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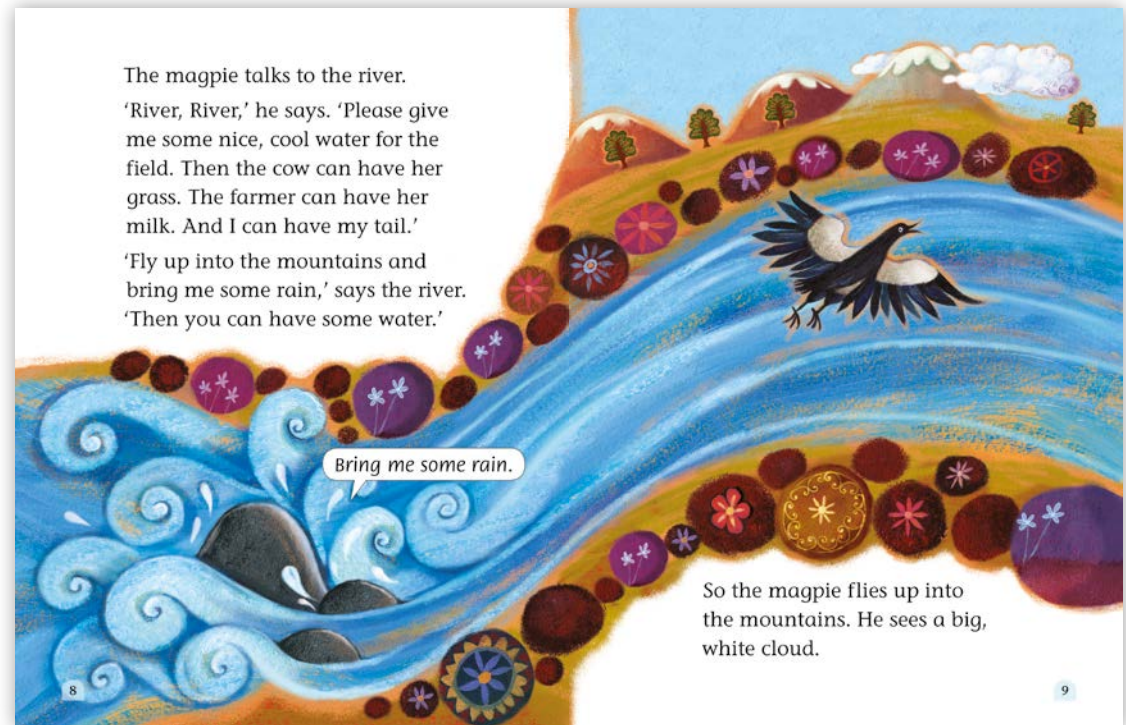
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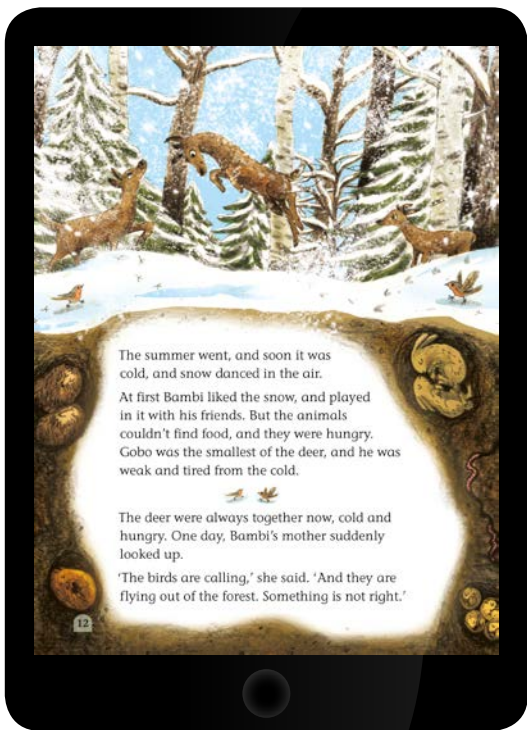
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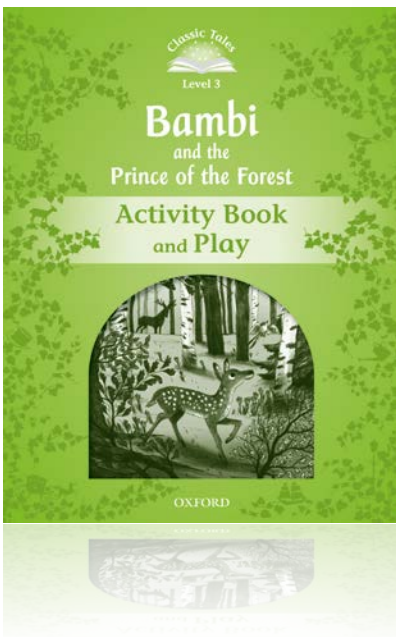


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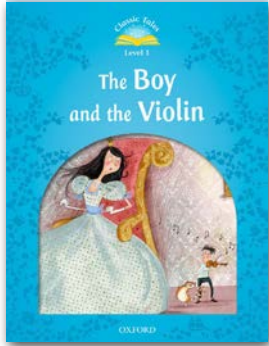


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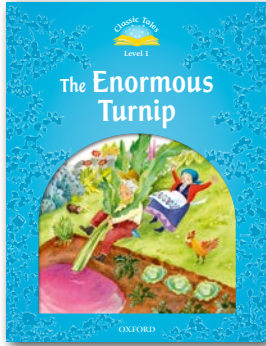
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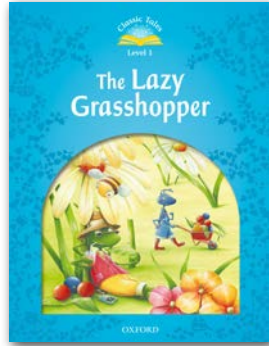
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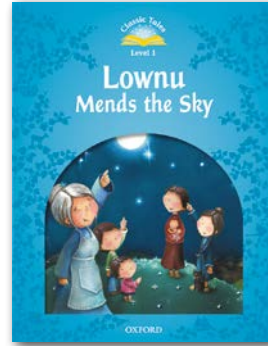
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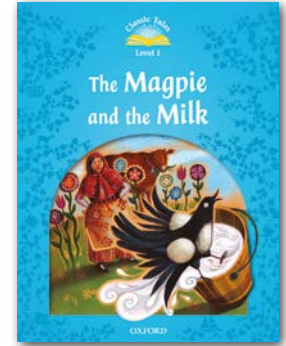
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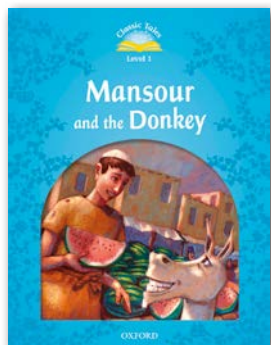
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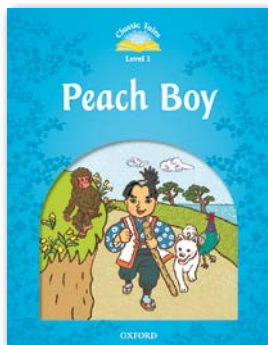
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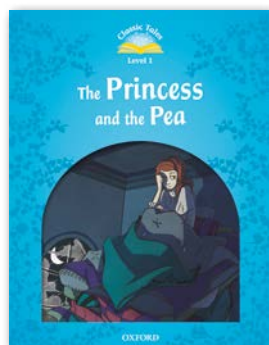


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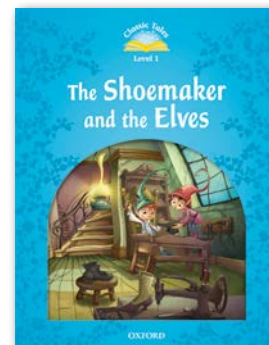


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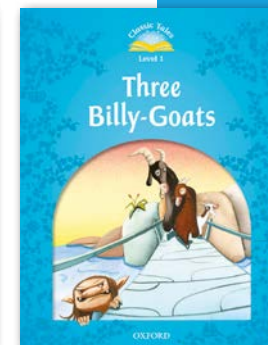


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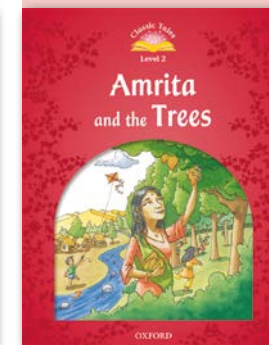
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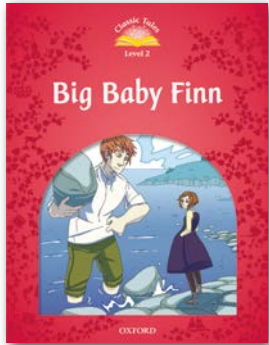
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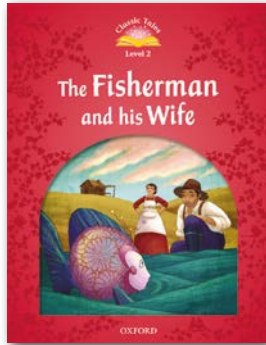
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Big Baby Finn

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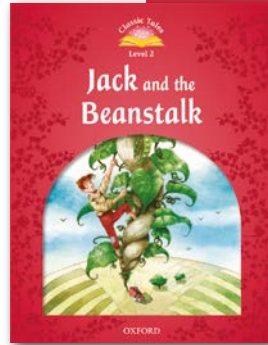
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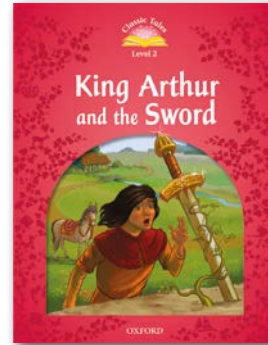
The Gingerbread Man

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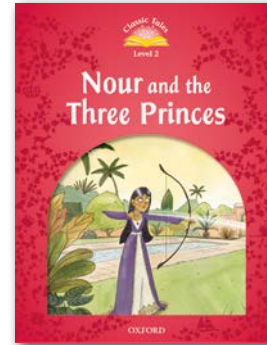
Jack and the Beanstalk

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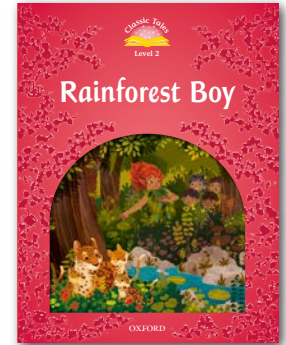
King Arthur and the Sword

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Nour and the Three Princes

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Rainforest Boy

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Enjoy the tale of the Irish giant Finn MacCool and his clever wife Oonah.

Read the tale of the fisherman's wife who always wants more.

Find out what happens when the old woman makes a gingerbread man and he jumps out of the oven.

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Enjoy this famous English tale of King Arthur and the sword in the stone.

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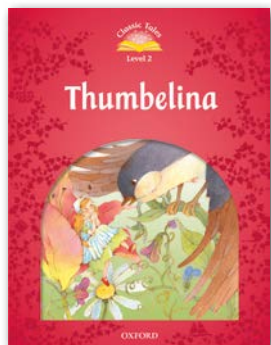
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Thumbelina

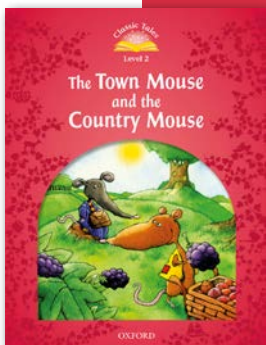
Sue Arengo



Follow the adventures of Thumbelina, the little girl who comes from inside a flower.

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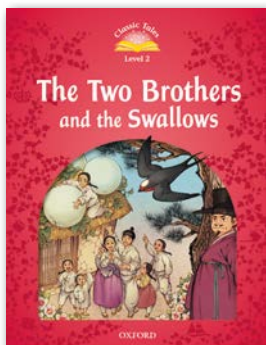


The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

Sue Arengo

Find out what happens when Town Mouse comes to the country and Country Mouse goes to the town.

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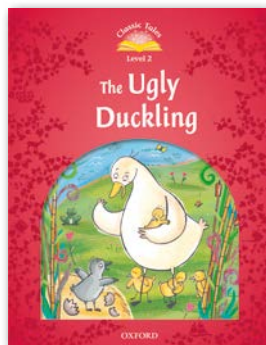


The Two Brothers and the Swallows

Rachel Bladon

What happens when a poor, kind man helps a swallow? And what does his rich, bad brother do? Find out in this tale from Korea...

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The Ugly Duckling

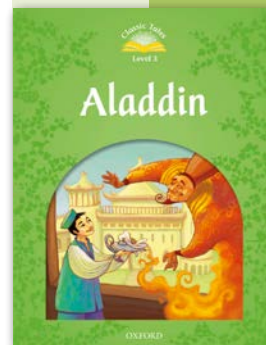
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Follow the adventures of the famous duckling. Why is he big, strange, and ugly?

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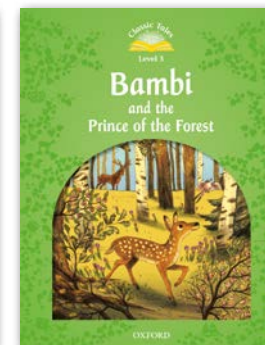


Aladdin

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Enjoy the famous tale of Aladdin and the wonderful old lamp.

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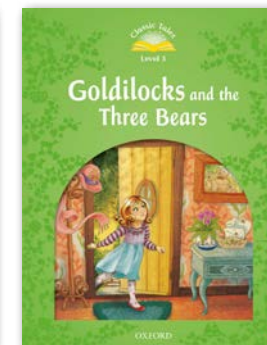


Bambi and the Prince of the Forest

Rachel Bladon

Enjoy this beautiful story of the fawn Bambi's first year of life in the forest...

Word count 1,270
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 Activity Book & Play
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Goldilocks and the Three Bears

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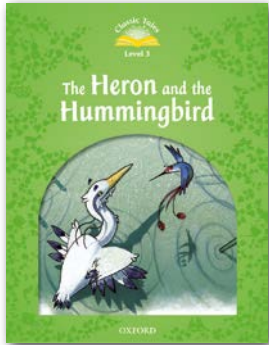
Word count 892
 Reader 978 0 19 423926 4
 Activity Book & Play
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 Reader with Audio
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LEVEL 3

200 HEADWORDS • CEFR A1
 • Average word count: 1,130
 • Cambridge English: Movers

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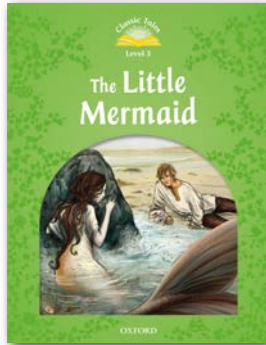
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Rachel Bladon



'Let's have a race', the hummingbird said to the heron. But who was the winner?

Word count 862
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 Reader with Audio
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The Little Mermaid

Sue Arengo

Enjoy the sad tale of the mermaid who loved a prince.

Word count 1,214
 Reader 978 0 19 423934 9
 Activity Book & Play
 978 0 19 423935 6
 Reader with Audio
 978 0 19 401428 1



Little Red Riding Hood

Sue Arengo

Follow the adventures of the little girl who met a wolf in the forest.

Word count 1,151
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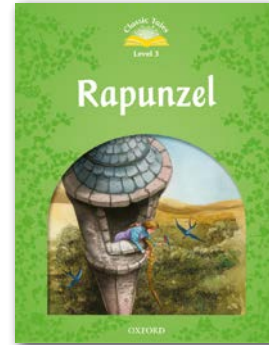
Mulan

Rachel Bladon



Enjoy the famous tale of Mulan, the girl who became a soldier.

Word count 946
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 Activity Book & Play
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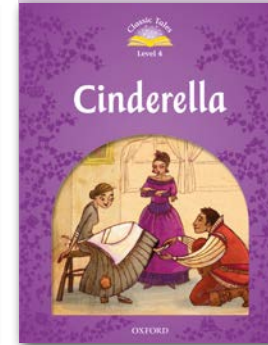


Rapunzel

Rachel Bladon

Enjoy the famous tale of Rapunzel, the girl who lived in a tower in the forest.

Word count 1,172
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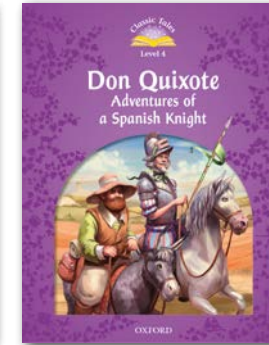


Cinderella

Sue Arengo

Enjoy the famous tale of Cinderella, who wanted to go to the prince's party.

Word count 1,654
 Reader 978 0 19 423942 4
 Activity Book & Play
 978 0 19 423943 1
 Reader with Audio
 978 0 19 401435 9



Don Quixote: Adventures of a Spanish Knight

Rachel Bladon

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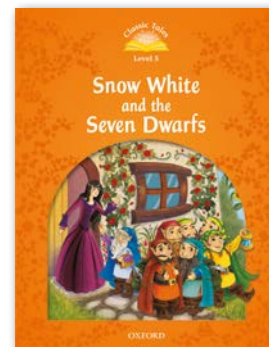
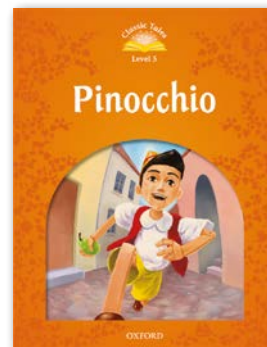
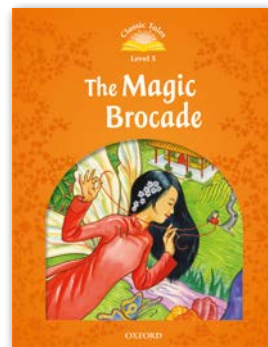
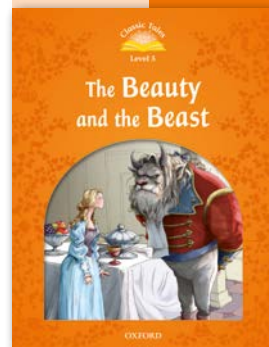
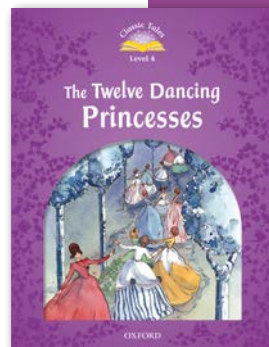
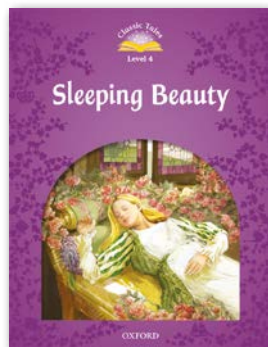
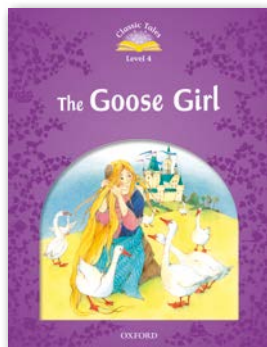
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- Average word count: 1,550
 - Cambridge English: Movers
 - Cambridge English: Key (KET)

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The Goose Girl

Sue Arengo



Enjoy the tale of the princess who had to work as a goose girl.

Word count 1,529
 Reader 978 0 19 423946 2
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423947 9
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401441 0

Sleeping Beauty

Sue Arengo

Enjoy the tale of the princess who slept for a hundred years.

Word count 1,501
 Reader 978 0 19 423954 7
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423955 4
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401437 3

The Twelve Dancing Princesses

Sue Arengo



Enjoy the tale of the princesses who had holes in their shoes every morning. What did they do every night?

Word count 1,529
 Reader 978 0 19 423966 0
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423967 7
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401439 7

The Beauty and the Beast

Sue Arengo

Find out what happened when kind, clever Beauty had to live with a beast.

Word count 3,033
 Reader 978 0 19 423938 7
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423939 4
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401433 5

The Magic Brocade

Sue Arengo



Enjoy the tale of the old woman's magic brocade. What did her sons do when it blew away?

Word count 2,515
 Reader 978 0 19 423962 2
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423963 9
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401447 2

Pinocchio

Sue Arengo



Follow the adventures of the wooden puppet who wants to be a real boy.

Word count 2,745
 Reader 978 0 19 423950 9
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423951 6
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401443 4

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Sue Arengo

Enjoy the famous tale of Snow White and the bad queen who wanted to kill her.

Word count 2,420
 Reader 978 0 19 423958 5
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423959 2
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401445 8

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 • Cambridge English: Key (KET)
 • Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)

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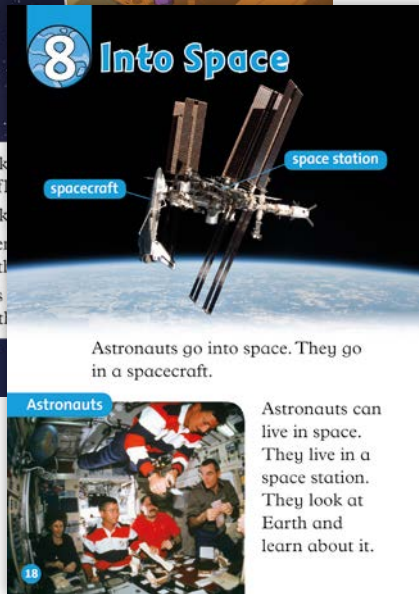
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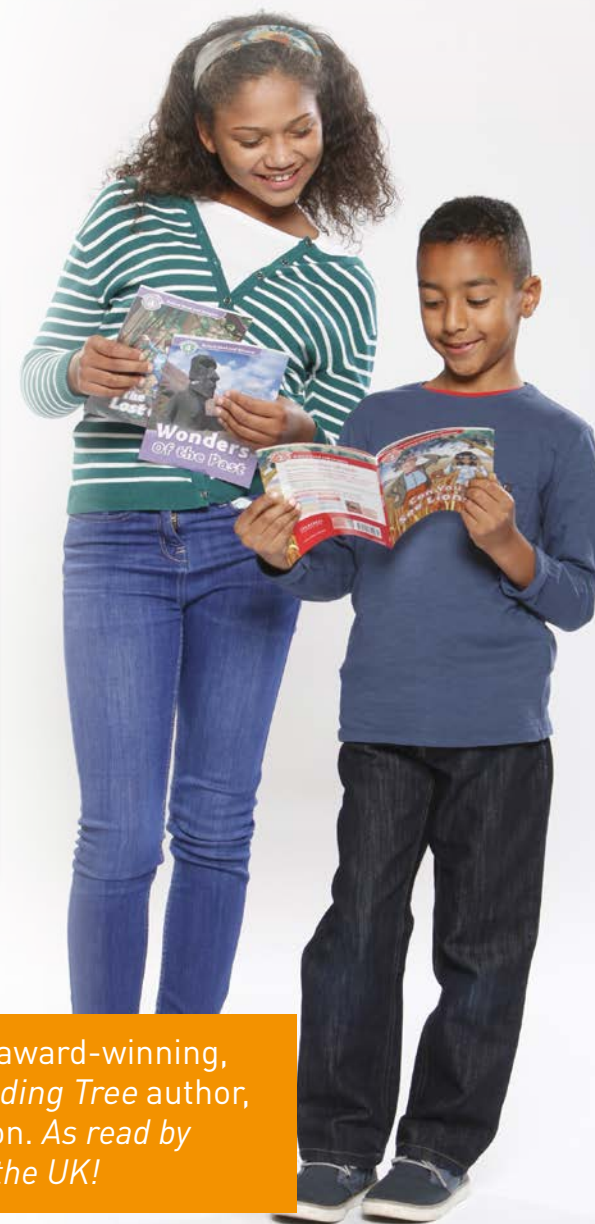
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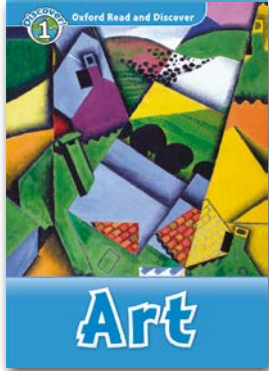


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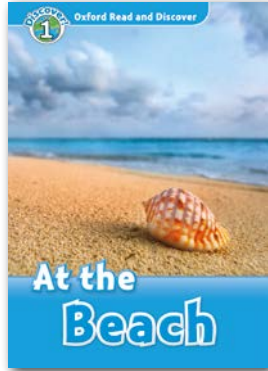
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Eyes

Rob Sved



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Fruit

Louise Spilsbury

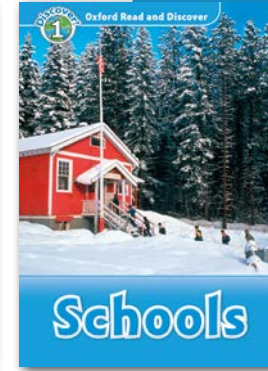


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THE NATURAL WORLD

In the Sky

Kamini Khanduri



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THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

Schools

Richard Northcott



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Trees

Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about art.

- What do artists paint?
- What shapes can you see in art?

Word count 668
 Reader 978 0 19 464634 5
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402133 3
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464655 0

Partner

Read and discover all about the beach.

- What can you find in a rockpool?
- How many legs does a prawn have?

Word count 707
 Reader 978 0 19 464628 4
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402135 7
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464649 9

Partner

Read and discover all about eyes.

- How many eyes does a spider have?
- Can animals see in the dark?

Word count 672
 Reader 978 0 19 464629 1
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402137 1
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464650 5

Partner

Read and discover all about fruit.

- What is fruit?
- How does fruit grow?

Word count 680
 Reader 978 0 19 464632 1
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402139 5
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464653 6

Partner

Read and discover all about the sky.

- What can you see in the sky?
- What are stars?

Word count 692
 Reader 978 0 19 464630 7
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402141 8
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464651 2

Partner

Read and discover all about schools around the world.

- How do students go to school?
- What do students wear at school?

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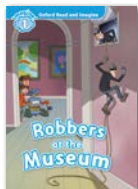
Partner

Read and discover all about trees.

- What do seeds do?
- What animals live in trees?

Word count 692
 Reader 978 0 19 464636 9
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402145 6
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464657 4

Partner



Robbers at the Museum

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Ben's Big Swim

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The New Glasses

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Rainforest Rescue

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Clunk in Space

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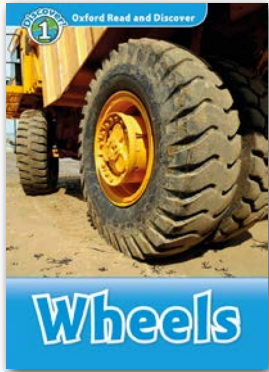
Monkeys in School

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The Treehouse

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THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Wheels

Rob Sved

Read and discover all about wheels.

- What are train wheels made of?
- Can you use wheels to cook?

Word count 675
 Reader 978 0 19 464631 4
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402147 0
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464652 9

Partner



Too Fast
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THE NATURAL WORLD

Wild Cats

Rob Sved

Read and discover all about wild cats.

- What do wild cats eat?
- What does a wild cat's tail do?

Word count 668
 Reader 978 0 19 464635 2
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402149 4
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464656 7

Partner



The Snow Tigers
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THE NATURAL WORLD

Young Animals

Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about young animals.

- What colour are baby zebras?
- Where do young bears live?

Word count 706
 Reader 978 0 19 464633 8
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402151 7
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464654 3

Partner



On Thin Ice
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LEVEL 2

450 HEADWORDS • CEFR A1 • Average word count: 850
• Cambridge English: Starters / Movers



THE NATURAL WORLD

Camouflage

Kamini Khanduri

Read and discover all about camouflage.

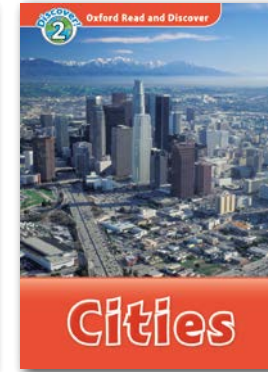
- Where do lions hide?
- What animals hide in trees?

Word count 842
 Reader 978 0 19 464684 0
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402153 1
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464674 1

Partner



Can You See Lions?
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THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

Cities

Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about cities around the world.

- What buildings can you find in cities?
- What can tourists do in cities?

Word count 831
 Reader 978 0 19 464682 6
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402155 5
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464672 7

Partner



In the Big City
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THE NATURAL WORLD

Earth

Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about Earth.

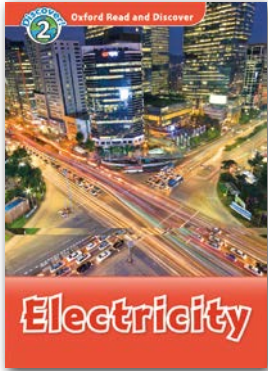
- How old are the mountains on Earth?
- What is under the land?

Word count 820
 Reader 978 0 19 464679 6
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402157 9
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464669 7

Partner



Where on Earth Are We?
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Electricity

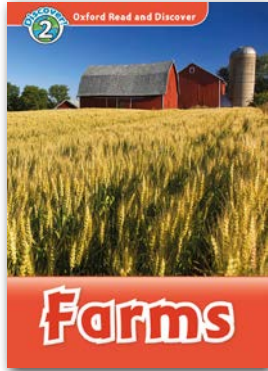
Louise Spilsbury

Read and discover all about electricity.

- What machines use electricity?
- What is a battery?

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Partner



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Farms

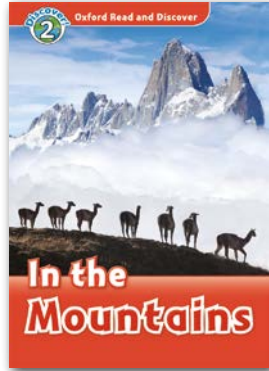
Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about farms.

- What are crops?
- What do we get from sheep?

Word count 828
Reader 978 0 19 464683 3
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402161 6
Activity Book 978 0 19 464673 4

Partner



THE NATURAL WORLD

In the Mountains

Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about mountains.

- What is a glacier?
- What sports do people do in mountains?

Word count 818
Reader 978 0 19 464687 1
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402163 0
Activity Book 978 0 19 464677 2

Partner



THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

Jobs

Kamini Khanduri

Read and discover all about jobs.

- Where do people work in cities?
- What does a vet do?

Word count 837
Reader 978 0 19 464686 4
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402165 4
Activity Book 978 0 19 464676 5

Partner



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Plastic

Louise Spilsbury

Read and discover all about plastic.

- How do we make plastic?
- Can we recycle plastic?

Word count 800
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Sunny and Rainy

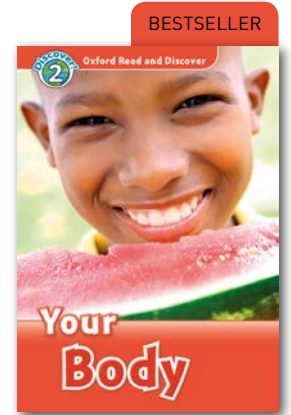
Louise Spilsbury

Read and discover all about weather.

- What makes Earth warm?
- What falls from clouds?

Word count 803
Reader 978 0 19 464680 2
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402169 2
Activity Book 978 0 19 464670 3

Partner



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Your Body

Louise Spilsbury

Read and discover all about your body.

- How many bones do you have?
- What are germs?

Word count 855
Reader 978 0 19 464681 9
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402171 5
Activity Book 978 0 19 464671 0

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The Big Storm

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Sheep in the Snow

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The Big Snowball

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Clunk's New Job

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Stop the Machine!

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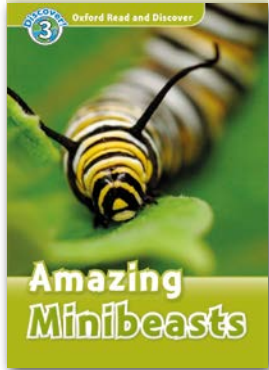
Clunk in the Clouds

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The Race

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THE NATURAL WORLD

Amazing Minibeasts

Cheryl Palin

Read and discover all about amazing minibeasts.

- How many legs does a spider have?
- Why are earthworms important?

Word count 1,249
 Reader 978 0 19 464379 5
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402173 9
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464389 4

Partner



THE NATURAL WORLD

Animals In the Air

Robert Quinn

Read and discover all about animals in the air.

- What is the fastest bird in the world?
- What are flying foxes?

Word count 1,367
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 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402175 3
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464395 5

Partner



THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

Festivals Around the World

Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about festivals around the world.

- When is the festival of Diwali?
- What do people do at Halloween?

Word count 1,323
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Free Time Around the World

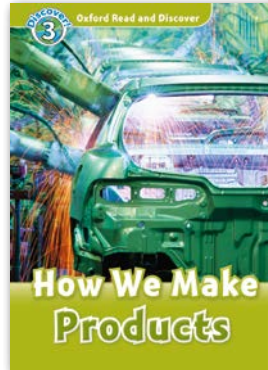
Julie Penn

Read and discover all about favourite free-time activities around the world.

- Where is dog sledding popular?
- What is beach cricket?

Word count 1,330
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How We Make Products

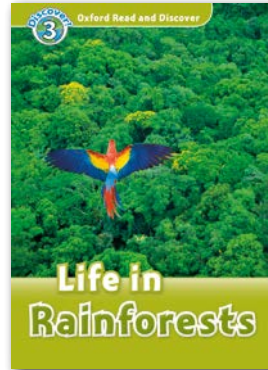
Alex Raynham

Read and discover all about how we make different products.

- How many parts are there in a car?
- How do we make chocolate bars?

Word count 1,306
 Reader 978 0 19 464383 2
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402181 4
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464393 1

Partner



THE NATURAL WORLD

Life in Rainforests

Cheryl Palin

Read and discover all about life in tropical rainforests.

- What is the biggest tropical rainforest?
- Where do orang-utans sleep?

Word count 1,395
 Reader 978 0 19 464380 1
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402183 8
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464390 0

Partner



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Sound And Music

Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about sound and music.

- What are sound waves?
- What type of musical instrument is a koto?

Word count 1,370
 Reader 978 0 19 464384 9
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402185 2
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464394 8

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Fear at the Festival
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Soccer in the Street
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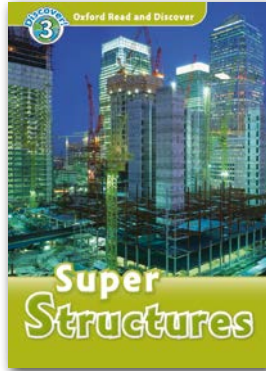
Get Us Out of Here!
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Danger in the Rainforest
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The New Sound
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Super Structures

Fiona Undrill

Read and discover all about super structures around the world.

- What are dams made of?
- How tall can a skyscraper be?

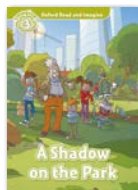
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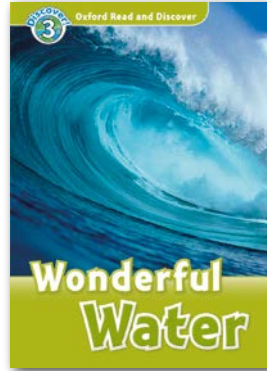
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Activity Book
978 0 19 464391 7

Partner



A Shadow on the Park
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THE NATURAL WORLD

Wonderful Water

Cheryl Palin

Read and discover all about wonderful water.

- Why is water important?
- What is the biggest ocean animal?

Word count 1,273

Reader 978 0 19 464376 4

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Activity Book
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High Water
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THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Your Five Senses

Robert Quinn

Read and discover all about your five wonderful senses.

- How do your eyes work?
- What's under your skin?

Word count 1,343

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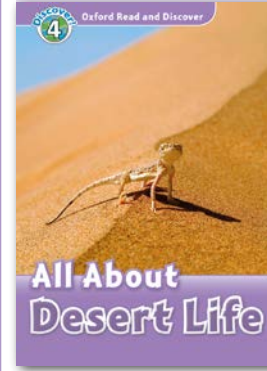
Partner



The Game
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LEVEL 4

750 HEADWORDS • CEFR A1/A2 • Average word count: 1,700
• Cambridge English: Movers / Flyers



THE NATURAL WORLD

All About Desert Life

Julie Penn

Read and discover all about desert life around the world.

- How do animals stay cool in the desert?
- Why are deserts getting bigger?

Word count 1,692

Reader 978 0 19 464442 6

Reader with Audio
978 0 19 402193 7

Activity Book
978 0 19 464452 5

Partner



Lost in the Desert
See page 33



THE NATURAL WORLD

All About Ocean Life

Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about life in and near the oceans.

- Which tree can live in salt water?
- How do whales breathe?

Word count 1,665

Reader 978 0 19 464439 6

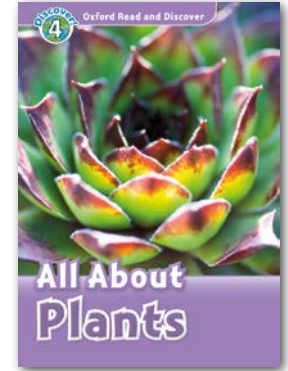
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Activity Book
978 0 19 464449 5

Partner



Swimming with Dolphins
See page 34



THE NATURAL WORLD

All About Plants

Julie Penn

Read and discover all about amazing plants.

- How many types of plant are there?
- Why are plants important?

Word count 1,729

Reader 978 0 19 464440 2

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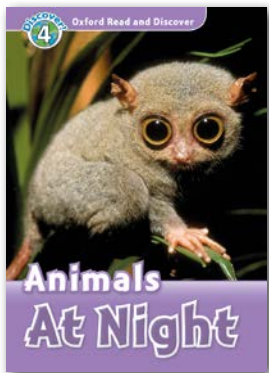
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The Flower Thief
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THE NATURAL WORLD

Animals At Night

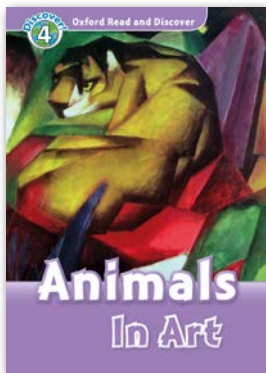
Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about amazing animals at night.

- Why do some animals come out at night?
- What special senses do nocturnal animals have?

Word count 1,746
 Reader 978 0 19 464446 4
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Partner



THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

Animals In Art

Richard Northcott

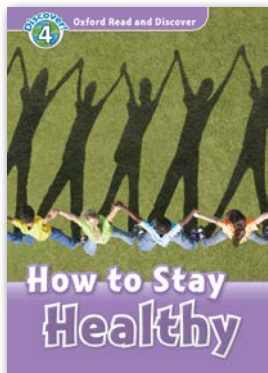


Read and discover all about animals in art, all around the world.

- Where can you see animals in art?
- What are the oldest animal pictures?

Word count 1,754
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THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

How to Stay Healthy

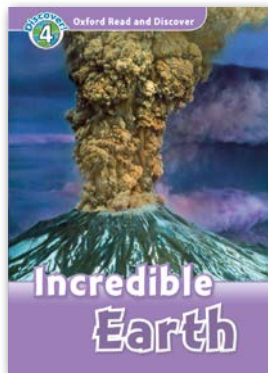
Julie Penn

Read and discover all about how to stay healthy.

- How much water should you drink every day?
- Why is exercise good for you?

Word count 1,634
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THE NATURAL WORLD

Incredible Earth

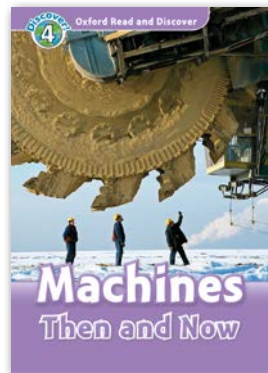
Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about our incredible Earth.

- What is a volcano?
- Where is the deepest lake on Earth?

Word count 1,700
 Reader 978 0 19 464438 9
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402206 4
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464448 8

Partner



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Machines Then and Now

Robert Quinn

Read and discover all about machines in the past and today.

- When did people invent the wheel?
- What is a nanobot?

Word count 1,663
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THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Why We Recycle

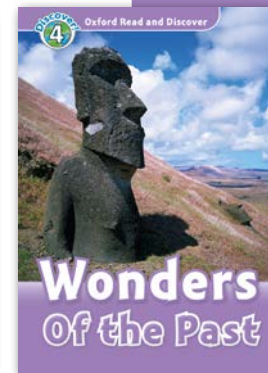
Fiona Undrill

Read and discover all about why we recycle waste.

- What waste materials can we recycle?
- How long does plastic take to decompose?

Word count 1,701
 Reader 978 0 19 464444 0
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402210 1
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464454 9

Partner



THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

Wonders Of the Past

Kathryn Harper

Read and discover all about wonders of the past, all around the world.

- Where is Chichen Itza?
- What is the Taj Mahal?

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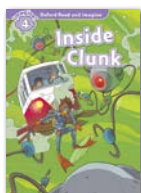
Bats!

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Pictures from the Past

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Inside Clunk

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Volcano Adventure

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A Machine for the Future

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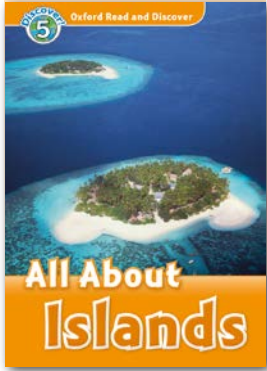
Clunk's Brain

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The Lost City

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THE NATURAL WORLD

All About Islands

James Styring

Read and discover all about islands around the world.

- How do islands form?
- Which island has dragons?

Word count 3,457
Reader 978 0 19 464503 4
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402214 9
Activity Book 978 0 19 464513 3



THE NATURAL WORLD

Animal Life Cycles

Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about amazing animal life cycles.

- Which animals hatch from eggs?
- What is metamorphosis?

Word count 3,437
Reader 978 0 19 464502 7
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402216 3
Activity Book 978 0 19 464512 6



THE NATURAL WORLD

Exploring Our World

Jacqueline Martin

Read and discover all about explorers and exploring.

- Why is exploring important?
- Where did the first explorers go?

Word count 3,491
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Partner



THE NATURAL WORLD

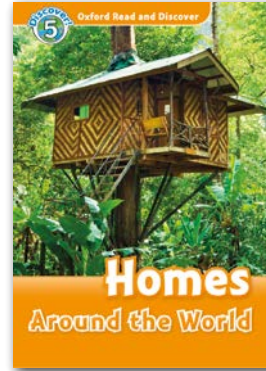
Great Migrations

Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about great animal migrations.

- Why do animals migrate?
- How do they find their way?

Word count 3,463
Reader 978 0 19 464501 0
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402220 0
Activity Book 978 0 19 464511 9



THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

Homes Around the World

Jacqueline Martin

Read and discover all about homes around the world.

- What materials are homes made of?
- Why do people build homes on stilts?

Word count 3,357
Reader 978 0 19 464497 6
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402222 4
Activity Book 978 0 19 464507 2

Partner



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Materials To Products

Alex Raynham

Read and discover all about the materials that people use to make products.

- How is glass made?
- What are microchips?

Word count 3,437
Reader 978 0 19 464505 8
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402226 8
Activity Book 978 0 19 464515 7



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Medicine Then and Now

Louise and Richard Spilsbury

Read and discover all about medicine in the past and medicine today.

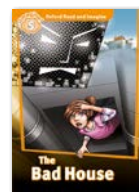
- What was the world's first antibiotic?
- What medicine can cure malaria?

Word count 3,363
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Activity Book 978 0 19 464516 4

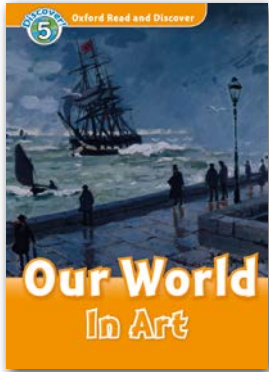
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Day of the Dinosaurs
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The Bad House
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THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

Our World In Art

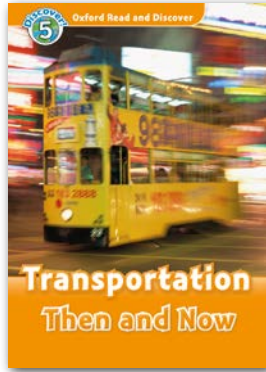
Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about our world in art.

