

Welcome to the 2018 Pearson English Graded Readers Catalogue

Inspiring stories, incredible choice,
improved learning

The pages of our **2018 Pearson English Graded Readers** catalogue present over 480 superb titles to inspire and motivate learners of every age.

From children's fairy stories and comedies, to best-selling thrillers and non-fiction, these titles present an unbeatable selection of books for students to enjoy.

They are all built around carefully graded English, a comprehensive language syllabus and activities to develop learners' abilities and confidence in English.

Here you will find well-loved favourites, as well as many brand new titles to explore.

Happy reading!

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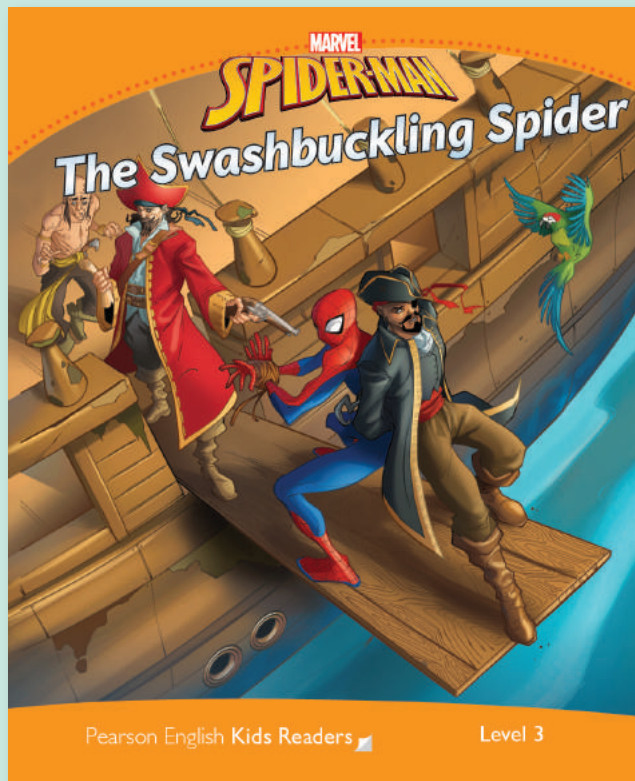
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New for 2018

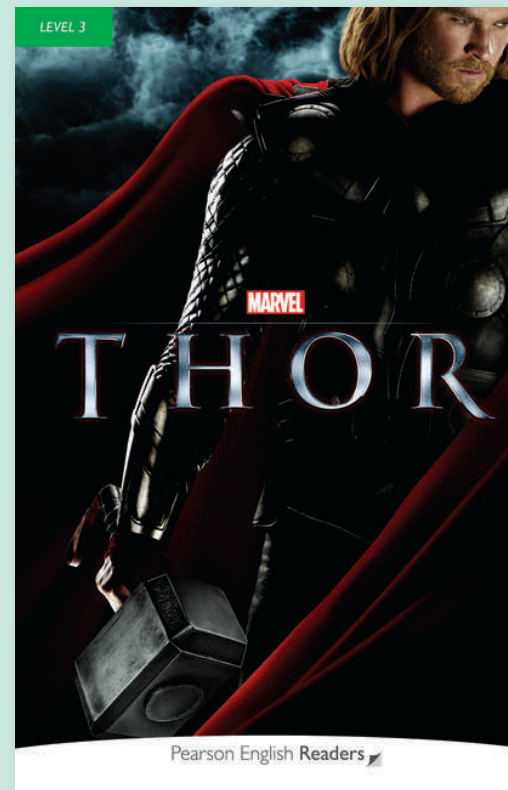
We are particularly excited to present our sensational new series of Marvel Kids Readers (page 13), Marvel Readers (page 67) and Dr Who Readers (page 71) to electrify your English classroom.

