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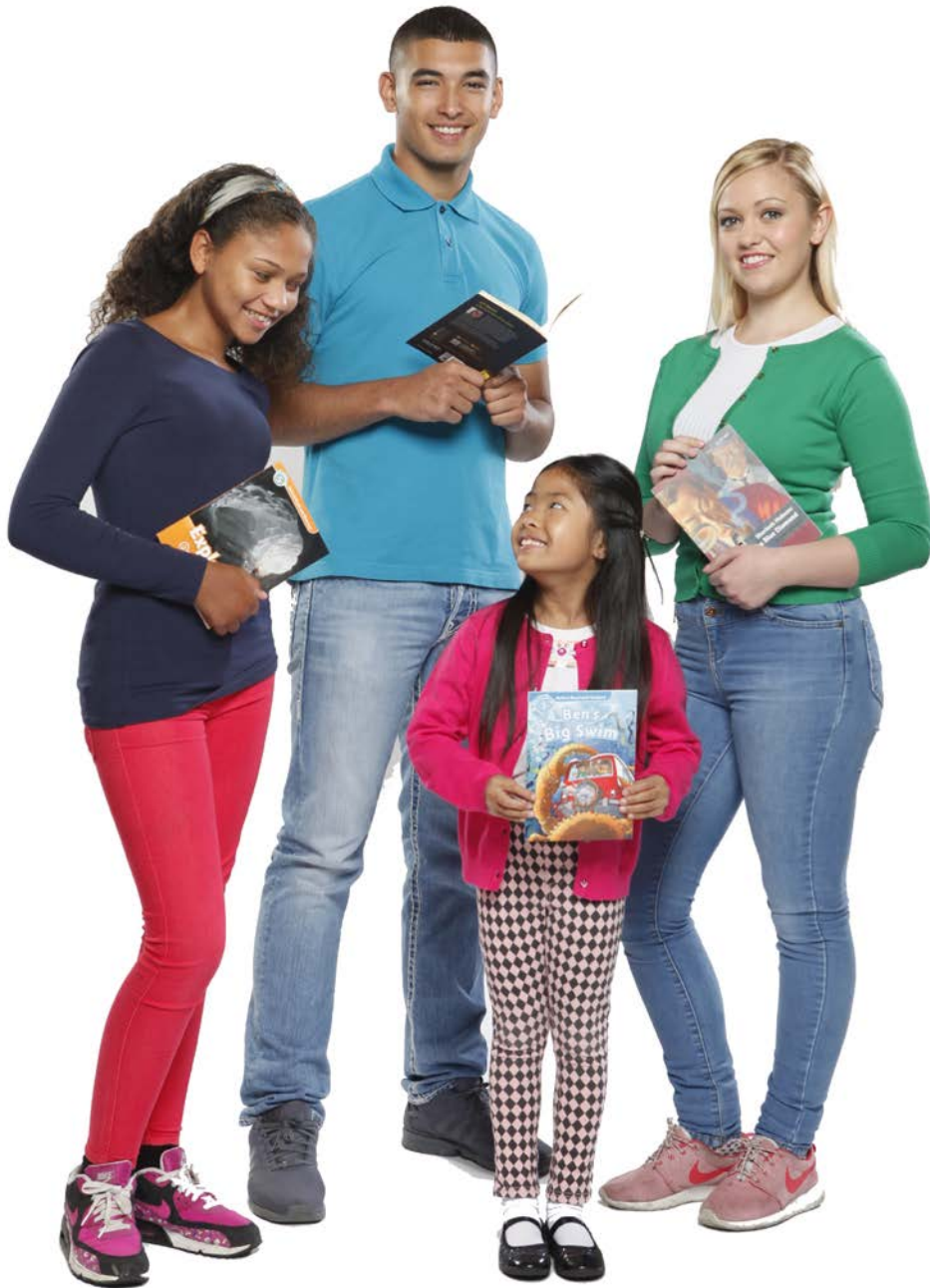
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	 <b>Dolphin Readers</b>	Fiction and non-fiction for young learners.	<b>Pre-A1 to A2</b>

How old are your students?



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# Teaching with an Oxford coursebook?

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## What are Recommended Readers?

Recommended Readers are selected to match the language level and topic of units in the coursebook.

## How does this help you?

It's quick and easy to choose the readers that best support your course, and add variety to your lessons.



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EXAMS					PRIMARY	SECONDARY / ADULT	
CEFR	TOEIC®	TOEFL iBT®	IELTS™	Cambridge	Oxford Read and Discover & Oxford Read and Imagine	Dominoes	Oxford Bookworms Library
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B2	785-940	87-109	5.0-6.0	First (FCE)			STAGE 5
B1	550-780	57-86	3.5-4.5	Preliminary (PET)			STAGE 4
A2	225-545	24-56	3.0	Flyers, Key (KET)	LEVEL 6	LEVEL 3	STAGE 3
					LEVEL 5	LEVEL 2	STAGE 2
A1	120-215	8-23	1.0-2.0	Movers	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 1	STAGE 1
					LEVEL 3	STARTER & QUICK STARTER	STARTER
Pre-A1				Starters	LEVEL 2		
					LEVEL 1		

# Dolphin Readers

Series Editor: Craig Wright

BEGINNER TO PRE-INTERMEDIATE • CEFR: A1–A2  
FICTION/NON-FICTION: 5 LEVELS

From shapes and baby animals to students in space, *Dolphins'* cross-curricular stories capture imaginations. With activities for every page of reading, the stimulating 'read and do' approach engages learners, practises language, and encourages critical-thinking skills.

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	Baby Animals Activity Book	978 0 19 440081 7 978 0 19 440143 2
SCIENCE AND NATURE	A Game of Shapes Activity Book	978 0 19 440080 0 978 0 19 440142 5
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Audio CDs are available in both American and British English



Oh no! It's raining. We can't go outside to play.  
**I wish I was a duck.**  
 A duck! Why?  
**Ducks like to play in the rain.**  
 What animals don't like the rain?

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Wonderful Wild Animals, Level 3

## e-Books available on Oxford Learner's Bookshelf

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	LEVEL 2 • 425 Headwords	LEVEL 3 • 525 Headwords	LEVEL 4 • 625 Headwords
GRAMMAR	<b>Double Trouble</b> Activity Book	<b>Students in Space</b> Activity Book	<b>The Tough Task</b> Activity Book
	<b>Super Sam</b> Activity Book	<b>What Did You Do Yesterday?</b> Activity Book	<b>Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow</b> Activity Book
LIVING TOGETHER	<b>Candy for Breakfast</b> Activity Book	<b>New Girl in School</b> Activity Book	<b>Up and Down</b> Activity Book
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THE WORLD AROUND US	<b>Matt's Mistake</b> Activity Book	<b>Just Like Mine</b> Activity Book	<b>City Girl, Country Boy</b> Activity Book
	<b>A Visit to the City</b> Activity Book	<b>Wonderful Wild Animals</b> Activity Book	<b>Where People Live</b> Activity Book
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	<b>A Visit to the City &amp; Matt's Mistake</b> Audio CD	<b>Things That Fly &amp; Let's Go to the Rainforest</b> Audio CD	<b>Where People Live &amp; City Girl, Country Boy</b> Audio CD

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# Classic Tales

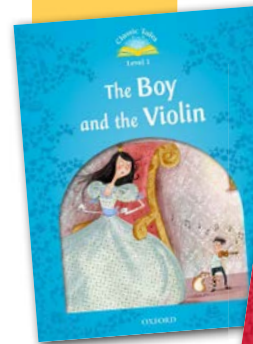
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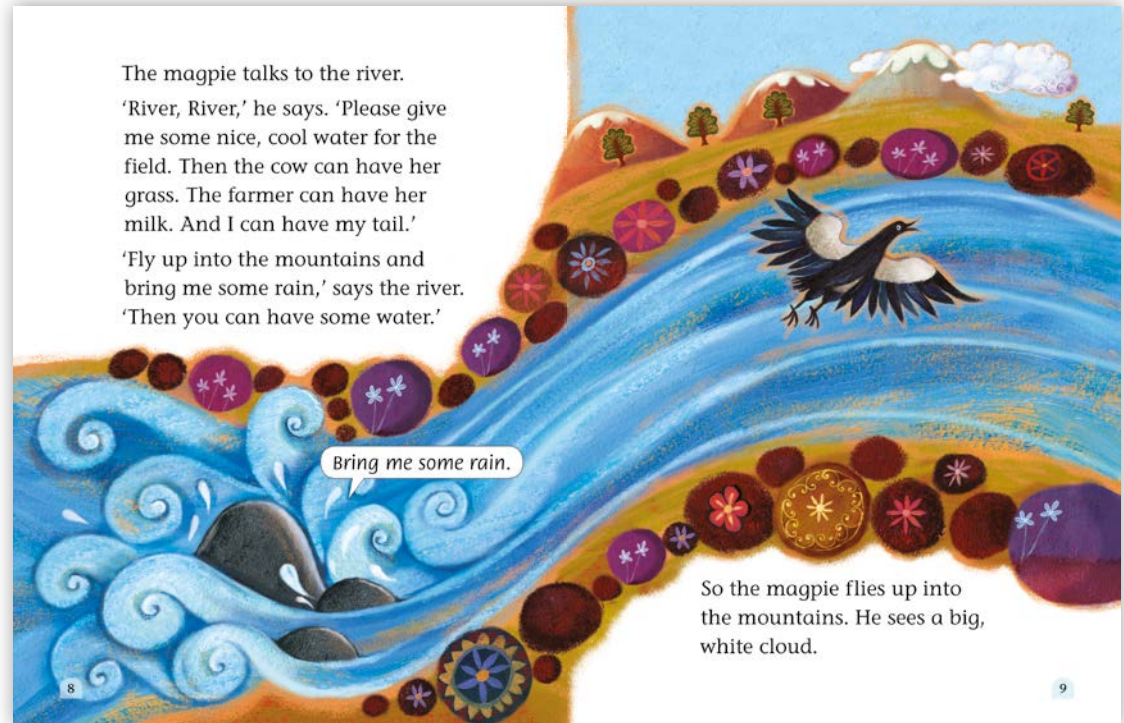
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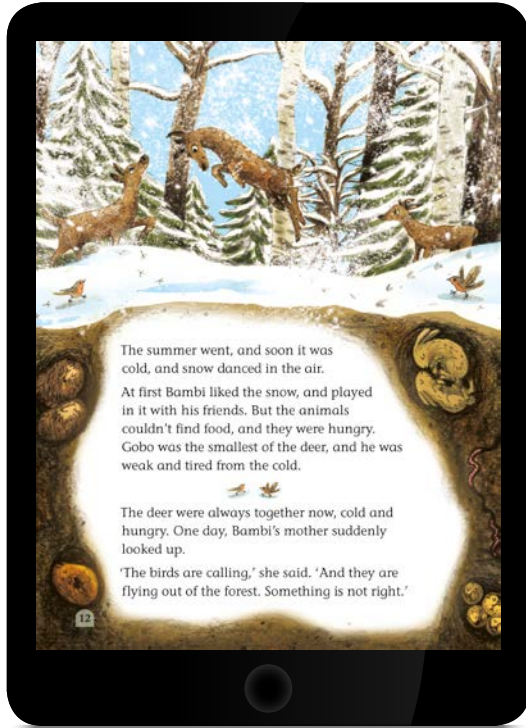
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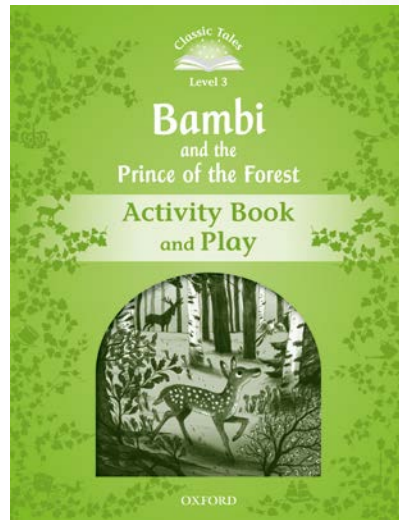


Bambi and the Prince of the Forest, Level 3



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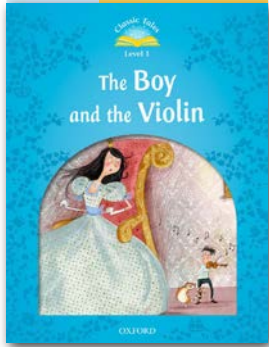
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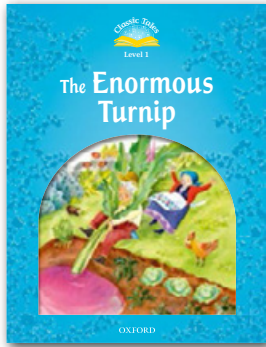
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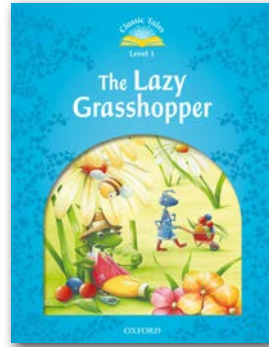
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**The Enormous Turnip**

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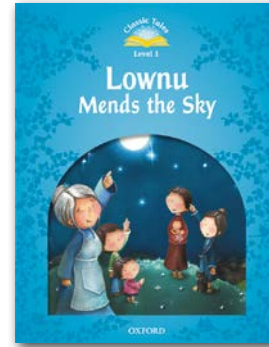
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**The Little Red Hen**

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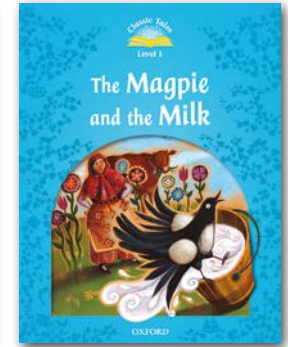
**Lownu Mends the Sky**

Sue Arengo



**The Magic Cooking Pot**

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**The Magpie and the Milk**

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Enjoy this tale from Brazil about a boy, his cat, some giants, and a beautiful violin...

Read the tale of the man who pulls, and pulls, and pulls the enormous turnip, but cannot move it.

In summer, Grasshopper sings and sleeps, but Ant works hard, carrying food to her store. Enjoy this famous tale and find out what happens when winter comes.

Enjoy the tale of the hard-working hen and her three unhelpful friends.

Find out how Lownu mends all the holes in the day sky and in the night sky.

Enjoy the tale of the hungry little girl, her mother, and the magic cooking pot.

Enjoy this tale from Turkey about a farmer, the milk from her cow, and a magpie...

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Activity Book & Play  
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Reader with Audio  
978 0 19 411524 7

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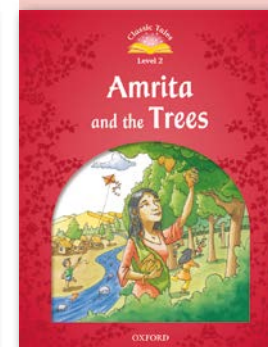
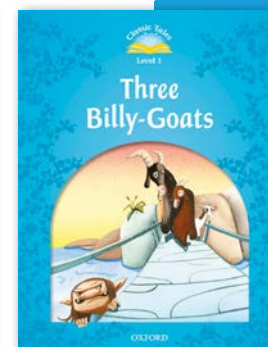
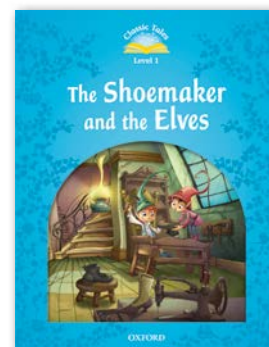
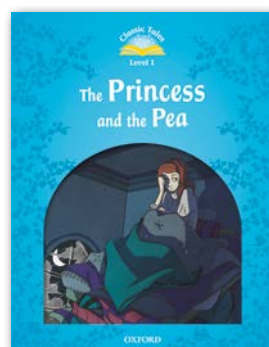
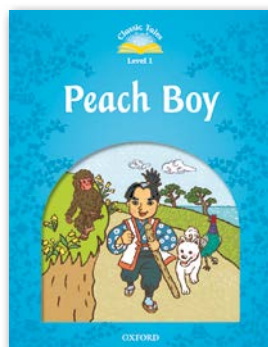
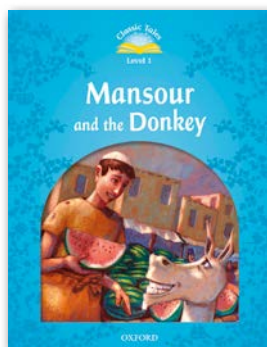
100 HEADWORDS • CEFR A1

- Average word count: 540
- Cambridge English: Starters

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### Mansour and the Donkey

Sue Arengo



Enjoy this tale from Morocco, and find out how the hungry old donkey helps Mansour.

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 Reader 978 0 19 423854 0  
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### Peach Boy

Sue Arengo

Enjoy the famous Japanese tale of Momotaro – Peach Boy – and his friends. Can they fight the ogres?

Word count 564  
 Reader 978 0 19 423858 8  
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423859 5  
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 400818 1

### The Princess and the Pea

Sue Arengo



Enjoy the famous tale of the prince who isn't happy. How can he find a real princess?

Word count 584  
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### Rumpelstiltskin

Sue Arengo

Enjoy the famous tale of the miller's daughter and the little man who can spin gold.

Word count 629  
 Reader 978 0 19 423862 5  
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423863 2  
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 400820 4

### The Shoemaker and the Elves

Sue Arengo

Read the famous tale of the old shoemaker. How do the elves help him?

Word count 527  
 Reader 978 0 19 423882 3  
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423883 0  
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 400822 8

### Three Billy-Goats

Sue Arengo



Enjoy the famous tale of the three clever goats and the hungry troll.

Word count 444  
 Reader 978 0 19 423886 1  
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423887 8  
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401396 3

### Amrita and the Trees

Sue Arengo



Read the tale of Amrita and the forest trees. What happens when the king's men want to chop down the trees?

Word count 717  
 Reader 978 0 19 423890 8  
 Activity Book & Play 978 0 19 423891 5  
 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401400 7

### LEVEL 2

150 HEADWORDS  
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 Average word count: 700  
 Cambridge English: Movers

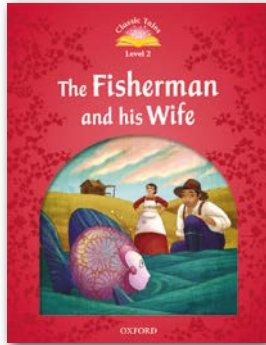
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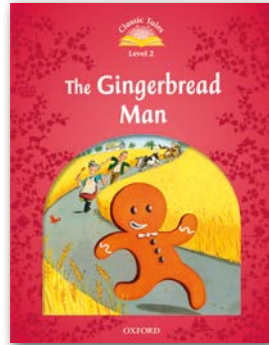
**Big Baby Finn**

Sue Arengo



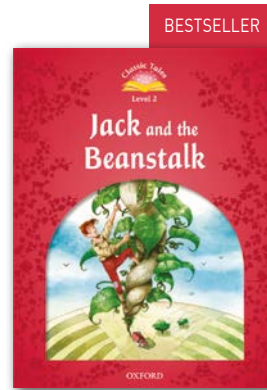
**The Fisherman and his Wife**

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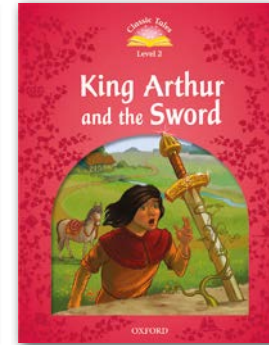
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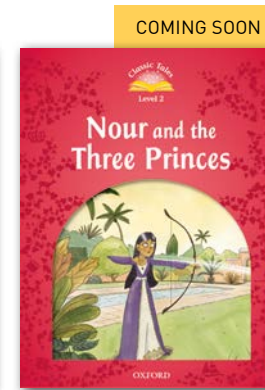
**Jack and the Beanstalk**

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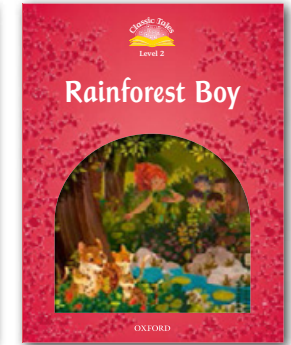
**King Arthur and the Sword**

Rachel Bladon



**Nour and the Three Princes**

Rachel Bladon



**Rainforest Boy**

Rachel Bladon

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.

Follow Jack's adventures when he climbs the magic beanstalk.

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

Follow the adventures of three princes. What wonderful things can they find for Princess Nour?

Meet Curupira, the Amazon Rainforest boy with strange feet. Read this tale from Brazil to find out how he loves the forest and keeps its animals safe.

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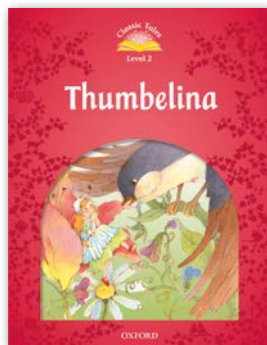
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### Thumbelina

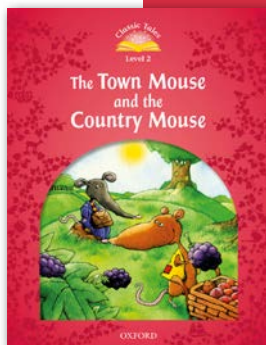
Sue Arengo



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

Word count 702  
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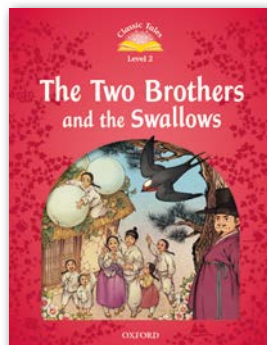


### The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

Sue Arengo

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

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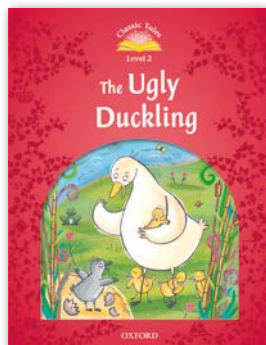


### The Two Brothers and the Swallows

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

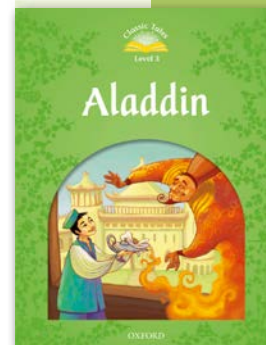
Sue Arengo

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

Word count 689  
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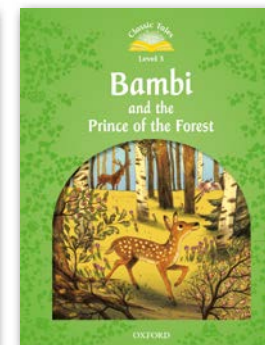


### Aladdin

Sue Arengo

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

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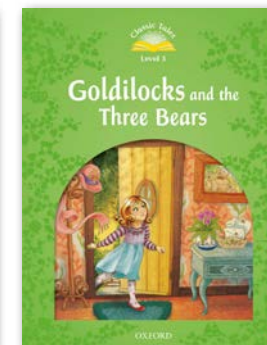


### Bambi and the Prince of the Forest

Rachel Bladon

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

Word count 1,270  
 Reader 978 0 19 410020 5  
 Activity Book & Play  
 978 0 19 410016 8  
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 978 0 19 410017 5



### Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Sue Arengo

Find out what happened when a little girl called Goldilocks went into the three bears' house.