- What are still lifes?
- Why do artists use perspective?

Word count 3,360
 Reader 978 0 19 464504 1
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402228 6
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464514 0

Partner



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Transportation Then and Now

James Styring

Read and discover all about transportation in the past and today.

- What were the first planes made of?
- How fast can solar cars travel?

Word count 3,425
 Reader 978 0 19 464499 0
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 Activity Book 978 0 19 464509 6

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THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Wild Weather

Jacqueline Martin

Read and discover all about different types of weather.

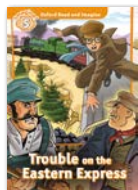
- What is a hurricane?
- Where is the coldest place on Earth?

Word count 3,395
 Reader 978 0 19 464498 3
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402233 0
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464508 9



The Painting in the Attic

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Trouble on the Eastern Express

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LEVEL 6

1,050 HEADWORDS • CEFR B1 • Average word count: 3,750
• Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)



THE NATURAL WORLD

All About Space

Alex Raynham

Read and discover all about our galaxy and everything in the universe.

- What are stars made of?
- When did the first person walk on the Moon?

Word count 3,820
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THE NATURAL WORLD

Caring for Our Planet

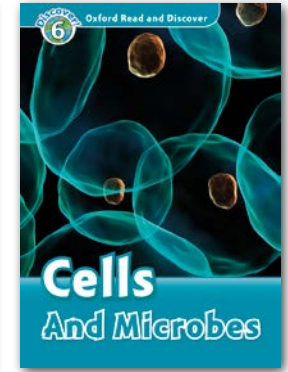
Joyce Hannam

Read and discover all about caring for our beautiful planet Earth.

- What is global warming?
- How can we keep our planet clean?

Word count 3,804
 Reader 978 0 19 464559 1
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402237 8
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464569 0

Partner



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Cells And Microbes

Louise and Richard Spilsbury

Read and discover all about amazing cells and microbes.

- What are the smallest living things on Earth?
- How do antibiotics work?

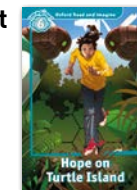
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 Reader 978 0 19 464563 8
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The Secret on the Moon

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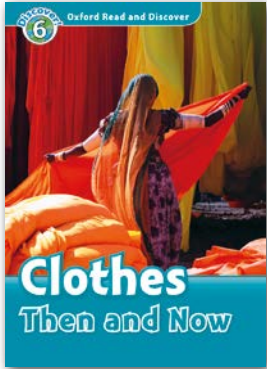
Hope on Turtle Island

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What's So Funny?

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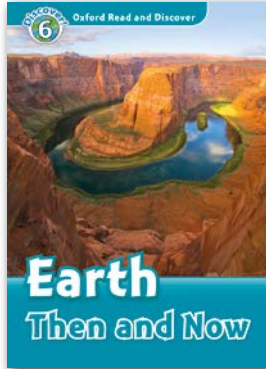
Clothes Then and Now

Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about clothes in the past and clothes today.

- Where were your clothes made?
- What is a fashion victim?

Word count 3,711
 Reader 978 0 19 464561 4
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402241 5
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464571 3



THE NATURAL WORLD

Earth Then and Now

Robert Quinn

Read and discover all about Earth in the past and Earth today.

- How did Earth form?
- What natural resources does Earth give us?

Word count 3,723
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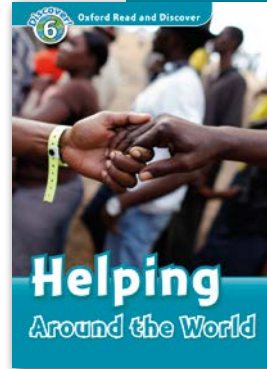
Food Around the World

Robert Quinn

Read and discover all about food around the world.

- Where are cacao trees grown?
- What drink can you make from cherries?

Word count 3,739
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 Activity Book 978 0 19 464567 6



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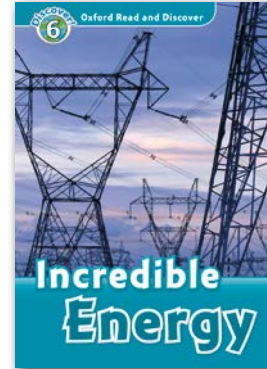
Helping Around the World

Sarah Medina

Read and discover all about helping around the world.

- Who helps refugees?
- What do animal charities do?

Word count 3,734
 Reader 978 0 19 464562 1
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402247 7
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464572 0



THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Incredible Energy

Louise and Richard Spilsbury

Read and discover all about incredible energy.

- What is kinetic energy?
- What types of energy does electricity give us?

Word count 3,776
 Reader 978 0 19 464564 5
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402249 1
 Activity Book 978 0 19 464574 4



THE NATURAL WORLD

Wonderful Ecosystems

Louise and Richard Spilsbury

Read and discover all about wonderful ecosystems on Earth.

- How are monkeys adapted to living in their ecosystem?
- What are decomposers?

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THE WORLD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Your Amazing Body

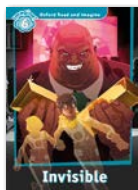
Robert Quinn

Read and discover all about your amazing body.

- How many bones are there in your skeleton?
- What do your white blood cells do?

Word count 3,869
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 Activity Book 978 0 19 464568 3

Partner



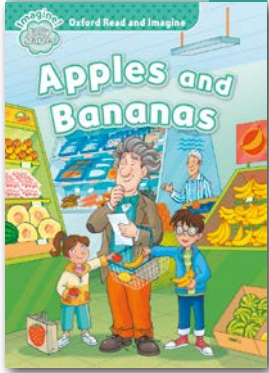
Invisible

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EARLY STARTER

NEW

30 HEADWORDS • CEFR Pre-A1 • Average word count: 60



Apples and Bananas

Paul Shipton

Ben and Rosie are in a store with Grandpa. Can you see apples and bananas? And look! Can you see oranges?

Word count 48
Reader 978 0 19 470917 0



The Picnic

Paul Shipton

Ben and Rosie are in a park with Mom, Dad, and Grandpa. But where's the picnic?

Word count 47
Reader 978 0 19 470916 3



Spider, Spider

Paul Shipton

Ben looks. What's in the green car? What's on the blue ball? It's a spider. Hello, spider!

Word count 59
Reader 978 0 19 472229 2



What's This?

Paul Shipton

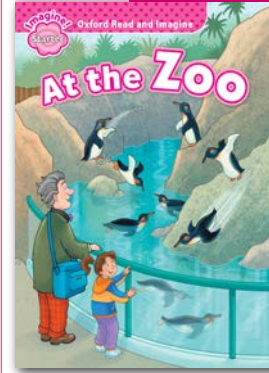
Ben has a red square. He has a red triangle. What's this? It's a house!

Word count 63
Reader 978 0 19 472242 1

STARTER

BESTSELLER

100 HEADWORDS • CEFR Pre-A1 • Average word count: 90

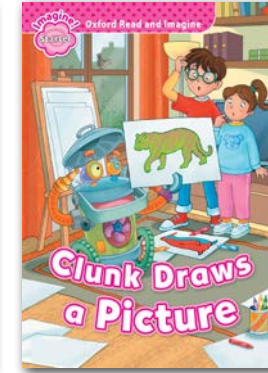


At the Zoo

Paul Shipton

Rosie and Grandpa go to the zoo. They look at the penguins and the lions. What happens when they eat their sandwiches?

Word count 120
Reader 978 0 19 472238 4
Activity Book 978 0 19 472231 5



Clunk Draws a Picture

Paul Shipton

Clunk draws a tiger. Look! What colour is it?

Word count 110
Reader 978 0 19 472239 1
Activity Book 978 0 19 472232 2



Hello, Clunk

Paul Shipton

Grandpa makes a robot. His name is Clunk. He has arms, wheels, and a head. Ben and Rosie watch. What can the robot do?

Word count 120
Reader 978 0 19 472237 7
Activity Book 978 0 19 472230 8

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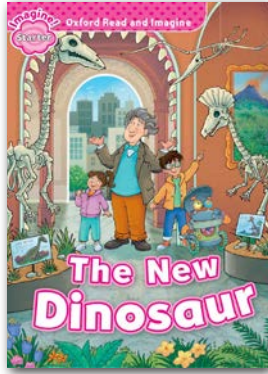


Hello, Goodbye

Paul Shipton

Grandpa, Ben, and Rosie are at the beach. Ben draws a picture in the sand. What is it?

Word count 91
 Reader 978 0 19 470921 7
 Activity Book 978 0 19 470924 8



The New Dinosaur

Paul Shipton

Ben, Rosie, and Grandpa go to a museum with Clunk. There are dinosaurs in the museum. Does Clunk like the new dinosaur?

Word count 98
 Reader 978 0 19 470923 1
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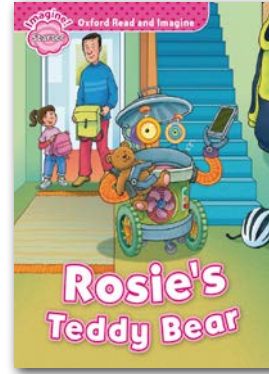


One, Two, Three

Paul Shipton

Grandpa, Ben, and Rosie are in the park. How many fish are there? How many frogs are there? And what's on Grandpa's head?

Word count 115
 Reader 978 0 19 472241 4
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472234 6



Rosie's Teddy Bear

Paul Shipton

Where is Rosie's teddy bear? What does Clunk put in Rosie's school bag?

Word count 120
 Reader 978 0 19 470922 4
 Activity Book 978 0 19 470925 5

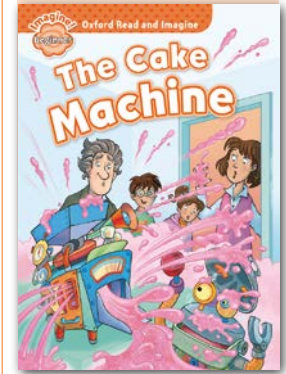


Where's My Hat?

Paul Shipton

Grandpa has a hat. Where is it? Can Clunk see it?

Word count 108
 Reader 978 0 19 472240 7
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472233 9

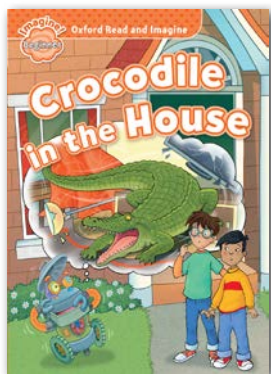


The Cake Machine

Paul Shipton

Grandpa has a new machine. It's a Cake Machine. But can Grandpa make a cake for Rosie and Ben?

Word count 214
 Reader 978 0 19 472225 4
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472216 2

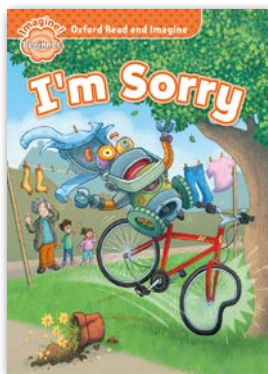


Crocodile in the House

Paul Shipton

Ben has a toy crocodile. 'Oh no! There's a crocodile in the house!' says Clunk. 'Run!'

Word count 214
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Activity Book
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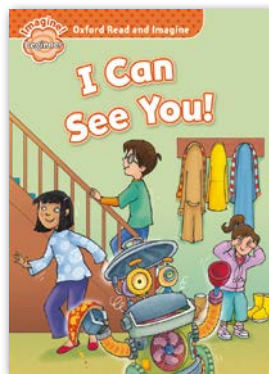


I'm Sorry

Paul Shipton

Rosie, Ben, and Grandpa go to the park with Grandpa's robot, Clunk. Why does Clunk say, 'I'm sorry'?

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Activity Book
978 0 19 472215 5

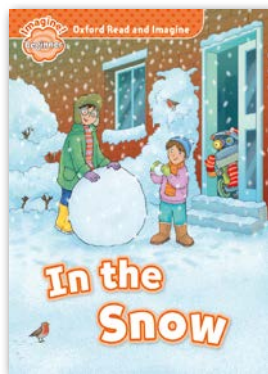


I Can See You!

Paul Shipton

Rosie, Ben, Alice, and Clunk are playing a game. The children look and look, but where's Clunk?

Word count 192
Reader 978 0 19 470907 1
Activity Book
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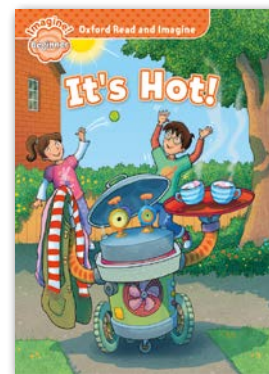


In the Snow

Paul Shipton

There's snow today! Ben and Rosie make a big snowman. Can Clunk the robot make a snowman?

Word count 226
Reader 978 0 19 472226 1
Activity Book
978 0 19 472217 9



It's Hot!

Paul Shipton

It's hot today! Ben and Rosie are in the backyard. They want ice cream, but what does Clunk make?

Word count 237
Reader 978 0 19 470908 8
Activity Book
978 0 19 470911 8



A Nice Book

Paul Shipton

Rosie, Ben, and Grandpa go to the library with Clunk. They read nice books. But what does Clunk do?

Word count 192
Reader 978 0 19 470909 5
Activity Book
978 0 19 470912 5



A Rainy Day

Paul Shipton

Rosie wants to play in the park. But it's a rainy day. Can Grandpa help? He has a new machine – a weather machine!

Word count 213
Reader 978 0 19 472227 8
Activity Book
978 0 19 472218 6

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Ben's Big Swim

Paul Shipton



Clunk in Space

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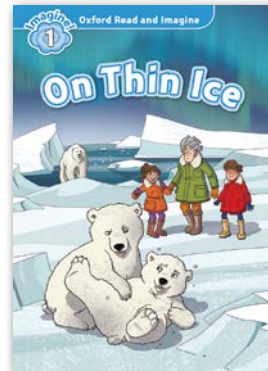
Monkeys in School

Paul Shipton



The New Glasses

Paul Shipton



On Thin Ice

Paul Shipton



Rainforest Rescue

Paul Shipton

What happens when Rosie, Ben, and Max go to the beach? They want to swim, but it is very windy, and the waves are too big. What does Grandpa do?

Ben and Rosie want to see a meteor shower. They go to space in Grandpa's van. But what happens when a meteor hits the van? Can Clunk fix it?

Grandpa takes Ben and Rosie to the rainforest. But when he takes them to school, some monkeys go with them...

Today Ben's wearing new glasses. What happens when he plays ball with his friends in the school playground? And what happens when Grandpa makes Ben some fantastic new glasses?

Rosie, Ben and Clunk the robot go to a very cold place with Grandpa. They see some little polar bears playing on the ice, but the ice is too thin. It starts to crack! Can the mother bear help them?

Grandpa takes Rosie, Ben, and Alice to the rainforest to find Grandpa's favourite fruit. What happens when they meet a baby orang-utan and two bad men?

Word count 548
Reader 978 0 19 472267 4
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401734 3
Activity Book 978 0 19 472243 8

Partner

Word count 557
Reader 978 0 19 472268 1
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Activity Book 978 0 19 472244 5

Partner

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Reader 978 0 19 472272 8
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Word count 596
Reader 978 0 19 470931 6
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Activity Book 978 0 19 470935 4

Partner

Word count 550
Reader 978 0 19 472269 8
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401743 5
Activity Book 978 0 19 472245 2

Partner



At the Beach

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Young Animals

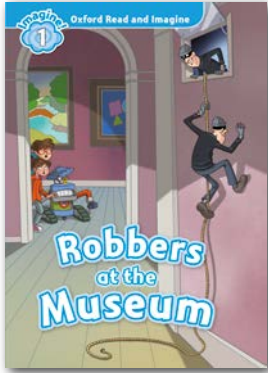
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Fruit

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Robbers at the Museum

Paul Shipton

Rosie, Ben, and Clunk the robot go to the art museum with Grandpa. What do they do when two robbers want to steal the art?

Word count 570
 Reader 978 0 19 472270 4
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401746 6
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472246 9

Partner



The Snow Tigers

Paul Shipton

Max is in a new ice-hockey team, called The Tigers. But what happens when Grandpa and Clunk take the children to a snowy place to see a snow tiger?

Word count 616
 Reader 978 0 19 470933 0
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 470941 5
 Activity Book 978 0 19 470937 8

Partner



Too Fast!

Paul Shipton

Ben and Max are skateboarding in the park. What happens when a tall boy called Flip laughs at Max? And why is Flip scared when he rides Grandpa's new skateboard?

Word count 582
 Reader 978 0 19 472271 1
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 Activity Book 978 0 19 472247 6

Partner



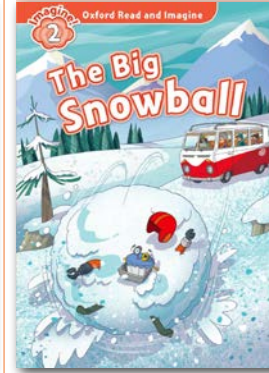
The Treehouse

Paul Shipton

Ben, Rosie, and Max are building a treehouse with Clunk the robot. But what happens when Alice's cat, Bobby, comes into the backyard and wants to catch a bird?

Word count 610
 Reader 978 0 19 470932 3
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 470940 8
 Activity Book 978 0 19 470936 1

Partner



The Big Snowball

Paul Shipton

Grandpa and Clunk take Ben and Rosie into the snowy mountains. Ben makes a snowball, and it gets bigger and bigger... find out what happens!

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 Activity Book 978 0 19 473655 8

Partner



The Big Storm

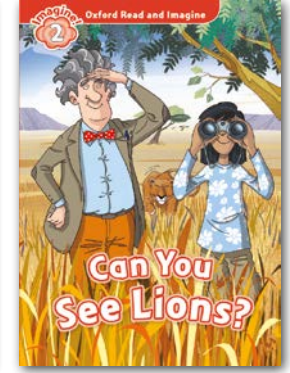
Paul Shipton

Grandpa takes Rosie, Ben, and Ben's friend Max to the mountains for a picnic. But a big storm is coming. Find out what happens.

Word count 689
 Reader 978 0 19 472298 8
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401770 1
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472274 2

Partner

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Can You See Lions?

Paul Shipton

Alice is looking for her cat. What happens when he gets into Grandpa's van, and Rosie, Ben, and Alice arrive in a hot place with lots of animals? Maybe it's dangerous here?

Word count 693
 Reader 978 0 19 472297 1
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401755 8
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472273 5

Partner



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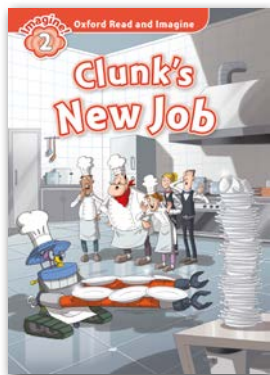
Clunk in the Clouds

Paul Shipton

What happens when Clunk fills four weather balloons with gas? It's fun in the clouds - but how can Clunk come down again? How can Ben, Rosie, and Grandpa help him?

Word count 752
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Activity Book 978 0 19 473653 4

Partner



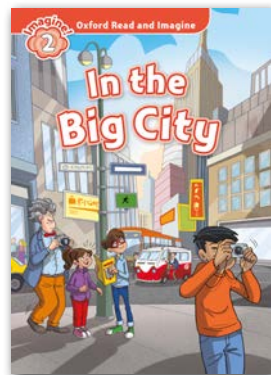
Clunk's New Job

Paul Shipton

Clunk finds a new job - in a restaurant! But he isn't a good waiter and Gordon the chef is angry. Grandpa wants Clunk at home again - can Rosie, Ben, and Grandpa find him?

Word count 693
Reader 978 0 19 472302 2
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401758 9
Activity Book 978 0 19 472276 6

Partner



In the Big City

Paul Shipton

It's the big city! Ben, Rosie, Max, and Grandpa go to see the tall buildings. But what happens when thieves steal Grandpa's van? Where do they take it? Can Clunk stop them?

Word count 693
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Activity Book 978 0 19 472275 9

Partner



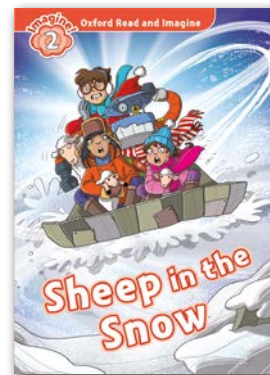
The Race

Paul Shipton

It's Sports Day at school, and Ben is running in a race. But Tim is the fastest and the strongest boy in school. Find out what happens.

Word count 694
Reader 978 0 19 473648 0
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473656 5
Activity Book 978 0 19 473652 7

Partner



Sheep in the Snow

Paul Shipton

Ben, Rosie, and Alice are at Aunt Katy's farm. It's snowing, and some sheep are up on the hills. How can the children help?

Word count 741
Reader 978 0 19 472303 9
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401764 0
Activity Book 978 0 19 472277 3

Partner



Stop the Machine!

Paul Shipton

Ben, Rosie, and Max are visiting the recycling center. The big machines are exciting - but oh no! Max drops his house key! Can Clunk help? What is Rosie's idea? Find out what happens.

Word count 764
Reader 978 0 19 472304 6
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401767 1
Activity Book 978 0 19 472278 0

Partner



Where on Earth Are We?

Paul Shipton

Ben, Max, and Clunk are in a little boat on the ocean. Where on Earth are Rosie, Alice, and Grandpa? And what's wrong with the van?

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Activity Book 978 0 19 473654 1

Partner



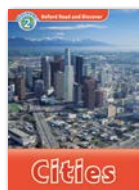
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Cities

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Your Body

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Plastic

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Earth

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LEVEL 3

600 HEADWORDS • CEFR High A1 • Average word count: 990 • Cambridge English: Movers



Danger! Bugs!

Paul Shipton

One day, Rosie, Ben, and his friend Max got very small – as small as bugs! This was a great way to study minibeasts, but now the backyard was full of danger: ladybugs, spider webs, and birds ...

Word count 1,050
 Reader 978 0 19 472329 9
 Reader with Audio
 978 0 19 401967 5
 Activity Book
 978 0 19 472305 3

Partner



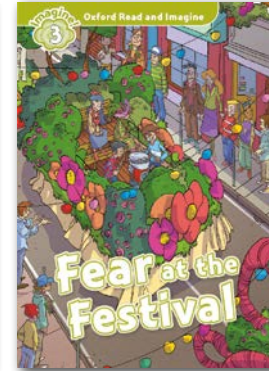
Danger in the Rainforest

Paul Shipton

Ben and Max are in the rainforest with scientists Kyle and Erica. What has Max found? Is it what Kyle and Erica are looking for? And what is that loud noise?

Word count 1,005
 Reader 978 0 19 473673 2
 Reader with Audio
 978 0 19 473681 7
 Activity Book
 978 0 19 473677 0

Partner



Fear at the Festival

Paul Shipton

It was the day of the summer festival, and Ben and Max were having a good time. But what were those two people in the crowd saying? Did they want to steal Clunk, the robot? How could the boys stop them?

Word count 1,056
 Reader 978 0 19 473672 5
 Reader with Audio
 978 0 19 473680 0
 Activity Book
 978 0 19 473676 3

Partner



The Game

Paul Shipton

Ben couldn't wait to play Grandpa's new computer game – but when he was in the game he couldn't leave. Now Ben was in danger, and only Rosie could help! Find out what happened when Rosie put her helmet on ...

Word count 1,041
 Reader 978 0 19 472332 9
 Reader with Audio
 978 0 19 401982 8
 Activity Book
 978 0 19 472308 4

Partner



Get Us Out of Here!

Paul Shipton

Ben and Max are in the rainforest with scientists Kyle and Erica. What has Max found? Is it what Kyle and Erica are looking for? And what is that loud noise?

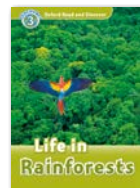
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Amazing Minibeasts

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Life in Rainforests

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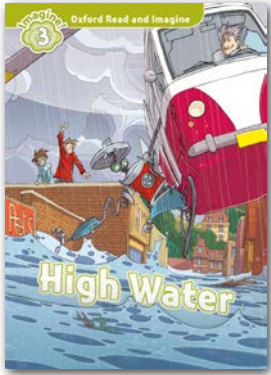
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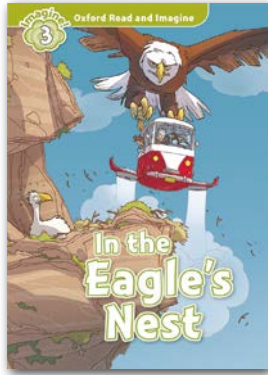
High Water

Paul Shipton

Ben and Rosie take their kayaks to Grandpa's favourite river – but there's a flood! Sam has a pet store in the town, and water from the river is in his store. Can Ben help the animals?

Word count 1,056
 Reader 978 0 19 472331 2
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401973 6
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472307 7

Partner



In the Eagle's Nest

Paul Shipton

Grandpa takes Ben, Rosie, Alice, and Clunk high in the mountains to study eagles. When they find a nest, the eagles think that Clunk is food! Will Clunk be dinner? And what happens when two climbers find the nest?

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Partner



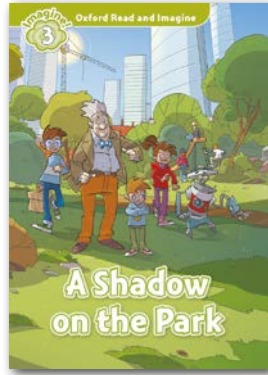
The New Sound

Paul Shipton

Alice's aunt is visiting the city to play violin in an orchestra. But where is her expensive violin? Who has it? Find out how Ben, Rosie, Alice, and a rock band called The New Sound help Aunt Emma ...

Word count 1,081
 Reader 978 0 19 472333 6
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401985 9
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472309 1

Partner



A Shadow on the Park

Paul Shipton

Grandpa, Ben, Rosie, and Josh go to the playground, but it is cold. A new building is making a shadow on the park. Can Kelly the architect fix it? And why is a teenager climbing up a crane?

Word count 959
 Reader 978 0 19 473674 9
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473682 4
 Activity Book 978 0 19 473678 7

Partner



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Soccer in the Street

Paul Shipton

Ben is going to play a soccer match, but he wants new soccer shoes. Far away, a boy called Victor plays soccer in the street. He's a fantastic player. He doesn't have any soccer shoes. Find out how the two boys become friends, and what Ben learns.

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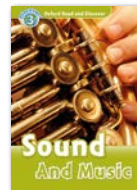
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Sound and Music

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Bats!

Paul Shipton



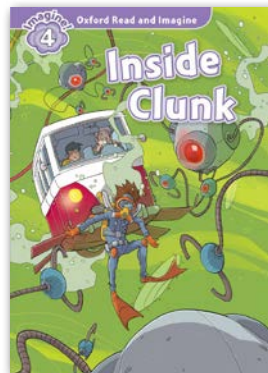
Clunk's Brain

Paul Shipton



The Flower Thief

Paul Shipton



Inside Clunk

Paul Shipton



The Lost City

Paul Shipton



Lost in the Desert

Paul Shipton



A Machine for the Future

Paul Shipton

Ben, Rosie, Grandpa, and Clunk are camping with their friends, Max and Alice. Clunk has gone to the van, but where have Ben and Rosie gone? Can Nicole the park ranger help Grandpa find them? And what is moving quickly in the dark?

What was wrong with Clunk the robot? Ben, Rosie, Max, and Grandpa didn't know where he was, and his brain computer was turned off. So how did they find Clunk, and why did they go to the junkyard?

At the city's gardens, Ben, Max, and Clunk are in the van, looking at some amazing flowers. Grandpa, Rosie, and Alice want to see the fantastic orchids... but they're gone! Can Grandpa and the children help Doctor Lee find the flower thief?

Clunk fell over, and he was getting hotter and hotter. Grandpa, Ben, and Max had to do something quickly... What happened when they took the van inside Clunk to try to fix the problem? Could they help Clunk?

In the rainforest, there is a Lost City of Gold. And in the Lost City, there is a beautiful gold statue. Ben, Rosie, and Grandpa visit the city with Silvia, an archaeologist. But other people know about the city too, and want that statue ...

The van is broken, Grandpa is sick, there's something wrong with Clunk – and Rosie, Ben, and Max are lost in a desert! It's hot in the day and cold at night, and they don't have a lot of water. Can they find help?

Why were Ben, Rosie, and Max beside this dark swamp? Why was an amazing machine sinking in it? Could Ben and Clunk get the machine out fast and take everyone home? And what about those hungry alligators?

Word count 1,358
Reader 978 0 19 473696 1
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473704 3
Activity Book 978 01 9 473700 5

Partner

Word count 1,402
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Activity Book 978 01 9 473700 5

Partner

Word count 1,370
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Activity Book 978 01 9 473702 9

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Word count 1,341
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Activity Book 978 01 9 473703 6

Partner

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Partner

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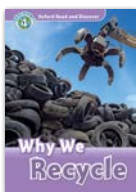
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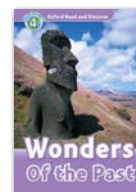
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How to Stay Healthy

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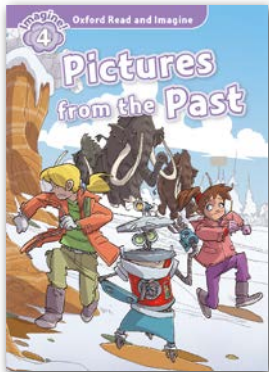
All About Desert Life

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Machines Then and Now

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Pictures from the Past

Paul Shipton

When Rosie and Ben wanted to understand an old cave painting, Grandpa took them back in time in his amazing van. Soon they were in a cold place with mammoths and wolves – and the van was in a hole. How could they get home? And why was there light in the cave?

Word count 1,389
 Reader 978 0 19 472365 7
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401994 1
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472341 1

Partner



Swimming with Dolphins

Paul Shipton

Dan the scientist works with dolphins. Ludo the dolphin is under the water and can't breathe, so Rosie dives in to help him. But what happens? The sea can be dangerous – there might be sharks!

Word count 1,365
 Reader 978 0 19 472361 9
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401997 2
 Activity Book 978 01 9 472337 4

Partner



Volcano Adventure

Paul Shipton

Ben and Max have been learning about volcanoes – so they go to see one! But then the volcano erupts. Hot lava is coming to the village, and Rosie's new friend Nani needs help. Ben has an idea – but how can they stop the river of fire?

Word count 1,050
 Reader 978 0 19 472360 2
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402115 9
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LEVEL 5

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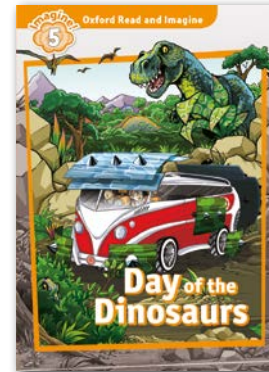
The Bad House

Paul Shipton

When scientist Jim Wood invited Grandpa to visit his fantastic new house, Rosie went too. But where was Jim Wood? And what was his house computer, Vesta, doing? Could Rosie find a way out of this bad house?

Word count 2,403
 Reader 978 0 19 472375 6
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402121 0
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472367 1

Partner



Day of the Dinosaurs

Paul Shipton

It was an ordinary day. Rosie and Alice were in the backyard. But there was something in the bushes – what was it? What was happening? Ben and Max needed to find Grandpa, but he wasn't home – he was millions of years away. What could they do?

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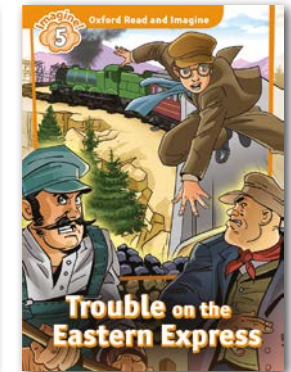
The Painting in the Attic

Paul Shipton

When Rosie and Alice found a painting in the attic, Alice's grandma gave it to a gallery to be studied. But why was the woman from the gallery on TV with Grandma Vera's painting? Would the police believe she stole it? And would Grandma ever get her painting back?

Word count 2,273
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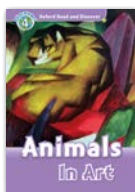
Trouble on the Eastern Express

Paul Shipton

Grandpa was excited to take Ben into the past for a trip on a fantastic old train. But what happened when Rosie, Alice, and Clunk found out that robbers were on the train? Could they stop the train before something terrible happened?

Word count 2,399
 Reader 978 0 19 473721 0
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473725 8
 Activity Book 978 0 19 473722 4

Partner



Animals in Art

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All About Ocean Life

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Incredible Earth

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Homes Around the World

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Exploring Our World

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Hope on Turtle Island

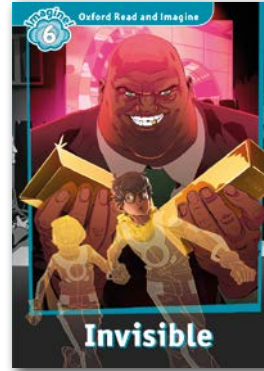
Paul Shipton



Grandpa has disappeared, and in a notebook he has written one word – HOPE. What does it mean? Why does Clunk bring Ben and Rosie to Turtle Island? Can they find Grandpa and stop a plan to turn off all the world's electricity?

Word count 3,035
Reader 978 0 19 473733 3
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473737 1
Activity Book 978 0 19 473735 7

Partner



Invisible

Paul Shipton

'I'm the greatest criminal in this city. I've never been caught by the police, and I never will be caught,' said Cooger. But what was this clever – and dangerous – man planning? And could Ben and Rosie stop him from stealing Grandpa's inventions – and a lot more, too?

Word count 3,041
Reader 978 0 19 472384 8
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402127 2
Activity Book 978 01 9 472376 3

Partner



The Secret on the Moon

Paul Shipton

Why were Ben and Rosie hiding on the Moon? On Earth, people were watching live pictures from the Moon. They'd seen one astronaut return to the landing vehicle. But where was the second astronaut? Why did the pictures suddenly stop? What was the secret on the Moon?

Word count 3,050
Reader 978 0 19 472385 5
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402130 2
Activity Book 978 0 19 472377 0

Partner



What's So Funny?

Paul Shipton



A mysterious gas is escaping from a hole in the Happy World tanker. Soon, everyone is laughing, but they don't know why. What will happen when the laughter stops? Can Grandpa find a cure for the laughing illness before it's too late?

Word count 3,091
Reader 978 0 19 473732 6
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473736 4
Activity Book 978 0 19 473734 0

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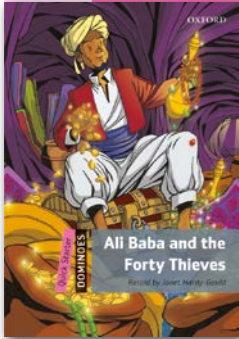
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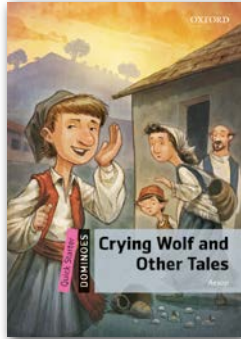
Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

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Ali Baba finds a thieves' treasure cave, and he is suddenly rich. Then his brother Kasim visits the cave, and things go wrong. The forty thieves find Kasim there, kill him, and cut him into four pieces. What can Ali Baba do? He wants to bury his brother quietly, but how can he? Morgiana, his servant-girl, has the answer. But what can she do when the thieves find Ali Baba and want to kill him, too?

Word count 1,099
Reader 978 0 19 424934 8
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Crying Wolf and Other Tales

Aesop
Text adaptation by Janet Hardy-Gould

Comic Strip

'Help! A wolf is eating my sheep!'
What happens when a bored shepherd boy lies to the people in his village – or when he later tells the truth?
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Word count 916
Reader 978 0 19 424971 3
Reader with Audio
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Retold by Elspeth Rawstron

'I want to fly later this year.'
'So it's a race,' laughs Lagari.
'Yes,' smiles Hezarfen.
The time is the 1630s. Sultan Murat IV rules the Ottoman Empire. Two Istanbul brothers – Hezarfen Ahmet Çelebi and Lagari Hasan – dream of flying. Which of them can be the first flying man? And what does the Sultan give to the winner of the race? Read this story and find the answers.

Word count 1,528
Reader 978 0 19 424943 0
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463900 2 BrE



HUMAN INTEREST

Lisa's Song

Lesley Thompson

Al Brown plays the guitar in a band with friends. He writes songs, too. 'Our boy can't live without his music,' his parents say.
But when Al's baby sister, Lisa, arrives from hospital, his life is suddenly different. Now his mother and father have no time for him, and he has no time for school work – or the band.
Then Al's sister gets ill. And Grandad tells him, 'Write a song for Lisa!' But why, and how can this help?

Word count 1,426
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Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463901 9 BrE



WORLD LITERATURE

The Little Match Girl

Hans Christian Andersen
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

Comic Strip

It's a cold winter's day, and a poor little girl can't sell any of her matches to people in the street. She can't go home without any money. But how can she stay warm? That 31st December, the little match girl sees rich people's homes, Christmas trees, and wonderful things to eat. She remembers also her kind grandmother – now sadly dead. Can the New Year make things any better for the poor young girl?



Word count 1,032
Reader 978 0 19 424940 9
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463907 1 BrE



TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Merlin

Janet Hardy-Gould

'Be careful with Morfran,' Princess Adhan tells her young son, Merlin.
Morfran, the son of the Enchantress Ceridwen, is a bully. Then one day, Merlin drinks one of Ceridwen's magic potions. After this, he can become different animals, see through walls, change the weather, and look into the future. But Morfran is angry with Merlin when Ceridwen dies. Years later, Morfran – now King Vortigern's magician – plans to kill Merlin, the boy with no father. How can Merlin's magic powers help him to fight his old enemy?



Word count 1,458
Reader 978 0 19 424974 4
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463902 6 BrE



HUMAN INTEREST

Pebbles on the Beach

Alex Raynham

Comic Strip

Abby is a teenager, and she doesn't talk much to her parents. Abby's dad works hard for an oil company, and Abby's mom doesn't like her friends. Then, one summer, Abby stays with her crazy Aunt May in California. Here – with Aunt May and her neighbours Diego and Bianca – she learns to see things differently. But, one night, there's an oil spill on the beautiful beach near their home.
What can Abby, her aunt, and the neighbours do? And who answers Abby's call for help? And how?

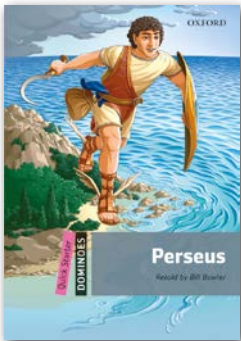
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QUICK STARTER

250 HEADWORDS • CEFR A1

- Story length: 17 pages • Average word count: 1,125
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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Perseus

Retold by Bill Bowler

Comic Strip

Perseus is the son of Danae, Princess of Argos, and the god Zeus. When he is very young, his mother moves with him to live on the island of Seriphos.

Later, Polydectes – the king of Seriphos – wants to marry Danae. Perseus says ‘no’ to this, so Polydectes sends the young man away for the head of Medusa. Medusa is a she-monster with snakes for hair. Can Perseus find and kill Medusa? And what happens after he goes back to Seriphos?

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WORLD LITERATURE

The Selfish Giant

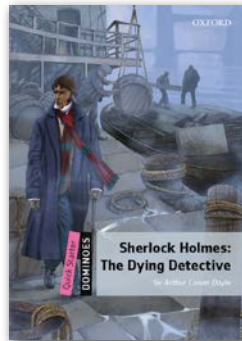
Oscar Wilde
 Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

‘It’s my garden,’ says the Giant, ‘People must understand. Nobody can play here – only me!’

So the children leave, and the Selfish Giant puts a wall around his garden. After that, it’s always winter there.

Later, the Giant feels sorry for a young boy in the snow. He knocks down the garden wall – and the children, and the spring, come back. But where is the young boy now? And how can the Giant find him again?

Word count 1,440
 Reader 978 0 19 424931 7
 Reader with Audio
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MYSTERY & HORROR

Sherlock Holmes: The Dying Detective

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
 Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson



‘Come quickly, Dr Watson,’ says Mrs Hudson. ‘Sherlock Holmes is dying!’

Sherlock Holmes was trying to solve a murder. But now he has a terrible illness, and he is not his normal self. Can his friend Watson help him? Can the strange Mr Culverton Smith help him? Or will Sherlock Holmes die?

Word count 1,519
 Reader 978 0 19 424972 0
 Reader with Audio
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HUMAN INTEREST

The Skateboarder

Christine Lindop

‘I love Owen’s skateboarding,’ Hannah thinks. ‘I want to jump and do tricks, too.’

When a skatepark opens near her house, Hannah is suddenly very interested in skateboarding. How do Mom, Dad, brother Evan, and cousin Justin feel about this? Who helps her? Who laughs at her? And who teaches her to be a true skateboarder in the end? This story has the answers.

Word count 1,489
 Reader 978 0 19 424946 1
 Reader with Audio
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BESTSELLER



MYSTERY & HORROR

The Sorcerer’s Apprentice

Retold by Bill Bowler

Comic Strip

‘What’s your job?’ Yukio asks. ‘I’m a sorcerer,’ the old man smiles, ‘and I need a young apprentice.’

One day, Yukio – a young boy from old Japan – leaves his sister in the country and looks for a job in the town. He finds interesting work there, as a sorcerer’s apprentice. But why must Yukio wait to learn magic? And what happens after he puts a spell on a broom when the sorcerer is away?

Word count 1,145
 Reader 978 0 19 424976 8
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 978 0 19 463906 4 AmE



TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Troy

Retold by Bill Bowler

‘I see Troy in flames years from now – because Paris brings disaster to us,’ Queen Hecuba says about her son.

Paris’s father, King Priam, wants to kill him. But Paris lives, and later loves Helen – King Menelaus’s queen – from Greece. When Paris brings Helen to Troy, war begins between the Trojans and Greeks.

What happens when Paris’s brother Hector and the Greek fighter Achilles meet in battle? Who wins the war, and how? Read *Troy* and find the answers.

Word count 1,573
 Reader 978 0 19 424970 6
 Reader with Audio
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MYSTERY & HORROR

Zombie Attack!

Lesley Thompson

‘Professor Clark’s work usually helps people. But this is something new.’ Clark’s helper – Tasha Kiara – is telling Chaz – a local TV reporter about the Professor’s new serum.

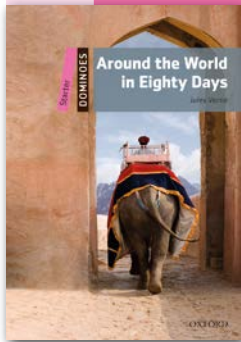
Then an earthquake hits Clark’s California lab, and his serum brings dead bodies in the cemetery alive. Soon the zombies attack!

What happens to Professor Clark? How can Tasha and Chaz stop the zombies? Who lives and who dies? Read this story and see.

Word count 1,488
 Reader 978 0 19 424986 7
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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Around the World in Eighty Days

Jules Verne
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

Comic Strip

'Today you can go round the world in eighty days,' says Phileas Fogg. 'Do it, and I pay you £20,000,' says his friend Stuart.

This is the beginning of one of Jules Verne's most exciting stories. Phileas Fogg must get back to London by December 21st or lose all his money. With the help of his servant, Passepartout, Fogg travels in many ways – from train to elephant – and he has some surprising adventures on the way.

Word count 1,918
Reader 978 0 19 424701 6
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463911 8 BrE



MYSTERY & HORROR

The Big Story

John Escott

Comic Strip

'Bring me something new and exciting. Bring me a BIG story!' says Rosie's editor at *The Record* newspaper.

And, when she leaves the office, Rosie does find a story. A story that is bigger than she expects. A story that takes her across Europe, into a dangerous world of art and art thieves.

This story is recorded in British English, with some American characters.

Word count 2,176
Reader 978 0 19 424710 8
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463927 9 BrE



TRUE TALES

Blackbeard

Retold by John Escott

Comic Strip

The year is 1717. It is a bad time to be the captain of a ship in the Caribbean because of pirates. The most frightening pirate on the sea is Edward Teach, or 'Blackbeard'.

'The Governor of Virginia wants us all dead!' Blackbeard thinks. 'But can he kill me – the most famous pirate in the Caribbean? No!'

This is his story...