Pearson English Kids Readers MARVEL



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Pearson English Readers Dr Who

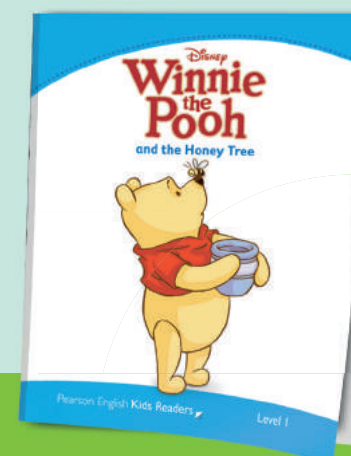
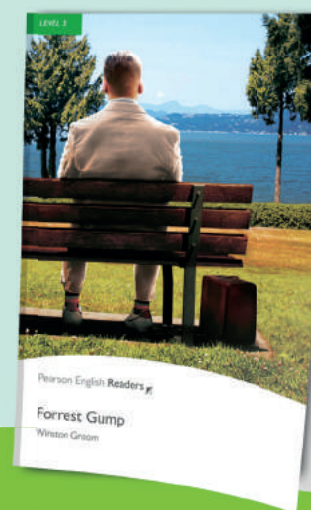
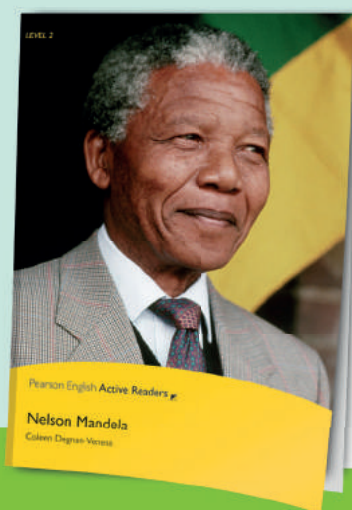


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For the Joy of Reading

Reading is one of the most powerful and effective ways for students to learn a language and express themselves. Carefully written and graded into distinct ability levels, **Pearson English Graded Readers** bring the joy of reading and opportunities for learning into the hands of every student, whatever their age or ability.

From classic children's stories, to blockbuster film titles, bestselling novels and fresh original stories, our huge range of over 480 Graded Readers feature some of the **world's best-loved authors** and some of the **greatest stories ever told**.



Pearson English Kids Readers

Delight young learners with colourful illustrations, unforgettable characters and engaging stories – all presented in accessible English. From classic tales to exciting original adventures, favorite Disney movies and fabulous Roald Dahl's stories or Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) Readers that help kids discover the world around them.

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Pearson English Story Readers

Use timeless children's tales to create a wonderful shared reading experience perfect for use with young learners in the classroom or at home.

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Pearson English Active Readers

Provide a more structured and intensive learning experience, with regular comprehension exercises throughout each book. Ideal for classroom use, the extra educational content helps build vocabulary, prepares students for English tests, and encourages collaborative learning.

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Pearson English Readers

Great for use in the classroom, they are also perfect for learners who enjoy reading for pleasure, on their own terms: at home or on the move.

They offer an incredible range of popular titles and best-selling authors across a range of genres written for teenage and adult learners.

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more at*

www.pearsonenglishreaders.com

Intensive and Extensive Reading Programmes

Pearson English Graded Readers are often used in one of two ways: for intensive or extensive reading. These two approaches serve different purposes, and can be used together in a complementary way to aid in language development.

What is extensive reading?

Students read for enjoyment, without having to stop and focus on unknown vocabulary; they read a large number of stories to increase their overall reading fluency.

Pearson English Readers

Created for extensive reading. They provide:

- a large choice of titles covering different genres so that students choose books they will enjoy and are motivated to read more
- optional activities that allow students to check their understanding
- texts in a variety of formats to suit different learning styles

What is intensive reading?

Students read books in detail, focus on challenging text and complete tasks to aid comprehension and further develop their language skills.

Pearson English Active Readers

Designed to be used for intensive reading.

They provide:

- the right level of challenge for intensive reading to ensure progress in language acquisition
- vocabulary and grammar tasks that develop and assess language acquisition and check comprehension
- activities to enhance and build on developing language skills

*Visit
our website*

For more information on extensive and intensive reading:
www.pearsonenglishreaders.com

Making reading accessible to all

With different ability levels, Pearson English Graded Readers are perfect for all English language students. From **beginners and young learners** taking their first steps into reading English, to more **advanced learners** looking to expand their vocabulary and improve reading fluency.

At each level, the texts are expertly written and edited to ensure the **language, vocabulary and grammar is carefully graded** so that they are accessible to the student. Learners can experience the satisfaction of reading stories in English themselves, but meet the right level of challenge to reinforce and expand their English ability.

