hyde's heritage. Years later, she becomes Mayor of Saint Hyde's Island. She is a living legend.*

**L4 Ending #2** p. 150

*...o can all those Full-Time Employees that my little brother has been stealing from the island. Now they can live in peace too!" "All in a day's work, huh?" says Theo, with the special Hemlock Island barbeque sauce smeared on his cheeks. Iris looks at him and laughs. "All in a day's work," she agrees.*

**L4 Ending #3** p. 152

*...really all I know." "They're getting high level, sir," says Hal. He gives Iris a wink. The Island People will be their little secret. Iris can only hope that the Island People didn't want to be saved in the first place. Hopefully, they are safe and sound just like some of them at least wanted to be.*

**L4 Ending #4** p. 155

*...the tallest elder, they make her the Grand Poobah. She is the first woman to be the leader of the Island People. The only condition is that she cannot leave. She hopes perhaps one day Theo will find her, and she can let everyone know that she is okay. She is more than okay. She is the Grand Poobah.*

**L4** **Ending #5** p. 156

*...they have a story to tell. They are also rich in syrup! They tell their mom they got caught in a storm, and the coast guard had to save them. She is so relieved they are okay, she doesn't even think about grounding them. The syrup turns out to be so good their only regret is that they can't get more.*

**L4** **Ending #6** p. 160

*...ys Iris. Police Chief Simmons agrees. That year, he runs for Mayor and wins in a landslide. He is such a good and honest Mayor that he remains Mayor for many years. By the time Iris has graduated from her police training, he makes sure she is promoted to lead detective. Her life dream has come true!*