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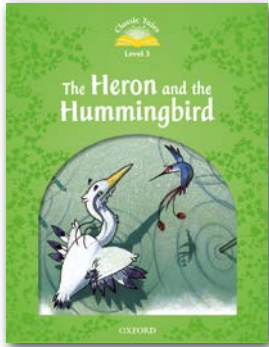
LEVEL 3

200 HEADWORDS • CEFR A1  
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 • Cambridge English: Movers

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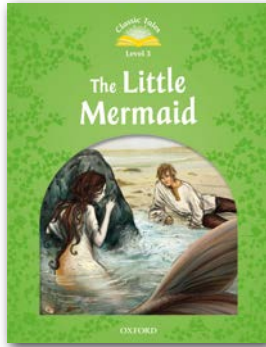
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**The Heron and the Hummingbird**

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**The Little Mermaid**

Sue Arengo



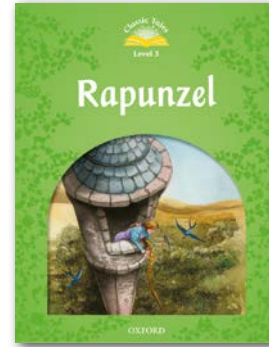
**Little Red Riding Hood**

Sue Arengo



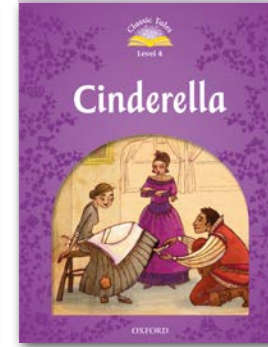
**Mulan**

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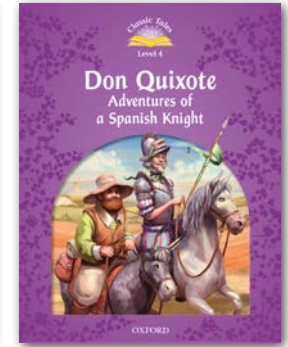
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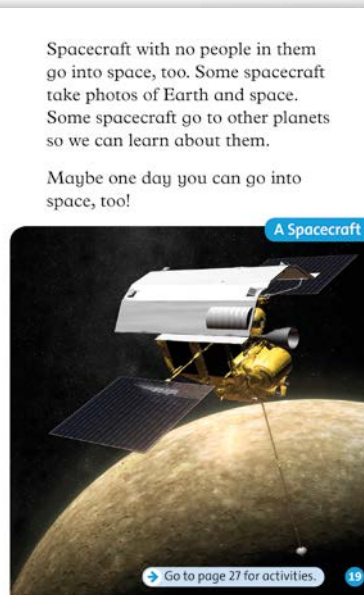
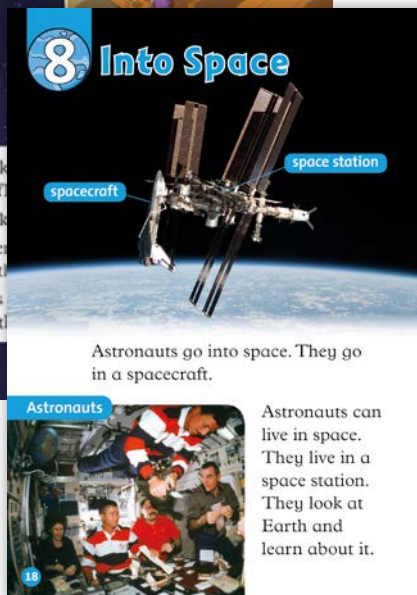
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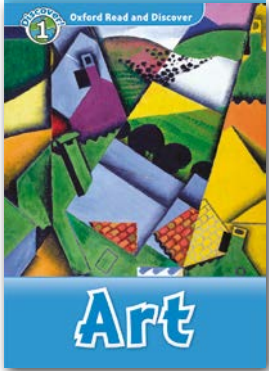


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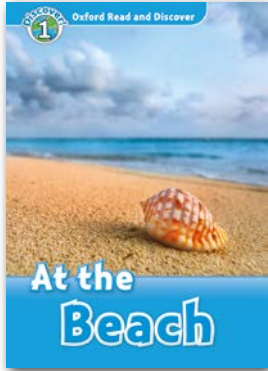
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**Eyes**

Rob Sved



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**Fruit**

Louise Spilsbury



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**In the Sky**

Kamini Khanduri



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**Schools**

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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  
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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  
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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  
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Activity Book 978 0 19 464650 5

Partner

Read and discover all about fruit.

- What is fruit?
- How does fruit grow?

Word count 680  
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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  
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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?

Word count 659  
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Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402143 2  
Activity Book 978 0 19 464648 2

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Read and discover all about trees.

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

Word count 692  
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Activity Book 978 0 19 464657 4

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**Robbers at the Museum**

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**Ben's Big Swim**

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**Rainforest Rescue**

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**Monkeys in School**

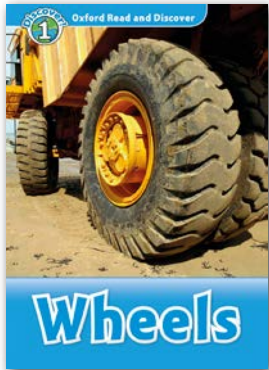
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**The Treehouse**

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## Wheels

Rob Sved

Read and discover all about wheels.

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

Word count 675  
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 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402147 0  
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**Too Fast**  
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## Wild Cats

Rob Sved

Read and discover all about wild cats.

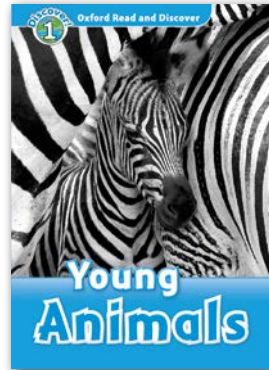
- What do wild cats eat?
- What does a wild cat's tail do?

Word count 668  
 Reader 978 0 19 464635 2  
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 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  
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 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  
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 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?

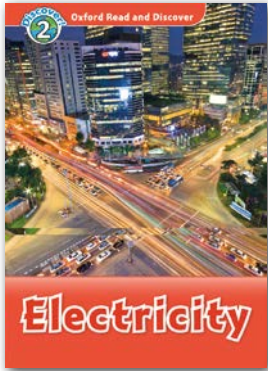
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Partner



**Where on Earth Are We?**  
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## Electricity

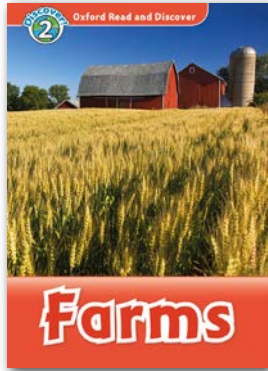
Louise Spilsbury

Read and discover all about electricity.

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

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## Farms

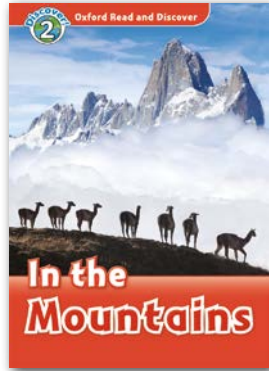
Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about farms.

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

Word count 828  
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Activity Book 978 0 19 464673 4

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## 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  
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Activity Book 978 0 19 464677 2

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## 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  
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 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

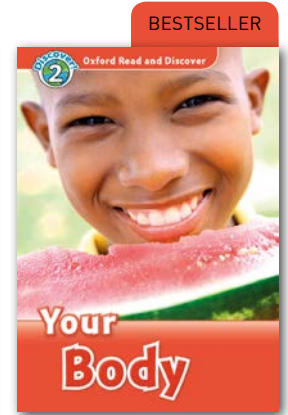
Louise Spilsbury

Read and discover all about weather.

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

Word count 803  
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Activity Book 978 0 19 464670 3

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## 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 464670 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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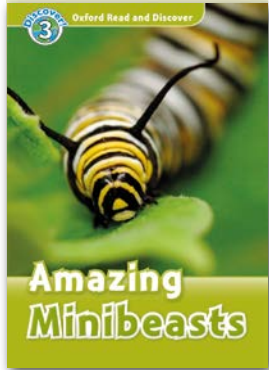
### Clunk in the Clouds

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### The Race

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### 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

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### 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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Activity Book 978 0 19 464395 5

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### 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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Activity Book 978 0 19 464392 4

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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

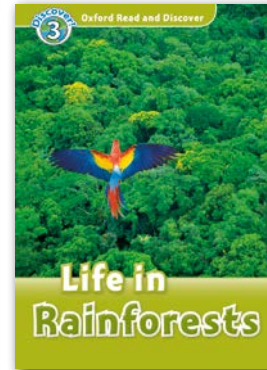
Alex Raynham

Read and discover all about how we make different products.

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

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### Life in Rainforests

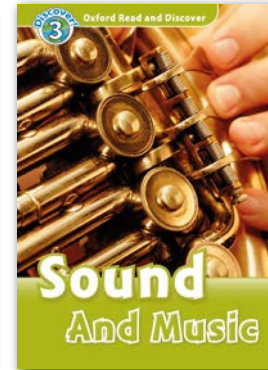
Cheryl Palin

Read and discover all about life in tropical rainforests.

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

Word count 1,395  
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### Sound And Music

Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about sound and music.

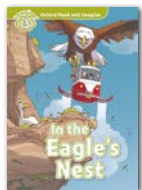
- What are sound waves?
- What type of musical instrument is a koto?

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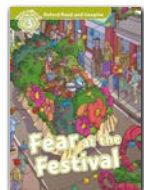
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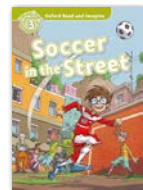
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**Fear at the Festival**  
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**Soccer in the Street**  
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**Get Us Out of Here!**  
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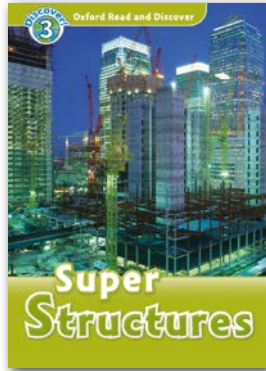


**Danger in the Rainforest**  
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**The New Sound**  
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### Super Structures

Fiona Undrill

Read and discover all about super structures around the world.

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

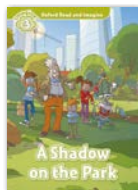
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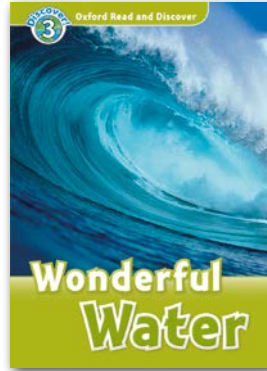
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**A Shadow on the Park**  
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### Wonderful Water

Cheryl Palin

Read and discover all about wonderful water.

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

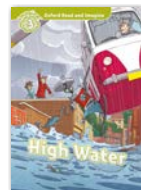
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**High Water**  
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### Your Five Senses

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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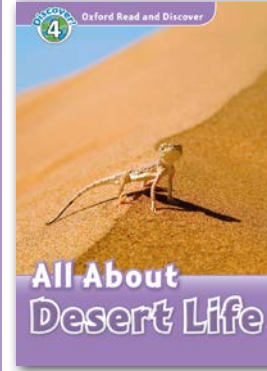
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**The Game**  
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## LEVEL 4

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

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**Lost in the Desert**  
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### 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

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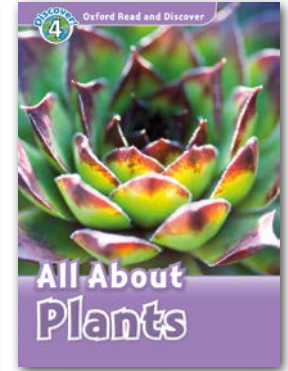
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**Swimming with Dolphins**  
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**THE NATURAL WORLD**

### 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

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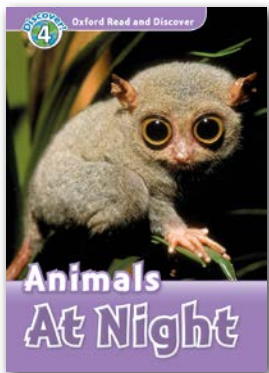
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## Animals At Night

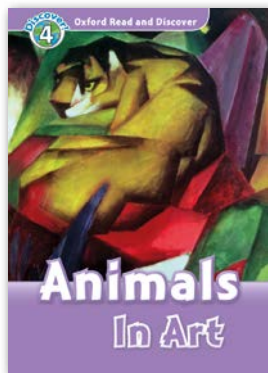
Rachel Bladon

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  
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THE WORLD OF ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

## Animals In Art

Richard Northcott

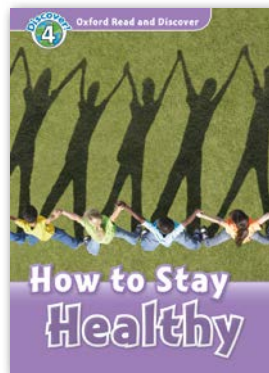


Read and discover all about animals in art, all around the world.

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

Word count 1,754  
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## How to Stay Healthy

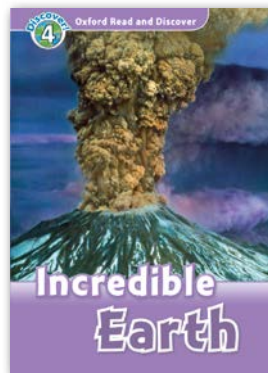
Julie Penn

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

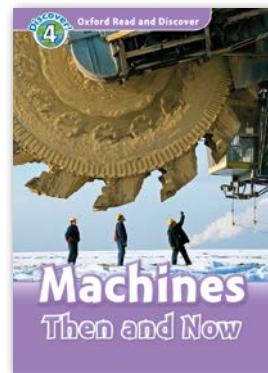
Richard Northcott

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  
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 Activity Book 978 0 19 464448 8

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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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## Why We Recycle

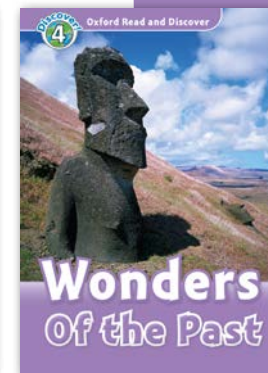
Fiona Undrill

Read and discover all about why we recycle waste.

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

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 Activity Book 978 0 19 464454 9

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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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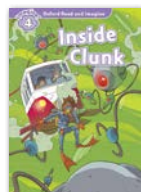
### Bats!

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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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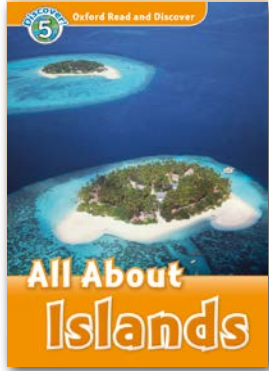
### Clunk's Brain

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### The Lost City

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### 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



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### 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  
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Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402216 3  
Activity Book 978 0 19 464512 6



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### Exploring Our World

Jacqueline Martin

Read and discover all about explorers and exploring.

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

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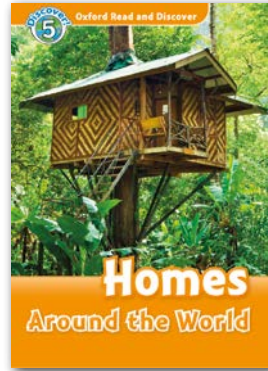
### Great Migrations

Rachel Bladon

Read and discover all about great animal migrations.

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

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### Homes Around the World

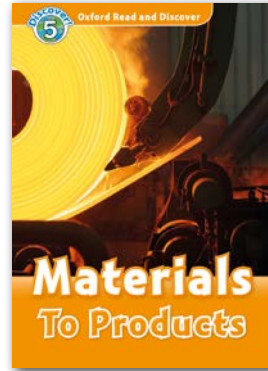
Jacqueline Martin

Read and discover all about homes around the world.

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

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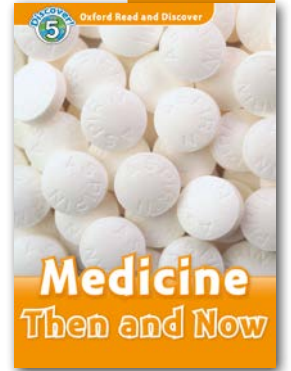
### Materials To Products

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  
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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.

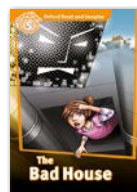
- What was the world's first antibiotic?
- What medicine can cure malaria?

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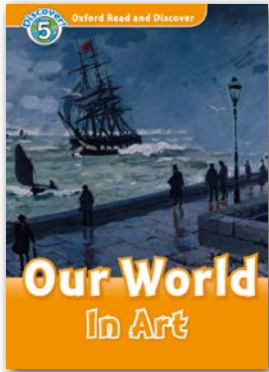


**Day of the Dinosaurs**  
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**The Bad House**  
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## Our World In Art

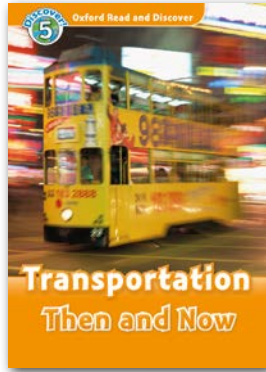
Richard Northcott

Read and discover all about our world in art.

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

Word count 3,360  
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 Activity Book 978 0 19 464514 0

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## 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  
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## Wild Weather

Jacqueline Martin

Read and discover all about different types of weather.

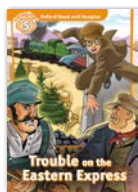
- What is a hurricane?
- Where is the coldest place on Earth?

Word count 3,395  
 Reader 978 0 19 464498 3  
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 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)



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## 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?

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## Caring for Our Planet

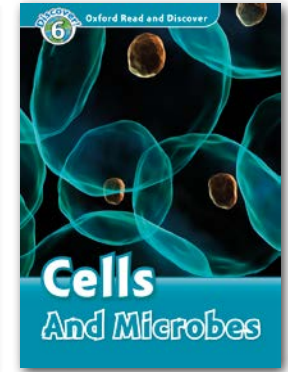
Joyce Hannam

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  
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 Activity Book 978 0 19 464569 0

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## 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?

Word count 3,663  
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## The Secret on the Moon

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## Hope on Turtle Island

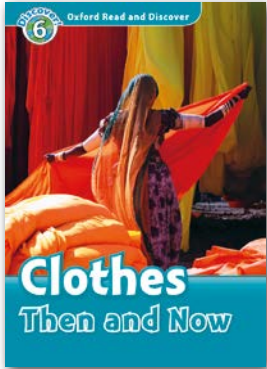
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## What's So Funny?

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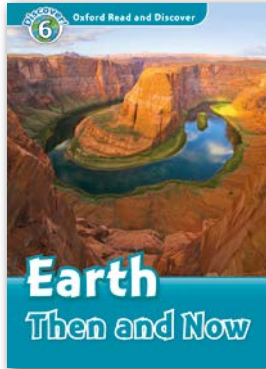
## Clothes Then and Now

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  
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Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402241 5  
Activity Book 978 0 19 464571 3



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## 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?

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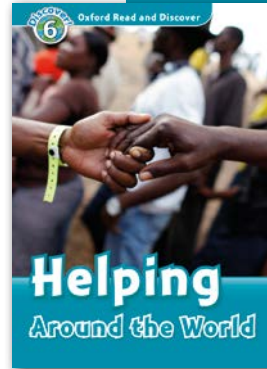
## Food Around the World

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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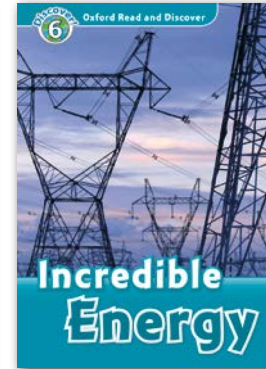
## Helping Around the World

Sarah Medina

Read and discover all about helping around the world.

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

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Activity Book 978 0 19 464572 0



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## 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?

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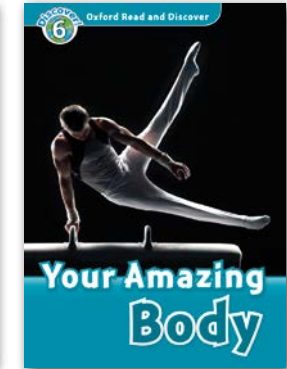
## Wonderful Ecosystems

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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## Your Amazing Body

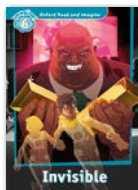
Robert Quinn

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  
Reader 978 0 19 464558 4  
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 402253 8  
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

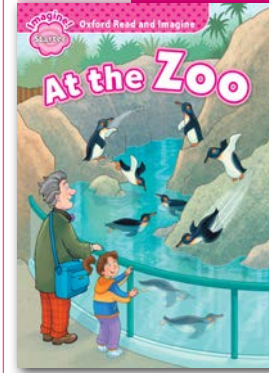
Ben has a red square. He has a red triangle. What's this? It's a house!

Word count 63  
Reader 978 0 19 472242 1

**STARTER**

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

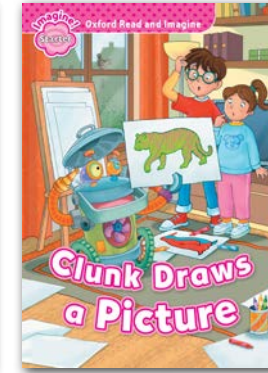


**At the Zoo**

Paul Shipton

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

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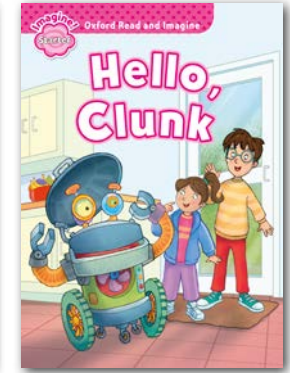


**Clunk Draws a Picture**

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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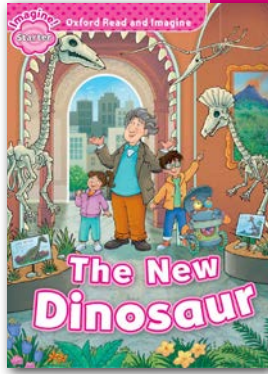


**Hello, Goodbye**

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  
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**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?

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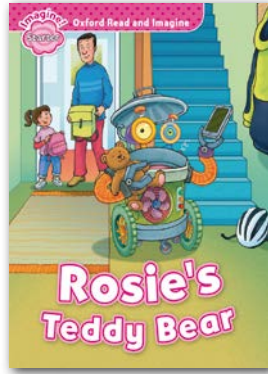


**One, Two, Three**

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?

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**Where's My Hat?**

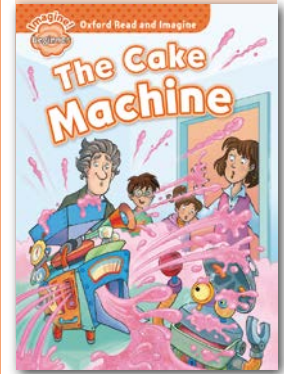
Paul Shipton

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

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**BEGINNER**



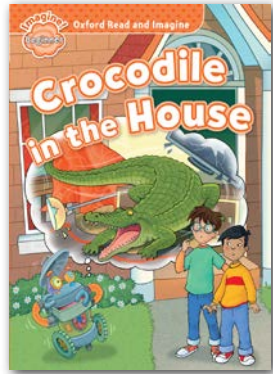
**The Cake Machine**

Paul Shipton

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

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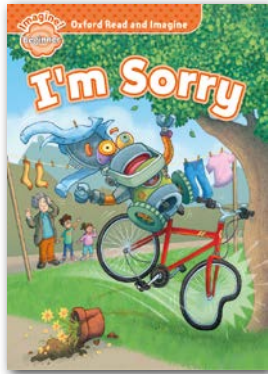


### Crocodile in the House

Paul Shipton

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

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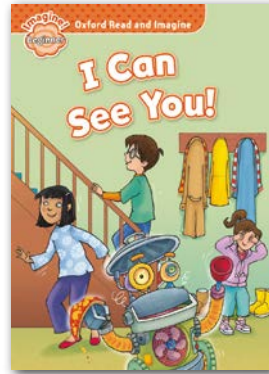


### I'm Sorry

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  
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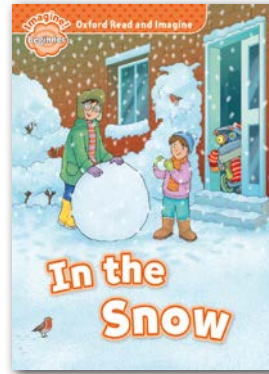


### I Can See You!

Paul Shipton

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

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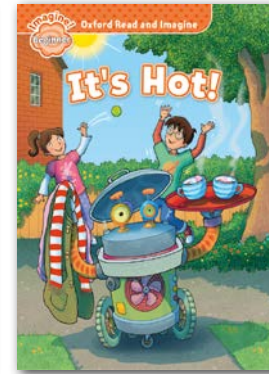


### In the Snow

Paul Shipton

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

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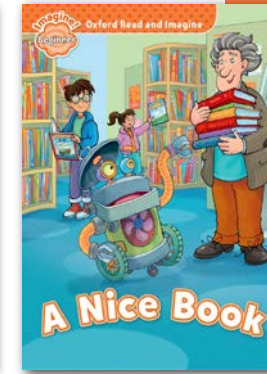


### It's Hot!

Paul Shipton

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

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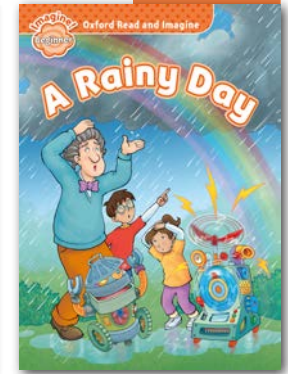
### A Nice Book

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

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### 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!