Pearson English Graded Readers

For Kids

***Pearson
English
Kids Readers***

**6
levels**

***Pearson
English
Story Readers***

**4
levels**

For Teens and Adults

***Pearson
English
Active Readers***

**5
levels**

Intensive
Reading

***Pearson
English
Readers***

**7
levels**

Extensive
Reading

Pearson English Kids Readers

Inspiring young learners with the joy of reading

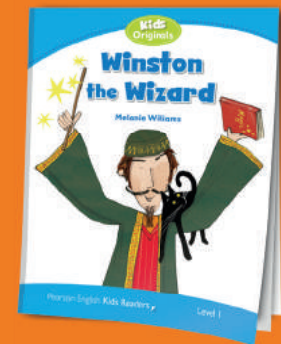
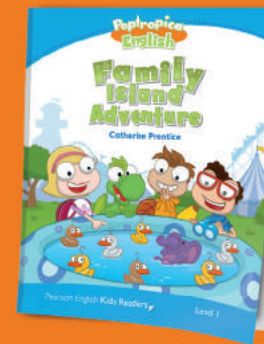
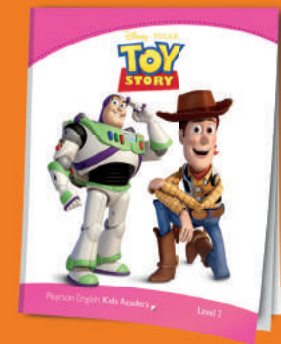
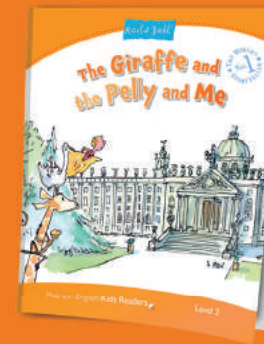
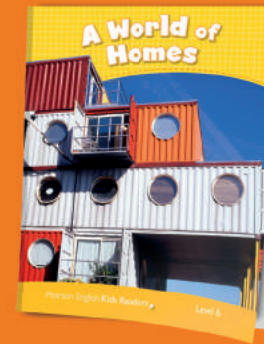
6 levels

With their **colorful illustrations, unforgettable characters and engaging stories**, young learners will love exploring our wide range of Kids Readers.

From Disney favourites and timeless fairy tales, to epic adventures and discovering science and the natural world, the accessible English and lively content in every Pearson English Kids Reader will keep young readers engaged and motivated to learn.

- **NEW Marvel titles** – young readers will love the full-colour illustrations that highlight the action throughout every story
- **Disney titles** – feature some of the most popular and well loved characters in engaging and exciting tales from Disney
- **Poptropica English titles** – 6 books to accompany our popular Primary ELT course or just great to read on their own
- **Roald Dahl's titles** – much-loved stories from one of the most imaginative writers of our time
- **Classic, Contemporary & Original** – children can enjoy tales and characters they know and love, as well as discover new adventures
- **CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) titles** – help children explore the world around them
- **Downloadable Teachers Resources** include: teaching notes and guidance, photocopiable worksheets, classroom games and activities
- **The Pearson English Kids Readers app** delivers an exciting interactive reading experience (see page 35)

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Pearson English Kids Readers LEVELS

Pearson English Kids Readers are graded across 6 levels: Level 1 to Level 6.

The complexity, scope and volume of written English within each book is **carefully graded at each level according** to a rigorous system unique to Pearson English Kids Readers.

The **grading system** considers the language which a learner is likely to have studied in class, or be able to understand from the context and illustrations.

The clear language guidelines mean levels can be accurately matched to internationally recognized standard of the Cambridge Young Learners English Tests (CYLET).

PEKR Level	Number of headwords	CYLET level
Level 1	200 headwords	-
Level 2	400 headwords	-
Level 3	600 headwords	Starters
Level 4	800 headwords	-
Level 5	1,000 headwords	Movers
Level 6	1,200 headwords	-



The Pearson English Kids Readers grading system considers:

- The age of the student
- Structure (grammar)
- Number of headwords (indicating the range / extent of vocabulary used)
- Vocabulary
- Sentence length
- Sentence complexity
- Number of words on a page
- Number of pages in a book
- Complexity of activities
- Number of hours of English completed by the reader

What's in a Pearson English Kids Reader?