Word count 2,210
Reader 978 0 19 424714 6
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463924 8 BrE



MYSTERY & HORROR

The Bottle Imp

Robert Louis Stevenson
Text adaptation by Rachel Bladon

Comic Strip

Keawe buys a magic bottle that can give him anything he wants. He builds a beautiful house, falls in love with and marries Kokua, and is very happy.

But if you have the bottle and die, you go to hell – and when Keawe tries to get rid of the bottle, it comes back. He wants to sell it, but people are afraid.

Can Kokua find a way to help Keawe? Or will one of them go to hell in the end?

Word count 3,496
Reader 978 0 19 424552 4
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463928 6 AmE



HUMAN INTEREST

Changing Places

Alan Hines

Comic Strip

Hal works at the zoo every day and his life isn't exciting – until he meets Tim.

Tim is a movie star. He has a difficult life, and he is unhappy – until he meets Hal.

But when they meet, and agree to change places, interesting things start to happen. And, by changing places, the two men learn what is truly important in their lives.

Word count 1,590
Reader 978 0 19 424708 5
Reader with Audio
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WORLD LITERATURE

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens
Text adaptation
by Bill Bowler



Comic Strip

It is the 24th of December – the night before Christmas. Ebenezer Scrooge doesn't like Christmas.

Christmas is an expensive time, and Scrooge likes one thing: money. So he doesn't like to give money to poor children in the London streets – or to Bob Cratchit. Cratchit works in Scrooge's office, and gets little money for his hard work.

Scrooge is not a nice old man. But when he gets home that night, three ghosts visit him.

Can the ghosts change this bad old man into a better man?

Word count 3,735
Reader 978 0 19 462710 8
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 462712 2 BrE



TRUE TALES

The Great Fire of London

Janet Hardy-Gould

Comic Strip

It's London, 1666. It's a hot, dry summer. A small fire starts in a baker's shop in Pudding Lane. Soon the city of London is burning and the fire-fighters can't stop the fire. People are running from their houses down to the River Thames.

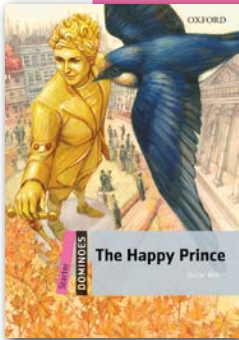
But how does the fire begin and who can stop it? What is the King of England doing to help?

Word count 1,901
Reader 978 0 19 424705 4
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WORLD LITERATURE

The Happy Prince

Oscar Wilde
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

The Happy Prince is a beautiful golden statue high up on a column in the city. Everyone loves him.

He feels sad about the city's poor people, but what can he do? He can't leave his column. Then the swallow arrives, and helps the Happy Prince to do many good things.

But what about the swallow's dream of flying to Egypt? And what does the Mayor do when the Happy Prince loses all his gold?

Word count 3,137
Reader 978 0 19 424712 2
Reader with Audio
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BESTSELLER



WORLD LITERATURE

Heidi

Johanna Spyri
Text adaptation by Paul Davenport

'I'm not going with you, Aunt Dete!' Heidi cries.

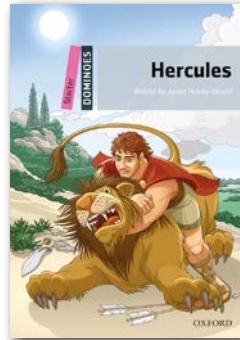
'Oh yes, you are!' Dete answers.

Heidi loves her home in the Swiss mountains, her grandfather, and her friend Peter, the goatherd. So when Aunt Dete takes her away to Frankfurt, she doesn't leave happily.

In Frankfurt, Heidi is soon good friends with Clara Sesemann, a rich but very ill girl in a wheelchair.

But how can Heidi live without the mountains? And what can she do about Fräulein Rottenmeier, the Sesemanns' unfriendly housekeeper?

Word count 3,716
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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Hercules

Retold by Janet Hardy-Gould

Hercules is the strongest man in the world, but one day he does something very bad.

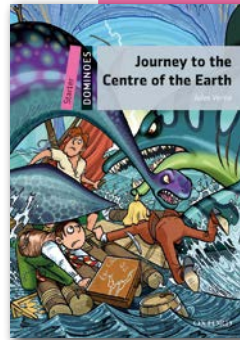
The priestess at Delphi tells him: 'The gods are angry with you. For twelve years you must work for King Eurystheus, and do twelve tasks for him. When you finish, the gods can forgive your crime.'

Some tasks are easier, and some tasks are more difficult.

Can Hercules finish all twelve of them? And what happens when he does?

Word count 4,308
Reader 978 0 19 424715 3
Reader with Audio
978 0 19 463926 2 BrE

BESTSELLER



TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Journey to the Centre of the Earth

Jules Verne
Text adaptation by Merinda Wilson

Comic Strip

In Hamburg, Germany, Professor Otto Lidenbrock comes home with an old Icelandic book. In it there is a message about a journey to the centre of the Earth.

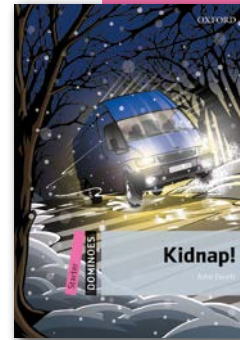
This is the beginning of one of Jules Verne's most exciting stories.

'Is this message true? We must go to Iceland and see!' says Lidenbrock excitedly. But his nephew, Axel, wants to stay at home.

Can Lidenbrock and Axel – and their Icelandic guide, Hans – find the centre of the Earth? And can they all get home alive after their many underground adventures?

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MYSTERY & HORROR

Kidnap!

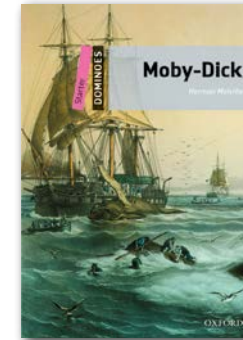
John Escott

Comic Strip

One cold winter morning, a famous movie star and her teenage daughter are driving along a country road...

A blue van is waiting for them. Tom is in the van, but he's not a kidnapper – he's an artist. He usually draws pictures for adventure stories. Now he's in a real life adventure.

Word count 1,933
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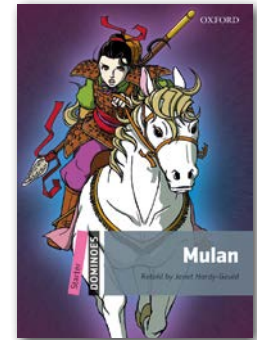
WORLD LITERATURE

Moby-Dick

Herman Melville
Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson

'My friend Queequeg and I are looking for whaling work,' Ishmael says. Ishmael is a sailor from New York. With Queequeg the harpooner, he takes work on Captain Ahab's whaling-ship, the *Pequod*. The ship's first mate, Starbuck, wants to hunt whales for their oil. But Captain Ahab isn't interested. In the hunt for a white whale the captain lost a leg. So now Ahab wants revenge on the white whale – Moby-Dick! Who lives? Who dies? And what happens to Ishmael?

Word count 3,650
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TRUE TALES

Mulan

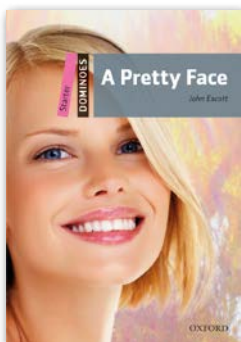
Retold by Janet Hardy-Gould

Comic Strip

When the Emperor calls every man to join the army and fight the enemy, Mulan's father is old and ill, and cannot go. Wearing men's clothes and riding a horse, Mulan leaves her family and fights bravely for the Emperor in her father's place.

She is soon a hero for all the soldiers in the Chinese army. One of them, Ye Ming, is her best friend. But does he know that she is a woman? And can Mulan fall in love with a friend?

Word count 1,917
Reader 978 0 19 424706 1
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HUMAN INTEREST

A Pretty Face

John Escott

Zoe Baker works in a bookstore. She also likes acting, and she has a part in the play *Romeo and Juliet*. Mike Morrison writes about the play for the newspaper. What does he write about Zoe? Is Zoe a good actress... or is she just 'a pretty face'?

What does Zoe think when she reads the newspaper? What does she do?

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STORY COLLECTIONS

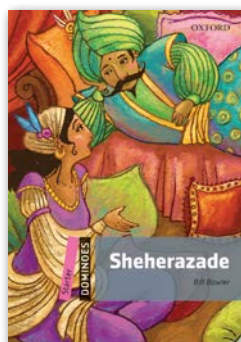
Rip Van Winkle & The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Washington Irving
Text adaptation by Alan Hines

Comic Strip

In the first of these stories, Rip Van Winkle sleeps for over twenty years, and then wakes up to a world that he no longer understands. In the other story, Ichabod Crane, the school teacher, meets a headless rider in the middle of a dark night. These two classic tales of the supernatural by Washington Irving have been popular for nearly two hundred years.

Word count 2,000
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WORLD LITERATURE

Sheherazade

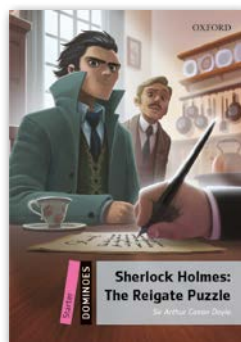
Retold by Bill Bowler

King Shahriyar cannot trust women. Every afternoon he marries a wife, but the next morning he always kills her. One day, the Vizier cannot find any more wives for the King. What can he do?

'I can be Shahriyar's new wife!' says Sheherazade, the Vizier's older daughter. 'God willing I can stay alive, and help the women of our country.'

But how can Sheherazade stay alive for a thousand and one nights? And does Shahriyar learn to trust women again in the end?

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MYSTERY & HORROR

Sherlock Holmes: The Reigate Puzzle

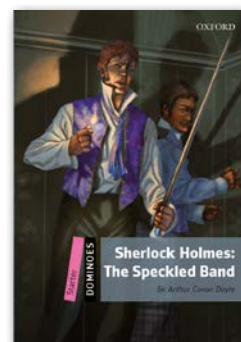
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson

Sherlock Holmes needs a rest, so Dr Watson takes him to the country. They stay with Watson's old friend, Colonel Hayter, in his nice house near Reigate. And of course everything is quiet here, away from London, isn't it?

But no, strange thieves are working in the village – and then, there is a murder. 'Can Mr Holmes help?' asks Forrester, the police inspector.

Sherlock Holmes never likes to rest, does he? So yes, he can help – and yes, the clues are strange. Who killed the Cunninghams' servant, and why? Can Holmes solve the puzzle?

Word count 3,176
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MYSTERY & HORROR

Sherlock Holmes: The Speckled Band

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson

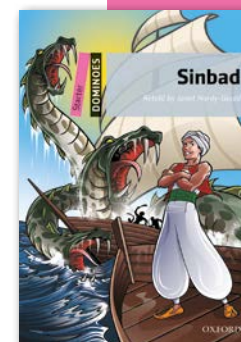


'Help me,' says Helen Stoner. 'My sister died, and now I am going to die too.'

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson must answer the question of how Julia Stoner died, two years ago. If they cannot, then Helen Stoner will die too. But her house is very strange – and her stepfather, Dr Grimesby Roylott, is very angry and does not want Holmes there.

Who killed Julia, and how? And why did she say 'The speckled band!' before she died?

Word count 3,371
Reader 978 0 19 460905 0
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978 0 19 463920 0 BrE



WORLD LITERATURE

Sinbad

Retold by Janet Hardy-Gould

Comic Strip

Sinbad the sailor spends many years at sea. He visits strange countries, meets some strange people and some very frightening animals. He is sometimes rich, sometimes poor... and always in danger. But all the time he is learning from his adventures, until finally he returns home to Baghdad, an older and wiser man.

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WORLD LITERATURE

The Tempest

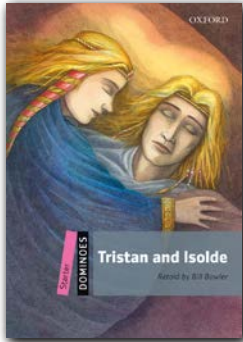
William Shakespeare
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

Comic Strip

Prospero, the Duke of Milan, and his daughter Miranda are far away from home, alone on an island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. They want to return to Milan...

Then, one day, Prospero sees a ship near the island carrying his greatest enemies. Prospero, with the help of his magic and the island spirit, Ariel, makes a magic storm – a tempest – to bring them to the island.

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HUMAN INTEREST

Tristan and Isolde

Retold by Bill Bowler

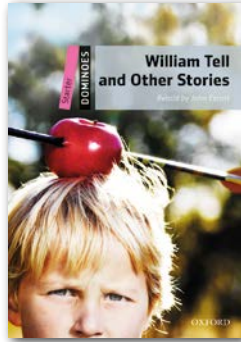
Comic Strip

Tristan and Isolde are in love, but Isolde must marry King Mark. So a happy love story seems impossible...

The lovers meet every day but then, one night, King Mark finds them together. Now Tristan must leave the castle, but he is badly hurt and dying. Only Isolde can help him.

Can Isolde find Tristan in time? Can their love survive?

Word count 2,163
Reader 978 0 19 424713 9
Reader with Audio
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STORY COLLECTIONS

William Tell and Other Stories

Retold by John Escott

Comic Strip

The men and the women in this book – William Tell, Tom Blood, Lord Bao, King Matthias, Johnny Appleseed, and Lady Godiva – are all real people from history.

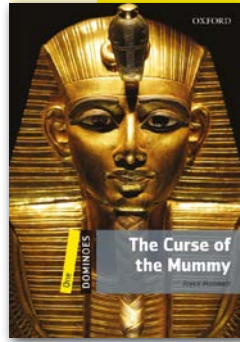
But every time someone tells an old story, they change things in it, to make them bigger, better, and more exciting. So what is true in this book and what is not? Read all six of the stories, and see what you think.

** Each story is recorded in American or British English to reflect its origin and setting.*

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MYSTERY & HORROR

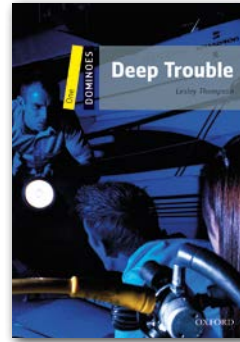
The Curse of the Mummy

Joyce Hannam

For thousands of years the dead body of the young king Tutankhamun sleeps under the sands of Egypt. Then, in the autumn of 1922, Howard Carter and his friends find and open his tomb door. These are exciting times, and Carter's young helper Tariq tells the story in his diary.

But soon people begin to die. Who or what is the killer? Is Tutankhamun angry with them for opening his tomb? And who is the beautiful French girl with the face of Tutankhamun's long-dead wife?

Word count 6,339
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HUMAN INTEREST

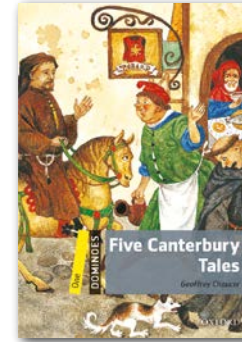
Deep Trouble

Lesley Thompson

Amy and Matt are bored. They don't want to study for their exams. They want to have a good time. So they drive to the marina at West Palm Beach, and Matt jumps onto one of the boats. 'We can go anywhere!' he jokes.

But when the owners of the boat come back and find them, Amy and Matt are in deep trouble. Matt is a good swimmer and enjoys scuba-diving, but now he must dive for their lives.

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STORY COLLECTIONS

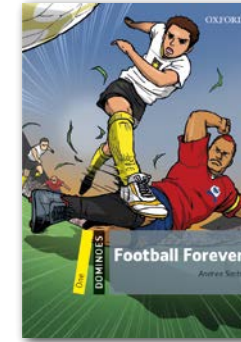
Five Canterbury Tales

Geoffrey Chaucer
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

In 1386 a number of pilgrims are going to Canterbury to visit the tomb of Saint Thomas Becket, and they all tell stories on the way.

Who should be the stronger in a marriage – the husband or the wife? And what happens when two men fall in love with the same woman? In these five stories from Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* we find different answers to these questions from the Knight, the Wife of Bath, the Clerk of Oxford, the Merchant, and the Franklin.

Word count 5,203
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HUMAN INTEREST

Football Forever

Andrea Sarto

Tino wants to be a famous football player, and now is his chance – he is playing in his first game for an important team!

But not everyone wants to help him. His father won't come to watch him play. His team captain, Lenda, thinks he is a bad player. And what about the other team? Their captain is very big – and very mean!

How will Tino do? What will happen to his friends, and his team? What will his family do?

And who will win?

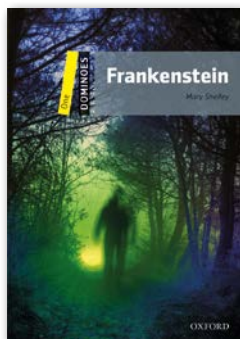
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LEVEL 1

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BESTSELLER



MYSTERY & HORROR

Frankenstein

Mary Shelley
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

'My name is Victor Frankenstein.'

On a ship in the Arctic, Victor Frankenstein – ill and tired – tells the story of his sad life to the British man of science, Robert Walton. He talks of his family and friends in Geneva, and of his love for beautiful Elizabeth Lavenza. He speaks, too, about the terrible creature that he made from dead body parts when he was a university science student. He hates this monster, which has destroyed his life. But how does the monster feel about its maker?

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WORLD LITERATURE

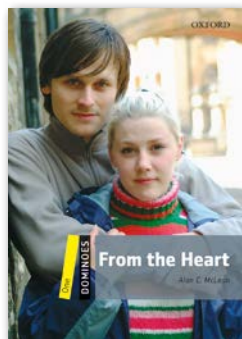
From the Earth to the Moon

Jules Verne
Text adaptation by Janet Hardy-Gould

It is 1865. Impey Barbicane and J.T. Maston are very good with guns and explosives, and want to do something important – so they decide to build a big gun and use it to go to the Moon. But no-one has gone to the Moon before, and many people, like the great Captain Nicholl, believe that it cannot be done.

What will happen when Barbicane and Nicholl meet? And will the men who try to go to the Moon come back alive?

Word count 5,894
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HUMAN INTEREST

From the Heart

Alan C. McLean

Anna is a new student at Oxford University. When she arrives in Oxford, she meets Selim, and they become good friends. But Selim is not English, and living in a different country is not easy for him. Anna tries to help – but she knows that her father isn't going to like it.

Selim and Anna have each other. But is that enough? And can they find true happiness together?

Word count 5,202
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WORLD LITERATURE

Hamlet

William Shakespeare
Text adaptation by Nicole Irving

Comic Strip

What's happened to Hamlet, Prince of Denmark? He was all right – he had friends, liked studying, and loved his girlfriend, Ophelia. Then his father, the king, died.

The ghost of Hamlet's father came to Elsinore Castle and spoke to Hamlet. What terrible story did he tell his son? Can Hamlet's uncle really be so bad? What will Hamlet do?

Read Shakespeare's famous story as an exciting comic with beautiful illustrations.

Word count 2,630
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HUMAN INTEREST

Housemates

Alison Watts

Chris leaves his home in a small town in Australia to go and study at the University of Sydney. He needs to find somewhere to live.

But it's not easy to find a house to share in a big city. Every house has its problems, and not all of Chris's housemates are easy to live with.

Can Chris find the house that he needs with housemates that he can live with?

** This story is recorded in Australian English to reflect its origin and setting.*

Word count 5,381
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MYSTERY & HORROR

Jake's Parrot

Paul Hearn and Yetis Ozkan
Retold by John Escott

When Jake Stevens goes to work for some months in Ireland, he feels happy. He loves travelling, and talking about his job – making computer games for BananaTech in America. 'Your new game's going to be the best thing at the Irish Computer Exhibition!' people at BananaTech Ireland tell him.

But living with a noisy parrot isn't easy, and when Jake asks the most beautiful girl at work out to dinner, she says 'no'. Then someone steals Jake's game the night before the show. Who – or what – can help him to get it back?

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WORLD LITERATURE

Journey to the West

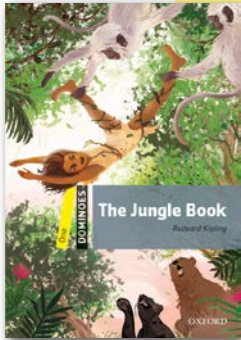
Retold by Janet Hardy-Gould

'Tripitaka, can you go to the west for me – and for Buddha?'

When the holy woman Guanyin asks the young Chinese monk Tripitaka to bring some holy writings back from India, he says 'yes'. But how can he travel across rivers, and fight terrible monsters and demons, on his long journey? He needs three strong helpers – Monkey, Pigsy, and Sandy – to do that! But where do they come from? Do they always help? And can they bring the holy writings home again? Read this old Chinese story, and find out.

Word count 6,254
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NEW



WORLD LITERATURE

The Jungle Book

Rudyard Kipling

Text adaptation by Alex Raynham

Comic Strip

In the Indian jungle, a boy lives like a young wolf with his wolf family. Meet little Mowgli ...

Mowgli grows up with his wolf brothers, but there are many other animals here, too. There are friends like Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther. There is important Akela, leader of the wolf pack – so many wonderful animals to learn from. But Shere Kahn the tiger is a man-killer, so there are very big dangers, too, in the jungle ...

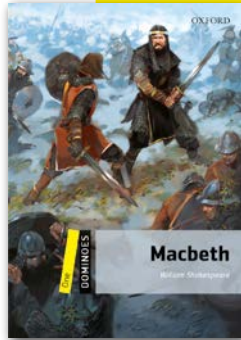
Enjoy the classic Rudyard Kipling stories about Mowgli, as an exciting comic.

Word count 2,717

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BESTSELLER



WORLD LITERATURE

Macbeth

William Shakespeare

Text adaptation by Alistair McCallum

A dark, rainy day in Scotland, long ago. Returning from battle, Macbeth and his friend Banquo meet three witches. 'Macbeth, the king!' they say, but Macbeth is not a king, he is just a simple soldier.

Macbeth and Banquo cannot forget the witches' words. Soon Macbeth is king, but his wife walks in her sleep at night, and dreams of blood. What lies in the future for Banquo? And how many people must die before Scotland finds peace once more?

Word count 5,581

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MYSTERY & HORROR

Mystery in Muscat

Julie Till

'How long is she in Oman for?'

'Ten days. And then they want to take her back home.'

'Ah, yes. But she's not going back to London. They're never going to see her again!'

Jamie and Taymour overhear this strange conversation near their homes in Muscat. Two men want to kill an important visitor, it seems. But who is the woman in danger? And what can the boys do to save her?

Can they, their sisters Sarah and Nadine, and their Australian friend Ruth find the answer to the mystery?

Word count 5,671

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Peter Pan

J. M. Barrie

Text adaptation by Alex Raynham

Comic Strip

Peter Pan is the boy who never grows up. He lives in Neverland, an island with fairies and pirates – and he isn't real. Or is he?

Wendy and her brothers come and take them all to Neverland. Neverland is wonderful – and dangerous. Peter Pan is real, but so are the pirates, and their terrible leader, Captain Hook. Peter cut off Hook's hand, and now Hook wants revenge.

Who will win – Pan or Hook? And will Wendy and her brothers ever go home to London?

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WORLD LITERATURE

Pollyanna

Eleanor H. Porter

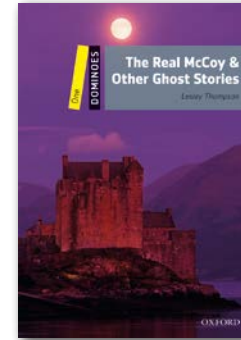
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

When Pollyanna's father dies, she goes to live with her Aunt, Miss Polly Harrington. Miss Harrington likes doing good, but she doesn't like children very much!

Pollyanna always tries to find the good in everything. She soon makes many different people in her new home feel happier. But is Miss Polly's life going to change for better or worse after her niece arrives? And what happens to Pollyanna when she has a very bad accident?

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STORY COLLECTIONS

The Real McCoy & Other Ghost Stories

Lesley Thompson

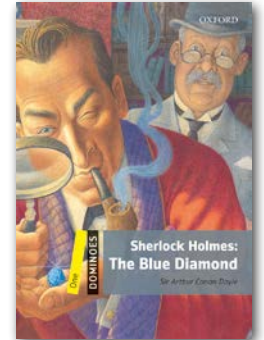
'Are you scared, Gordon?' asks Heather.

Four friends talk of ghosts in a hotel in Scotland. That night Gordon sees and hears something strange in his room. But is it really the ghost of Lord McCoy?

These six stories tell of ghosts – friendly, sad, and bad – from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, America – and Egypt!

Word count 5,803

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MYSTERY & HORROR

Sherlock Holmes: The Blue Diamond

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

'He's an intelligent man. He was once rich and is now poor. His wife loved him once, but she doesn't love him now. And he's thirty or forty years old.'

One look at an old hat, and Sherlock Holmes can tell you a lot about its owner. He sees – and thinks – a lot more than the people around him, and when a beautiful blue diamond disappears, Sherlock is the only man in London who can find it.

Word count 5,389

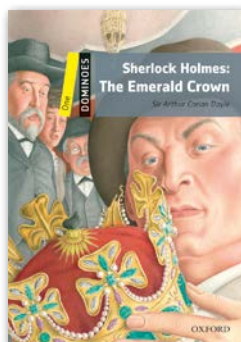
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MYSTERY & HORROR

Sherlock Holmes: The Emerald Crown

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Text adaptation by Janet Hardy-Gould

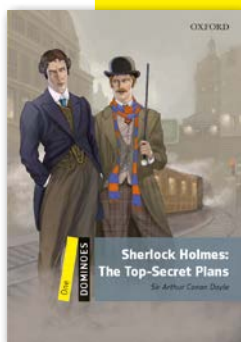
A man from the British royal family leaves an expensive gold and emerald crown at Holder and Stevenson's – one of the best banks in London. When someone tries to take the crown from Mr Holder's desk, he asks Sherlock Holmes for help. Who wants the crown and why? Only Sherlock can find the answers.

Word count 6,064

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MYSTERY & HORROR

Sherlock Holmes: The Top-Secret Plans

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Text adaptation by Jeremy Page

'This telegram is from my brother Mycroft,' said Holmes. 'He wants to speak to me at once about Mr Arthur Cadogan. Do you know this man, Watson?'

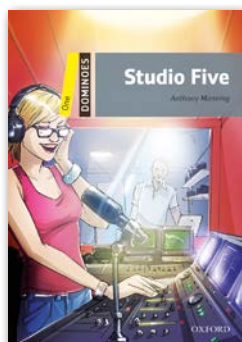
'I saw something about him in today's newspaper,' I answered.

When a young man dies on a London Underground line, top-secret plans for a new British submarine go missing. But who is Cadogan's killer, why did he die, and where are the missing papers? Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson must quickly help Mycroft to answer these important questions.

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HUMAN INTEREST

Studio Five

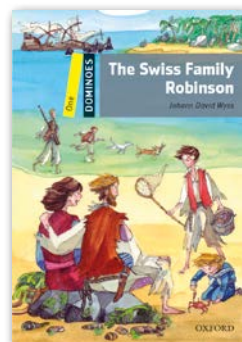
Anthony Manning

Fay loves making *The Friends' Hour* for Studio Five, but her boss – Jason – is always angry with her. One day, a young man – Simon Jones – phones her show. Soon Fay must find Simon, and work hard to keep her job. Then her best friend – Wing – stops helping her. What can Fay do now? Can she and Wing stay friends?

Word count 6,173

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

The Swiss Family Robinson

Johann David Wyss

Text adaptation by Alex Raynham

Comic Strip

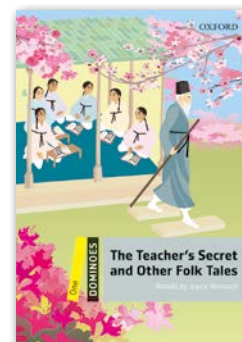
'There's going to be a storm,' Father told Fritz. 'Find your brothers and bring them to our room.'

A Swiss family are going to Australia when their ship sinks in a storm. After that, Mother, Father, Fritz, Hans, Ernst, and little Franz must make their home on a Pacific Island. Like Robinson Crusoe, they have many exciting times on the island, and they learn a lot about its animals and plants. But do they always want to stay there, or are they going to leave one day?

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STORY COLLECTIONS

The Teacher's Secret and Other Folk Tales

Retold by Joyce Hannam

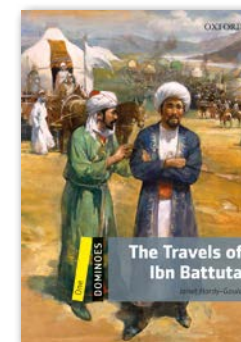
Are men cleverer than women? Is a poor man cleverer than a rich man? And what about teachers? Are they always cleverer than their students? The people in these six well-known folk tales from around the world all want to be clever. But are some of them just stupid?

Each story is recorded in American or British English to reflect its origin and setting.

Word count 4,568

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TRUE TALES

The Travels of Ibn Battuta

Janet Hardy-Gould

'My first journey was a pilgrimage to Makkah. I got on a donkey and said "Goodbye" to my parents in Tangier when I was 21. My mother cried.'

In this way Ibn Battuta, one of the greatest travellers in the world, begins telling his story to his nephew, Ahmed.

His many journeys take him to new and interesting places far from home. He sees many strange and wonderful things, has many funny and frightening experiences, and meets many different people along the way.

This is his story...

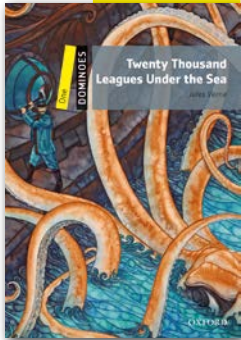
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BESTSELLER



TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

Jules Verne

Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson



When ship after ship goes down in the Atlantic, Dr Pierre Aronnax and his servant, Conseil, journey from Paris to learn more. What – or who – is attacking these ships?

Aronnax, Conseil, and the Canadian, Ned Land, find the answer to this question when they meet the strange Captain Nemo.

After a long journey under the sea in Nemo's submarine, the *Nautilus*, the doctor and his friends plan to leave for the surface.

But how can they escape?

Word count 6,100

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TRUE TALES

The Wild West

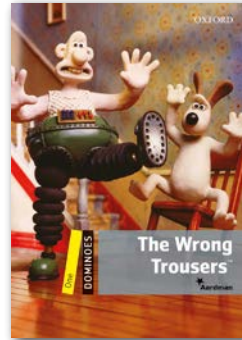
John Escott

How much do you know about the Wild West? What do you know about cowboys and Indians, about wagon trails and gunfights?

Inside this book you will find the true story of the Wild West, and of some of the famous people who lived and worked there. People like Wyatt Earp, Jesse James, Billy the Kid – and Annie Oakley, the best shot in the West.

Word count 4,338

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

The Wrong Trousers™

Aardman

Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

It's Gromit the dog's birthday, and his friend Wallace gives him an unusual present – a pair of Techno-trousers.

At first Wallace uses the trousers to take Gromit for walks, but when the penguin comes to stay, he uses them one night for something different – very different.

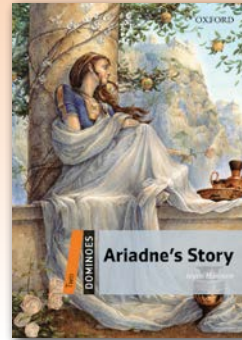
This strange story won the Oscar® for Best Animated Short Film in 1993.

Word count 4,445

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HUMAN INTEREST

Ariadne's Story

Joyce Hannam

'When he went home to Athens, the great prince Theseus left me on the island of Naxos. But why did he leave me? Everyone says that he was tired of me. But when we met, I was the princess of Crete and the most beautiful woman in the Aegean Sea.'

Ariadne's story is one woman's tale of secret love, adventure, and of escape – both from danger and from a life that she wanted to leave far behind her – many years ago in Ancient Greece...

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STORY COLLECTIONS

The Bird of Happiness and Other Wise Tales

Retold by Tim Herdon

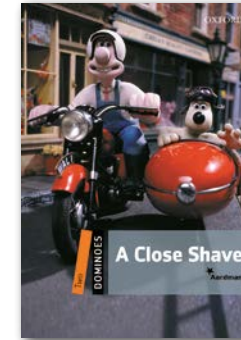
What is the secret of happiness, or the best thing for a wife to take with her when she leaves home? How does a man pay for the smell of bread, or decide if he is lucky? What happens when a friend steals a gift meant for you, or is careless when he tries to make his dreams of a better life come true? How can you change dirt into gold, or get what you want?

The eight wise tales in this collection can teach us some important lessons about life.

Each story is recorded in American or British English to reflect its origin and setting.

Word count 8,731

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

A Close Shave™

Aardman

Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

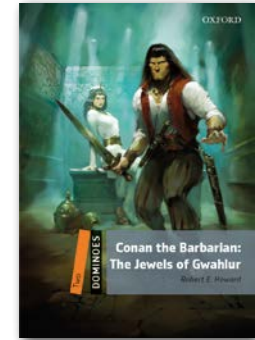
When Wallace the inventor meets Wendolene in her wool shop, he falls in love with her at once. But why does her dog, Preston, hate Wallace's dog, Gromit?

Then, after Wallace's new sheep-shaving and pullover-making machine falls into the wrong hands, things start to go very wrong.

Can Gromit save Wallace from the danger of a 'close shave'?

Word count 8,230

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Conan the Barbarian: The Jewels of Gwahlur

Robert E. Howard

Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

Conan goes to the great, empty city of Alkmeenon. He wants to steal the Jewels of Gwahlur – but so does his enemy, Zargeba. In the city, Conan meets Muriela, who is clever and good at acting. With her help, Conan thinks he will win. But there are things happening in Alkmeenon that Conan does not understand – strange, terrible things.

Will Conan get the jewels, or will Zargeba? And what is the secret of Alkmeenon?

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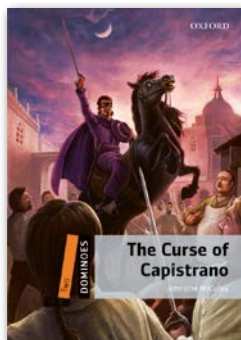
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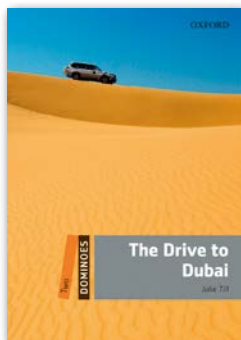


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The Curse of Capistrano

Johnston McCulley

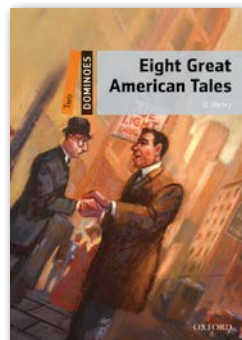
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler



HUMAN INTEREST

The Drive to Dubai

Julie Till



STORY COLLECTIONS

Eight Great American Tales

O. Henry

Text adaptation by Bill Bowler



WORLD LITERATURE

Emma

Jane Austen

Text adaptation by Barbara Mackay



TRUE TALES

Green Planet

Christine Lindop



HUMAN INTEREST

Jemma's Jungle Adventure

Anne Collins

'Señor Zorro is on the road again, they say,' the landlord began.

'Why do I always hear his name?' cried Sergeant Gonzales angrily.

Zorro fights to help the poor and weak in California under the Spanish Governor's rule. Sergeant Gonzales has promised to catch and kill him, so how does Zorro always escape? And how will Señorita Lolita – the only daughter of a fine but poor old family – choose between Zorro, the exciting outlaw, and Don Diego, the rich but boring young man who wants to marry her?

Word count 9,065

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When his father is arrested in Dubai, Kareem has to move fast. He must show that his father is not a thief – and prove that his family is honest. For Kareem is going to marry the beautiful and intelligent Samira Al-Hussein, and she could never marry someone from a bad family.

So Kareem and his brother get to work quickly – with a little help from Samira.

Word count 10,819

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What does a poor young woman do when she loses her boyfriend or wants to find one? What little lies do we tell to make ourselves look better in the eyes of those that we love? How can a friend save someone who is sure that they are going to die? What happens when someone's clever plans all go wrong? These sweetly surprising short stories – about both good times and bad – are sometimes sad, and sometimes funny. But all of them are sure to make you think.

Word count 7,584

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Emma Woodhouse is beautiful, clever, and rich. She lives alone with her father, and spends a lot of her time thinking about future husbands – for her friends. When she meets Harriet Smith, a poor girl with no family, Emma decides that she must find a husband for her. Harriet is pleased to be Emma's friend – but will Emma's matchmaking make Harriet happy?

Word count 9,016

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Once 'green' was just a colour. Now we use it to talk about a way of looking at our world and thinking about the environment. But how green is our planet today?

From nuclear power plants to Nemo the clownfish, from polar bears to pesticides, from Greenpeace to global warming, this book brings together many different stories that have made environmental history.

Read it, and perhaps you too can help to make our planet greener!

Word count 9,230

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Jemma is very excited when she joins an expedition to the island of Kamora. She hopes to learn about doing scientific research, and to find a very rare bird of paradise.

She is happy to meet the famous Dr Malone and the wise Dr Al Barwani, and to help to research birds, snakes, and insects. But things start to go wrong. Someone has a terrible secret, and there is danger for Jemma – and for the bird.

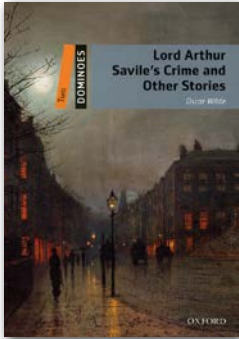
Who has a secret plan, and what is it? What will happen to the bird? And what will happen to Jemma?

Word count 8,699

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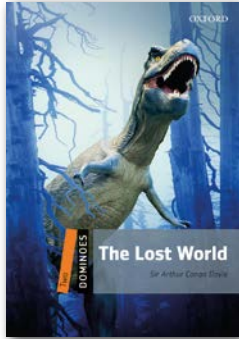




STORY COLLECTIONS

Lord Arthur Savile's Crime and Other Stories

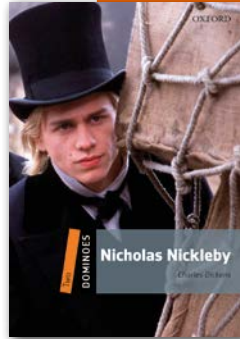
Oscar Wilde
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler



TV & FILM ADVENTURE

The Lost World

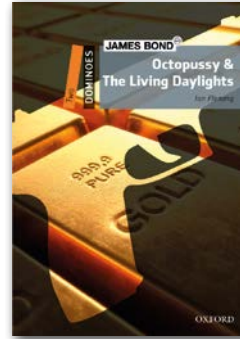
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Text adaptation by Susan Kingsley



WORLD LITERATURE

Nicholas Nickleby

Charles Dickens
Text adaptation by Tim Herdon



TV & FILM ADVENTURE

Octopussy & The Living Daylights

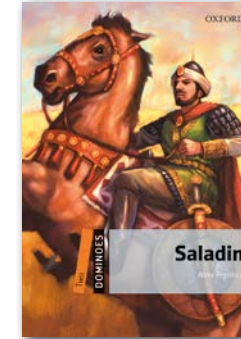
Ian Fleming
Text adaptation by Nick Bullard



HUMAN INTEREST

Romeo and Juliet 2079

Andrew Prentice



TRUE TALES

Saladin

Nina Prentice



MYSTERY & HORROR

Sara Dixon, Teen Detective

Lesley Thompson

The three stories in this book are about ordinary people, people like you and me; but they find themselves in surprising situations.

Lord Arthur Savile, a rich man with no enemies, finds out that he must do something terrible before he can marry. Poor young Hughie Erskine gives money to an old beggar – but the beggar is not what he seems. And Lord Murchison falls in love with a mystery woman – but what is the strange secret behind the door in Cumnor Street?

'You said that you wanted danger, didn't you?' says McArdle, the editor of the *Daily Gazette*. And he sends his young reporter, Malone, on a strange journey into South America with the famous Professor Challenger.

Challenger believes that he can find a lost world full of dinosaurs in the middle of the Amazon Forest. But this world is dangerous to reach, and, once the Professor and his small group of explorers arrive, things get even more dangerous for them.

Will they return alive?

When his father dies a poor man, Nicholas Nickleby goes to London and takes a teaching job at Dotheboys Hall – a terrible school belonging to Mr Wackford Squeers. There he helps a poor boy called Smike who has no one to look after him.

Leaving Dotheboys, Nicholas makes both friends and enemies on his journey towards better things. But will Smike, who travels with him, ever find the happy family life that he so dearly wants?

'Good afternoon, Octopussy,' said Major Dexter Smythe to the octopus. Smythe lives in Jamaica. But years earlier, he took someone's life for gold, and now James Bond wants the full story. What can the major do?

'It's not a nice job, but someone has to do it,' said M. 272, a British spy, is leaving East Berlin for the West. The Russians want to shoot him at the border. 007's job is to kill the Russian sniper. Then a beautiful cellist arrives. Do Bond's plans change?

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'Well, Yusuf, are you sure that you want to be a soldier?'

'I'll do my best, Uncle.' When Yusuf went to Aleppo to learn to fight under General Shirkuh, no one knew what this young man would do with his life.

But years later, Yusuf became the great and chivalrous general, Saladin – the man who helped to bring Muslims together to win back the holy city of Jerusalem from the Franks. This is his story...

Sara has exams to study for, but too much is happening! A girl from her school is dead, her boyfriend Luke is being strange, and her friend Carlie is keeping secrets. Could it all be connected?

Sara tries to find out what's going on. She's a top student at school, but she's going to have to break a few rules if she's going to learn what's happened to Luke. Can she solve the mystery before it's too late?

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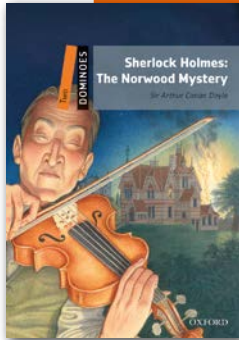
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🔍 MYSTERY & HORROR

Sherlock Holmes: The Norwood Mystery

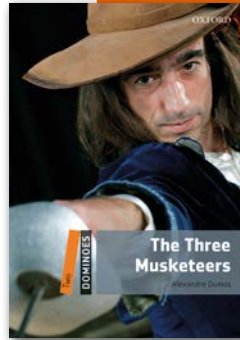
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Text adaptation by Jeremy Page

'For me, Watson, life is not so interesting,' says Holmes. 'I loved to read the newspaper, hoping to find some news of an interesting crime for me to investigate or a dangerous criminal for me to catch. Where are all those clever criminals these days?'

Then, suddenly, a wild, excited young man runs up the stairs to Holmes' room. He has a story to tell about a strange crime that took place in Norwood. But who is the criminal? And is he dangerous? Life, for Holmes, suddenly starts to get interesting.

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🔦 WORLD LITERATURE

The Three Musketeers

Alexandre Dumas
Text adaptation by Clare West

It is the year 1627, and young d'Artagnan comes to Paris with a dream – to become a King's Musketeer. Three of these brave soldiers – Porthos, Athos and Aramis – soon become his friends.

After a short time d'Artagnan has fallen in love – and into great danger. Can the three musketeers and d'Artagnan fight against the evil plans of the beautiful Milady and the cruel Cardinal Richelieu?

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🔦 WORLD LITERATURE

The Time Machine

H.G. Wells
Text adaptation by
Alex Raynham

The year is 1895, and the place is the London home of a famous scientist. Here he shows his friends a strange machine – a time machine! He has built this, he tells them, to travel into the future, and into the past. He will be a time traveller!

His friends don't know what to think. Time travel is not possible, is it?

But he leaves them, and his machine takes him to a troubling future – the land of the Eloi, where terrible creatures live below ground. He must soon fight for his life – and the life of his new friend Weena.

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NEW ILLUSTRATIONS



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The Turn of the Screw

Henry James
Text adaptation by Christine Lindop

A re-release of the existing Dominoes *The Turn of the Screw*, with new and improved illustrations.

A young woman arrives at a large country house. Her job is to look after the two children who live there, but she soon discovers that there is something very strange about both the house and the children. The longer she stays, the more she feels that the two children are in danger – or is it that the children are the danger, and the person in danger is herself?