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Activity Book  
978 0 19 472218 6

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### Ben's Big Swim

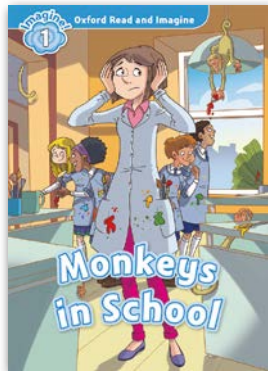
Paul Shipton



### Clunk in Space

Paul Shipton

Shortlisted for Futurebook's Best Children's Digital Book 2015



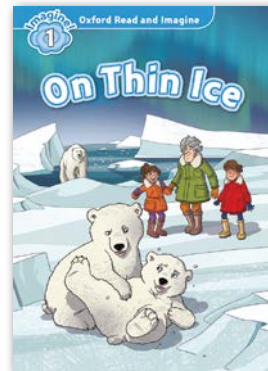
### Monkeys in School

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  
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Activity Book 978 0 19 470935 4

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### At the Beach

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### In the Sky

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### Schools

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### Eyes

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### Young Animals

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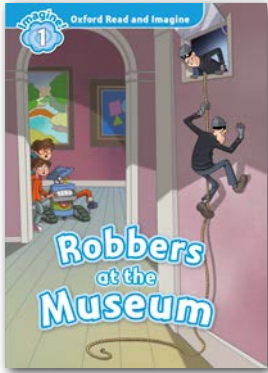


### Fruit

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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?

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Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401746 6  
Activity Book 978 0 19 472246 9

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### 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  
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Reader with Audio 978 0 19 470941 5  
Activity Book 978 0 19 470937 8

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### 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  
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Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401752 7  
Activity Book 978 0 19 472247 6

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### 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!

Word count 688  
Reader 978 0 19 473651 0  
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473659 6  
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



### 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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### Wild Cats

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### Wheels

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### Electricity

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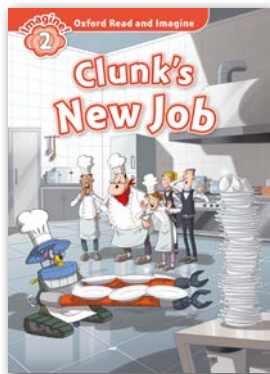
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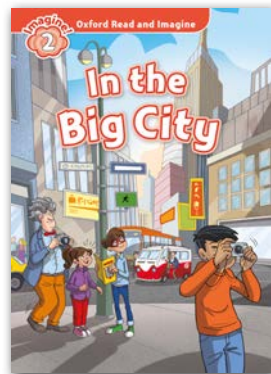
### Clunk in the Clouds

Paul Shipton



### Clunk's New Job

Paul Shipton



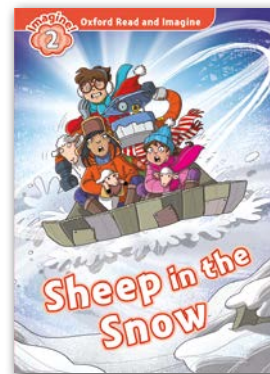
### In the Big City

Paul Shipton



### The Race

Paul Shipton



### Sheep in the Snow

Paul Shipton



### Stop the Machine!

Paul Shipton



### Where on Earth Are We?

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?

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?

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?

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.

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?

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.

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 473653 4

Partner

Word count 693  
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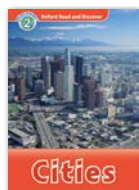
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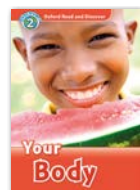
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### Farms

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### Plastic

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### Earth

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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 ...

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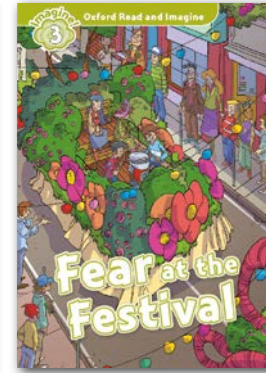
### Danger in the Rainforest

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  
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 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  
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 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  
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 Reader with Audio  
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 Activity Book  
 978 0 19 472308 4

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### 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?

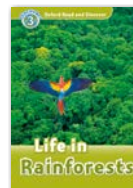
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### Your Five Senses

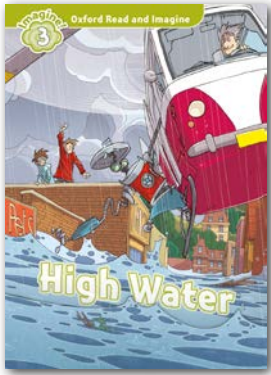
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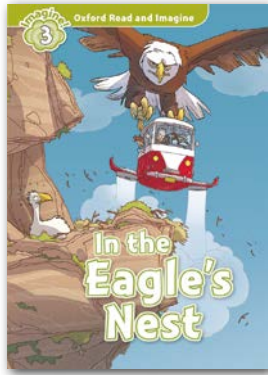
### High Water

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?

Word count 1,031  
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 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 401976 7  
 Activity Book 978 0 19 472310 7

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 ...

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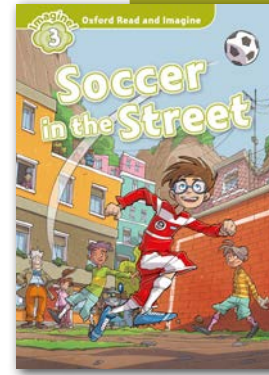
### A Shadow on the Park

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  
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 Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473682 4  
 Activity Book 978 0 19 473678 7

Partner



### 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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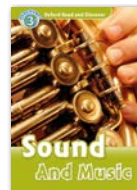
### Wonderful Water

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### Animals in the Air

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### Sound and Music

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### Super Structures

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### Free Time Around the World

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**Bats!**

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?

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



**Clunk's Brain**

Paul Shipton



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?

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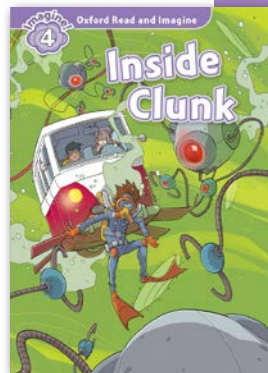
**The Flower Thief**

Paul Shipton

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?

Word count 1,370  
Reader 978 0 19 473698 5  
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473706 7  
Activity Book 978 01 9 473702 9

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**Inside Clunk**

Paul Shipton

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?

Word count 1,341  
Reader 978 0 19 473699 2  
Reader with Audio 978 0 19 473707 4  
Activity Book 978 01 9 473703 6

Partner



**The Lost City**

Paul Shipton

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 ...

Word count 1,358  
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Activity Book 978 01 9 472339 8

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**Lost in the Desert**

Paul Shipton

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?

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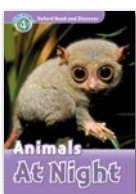
**A Machine for the Future**

Paul Shipton

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?

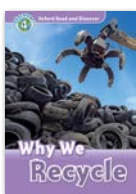
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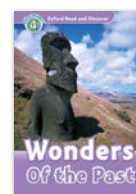
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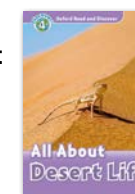
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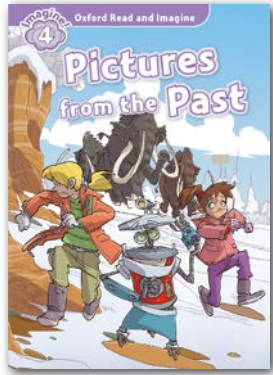


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LEVEL 5

900 HEADWORDS • CEFR • A2 – B1 • Average word count: 2,270  
Cambridge English: & Key (KET)



**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  
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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!

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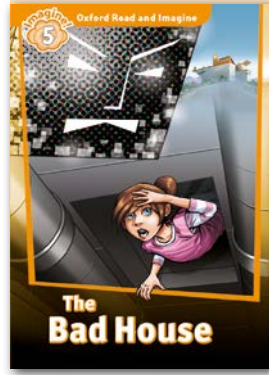
**Volcano Adventure**

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?

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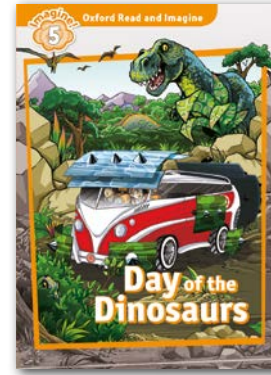
**The Bad House**

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  
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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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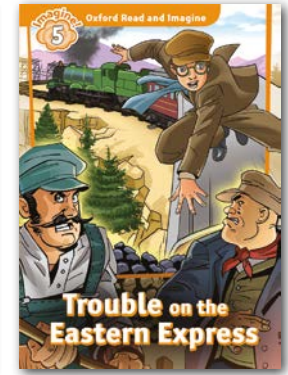
**The Painting in the Attic**

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?

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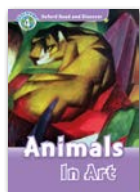
**Trouble on the Eastern Express**

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  
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### Hope on Turtle Island

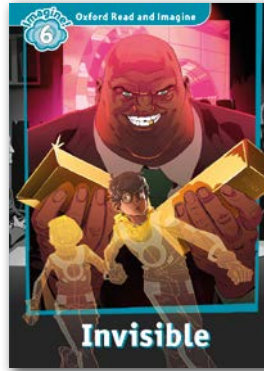
Paul Shipton



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  
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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  
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### 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  
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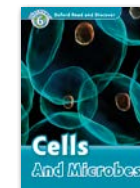
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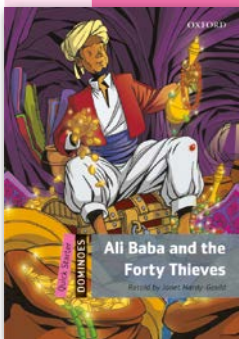
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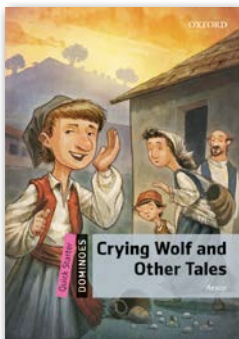
**Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves**

Retold by Janet Hardy-Gould

Comic Strip

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?

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Aesop

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'Help! A wolf is eating my sheep!'

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TRUE TALES

**The First Flying Man**

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.

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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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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?

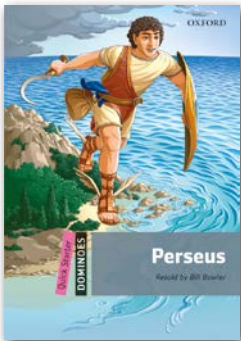
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QUICK STARTER

250 HEADWORDS • CEFR A1

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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

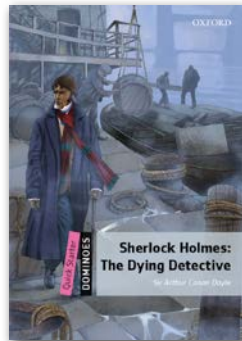
**The Selfish Giant**  
Oscar Wilde  
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

‘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  
978 0 19 463905 7 BrE



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  
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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  
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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  
Reader with Audio  
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  
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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!

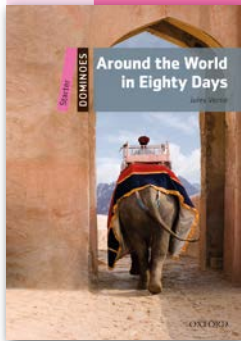
What happens to Professor Clark? How can Tasha and Chaz stop the zombies? Who lives and who dies? Read this story and see.

Word count 1,488  
Reader 978 0 19 424986 7  
Reader with Audio  
978 0 19 463910 1 AmE

BESTSELLER



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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  
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MYSTERY & HORROR

**The Bottle Imp**

Robert Louis Stevenson  
Text adaptation by Rachel Bladon

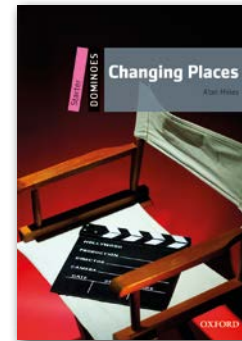
Comic Strip

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  
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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  
978 0 19 463912 5 AmE



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

NEW



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.

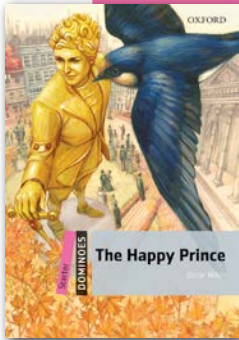
But how does the fire begin and who can stop it? What is the King of England doing to help?

Word count 1,901  
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Reader with Audio  
978 0 19 463913 2 BrE

250 HEADWORDS • CEFR A1

- Story length: 27 pages • Average word count: 2,250 • Cambridge English: Starters • Cambridge English: Movers
- IELTS 1.0–2.0 • TOEIC 120–215 • TOEFL 8–23

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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  
978 0 19 463929 3 BrE

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WORLD LITERATURE

### Heidi

Johanna Spyri  
Text adaptation by Paul Davenport

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

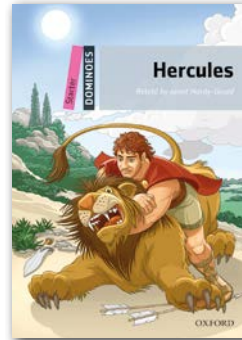
'Oh yes, you are!' Dete answers.

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 &amp; FILM ADVENTURE

### Hercules

Retold by Janet Hardy-Gould

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

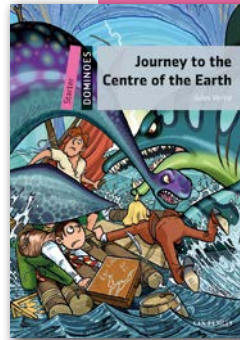
The priestess at Delphi tells him: 'The gods are angry with you. For twelve years you must work for King Eurystheus, and do twelve tasks for him. When you finish, the gods can forgive your crime.'

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  
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BESTSELLER



TV &amp; 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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BESTSELLER



MYSTERY &amp; HORROR

### Kidnap!

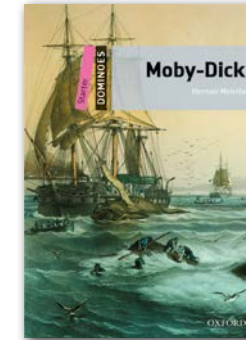
John Escott

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  
Reader 978 0 19 424711 5  
Reader with Audio  
978 0 19 463915 6 AmE



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?

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TRUE TALES

### Mulan

Retold by Janet Hardy-Gould

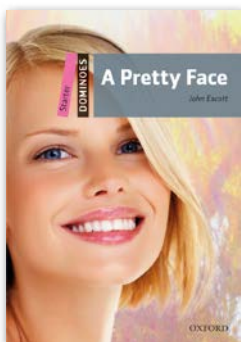
Comic Strip

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

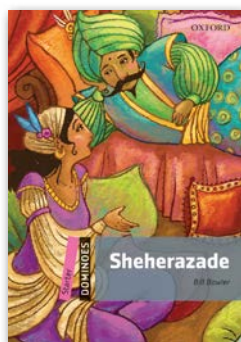
### Rip Van Winkle & The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

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.

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WORLD LITERATURE

### Sheherazade

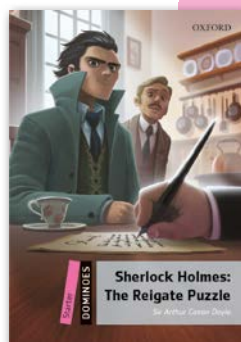
Retold by Bill Bowler

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?

Word count 3,355  
Reader 978 0 19 424716 0  
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MYSTERY & HORROR

### Sherlock Holmes: The Reigate Puzzle

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson

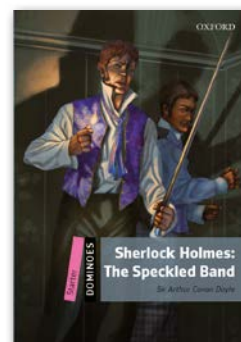
Sherlock Holmes needs a rest, so Dr Watson takes him to the country. They stay with Watson's old friend, Colonel Hayter, in his nice house near Reigate. And of course everything is quiet here, away from London, isn't it?

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  
Reader 978 0 19 460745 2  
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NEW



MYSTERY & HORROR

### Sherlock Holmes: The Speckled Band

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson

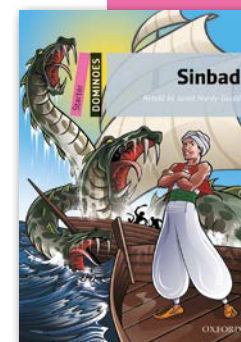


'Help me,' says Helen Stoner. 'My sister died, and now I am going to die too.'

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  
Reader with Audio  
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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

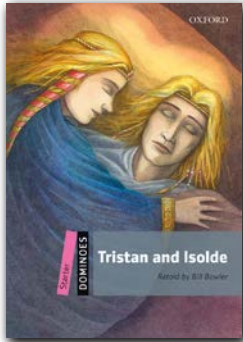
William Shakespeare  
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

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

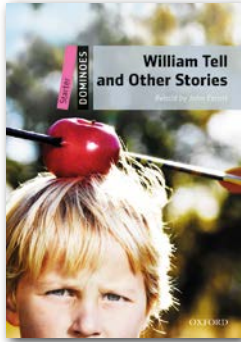
#### Comic Strip

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  
978 0 19 463930 9 BrE



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.

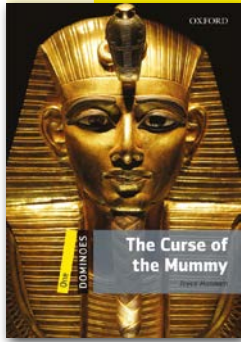
But every time someone tells an old story, they change things in it, to make them bigger, better, and more exciting. So what is true in this book and what is not? Read all six of the stories, and see what you think.

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

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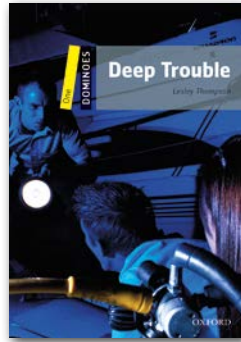
### The Curse of the Mummy

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?

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HUMAN INTEREST

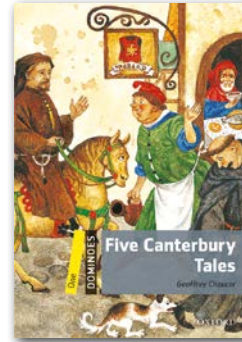
### Deep Trouble

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

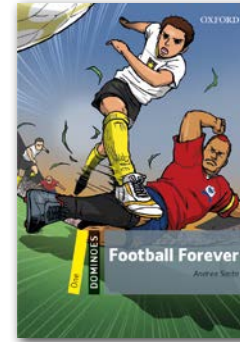
### Five Canterbury Tales

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?

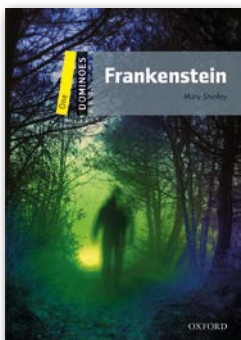
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MYSTERY & HORROR

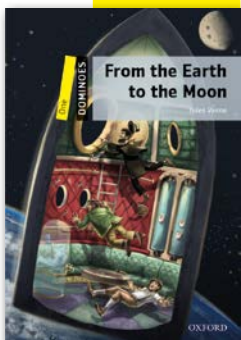
### Frankenstein

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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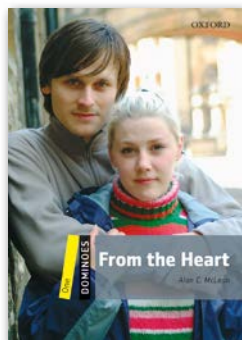
### From the Earth to the Moon

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  
Reader 978 0 19 424763 4  
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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! 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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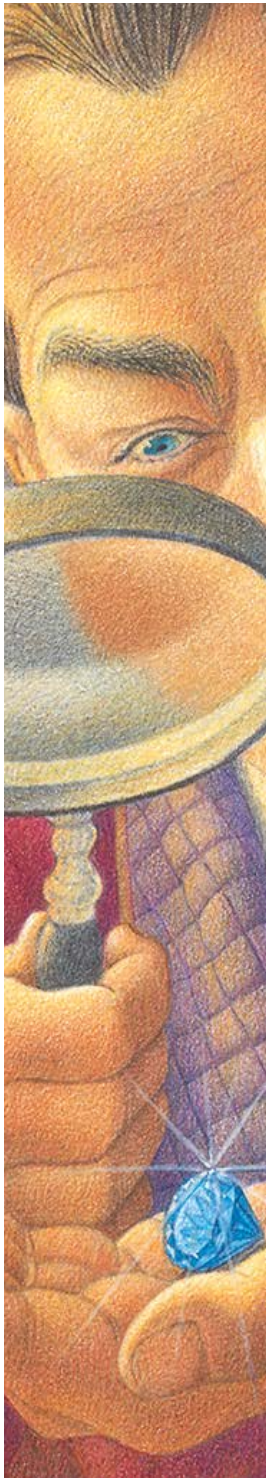
### Journey to the West

Retold by Janet Hardy-Gould

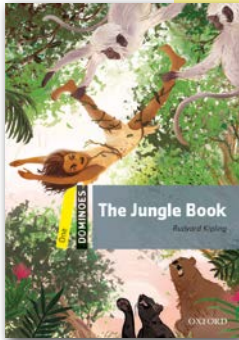
'Tripitaka, can you go to the west for me – and for Buddha?'

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

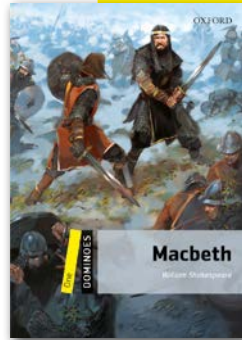
In the Indian jungle, a boy lives like a young wolf with his wolf family. Meet little Mowgli ...

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.

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BESTSELLER



WORLD LITERATURE

### Macbeth

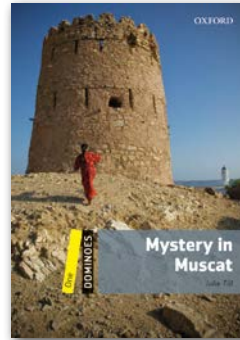
William Shakespeare

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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 learn the truth when Peter and the fairy Tinkerbell 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

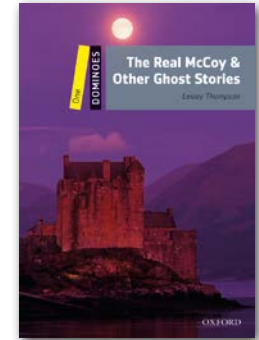
Eleanor H. Porter

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

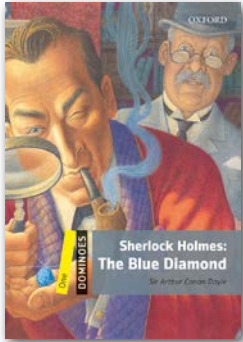
'Are you scared, Gordon?' asks Heather.

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!

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MYSTERY & HORROR

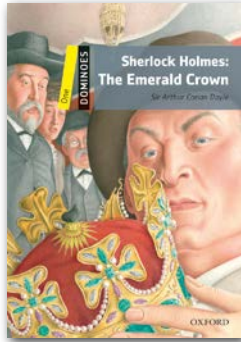
### Sherlock Holmes: The Blue Diamond

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.