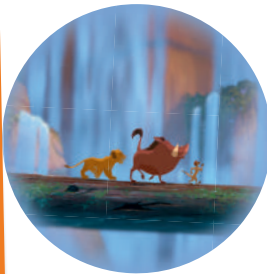
Graded language provides the right level of challenge with enjoyment



Makes reading accessible to all

Carefully graded language across 6 levels makes reading accessible to all children.

Simba lived with Timon and Pumbaa for many years. Simba became a big lion.



Appealing and colourful images from the film feature on every page.



Bring the story to life



Aid comprehension



Provide a stimulus for discussion

One day, the three friends were in a new part of the jungle. Suddenly, a lioness jumped out at Pumbaa.

"Help!" cried the warthog.
"She's going to eat me!"

Simba heard his friend and jumped between the lioness and the warthog.

It was the start of a new time.

Simba was the Lion King now, and he was kind and strong.

With his friends next to him, he stood on the high rock and looked down at the lands below him. He remembered his father's words. There was a circle of life, and now Simba was a part of that circle.

T
Develops
vocabulary

E
Encourages
discussion

R
Provides
interest and
motivation
in the story

Activities
before
and after
reading

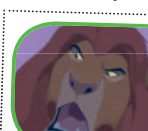
Activity page 2

After You Read

- 1 Write in your exercise book about the animals in the story.



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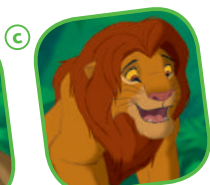
ANIMAL:

SIMBA'S

Activity page 1

Before You Read

- 1 Match the animal words and pictures.
You can use a dictionary.



hyena
lion
lioness
elephant
meerkat
warthog
wildebeest

- 2 Look at the pictures and answer the questions.
What do you think?



Answer keys
are available in
the download-
able teacher
resources

Downloadable Teacher
Resources to support
lessons include:

- ✓ **Teacher notes** include a story summary, background information, an exploration of book themes, character overview, key words and notes on photocopiable activities
- ✓ **Class activities** for after reading that practice vocabulary, help with comprehension, practice communication skills and are motivating and fun!
- ✓ **Key words** presented in context with page reference
- ✓ While-reading and after-reading **Photocopiable Activity Worksheets** to complete
- ✓ **Answer keys** for all activities
- ✓ **MP3 Audio** brings stories to life, models correct pronunciation, gets users used to different accents and dialects and provides additional listening practice

Visit
www.pearsonenglishreaders.com
to download your resources

Pearson English Kids Readers **MARVEL**

Bringing thrilling super hero action
to the English classroom!

2 Levels

Exciting Marvel stories re-told for young learners of English.

- **Stunning graphics** and **dynamic film stills** enhance the action on the page
- **Available with or without full audio CD**, and as an ebook (with integrated audio) to suit different classroom applications and learner preferences
- **Comprehensive teachers' notes** and **photocopiable resources** available for each title

LEVEL 2



Freaky Thor Day

Re-told by Coleen Degan-Veness

Kendra is a schoolgirl. She likes Thor. He is her favorite Avenger! Thor has a hammer and Kendra has a backpack. POP! Kendra's backpack is very heavy. Does it have powers now?

It's a Freaky Thor Day for Kendra!

American English
16 pages
342 words

ISBN
9781292206226



The Story of Spider-Man

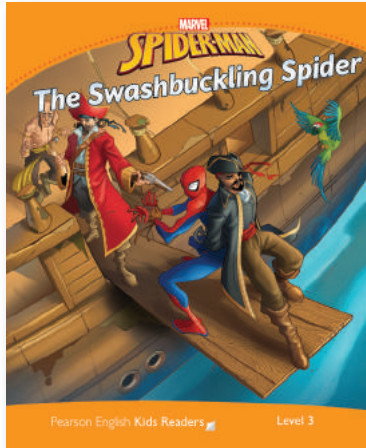
Re-told by Coleen Degan-Veness

Peter Parker is a high school student. He is very clever. Look! A dangerous spider is on Peter's hand – OW! Now he is Spider-Man!

Peter sees a robber – what does he do? Is Peter a super hero?