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👁️ HUMAN INTEREST

Typhoon

Joseph Conrad
Text adaptation by Tim Herdon

'There's some bad weather out there,' Captain MacWhirr said to himself just before he sailed his ship, the Nan-Shan, into the middle of the most terrible storm in the South China Sea.

The typhoon brings out the best in some men on the ship, and the worst in others. Can MacWhirr bring the ship through the storm safely?

And what will happen to all the poor Chinese workers travelling home down in the ship's hold?

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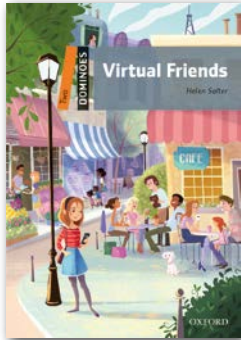
V is for Vampire

Lesley Thompson

'He's great, Vera,' said Angie.

When Viktor Sarav takes a job at Ballantine's, Angie and her brother Don – the young owners of the New York fashion company – are pleased. But soon there are strange deaths in the company. Is there a vampire at work at Ballantine's? Vera Donato, a company director with secrets to hide, is against Viktor. But Ed Valdemar, the company lawyer, trusts him. Who is right?

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HUMAN INTEREST

Virtual Friends

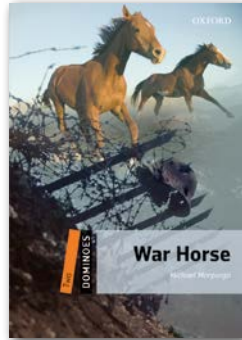
Helen Salter

'You're in Paris and you aren't even happy to be here!' said Mum.

'So what?' I said. 'Places don't make you happy, do they? People make you happy. And all my friends are in London.'

Violet's mum moves to Paris, so she has to go too. Living in Paris as a fourteen year old girl should be very exciting, but Violet doesn't like it. Her only hope is to talk to her friends from London online. But will that work? Will Violet ever enjoy Paris? And what can she do about her Mum (who is so annoying...)?

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

War Horse

Michael Morpurgo

Text adaptation
by Alex Raynham

'We'll be friends, you and I. I'll call you Joey,' Albert said. 'I'll look after you. We'll always be friends, I promise.'

Albert Narracott, a farmer's boy, makes this promise to his horse, Joey, in Devon, England. But this is before the First World War, and before Joey leaves for France to become a war horse. What happens to Joey in the British army? What will the Germans and the French do to him when they find him? And how will Albert find Joey again?

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

White Fang

Jack London

Text adaptation by John Escott

Life is hard and dangerous for both people and animals in the frozen Canadian North. For a wolf like White Fang it is a continuous fight to find food – a fight in which many animals die.

When White Fang meets the people of the North – first Indians and then White Men – he learns to live with them like a dog. But some men are cruel to their dogs and others are kind. Will White Fang's life be any easier now?

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HUMAN INTEREST

Who am I? Or, the Modern Frankenstein

Emma Howell

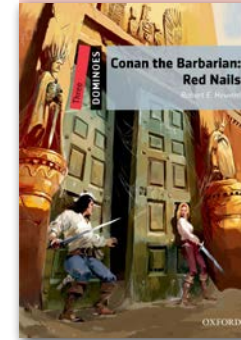
Vic has no friends. Everyone else has friends, and it makes him angry. So, Vic makes a new name for himself online, so he can make other people feel the way he does. But soon Vic finds it difficult to control what he has created...

Will Vic's mistake hurt people, or can he stop it in time? What will happen to Vic? And what will happen to the monster he has made?

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Conan the Barbarian: Red Nails

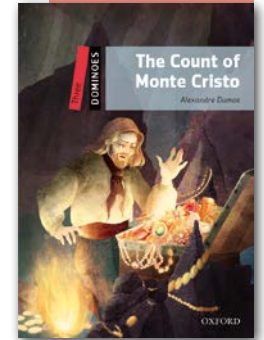
Robert E. Howard

Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

'Conan!' cried Valeria. 'What are you doing here?'

Conan the Barbarian follows Valeria the Pirate south. Together they escape from a fierce dragon, and enter a strange city in the desert. Two enemy clans live in the city, and Conan and Valeria are soon asked to join in the war between them. This adventure story – full of battles, magic, and terrible monsters – is about two friendly fighters. But who are their enemies? And what is the secret of the black pillar with the red nails in it?

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WORLD LITERATURE

The Count of Monte Cristo

Alexandre Dumas

Text adaptation by Clare West

A re-release of the existing Dominoes *The Count of Monte Cristo*, with new and improved illustrations.

Marseille, France, 1815. It is Edmond Dantès' wedding day. But his enemies have other plans, and Edmond is arrested and sent to the terrible island prison of Château d'If. For fourteen long years he waits for the right moment to escape.

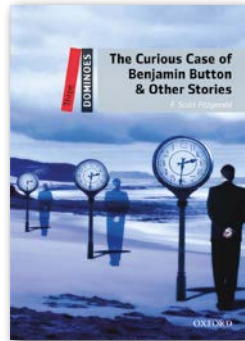
And now Edmond is a rich man, with many disguises, and a new name. The Count of Monte Cristo begins his revenge...

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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button & Other Stories

F. Scott Fitzgerald
Text adaptation by Clare West

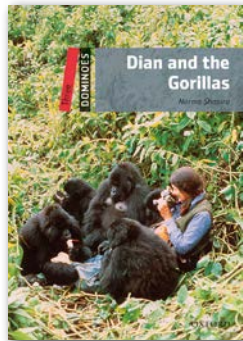
What happens when a man lives his life backwards, or a family owns a diamond as big as the Ritz Hotel?

How can a boring girl become more popular, a careless young woman become more sensible, or a cut-glass bowl destroy a married woman's life?

What does a young man do to save the girl that he likes from an evil ghost, or to forget old feelings for a woman when she marries another man?

Read this collection of short stories by one of America's finest storytellers to find out.

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TRUE TALES

Dian and the Gorillas

Norma Shapiro

Over the years hunters, poachers, and war have killed many of the gorillas of central Africa. But there are still a few hundred living high in the mists of the Virunga Mountains.

When Dian Fossey first saw a family of wild mountain gorillas in the Virungas she knew that she must help these wonderful animals. This true story tells of the twenty years she lived with them, watched them, wrote about them, and protected them. In the end, she gave her life for them.

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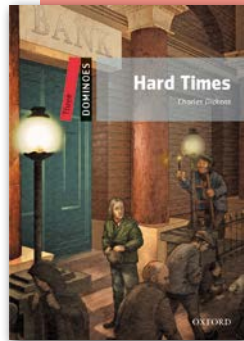
The Faithful Ghost and Other Tall Tales

Selected by Bill Bowler
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

A 'Tall Tale' is a story that's hard to believe, and the five tall tales in this book all tell of ghosts. Some have dark secrets buried in the past, others bring messages for the living. Some are laughable, some are sad, and some are just evil.

Sometimes there's a logical explanation for the strangest happenings, but often things cannot be explained by logic alone. Either way, you're sure to find some frightening reading between the covers of this book.

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WORLD LITERATURE

Hard Times

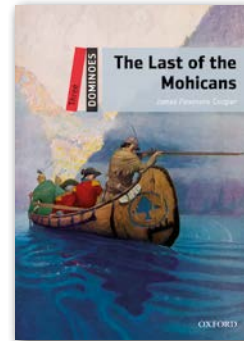
Charles Dickens
Text adaptation by Susan Kingsley

A re-release of the existing Dominoes *Hard Times*, with new and improved illustrations.

After Sissy Jupe – a circus child – is left alone in the world, Thomas Gradgrind takes her into his house, looking after her and teaching her facts with his own children Tom and Louisa. Some years later the Gradgrind family meets a prisoner in a loveless marriage, and Tom has problems at work.

In the end, Thomas Gradgrind learns the importance of feelings and imagination.

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

The Last of the Mohicans

James Fenimore Cooper
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

The year is 1757. The English and the French are at war in North America. Two sisters – Cora and Alice – want to visit their father, General Munro. They begin their dangerous journey with the handsome English officer, Duncan Heyward and the Indian guide, Magua. On the way they meet friends and enemies, and many adventures. Some people will become heroes and some people will die. But what will happen to their friend Uncas, the last of the Mohican Indians?

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WORLD LITERATURE

Mansfield Park

Jane Austen
Text adaptation by Clare West

'Why shouldn't we offer to take care of her? She could live with us at Mansfield.'

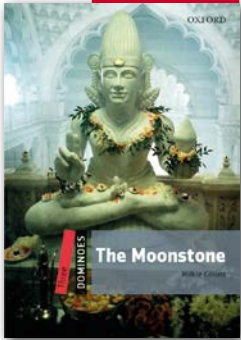
In this way Mrs Norris persuades her sister, Lady Bertram, and Lady Bertram's husband, Sir Thomas, to ask their poor niece Fanny Price to live with them at Mansfield Park.

At first Fanny is unhappy there. Then, after she makes friends with her young cousins, things improve. But what happens when the cousins are older, and starting to think of love?

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MYSTERY & HORROR

The Moonstone

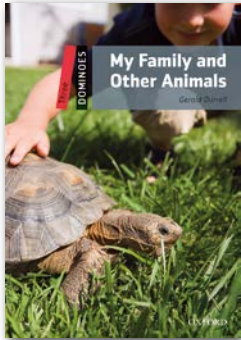
Wilkie Collins

Text adaptation by Merinda Wilson

The Moonstone is a beautiful yellow diamond that was stolen from the statue of a Moon god in India. When Franklin Blake brings it to Rachel Verinder's house in Yorkshire for her birthday, it brings bad luck with it.

How many people will the Moonstone hurt? How many must die before the diamond's revenge is complete?

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HUMAN INTEREST

My Family and Other Animals

Gerald Durrell

Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

The weather in England that summer had been so awful that Gerald's mother sold the family house and took her children to live on the Mediterranean island of Corfu. Between lessons, the ten-year-old Gerald was free to walk round the sunny island and discover the wonderful people and animals living there.

This is the story of Gerald's adventures with the fascinating animals of Corfu, and, of course, with his surprising family and their friends.

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TRUE TALES

Revolution

Jann Huizenga and
Linda Huizenga

'All men are created equal...'

When Thomas Jefferson wrote these words in June 1776, in the American Declaration of Independence, he started something that was very much bigger than he imagined.

This book looks at the history around that Declaration, and at the Revolution that led to the birth of the United States of America.

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The Secret Agent

Joseph Conrad

Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson

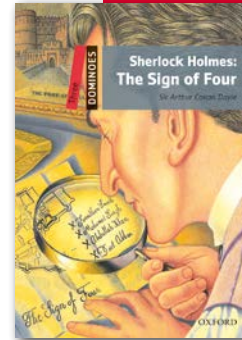
A re-release of the existing Dominoes *The Secret Agent*, with new and improved illustrations.

Adolf Verloc is a double agent, working for both the British police and a foreign country. He pretends to live a normal life with his wife, Winnie, and has a shop in London, which, at night, becomes a meeting place for anarchists. One day Verloc is told to plant a bomb – but the plan goes terribly wrong...

Does Verloc really love Winnie, or is she just part of his cover? Can Winnie ever forgive him? Who is Verloc really working for?

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MYSTERY & HORROR

Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four

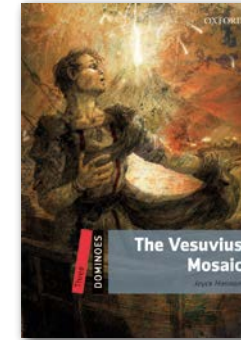
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Text adaptation by Jeremy Page

Miss Mary Morstan has a strange story to tell.

Since her father disappeared, she has received a large pearl through the post on the same day, every year for six years. Who is sending them? And what about her father's paper with the words 'The Sign of Four' written on it?

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HUMAN INTEREST

The Vesuvius Mosaic

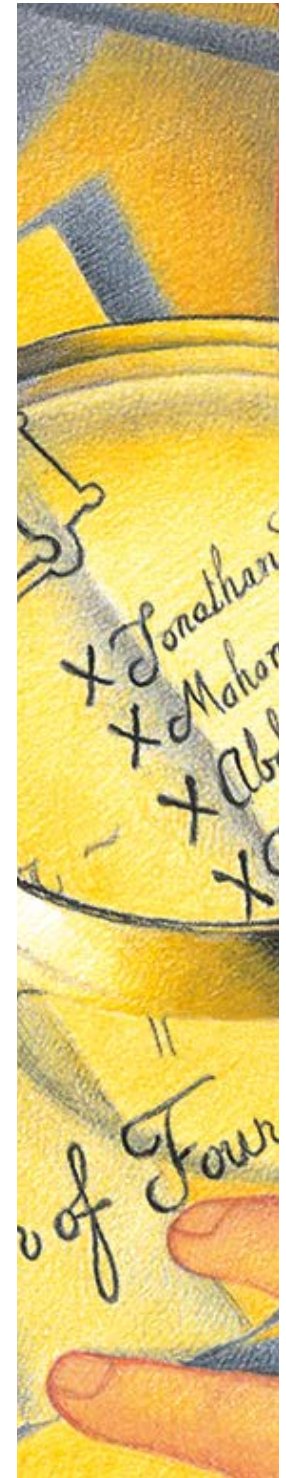
Joyce Hannam

'We have some wonderful mosaics in Pompeii, but I've never seen a better one than this!'

After the young Roman mosaic designer Felix starts work in Pompeii, his whole life changes. There he falls in love with the beautiful Greek slave Agathe, who can see into the future.

When the volcano Vesuvius sends hot ash over the city, Felix – and Agathe's brother Alcander – ride to the port of Misenum for help. But will they reach admiral Gaius Plinius in time, and will they ever see Agathe alive again?

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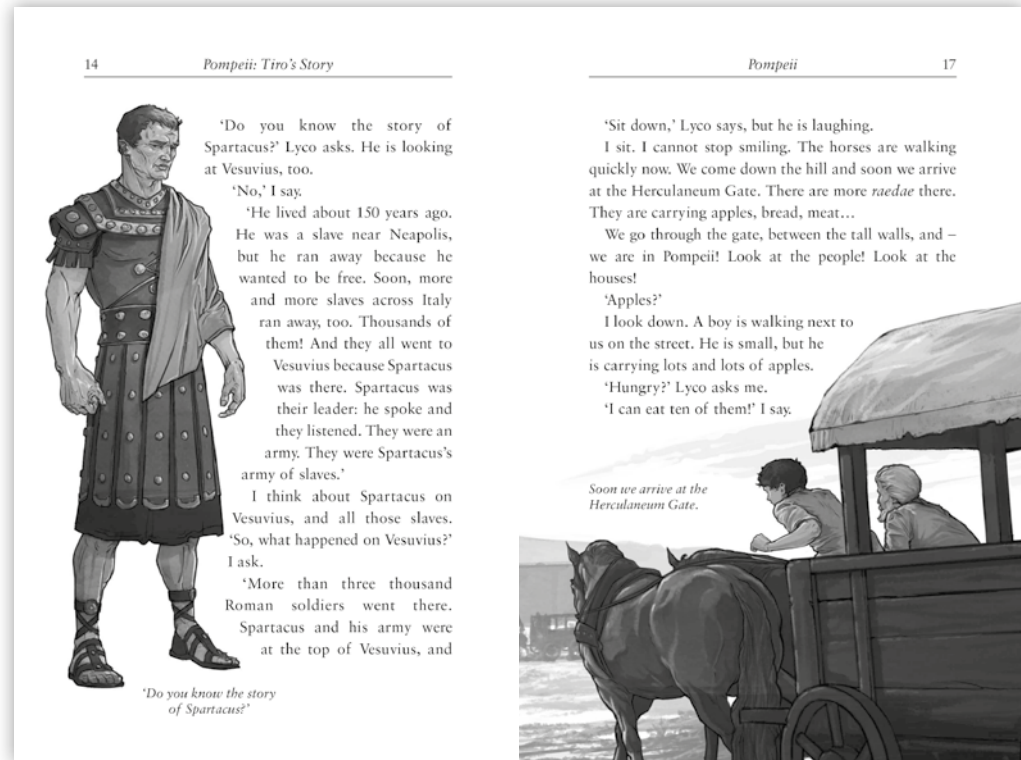
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Hachiko: Japan's Most Faithful Dog, Level 1

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Malala at the United Nations, July 2013



But on that day in New York, Malala said to the UN – and to the world – that nothing would stop her trying to get education for everyone. She spent months in hospital after the gunman tried to kill her, but now she felt even stronger than before. ‘I am the same Malala,’ she said. ‘My hopes are the same. And my dreams are the same.’²

So, who is Malala Yousafzai? Why does she think that education is so important? And what happened to her after the gunman shot her?

Malala Yousafzai, Level 2

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 THRILLER & ADVENTURE	 TRUE STORIES	 WORLD STORIES	 FACTFILES (NON-FICTION)
The Enemy Night Without End The Woman in White	<p>Stories about the lives of real people.</p> Cry Freedom	<p>Short stories from around the world. Great for making cross-cultural connections.</p>	<p>Bring CLIL into your classroom and study other subjects through English.</p>
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Dead Man's Island Ear-rings from Frankfurt	Agatha Christie, Woman of Mystery Amelia Earhart The Death of Karen Silkwood Ellis Island: Rosalia's Story NEW	Grace Darling Henry VIII and his Six Wives The Love of a King Red Dog Twelve Years a Slave William Shakespeare	Chocolate Climate Change Football Ireland John F. Kennedy Leonardo da Vinci Malala Yousafzai NEW Marco Polo and the Silk Road Muhammad Ali Oceans The Olympic Games Rainforests Seasons and Celebrations Stephen Hawking World Wonders
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Drive into Danger Escape The Fifteenth Character Last Chance Orca Pirate Treasure Taxi of Terror The White Stones			

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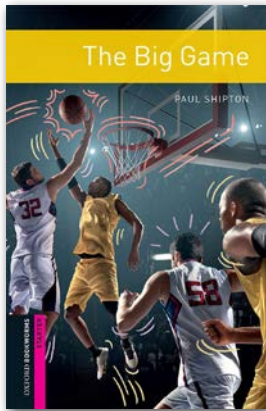
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- IELTS 1.0–2.0
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Audio available for selected readers

Colour illustrations support comprehension



HUMAN INTEREST

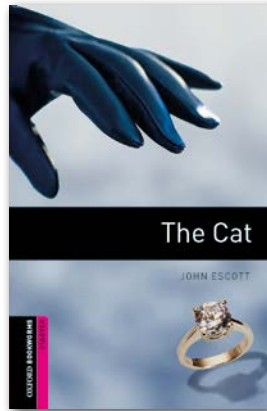
The Big Game

Paul Shipton



West High School boys' basketball team is the worst team in town - everyone knows that. They always lose. But that's OK - Ben and his friends love playing. Then they get a new player. Sam is good, very good. Suddenly everything changes for the West High team, and Ben is excited. But is winning games the most important thing?

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CRIME & MYSTERY

The Cat

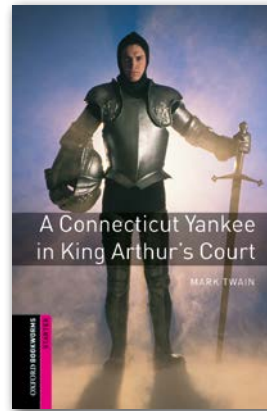
John Escott

The Cat steals things from houses in Hollywood. He steals from movie stars and nobody can stop him. Or can they?

Natalie is a movie star. Nathan is her stand-in. Nathan does all Natalie's stunts in the movie. But when Natalie and Nathan see The Cat driving away from Zak Wakeman's Hollywood home, they both go after him.

Natalie drives fast. 'Be careful,' Nathan tells her. 'You have a movie to finish!'

Word count 1,292
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CLASSICS

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

Mark Twain

Retold by Alan Hines

Comic Strip

Hank Morgan is a happy young man in Connecticut, USA, in 1879 until one day someone runs into his office and shouts, 'Come quickly, Boss! Two men are fighting.' After this, something very strange happens to him, and his life changes forever.

Word count 890
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CRIME & MYSTERY

Dead Man's Money

John Escott

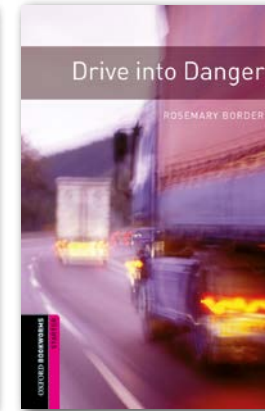
Comic Strip

When Cal Dexter rents one of the Blue Lake Cabins, he finds \$3000 - under the floor! He doesn't know it, but it is the money from a bank robbery. A dead man's money.

'Do I take it to the police?' he thinks. But three more people want the money, and two of them are dangerous.

Can Cal stop them?

Word count 1,260
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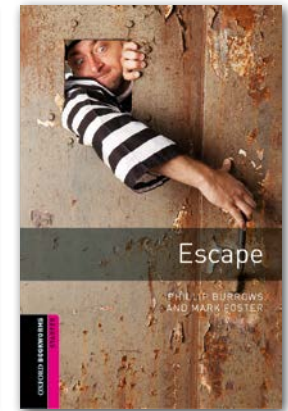
THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Drive into Danger

Rosemary Border

'I can drive a truck,' says Kim on her first day at work in the office. When Kim's passenger Andy finds something strange under a truck, things get dangerous.

Word count 1,400
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Reader with Audio
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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Escape

Phillip Burrows and Mark Foster

Comic Strip

'I'm not a thief. I'm an innocent man,' shouts Brown. He is angry because he is in prison and the prison guards hate him. Then one day Brown has an idea. It is dangerous - very dangerous.

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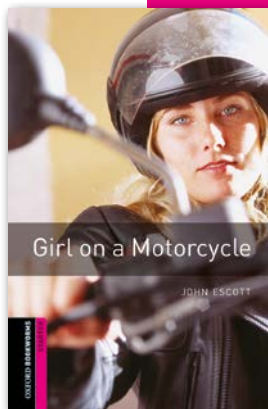
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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

The Fifteenth Character

Rosemary Border



CRIME & MYSTERY

Girl on a Motorcycle

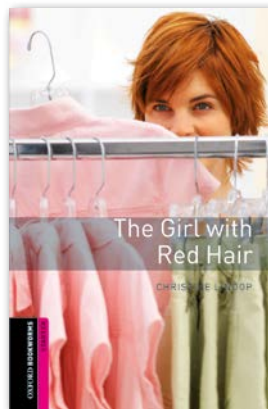
John Escott



CRIME & MYSTERY

The Girl with Green Eyes

John Escott



HUMAN INTEREST

The Girl with Red Hair

Christine Lindop



CRIME & MYSTERY

Give us the Money

Maeve Clarke

Comic Strip

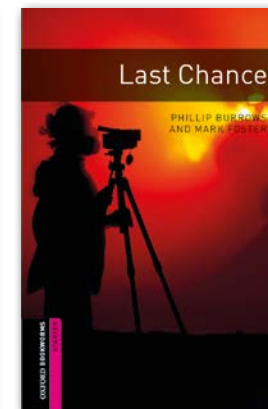


HUMAN INTEREST

King Arthur

Janet Hardy-Gould

Comic Strip



THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Last Chance

Phillip Burrows and Mark Foster

'It's an interesting job,' says Sally about her work at Happy Hills.

And today is a very exciting day because Zapp the famous singer is coming. Everybody is having a wonderful time. But suddenly something goes very, very wrong.

'Give me the money,' says the robber to the Los Angeles security guard.

The guard looks at the gun and hands over the money. The robber has long, blond hair and rides a motorcycle – and a girl with long blond hair arrives at Kenny's motel – on a motorcycle. Is she the robber?

Greg is a porter at the Shepton Hotel in New York.

When a girl with beautiful, green eyes asks him for help, Greg can't say no.

The girl's name is Cassie, and she says she is an artist. She tells Greg that her stepfather has her sketchbooks, and now she wants them back.

Cassie says her stepfather is staying at Greg's hotel... so what could go wrong?

Every day people come to Mason's store – old people, young people, men, and women.

From his office, and in the store, Mark watches them. And when they leave the store, he forgets them.

Then one day a girl with red hair comes to the store, and everything changes for Mark. Now he can't forget that beautiful face, those green eyes, and that red hair...

'Every day is the same. Nothing exciting ever happens to me,' thinks Adam one boring Monday morning.

But today is not the same. When he helps a beautiful, young woman because some men want to take her bag, life gets exciting and very, very dangerous.

It is the year 650 in England. There is war everywhere because the old king is dead and he has no son. Only when the new king comes can the fighting stop and the King Arthur begin. But first, Merlin the ancient magician has to find a way of finding the next king...

'How can Mr Frank be angry now?' thinks Mike happily. His film is good and he is the only cameraman on the volcano. Now he can go home.

But then he finds Jenny and she is dying. Rocks start to move and Mike is afraid. Can they get off the volcano alive? And what happens to Mike's camera and film?

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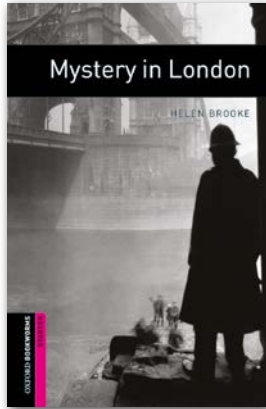
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? CRIME & MYSTERY

Mystery in London

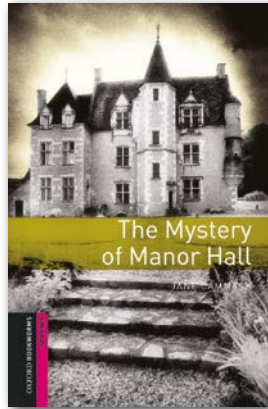
Helen Brooke

Interactive

Six women are dead because of the Whitechapel Killer. Now another woman lies in a London street and there is blood everywhere. She is very ill.

You are the famous detective Mycroft Pound; can you catch the killer before he escapes?

Word count 1,450
Reader 978 0 19 423428 3



? CRIME & MYSTERY

The Mystery of Manor Hall

Jane Cammack

Manor Hall is a dark, dark house with a mystery. Nobody can go into the music room. But one night Tom and Milly hear something. The noise is coming from the music room. Tom and Milly open the door. Someone in the music room is singing. Tom and Milly are afraid, but they can't move.

Can Tom and Milly discover the mystery of Manor Hall?

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➤ FANTASY & HORROR

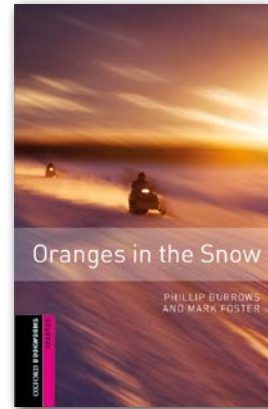
New York Café

Michael Dean

It is the year 2030, and an email message arrives at New York Café: 'I want to help people and make them happy!'

But not everybody is happy about the email, and soon the police and the President are very interested in the New York Café.

Word count 1,600
Reader 978 0 19 423423 8
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? CRIME & MYSTERY

Oranges in the Snow

Phillip Burrows and Mark Foster

Interactive

'Everything's ready now. We can do the experiment,' says your assistant Joe.

You are the famous scientist Mary Durie working in a laboratory in Alaska. When you discover something very new and valuable, other people want to try to steal your idea – can you stop them before they escape?

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🐬 THRILLER & ADVENTURE

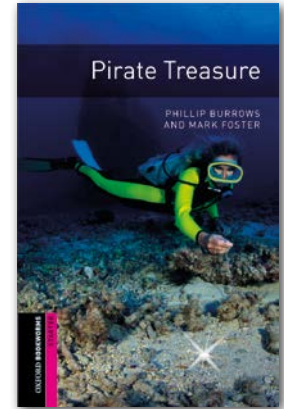
Orca

Phillip Burrows and Mark Foster

When Tonya and her friends decide to sail around the world, they want to see exciting things and visit exciting places.

But one day, they meet an orca – a killer whale – one of the most dangerous animals in the sea. And life gets a little too exciting.

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🐬 THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Pirate Treasure

Phillip Burrows and Mark Foster

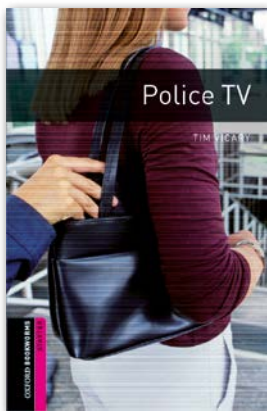
Comic Strip

Tom Creek's treasure is under the sea. Many men try to get the treasure, but many men die.

'Our boat is ready. We are all good divers. Let's find the treasure! Yes?' says John West to his wife and friends. 'Yes! Arr! Ooohh!' they shout.

They are all ready to go – but are they afraid of Tom Creek's curse?

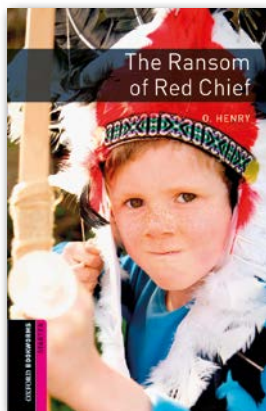
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Police TV

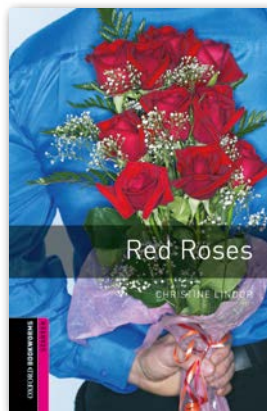
Tim Vicary



🕯 CLASSICS

The Ransom of Red Chief

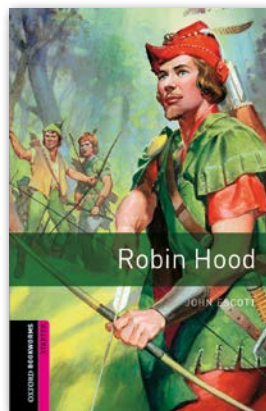
O. Henry
Retold by Paul Shipton
Comic Strip



👁 HUMAN INTEREST

Red Roses

Christine Lindop



👁 HUMAN INTEREST

Robin Hood

John Escott



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👁 HUMAN INTEREST

Sally's Phone

Christine Lindop

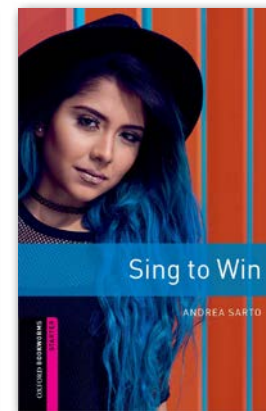


NEW

👁 HUMAN INTEREST

The Silver Statue

Paul Shipton



👁 HUMAN INTEREST

Sing to Win

Andrea Sarto

'Every day someone steals money from people near the shops. We must stop this,' says Dan, a police officer.

The police use TV cameras but it is not easy because there are so many suspects – who is the robber?

Bill and Sam arrive in the small American town of Summit with only two hundred dollars, but they need more and Sam has an idea for making a lot of money. When things start to go very wrong, both men soon regret their visit – and their idea.

'Who is the man with the roses in his hand?' thinks Anna. 'I want to meet him.'
'Who is the girl with the guitar?' thinks Will. 'I like her. I want to meet her.'
But they do not meet.
'There are lots of men!' says Anna's friend Vicki, but Anna cannot forget Will. And then one rainy day...

'You're a brave man, but I am afraid for you,' says Lady Marian to Robin of Locksley. She is afraid because Robin does not like Prince John's new taxes and wants to do something for the poor people of Nottingham. When Prince John hears this, Robin is suddenly in great danger.

Comic Strip

Sally is always running – and she has her phone with her all the time: at home, on the train, at work, at lunchtime, and at the shops.

But then one afternoon, she suddenly has a different phone... and it changes her life.

Kate loves singing and playing her guitar – and she's good, too. One Saturday, she goes to the town square with her friend Lucy, and plays there. It's a big thing, playing in front of people, and Kate isn't the only street performer in the square that day. The silver statue is there, and that's OK because she never moves or speaks. But Joe the drummer is there too, and Kate's music and Joe's drums aren't good together. Or are they?

'Sing to Win' is the biggest programme on TV – everyone watches it and every singer wants to win it. Sofia loves singing, so she goes to an audition for *Sing to Win* – and makes friends with Emma. Emma is a very good singer, too, and soon there are stories about the two friends on TV and online. But not all the stories are true – and suddenly, being friends is not easy...

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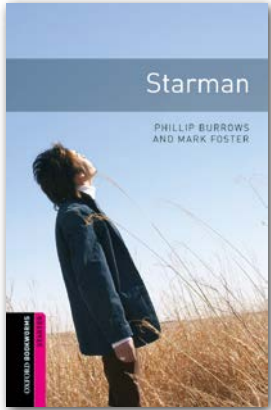
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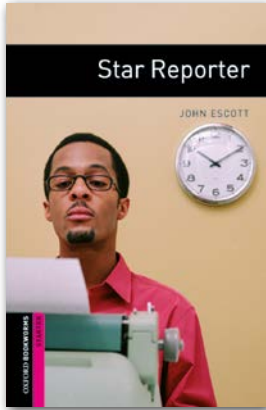
FANTASY & HORROR

Starman
Phillip Burrows and Mark Foster

The empty centre of Australia. The sun is hot and there are not many people. And when Bill meets a man, alone, standing on an empty road a long way from anywhere, he is surprised and worried.

And Bill is right to be worried. Because there is something strange about the man he meets. Very strange...

Word count 1,600
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HUMAN INTEREST

Star Reporter
John Escott

Comic Strip

'There's a new girl in town,' says Joe, and soon Steve is out looking for her.

Marietta is easy to find in a small town, but every time he sees her something goes wrong... and his day goes from bad to worse.

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HUMAN INTEREST

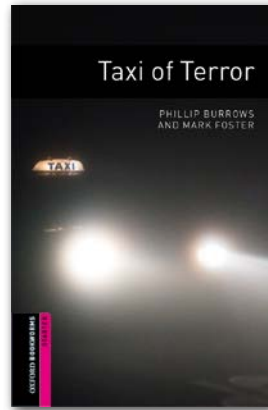
Survive!
Helen Brooke

Interactive

You are in a small plane, going across the Rocky Mountains. Suddenly, the engine starts to make strange noises...

Soon you are alone, in the snow, at the top of a mountain, and it is very, very cold. Can you find your way out of the mountain?

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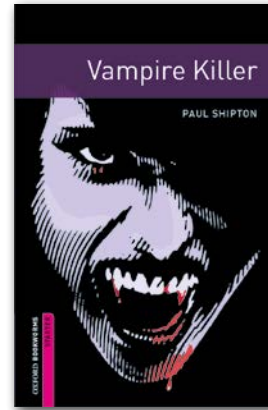


THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Taxi of Terror
Phillip Burrows and Mark Foster

'How does it work?' Jack asks when he opens his present – a mobile phone. Later that night, Jack is a prisoner in a taxi, in the empty street of the dark city. He now tries his mobile phone for the first time. Can it save his life?

Word count 970
Reader 978 0 19 423418 4



FANTASY & HORROR

Vampire Killer
Paul Shipton

Comic Strip

'I am a vampire killer . . . and now I need help,' says Professor Fletcher to Colin. Colin needs a job and he needs money – but do vampires exist or is the professor crazy?

Word count 1,160
Reader 978 0 19 423419 1



THRILLER & ADVENTURE

The White Stones
Lester Vaughan

Interactive

'The people on this island don't like archaeologists,' the woman on the ferry says. You only want to study the 4,500-year-old Irish megalithic stones, but very soon strange things begin to happen to you. Can you solve the mystery in time?

Word count 1,850
Reader 978 0 19 423431 3

LEVEL 1

400 HEADWORDS

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- Cambridge English: Key (KET)
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Audio available for selected readers

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HUMAN INTEREST

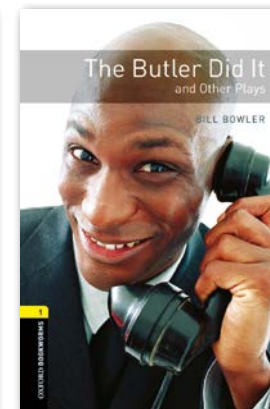
Christmas in Prague

Joyce Hannam

In a house in Oxford, three people are having breakfast – Carol, her husband Jan, and his father Josef. They are talking about Prague, because Carol wants them all to go there for Christmas.

Josef was born in Prague, but he left his home city when he was a young man. He is an old man now, and he would like to see Prague again before he dies. But he is afraid. He still remembers another Christmas in Prague, many long years ago – a Christmas that changed his life for ever...

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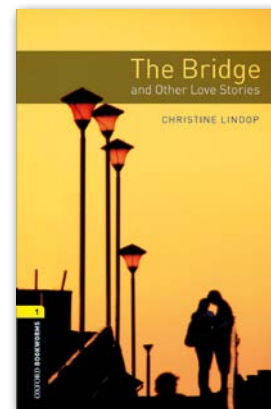
The Butler Did It and Other Plays

Bill Bowler
Retold by Clare West

How do you get a licence if you want to keep a monkey? What can you do if your wife has a lover? How can you see into the future? Where can you go for an exciting but cheap holiday somewhere hot and far away? How can you persuade your girlfriend or boyfriend to marry you?

The characters in these six original short plays are looking for answers to these questions. While trying to solve their problems, people get into some very funny situations. Each play gives an amusing view of life today, and there is often an unexpected ending.

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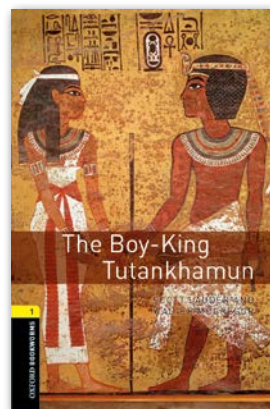
The Bridge and Other Love Stories

Christine Lindop

Luke is a good-looking, young man, but he's not very clever with words. Gemma is clever with words, but what does she want? Lucy and Becky are good friends, but what about Sam? He makes wonderful cakes, but does he make mistakes too? Nina and Dragan are in love, so deeply in love, but they live in the wrong place, at the wrong time...

All love stories have moments of happiness, pain, misunderstanding, laughter, and sometimes great sadness. But love will nearly always find a way...

Word count 5,605
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TRUE STORIES

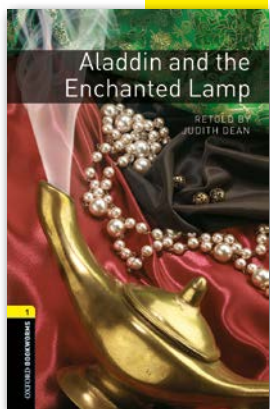
The Boy-King Tutankhamun

Scott Lauder and Walter McGregor

'I can see wonderful things!' said Howard Carter, when he opened the tomb of the Egyptian boy-king Tutankhamun, in 1922. Suddenly Tutankhamun was famous.

This is Tutankhamun's story, told by his friend Aziru. Aziru goes to live in the Pharaoh's palace as a young boy, and he and Tutankhamun are soon great friends. Pharaoh from the age of nine, Tutankhamun rebuilds his country from times of great change. But there are powerful men in the palace, and Aziru is often afraid for his friend too..

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FANTASY & HORROR

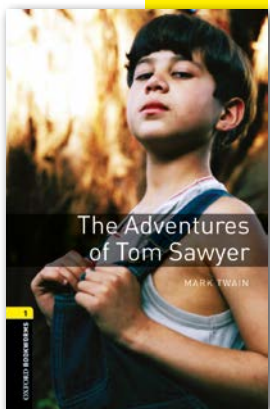
Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp

Retold by Judith Dean

In a city in Arabia, there lives a boy called Aladdin. He is poor and often hungry, but one day he finds an old lamp. When he rubs the lamp, smoke comes out of it, and then out of the smoke comes a magical jinnee.

With the jinnee's help, Aladdin is soon rich, with gold and jewels and many fine things. But can he win the love of the Sultan's daughter, the beautiful Princess Badr-al-Budur?

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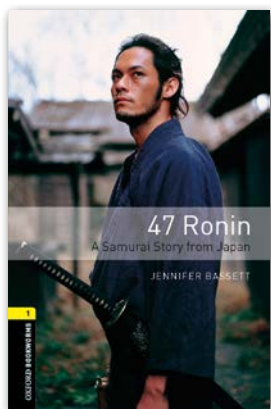
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Mark Twain
Retold by Nick Bullard

Tom Sawyer does not like school. He does not like work, and he never wants to get out of bed in the morning. But he likes swimming, fishing and having adventures with his friends. And he has a lot of adventures. One night, he and his friend Huck Finn go to the graveyard to look for ghosts.

They don't see any ghosts that night. They see something worse than a ghost – much, much worse...

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TRUE STORIES

47 Ronin: A Samurai Story from Japan

Jennifer Bassett

When Lord Asano drew his sword on Lord Kira one spring day in 1701, it began a story that is now a national legend in Japan. Lord Kira lived, but Lord Asano died, and after his death, his samurai became ronin, samurai without a master. And so began their long plan for revenge on Kira. Their loyalty to their dead master made him famous, and people in Japan remember them to this day.

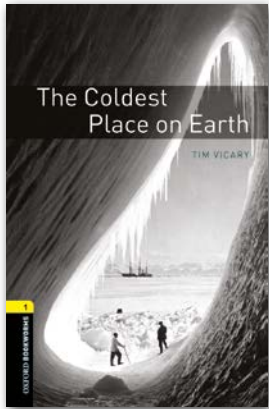
The story of the 47 ronin has been told and retold for 300 years – in plays, novels, and films. A major Hollywood film was made about the forty-seven ronin in 2013.

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TRUE STORIES

The Coldest Place on Earth

Tim Vicary

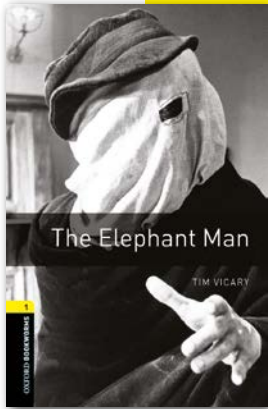
In the summer of 1910, a race began. A race to be the first man at the South Pole, in Antarctica. Robert Falcon Scott, an Englishman, left London in his ship, the *Terra Nova*, and began the long journey south. Five days later, another ship also began to travel south. And on this ship was Roald Amundsen, a Norwegian.

But Antarctica is the coldest place on earth, and it is a long, hard journey over the ice to the South Pole. Some of the travellers never returned home.

This is the story of Scott and Amundsen, and of their famous and dangerous race.

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TRUE STORIES

The Elephant Man

Tim Vicary

He is not beautiful. His mother does not want him. Children run away for him. People laugh at him, and call him 'The Elephant Man'.

Then someone speaks to him – and listens to him! At the age of 27, Joseph Merrick finds a friend for the first time in his life.

This is a true and tragic story. It is also a famous film.

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PLAYSRIPTS

Five Short Plays

Martyn Ford

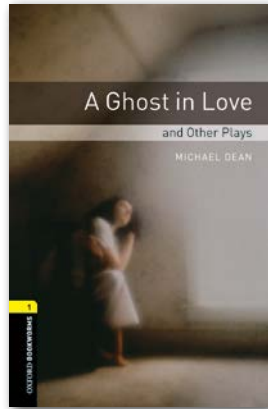
What do you do if you have a boring job in a restaurant, serving fast food to people who have no time to eat?

What if you dream of travelling to other countries, but your friends just laugh? Do you stay at home with them?

Perhaps you hear that someone has bought the last bag of salt in town. Do you buy a bag from him at a high price?

Our world is full of these kinds of problems. They make life interesting, and sometimes very funny. These five short plays show people trying to decide what to do in unexpected situations.

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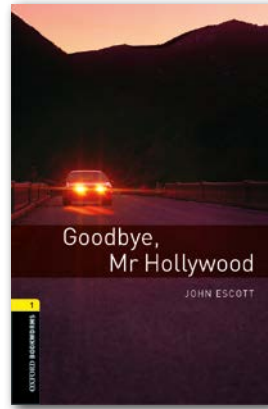
A Ghost in Love and Other Plays

Michael Dean

Do you believe in ghosts? Jerry doesn't. He's a 19-year-old American, who just wants a good holiday with his friend, Brad. They are travelling round the north of England by bicycle. But strange things begin to happen in the small hotel where they are staying. First, Brad seems to think that he has been there before. And then a girl called Ellen appears...