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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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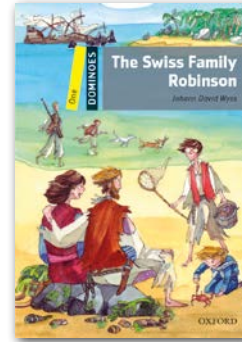
HUMAN INTEREST

### 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  
Reader 978 0 19 424765 8  
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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

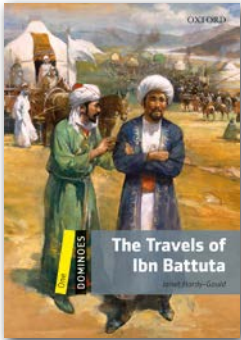
Retold by Joyce Hannam

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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**T** TRUE TALES

### The Travels of Ibn Battuta

Janet Hardy-Gould

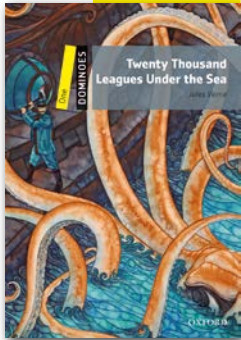
'My first journey was a pilgrimage to Makkah. I got on a donkey and said "Goodbye" to my parents in Tangier when I was 21. My mother cried.'

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...

Word count 6,015  
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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?

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**T** TRUE TALES

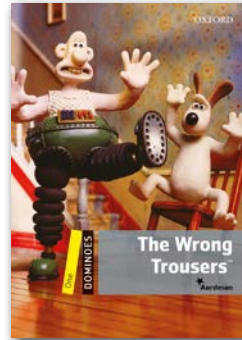
### The Wild West

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.

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**TV & FILM ADVENTURE**

### The Wrong Trousers™

Aardman

Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

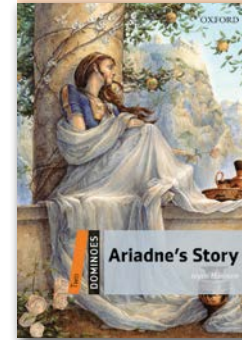
It's Gromit the dog's birthday, and his friend Wallace gives him an unusual present – a pair of Techno-trousers.

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.

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## LEVEL 2



**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

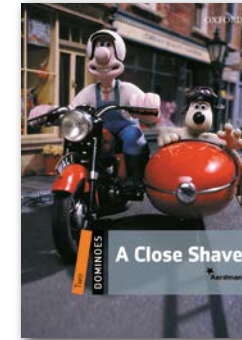
Retold by Tim Herdon

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'?

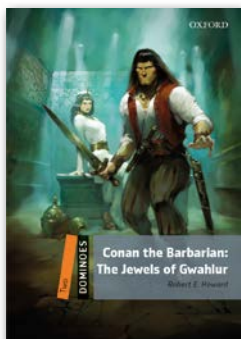
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## LEVEL 2

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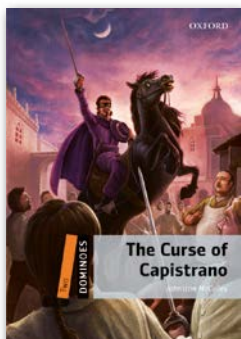
### Conan the Barbarian: The Jewels of Gwahlur

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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### The Curse of Capistrano

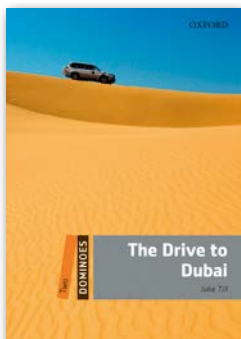
Johnston McCulley  
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

‘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?

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HUMAN INTEREST

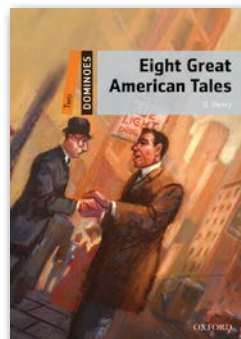
### The Drive to Dubai

Julie Till

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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STORY COLLECTIONS

### Eight Great American Tales

O. Henry  
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

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.

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WORLD LITERATURE

### Emma

Jane Austen  
Text adaptation by Barbara Mackay

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?

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HUMAN INTEREST

### Jemma's Jungle Adventure

Anne Collins

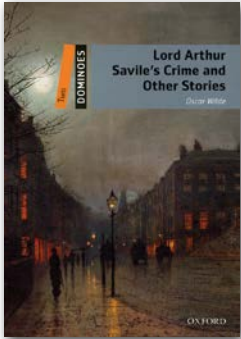
Jemma is very excited when she joins an expedition to the island of Kamora. She hopes to learn about doing scientific research, and to find a very rare bird of paradise.

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?

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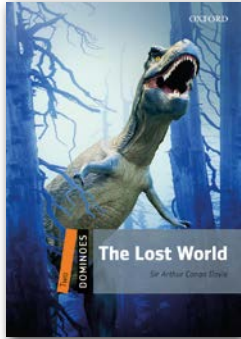
### Lord Arthur Savile's Crime and Other Stories

Oscar Wilde  
Text adaptation by Bill Bowler

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?

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

### The Lost World

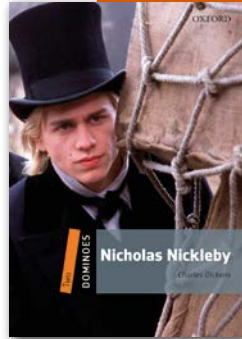
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Text adaptation by Susan Kingsley

'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?

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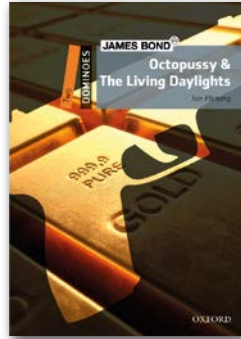
### Nicholas Nickleby

Charles Dickens  
Text adaptation by Tim Herdon

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?

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TV & FILM ADVENTURE

### Octopussy & The Living Daylights

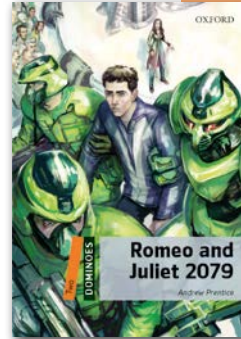
Ian Fleming  
Text adaptation by Nick Bullard

'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?

Two great James Bond stories in one book!

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HUMAN INTEREST

### Romeo and Juliet 2079

Andrew Prentice

Everyone knows Shakespeare's famous love story – Romeo and Juliet are in love, but their families are enemies so their love cannot be.

But this exciting retelling puts Romeo and Juliet in a dark and difficult future world – a terrible tomorrow where people are born as Normals or Perfects.

Of course, Juliet is a Perfect, so what happens when she meets Romeo – and her horrible brother Tybalt finds out? You need to read this amazing science fiction *Romeo and Juliet*.

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TRUE TALES

### Saladin

Nina Prentice

'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...

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MYSTERY & HORROR

### Sara Dixon, Teen Detective

Lesley Thompson

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?

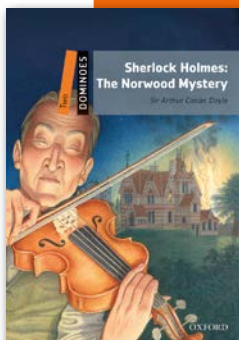
Sara tries to find out what's going on. She's a top student at school, but she's going to have to break a few rules if she's going to learn what's happened to Luke. Can she solve the mystery before it's too late?

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MYSTERY & HORROR

### Sherlock Holmes: The Norwood Mystery

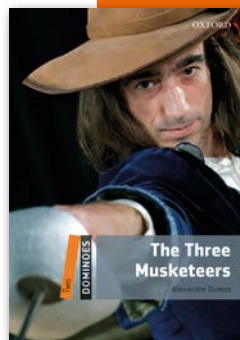
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Text adaptation by Jeremy Page

'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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BESTSELLER



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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NEW



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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MYSTERY & HORROR

### The Turn of the Screw

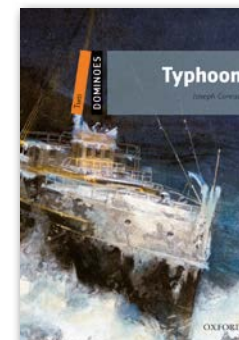
Henry James  
Text adaptation by Christine Lindop

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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BESTSELLER



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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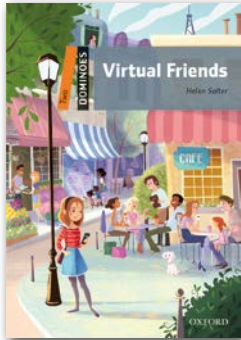
### V is for Vampire

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

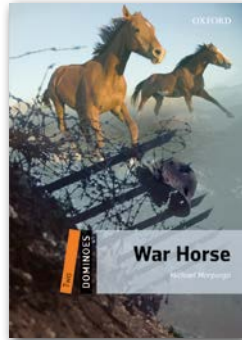
Helen Salter

'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

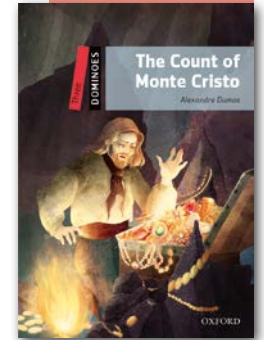
Robert E. Howard

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...

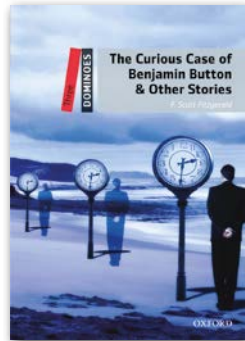
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STORY COLLECTIONS

### The Curious Case of Benjamin Button & Other Stories

F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Text adaptation by Clare West

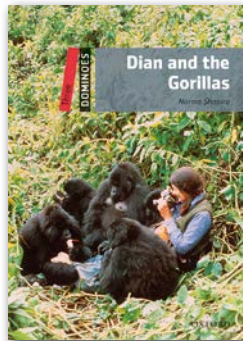
What happens when a man lives his life backwards, or a family owns a diamond as big as the Ritz Hotel?

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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STORY COLLECTIONS

### 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

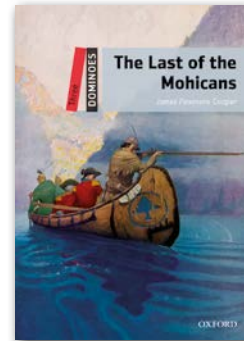
Charles Dickens  
Text adaptation by Susan Kingsley

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

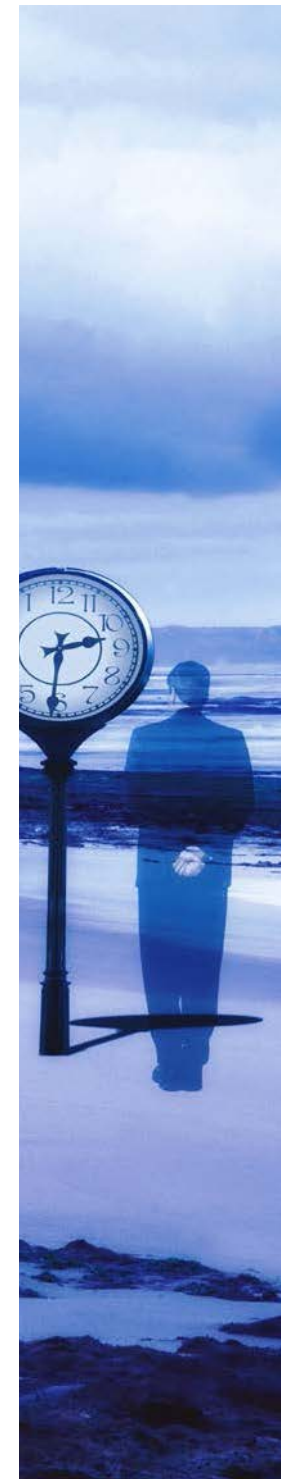
Jane Austen  
Text adaptation by Clare West

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

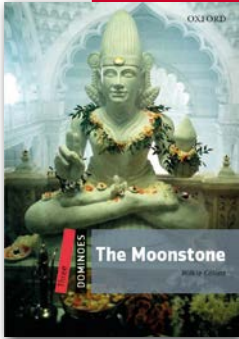
In this way Mrs Norris persuades her sister, Lady Bertram, and Lady Bertram's husband, Sir Thomas, to ask their poor niece Fanny Price to live with them at Mansfield Park.

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 &amp; HORROR

### The Moonstone

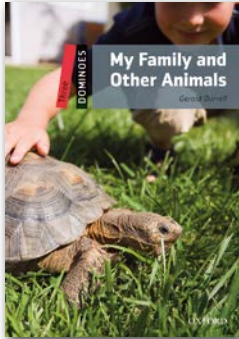
Wilkie Collins

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

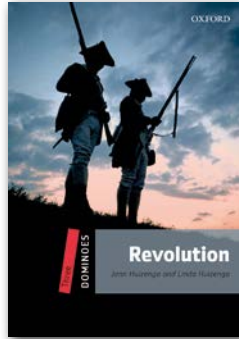
Gerald Durrell

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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NEW ILLUSTRATIONS



MYSTERY &amp; HORROR

### The Secret Agent

Joseph Conrad

Text adaptation by Lesley Thompson

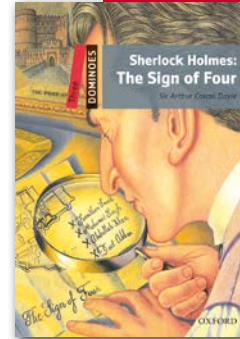
A re-release of the existing Dominoes *The Secret Agent*, with new and improved illustrations.

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 &amp; HORROR

### Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four

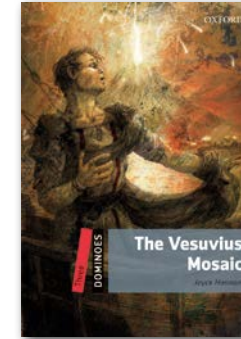
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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

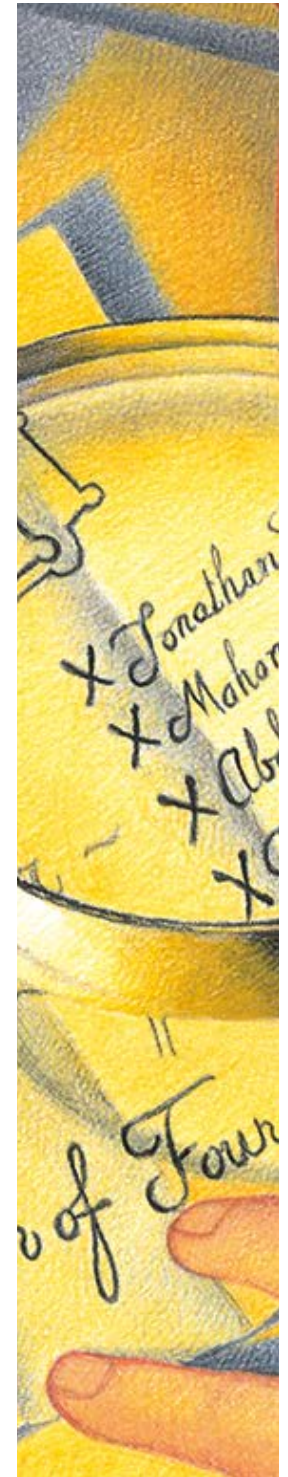
Joyce Hannam

'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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New



3 *Hachiko*

For the next two weeks, the puppies drank their mother's milk and slept. Then they began opening their eyes, and they wanted to chew everything. They chewed their mother's ears and coat, and they chewed their bed, too!

After one more week, the puppies began to walk. Everyone laughed when they watched the little dogs, because they could not walk well. Then, two or three weeks later, when the puppies were bigger and could walk better, they began to play. They played a lot, and the children loved playing with them.



*The puppies began to walk.*

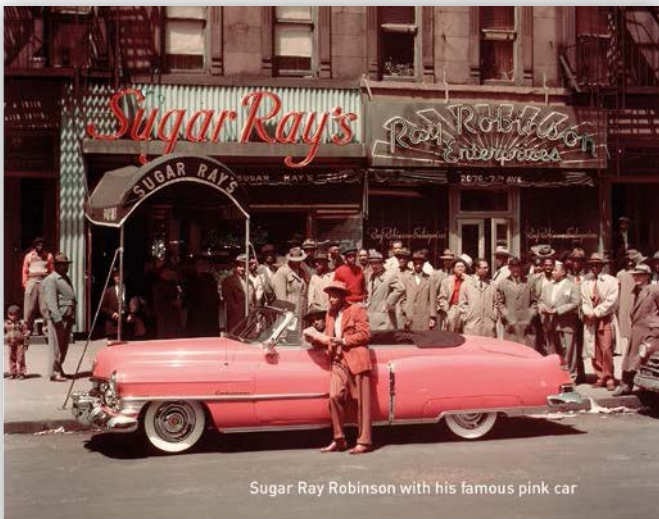
Hachiko: Japan's Most Faithful Dog, Level 1



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Sugar Ray Robinson with his famous pink car

After dinner that night, Cassius saw a black man in the street outside the restaurant. He was holding a piece of paper which said, "BUY BLACK." He wanted people to buy things from black people's stores, not white people's stores. This surprised Cassius. In Louisville, black people did not say things like this; they could not because they were too afraid.

On the plane to Rome, Cassius and the other boxers spoke about medals. For all of that long journey, Cassius did not stop talking about how he wanted a gold medal. His friends knew that he was talking so much because he was afraid of flying!

In the Olympic Village in Rome, Cassius soon became very popular. He said hello to everybody, asked their names, and shook their hands. He told them about himself and said that he wanted to win a gold medal in

Muhammad Ali, Level 2

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**LEVEL 4**  
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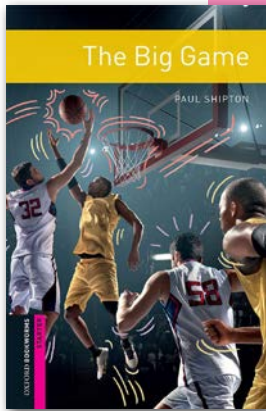
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HUMAN INTEREST

**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**

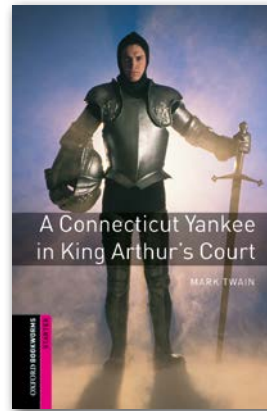
John Escott

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!'

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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.

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CRIME & MYSTERY

**Dead Man's Money**

John Escott

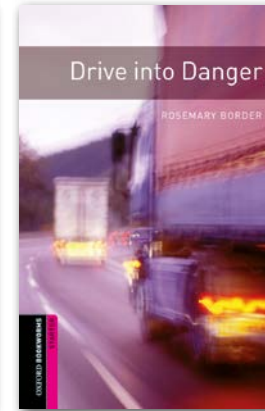
Comic Strip

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?

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

**Drive into Danger**

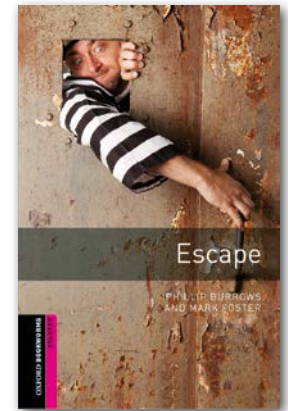
Rosemary Border

'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.

'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 1,400  
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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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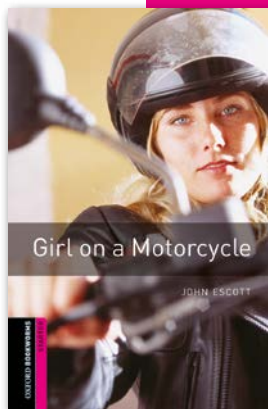
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**The Fifteenth Character**

Rosemary Border



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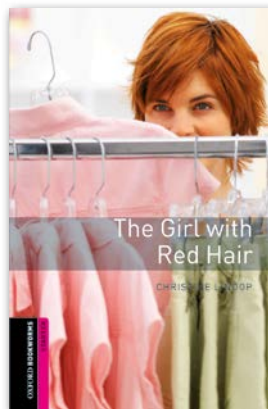
John Escott



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

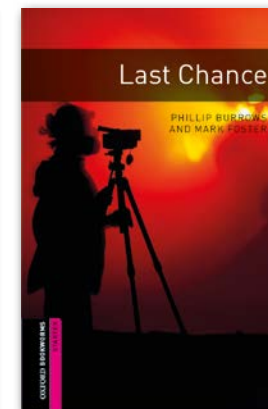


HUMAN INTEREST

**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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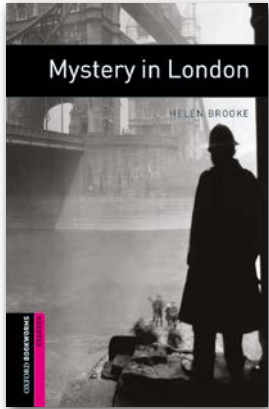
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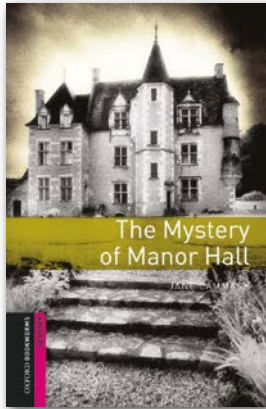
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**Mystery in London**

Helen Brooke



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**The Mystery of Manor Hall**

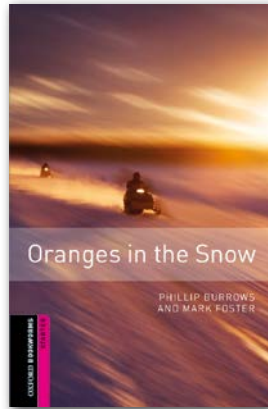
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**New York Café**

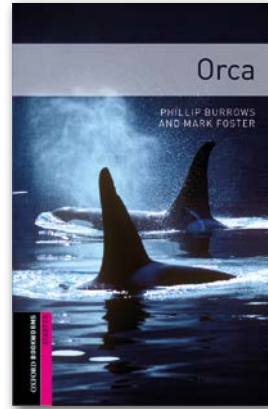
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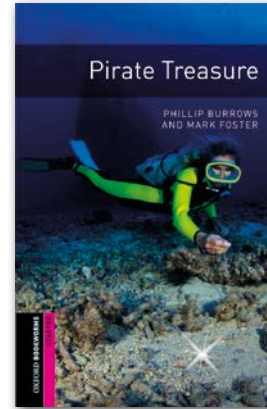
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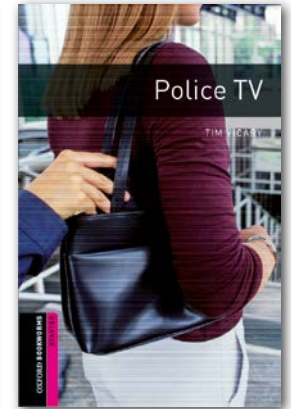
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**THRILLER & ADVENTURE**

**Pirate Treasure**

Phillip Burrows and Mark Foster



**?** CRIME & MYSTERY

**Police TV**

Tim Vicary

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?

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?

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.

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?

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.

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?

'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?

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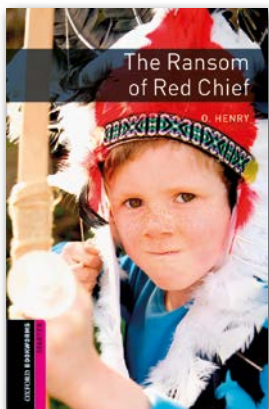
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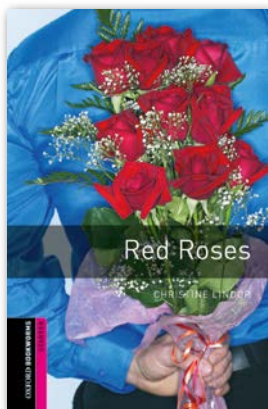
CLASSICS

**The Ransom of Red Chief**

O. Henry  
Retold by Paul Shipton  
Comic Strip

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.

