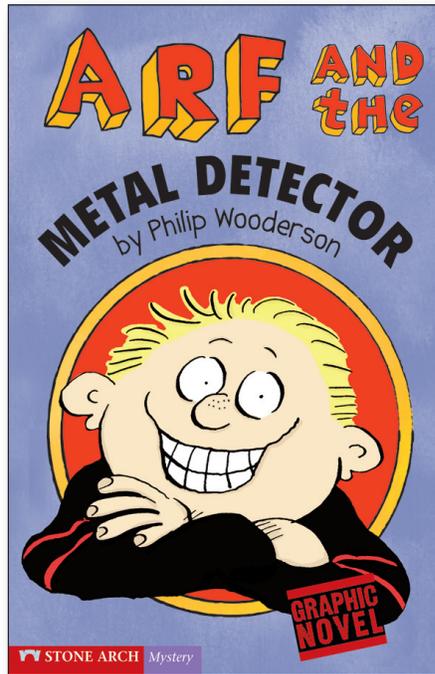




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Arf and the Metal Detector by Philip Wooderson

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Arf – reads slightly below grade level
Gloria – struggling reader
Bee – reads below grade level

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Ages: **8-11**

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- Narrator:** When Arf came home from school one day, he found his older sister Gloria sitting on the sofa watching TV. A big box was sitting in the hallway. He called to his mom.
- Arf:** Hey, Mom, what's this package?
- Gloria:** It's not yours. And Mom won't be back from work for at least another hour.
- Arf:** Hmmm, look at this address. It says it's for Mr. Bill Bott. I could take it next door and deliver it to him.
- Gloria:** No, Arf! It's none of your business. The mailman left it here with me because Mr. Bott isn't home.
- Arf:** What do you think he's got in here?
- Narrator:** Arf was curious about the package. The box was long and narrow. The writing on the side said: MD2500, rechargeable battery included. When he shook the box, it rattled. Arf couldn't resist finding out what was in the box. The cardboard flap on the top end was sealed by a short piece of tape, until Arf peeled it off.
- Arf:** Whatever this is, it's all wrapped up.
- Narrator:** Arf reached inside the box and pulled out a little booklet. The first page read: How to Get the Best Use From Your Metal Detector.
- Arf:** Wow! A metal detector.
- Narrator:** Arf couldn't control himself. He wanted to see the metal detector. Before he knew it, he was standing on a chair, tilting the box on one end, and shaking the detector out. Once it was out of the box, Arf unwrapped it. He found a button marked ON/OFF and decided to press it.
- Arf:** This is so cool!
- Narrator:** The metal detector hummed softly as Arf moved it around. Then it beeped at his mom's umbrella.
- Gloria:** What's going on?

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- Arf:** Uh, nothing.
- Narrator:** Gloria caught Arf using Mr. Bott's new metal detector.
- Gloria:** How could you Arf? That's not yours! Put it back right now!
- Arf:** I'm not hurting it.
- Gloria:** You don't even know what it's for!
- Arf:** It's for finding buried treasure.
- Gloria:** Where would you find buried treasure?
- Arf:** Um . . . in the Park?
- Gloria:** That's a dumb idea, Arf.
- Arf:** All right, do you want to bet on it?
- Narrator:** A mean smile crept across Gloria's face as she agreed.
- Gloria:** I bet you a week's allowance.
- Narrator:** Arf wasn't sure he should accept the bet. He was saving his allowance to buy a new video game. He needed to think about the offer.
- Arf:** Just give me ten minutes, okay?
- Narrator:** Arf had an idea.
- Arf:** If she wants buried treasure, why shouldn't I find it for her?
- Narrator:** Arf went to his bedroom to get the metal box where he kept spare change. There was only \$3.21, which he didn't think was enough to be a treasure. He went into his mom's room to look for more stuff. Opening her bedside drawer, he found his mom's jewelry.

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- Arf:** This stuff looks like treasure. Mom won't like it if she finds out I took her jewelry, but I can put it back before she gets home from work. She'll never know.
- Narrator:** Walking out of his mom's room, Arf saw his other sister Bee and their dog, Hoppa. Arf decided to ask her to help.
- Bee:** What are you up to, Arf?
- Arf:** If you're taking Hoppa for his walk, you'll go to the park, right, Bee?
- Bee:** Why?
- Arf:** Could you bury this box in a flowerbed near the drinking fountain?
- Bee:** What for?
- Arf:** Don't worry about it.
- Narrator:** Bee opened the box and looked inside.
- Bee:** You'll worry about it, Arf, if you lose Mom's jewelry.
- Arf:** I'll find it. I have all the right equipment.
- Narrator:** Will Arf get Bee to help him in his plan to trick Gloria? What will Mr. Bott do if he finds out Arf opened and used his metal detector? Will Arf and his sisters all get in serious trouble when their mother comes home from work? Find the answers to all these questions and more by reading *Arf and the Metal Detector!*

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