The first of these three original plays is set in the 17th century, and the other two take place in modern times. In each play, a ghost comes back from the dead to change the lives of living people.

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Goodbye, Mr Hollywood

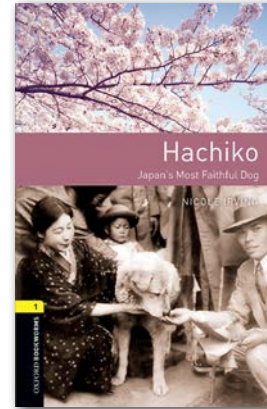
John Escott

Nick Lortz is sitting outside a café in Whistler, a village in the Canadian mountains, when a stranger comes and sits next to him. She's young, pretty, and has a beautiful smile. Nick is happy to sit and talk with her.

But why does she call Nick 'Mr Hollywood'? Why does she give him a big kiss when she leaves? And who is the man at the next table – the man with short white hair?

Nick learns the answers to these questions three long days later – in a police station on Vancouver Island.

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TRUE STORIES

Hachiko: Japan's Most Faithful Dog

Nicole Irving

The true story of Hachiko, Japan's most famous dog, begins in the early 1920s, when he comes to live in Tokyo with Professor Ueno. Hachiko loves his new master. When the professor takes the train to work every morning, Hachiko goes with him to the station – and when the professor comes home in the evening, his faithful dog is always waiting. Hachiko soon has many friends in the streets of Tokyo – people like Nobu, the young son of a food seller. Life is good for Hachiko – until one day, everything changes...

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HUMAN INTEREST

Les Misérables

Victor Hugo
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

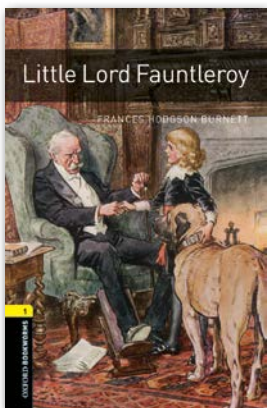


France, 1815. Jean Valjean leaves prison after 19 years. These are dangerous and troubled times, and life is hard. Valjean must begin a new life, but how can he escape his past, and his enemy, Inspector Javert?

This story for *Bookworms* is loosely based on the famous novel *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo, one of France's greatest writers. The novel was written in 1862, and the story has been retold many times – in a musical, in plays for radio and theatre, and in more than 50 films for television and cinema.

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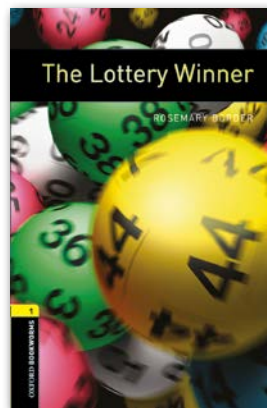
Frances Hodgson Burnett
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



HUMAN INTEREST

A Little Princess

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HUMAN INTEREST

The Lottery Winner

Rosemary Border



CRIME & MYSTERY

Love or Money?

Rowena Akinyemi

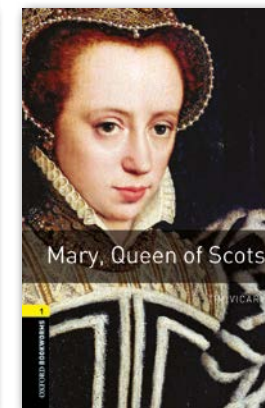
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HUMAN INTEREST

Maria's Summer in London

Rowena Wakefield



TRUE STORIES

Mary, Queen of Scots

Tim Vicary



WORLD STORIES

The Meaning of Gifts: Stories from Turkey

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Cedric Errol is seven years old. He lives with his mother, in a little house, in New York. They don't have much money, but mother and son are very good friends. Cedric is a kind, friendly, little boy, and everybody likes him. His father was English, but he is now dead, and Cedric and his mother are alone in the world.

But one day a lawyer arrives from England with some very surprising news about Cedric's grandfather.

Sara Crewe is a very rich little girl. She first comes to England when she is seven, and her father takes her to Miss Minchin's school in London. Then he goes back to his work in India. Sara is very sad at first, but she soon makes friends at school.

But on her eleventh birthday, something terrible happens, and now Sara has no family, no home, and not a penny in the world...

Everybody wants to win the lottery. A million pounds, perhaps five million, even ten million. How wonderful! Emma Carter buys a ticket for the lottery every week, and puts the ticket carefully in her bag. She is 73 years old and does not have much money. She would like to visit her son in Australia, but aeroplane tickets are very expensive.

Jason Williams buys lottery tickets every week too. But he is not a very nice young man. He steals things. He hits old ladies in the street, snatches their bags, and runs away...

It is Molly Clarkson's 15th birthday. She is having a party. She is rich, but she is having a small party – only four people. Four people, however, who all need the same thing; they need her money. She will not give them the money, so they are waiting for her to die. And there are other people who are also waiting for her to die.

But one person can't wait. And so, on her 15th birthday, Molly Clarkson is going to die.

Maria is from Pamplona in Spain, and she's having English classes at a summer school in London. She's nervous at first, but soon she has a new friend, Emilia, and they do everything together. But then she meets Jack. He's tall with blue eyes, very handsome... But does he like Maria? And what does Emilia think about Jack?

England and Scotland in the 1500s. Two famous queens – Mary, the Catholic Queen of Scots, and Elizabeth I, the Protestant Queen of England. It was an exciting and a dangerous time to be alive, and to be a queen.

Mary was Queen of Scotland when she was one week old. At 16, she was also Queen of France. She was tall and beautiful, with red-gold hair. Many men loved her and died for her.

But she also had many enemies – men who said: 'The death of Mary is the life of Elizabeth.'

'I'm afraid to look in the storeroom. All our food for the winter – where is it now? Inside those hungry guests! They never stop eating! And they never say thank you! And those children – my God, they eat more than their parents!'

Izzet Efendi and his family are afraid that their guests are never going to go home, but what can they do?

The stories in this volume of World Stories are by Turkish writers Huseyin Rahmi Gurpinar, Ayse Kilimci, Sait Faik, and Yalvac Ural.

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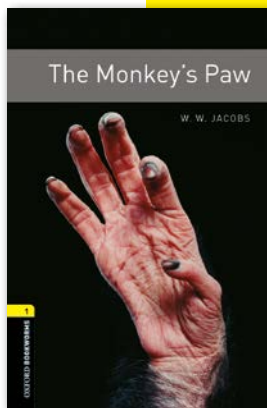
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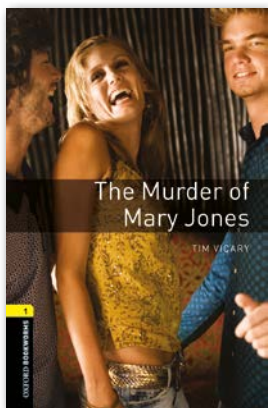
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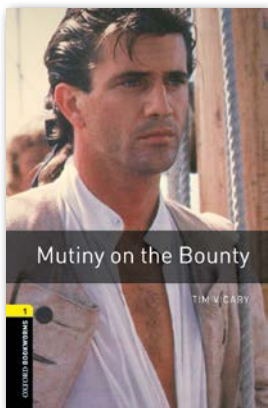
FANTASY & HORROR

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Retold by Diane Mowat



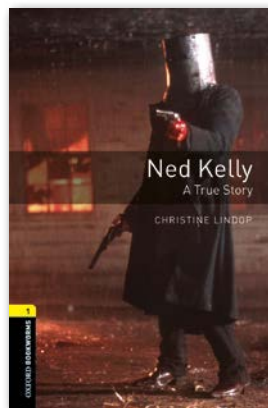
PLAYSCRIPTS

The Murder of Mary Jones
Tim Vicary



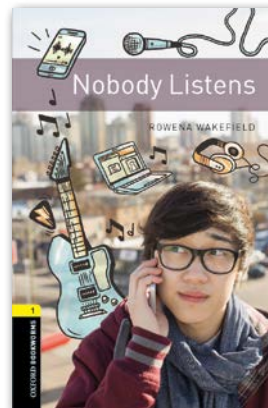
TRUE STORIES

Mutiny on the Bounty
Tim Vicary



TRUE STORIES

Ned Kelly: A True Story
Christine Lindop



HUMAN INTEREST

Nobody Listens
Rowena Wakefield



FANTASY & HORROR

The Omega Files - Short Stories
Jennifer Bassett



HUMAN INTEREST

One-Way Ticket - Short Stories
Jennifer Bassett

Outside, the night is cold and wet. Inside, the White family sits and waits. Where is their visitor?

There is a knock at the door. A man is standing outside in the dark. Their visitor has arrived.

The visitor waits. He has been in India for many years. What has he got? He has brought the hand of a small, dead animal – a monkey's paw.

Outside, in the dark, the visitor smiles and waits for the door to open.

At the start of this play, the court room is full for today's trial. Two young men, Simon Clark and Dan Smith, stand up. The clerk asks, 'Are you guilty of the murder of Mary Jones?' 'Not guilty!' they reply. But perhaps they are guilty. The police found the murder weapon in their stolen car, and there was blood on Simon's face. If the court finds them guilty, they will go to prison for a very long time.

Can the lawyers find out the truth, by asking the right questions? Everyone in court wants to know who murdered Mary Jones. *You* can help to find the answer, too!

It is night in the south seas near Tahiti, and the ship *HMS Bounty* has begun the long voyage home to England. But the sailors on the ship are angry men, and they have swords and guns. They pull the captain out of bed and take him up on deck. He tries to run, but a sailor holds a knife to his neck. 'Do that again, Captain Bligh, and you're a dead man!' he says.

The mutiny on the *Bounty* happened in April, 1789. This is the true story of Captain Bligh and Fletcher Christian, and the ship that never came home to England.

When he was a boy, he was poor and hungry. When he was a young man, he was still poor and still hungry. He learnt how to steal horses, he learnt how to fight, he learnt how to live – outside the law. Australia in the 1870s was a hard, wild place. Rich people had land, poor people didn't. So the rich got richer, and the poor stayed poor.

Some say Ned Kelly was a bad man. Some say he was a good man but the law was bad. This is the true story of Australia's most famous outlaw.

Alex's family are always moving from town to town. He doesn't make new friends now, because he doesn't like saying goodbye to them. He has his music, his songs, and his guitar, and they're only for him. It's best like that, he thinks.

Then he meets Bella, and everything gets difficult. He likes her. He likes her very much. But she wants him to play his music for everyone. And how can he say goodbye to her, when his parents decide to move again?

In EDI (the European Department of Intelligence in Brussels) there are some very secret files – the Omega Files. There are strange, surprising, and sometimes horrible stories in these files, but not many people know about them. You never read about them in the newspapers.

Hawker and Jude know all about the Omega Files, because they work for EDI. They think fast, they move fast, and they learn some very strange things. They go all over the world, asking difficult questions in dangerous places, but they don't always find the answers...

Tom Walsh had a lot to learn about life. He liked travelling, and he was in no hurry. He liked meeting people, anyone and everyone. He liked the two American girls on the train. They were nice and very friendly. They knew a lot of places. Tom thought they were fun. Tom certainly had a lot to learn about life.

This is a collection of short stories about adventures on trains. Strange, wonderful, and frightening things can happen on trains – and all of them happen here.

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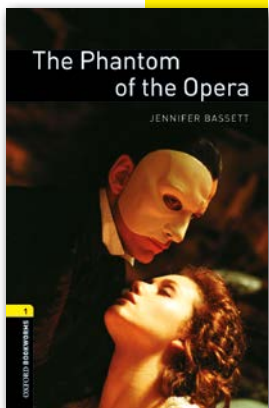
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FANTASY & HORROR

The Phantom of the Opera

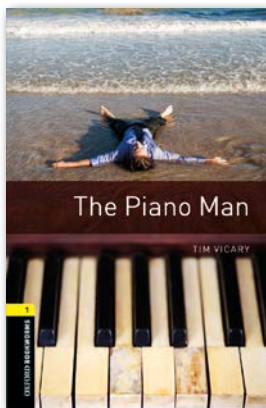
Gaston Leroux
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



It is 1880, in the Opera House in Paris. Everybody is talking about the Phantom of the Opera, the ghost that lives somewhere under the Opera House. The Phantom is a man in black clothes. He is a body without a head, he is a head without a body. He has a yellow face, he has no nose, he has black holes for eyes. Everybody is afraid of the Phantom – the singers, the dancers, the directors, the stage workers...

But who has actually seen him?

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HUMAN INTEREST

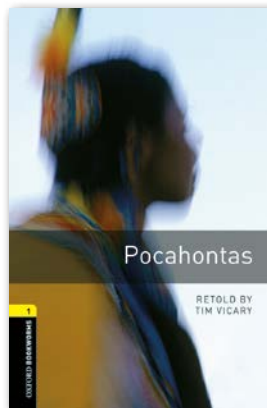
The Piano Man

Tim Vicary

A woman finds a man on a beach. He is very cold, his clothes are wet, and he cannot speak. The woman phones for help, and an ambulance comes and takes the man to hospital. In hospital they ask the man questions, but he does not answer. He still cannot speak – or does not want to speak.

Who is he, this strange man from the sea? What is his name? Where did he come from? And why do they call him the Piano Man?

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TRUE STORIES

Pocahontas

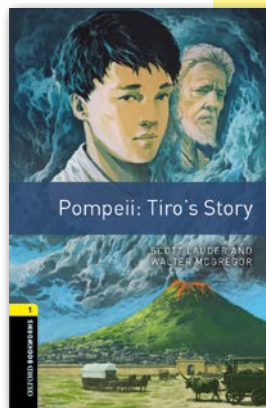
Retold by Tim Vicary

A beautiful young Indian girl, and a brave Englishman. Black eyes, and blue eyes. A friendly smile, a laugh, a look of love... But this is North America in 1607, and love is not easy. The girl is the daughter of King Powhatan, and the Englishman is a white man. And the Indians of Virginia do not want the white men in their beautiful country.

This is the famous story of Pocahontas, and her love for the Englishman John Smith.

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TRUE STORIES

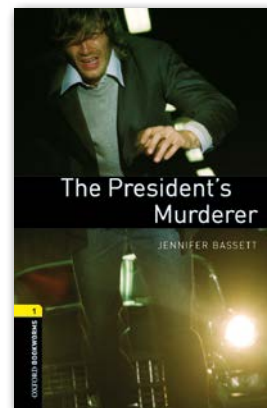
Pompeii: Tiro's Story

Scott Lauder and
Walter McGregor

It is early morning on a warm day in Roman Italy. Sixteen-year-old Tiro gets the water, makes breakfast, and works in the kitchen – like he does day after day. Tiro is a slave. He can never be free, never eat when he wants to eat, or sleep when he wants to sleep.

But today is different. He is going to Pompeii for the first time. He is excited, but it is AD 79: and on Mount Vesuvius, near Pompeii, very bad things are beginning to happen...

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

The President's Murderer

Jennifer Bassett

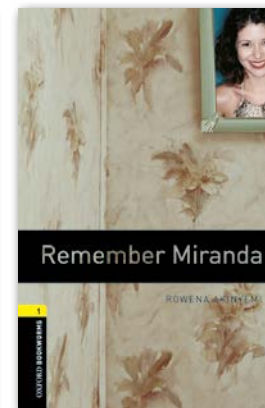
The President is dead! A man is running in the night. He is afraid and needs to rest. But there are people behind him – people with lights, and dogs, and guns.

A man is standing in front of a desk. His boss is very angry, and the man is tired and needs to sleep. But first he must find the other man, and bring him back – dead or alive.

Two men: the hunter and the hunted. Which will win and which will lose?

Long live the President!

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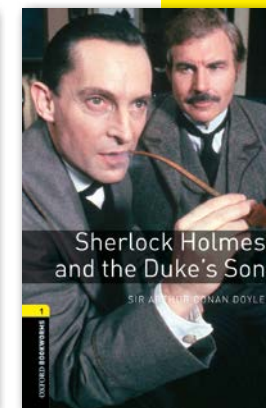
Remember Miranda

Rowena Akinyemi

Cathy Wilson is driving to Norfolk, to begin her new job with the Harvey family. She is going to look after the two young children, Tim and Susan. Cathy meets the children's father, and their grandmother, and their aunt. She meets Nick, the farmer who lives across the fields. But she doesn't meet Miranda, the children's mother, because Miranda is dead.

She died two years ago, and Cathy cannot learn anything about her. Everybody remembers Miranda, but nobody wants to talk about her...

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CRIME & MYSTERY

Sherlock Holmes and the Duke's Son

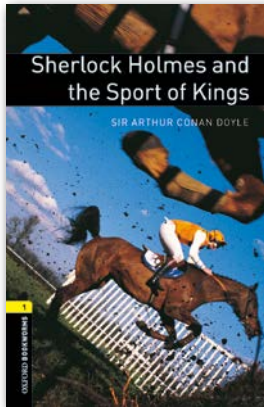
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Dr Huxtable has a school for boys in the north of England. When the Duke of Holderness decides to send his young son there, that is good news for the school. The Duke is a very important person, and Dr Huxtable is happy to have his son in the school.

But two weeks later Dr Huxtable is the unhappiest man in England. Why? And why does he take the train down to London and go to Baker Street? Why does he need the help of the famous detective Sherlock Holmes?

Because someone has kidnapped the Duke's son...

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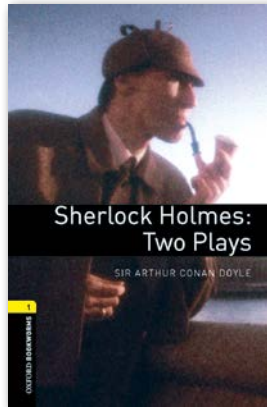
Sherlock Holmes and the Sport of Kings

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Horseracing is the sport of kings, perhaps because racehorses are very expensive animals. But when they win, they can make a lot of money for the owners, for the trainers, and for the people who put bets on them.

Silver Blaze is a young horse, but already the winner of many races. One night he disappears, and someone kills his trainer. The police want the killer, and the owner wants his horse, but they can't find them. So what do they do? They write to 221B Baker Street, of course – to ask for the help of the great detective, Sherlock Holmes.

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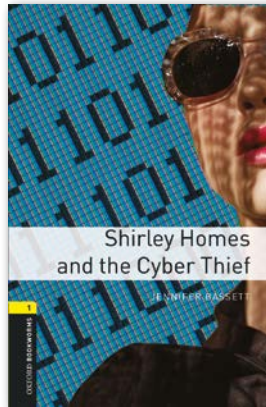
Sherlock Holmes: Two Plays

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Retold by John Escott

Sherlock Holmes is the greatest detective the world has ever seen, and he knows it. As the famous bank-robber, John Clay, says to him, 'You think of everything, Mr Holmes. You're very clever.' People come to him with problems that no one, not even the police, can solve. Holmes sits, and thinks, and smokes his pipe, and in the end he finds the answer.

In these plays, based on two of his stories, Holmes, helped by his old friend, Dr Watson, uses his great intelligence to solve two unusual and interesting cases.

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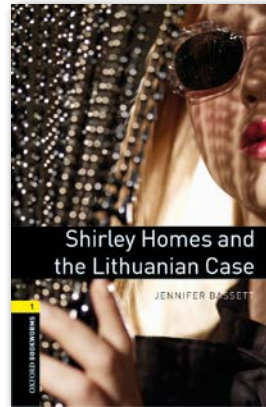
Shirley Holmes and the Cyber Thief

Jennifer Bassett

Shirley Holmes, private investigator. Like Sherlock Holmes one hundred years ago, she lives in London, enjoys working on difficult cases, and has some helpful friends. She understands people, is a good listener, and of course, she is clever with computers. In today's world that is important, because a lot of crime is cyber crime.

In this second Shirley Holmes detective story, Shirley must catch a cyber thief. But how? You can't see a cyber thief, you can't hear a cyber thief. Only the computer knows, and the computer isn't talking...

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? CRIME & MYSTERY

Shirley Holmes and the Lithuanian Case

Jennifer Bassett

Shirley Holmes is a private investigator. She is clever with computers, and knows London like the back of her hand. She laughs when people say, 'Was Sherlock Holmes your grandfather?' Sherlock Holmes, of course, was not a real person, but, like Sherlock, Shirley has good eyes, and good ears. And she knows the right questions to ask.

And in the Lithuanian Case, the right questions are important. Because Shirley must find a missing person – Carrie Williams, aged 15. Where is she? Who is she with?

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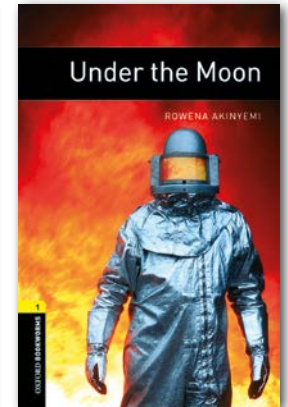
Sister Love and Other Crime Stories

John Escott

Some sisters are good friends, some are not. Sometimes there is more hate in a family than there is love. Karin is beautiful and has lots of men friends, but she can be very unkind to her sister Marcia. Perhaps when they were small, there was love between them, but that was a long time ago.

They say that everybody has one crime in them. Perhaps they only take an umbrella that does not belong to them. Perhaps they steal from a shop, perhaps they get angry and hit someone, perhaps they kill...

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? FANTASY & HORROR

Under the Moon

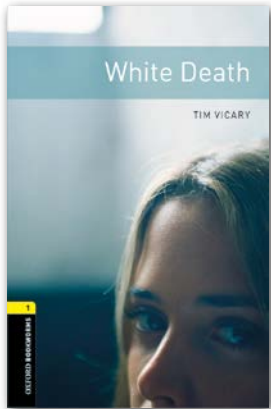
Rowena Akinyemi

It is the year 2522, and the planet Earth is dying. The Artificial Ozone Layer is only 300 years old, but it is breaking up. Now the sun is burning down on Earth. There is no water. Without water, nothing can live. Trees die, plants die, animals die, people die...

In a colony under the moon, people wait for news – news from home, news from the planet Earth. And in a spaceship high above Earth, a young man watches numbers on a computer screen. The numbers tell a story, and the young man is afraid.

The planet Earth is burning, burning...

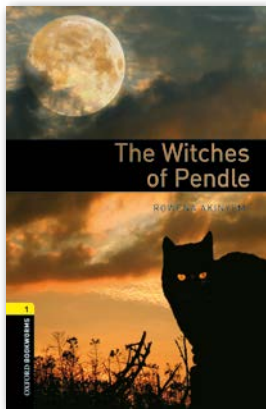
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White Death

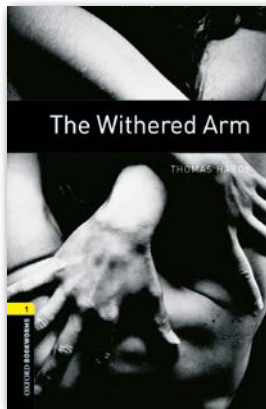
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TRUE STORIES

The Witches of Pendle

Rowena Akinyemi

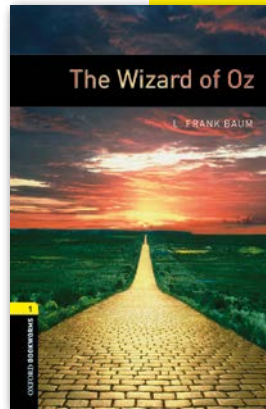


CLASSICS

The Withered Arm

Thomas Hardy

Retold by Jennifer Bassett



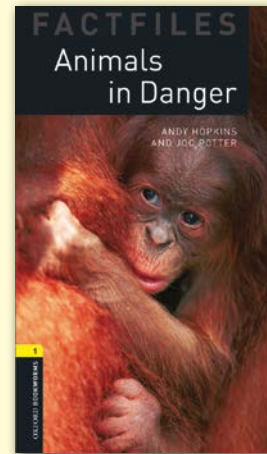
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FANTASY & HORROR

The Wizard of Oz

L. Frank Baum

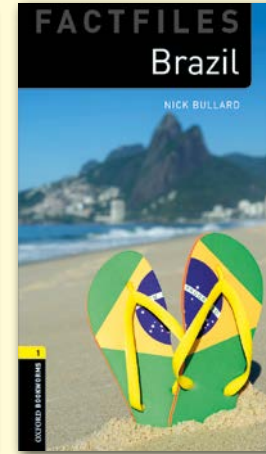
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Animals in Danger

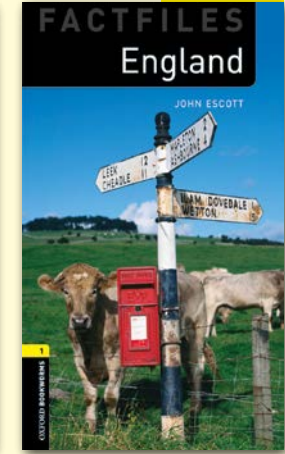
Andy Hopkins and Joc Potter



FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Brazil

Nick Bullard



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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

England

John Escott

Sarah Harland is 19, and she is in prison. At the airport, they find heroin in her bag. So, now she is waiting to go to court. If the court decides that it was her heroin, then she must die.

She says she did not do it. But if she did not, who did? Only two people can help Sarah: her mother, and an old boyfriend who does not love her now. Can they work together? Can they find the real criminal before it is too late?

Witches are dangerous. They can kill you with a look, or a word. They can send their friend the Devil after you in the shape of a dog or a cat. They can make a clay picture of you, then break it... and a few weeks later you are dead.

Today, of course, most people don't believe in witches. But in 1612 everybody was afraid of them. Young Jennet Device in Lancashire knew a lot about them because she lived with the Witches of Pendle. They were her family...

A woman and a man... words of love whispered on a summer night. Later, there is a child, but no wedding-ring. And then the man leaves the first woman, finds a younger woman, marries her... It's an old story.

Yes, it's an old, old story. It happens all the time – today, tomorrow, one hundred years ago. People don't change. But this story, set among the green hills of southern England, has something different about it. Perhaps it is only a dream, or perhaps it is magic – a kind of strange dark magic that begins in the world of dreams and phantoms...

Dorothy lives in Kansas, USA, but one day a cyclone blows her and her house to a strange country called Oz. There, Dorothy makes friends with the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion.

But she wants to go home to Kansas. Only one person can help her, and that is the country's famous Wizard. So Dorothy and her friends take the yellow brick road to the Emerald City, to find the Wizard of Oz...

People love and need animals. They keep them in their homes and on their farms. They enjoy going to zoos, and watching animals on films and on TV. Little children love to play with toy animals.

But people are a great danger to animals too. They take their land, and cut down the trees where animals have their homes. They pollute the rivers and seas, and kill big animals for their skins or for medicine. Now there are about 7,000 species of animals in danger. What can we do to protect the animals of the world – from us?

Everyone knows about Brazil's beautiful beaches, the Amazon rainforest, and the wonderful Carnival of Rio de Janeiro. But there is a lot more to Brazil than this: here you can find interesting old towns, modern cities, and thousands of different kinds of animals and plants. It is home to world-famous artists and writers, and international sporting events like the World Cup and the Olympics, too.

What other interesting things can you see here? Why is there music and dancing on its streets? And who are the people of this amazing country?

25 million people come to England every year, and some never go out of London.

But England is full of interesting places to visit and things to do. There are big noisy cities with great shops and theatres, and quiet little villages. You can visit old castles and beautiful churches – or go to festivals with music 24 hours a day.

You can have an English afternoon tea, walk on long white beaches, watch a great game of football, or visit a country house. Yes, England has something for everybody – what has it got for you?

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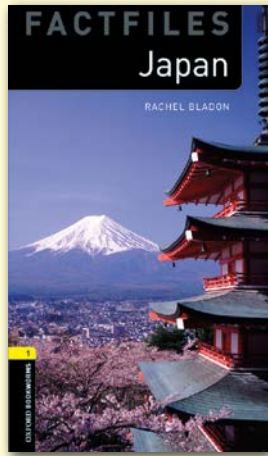
f FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Hollywood

Janet Hardy-Gould

Hollywood – nine big white letters against the Hollywood Hills. Every year millions of people come from all over the world and look up at this famous sign. Why do they come? They come to see the stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and to see the hand and foot prints outside Grauman’s Chinese Theatre. They come to visit Universal Studios, and perhaps to see a movie star or two. Most of all, they come to be in the most famous place in movie history – exciting, wonderful Hollywood!

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f FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Japan

Rachel Bladon

What is Japan? It is everything new and modern: the Tokyo Sky Tree, 634 metres high; amazing cameras and phones; karaoke and manga; trains going past at 300 kilometres an hour. And it is everything ancient too: beautiful palaces; high mountains and hot springs; cherry blossom in the spring; quiet gardens with water and trees. Here the past meets the future all the time. From sumo wrestlers to robots, Japan has something amazing for everybody.

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John Lennon

Alex Raynham

‘One day, I’m going to be famous,’ John Lennon said when he was young – and soon he was! His band ‘The Beatles’ became one of the greatest in the world, and people loved them. After John Lennon went solo, he wrote some of the most important songs of all time. He was a family man and a peace protestor – he wanted to change the world. But one autumn day, four gun shots rang out across New York, and took away that dream for ever...

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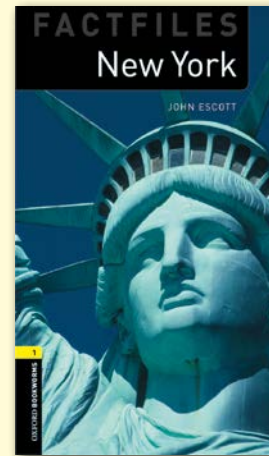
f FACTFILES (non-fiction)

London

John Escott

Come with us to London – a city as old as the Romans, and as new as the 21st century. There are places to go – from Oxford Street to Westminster Abbey, from Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre to Wimbledon Tennis Club. And things to do – ride on the London Eye, visit the markets, go to the theatre, run in the London Marathon. Big, beautiful, noisy, exciting – that’s London.

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New York

John Escott

What can you do in New York? Everything! You can go to some of the world’s most famous shops, watch a baseball game, go to the top of a skyscraper, see a concert in Central Park, eat a sandwich in a New York deli, see a show in a Broadway theatre. New York is big, noisy, and exciting, and it’s waiting for you. Open the book and come with us to this wonderful city.

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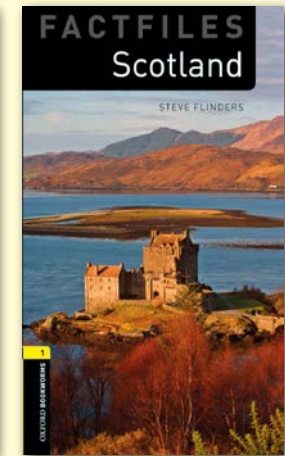
f FACTFILES (non-fiction)

San Francisco

Janet Hardy-Gould

‘It’s a good place for gold,’ said people in the 1840s, and they came from all over the world. ‘It’s a good place for a prison,’ said the US government in the 1920s, and they put Al Capone there on the island of Alcatraz. ‘It’s a good place for love,’ said the hippies in the 1960s, and they put flowers in their hair and came to Haight Ashbury. And San Francisco is still a good place – to take one hundred photographs, or see the Chinatown parade, or just to sit in a coffee shop and be in this interesting, different city...

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Scotland

Steve Flinders

More than 20 million visitors come to Scotland each year. Some love it for its long white beaches and quiet green hills. Some like the busy cities, with their shops and museums, castles, and parks. Others come to see the home of their parents and grandparents, to hear Scottish music, to find their family tartan. And some come to visit the whisky distilleries, eat wonderful food, and go to one of the world’s biggest street parties. Scotland has something for everybody. Come and find what Scotland has for you.

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Titanic

Tim Vicary



On a quiet sea, the biggest ship in the world is waiting. There is no noise from the engines. Up in the night sky there are hundreds of stars. Behind the ship, an iceberg – a great mountain of ice – goes slowly away into the black night.

In the beautiful first-class rooms, rich passengers eat and listen to music. Down in the third-class cabins, families sleep. An exciting new life is waiting for them in America.

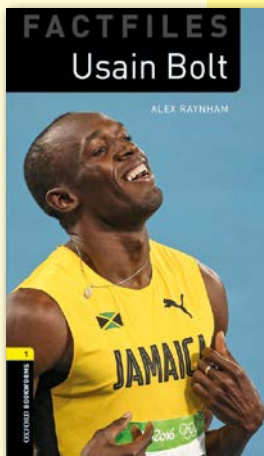
But for many of the people in this small city on the sea, this is their last night alive...

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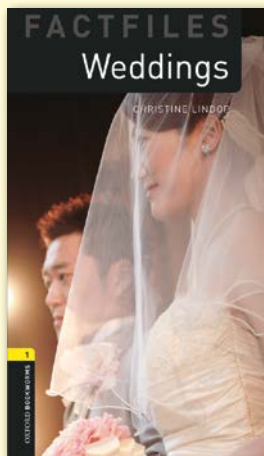
Usain Bolt

Alex Raynham

In 2008, Usain Bolt became the fastest man in the world. He won three gold medals at the Beijing Olympic Games that year – and he did it again in 2012, and in 2016. So how did a boy from a little Jamaican village become the world's greatest athlete? And why do his fans love him so much?

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Weddings

Christine Lindop

'The bride wore a long white dress, with flowers in her hair. After the wedding, there was a party, and people gave presents to the bride and groom.' This wedding was nearly two thousand years ago, in Rome. Some things don't change.

But some things do. Today you can have a wedding on a mountain, or under the sea, or 'Elvis' can sing for you. And different things happen in different places. Little birds made of paper, small trees, money in the bride's shoe, and lots of noise – they are all important for weddings somewhere. Welcome to the wonderful world of weddings!

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

William and Kate

Christine Lindop

Everybody took photos of Prince William when he first arrived at the University of St Andrews. Crowds of photographers came to the little Scottish town next to the sea and took pictures of this new student – the 19-year-old grandson of the Queen of England.

But nobody photographed Kate Middleton on her first day at the university. She moved in quietly, ready to begin her studies in Art History. She was just an ordinary student with an ordinary future in front of her. Or was she?

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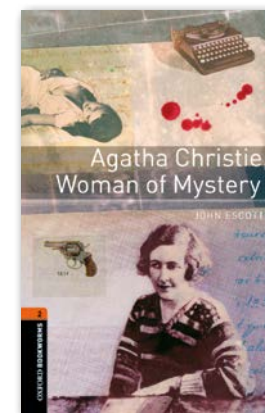
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TRUE STORIES

**Agatha Christie,
Woman of Mystery**

John Escott

What does the name 'Agatha Christie' mean? To many people, it means a book about a murder mystery – a 'whodunnit'. 'I'm reading an Agatha Christie,' people say. 'I'm not sure who the murderer is – I think it's...' But they are usually wrong, because it is not easy to guess the murderer's name before the end of the book.

But who was Agatha Christie? What was she like? Was her life quiet and unexciting, or was it full of interest and adventure? Was there a mystery in her life, too?

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CLASSICS

**Alice's Adventures
in Wonderland**

Lewis Carroll

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

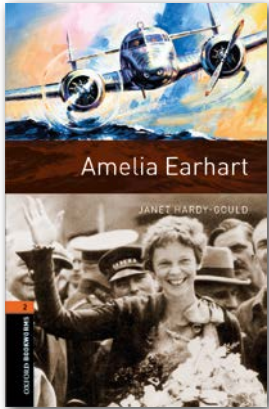
There, on top of the mushroom, was a large caterpillar, smoking a pipe. After a while the Caterpillar took the pipe out of its mouth and said to Alice in a slow, sleepy voice, 'Who are you?'

What strange things happen when Alice falls down the rabbit-hole and into Wonderland! She has conversations with the Caterpillar and the Cheshire Cat, goes to the Mad Hatter's tea party, plays croquet with the King and Queen of Hearts...

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TRUE STORIES

Amelia Earhart

Janet Hardy-Gould



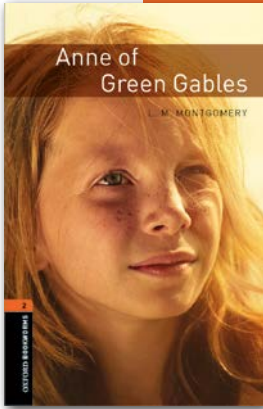
'I want to learn to fly,' Amelia Earhart tells her family one evening. But it is 1920. Flying is expensive and dangerous, and most people think it is for men, not women.

But nothing can stop Amelia Earhart, and she works hard to be a pilot. Soon, she is breaking records for flying further and higher than anyone before. She shows the world that anything is possible – for women and not just men.

Life is always exciting for Amelia Earhart. At 41, she is nearly ready to slow down, but she wants to make one last important flight...

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HUMAN INTEREST

Anne of Green Gables

L. M. Montgomery

Retold by Clare West

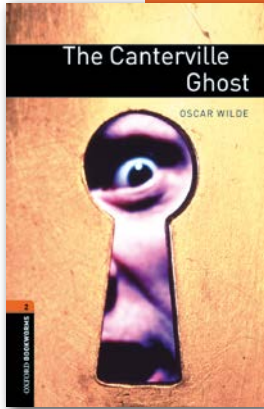
Marilla Cuthbert and her brother Matthew want to adopt an orphan, to help on the farm at Green Gables. They ask for a boy, but they get Anne, who has red hair and freckles, and who talks and talks and talks.

They didn't want a girl, but how can they send a child back, like an unwanted parcel? So Anne stays, and begins a new life in the sleepy, quiet village of Avonlea in Canada.

But it is not so quiet after Anne comes to live there...

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FANTASY & HORROR

The Canterville Ghost

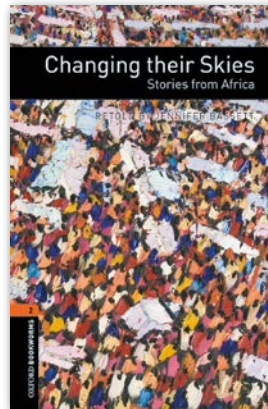
Oscar Wilde

Retold by John Escott

There has been a ghost in the house for three hundred years, and Lord Canterville's family have had enough of it. So Lord Canterville sells his grand old house to an American family. Mr Hiram B. Otis is happy to buy the house and the ghost – because of course Americans don't believe in ghosts.

The Canterville ghost has great plans to frighten the life out of the Otis family. But Americans don't frighten easily – especially not two noisy little boys – and the poor ghost has a few surprises waiting for him.

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WORLD STORIES

Changing their Skies: Stories from Africa

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

'Then a letter came for Aloo from a famous college in America. They offered him a place... a place with a scholarship. Aloo could not believe it at first. He read the letter again and again.'

Aloo is very happy, but soon he finds that it is not so easy. He will need money to live on, money for his plane ticket... And then there is Mother...

The stories in this volume of *World Stories* come from Malawi, South Africa, and Tanzania, and are by African writers Steve Chimombo, Farida Karodia, and M. G. Vassanji.

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HUMAN INTEREST

The Children of the New Forest

Captain Marryat

Retold by Rowena Akinyemi

England in 1647: King Charles is in prison, and Cromwell's men are fighting the King's men. These are dangerous times for everybody.

The four Beverley children have no parents; their mother is dead and their father died while fighting for the King. Now Cromwell's soldiers have come to burn the house – with the children in it.

The four of them escape into the New Forest – but how will they live? What will they eat? And will Cromwell's soldiers find them?

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

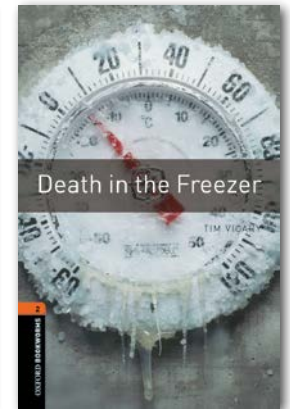
Dead Man's Island

John Escott

Mr Ross lives on an island where no visitors come. He stops people from taking photographs of him. He is young and rich, but he looks sad. And there is one room in his house which is always locked.

Carol Sanders and her mother come to the island to work for Mr Ross. Carol soon decides that there is something very strange about Mr Ross. Where did he get his money from? How can a young man buy an island? So she watches, and she listens – and one night she learns what is behind the locked door.

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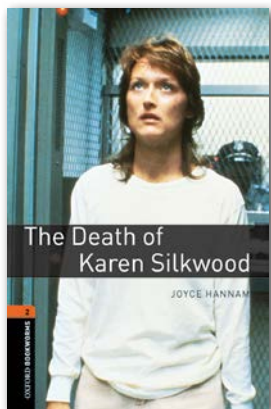
Death in the Freezer

Tim Vicary

Ellen Shore's family is an ordinary American family, and Ellen is six years old when her brother Al is born. Her parents are very pleased to have a son, but Ellen is not pleased, because now baby Al comes first.

And when they are adults, Al still comes first. He begins a rock band and makes records. Soon he is rich and famous – very rich, but he gives nothing to his sister Ellen. She has a difficult life, with three young kids and very little money. And she learns to hate her rich, famous, unkind brother...

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T TRUE STORIES

The Death of Karen Silkwood

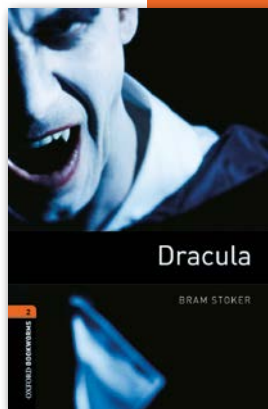
Joyce Hannam

This is the story of Karen Silkwood. It begins with her death.

Why does her story begin where it should end? Certain people wanted her death to be an ending. Why? What were they afraid of? Karen Silkwood had something to tell us, and she believed that it was important. Why didn't she live to tell us? Will we ever know what really happened? The questions go on and on, but there are no answers.

This is a true story. It happened in Oklahoma, USA, where Karen Silkwood lived and worked... and died.

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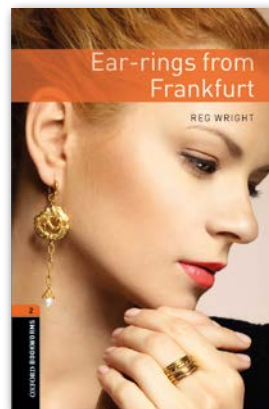
Dracula

Bram Stoker
Retold by Diane Mowat

In the mountains of Transylvania there stands a castle. It is the home of Count Dracula – a dark, lonely place, and at night the wolves howl around the walls.

In the year 1875 Jonathan Harker comes from England to do business with the Count. But Jonathan does not feel comfortable at Castle Dracula. Strange things happen at night, and very soon, he begins to feel afraid. And he is right to be afraid, because Count Dracula is one of the Un-Dead – a vampire that drinks the blood of living people...

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T THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Ear-rings from Frankfurt

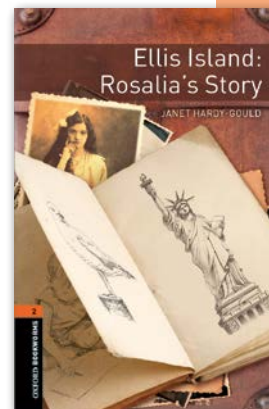
Reg Wright

Richard Walton is in trouble again. He has lost his job, and he has borrowed money from his sister, Jennifer – again. And now he has disappeared. Jennifer is looking for him, and so are the police. They both have some questions that they want to ask him.

How did he lose his job? Why did he fly to Frankfurt? Who gave his girlfriend those very expensive gold ear-rings?

Only Richard can answer these questions. But nobody can find Richard.

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NEW

T TRUE STORIES

Ellis Island: Rosalia's Story

Janet Hardy-Gould

New York, 1925. While her children play, Rosalia unpacks boxes in the family's new apartment. In one of them, she finds her old sketchbook, and when she looks at the pictures, they take her back to her journey to America from Italy by sea in 1910, as a fourteen-year-old girl...

It was a very important time for Rosalia. Like so many other people, she was leaving her home and country, and people who she loved, and crossing the Atlantic to start a new life. On that journey, she was at times afraid and lonely – but she also found adventure, new friends... and something more, too.

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F FANTASY & HORROR

Five Children and It

Edith Nesbit
Retold by Diane Mowat

When the children dug a hole in the gravel-pit, they were very surprised at what they found. 'It' was a Psammead, a sand-fairy, thousands of years old.