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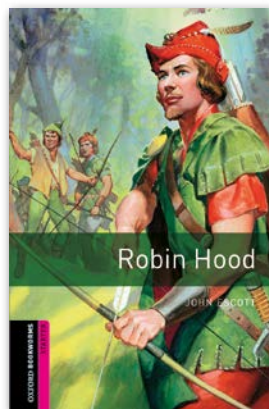
HUMAN INTEREST

**Red Roses**

Christine Lindop

'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...

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HUMAN INTEREST

**Robin Hood**

John Escott

Comic Strip

'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.

Word count 960  
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BESTSELLER

HUMAN INTEREST

**Sally's Phone**

Christine Lindop



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.

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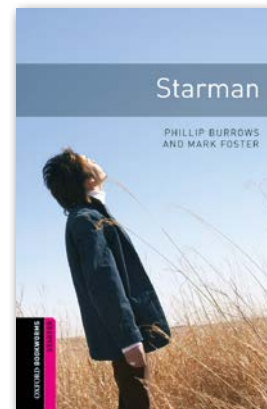
HUMAN INTEREST

**Sing to Win**

Andrea Sarto

'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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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...

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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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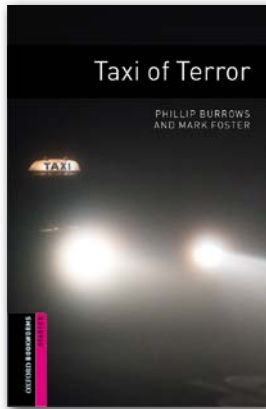
**Survive!**  
Helen Brooke

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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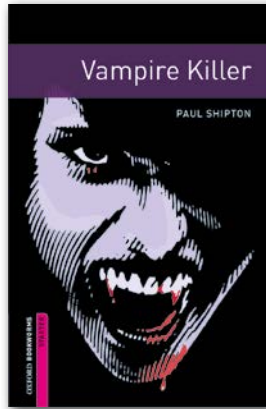


THRILLER & ADVENTURE

**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?

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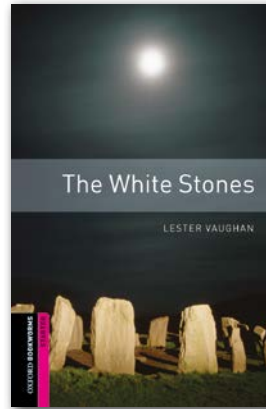
FANTASY & HORROR

**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  
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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?

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LEVEL 1

400 HEADWORDS

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- Cambridge English: Key (KET)
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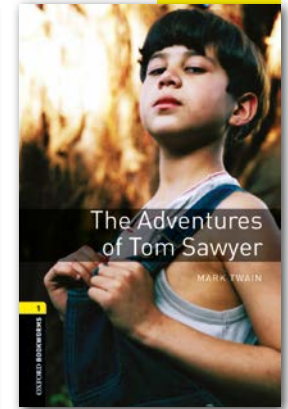
TRUE STORIES

**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 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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CLASSICS

**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.

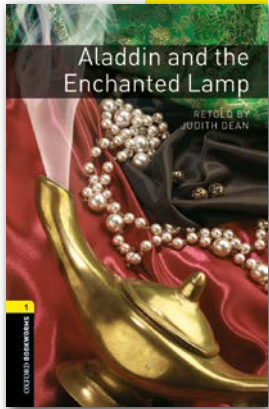
They don't see any ghosts that night. They see something worse than a ghost – much, much worse...

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FANTASY & HORROR

### Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp

Retold by Judith Dean

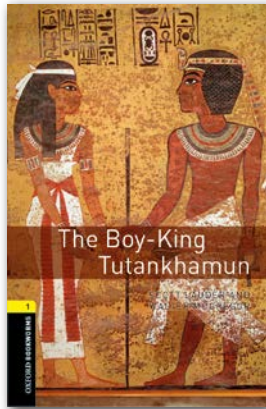
In a city in Arabia, there lives a boy called Aladdin. He is poor and often hungry, but one day he finds an old lamp. When he rubs the lamp, smoke comes out of it, and then out of the smoke comes a magical genie.

With the genie'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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TRUE STORIES

### The Boy-King Tutankhamun

Scott Lauder and Walter McGregor

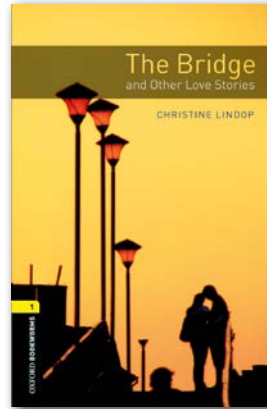
'I can see wonderful things!' said Howard Carter, when he opened the tomb of the Egyptian boy-king Tutankhamun, in 1922. Suddenly Tutankhamun was famous.

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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HUMAN INTEREST

### The Bridge and Other Love Stories

Christine Lindop

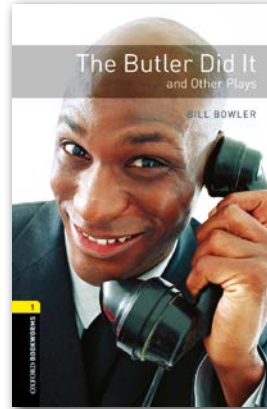
Luke is a good-looking, young man, but he's not very clever with words. Gemma is clever with words, but what does she want? Lucy and Becky are good friends, but what about Sam? He makes wonderful cakes, but does he make mistakes too? Nina and Dragan are in love, so deeply in love, but they live in the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

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PLAYSRIPTS

### 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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HUMAN INTEREST

### Christmas in Prague

Joyce Hannam

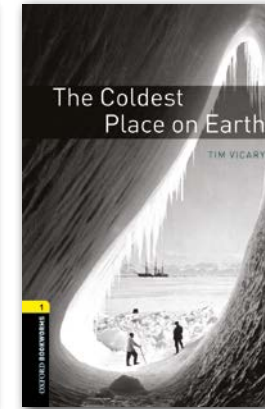
In a house in Oxford, three people are having breakfast – Carol, her husband Jan, and his father Josef. They are talking about Prague, because Carol wants them all to go there for Christmas.

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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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.

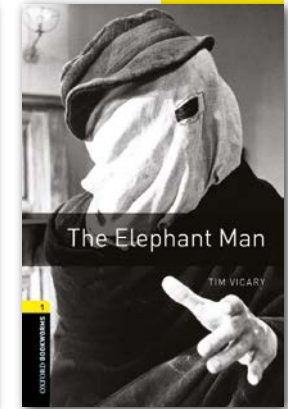
But Antarctica is the coldest place on earth, and it is a long, hard journey over the ice to the South Pole. Some of the travellers never returned home.

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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**PLAYSCRIPTS**

**Five Short Plays**  
Martyn Ford

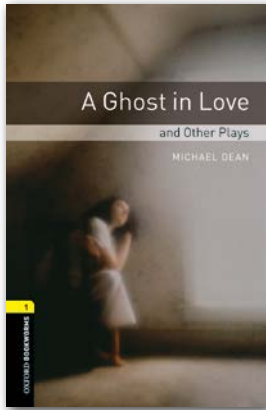
What do you do if you have a boring job in a restaurant, serving fast food to people who have no time to eat?

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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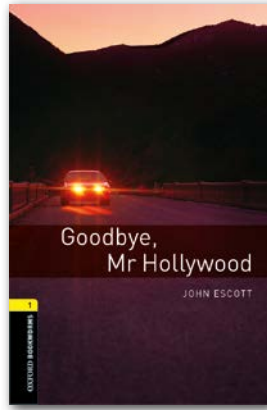
**PLAYSCRIPTS**

**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**

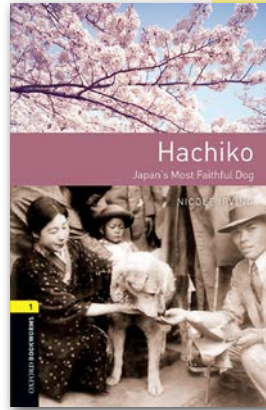
**Goodbye, Mr Hollywood**  
John Escott

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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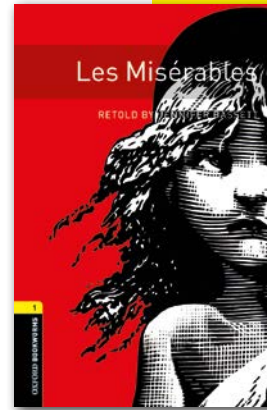
**TRUE STORIES**

**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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NEW



**HUMAN INTEREST**

**Les Misérables**  
Victor Hugo  
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

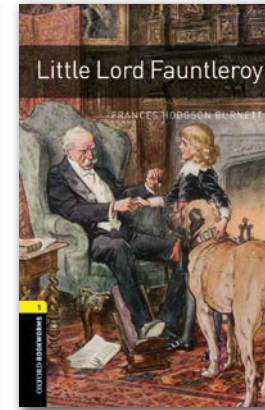


France, 1815. Jean Valjean leaves prison after 19 years. These are dangerous and troubled times, and life is hard. Valjean must begin a new life, but how can he escape his past, and his enemy, Inspector Javert?

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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**HUMAN INTEREST**

**Little Lord Fauntleroy**  
Frances Hodgson Burnett  
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.

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**HUMAN INTEREST**

**A Little Princess**  
Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

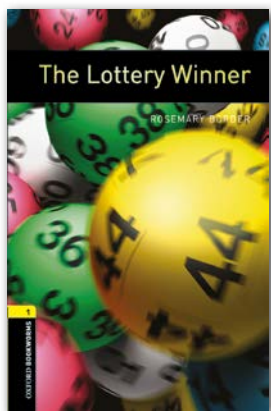
Sara Crewe is a very rich little girl. She first comes to England when she is seven, and her father takes her to Miss Minchin's school in London. Then he goes back to his work in India. Sara is very sad at first, but she soon makes friends at school.

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

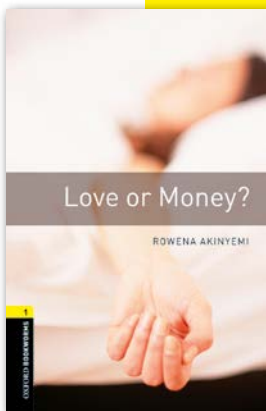
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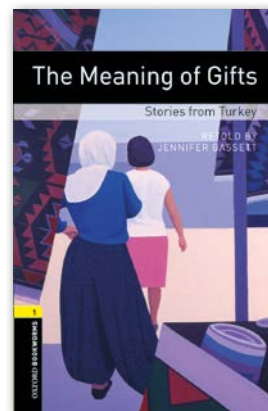




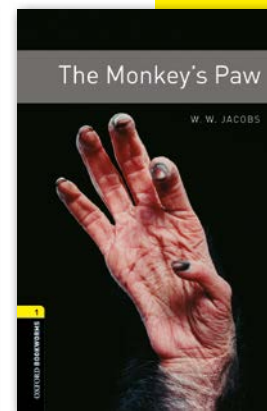
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NEW



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HUMAN INTEREST

**The Lottery Winner**

Rosemary Border

CRIME & MYSTERY

**Love or Money?**

Rowena Akinyemi

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

FANTASY & HORROR

**The Monkey's Paw**

W. W. Jacobs  
Retold by Diane Mowat

PLAYSCRIPTS

**The Murder of Mary Jones**

Tim Vicary

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.

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!

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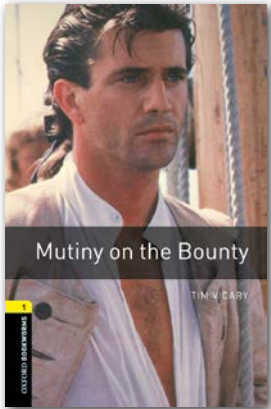
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**T** TRUE STORIES

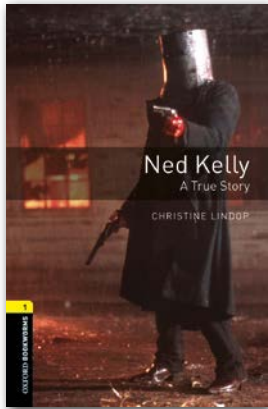
**Mutiny on the Bounty**

Tim Vicary

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.

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**T** TRUE STORIES

**Ned Kelly:  
A True Story**

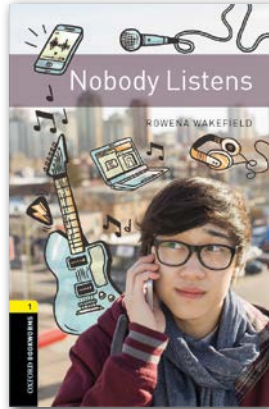
Christine Lindop



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.

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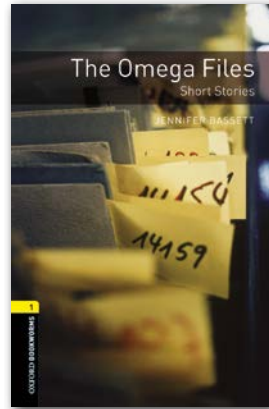
**Nobody Listens**

Rowena Wakefield

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?

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**👁** FANTASY & HORROR

**The Omega Files –  
Short Stories**

Jennifer Bassett

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...

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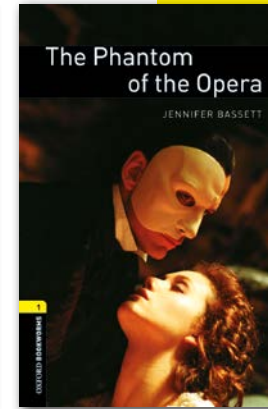
**One-Way Ticket –  
Short Stories**

Jennifer Bassett

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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**👁** 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**

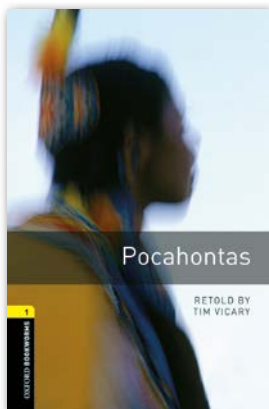
Tim Vicary

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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**T** TRUE STORIES

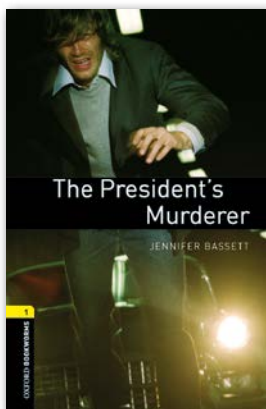
**Pocahontas**

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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**T** 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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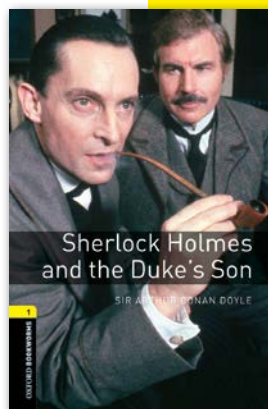
**E** HUMAN INTEREST

**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**

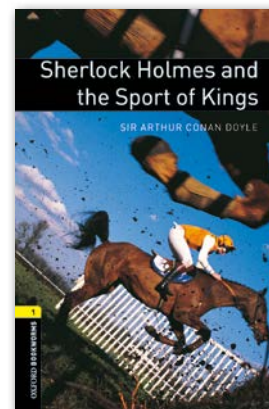
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

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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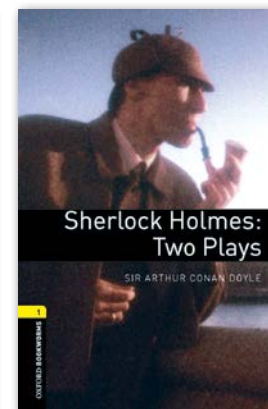
**Sherlock Holmes and the Sport of Kings**

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Horsereading 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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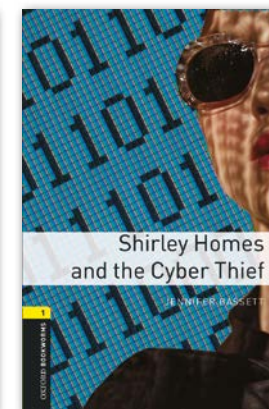
**Sherlock Holmes: Two Plays**

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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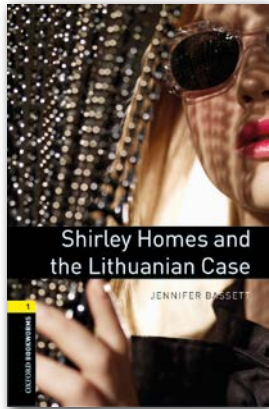
**Shirley Homes and the Cyber Thief**

Jennifer Bassett

Shirley Homes, 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 Homes 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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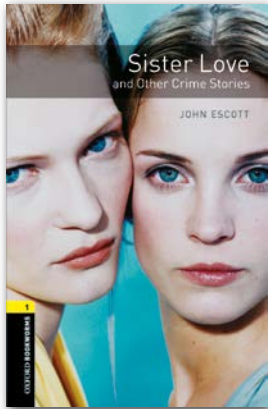
**Shirley Homes and the Lithuanian Case**

Jennifer Bassett

Shirley Homes 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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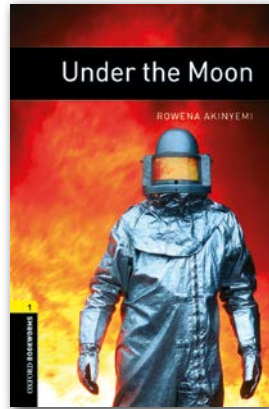
**Sister Love and Other Crime Stories**

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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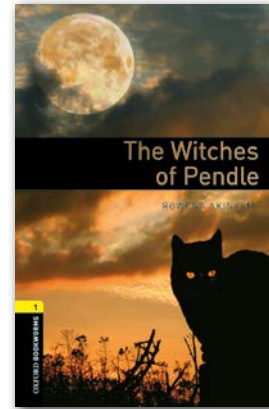
**White Death**

Tim Vicary

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?

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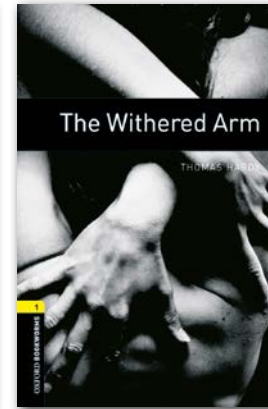
**The Witches of Pendle**

Rowena Akinyemi

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...

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**The Withered Arm**

Thomas Hardy

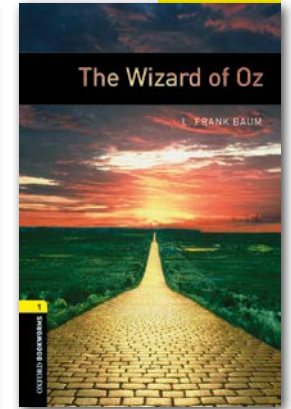
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



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...

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FANTASY & HORROR

**The Wizard of Oz**

L. Frank Baum

Retold by Rosemary Border

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...

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### Animals in Danger

Andy Hopkins and Joc Potter

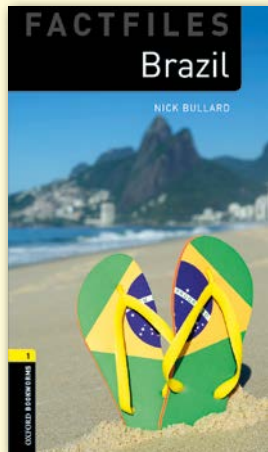
People love and need animals. They keep them in their homes and on their farms. They enjoy going to zoos, and watching animals on films and on TV. Little children love to play with toy animals.

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?

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### Brazil

Nick Bullard

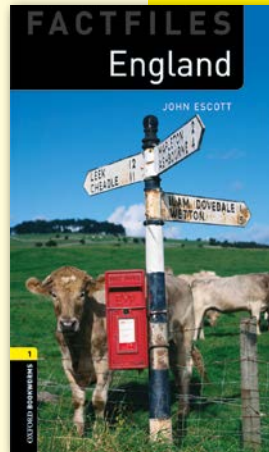
Everyone knows about Brazil's beautiful beaches, the Amazon rainforest, and the wonderful Carnival of Rio de Janeiro. But there is a lot more to Brazil than this: here you can find interesting old towns, modern cities, and thousands of different kinds of animals and plants. It is home to world-famous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

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### England

John Escott

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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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### Hollywood

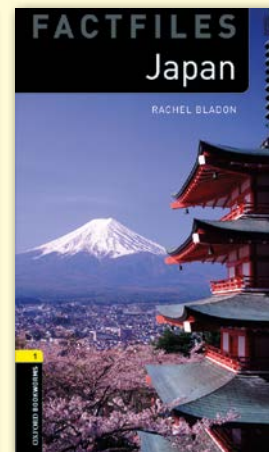
Janet Hardy-Gould

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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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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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### 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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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### London

John Escott

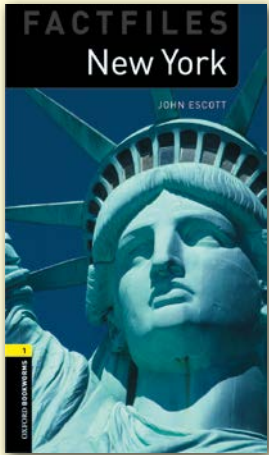
Come with us to London – a city as old as the Romans, and as new as the 21st century. There are places to go – from Oxford Street to Westminster Abbey, from Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to Wimbledon Tennis Club. And things to do – ride on the London Eye, visit the markets, go to the theatre, run in the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

Big, beautiful, noisy, exciting – that's London.

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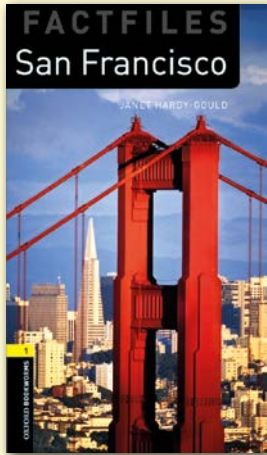
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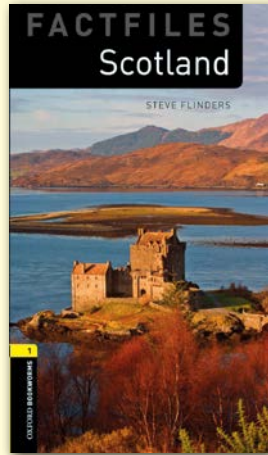
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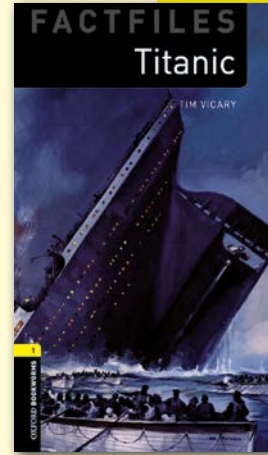
Janet Hardy-Gould



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**Scotland**

Steve Flinders



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**Titanic**

Tim Vicary



FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**Weddings**

Christine Lindop



FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**William and Kate**

Christine Lindop

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.

'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...

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.

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...

'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!