American English
16 pages
297 words

ISBN
9781292206004

LEVEL 3**The Swashbuckling Spider**

Re-told by Marie Crook

Nick Fury asks Spider-Man to help because The Avengers are away. But watching the computer screens is boring! Falling through a portal onto a pirate ship is not boring!

Who does Spider-Man meet on the pirate ship? There are many pirates to fight – Blackbeard, Sandy Dunes and Doctor Squidlegs. Can Spider-Man and his new friend win the fight?

American English
24 pages
711 words

ISBN
9781292205786

**Call for Backup**

Re-told by Marie Crook

Thanos wants to find the leaders of the Earth. He comes to the Moon Base but Iron Man sees him. Iron Man knows he has to get help. He has many friends. They are super heroes and they can fight Thanos.

Who answers the call for back-up? Can they stop Thanos and his dangerous army?

American English
24 pages
749 words

ISBN
9781292205960

Pearson English Kids Readers **DISNEY**

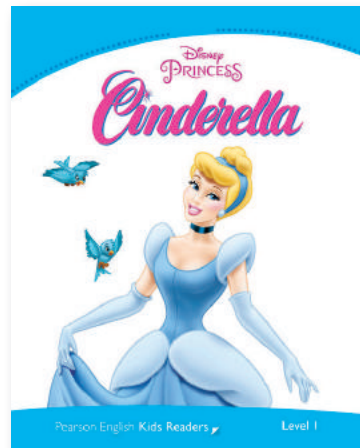
Disney classics re-told
for young learners!

6 Levels

From the hilarious Toy Story to the timeless charm of Pinocchio, these classic Disney tales are adored by children all around the world. Young learners will love reading their favourites.

- **Classic movies faithfully re-told** with graded language
- **Beautifully illustrated** with scenes from Disney movies
- **Activity pages** engage learners and aid comprehension

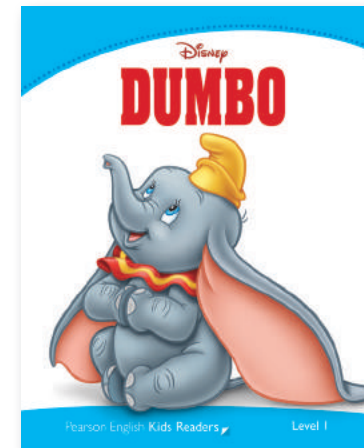
LEVEL 1



Disney Princess Cinderella Kathryn Harper

There is a dance at the big house today! Cinderella is sad. Her sisters are at the dance; POOF! It is the Fairy Godmother. Does Cinderella go to the dance? Does she see the Prince?

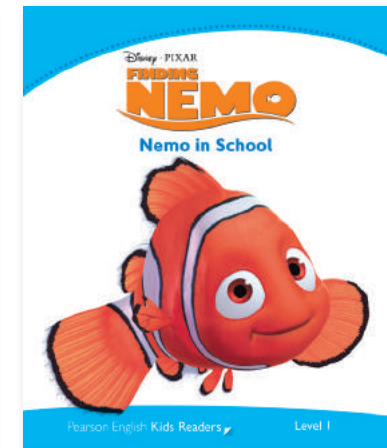
American English
16 pages
132 words
ISBN
9781408288191



Disney Dumbo Kathryn Harper

Dumbo is a baby elephant with big ears. Big, BIG, BIG EARS! Dumbo is sad. A bird gives Dumbo a feather, a magic feather. Dumbo flies!

American English
16 pages
122 words
ISBN
9781408286999



Disney Pixar Finding Nemo Melanie Williams

Melanie Williams

Nemo is a fish. Nemo and his Dad live in the ocean. It is the first day in school today. Who does Nemo see in school on the first day?

American English
16 pages
75 words
ISBN
9781408288535

LEVEL 1



Disney Peter Pan

Nicola Schofield

Wendy, John, and Michael live in London. They live in a big house. Peter Pan and Tinker Bell live in Neverland. They go to London and fly in to the house. Who is Peter Pan? Who is Tinker Bell? And what is Neverland?