It was a strange little thing – fat and furry, and with eyes on long stalks. It was often very cross and unfriendly, but it could give wishes – one wish a day. 'How wonderful!' the children said.

But wishes are difficult things. They can get you into trouble...

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F FANTASY & HORROR

Ghosts International: Troll and Other Stories

Retold by Sarah Walker

In Sweden nobody wants a troll to come into their garden, but how do you stop them? On a lonely road at night in Oman, Abdul's car breaks down and he takes a ride with a stranger, but perhaps it is safer to walk. In England some young people play a scary game, and in Asia, a soldier returns home – at last.

Every country in the world has stories about ghosts and spirits and monsters of one kind or another. Some people believe in ghosts and some don't – but everyone enjoys a good ghost story.

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T TRUE STORIES

Grace Darling

Tim Vicary

All they could hear was the wind, and the waves. All they could see was the ship, broken in two, or the people holding on to the dark wet rock, slowly dying of cold. And they could not hear the cries for help – only the wind.

How could a man and his daughter save the people on the rock? They only had a little wooden boat in that wild and dangerous sea.

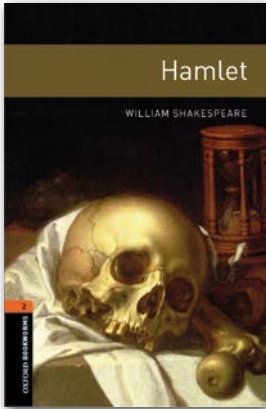
The *Fortfarshire* was wrecked off the north-east coast of England in 1838. This is the true story of Grace Darling – a girl who became a famous heroine on that stormy night.

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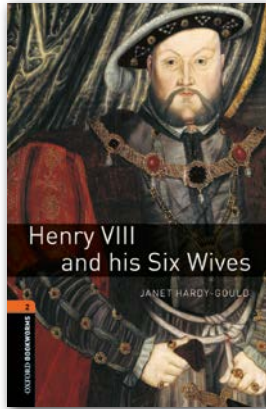
Hamlet
William Shakespeare
Retold by Alistair McCallum

This famous play by William Shakespeare is one of the finest in the English language.

Why does Hamlet, the young Prince of Denmark, look so sad? Why does he often say strange things? His family and friends are worried about him. Perhaps he is mad!

But Hamlet thinks that he has discovered a terrible secret about a recent crime in his family. Now he has no time for Ophelia, the sweet girl who loves him, or his friends, who were at school with him. He sits alone, and thinks, and plans. What will he decide to do? Will he ever be happy again?

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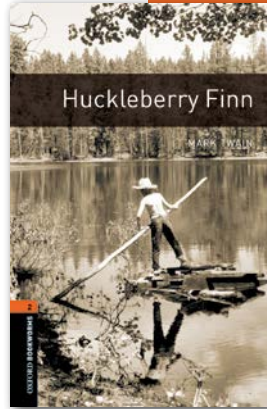
TRUE STORIES

Henry VIII and his Six Wives
Janet Hardy-Gould

There were six of them – three Katherines, two Annes, and a Jane. One of them was the King's wife for twenty-four years, another for only a year and a half. One died, two were divorced, and two were beheaded. It was a dangerous, uncertain life.

After the King's death in 1547, his sixth wife finds a box of old letters – one from each of the first five wives. They are sad, angry, frightened letters. They tell the story of what it was like to be the wife of Henry VIII of England.

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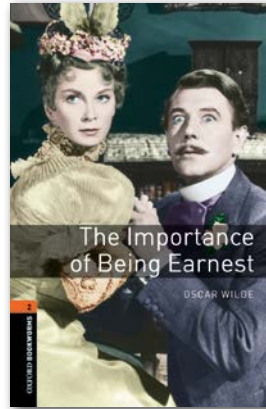
Huckleberry Finn
Mark Twain
Retold by Diane Mowat

Who wants to live in a house, wear clean clothes, be good, and go to school every day? Not young Huckleberry Finn, that's for sure.

So Huck runs away, and is soon floating down the great Mississippi River on a raft. With him is Jim, a black slave who is also running away. But life is not always easy for the two friends.

And there's 300 dollars waiting for anyone who catches poor Jim...

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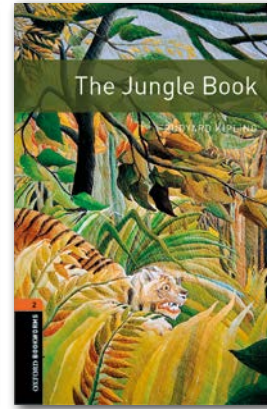
The Importance of Being Earnest
Oscar Wilde
Retold by Susan Kingsley

This famous play is one of the finest English comedies.

Algernon knows that his friend Jack does not always tell the truth. For example, in town his name is Ernest, while in the country he calls himself Jack. And who is the girl who gives him presents 'from little Cecily, with all her love'?

But when the beautiful Gwendolen says that she can only love a man called Ernest, Jack decides to change his name. Then Cecily agrees to marry Algernon, but only if his name is Ernest, too, and things become difficult for the two young men.

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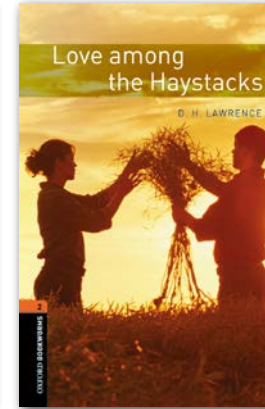
CLASSICS

The Jungle Book
Rudyard Kipling
Retold by Ralph Mowat

In the jungle of Southern India the Seeonee Wolf-Pack has a new cub. He is not a wolf – he is Mowgli, a human child, but he knows nothing of the world of men. He lives and hunts with his brothers the wolves. Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther are his friends and teachers. And Shere Khan, the man-eating tiger, is his enemy.

Kipling's famous story of Mowgli's adventures in the jungle has been loved by young and old for more than a hundred years.

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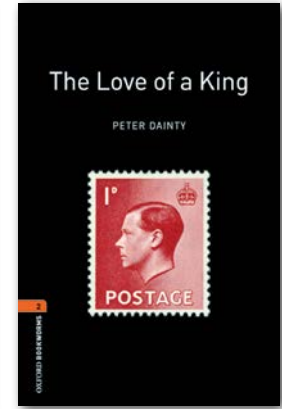
Love among the Haystacks
D. H. Lawrence
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

It is hay-making time on the Wookey farm. Two brothers are building the haystack, but thinking about other things - about young women, and love. There are angry words, and then a fight between the brothers. But the work goes on, visitors come and go, and the long hot summer day slowly turns to evening.

Then the sun goes down, covering the world with a carpet of darkness. From the hedges around the hayfield comes the rich, sweet smell of wild flowers, and the hay will make a fine, soft bed...



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TRUE STORIES

The Love of a King
Peter Dainty

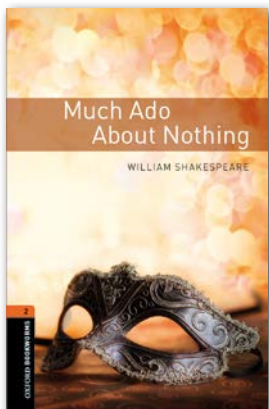
All he wanted to do was to marry the woman he loved. But his country said 'No!'

He was Edward VIII, King of Great Britain, King of India, King of Australia, and King of thirty-nine other countries. And he loved the wrong woman.

She was beautiful and she loved him – but she was already married to another man.

It was a love story that shook the world. The King had to choose: to be King, or to have love... and leave his country, never to return.

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Much Ado About Nothing

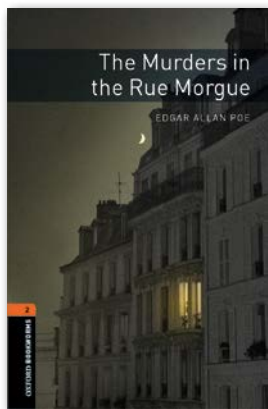
William Shakespeare
Retold by Alistair McCallum

There are two love stories in this fast-moving comedy.

Brave young Claudio and Leonato's pretty daughter Hero are in love and want to marry, but Don John has a wicked plan to stop their wedding. Will he succeed, or will the truth come out? Will Claudio and Hero marry, after all?

Beatrice and Benedick are always arguing with each other, but how do they really feel? Perhaps they are more interested in each other than they seem to be! Their friends work hard to bring them closer together.

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CRIME & MYSTERY

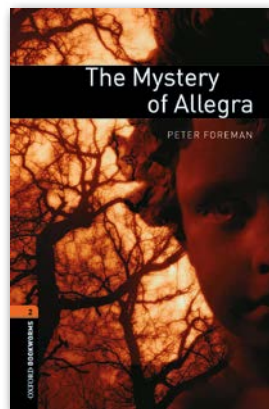
The Murders in the Rue Morgue

Edgar Allan Poe
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

The room was on the fourth floor, and the door was locked – with the key on the inside. The windows were closed and fastened – on the inside. The chimney was too narrow for a cat to get through. So how did the murderer escape? And whose were the two angry voices heard by the neighbours as they ran up the stairs? Nobody in Paris could find any answers to this mystery.

Except Auguste Dupin, who could see further and think more clearly than other people. The answers to the mystery were all there, but only a clever man could see them.

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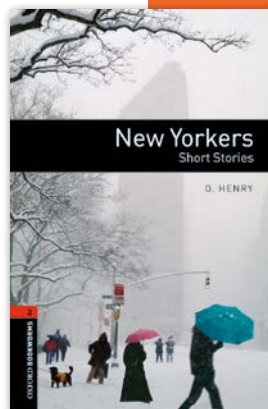
The Mystery of Allegra

Peter Foreman

Allegra is an unusual name. It means 'happy' in Italian, but the little girl in this story is sometimes very sad. She is only five years old, but she tells Adrian, her new friend, that she is going to die soon. How does she know?

And who is the other Allegra? The girl in a long white nightdress, who has golden hair and big blue eyes. The girl who comes only at night, and whose hands and face are cold, so cold...

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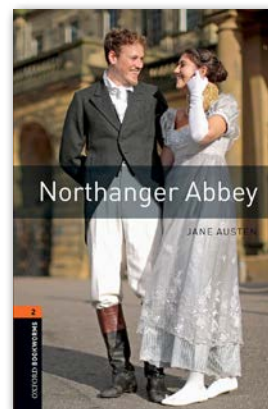
New Yorkers – Short Stories

O. Henry
Retold by Diane Mowat

A housewife, a tramp, a lawyer, a waitress, an actress – ordinary people living ordinary lives in New York at the beginning of the twentieth century. The city has changed greatly since that time, but its people are much the same. Some are rich, some are poor, some are happy, some are sad, some have found love, some are looking for love.

O. Henry's famous short stories – sensitive, funny, sympathetic – give us vivid pictures of the everyday lives of these New Yorkers.

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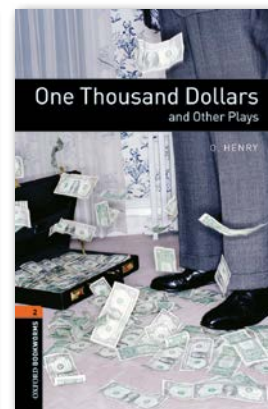
Northanger Abbey

Jane Austen
Retold by Rachel Bladon

Catherine is spending the summer in Bath. It is a new world for Catherine, who has never left her home village before. There are dances, visits to the theatre, her new friends Isabella Thorpe and Eleanor Tilney... and Eleanor's brother Henry, who she likes at once.

For Catherine, life is about love and adventure. So when she is invited to Northanger Abbey, the Tilney's home, it seems full of mystery. But soon Catherine begins to learn a few lessons about real life – about who her friends are, and why, for some people, money is more important than love.

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PLAYSCRIPTS

One Thousand Dollars and Other Plays

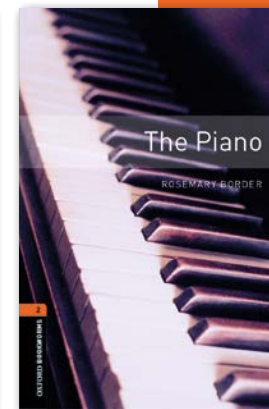
O. Henry
Retold by John Escott

Money or love? Which is more important in life? Can money buy anything? Can it help a young man to marry the girl he loves? Does money really make people happy, or does it just cause problems?

These four plays about money, love, and life are adapted from short stories written a hundred years ago by the great American storyteller O. Henry.

Henry had his own difficulties with money and loneliness, and wrote from personal experience.

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HUMAN INTEREST

The Piano

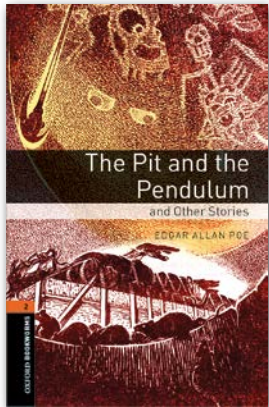
Rosemary Border

One day, a farmer tells a farm boy to take everything out of an old building and throw it away. 'It's all rubbish,' he says.

In the middle of all the rubbish, the boy finds a beautiful old piano. He has never played before, but now, when his fingers touch the piano, he begins to play. He closes his eyes and the music comes to him – and the music moves his fingers.

When he opens his eyes again, he knows that his life is changed for ever...

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FANTASY & HORROR

The Pit and the Pendulum and Other Stories

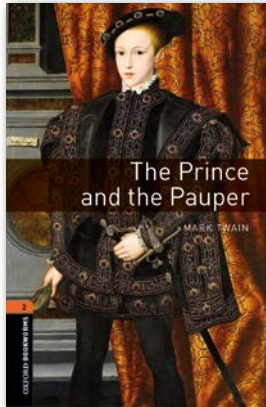
Edgar Allan Poe
Retold by John Escott

Everybody has bad dreams. Horrible things move towards you in the dark, things you can hear but not see. Then you wake up, in your own warm bed, and turn over to go back to sleep.

But imagine that you wake up on a hard floor, in a darkness blacker than the blackest night. You listen to the silence, and smell a wet *dead* smell. Death is all around you, waiting...

In these stories by Edgar Allan Poe, death whispers at you from every dark corner, and fear can send you mad...

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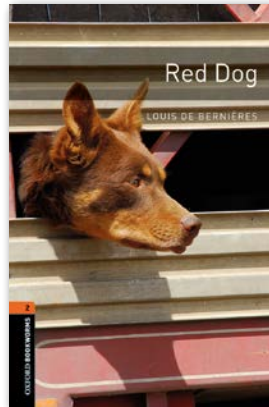
The Prince and the Pauper

Mark Twain
Retold by Alex Raynham

It is 1547 in London, and Tom is a pauper. His father sends him onto the streets of London to beg for money every day, and hits him when he brings nothing back. But Edward is a prince, the son of King Henry VIII, and he has everything.

There is something very unusual about these boys: they are from different worlds, but they look the same. When they meet one day, a mistake puts each boy into the wrong life. So what happens when a prince lives as a pauper, and a pauper lives as a king?

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TRUE STORIES

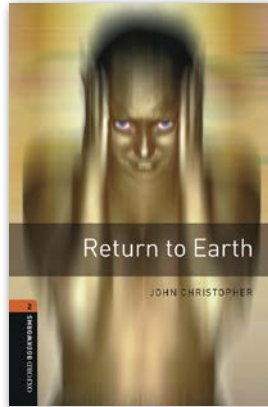
Red Dog

Louis de Bernières
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Red Dog was a Red Cloud kelpie, an Australian sheepdog. His life was full of excitement and adventure. He travelled all over Western Australia, and never really had an owner. But he had many, many friends, and he always knew where to go for a good meal.

Louis de Bernières collected these stories about the life of a real dog in Western Australia. They are all true stories – some are funny, some are sad, but all are unforgettable. Everybody should have a friend like Red Dog.

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FANTASY & HORROR

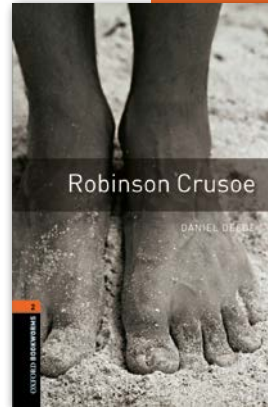
Return to Earth

John Christopher
Retold by Susan Binder

As they walk through a park in the distant future, Harl and Ellen talk about their work and their lives. But they will never have a life together because their work as scientists is more important to them than their love. Harl plans to leave Earth, on a long and dangerous journey through space. Ellen plans to stay on Earth, to change the way the human mind works.

When Harl returns to Earth, Ellen will be long dead... and the world will be a very different place.

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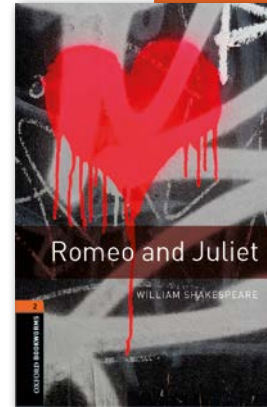
Robinson Crusoe

Daniel Defoe
Retold by Diane Mowat

'I often walked along the shore, and one day I saw something in the sand. I went over to look at it more carefully... It was a footprint – the footprint of a man!'

In 1659 Robinson Crusoe was shipwrecked on a small island off the coast of South America. After fifteen years alone, he suddenly learns that there is another person on the island. But will this man be a friend – or an enemy?

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PLAYSCRIPTS

Romeo and Juliet

William Shakespeare
Retold by Alistair McCallum

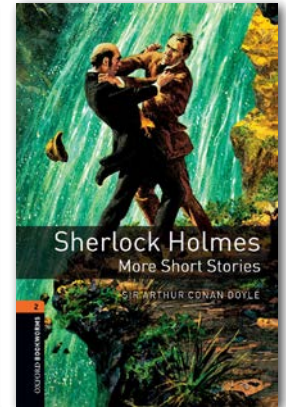
This is the most famous of all Shakespeare's plays – a story of young love.

What's in a name? Does it really matter if you are called Montague or Capulet? When Romeo, son of Lord Montague, falls in love with the most beautiful girl he's ever seen, he finds that it does matter. It makes all the difference in the world, because both families hate each other.

For a time, Romeo and Juliet manage to keep their love secret. But when Romeo is sent away from Verona, hope begins to die.

Can any of their friends help the young lovers to be together for ever?

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CRIME & MYSTERY

Sherlock Holmes: More Short Stories

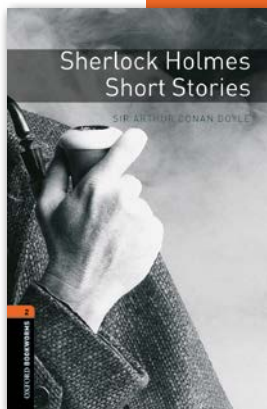
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Retold by Clare West

Sherlock Holmes is famous around the world. When the police cannot solve a crime, they turn to Holmes. He never misses a clue, and when he looks carefully at a person, he can understand everything about them.

These are two of the best Sherlock Holmes stories. In 'The Dead Coachman', Holmes investigates a burglary and a murder while he is staying in the countryside with his friend Doctor Watson. In 'The Last Mystery', Holmes is in danger from the evil Professor Moriarty, who is as clever as the detective himself. They are both ready to fight to the death. But who will win?

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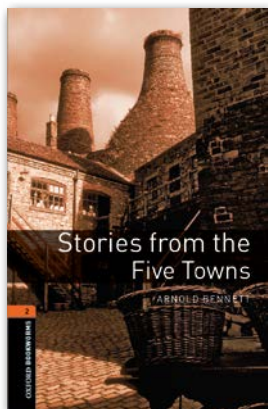
Sherlock Holmes Short Stories

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Retold by Clare West

Sherlock Holmes is the greatest detective of them all. He sits in his room, and smokes his pipe. He listens, and watches, and thinks. He listens to the steps coming up the stairs; he watches the door opening – and he knows what question the stranger will ask.

In these three of his best stories, Holmes has three visitors to the famous flat in Baker Street – visitors who bring their troubles to the only man in the world who can help them.

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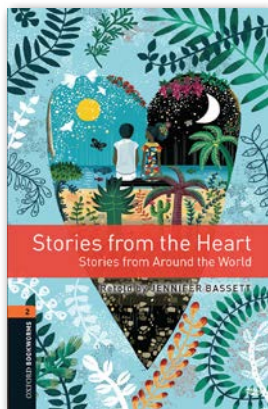
HUMAN INTEREST

Stories from the Five Towns

Arnold Bennett
Retold by Nick Bullard

Arnold Bennett is famous for his stories about the Five Towns and the people who live there. They look and sound just like other people, and, like all of us, sometimes they do some very strange things. There's Sir Jee, who is a rich businessman. So why is he making a plan with a burglar? Then there is Toby Hall. Why does he decide to visit Number 11 Child Row, and who does he find there? And then there are the Hessian brothers and Annie Emery – and the little problem of twelve thousand pounds.

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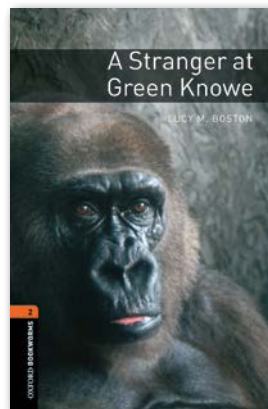
WORLD STORIES

Stories from the Heart

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

From Nigeria to New Zealand, from Jamaica to Malaysia, from India to South Africa, these stories show us that the human heart is the same in every place. People everywhere have the same feelings of fear and pain, happiness and sadness. *Bookworms World Stories* collect stories written in English from around the world, and the eight stories in this book were selected from the winning entries in the Commonwealth Short Story Competition. All the stories in this edition are from two previous Bookworms titles: *Cries from the Heart* and *Songs from the Soul*.

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HUMAN INTEREST

A Stranger at Green Knowe

Lucy M. Boston
Retold by Diane Mowat

When Ping sees Hanno in the zoo, he is excited, but also unhappy. Hanno is a magnificent African gorilla, big and black and much stronger than a man. But how can this wonderful wild animal live in a cage, behind bars and locked doors?

Then Hanno escapes from the zoo. And a few days later his footprints are seen near Green Knowe, the old house deep in the English countryside where Ping is spending his holiday...

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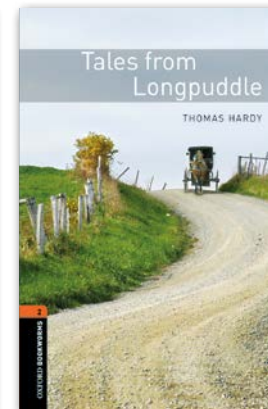
HUMAN INTEREST

The Summer Intern

Helen Salter

Anna wants to be a writer, so when she gets a summer job at a fashion and beauty website called *Gloss*, she's very excited. But things are not easy. Anna's best friend Katie is upset with her, her mother phones her every day at work, and Tina, the editor of *Gloss*, wants her to make the coffee and pick up the post, not write features. 'Am I ever going to write something for *Gloss*?' Anna thinks. 'And how am I going to get my best friend back, and explain to my mum that I'm fifteen, not five?'

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CLASSICS

Tales from Longpuddle

Thomas Hardy
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Tony Kytes is a favourite with the girls but he's not terribly clever. If you meet an old girlfriend and she asks for a ride home in your wagon, do you say yes? And then if you meet the girl you are planning to marry, what do you do? Very soon, Tony is in a great muddle, and does not know how to escape from it.

These stories are set in an English country village of the 19th century, but Hardy's tales of mistakes and muddles and marriages belong in any place, at any time.

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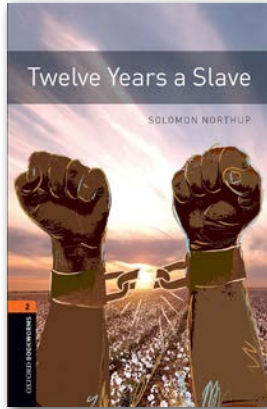
Too Old to Rock and Roll and Other Stories

Jan Mark
Retold by Diane Mowat

Greg is a teenager with a problem – his father. After the death of Greg's mother in an accident, his father takes no interest in life at all. Greg tries hard to help him. His father is too old to rock and roll, of course... or is he?

These short stories by Jan Mark look at life, love, and friendship through teenagers' eyes.

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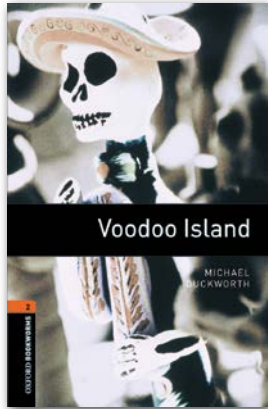
T TRUE STORIES

Twelve Years a Slave

Solomon Northup
Retold by Clare West

Solomon Northup left home in 1841 as a free black man. He wanted to go to New York for a few days, and then return home to his wife and children. But this was the start of a terrible journey for Solomon: a journey into kidnap and slavery, which did not end for twelve years. Every day brought more cruelty and pain, but Solomon never stopped thinking of ways to escape. This is the true story of his life.

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Voodoo Island

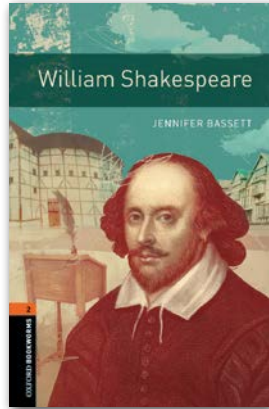
Michael Duckworth

Mr James Conway wants to make money. He wants to build new houses and shops – and he wants to build them on an old graveyard, on the island of Haiti.

There is only one old man who still visits the graveyard; and Mr Conway is not afraid of one old man.

But the old man has friends – friends in the graveyard, friends who lie dead, under the ground. And when Mr Conway starts to build his houses, he makes the terrible mistake of disturbing the sleep of the dead...

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T TRUE STORIES

William Shakespeare

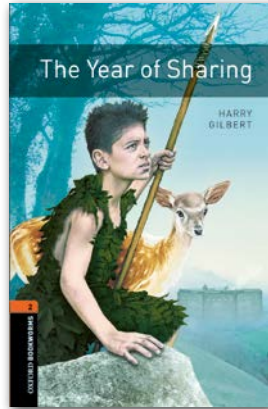
Jennifer Bassett

William Shakespeare. Born April 1564, at Stratford-upon-Avon. Died April 1616. Married Anne Hathaway: two daughters, one son. Actor, poet, famous playwright. Wrote nearly 40 plays.

But what was he like as a man? What did he think about when he rode into London for the first time... or when he was writing his plays *Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet*... or when his only son died?

We know the facts of his life, but we can only guess at his hopes, his fears, his dreams.

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F FANTASY & HORROR

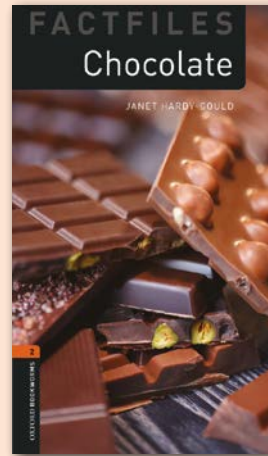
The Year of Sharing

Harry Gilbert

Richard is bored with the quiet life of his village. He would like to have a motor-car and drive it... very fast. But Richard lives in a future world where there are no cars, only bicycles and small villages and green forests.

And now he is 12 years old, and like the other children, he must do his Year of Sharing. He must live alone in the forest with the wild animals. He must learn to share his world; he must learn how animals live and eat and fight... and die.

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f FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Chocolate

Janet Hardy-Gould

You can drink it, and you can cook with it. You can even make buildings, dresses, and hats out of it. You can give it to somebody as a present, or you can buy it for yourself. And of course you can eat it. Dark chocolate, milk chocolate, chocolates with gold on the outside – everybody loves chocolate.

Follow its story, from the forests of Central America hundreds of years ago, through Africa, Europe, and the United States, to the growing markets of India and China. Perhaps you need a little something to eat while you read...

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Climate Change

Barnaby Newbolt

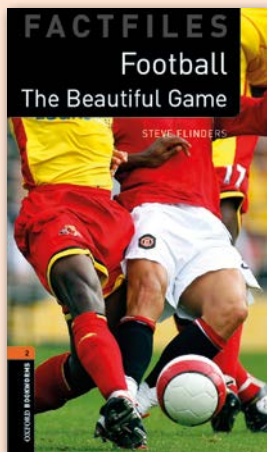
It's a terrible problem – or it's really not as bad as people say. There will be sudden big changes – or slower changes that we can learn to live with. It means the end for many animals, people, even whole islands – or the beginning for growing food in the Sahara.

What is the true story about climate change? Who is right – and what can we do about it? If we learn about the past, then perhaps there will be time to make changes for the future...

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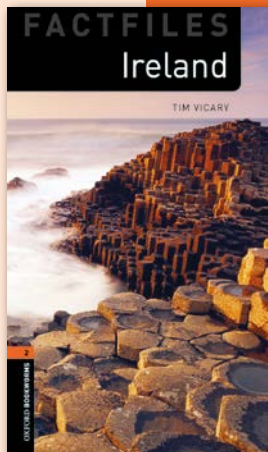
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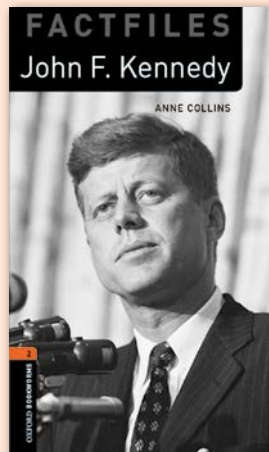
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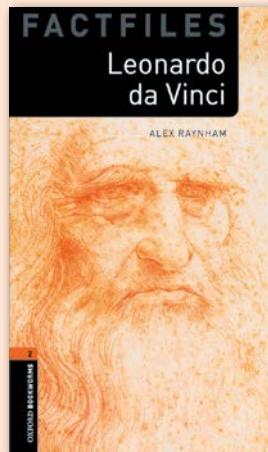
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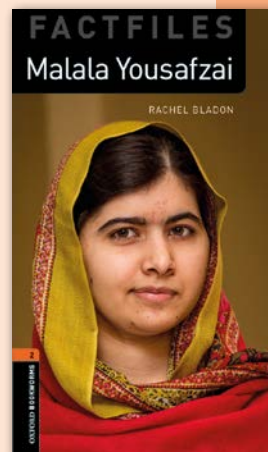
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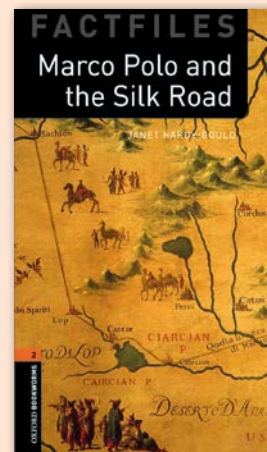
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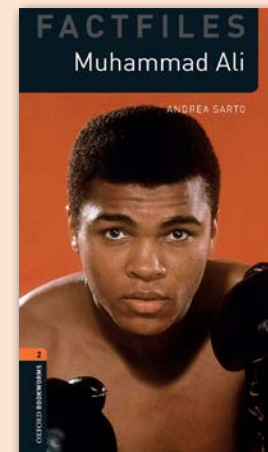
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Malala Yousafzai
Rachel Bladon



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Marco Polo and the Silk Road
Janet Hardy-Gould



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Muhammad Ali
Andrea Sarto

Some call it football, some call it soccer, and to others it's the beautiful game. By any name, it's a sport with some fascinating stories. There is a game that lasts for two days where many players never see the ball. There's the French writer who learnt lessons about life from playing football, and the women players who had to leave the club grounds because 'Women's football isn't nice'. The cups, the leagues, the World Cup finals, the stars, the rules – they're all a part of the world's favourite sport, the 'Beautiful Game'.

There are many different Irelands. There is the Ireland of peaceful rivers, green fields, and beautiful islands. There is the Ireland of song and dance, pubs and theatres – the country of James Joyce, Bob Geldof, and Riverdance. And there is the Ireland of guns, fighting, death, and the hope of peace. Come with us and visit all of these Irelands – and many more...

'Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.' More than fifty years ago, the new US President, John F. Kennedy, spoke these words. Millions of Americans listened, and they were filled with hope. With Kennedy as president, surely there was a great future ahead for their country. But Kennedy would not finish his four years as president. In November 1963, the world stopped as terrible news came from Dallas, Texas...

'What does the world look like from the moon?' 'How do our bodies work?' 'Is it possible for people to fly?' 'Can I make a horse of bronze that is eight metres tall?' 'How can we have cleaner cities?' All his life, Leonardo da Vinci asked questions. We know him as a great artist, but he was one of the great thinkers of all time, and even today, doctors and scientists are still learning from his ideas. Meet the man who made a robot lion, wrote backwards, and tried to win a war by moving a river...

Malala loved going to school. But in Pakistan, the Taliban became very important and they did not want girls to have an education. Malala was not afraid to speak out against the Taliban. In 2012, she was shot in the head and survived, and now more than ever she wants to fight for education for every child.

For a child in the great city of Venice in the 3th century, there could be nothing better than the stories of sailors. There were stories of strange animals, wonderful cities, sweet spices, and terrible wild deserts where a traveller could die. One young boy listened, waited, and dreamed. Perhaps one day his father and uncle would return. Perhaps he too could travel with them to great markets in faraway places. For young Marco Polo, later the greatest traveller of his time, a dangerous, exciting world was waiting...

Even as a young boy, Muhammad Ali knew that he wanted to do great things in his life, and make changes in the world. By the time he was eighteen, Ali was an Olympic Champion in boxing, and he went on to be World Champion three times. But Ali's fights were not just in the boxing ring. He fought for other things too: for peace, for black people's rights, for the sick, and for those in need. This is the story of how he became "The Greatest".

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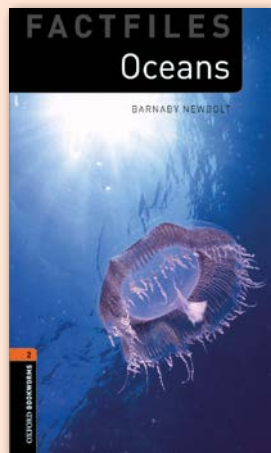
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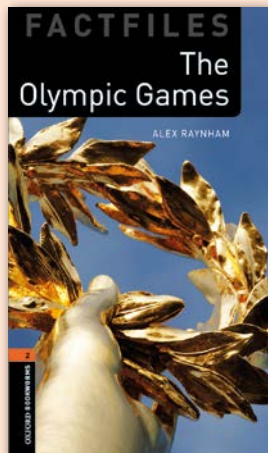
f FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Oceans
Barnaby Newbolt

Thousands of years ago, people looked out across an ocean and asked themselves, 'What is on the other side?' And the bravest of them began to travel and find the answers – beautiful islands, frozen lands, different peoples...

And there are still interesting questions about the oceans. Why does the water go up and down twice a day? Why do most animals and plants live near the land? And what can possibly live at the bottom of the ocean, thousands of metres down, where there is no light? Surely nothing can stay alive in a place like that...

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The Olympic Games
Alex Raynham

Every four years, the world's best athletes come together for one of the most exciting competitions in sport: the Olympic Games. After years of training, competitors in more than 40 different sports win and lose their events, and set new world records, in front of crowds of people.

The Olympic Games are more than 2,500 years old. So how did they start, how have they changed over the years, and what have been some of the most important times in their history?

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Rainforests
Rowena Akinyemi

Deep rivers, tall trees, strange animals, beautiful flowers – this is the rainforest. Burning trees, thick smoke, new roads and cities, dead animals – this is the rainforest too. To some people the rainforests mean beautiful places that you can visit; to others they mean trees that they can cut down and sell.

Between 1950 and 2000 half of the world's rainforests disappeared. While you read these words, people are cutting down rainforest trees. What are these wonderful places that we call rainforests – and is it too late to save them?

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Seasons and Celebrations
Jackie Maguire

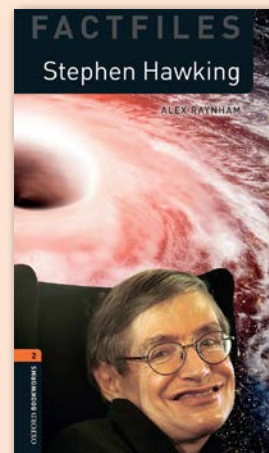
In English-speaking countries around the world people celebrate Easter, Valentine's Day, Christmas, and other special days. Some celebrations are new, others, like the summer solstice, go back thousands of years.

What happens on these special days? Why is there a special day for eating pancakes? Who is the 'guy' that children take onto the streets in November? And where do many people like to spend the shortest night of the year in England?

Come on a journey through a year of celebrations, from New Year's Eve to Christmas.

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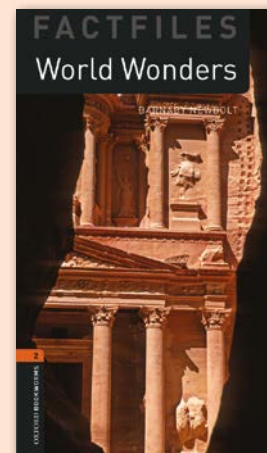


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Stephen Hawking
Alex Raynham

Stephen Hawking was one of the greatest scientists and thinkers of our time, and is famous around the world because he wrote and talked about cosmology – the science of the universe – in a way that people could understand. He had a terrible disease called ALS, and for many years could only move and speak with the help of machines. But this did not stop him working to try and understand our world better. *Will people travel in time one day? Where did the universe come from?* Most of us cannot even begin to think about questions like this – but Stephen Hawking was always looking for the answers.

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World Wonders
Barnaby Newbolt

What are the most beautiful, the most interesting, the most wonderful things in the world? The Great Pyramid, the Great Wall of China, the Panama Canal – everyone has their favourites. And there are natural wonders too – Mount Everest, Niagara Falls, and the Northern Lights, for example.

Here is one person's choice of 11 wonders. Some of them are made by people, and others are natural. Come and discover new wonders...

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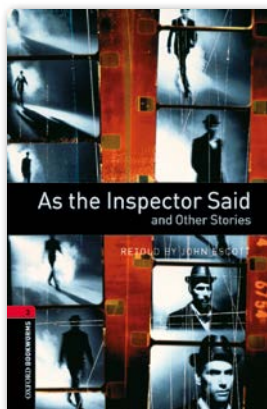
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? CRIME & MYSTERY

As the Inspector Said and Other Stories

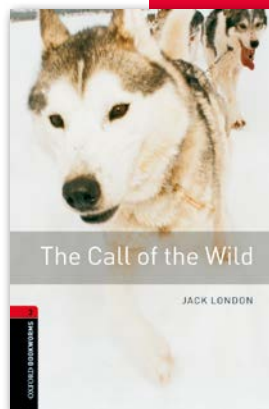
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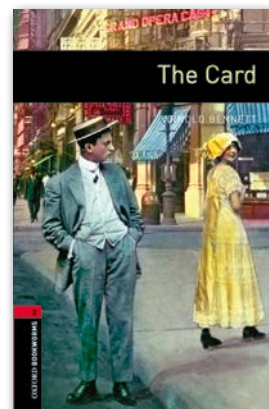
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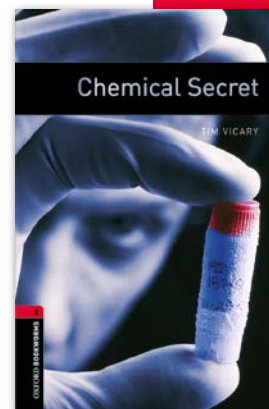
Jack London
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The Card

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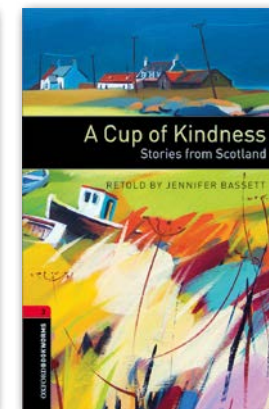
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🕯 CLASSICS

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens
Retold by Clare West



🌍 WORLD STORIES

A Cup of Kindness: Stories from Scotland

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

The murder plan seems so neat, so clever. How can it possibly fail? And when Sonia's stupid, boring little husband is dead, she will be free to marry her handsome lover. But perhaps the boring little husband is not so stupid after all...

Murder plans that go wrong, a burglar who makes a bad mistake, a famous jewel thief who meets a very unusual detective... These five stories from the golden age of crime writing are full of mystery and surprises.

On a day in 1821, a man and six children stood around a grave. They were burying a wife and mother. The children were all very young, and within a few years the two oldest were dead, too.

Close to the wild beauty of the Yorkshire moors, the father brought up his young family. Who had heard of the Brontës of Haworth then? Branwell died young, but his sisters became famous writers.

But they did not live to grow old or to enjoy their fame. Only their father was left, alone with his memories.

When men find gold in the frozen north of Canada, they need dogs – big, strong dogs to pull the sledges on the long journeys to and from the gold mines.

Buck is stolen from his home in the south and sold as a sledge-dog. He has to learn a new way of life – how to work in harness, how to stay alive in the ice and the snow... and how to fight. Because when a dog falls down in a fight, he never gets up again.

Every town should have a 'card' – someone who gets talked about, someone who does mad and wonderful things, someone who makes you laugh.

Bursley in the Five Towns has a 'card': Edward Henry Machin (Denry for short). Denry begins life in a poor little house where the rent is 23 pence a week. But before he's 30, he's made a lot of money, and had more adventures than you and I have had hot dinners. The town of Bursley never stops talking about him. Whatever will young Denry do next?

The job was too good. There had to be a problem – and there was.

John Duncan was an honest man, but he needed money. He had children to look after. He was ready to do anything, and his bosses knew it.

They gave him the job because he couldn't say no; he couldn't afford to be honest. And the job was like a poison inside him. It changed him and blinded him, so that he couldn't see the real poison – until it was too late.

Christmas is humbug, Scrooge says – just a time when you find yourself a year older and not a penny richer. The only thing that matters to Scrooge is business, and making money.

But on Christmas Eve three spirits come to visit him. They take him travelling on the wings of the night to see the shadows of Christmas past, present, and future – and Scrooge learns a lesson that he will never forget.

In Edinburgh a detective listens to a confession; in Orkney an old man lives with the ghosts of his past. In the Outer Hebrides some travellers learn a lesson; in Glasgow a young woman steals a meeting with a famous actor; and in a small town somewhere a pigeon dies. These stories are as richly varied as the land of Scotland itself.

Bookworms World Stories collect stories written in English from around the world. This volume has stories by Scottish writers Eona Macnicol, Malcolm Laing, Ian Rankin, George Mackay Brown, and Susie Maguire.

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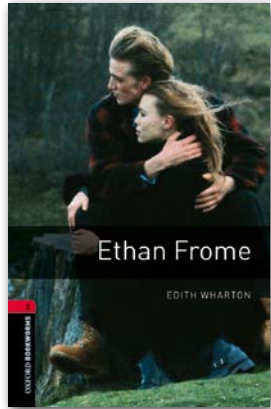
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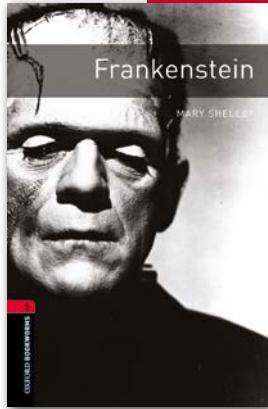
Edith Wharton
Retold by Susan Kingsley

Life is always hard for the poor, in any place and at any time. Ethan Frome is a farmer in Massachusetts. He works long hours, but his farm makes little money. His wife, Zeena, is a thin, grey woman, always complaining, and only interested in her own ill health.

Then Mattie Silver, a young cousin, comes to live with the Fromes, to help Zeena and do the housework. Her bright smile and laughing voice bring light and hope into the Fromes' house – and into Ethan's lonely life.

But poverty is a prison from which few people escape...

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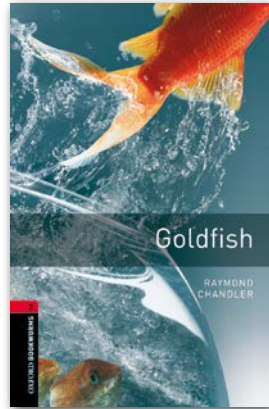
Frankenstein

Mary Shelley
Retold by Patrick Nobes

Victor Frankenstein thinks he has found the secret of life. He takes parts from dead people and builds a new 'man'. But this monster is so big and frightening that everyone runs away from him – even Frankenstein himself!