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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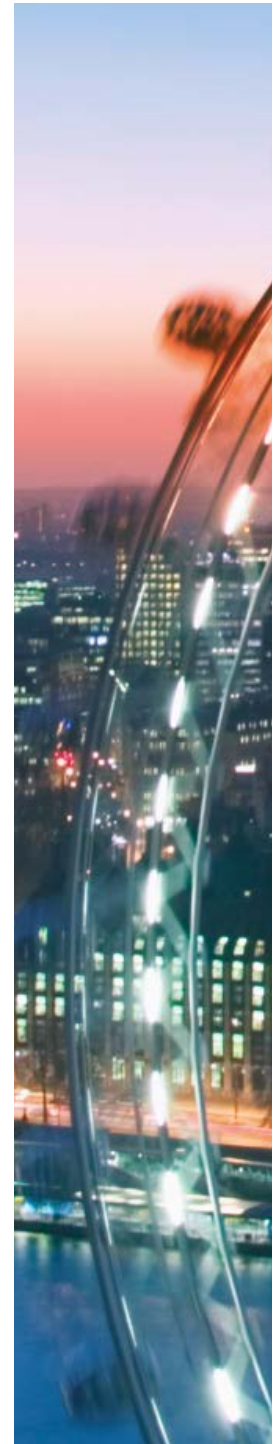
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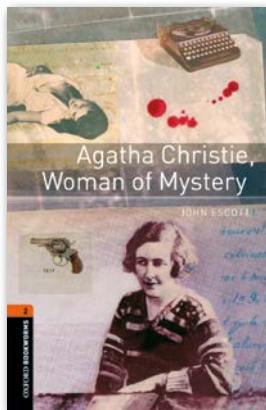
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**t** TRUE STORIES

**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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**l** CLASSICS

**Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**

Lewis Carroll

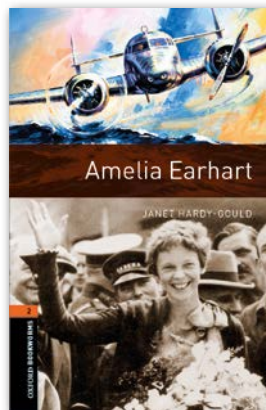
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



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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**t** TRUE STORIES

**Amelia Earhart**

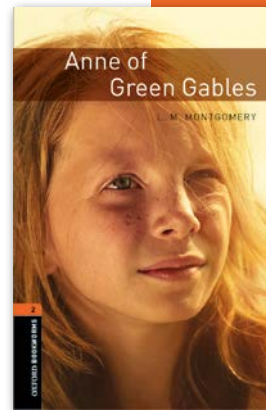
Janet Hardy-Gould

'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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**e** HUMAN INTEREST

**Anne of Green Gables**

L. M. Montgomery

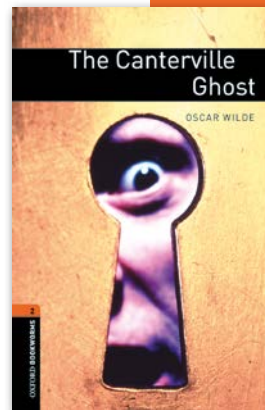
Retold by Clare West

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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**N** FANTASY & HORROR

**The Canterville Ghost**

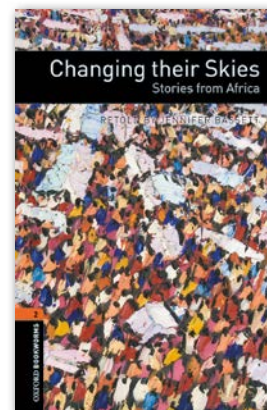
Oscar Wilde

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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**g** WORLD STORIES

**Changing their Skies: Stories from Africa**

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

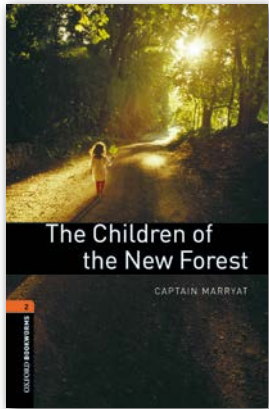
'Then a letter came for Aloo from a famous college in America. They offered him a place... a place with a scholarship. Aloo could not believe it at first. He read the letter again and again.'

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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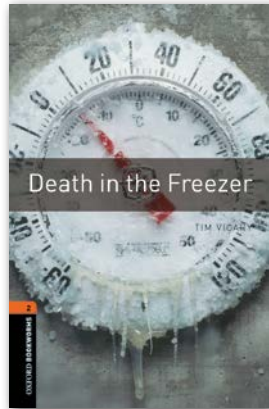
**Dead Man's Island**

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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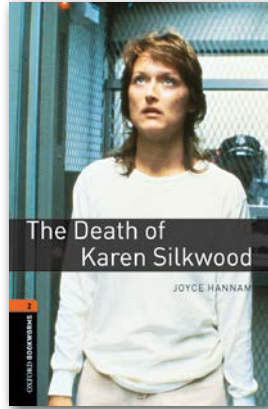
**Death in the Freezer**

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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TRUE STORIES

**The Death of Karen Silkwood**

Joyce Hannam

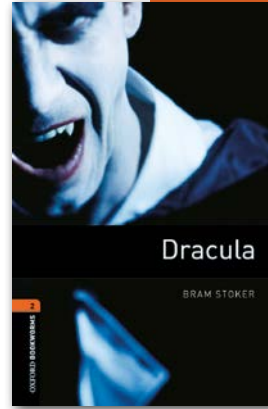
This is the story of Karen Silkwood. It begins with her death.

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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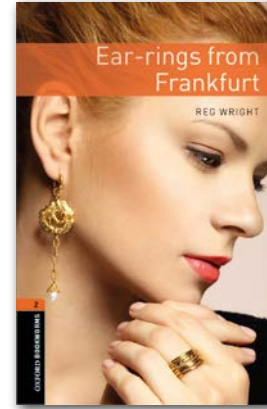
**Dracula**

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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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

**Ear-rings from Frankfurt**

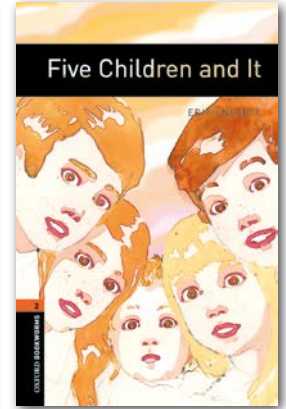
Reg Wright

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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**Five Children and It**

Edith Nesbit  
Retold by Diane Mowat

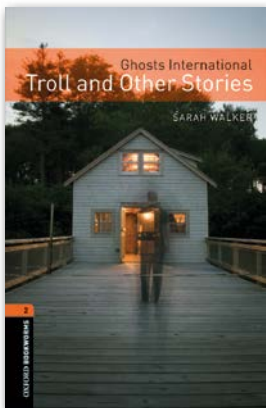
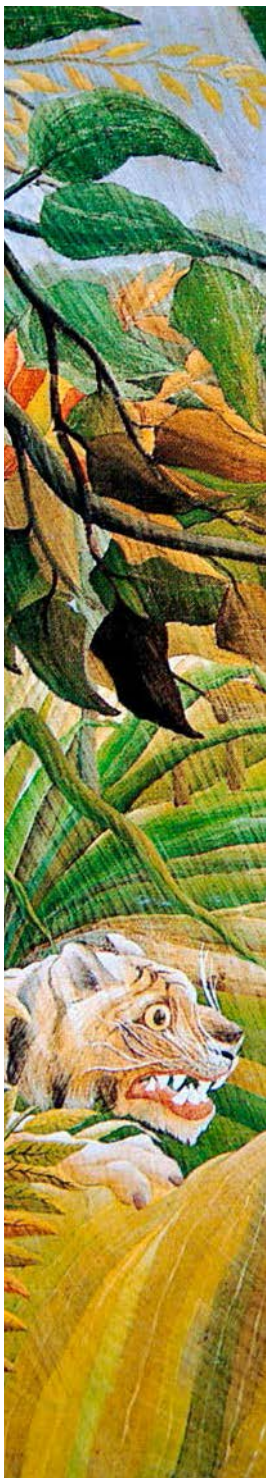
When the children dug a hole in the gravel-pit, they were very surprised at what they found. 'It' was a Psammead, a sand-fairy, thousands of years old.

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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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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TRUE STORIES

### Grace Darling

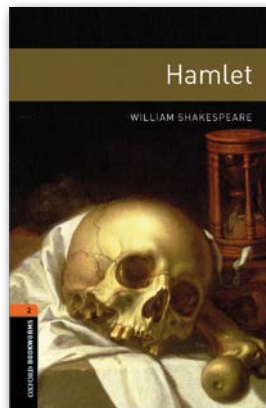
Tim Vicary

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 *Fortarshire* 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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PLAYSCRIPTS

### Hamlet

William Shakespeare

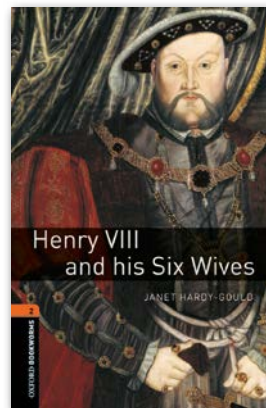
Retold by Alistair McCallum

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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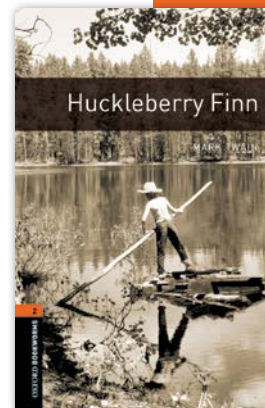
### Henry VIII and his Six Wives

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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BESTSELLER

CLASSICS

### 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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PLAYSCRIPTS

### The Importance of Being Earnest

Oscar Wilde

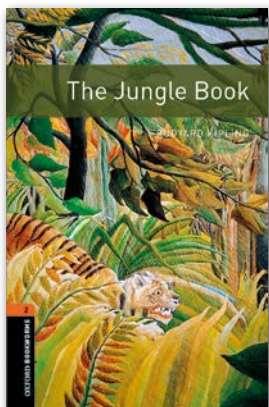
Retold by Susan Kingsley

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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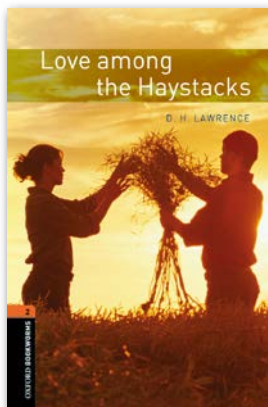
CLASSICS

**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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CLASSICS

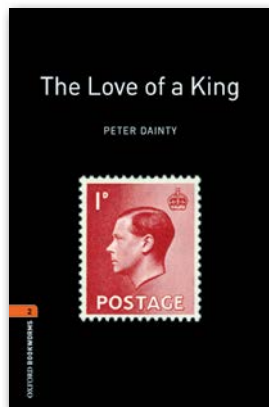
**Love among the Haystacks**  
D. H. Lawrence  
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



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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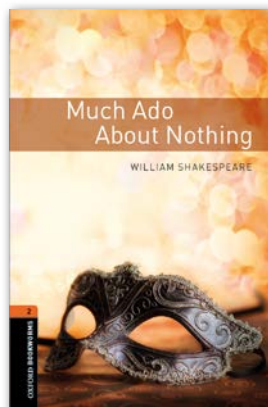
**The Love of a King**  
Peter Dainty

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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PLAYSRIPTS

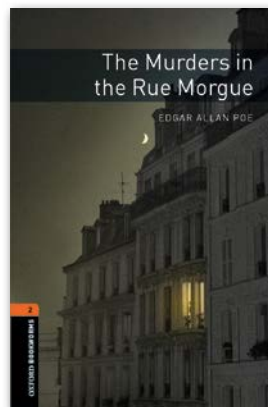
**Much Ado About Nothing**  
William Shakespeare  
Retold by Alistair McCallum

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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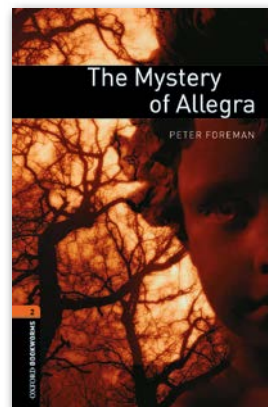
CRIME & MYSTERY

**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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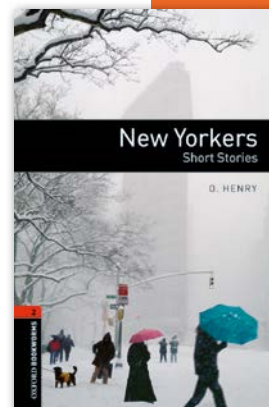
FANTASY & HORROR

**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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HUMAN INTEREST

**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.

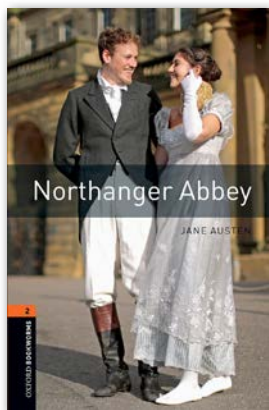
O. Henry's famous short stories – sensitive, funny, sympathetic – give us vivid pictures of the everyday lives of these New Yorkers.

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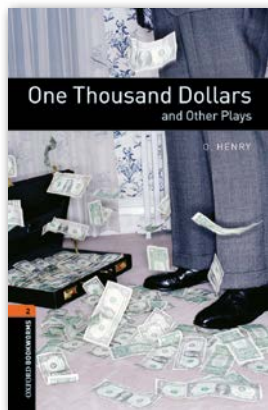
HUMAN INTEREST

**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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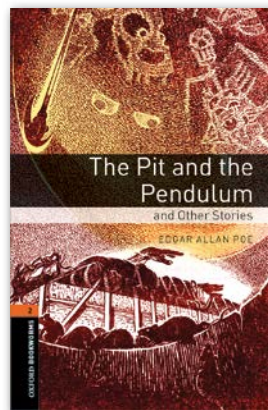
HUMAN INTEREST

**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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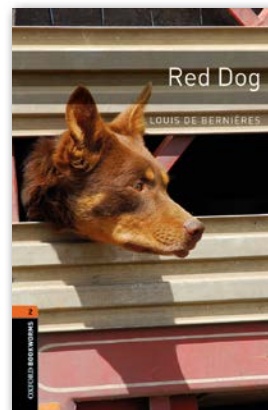
CLASSICS

**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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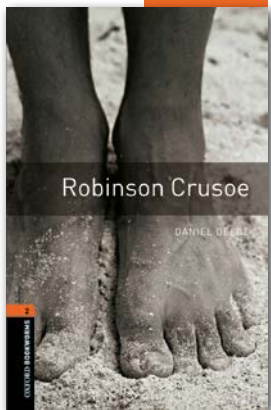
**Return to Earth**

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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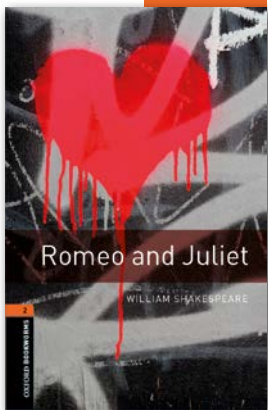


CLASSICS

**Robinson Crusoe**

Daniel Defoe  
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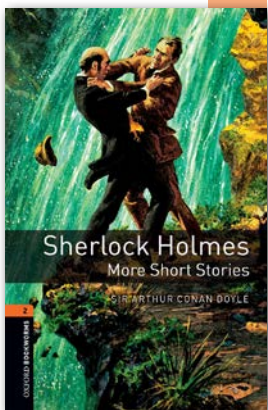


PLAYSCRIPTS

**Romeo and Juliet**

William Shakespeare  
Retold by Alistair McCallum

NEW



CRIME & MYSTERY

**Sherlock Holmes:  
More Short Stories**

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Retold by Clare West

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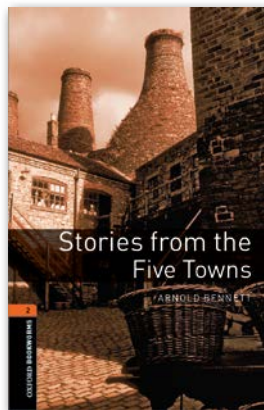
NEW EDITION



WORLD STORIES

**Stories from the Heart**

Retold by Jennifer Bassett



HUMAN INTEREST

**Stories from the  
Five Towns**

Arnold Bennett  
Retold by Nick Bullard

'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?

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?

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?

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.

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.

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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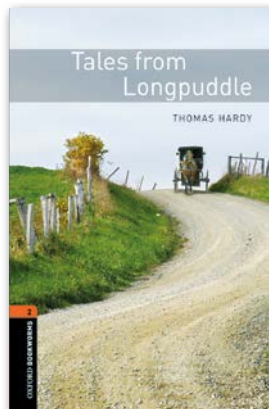
HUMAN INTEREST

**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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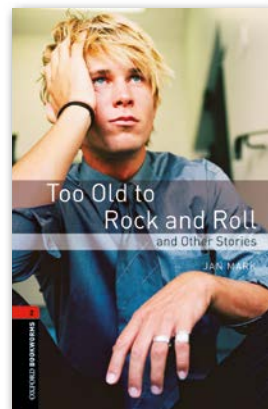
**Tales from Longpuddle**

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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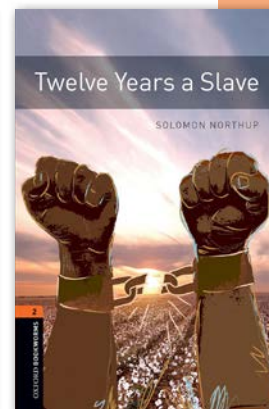
**Too Old to Rock and Roll and Other Stories**

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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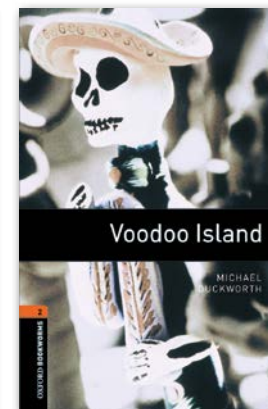
TRUE STORIES

**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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FANTASY & HORROR

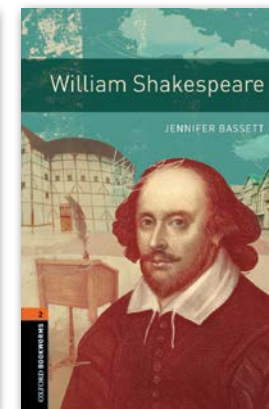
**Voodoo Island**

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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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?

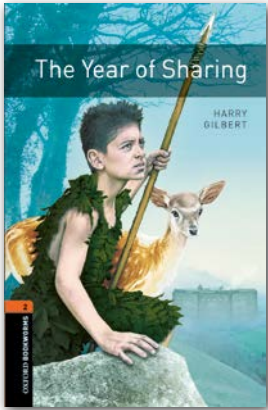
We know the facts of his life, but we can only guess at his hopes, his fears, his dreams.

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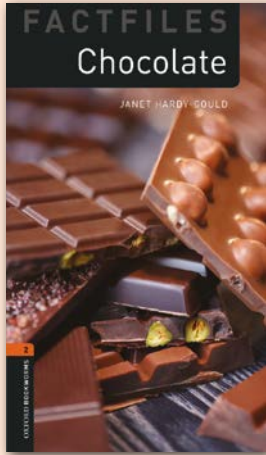
**FANTASY & HORROR**

**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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**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, white 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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**FACTFILES (non-fiction)**

**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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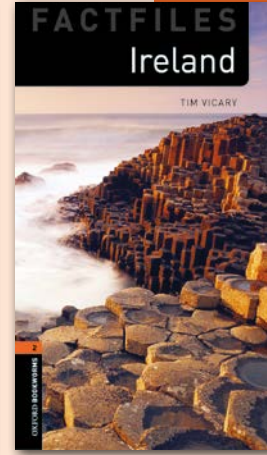


**FACTFILES (non-fiction)**

**Football**  
Steve Flinders

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'.

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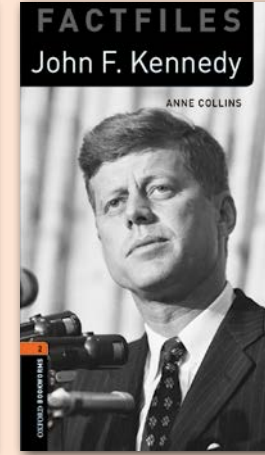


**FACTFILES (non-fiction)**

**Ireland**  
Tim Vicary

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...

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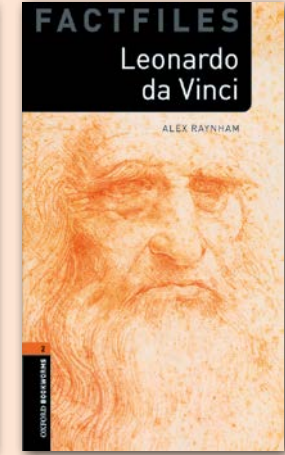


**FACTFILES (non-fiction)**

**John F. Kennedy**  
Anne Collins

'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...

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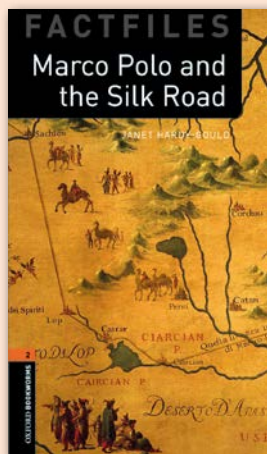
**FACTFILES (non-fiction)**

**Leonardo da Vinci**  
Alex Raynham

'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...

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### Marco Polo and the Silk Road

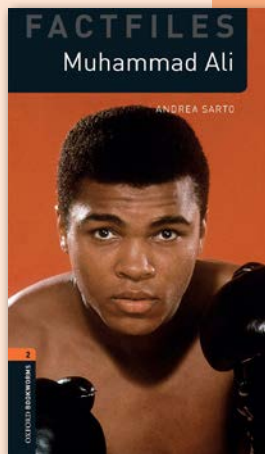
Janet Hardy-Gould

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...

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### Muhammad Ali

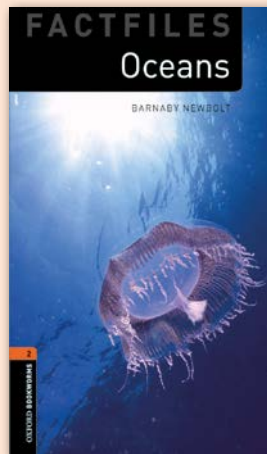
Andrea Sarto

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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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### Oceans

Barnaby Newbolt

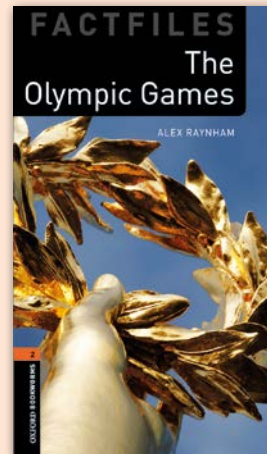
Thousands of years ago, people looked out across an ocean and asked themselves, 'What is on the other side?' And the bravest of them began to travel and find the answers – beautiful islands, frozen lands, different peoples...

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...

Word count 6,778

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### 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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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### 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?

Word count 6,480

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### 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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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

### Stephen Hawking

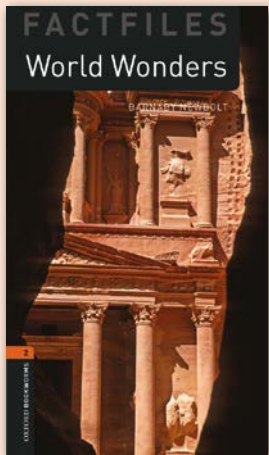
Alex Raynham

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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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**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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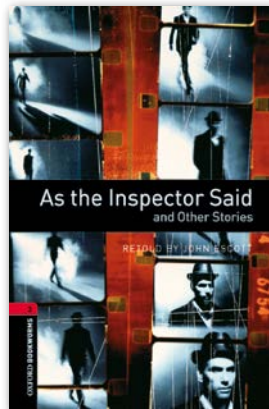
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CRIME & MYSTERY

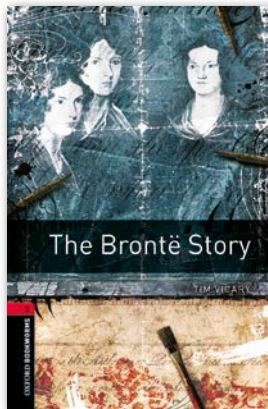
**As the Inspector Said and Other Stories**

Retold by John Escott

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.

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TRUE STORIES

**The Brontë Story**

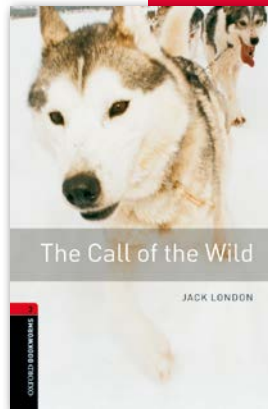
Tim Vicary

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.

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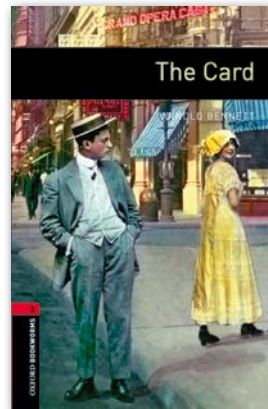
**The Call of the Wild**

Jack London  
 Retold by Nick Bullard

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.