The monster is like an enormous baby who needs love. But nobody gives him love, and soon he learns to hate. And, because he is so strong, the next thing he learns is how to kill...

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CRIME & MYSTERY

Goldfish

Raymond Chandler
Retold by Christine Lindop

The Leander pearls were stolen 19 years ago. The thief was caught, but the pearls were never found, and there is still a \$25,000 reward for anyone who finds them. Then somebody comes to private detective Carmady with a story about a guy who knows where the pearls are hidden.

Carmady agrees to talk to the guy who says he knows. But he finds him dead in his bed, with burned feet, and it seems there are quite a lot of people in Los Angeles who have heard the story, and who are out looking for the Leander pearls...

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Justice

Tim Vicary

London: November. Terrorists blow up the Queen's coach outside Parliament. The Queen escapes, but five people are killed, and 40 others badly hurt – ordinary, innocent people, like Alan Cole, the Queen's coachman, who loses his leg in the bombing. And for Alan and his daughter Jane there is more terror to come, in the search for the truth behind the bombing. Will the terrorists be caught and brought to justice?

But what kind of justice? What can give Alan Cole his leg back, or give life back to people who have been blown to pieces by a bomb?

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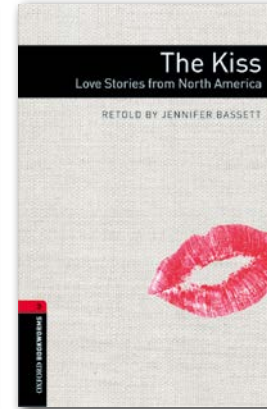
Kidnapped

Robert Louis Stevenson
Retold by Clare West

'I ran to the side of the ship. "Help, help! Murder!" I screamed, and my uncle slowly turned to look at me. I did not see any more. Already strong hands were pulling me away. Then something hit my head; I saw a great flash of fire, and fell to the ground...'

And so begin David Balfour's adventures. He is kidnapped, taken to sea, and meets many dangers. He also meets a friend, Alan Breck. But Alan is in danger himself, on the run from the English army across the wild Highlands of Scotland...

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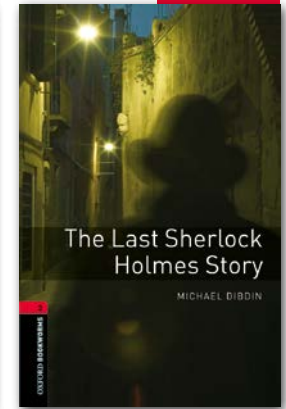
The Kiss: Love Stories from North America

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Love stories with a difference... There's a kiss by a fireside that was a mistake, there's a man-hating aunt by the seaside, and a gunman in Texas wanting a fight. There's a white heron flying over a forest, and a messenger running between two benches in a park. And of course, there's a girl who meets a boy...

These love stories are by US writers Kate Chopin, Stephen Crane, Sarah Orne Jewett, O. Henry, and Canadian writer Lucy Maud Montgomery (author of the famous *Anne of Green Gables*).

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CRIME & MYSTERY

The Last Sherlock Holmes Story

Michael Dibdin
Retold by Rosalie Kerr



For 50 years after Dr Watson's death, a packet of papers, written by the doctor himself, lay hidden in a locked box. The papers contained an extraordinary report of the case of Jack the Ripper and the horrible murders in the East End of London in 1888. The detective, of course, was the great Sherlock Holmes – but why was the report kept hidden for so long?

This is the story that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle never wrote. It is a strange and frightening tale...

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WORLD STORIES

The Long White Cloud: Stories from New Zealand

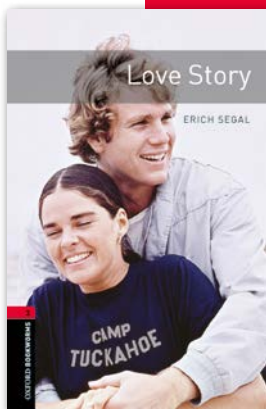
Retold by Christine Lindop

'Nani Tama looked at each of us – Dad, Auntie Hiraina, my cousin Timi, and myself. His eyes were angry. "You fullas want me to die here in this room? Looking at these four walls? When the whakapapa is not yet finished?"'

But Nani Tama gets his own way, and his grandson drives him through the night, to find the missing pieces from the family history.

The stories in this volume of *World Stories* are by New Zealand writers James Courage, Witi Ihimaera, Philip Mincher, and Joy Cowley.

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Love Story

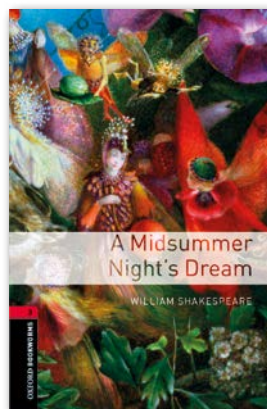
Erich Segal
Retold by Rosemary Border

This is a love story you won't forget. Oliver Barrett meets Jenny Cavilleri. He plays sports, she plays music. He's rich, and she's poor. They argue, and they fight, and they fall in love.

So they get married, and make a home together. They work hard, they enjoy life, they make plans for the future. Then they learn that they don't have much time left.

Their story has made people laugh, and cry, all over the world.

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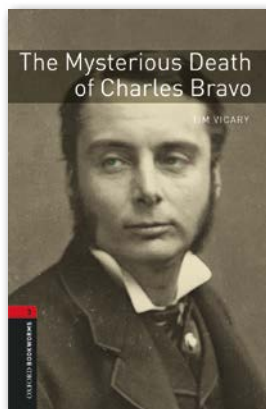
A Midsummer Night's Dream

William Shakespeare
Retold by R.J. Corrall

There are broken hearts and kisses and then weddings, so this is a story about love. There are actors who are funny because they cannot act, so it is also a story that makes people laugh. And there are fairies, spirits of the night, so it is a story about mischief and magic too. What happens when love and laughter come together with magic in an Athenian forest?

A Midsummer Night's Dream was written in about 1596 and is one of Shakespeare's most popular plays. It has been retold for *Bookworms*, not as a play, but as a story.

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TRUE STORIES

The Mysterious Death of Charles Bravo

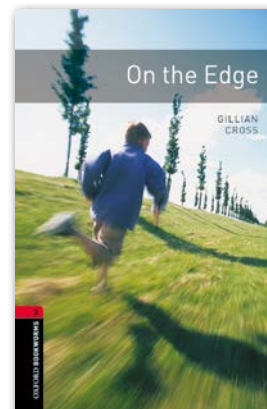
Tim Vicary

Charles Bravo died from the poison antimony. He took three days to die, and the doctors could do nothing to help him.

There were three people who had reasons for wanting Charles Bravo dead – Florence Bravo herself, Charles Bravo's new young wife; Dr James Gully, Florence's former lover; and Mrs Jane Cox, Florence's friend and companion.

But the enquiry into the death in 1876 could not decide who the murderer was, and for more than 130 years people have wondered who did kill Charles Bravo...

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

On the Edge

Gillian Cross
Retold by Clare West

When Tug wakes up, he is not in his own bedroom at home. The door is locked and there are bars across the window. Loud music hammers through the house and through his head. Then a woman comes in and says that she is his mother, but Tug knows that she is *not* his mother...

Outside, Jinny stares through the trees at the lonely house on the hill. She hears strange noises, but she turns away. After all, it's none of her business...

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Reader 978 0 19 479124 3



CLASSICS

Othello

William Shakespeare
Retold by Anna Trewin

Life is sweet for Othello. He is deeply in love with his new wife, Desdemona, and as the Duke's general, he is the most important person in Venice's army. But Othello does not know that his flag-bearer, Iago, hates him and wants revenge. As Iago begins to succeed with his clever plans, a frightening emotion takes hold of Othello: will jealousy destroy him? This is one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies, retold here as a story, not a play.

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FANTASY & HORROR

A Pair of Ghostly Hands and Other Stories

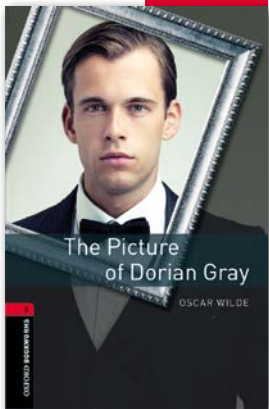
Retold by Diane Mowat

If you wake up in the night and hear a tap running somewhere in the house, what do you do? You get up, of course, and go and turn the tap off. A little later you hear the tap running again. You are alone in the house, and you *know* you turned the tap off. What do you do then?

The ghosts in these stories all have unfinished business with the living world. They come back from the grave to continue their work, to keep a promise, to look for something they have lost. Sometimes they want to help people, sometimes they want to punish them – or kill them.

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FANTASY & HORROR

The Picture of Dorian Gray

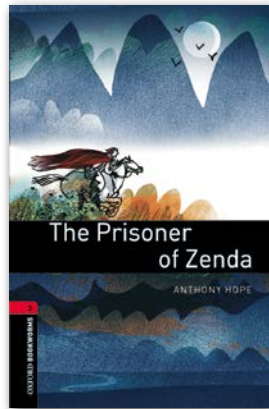
Oscar Wilde
Retold by Jill Nevile



WORLD STORIES

Playing with Fire: Stories from the Pacific Rim

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

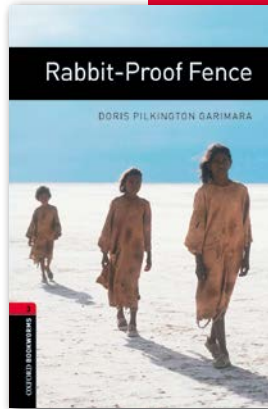


THRILLER & ADVENTURE

The Prisoner of Zenda

Anthony Hope
Retold by Diane Mowat

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TRUE STORIES

Rabbit-Proof Fence

Doris Pilkington Garimara
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



HUMAN INTEREST

The Railway Children

Edith Nesbit
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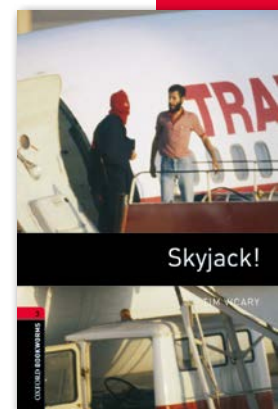


HUMAN INTEREST

The Secret Garden

Frances Hodgson Burnett
Retold by Clare West

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Skyjack!

Tim Vicary

'When we are happy, we are always good,' says Lord Henry, 'but when we are good, we are not always happy.'

Lord Henry's lazy, clever words lead the young Dorian Gray into a world where it is better to be beautiful than to be good; a world where anything can be forgiven – even murder – if it can make people laugh at a dinner party.

He smiled, showing teeth yellow from cigarette smoke. He looked at his desk diary, then at her papers again. 'Mmm... a hundred pesos a month. Why, that's one thousand two hundred pesos a year. Surely, you can afford to buy me a forty-peso dinner!'

How can Marina say no? How can she refuse the Chief's next request? He is an evil man, but she needs her promotion...

These *World Stories*, from Tonga, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and New Zealand, are by Epeli Hau'ofa, Denise Whittaker, F. Sionil José, David A. Kulu, and Graeme Lay.

'We must leave for Zenda at once, to find the King!' cried Sapt. 'If we're caught, we'll all be killed!'

So Rudolf Rassendyll and Sapt gallop through the night to find the King of Ruritania. But the King is now a prisoner in the Castle of Zenda. Who will rescue him from his enemies, the dangerous Duke Michael and Rupert of Hentzau?

And who will win the heart of the beautiful Princess Flavia?

Fourteen-year-old Molly and her cousins Daisy and Gracie were mixed-race Aborigines. In 1931 they were taken away from their families and sent to a camp to be trained as good 'white' Australians. They were told to forget their mothers, their language, their home.

But Molly would not forget. She and her cousins escaped and walked back to Jigalong, 1,600 kilometres away, following the rabbit-proof fence as their guide across the desert.

This is the true story of that walk, told by Molly's daughter, Doris. It is also a prize-winning film.

'We have to leave our house in London,' Mother said to the children. 'We're going to live in the country, in a little house near a railway line.'

And so begins a new life for Roberta, Peter, and Phyllis. They become the railway children – they know all the trains, Perks the station porter is their best friend, and they have many adventures on the railway line.

But why has their father had to go away? Where is he, and will he ever come back?

Little Mary Lennox is a bad-tempered, disagreeable child. When her parents die in India, she is sent back to England to live with her uncle in a big, lonely, old house.

There is nothing to do all day except walk in the gardens – and watch the robin flying over the high walls of the secret garden... which has been locked for ten years. And no one has the key.

When a large plane is hijacked, the Prime Minister looks at the list of passengers and suddenly becomes very, very frightened.

There is a name on the list that the Prime Minister knows very well – too well. There is someone on that plane who will soon be dead – if the hijackers can find out who he is!

And there isn't much time. One man lies dead on the runway. In a few minutes the hijackers will use their guns again. And the Prime Minister knows who they are going to kill.

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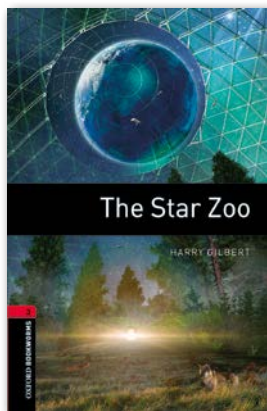
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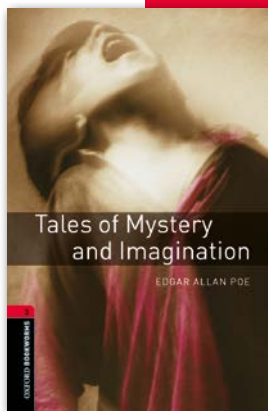
FANTASY & HORROR

The Star Zoo
Harry Gilbert

In our world today a hummingbird is a small, brilliantly coloured bird in tropical forests.

In the far distant future, Hummingbird (Hummy for short) is a girl of 16 who lives somewhere in the Galaxy, on a planet called Just Like Home. She has the name 'Hummingbird' in big letters on all her clothes, but she has never seen a real hummingbird. She has never seen any living animal or bird at all. The Book of Remembering says that there were once many animals on a planet called Earth, but that was before the Burning, a long, long time ago...

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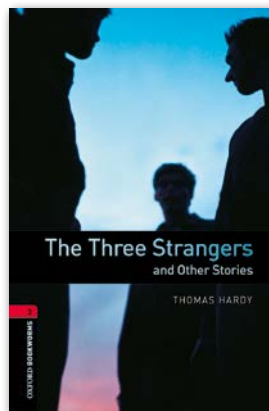
FANTASY & HORROR

Tales of Mystery and Imagination
Edgar Allan Poe
Retold by Margaret Naudi

The human mind is a dark, bottomless pit, and sometimes it works in strange and frightening ways. That sound in the night... is it a door banging in the wind, or a murdered man knocking inside his coffin? The face in the mirror... is it yours, or the face of someone standing behind you, who is never there when you turn round?

These famous short stories by Edgar Allan Poe, that master of horror, explore the dark world of the imagination, where the dead live and speak, where fear lies in every shadow of the mind...

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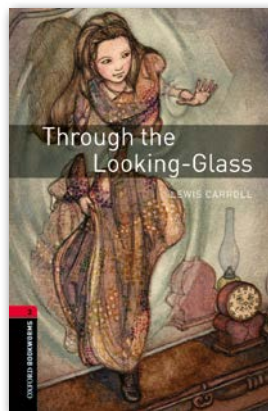
CLASSICS

The Three Strangers and Other Stories
Thomas Hardy
Retold by Clare West

On a stormy winter night, a stranger knocks at the door of a shepherd's cottage. He is cold and hungry, and wants to get out of the rain. He is welcomed inside, but he does not give his name or his business. Who is he, and where has he come from? And he is only the first visitor to call at the cottage that night...

In these three short stories, Thomas Hardy gives us pictures of the lives of shepherds and hangmen, dukes and teachers. But rich or poor, young or old, they all have the same feelings of fear, hope, love, jealousy...

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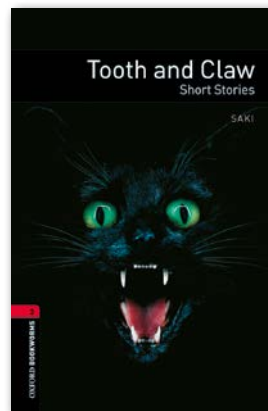
Through the Looking-Glass
Lewis Carroll
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

'I wish I could get through into looking-glass house,' Alice said. 'Let's pretend that the glass has gone soft and... Why, I do believe it has! It's turning into a kind of cloud!'

A moment later Alice is inside the looking-glass world. There she finds herself part of a great game of chess, travelling through forests and jumping across brooks. The chess pieces talk and argue with her, give orders and repeat poems...

It is the strangest dream that anyone ever had...

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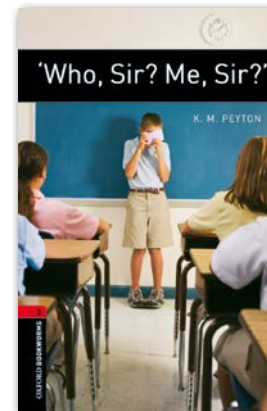
HUMAN INTEREST

Tooth and Claw – Short Stories
Saki
Retold by Rosemary Border

Conradin is ten years old. He lives alone with his aunt. He has two big secrets. The first is that he hates his aunt. The second is that he keeps a small, wild animal in the garden shed. The animal has sharp, white teeth, and it loves fresh blood. Every night, Conradin prays to this animal and asks it to do one thing for him, just one thing.

This collection of short stories is clever, funny, and shows us 'Nature, red in tooth and claw'. In other words, it is Saki at his very best.

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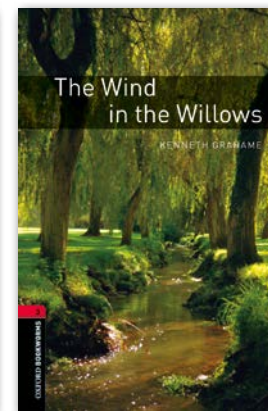
'Who, Sir? Me, Sir?'
K. M. Peyton
Retold by Diane Mowat

Sam Sylvester is a teacher who wants his class to have ambition, and to do great things in life. So he enters them for a sporting competition against the rich students of Greycroats School.

The team that he has chosen for the competition think Sam has gone crazy. 'Who, Sir? Me, Sir?' says little Hoomey, his eyes round with horror. 'We'll never beat Greycroats,' the others cry. 'Never in a million years!'

But you don't know what you can do – until you try...

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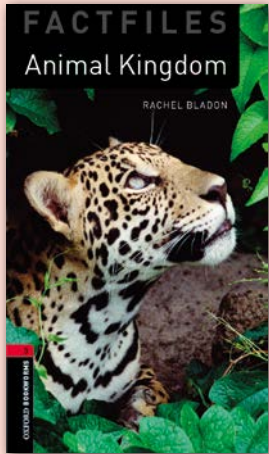
CLASSICS

The Wind in the Willows
Kenneth Grahame
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Down by the river bank, where the wind whispers through the willow trees, is a very pleasant place to have a lunch party with a few friends. But life is not always so peaceful for the Mole and the Water Rat. There is the time, for example, when Toad gets interested in motor-cars – goes mad about them in fact...

The story of the adventures of Mole, Rat, Badger, and Toad has been loved by young and old for over one hundred years.

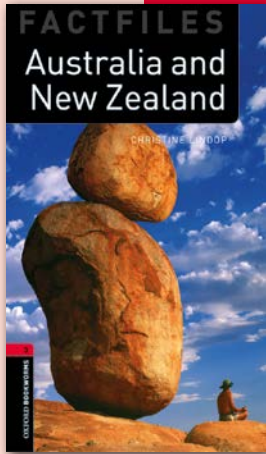
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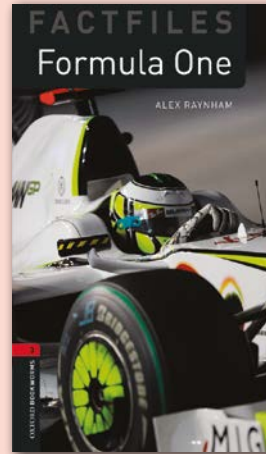
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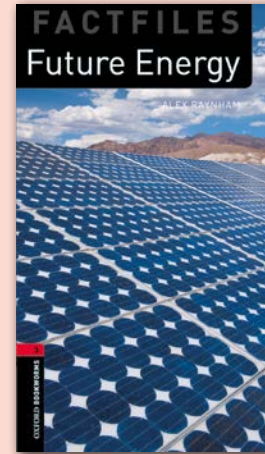
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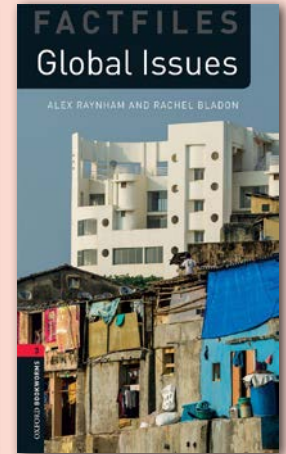
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Future Energy

Alex Raynham



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Global Issues

Alex Raynham and Rachel Bladon

From the smallest fly to the biggest elephant, and from fish living at the bottom of the ocean to birds that fly several kilometres above land: this is the animal kingdom, the biggest group of living things in the world. Some are very different, others are the same in many ways – but these mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates have all managed to live for thousands and thousands of years. How do they find food, grow, keep safe, and have young – and what is the future for them in this fast-changing world?

What do you find in these two countries at the end of the world? One is an enormous island, where only 20 million people live – and the other is two long, narrow islands, with ten sheep for every person. One country has the biggest rock in all the world, and a town where everybody lives under the ground; the other has a beach where you can sit beside the sea in a pool of hot water, and lakes that are bright yellow, green, and blue.

Open this book and start your journey – to two countries where something beautiful or surprising waits around every corner.

Imagine an animal with teeth as big as bananas – and a brain as big as an orange. Or a flying animal with wings as wide as a small plane. Think about a tail that could knock a man's head off, or a mouth with hundreds of teeth. Is it any surprise that people are interested in dinosaurs?

Nobody has ever seen a living dinosaur, but millions of us go every year to stare at the bones of these enormous animals. In books, films, and games, we can't get enough of the secrets of the dinosaur world...

It is beautiful to look at, hard to reach, and terribly difficult to climb. Winds of 200 kilometres per hour or more scream across it day and night, while the temperature falls to -20°C or lower. Every year, some who try to climb the highest mountain in the world do not return.

But for a century people have been coming to climb Everest – some alone, some in groups, but all with a dream of going to the highest place in the world. This is their story.

It's an exciting life – full of fast cars, money, and travel. The names of Formula One champions are known all over the world. And everywhere young drivers dream of success one day in Monaco, Melbourne, Monza...

But it is a difficult life too. Drivers need strong bodies – and minds. They need to think quickly, drive hard, and sometimes look death in the face. This is the dangerous, exciting world of Formula One – where the world's best drivers have only seconds to win or lose a race.

Right now, all over the world, people are using energy. As we drive our cars, work on our computers, or even cook food on a wood fire, we probably do not stop to think about where the energy comes from. But when the gas is gone and there is no more coal – what then?

Scientists are finding new answers all the time. Get ready for the children whose running feet make the energy to bring water to their village; for the power station that uses warm and cold water to make energy; for the car that saves energy by growing like a plant...

Our world is changing fast. We can travel and speak to people around the world, and use computers to do all kinds of things. But in some places, children go to bed hungry at night, and cannot drink clean water. And many species of animals and plants are now in danger as our climate changes and pollution worsens.

These are just a few of today's many important global issues. So how and why are they changing, and are there any answers to these problems?

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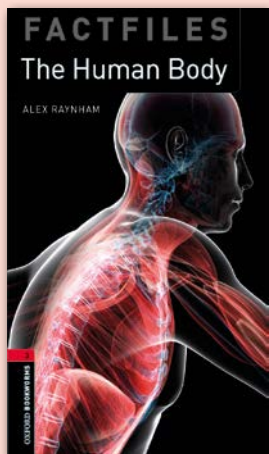
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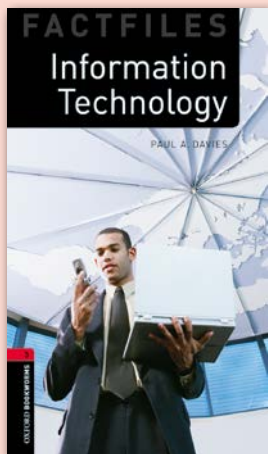
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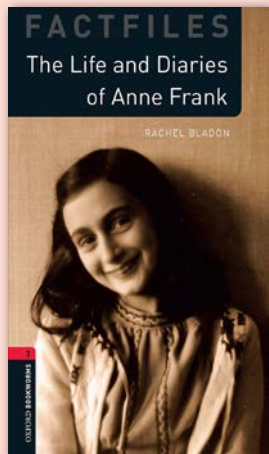
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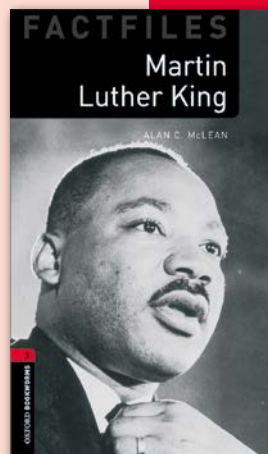
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The Life and Diaries of Anne Frank

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Space

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The USA

Alison Baxter

You're fast asleep, and nothing is happening. Or is it? In fact, your body is hard at work. Your lungs are taking oxygen from the air, and your heart is pumping blood round your body. Millions of pieces of information are travelling backwards and forwards to your brain all the time. Muscles are repairing themselves, and in your lymph nodes special cells are cleaning germs and waste from the body. You may think that nothing is happening, but in the extraordinary machine that is the human body, it is very busy indeed...

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It is hard to imagine the modern world without information technology. At home, at work, and at play, mobile phones, emails, and computers have become part of daily life.

The story of information technology is a story of machines – from the ancient abacus to the small powerful computer chips of today. But it is also a story of people. Meet a woman who wrote computer programs two hundred years ago, a teenage millionaire, a man who began with a paperclip and ended with a house – and meet the criminals who want your name and your money.

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From 1942 until 1944, Anne Frank and her family lived secretly in a few small rooms at the back of her father's office in Amsterdam, never leaving the building. Like many other Jewish families at that time, they were hiding from Hitler's Nazis.

While she was in hiding, Anne wrote diaries which described her secret life, and the loves, hopes, fears and dreams of a teenage girl in extraordinary times. After the war, the diaries became famous around the world. This is the story of the diaries of Anne Frank's early years, and of her life during and after the time in hiding.

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The United States in the 1950s and 1960s was a troubled place. Black people were angry, because they did not have the same rights as whites. It was a time of angry words, of marches, of protests, a time of bombs and killings.

But above the angry noise came the voice of one man – a man of peace. 'I have a dream,' said Martin Luther King, and it was a dream of blacks and whites living together in peace and freedom. This is the story of an extraordinary man, who changed American history in his short life.

Word count 9,871
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What will we do when there is nowhere to put our rubbish? Every day, all over the world, people drop cans, boxes, paper, and bottles into bins and never think about them again. And the rubbish mountains get bigger and bigger.

But there is another way – a way that makes old paper into houses, broken bottles into jewellery, and old cans into bridges. Anyone can recycle – it's easy, it saves money, and it's a way to say, 'I care about the Earth.' Saving the world starts with you – here – now.

Word count 10,098
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Is there anyone who has not looked at the dark sky, and the shining points of light above us, and asked themselves questions about what is out there? Where did our planet come from? When did the universe begin? Could we live on another planet? And one question above all – is there life anywhere else in space?

Begin a journey into space – where spacecraft travel at thousands of kilometres an hour, temperatures are millions of degrees, and a planet may be hard rock – or a ball of gas. In space, everything is extraordinary...

Word count 9,311
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Everybody knows about the United States of America. You can see its films, hear its music, and eat its food just about everywhere. Cowboys, jazz, hamburgers, the Stars and Stripes – that's the United States.

But it's a country with many stories to tell. Stories of busy cities, beautiful forests and parks. Stories of a country that fought against Britain, and then against itself, to make the United States of today. Stories of rich and poor, black and white, Native American and immigrant. And the story of what it is like to be an American today...

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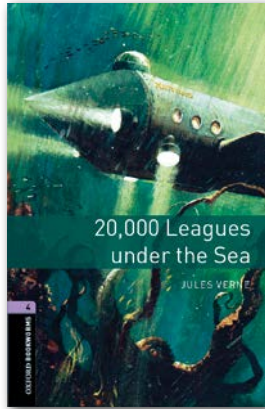
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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

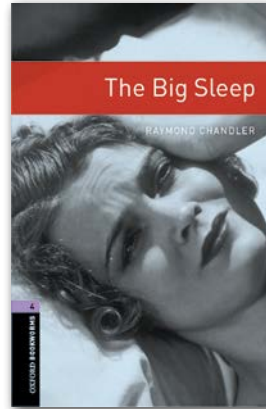
20,000 Leagues under the Sea

Jules Verne

It is 1866, and there is trouble in the world's oceans. What is the extraordinary thing that people have seen there, travelling faster than a whale and cutting holes in the bottom of the strongest ships?

Dr Aronnax joins the search for the 'monster', hoping for an exciting adventure. But when he meets the mysterious Captain Nemo, his adventure becomes more extraordinary than he had ever imagined, and he discovers a new underwater world, full of wonders, but of strange dangers too...

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CRIME & MYSTERY

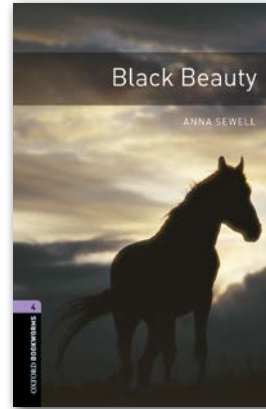
The Big Sleep

Raymond Chandler
Retold by Rosalie Kerr

General Sternwood has four million dollars, and two young daughters, both pretty and both wild. He's an old, sick man, close to death, but he doesn't like being blackmailed. So he asks private detective Philip Marlowe to get the blackmailer off his back.

Marlowe knows the dark side of life in Los Angeles well, and nothing much surprises him. But the Sternwood girls are a lot wilder than their old father realizes. They like men, drink, drugs – and it's not just a question of blackmail.

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HUMAN INTEREST

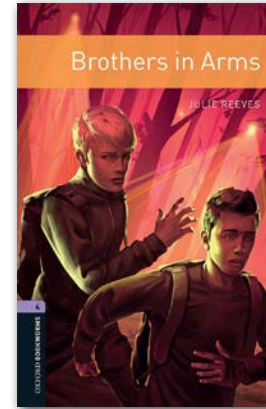
Black Beauty

Anna Sewell
Retold by John Escott

When Black Beauty is trained to carry a rider on his back, or to pull a carriage behind him, he finds it hard at first. But he is lucky – his first home is a good one, where his owners are kind people, who would never be cruel to a horse.

But in the 19th century many people were cruel to their horses, whipping them and beating them, and using them like machines until they dropped dead. Black Beauty soon finds this out, and as he describes his life, he has many terrible stories to tell.

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Brothers in Arms

Julie Reeves

Why aren't the students at Mangrove High School allowed to study maths or use computers? Who are the strange Wardens who watch over them all the time? And is someone listening in on their thoughts, when they are sent to The Room? Finn and Ellie both know that something isn't right in their world. But when they start asking questions, their lives are turned upside-down – and suddenly even their families are no longer what they seemed. Finn is in great danger, but when his brother Adam offers to help, he needs to find out fast if he can really trust him...

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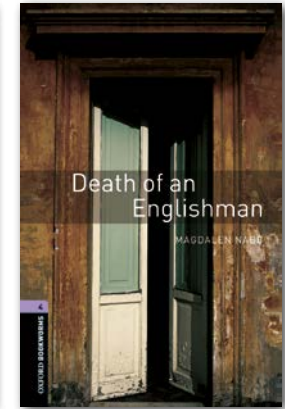
Cranford

Elizabeth Gaskell
Retold by Kate Mattock

Life in the small English town of Cranford seems very quiet and peaceful. The ladies of Cranford lead tidy, regular lives. They make their visits between the hours of twelve and three, give little evening parties, and worry about their maid-servants. But life is not always smooth – there are little arguments and jealousies, sudden deaths and unexpected marriages...

Mrs Gaskell's timeless picture of small-town life in the first half of the 19th century has delighted readers for nearly 150 years.

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CRIME & MYSTERY

Death of an Englishman

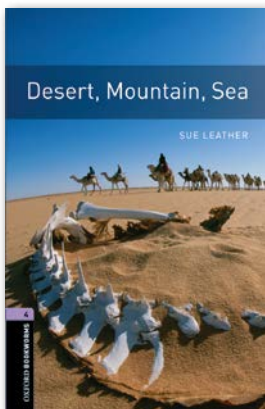
Magdalen Nabb
Retold by Diane Mowat

It was a very inconvenient time for murder. Florence was full of Christmas shoppers and half the police force was already on holiday.

At first it seemed quite an ordinary murder. Of course, there are always a few mysteries. In this case, the dead man had been in the habit of moving his furniture at three o'clock in the morning. Naturally, the police wanted to know why. The case became more complicated. But all the time, the answer was right under their noses. They just couldn't see it. It was, after all, a very ordinary murder.

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T TRUE STORIES

Desert, Mountain, Sea
Sue Leather

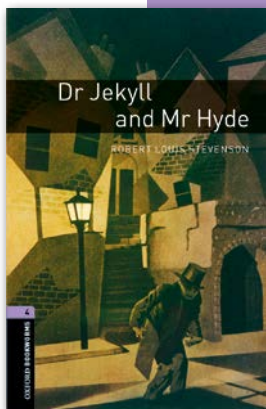
Three different parts of the world, but all of them dangerous, lonely places. Three different women, but all of them determined to go – and to come back alive!

Robyn Davidson walked nearly 3,000 kilometres across the Australian desert – with a dog and four camels.

Arlene Blum led a team of ten women to the top of Annapurna – one of the highest mountains in the world. Only eight came down again.

Naomi James sailed around the world alone, on a journey lasting more than 250 days.

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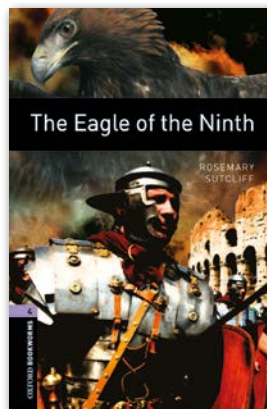
F FANTASY & HORROR

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Robert Louis Stevenson
Retold by Rosemary Border

You are walking through the streets of London. It is getting dark and you want to get home quickly. You enter a narrow side-street. Everything is quiet, but as you pass the door of a large, windowless building, you hear a key turning in the lock. A man comes out and looks at you. You have never seen him before, but you realize immediately that he hates you. You are shocked to discover, also, that you hate him.

Who is this man that everybody hates? And why is he coming out of the laboratory of the very respectable Dr Jekyll?

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T THRILLER & ADVENTURE

The Eagle of the Ninth
Rosemary Sutcliffe
Retold by John Escott

In the second century AD, when the Ninth Roman Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain, not one man came back. Four thousand men disappeared, and the Eagle, the symbol of the Legion's honour, was lost.

Years later there is a story that the Eagle has been seen again. So Marcus Aquila, whose father disappeared with the Ninth, travels north, to find the Eagle and bring it back, and to learn how his father died. But the tribes of the north are wild and dangerous, and they hate the Romans...

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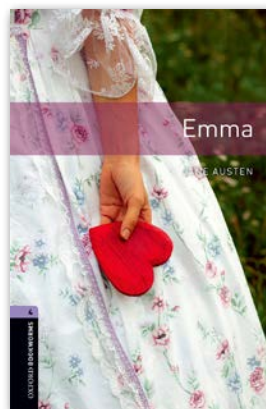
T TRUE STORIES

Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything
Elizabeth Gilbert
Text adaptation by Rachel Bladon

Elizabeth Gilbert, a successful writer, had everything – a husband, friends, a big house in New York. But one day she realized she did not want any of it. A new relationship brought more heartbreak, deep depression followed, and in desperation, she started to pray. She decided to spend a year without any new relationships, and to travel in Italy, India, and Indonesia, searching for meaning in her life.

This memoir is the true story of her journey of discovery through pleasure, religion, and back to love again. It has also been made into a major movie.

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C CLASSICS

Emma
Jane Austen
Retold by Clare West



Emma Woodhouse, beautiful, clever and rich, has no wish to marry, but she enjoys making matches for those around her. It was Emma who found the perfect husband for her governess Miss Taylor. So when her dear friend Mr Knightley tells her that she should let people choose their own husbands and wives, she will not listen. But does Emma really understand people as well as she thinks? And is she even right about her own feelings, when she says that she will never fall in love?

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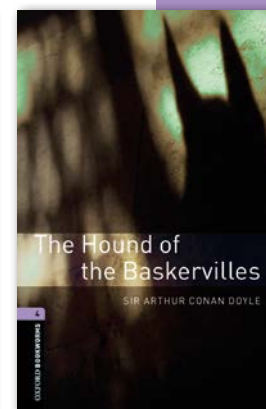
C CLASSICS

Gulliver's Travels
Jonathan Swift
Retold by Clare West

'Soon I felt something alive moving along my leg and up my body to my face, and when I looked down, I saw a very small human being, only 15 centimetres tall... I was so surprised that I gave a great shout.'

But that is only the first of many surprises which Gulliver has on his travels. He visits a land of giants and a flying island, meets ghosts from the past and horses which talk...

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? CRIME & MYSTERY

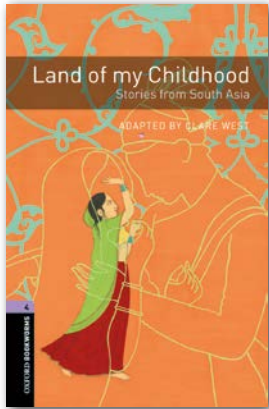
The Hound of the Baskervilles
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Retold by Patrick Nobes

Dartmoor. A wild, wet place in the south-west of England. A place where it is easy to get lost, and to fall into the soft green earth which can pull the strongest man down to his death.

A man is running for his life. Behind him comes an enormous dog – a dog from his worst dreams, a dog from hell. Between him and a terrible death stands only one person – the greatest detective of all time, Sherlock Holmes.

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WORLD STORIES

**Land of my Childhood:
Stories from
South Asia**

Retold by Clare West

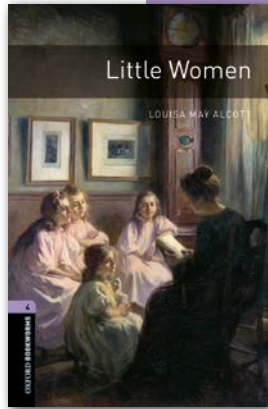


'My brother preferred being with mother and me. He used to help us prepare vegetables in the kitchen or make the bread. But what he liked best was listening to my mother's stories.'

But those childhood days are long gone, and sister and brother, mother and children are now far apart.

The stories in this volume of *World Stories* come from India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The writers are Romesh Gunesekera, M. Athar Tahir, Chitra Divakaruni, Anu Kumar, Anne Ranasinghe, Ruskin Bond, Anita Desai, Vijita Fernando, and Amara Bavani Dev.

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HUMAN INTEREST

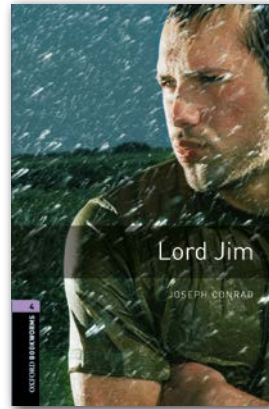
Little Women

Louisa May Alcott
Retold by John Escott

When Christmas comes for the four March girls, there is no money for expensive presents and they give away their Christmas breakfast to a poor family. But there are no happier girls in America than Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy. They miss their father, of course, who is away at the Civil War, but they try hard to be good so that he will be proud of his 'little women' when he comes home.

This heart-warming story of family life has been popular for more than one hundred years.

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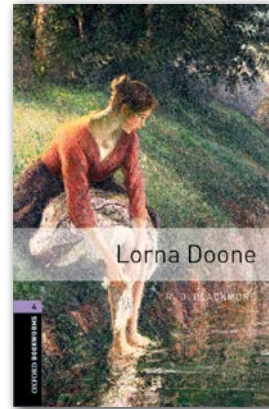
Lord Jim

Joseph Conrad
Retold by Clare West

One hundred years ago a seaman's life was full of danger, but Jim, the first mate on board the *Patna*, is not afraid of danger. He is young, strong, confident of his bravery. He dreams of great adventures – and the chance to show the world what a hero he is.

But the sea is no place for dreamers. When the chance comes, on a calm moonlit night in the Indian Ocean, Jim fails the test, and his world falls to pieces around him. He disappears into the jungles of south-east Asia, searching for a way to prove himself, once and for all...

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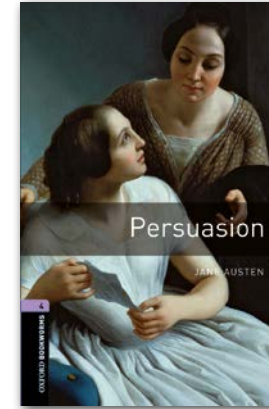
Lorna Doone

R. D. Blackmore
Retold by David Penn

One winter's day in 1673 young John Ridd is riding home from school, across the wild lonely hills of Exmoor. He has to pass Doone valley – a dangerous place, as the Doones are famous robbers and murderers. All Exmoor lives in fear of the Doones.

At home there is sad news waiting for young John, and he learns that he has good reason to hate the Doones. But in the years to come he meets Lorna Doone, with her lovely smile and big dark eyes. And soon he is deeply, hopelessly in love...

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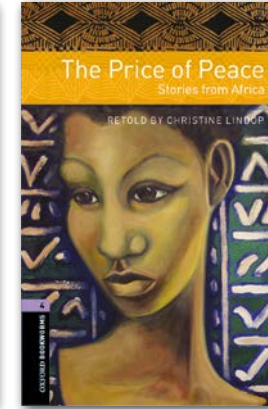
Persuasion

Jane Austen
Retold by Clare West

At 19 Anne Elliot refuses an offer of marriage from Frederick Wentworth, persuaded to do so by Lady Russell, a friend of her dead mother. Wentworth is a sailor, with no money and an uncertain future, says Lady Russell – just a nobody, certainly not worthy of a baronet's daughter.

Eight years later Wentworth returns, a rich and successful captain, looking for a wife. Anne is still unmarried, but Captain Wentworth clearly prefers the company of the two Musgrove girls...

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WORLD STORIES

**The Price of Peace:
Stories from Africa**

Retold by Christine Lindop

Careful, Connie, please. Your little sister's eyes are looking angry. Look at the sudden lines around her mouth. Connie, a sister is a good thing. Even a younger sister. 'Mercy, who are you going out with?'

Connie gets an answer to her question, but it is not the answer she wants to hear. And what is the price of peace between sisters?

The stories in this volume of *World Stories* come from Sierra Leone, Malawi, Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Nigeria, and are by African writers Abioseh Nicol, Ken Lipenga, Ama Ata Aidoo, Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, and Sefi Atta.

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The Scarlet Letter

Nathaniel Hawthorne
Retold by John Escott

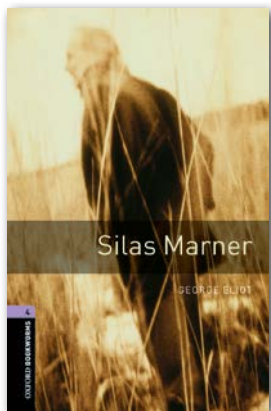
Scarlet is the colour of sin, and the letter 'A' stands for 'Adultery'. In the 1600s, in Boston, Massachusetts, love was allowed only between a husband and a wife. A child born outside marriage was a child of sin.

Hester Prynne must wear the scarlet letter on her dress for the rest of her life. How can she ever escape from this public shame? What will happen to her child, growing up in the shadow of the scarlet letter? The future holds no joy for Hester Prynne.

And what will happen to her sinful lover – the father of her child?

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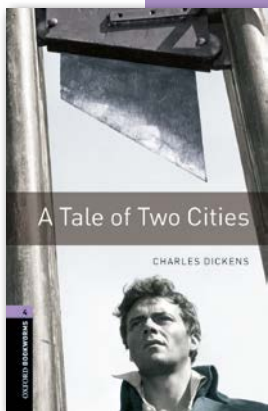
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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

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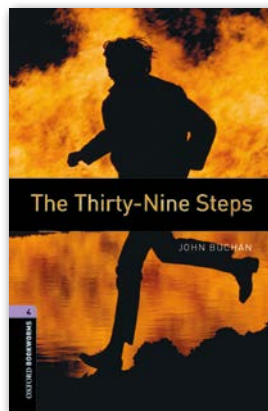
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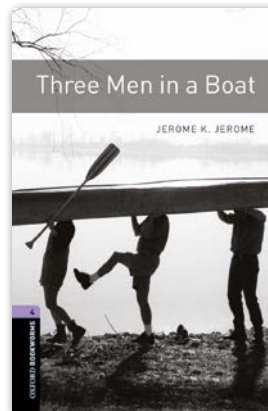
Charles Dickens
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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

The Thirty-Nine Steps

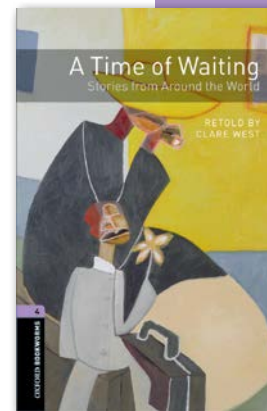
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HUMAN INTEREST

Three Men in a Boat

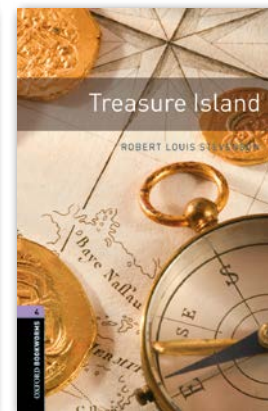
Jerome K. Jerome
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WORLD STORIES

**A Time of Waiting:
Stories from Around
the World**

Retold by Clare West



THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson
Retold by John Escott

In a hole under the floorboards Silas Marner the linen-weaver keeps his gold. Every day he works hard at his weaving, and every night he takes the gold out and holds the bright coins lovingly, feeling them and counting them again and again. The villagers are afraid of him and he has no family, no friends. Only the gold is his friend, his delight, his reason for living.

But what if a thief should come in the night and take his gold away? What will Silas do then? What could possibly comfort him for the loss of his only friend?

Jan opened his wooden box and took out the silver sword. 'This will bring me luck,' he said to Mr Balicki. 'And it will bring you luck because you gave it to me.'

The silver sword is only a paper knife, but it gives Jan and his friends hope. Hungry, cold, and afraid, the four children try to stay alive among the ruins of bombed cities in war-torn Europe. Soon they will begin the long and dangerous journey south, from Poland to Switzerland, where they hope to find their parents again.

'The Marquis lay there, like stone, with a knife pushed into his heart. On his chest lay a piece of paper, with the words: *Drive him fast to the grave. This is from JACQUES.*'

The French Revolution brings terror and death to many people. But even in these troubled times people can still love and be kind. They can be generous and true-hearted... and brave.

'I turned on the light, but there was nobody there. Then I saw something in the corner that made my blood turn cold. Scudder was lying on his back. There was a long knife through his heart, pinning him to the floor.'

Soon Richard Hannay is running for his life across the hills of Scotland. The police are chasing him for a murder he did not do, and another, more dangerous enemy is chasing him as well – the mysterious 'Black Stone'. Who are these people? And why do they want Hannay dead?

'I like work. I find it interesting... I can sit and look at it for hours.'

With ideas like this, perhaps it is not a good idea to spend a holiday taking a boat trip up the River Thames. But this is what the three friends – and Montmorency the dog – decide to do. It is the sort of holiday that is fun to remember afterwards, but not so much fun to wake up too early on a cold, wet morning.

This famous book has made people laugh all over the world for one hundred years... and they are still laughing.

When did you last meet a polar bear, or go to a magician for help? These stories offer many different experiences. Some are strange, some are scary, some are sad, some are blackly funny. A few are shocking – when Lin Lin returns home for a funeral, she learns a dark and terrible family secret which may destroy her.

Bookworms World Stories collect stories written in English from around the world. These stories are from Australia, Canada, India, Malaysia, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, and Trinidad.

'Suddenly, there was a high voice screaming in the darkness: "Pieces of eight! Pieces of eight! Pieces of eight!" It was Long John Silver's parrot, Captain Flint! I turned to run...'

But young Jim Hawkins does not escape from the pirates this time. Will he and his friends find the treasure before the pirates do? Will they escape from the island, and sail back to England with a ship full of gold?

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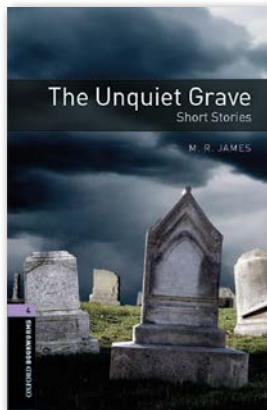
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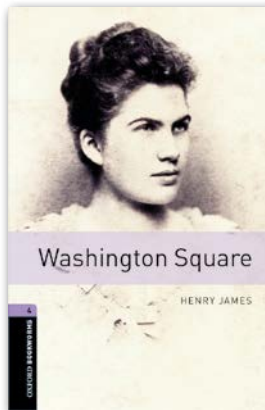
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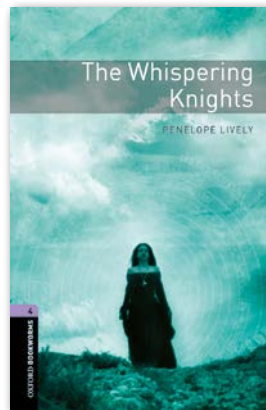
M. R. James
Retold by Peter Hawkins



CLASSICS

Washington Square

Henry James
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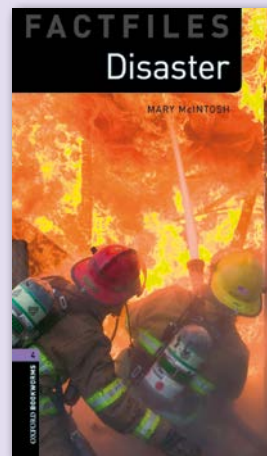


FANTASY & HORROR

The Whispering Knights

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Disaster

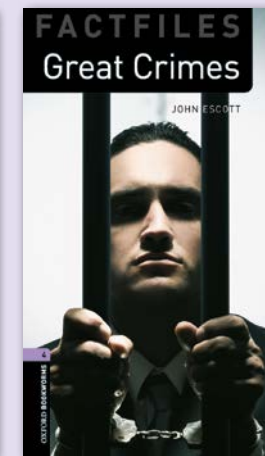
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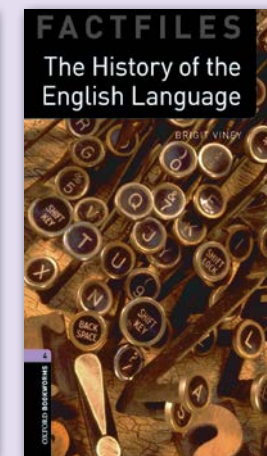
Rowena Akinyemi



FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Great Crimes

John Escott



FACTFILES (non-fiction)

The History of the English Language

Brigit Viney

If you find a locked room in a lonely inn, don't try to open it, even on a bright sunny day. If you find a strange whistle hidden among the stones of an old church, don't blow it. If a mysterious man gives you a piece of paper with strange writing on it, give it back to him at once. And if you call a dead man from his grave, don't expect to sleep peacefully ever again.

Read these five ghost stories by daylight, and make sure your door is locked.

When a handsome young man begins to court Catherine Sloper, she feels she is very lucky. She is a quiet, gentle girl, but neither beautiful nor clever; no one had ever admired her before, or come to the front parlour of her home in Washington Square to whisper soft words of love to her.

But in New York in the 1840s young ladies are not free to marry where they please. Catherine must have her father's permission, and Dr Sloper is a rich man. One day Catherine will have a fortune of 30,000 dollars a year...

'I don't know that you have done anything wrong,' Miss Hepplewhite said. 'But it is possible that you have done something rather dangerous.'

William and Susie thought they were just playing a game when they cooked a witch's brew in the old barn and said a spell over it, but Martha was not so sure. And indeed, the three friends soon learn that they have called up something dark and evil out of the distant past...

From out of the sky, from under the earth, from far out at sea – disaster comes. We build and invent new things – and sometimes bring disaster on ourselves. Today television and the Internet mean that we can watch disasters as they happen, and see their terrible results.

From Pompeii to the Asian Tsunami, from the Great Fire of London to Chernobyl, the stories of disasters are frightening, but they have much to tell us. Disasters bring stories of fear, pain, loss, and death – but also of people whose extraordinary bravery and feeling for others will touch your heart.

Who will speak for the poor? Who will listen to slaves, and those who have no rights? Who will work for a future where everyone is equal? Who will give up his house, job, and money to fight for people who are shut out by everyone else?

'I will,' said Mohandas Gandhi. And he began to fight in a way the world had not seen before – not with weapons, and wild crowds, and words of hate, but with the power of non-violence. This is the story of a man who became the Father of the Nation in his own country of India, and a great leader for the whole world.

It is more than 40 years since the Great Train Robbery. But what happened to the rest of the money that was taken? Two million pounds has never been found. Perhaps some of the robbers would like to know the answer to this question too...

Many great crimes end in a question. Who really killed President Kennedy? What happened to Shergar? Who knows the truth about Azaria Chamberlain? Not all the answers are known. Join the world's detectives and discover the love, death, hate, money, and mystery held in the stories of these great crimes.

About a quarter of the people in the world today speak or use English. In homes and schools, offices and meeting rooms, ships and airports, people are speaking English...

How has this happened? How did English begin, and what will become of it? The history of English is a journey through space and time, from thousands of years ago to today and beyond, and to all parts of the world. Come on that journey and meet the monks and soldiers, the kings and scientists, the printers, poets, and travellers who have helped to make the English of today.

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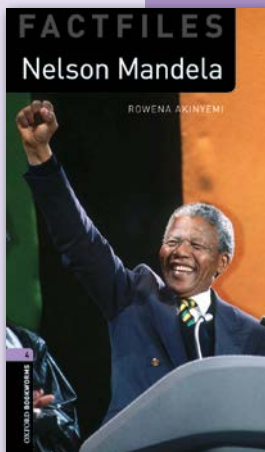
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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

Nelson Mandela

Rowena Akinyemi

In 1918 in the peaceful province of Transkei, South Africa, the Mandela family gave their new baby son the name Rolihlahla – 'troublemaker'. But the young boy's early years were happy ones, and he grew up to be a good student and an enthusiastic sportsman.

Who could imagine then what was waiting for Nelson Mandela – the tireless struggle for human rights, the long years in prison, the happiness and sadness of family life, and one day the title of President of South Africa?

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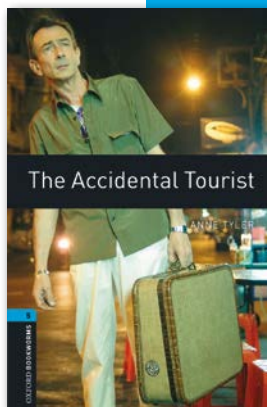
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HUMAN INTEREST

The Accidental Tourist

Anne Tyler

Retold by Jennifer
Bassett

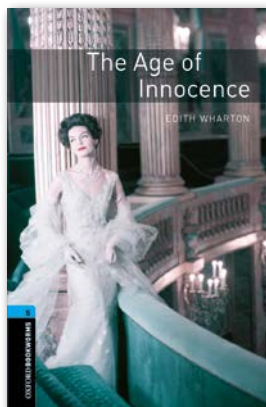


Everyday life in Baltimore, USA, is full of problems – getting the washing done, buying groceries and dog food, avoiding the neighbours... After the death of his son and the departure of his wife, Macon's attempts to run his own life become increasingly desperate – and more and more odd.

Meanwhile, he has to get on with his work, writing tourist guides for business people. Then his dog Edward starts to bite people, and he has to send for Muriel, the dog trainer. And day by day, Macon's life gets more and more complicated.

Word count 24,810

Reader 978 0 19 479215 8



CLASSICS

The Age of Innocence

Edith Wharton

Retold by Clare West



Into the narrow social world of New York in the 1870s comes Countess Ellen Olenska, surrounded by shocked whispers about her failed marriage to a rich Polish Count. A woman who leaves her husband can never be accepted in polite society.

Newland Archer is engaged to young May Welland, but the beautiful and mysterious Countess needs his help. He becomes her friend and defender, but friendship with an unhappy, lonely woman is a dangerous path for a young man to follow – especially a young man who is soon to be married.

Word count 24,820

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Brat Farrar

Josephine Tey

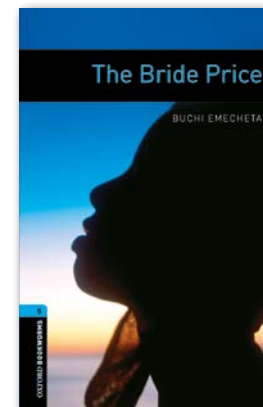
Retold by Ralph Mowat

'You look exactly like him! You can take the dead boy's place and no one will ever know the difference. You'll be rich for life!'

And so the plan was born. At first Brat Farrar fought against the idea; it was criminal, it was dangerous. But in the end he was persuaded, and a few weeks later Patrick Ashby came back from the dead and went home to inherit the family house and fortune. The Ashby family seemed happy to welcome Patrick home, but Brat soon realized that somewhere there was a time-bomb ticking away, waiting to explode...

Word count 24,510

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HUMAN INTEREST

The Bride Price

Buchi Emecheta

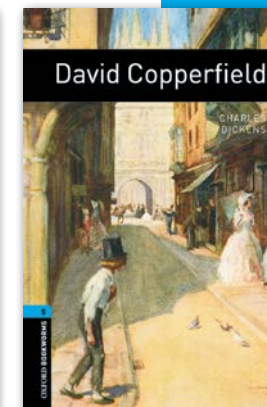
Retold by Rosemary Border

When her father dies, Aku-nna and her young brother have no one to look after them. They are welcomed by their uncle because of Aku-nna's 'bride price' – the money that her future husband will pay for her.

In her new, strange home one man is kind to her and teaches her to become a woman. Soon they are in love, although everyone says he is not a suitable husband for her. The more the world tries to separate them, the more they are drawn together – until, finally, something has to break.

Word count 22,620

Reader 978 0 19 479218 9



CLASSICS

David Copperfield

Charles Dickens

Retold by Clare West

'Please, Mr Murdstone! Don't beat me! I've tried to learn my lessons, really I have, sir!' sobs David.

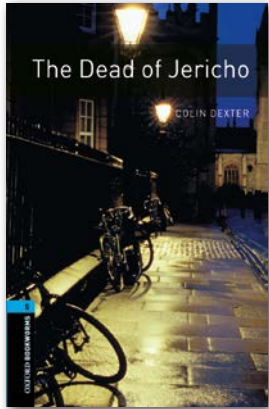
Although he is only eight years old, Mr Murdstone does beat him, and David is so frightened that he bites his cruel stepfather's hand. For that, he is kept locked in his room for five days and nights, and nobody is allowed to speak to him.

As David grows up, he learns that life is full of trouble and misery and cruelty. But he also finds laughter and kindness, trust and friendship... and love.

Word count 24,770

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? CRIME & MYSTERY

The Dead of Jericho

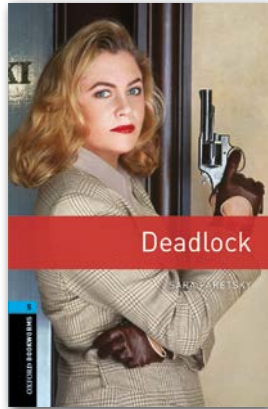
Colin Dexter
Retold by Clare West

Chief Inspector Morse is drinking a pint of beer. He is thinking about an attractive woman who lives not far away. The woman he is thinking of is hanging, dead, from the ceiling of her kitchen. On the floor lies a chair, almost two metres away from the woman's feet.

Chief Inspector Morse finishes his pint, and orders another. Perhaps he will visit Anne, after all. But he is in no particular hurry.

Meanwhile, Anne is still hanging in her kitchen, waiting for the police to come and cut her down. She is in no hurry, either.

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? CRIME & MYSTERY

Deadlock

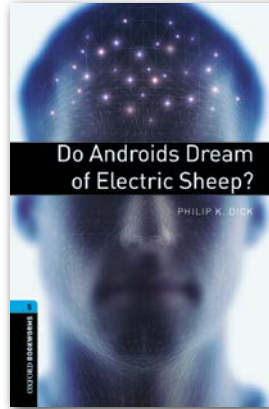
Sara Paretsky
Retold by Rowena Akinyemi

V. I. Warshawski, private investigator, Chicago, USA.

People imagine private detectives to be tired-looking men in raincoats, but Vic is female. She's tough, beautiful, carries a gun – and goes on asking questions until she gets answers.

When her cousin Boom Boom dies in an accident, Vic is naturally upset. She wants to know how and why the accident happened, and she isn't satisfied by the answers she gets. So she goes on asking questions ... and more people start to die.

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FANTASY & HORROR

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

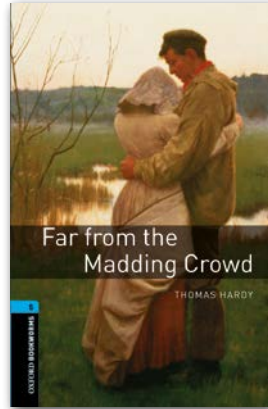
Philip K. Dick
Retold by A. Hopkins and J. Potter

San Francisco lies under a cloud of radioactive dust. People live in half-deserted buildings, and keep electric animals as pets because many real animals have died. Most people emigrate to Mars – unless they have a job to do on Earth.

Like Rick Deckard – android killer for the police and owner of an electric sheep. This week he has to find, identify, and kill six escaped androids. They're machines, but they look and sound and think like humans – clever, dangerous humans.

The film *Blade Runner* was based on this famous novel.

Word count 31,300
Reader 978 0 19 479222 6



CLASSICS

Far from the Madding Crowd

Thomas Hardy
Retold by Clare West

Bathsheba Everdene is young, proud, and beautiful. She is an independent woman and can marry any man she chooses – if she chooses. In fact, she likes her independence, and she likes fighting her own battles in a man's world.

But it is never wise to ignore the power of love. There are three men who would very much like to marry Bathsheba. When she falls in love with one of them, she soon wishes she had kept her independence. She learns that love brings misery, pain, and violent passions that can destroy lives...

Word count 24,490
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HUMAN INTEREST

The Garden Party and Other Stories

Katherine Mansfield
Retold by Rosalie Kerr

Oh, how delightful it is to fall in love for the first time! How exciting to go to your first dance when you are a girl of 18! But life can also be hard and cruel, if you are young and inexperienced and travelling alone across Europe... or if you are a child from the wrong social class... or a singer without work and the rent to be paid.

Set in Europe and New Zealand, these nine stories by Katherine Mansfield dig deep beneath the appearances of life to show us the causes of human happiness and despair.

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FANTASY & HORROR

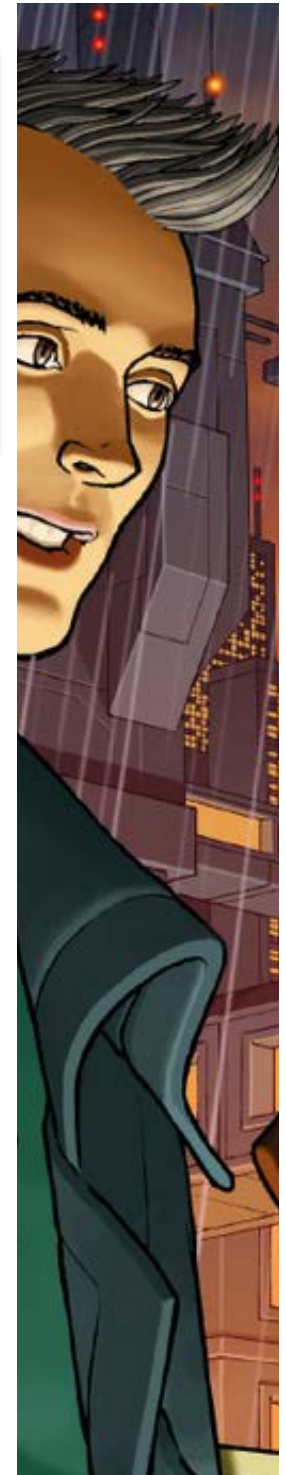
Ghost Stories

Retold by Rosemary Border

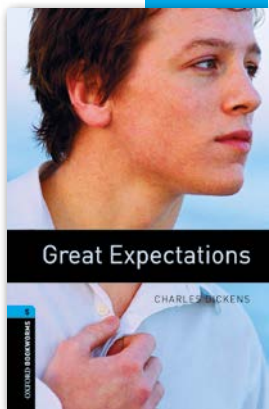
'After dinner we turned the lights out and played 'hide-and-seek'. In the dark, I touched a hand, a very cold hand. Now, because of the game, I had to hide in the dark with... with this cold person – not speaking, not knowing who it was. Slowly the others found us, hid with us, until we were all there – all 13. Thirteen? But there were only 13 people in the house!

We touched each other in the dark, counting. Thirteen. Quickly, nervously, I lit a match to see...

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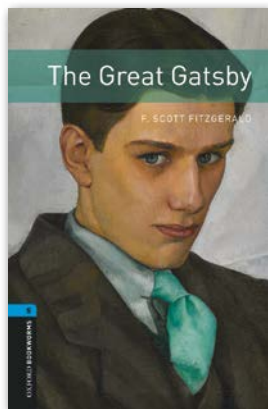
Great Expectations

Charles Dickens
Retold by Clare West

In a gloomy, neglected house Miss Havisham sits, as she has sat year after year, in a wedding dress and veil that were once white, and are now faded and yellow with age. Her face is like a death's head; her dark eyes burn with bitterness and hate. By her side sits a proud and beautiful girl, and in front of her, trembling with fear in his thick country boots, stands young Pip.

Miss Havisham stares at Pip coldly, and murmurs to the girl at her side: 'Break his heart, Estella. Break his heart!'

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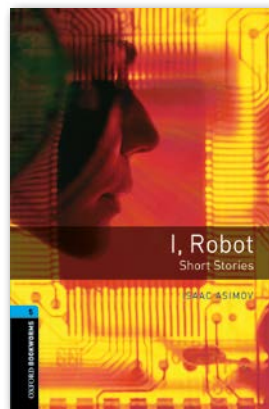
The Great Gatsby

F. Scott Fitzgerald
Retold by Clare West

Gatsby's mansion on Long Island blazes with light, and the beautiful, the wealthy, and the famous drive out from New York to drink Gatsby's champagne and to party all night long. But Jay Gatsby, the owner of all this wealth, wants only one thing – to find again the woman of his dreams, the woman he has held in his heart and his memory for five long years.

The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece, is one of the great American novels of the 20th century. It captures perfectly the Jazz Age of the 1920s, and goes deep into the hollow heart of the American Dream.

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FANTASY & HORROR

I, Robot – Short Stories

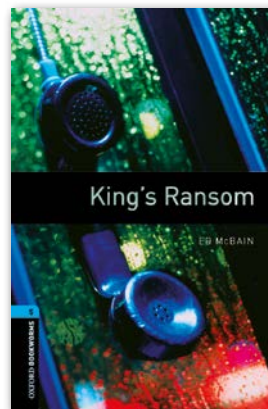
Isaac Asimov
Retold by Rowena Akinyemi

A human being is a soft, weak creature. It needs constant supplies of air, water, and food; it has to spend a third of its life asleep, and it can't work if the temperature is too hot or too cold.

But a robot is made of strong metal. It uses electrical energy directly, never sleeps, and can work in any temperature. It is stronger, more efficient – and sometimes more human than human beings.

Isaac Asimov was one of the greatest science-fiction writers, and these short stories give us an unforgettable and terrifying vision of the future.

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CRIME & MYSTERY

King's Ransom

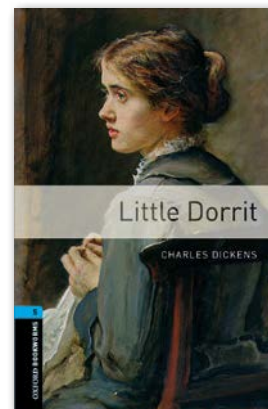
Ed McBain
Retold by Rosalie Kerr

'Calling all cars, calling all cars. Here's the story on the Smoke Rise kidnapping. The missing boy is eight years old, fair hair, wearing a red sweater. His name is Jeffry Reynolds, son of Charles Reynolds, chauffeur to Douglas King.'

The police at the 87th Precinct hate kidnapers. And these kidnapers are stupid, too. They took the wrong boy – the chauffeur's son instead of the son of the rich tycoon, Douglas King. And they want a ransom of \$500,000.

A lot of money. But it's not too much to pay for a little boy's life... is it?

Word count 24,330
Reader 978 0 19 479230 1 AmE



CLASSICS

Little Dorrit

Charles Dickens
Retold by Rowena Akinyemi

Arthur Clennam is back in England after many years abroad. He finds his mother as cold and hard as ever, but his father's recent death has thrown up a mystery, and he is determined to get to the bottom of it. Could it have anything to do with Little Dorrit, the quiet, kind girl who sews for his mother and goes back at night to her home in the Marshalsea Prison?

As Arthur gets to know the Dorrit family, he is too busy looking for the truth about his mother's secret to notice that he has perhaps found the answer to his own happiness...

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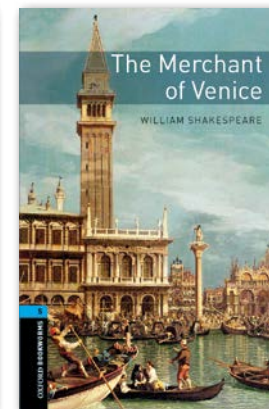
THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Not Without You

Gill Harvey

It is 2088, and life in the city where Sala lives is hard: it's overcrowded, there are no jobs, and no one can leave, because the world outside is contaminated. Sala is lucky, because she has Cham, and they love each other. But when Cham gets the chance for a new future, and Sala begins to make some extraordinary discoveries, will they agree about how to move forwards and what to do with their lives?

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CLASSICS

The Merchant of Venice

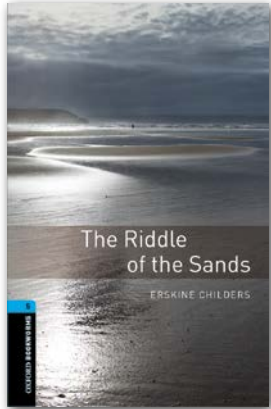
William Shakespeare
Retold by Clare West

In 16th century Venice – a city of wealthy merchants and bankers – money is all-important. Bassanio is penniless, but his great friend Antonio offers to help him by borrowing the money that he needs. To do this, though, Antonio must make an arrangement with an old enemy that puts his life in danger...

The Merchant of Venice is one of Shakespeare's most popular plays, and it has been performed all over the world. It is retold in this Bookworm not as a play, but as a story.



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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

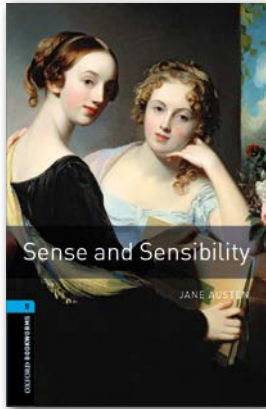
The Riddle of the Sands

Erskine Childers
Retold by Peter Hawkins

When Carruthers joins his friend Arthur Davies on his yacht *Dulcibella*, he is expecting a pleasant sailing holiday in the Baltic Sea. But the holiday turns into an adventure of a different kind. He and Davies soon find themselves sailing in the stormy waters of the North Sea, exploring the channels and sandbanks around the German Frisian Islands, and looking for a secret – a secret that could mean great danger for England.

Erskine Childers' novel, published in 1903, was the first great modern spy story, and is still as exciting to read today as it was a hundred years ago.

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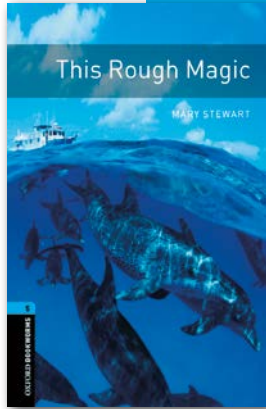
Sense and Sensibility

Jane Austen
Retold by Clare West

Sometimes the Dashwood girls do not seem like sisters. Elinor is all calmness and reason, and can be relied upon for practical, common sense opinions. Marianne, on the other hand, is all sensibility, full of passionate and romantic feeling. She has no time for dull common sense – or for middle-aged men of thirty-five, long past the age of marriage.

True love can only be felt by the young, of course. And if your heart is broken at the age of seventeen, how can you ever expect to recover from the passionate misery that fills your life, waking and sleeping?

Word count 24,345
Reader 978 0 19 461442 9
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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

This Rough Magic

Mary Stewart
Retold by Diane Mowat

The Greek island of Corfu lies like a jewel, green and gold, in the Ionian sea, where dolphins swim in the sparkling blue water. What better place for an out-of-work actress to relax for a few weeks?

But the island is full of danger and mysteries, and Lucy Waring's holiday is far from peaceful. She meets a rude young man, who seems to have something to hide. Then there is a death by drowning, and then another...

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CLASSICS

Wuthering Heights

Emily Brontë
Retold by Clare West

The wind is strong on the Yorkshire moors. There are few trees, and fewer houses, to block its path. There is one house, however, that does not hide from the wind. It stands out from the hill and challenges the wind to do its worst. The house is called Wuthering Heights.

When Mr Earnshaw brings a strange, small, dark child back home to Wuthering Heights, it seems he has opened his doors to trouble. He has invited in something that, like the wind, is safer kept out of the house.

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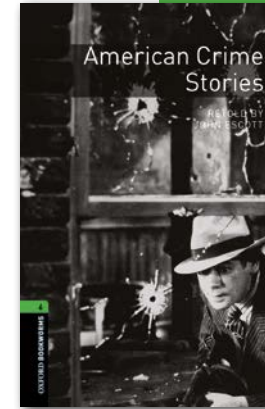
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- IELTS 5.0–7.0
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CRIME & MYSTERY

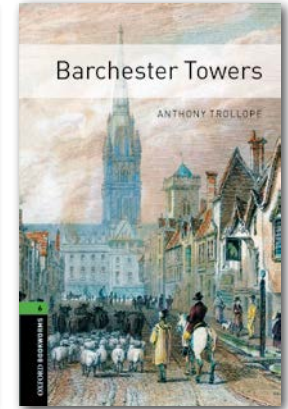
American Crime Stories

Retold by John Escott

'Curtis Colt didn't kill that liquor store woman, and that's a fact. It's not right that he should have to ride the lightning – that's what prisoners call dying in the electric chair. Curtis doesn't belong in it, and I can prove it.' But can Curtis's girlfriend prove it? Murder has undoubtedly been done, and if Curtis doesn't ride the lightning for it, then who will?

These seven short stories, by well-known writers such as Dashiell Hammett, Patricia Highsmith, and Nancy Pickard, will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Word count 26,500
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CLASSICS

Barchester Towers

Anthony Trollope
Retold by Clare West

Mrs Proudie, the warlike wife of the new Bishop of Barchester, brings the Reverend Slope into the Bishop's Palace to help dominate her husband and the local clergy. But Slope is a snake in the grass, determined to win advancement for himself – even to fight Mrs Proudie.

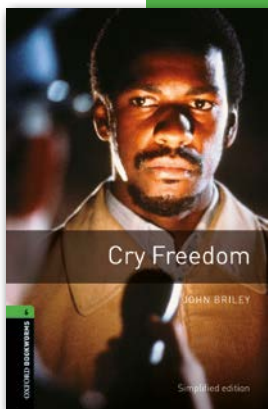
Their battle becomes a furious dance, involving rich, pretty Widow Bold, angry Archdeacon Grantly, man-eating Signora Neroni, confused Parson Quiverful and his fourteen noisy children.

This classic comedy is Trollope's most famous novel.

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BESTSELLER



TRUE STORIES

Cry Freedom

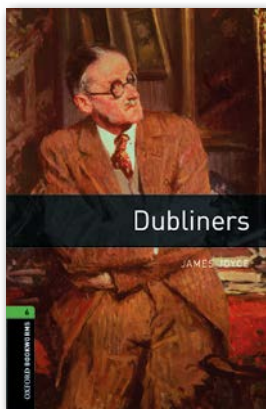
John Briley
Retold by
Rowena Akinyemi



They said Steve Biko was a man of violence; then why did he talk of peace? They said he wanted revolution; so why did he talk of friendship? They said he died of hunger; why was his body broken and bruised?

This is the story of a man's fight with the government of South Africa. It is the story of all people who prefer truth to lies. It is the story of all people who cry 'Freedom', and who are not afraid to die.

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CLASSICS

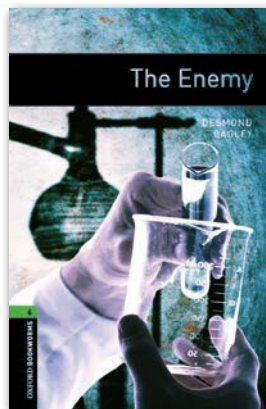
Dubliners

James Joyce
Retold by Clare West

Dublin, Ireland, in the early years of the twentieth century. It is a poor city, and there is hard drinking, dishonesty, and violence just beneath the surface everywhere you look. Glance inside a few people's lives, and you soon find loneliness and disappointment, self-hate, and despair.

The people in these stories are paralysed: locked into the circles of their everyday lives, where they are caught waiting between life and death. For some, there is a way out – but will circumstances, or their own fear, stop them from taking it?

Word count 31,238
Reader 978 0 19 423813 7
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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

The Enemy

Desmond Bagley
Retold by Ralph Mowat

On a beautiful summer evening in the quiet town of Marlow, a young woman is walking home from church. She passes a man who is looking at the engine of his car. He turns round, smiles at her... and throws acid into her face.

Then her father, the scientist George Ashton, disappears. And her sister, Penny, discovers that her husband-to-be, Malcolm, is a government agent. Why has Ashton disappeared, and why is Malcolm told to hunt for him? Who is George Ashton, anyway?

And who is the enemy?

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FANTASY & HORROR

The Fly and Other Horror Stories

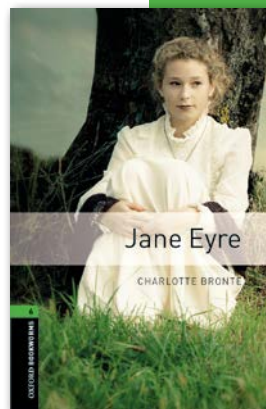
Retold by John Escott

Flies are a nuisance. They are annoying when they buzz around you, but you can brush them away with your hand. After all, a fly is only about half the size of your fingernail. But suppose it wasn't. Catch a fly and look at it closely – look at its head, its eyes, its legs. Now imagine that this thing was the size of a human being...

These eight stories offer horror in many shapes and forms, in worlds full of monsters and evil spirits, where terror lies waiting in the shadows, and where the living and the dead dance hand in hand.

Word count 28,930
Reader 978 0 19 479261 5

BESTSELLER



CLASSICS

Jane Eyre

Charlotte Brontë
Retold by Clare West

Jane Eyre is alone in the world. Disliked by her aunt's family, she is sent away to school. Here she learns that a young girl, with neither money nor family to support her, can expect little from the world. She survives, but she wants more from life than simply to survive: she wants respect, and love. When she goes to work for Mr Rochester, she hopes she has found both at once. But the sound of strange laughter, late at night, behind a locked door, warns her that her troubles are only beginning.

Word count 31,360
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BESTSELLER



HUMAN INTEREST

The Joy Luck Club

Amy Tan
Retold by Clare West

There are so many things that a mother wishes to teach her daughter. How to lose your innocence but not your hope. How to keep hoping, when hope is your only joy. How to laugh for ever.

This is the story of four mothers and their daughters – Chinese-American women, the mothers born in China, and the daughters in America. Through their eyes we see life in pre-Revolutionary China, and life in downtown San Francisco; women struggling to find a cultural identity that can include a past and a future half a world apart.

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

Night Without End

Alistair MacLean
Retold by Margaret Naudi

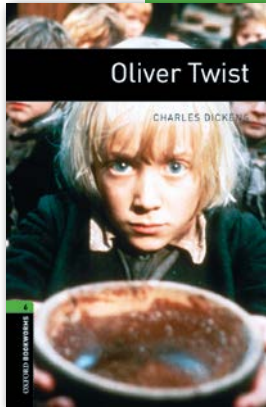
On the Polar ice-cap, 640 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, the deadly, icy winds can freeze a man to death in minutes. But the survivors of the crashed airliner are lucky – they are rescued by three scientists from a nearby weather station.

But why did the airliner crash in the first place? Who smashed the radio to pieces? And why does the dead pilot have a bullet hole in his back? The rescue quickly turns into a nightmare: a race through the endless Arctic night, a race against time, cold, hunger – and a killer with a gun.

Word count 26,670
Reader 978 0 19 479265 3



BESTSELLER



CLASSICS

Oliver Twist

Charles Dickens
Retold by Richard Rogers

London in the 1830s was no place to be if you were a hungry ten-year-old boy, an orphan without friends or family, with no home to go to, and only a penny in your pocket to buy a piece of bread.

But Oliver Twist finds some friends – Fagin, the Artful Dodger, and Charley Bates. They give him food and shelter, and play games with him, but it is not until some days later that Oliver finds out what kind of friends they are and what kind of ‘games’ they play...

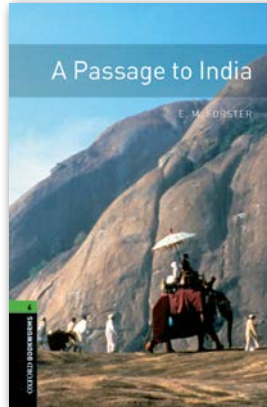
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Oliver Twist

CHARLES DICKENS

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HUMAN INTEREST

A Passage to India

E. M. Forster
Retold by Clare West

A mysterious incident at the Marabar Caves, involving Adela Quested, newly arrived from England, and Dr Aziz, an Indian doctor, leads to a drama that divides the British and Indian communities in anger, distrust, and fear.

Forster’s great novel brings to life all the dangers and misunderstandings of colonialism but, as Forster himself wrote, the story is ‘about something wider than politics, about the search of the human race for a more lasting home, about the universe as embodied in the Indian earth and the Indian sky, about the horror lurking in the Marabar Caves...’

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A Passage to India

E. M. FORSTER

OXFORD BOOKWORMS

Pride and Prejudice

JANE AUSTEN

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CLASSICS

Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen
Retold by Clare West

‘The moment I first met you, I noticed your pride, your sense of superiority, and your selfish disdain for the feelings of others. You are the last man in the world whom I could ever be persuaded to marry,’ said Elizabeth Bennet.

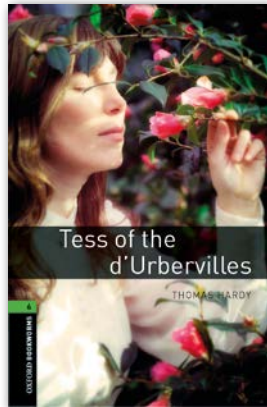
And so Elizabeth rejects the proud Mr Darcy. Can nothing overcome her prejudice against him? And what of the other Bennet girls – their fortunes, and misfortunes, in the business of getting husbands?

This famous novel by Jane Austen is full of wise and humorous observation of the people and manners of her times.

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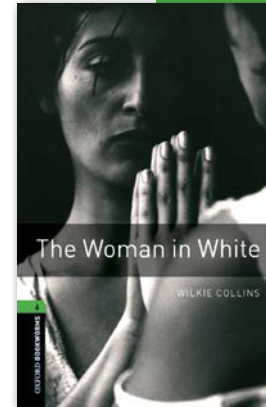
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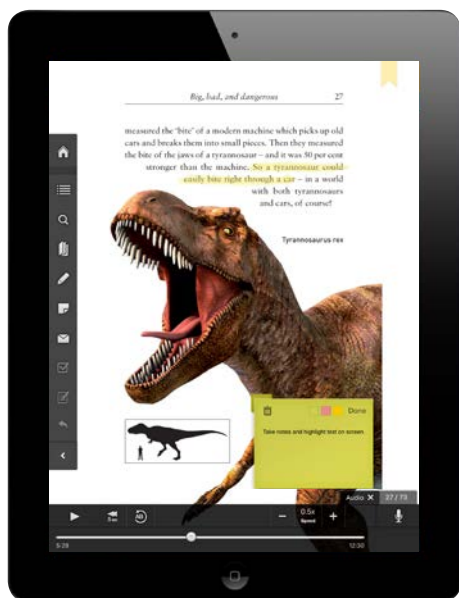
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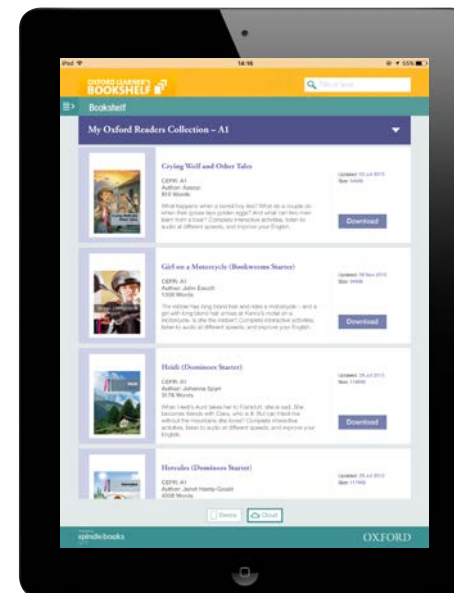
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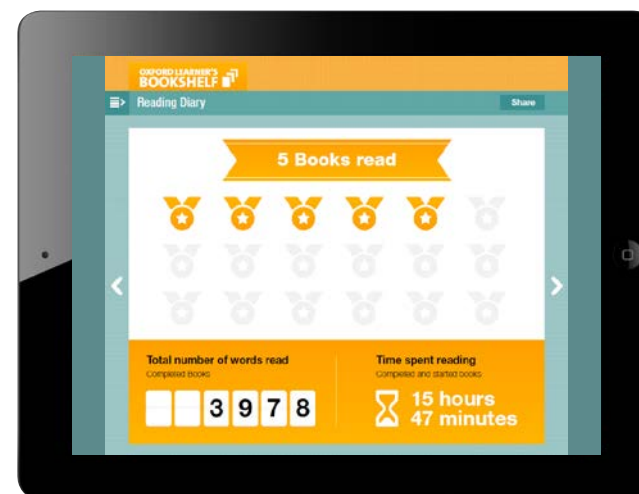
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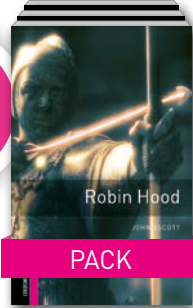
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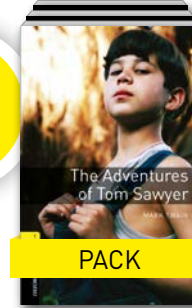
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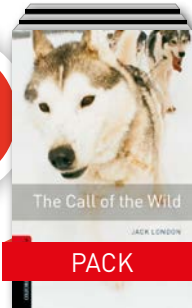
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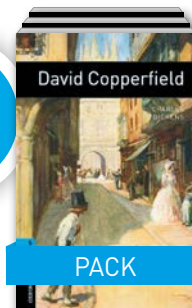
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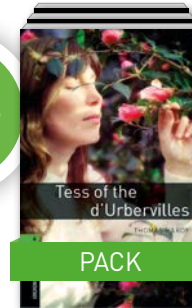
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