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HUMAN INTEREST

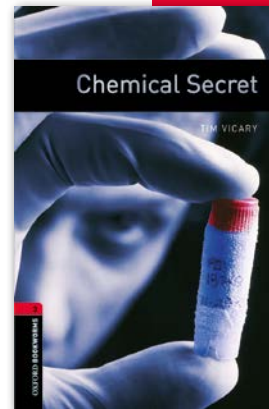
**The Card**

Arnold Bennett  
 Retold by Nick Bullard

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?

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THRILLER & ADVENTURE

**Chemical Secret**

Tim Vicary

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.

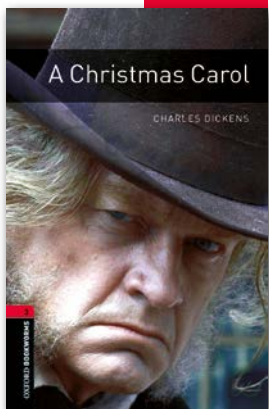
They gave him the job because he couldn't say no; he couldn't afford to be honest. And the job was like a poison inside him. It changed him and blinded him, so that he couldn't see the real poison – until it was too late.

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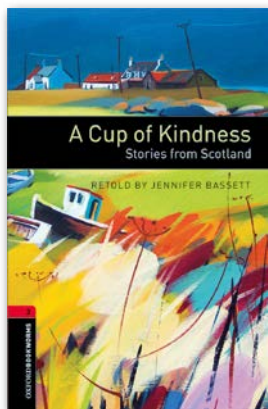
**A Christmas Carol**

Charles Dickens  
Retold by Clare West

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.

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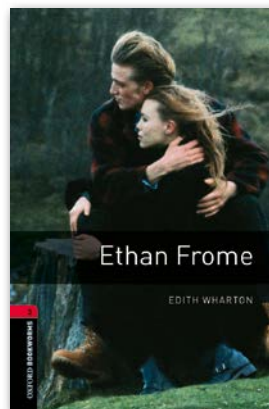
**A Cup of Kindness: Stories from Scotland**

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

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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**Ethan Frome**

Edith Wharton  
Retold by Susan Kingsley

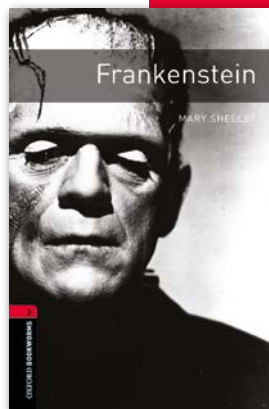
Life is always hard for the poor, in any place and at any time. Ethan Frome is a farmer in Massachusetts. He works long hours, but his farm makes little money. His wife, Zeena, is a thin, grey woman, always complaining, and only interested in her own ill health.

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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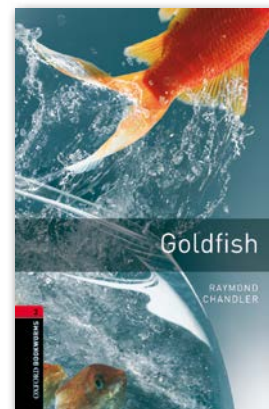
**Frankenstein**

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

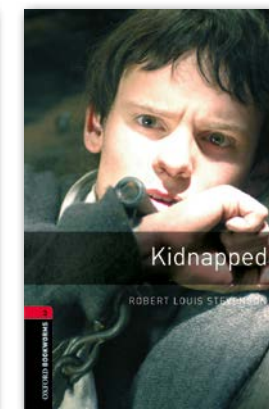
**Justice**

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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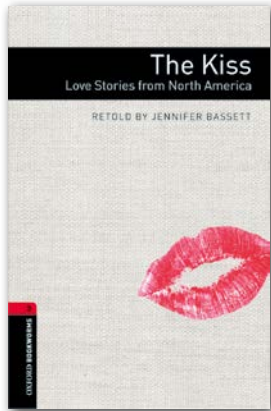
**Kidnapped**

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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HUMAN INTEREST

**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**

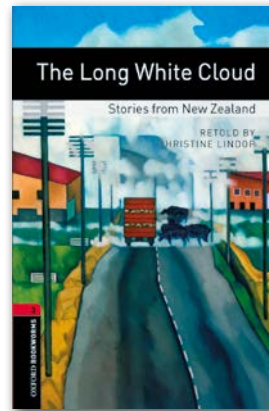
Michael Dibdin  
Retold by Rosalie Kerr



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**

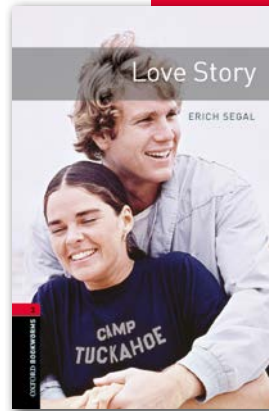
Retold by Christine Lindop

'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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HUMAN INTEREST

**Love Story**

Erich Segal  
Retold by Rosemary Border

This is a love story you won't forget. Oliver Barret 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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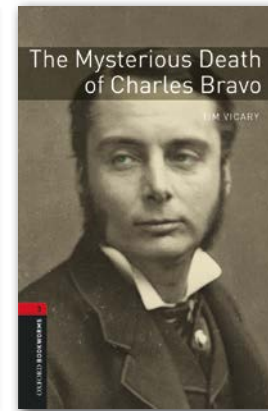
**A Midsummer Night's Dream**

William Shakespeare  
Retold by R.J. Corral

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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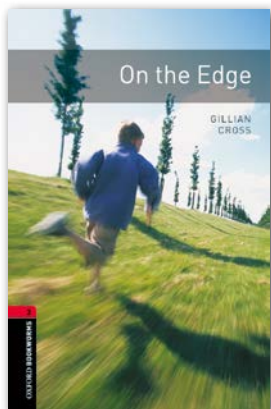
**Othello**

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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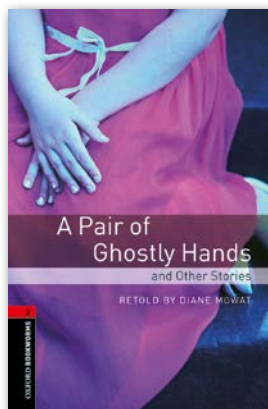




THRILLER & ADVENTURE

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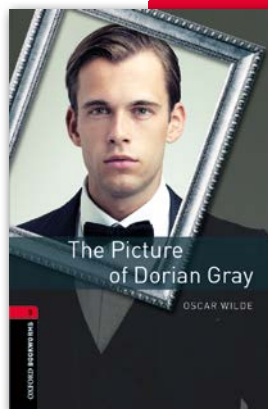
Gillian Cross  
Retold by Clare West



FANTASY & HORROR

**A Pair of Ghostly Hands and Other Stories**

Retold by Diane Mowat



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**The Picture of Dorian Gray**

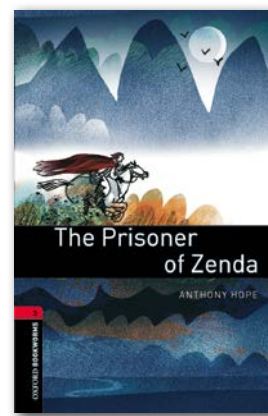
Oscar Wilde  
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WORLD STORIES

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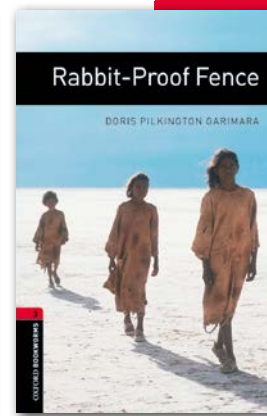
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



THRILLER & ADVENTURE

**The Prisoner of Zenda**

Anthony Hope  
Retold by Diane Mowat



BESTSELLER

TRUE STORIES

**Rabbit-Proof Fence**

Doris Pilkington Garimara  
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



HUMAN INTEREST

**The Railway Children**

Edith Nesbit  
Retold by John Escott

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...

Word count 10,300  
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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.

Word count 9,600  
Reader 978 0 19 479125 0

'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.

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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.

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'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?

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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.

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'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?

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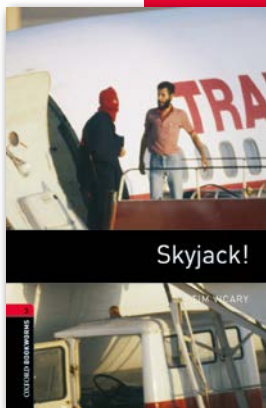
HUMAN INTEREST

**The Secret Garden**  
Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Retold by Clare West

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.

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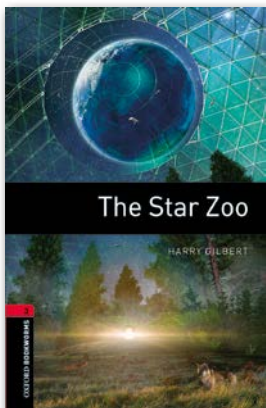
THRILLER & ADVENTURE

**Skyjack!**  
Tim Vicary

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.



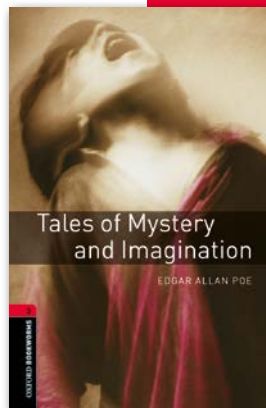
FANTASY & HORROR

**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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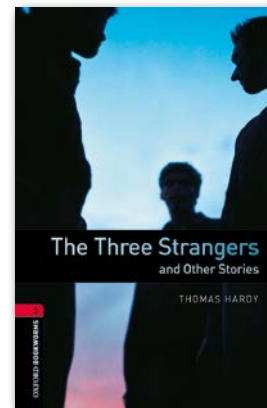


FANTASY & HORROR

**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...



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...



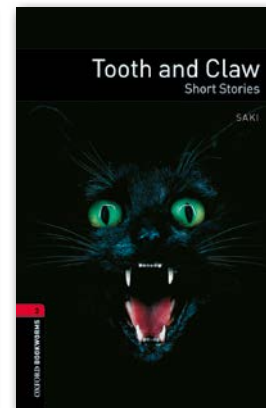
CLASSICS

**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...



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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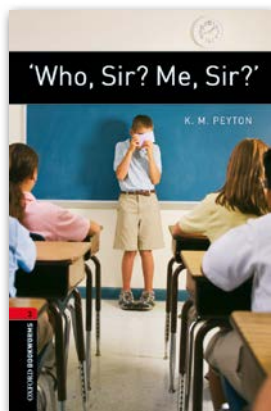
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HUMAN INTEREST

**'Who, Sir? Me, Sir?'**

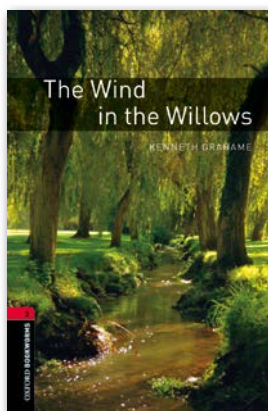
K. M. Peyton  
Retold by Diane Mowat

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 Greycoats 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 Greycoats,' the others cry. 'Never in a million years!'

But you don't know what you can do – until you try...

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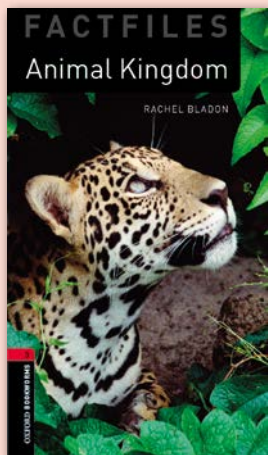
**The Wind in the Willows**

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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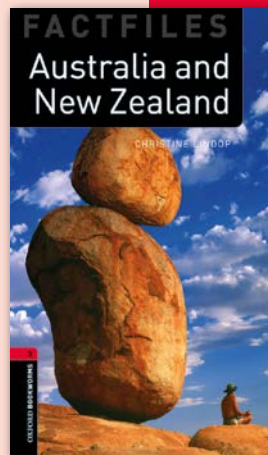
FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**Animal Kingdom**

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?

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**Australia and New Zealand**

Christine Lindop

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.

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FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**Dinosaurs**

Tim Vicary

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...

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**The Everest Story**

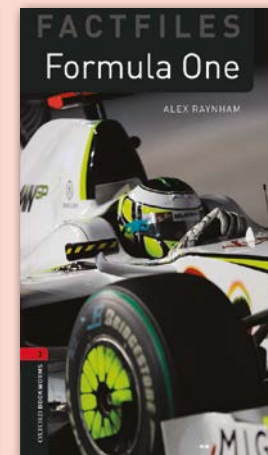
Tim Vicary



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.

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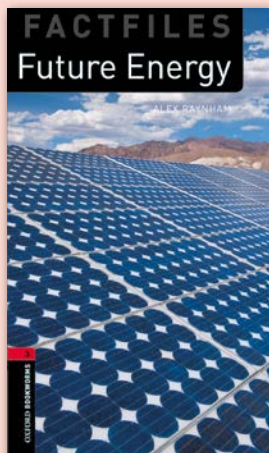
**Formula One**

Alex Raynham

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.

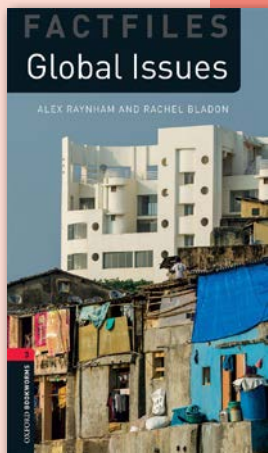
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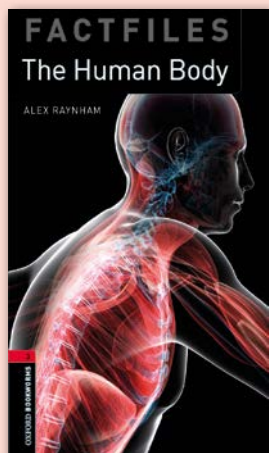
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**Global Issues**

Alex Raynham and Rachel Bladon



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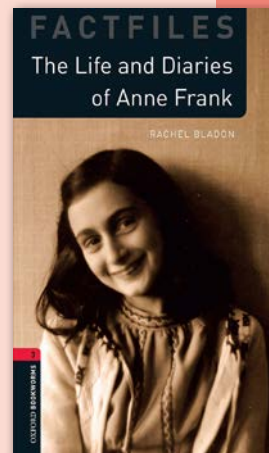
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**Information Technology**

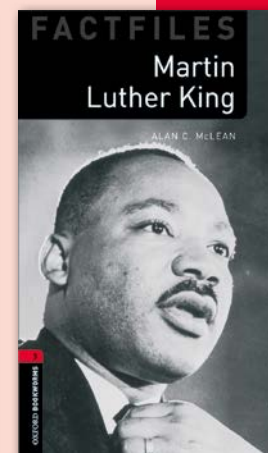
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**The Life and Diaries of Anne Frank**

Rachel Bladon



**f** FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**Martin Luther King**

Alan C. McLean



**f** FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**Recycling**

Sue Stewart

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?

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...

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.

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.

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.

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.

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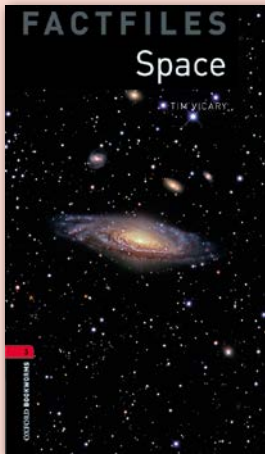
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**F** FACTFILES (non-fiction)

## Space

Tim Vicary

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...

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**F** FACTFILES (non-fiction)

## The USA

Alison Baxter

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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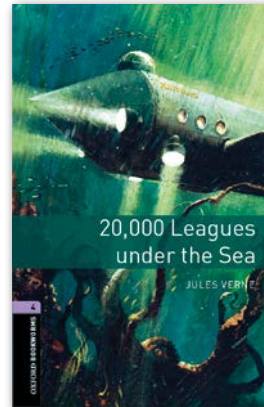
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**T** THRILLER & ADVENTURE

## 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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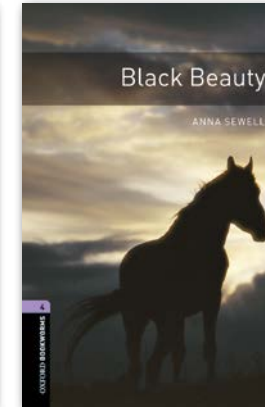
## The Big Sleep

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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**H** HUMAN INTEREST

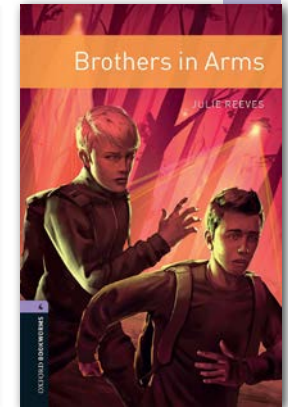
## Black Beauty

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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**T** THRILLER & ADVENTURE

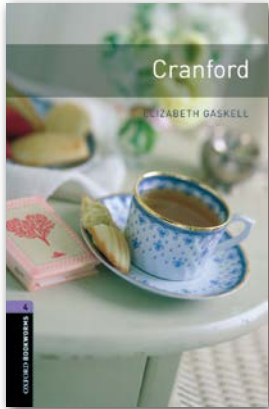
## Brothers in Arms

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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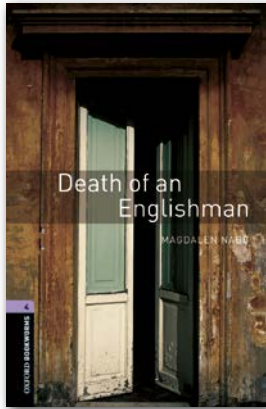
**Cranford**

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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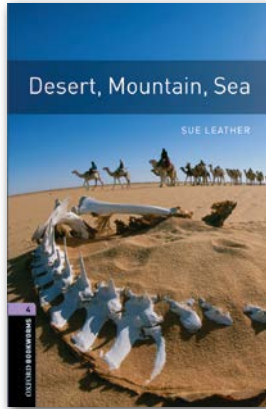
**Death of an Englishman**

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.

Word count 14,815  
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TRUE STORIES

**Desert, Mountain, Sea**

Sue Leather

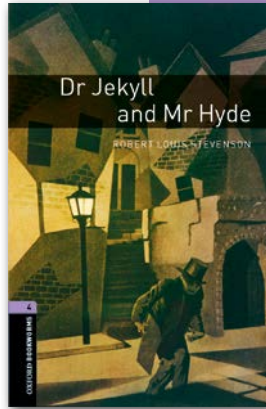
Three different parts of the world, but all of them dangerous, lonely places. Three different women, but all of them determined to go – and to come back alive!

Robyn Davidson walked a 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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FANTASY & HORROR

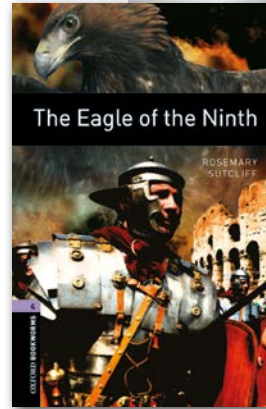
**Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde**

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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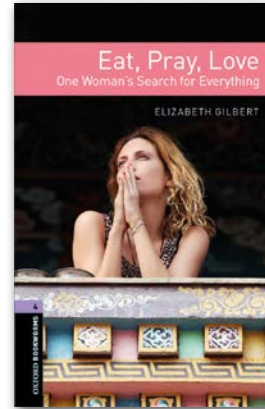
**The Eagle of the Ninth**

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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TRUE STORIES

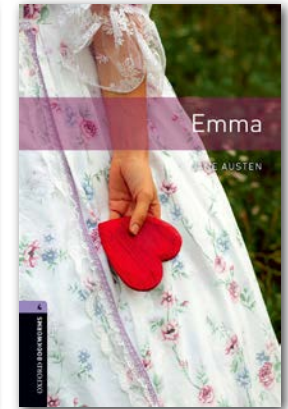
**Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything**

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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**Emma**

Jane Austen  
Retold by Clare West

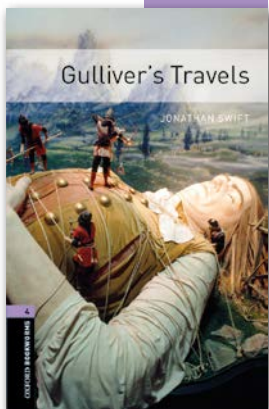


Emma Woodhouse, beautiful, clever and rich, has no wish to marry, but she enjoys making matches for those around her. It was Emma who found the perfect husband for her governess Miss Taylor. So when her dear friend Mr Knightley tells her that she should let people choose their own husbands and wives, 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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**Gulliver's Travels**

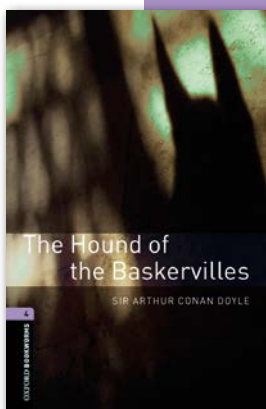
Jonathan Swift  
Retold by Clare West

'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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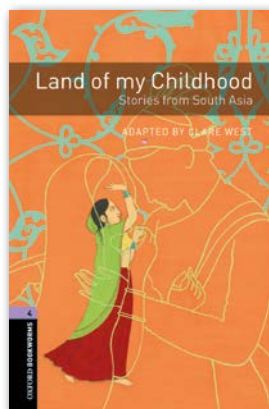
**The Hound of the Baskervilles**

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



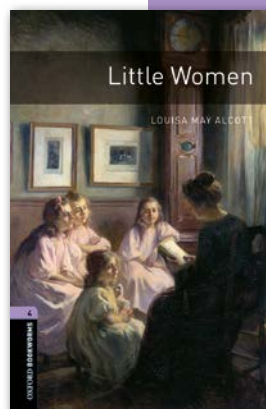
'My brother preferred being with mother and me. He used to help us prepare vegetables in the kitchen or make the bread. But what he liked best was listening to my mother's stories.'

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 Gunsekera, M. Athar Tahir, Chitra Divakaruni, Anu Kumar, Anne Ranasinghe, Ruskin Bond, Anita Desai, Vijita Fernando, and Amara Bavani Dev.

Word count 16,937  
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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.

Word count 14,920  
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CLASSICS

**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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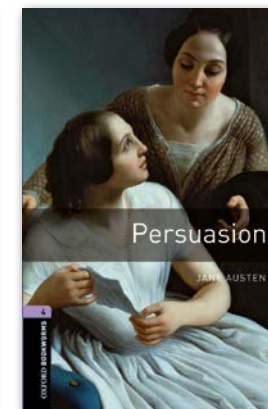
**Lorna Doone**

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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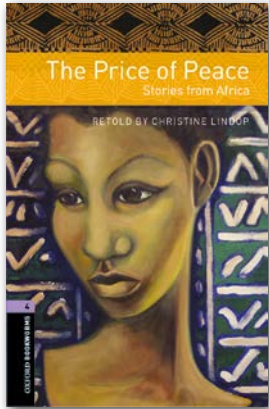
**Persuasion**

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

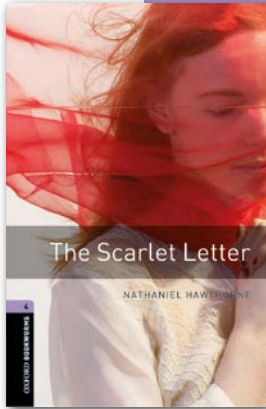
Careful, Connie, please. Your little sister's eyes are looking angry. Look at the sudden lines around her mouth. Connie, a sister is a good thing. Even a younger sister. 'Mercy, who are you going out with?'

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**

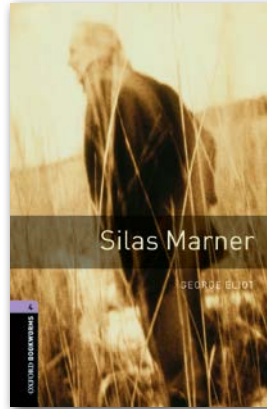
Nathaniel Hawthorne  
Retold by John Escott

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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CLASSICS

**Silas Marner**

George Eliot  
Retold by Clare West

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?

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**The Silver Sword**

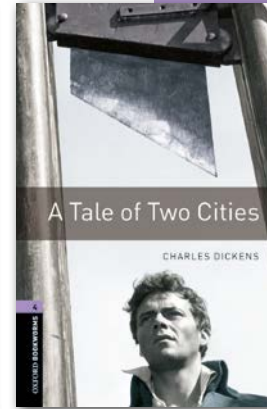
Ian Serraillier  
Retold by John Escott

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.

Word count 14,960  
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CLASSICS

**A Tale of Two Cities**

Charles Dickens  
Retold by Ralph Mowat

'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.

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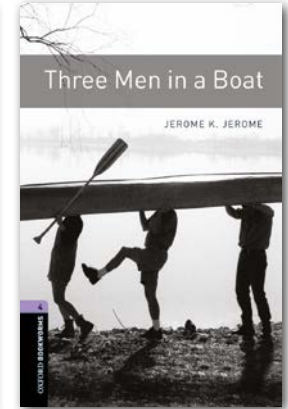
**The Thirty-Nine Steps**

John Buchan  
Retold by Nick Bullard

'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?

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HUMAN INTEREST

**Three Men in a Boat**

Jerome K. Jerome  
Retold by Diane Mowat

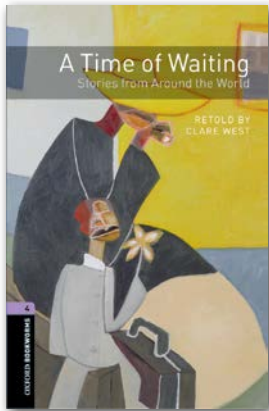
'I like work. I find it interesting... I can sit and look at it for hours.'

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.

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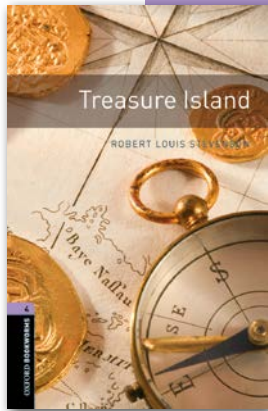
### A Time of Waiting: Stories from Around the World

Retold by Clare West

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, some 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.

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### Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson  
Retold by John Escott

‘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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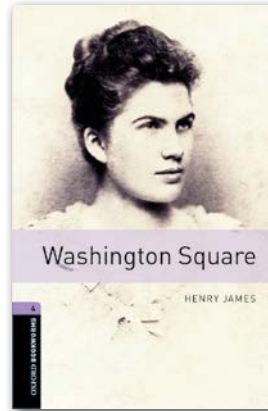
### The Unquiet Grave – Short Stories

M. R. James  
Retold by Peter Hawkins

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.

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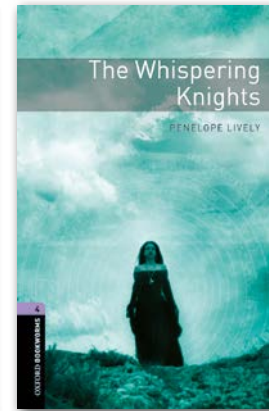
### Washington Square

Henry James  
Retold by Kieran McGovern

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...

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FANTASY & HORROR

### The Whispering Knights

Penelope Lively  
Retold by Clare West

‘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...

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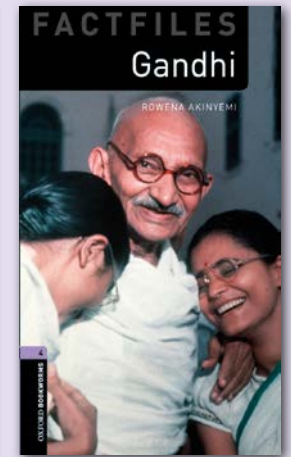
### Disaster

Mary McIntosh

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.

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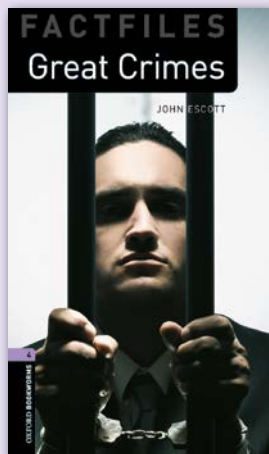
### Gandhi

Rowena Akinyemi

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.

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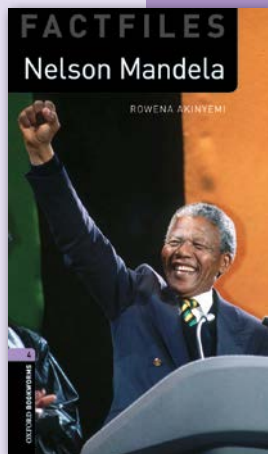
John Escott



**f** FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**The History of the English Language**

Brigit Viney



**f** FACTFILES (non-fiction)

**Nelson Mandela**

Rowena Akinyemi

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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.

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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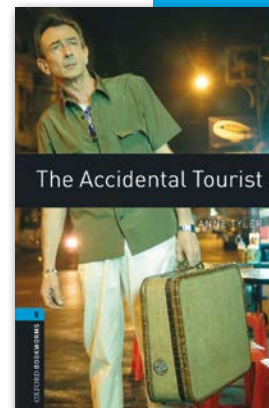
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**👁** HUMAN INTEREST

**The Accidental Tourist**

Anne Tyler

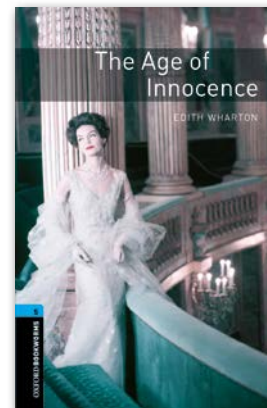
Retold by Jennifer Bassett



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.

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**🕯** CLASSICS

**The Age of Innocence**

Edith Wharton

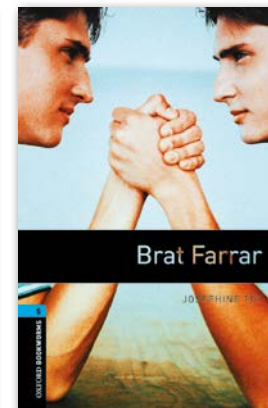
Retold by Clare West



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!'

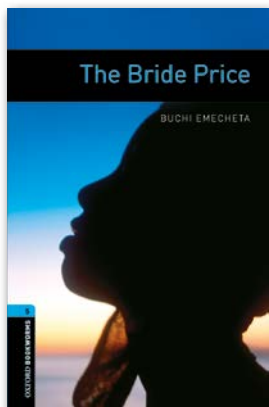
And so the plan was born. At first Brat Farrar fought against the idea; it was criminal, it was dangerous. But in the end he was persuaded, and a few weeks later Patrick Ashby came back from the dead and went home to inherit the family house and fortune. The Ashby family seemed happy to welcome Patrick home, but Brat soon realized that somewhere there was a time-bomb ticking away, waiting to explode...

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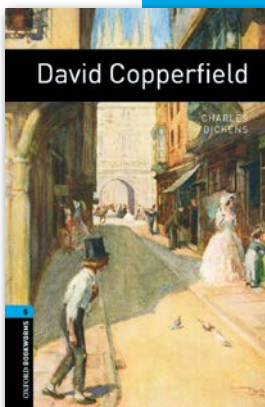
**The Bride Price**

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.

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CLASSICS

**David Copperfield**

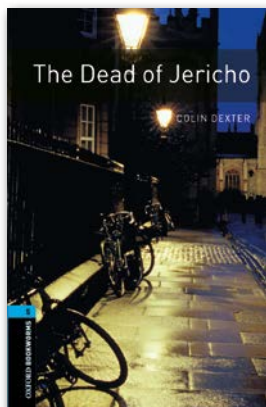
Charles Dickens  
Retold by Clare West

'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.

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CRIME & MYSTERY

**The Dead of Jericho**

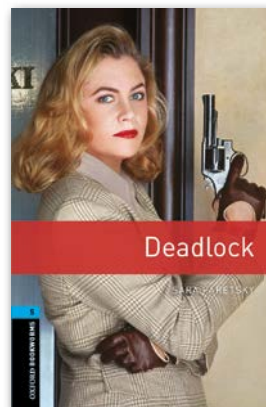
Colin Dexter  
Retold by Clare West

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**

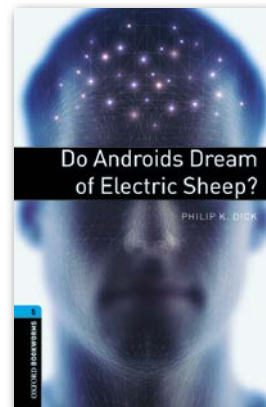
Sara Paretsky  
Retold by Rowena Akinyemi

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?**

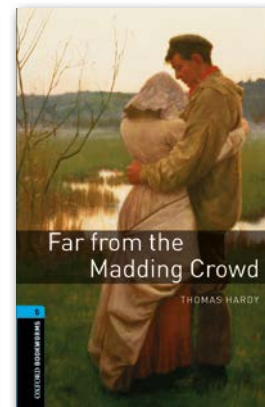
Philip K. Dick  
Retold by A. Hopkins and J. Potter

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.

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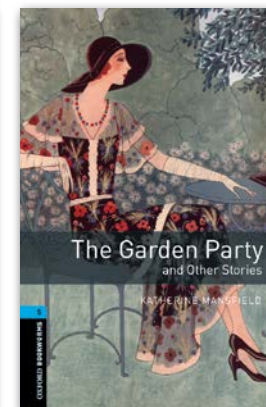
**Far from the Madding Crowd**

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...

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HUMAN INTEREST

**The Garden Party and Other Stories**

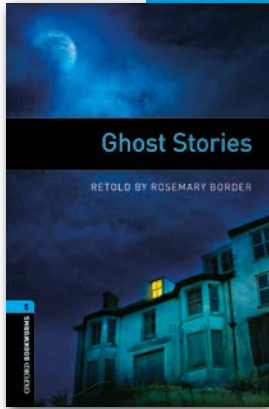
Katherine Mansfield  
Retold by Rosalie Kerr

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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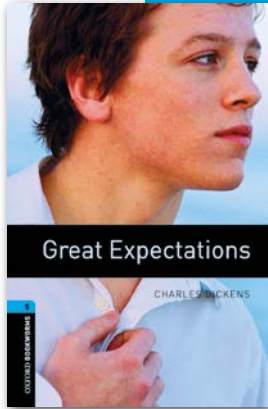


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**Ghost Stories**

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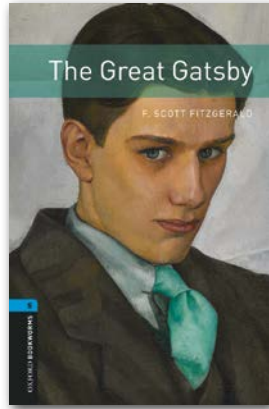
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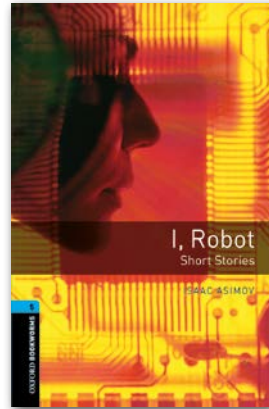
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**The Great Gatsby**

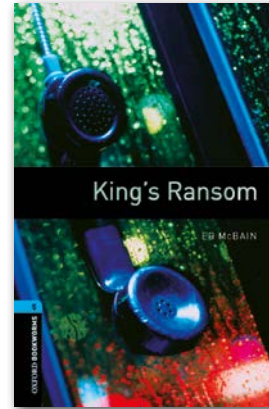
F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Retold by Clare West



FANTASY & HORROR

**I, Robot – Short Stories**

Isaac Asimov  
Retold by Rowena Akinyemi



CRIME & MYSTERY

**King's Ransom**

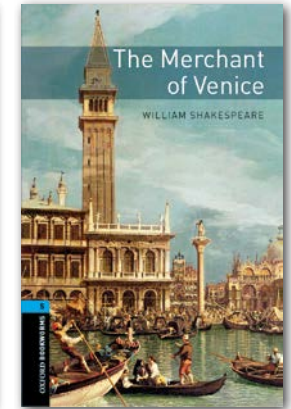
Ed McBain  
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CLASSICS

**Little Dorrit**

Charles Dickens  
Retold by Rowena Akinyemi



CLASSICS

**The Merchant of Venice**

William Shakespeare  
Retold by Clare West



'After dinner we turned the lights out and played 'hide-and-peek'. 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...'

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!'

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.

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.

'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 Jeffrey 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?

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...

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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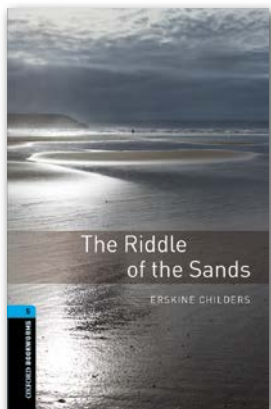
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**THRILLER & ADVENTURE**

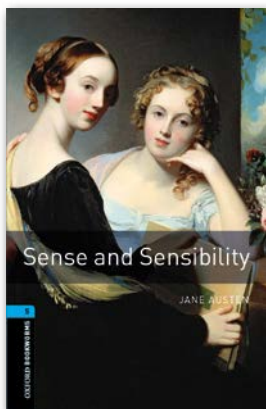
**The Riddle of the Sands**

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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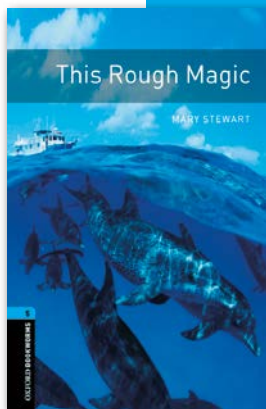
**Sense and Sensibility**

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?

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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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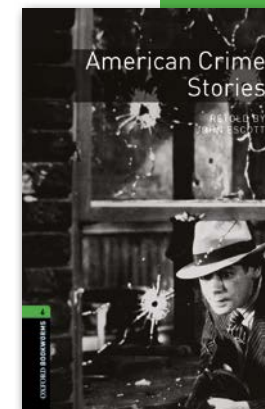
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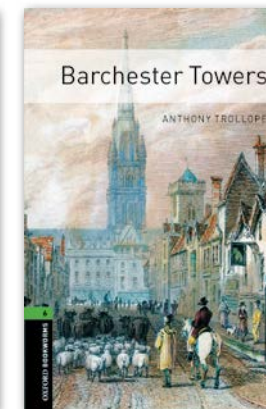
**American Crime Stories**

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.

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**CLASSICS**

**Barchester Towers**

Anthony Trollope  
Retold by Clare West



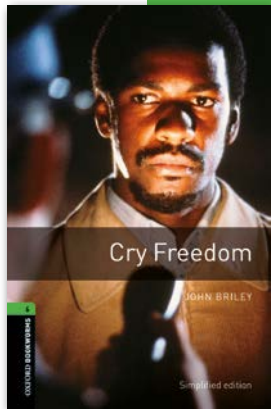
Mrs Proudie, the warlike wife of the new Bishop of Barchester, brings the Reverend Slope into the Bishop's Palace to help dominate her husband and the local clergy. But Slope is a snake in the grass, determined to win advancement for himself – even to fight Mrs Proudie.

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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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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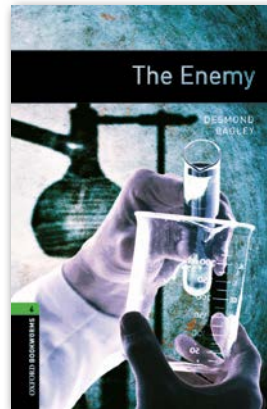
**Dubliners**

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?

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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.

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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.

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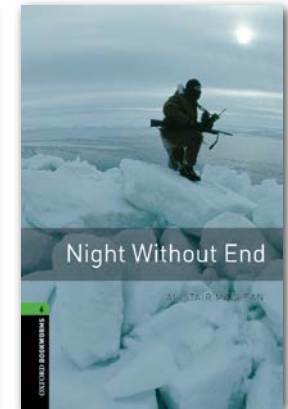
**The Joy Luck Club**

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.

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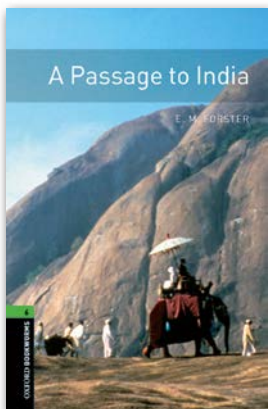
**Oliver Twist**

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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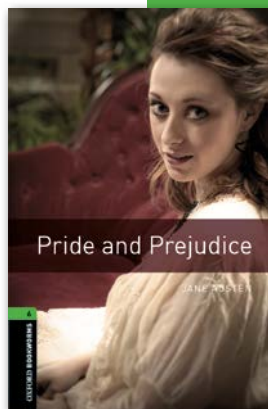
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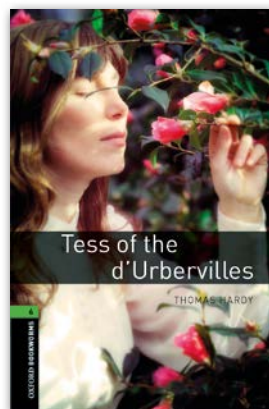
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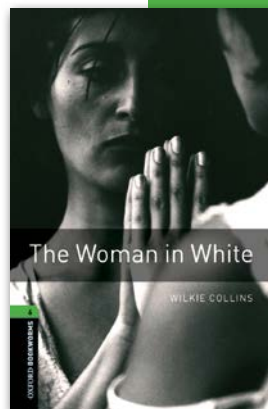
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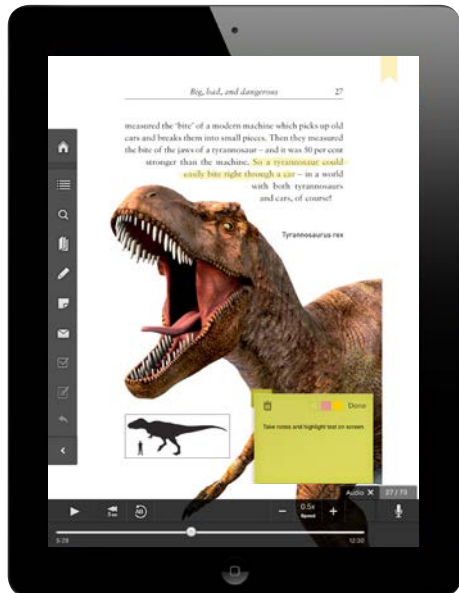
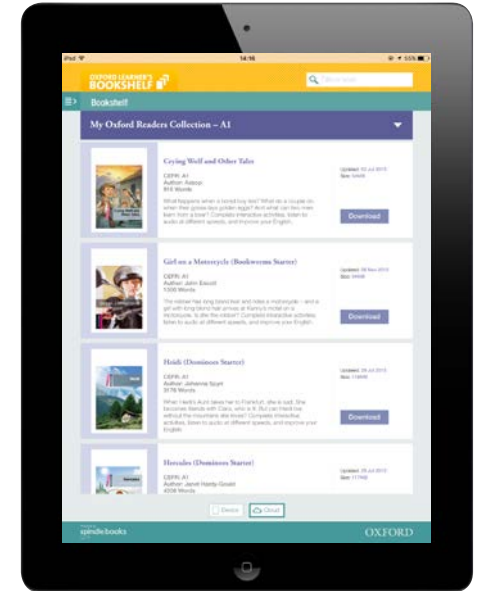
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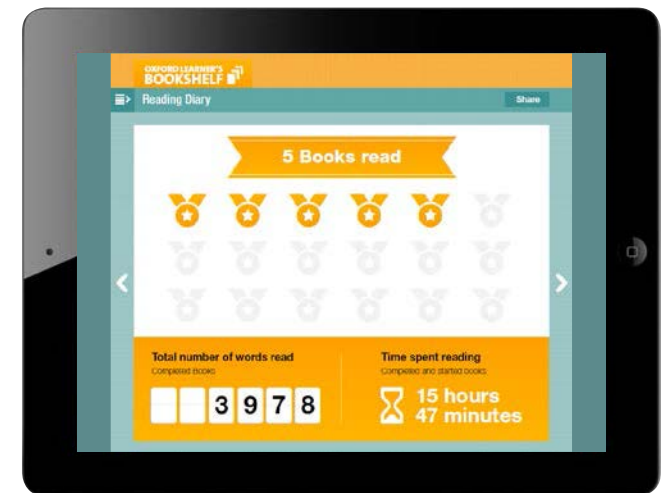
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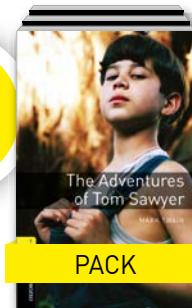
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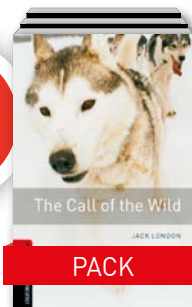
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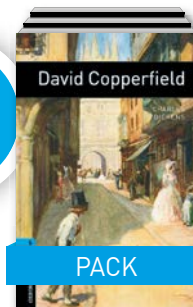
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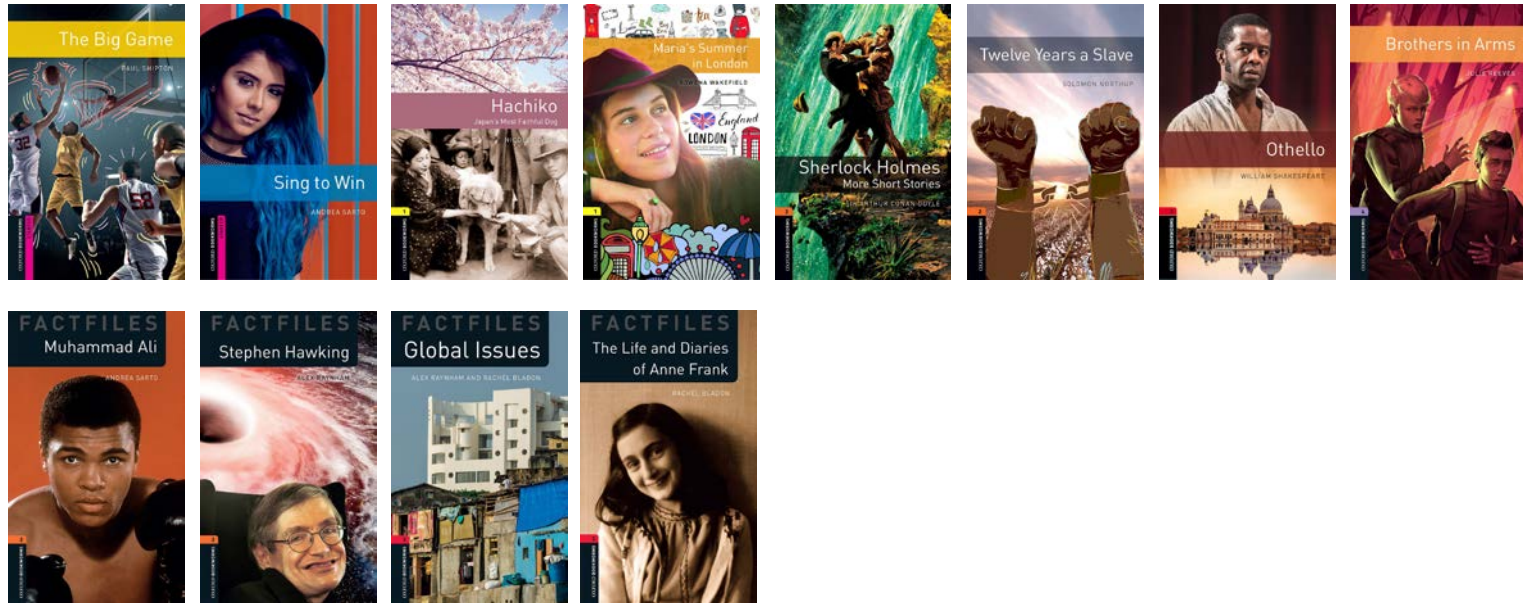
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