American English
16 pages
117 words

ISBN
9781408288528



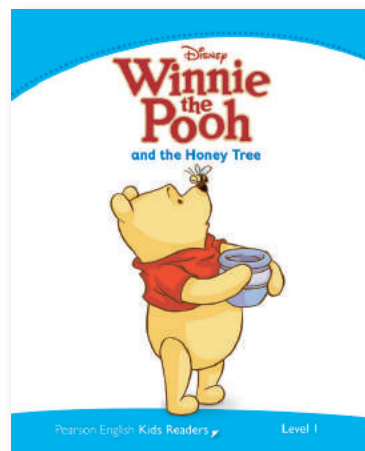
Disney Princess Sleeping Beauty

Caroline Laidlaw

Princess Aurora lives in a big castle. Prince Phillip is her friend. The Princess puts one hand on a spindle ; she sleeps and sleeps. Does Princess Aurora see Prince Phillip again?

American English
16 pages
104 words

ISBN
9781408288511



Disney Winnie the Pooh

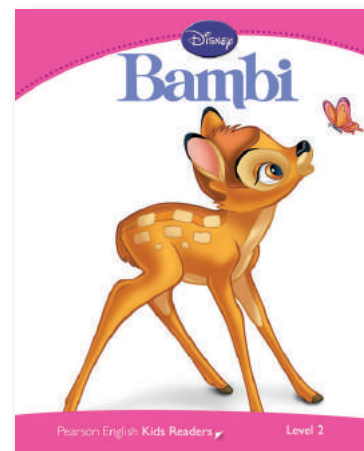
Melanie Williams

Winnie the Pooh is hungry. He looks in the house. Oh, no! There is no honey here. The bees have honey.

American English
16 pages
128 words

ISBN
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LEVEL 2



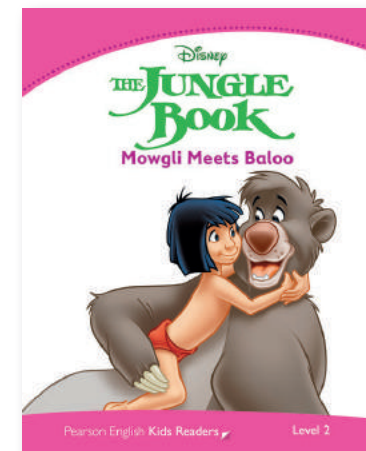
Disney Bambi

Dr Barbara Ingham

Bambi and Thumper meet a skunk. His name is Flower. The three friends play and learn about the forest. One day, all the deer are in the forest. Suddenly, there is a loud noise. BANG! Bambi runs quickly. Where is his mother now?

American English
16 pages
264 words

ISBN
9781408288573



Disney The Jungle Book

Nicola Schofield

Mowgli is a boy. He lives in the jungle. The dangerous tiger does not like Mowgli. Mowgli meets Baloo the bear. Can Baloo help Mowgli?

American English
16 pages
189 words

ISBN
9781408288566

LEVEL 2



Disney Princess The Little Mermaid

Kathryn Harper

Ariel is a mermaid. She loves human things. One day Ariel sees a boat; and a Prince on the boat. Suddenly there is a storm. Can Ariel help the Prince?

American English
16 pages
250 words

ISBN
9781408288177



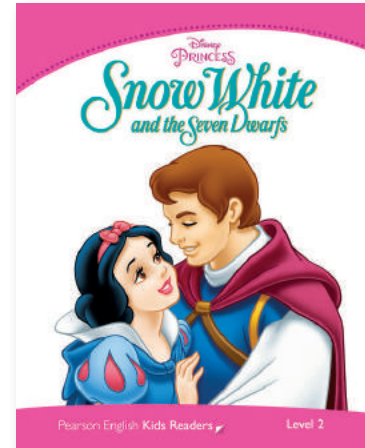
Disney Pixar Monsters, Inc

Dr Barbara Ingham

Sulley is big, blue, and furry. Mike is short and green with one big eye. Mike and Sulley are friends. They are monsters! Every night the monsters scare children in their beds. One day, Sulley opens a door. He meets Boo! Can Sulley, Mike, and Boo be friends?

American English
16 pages
266 words

ISBN
9781408288580



Disney Princess Snow White

Kathryn Harper

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven little dwarfs live in the house. All the Dwarfs love Snow White. The Queen is angry. She makes a poisoned apple for Snow White. Does Snow White eat the apple?

American English
16 pages
229 words

ISBN
9781408288559



Disney Pixar Toy Story 1

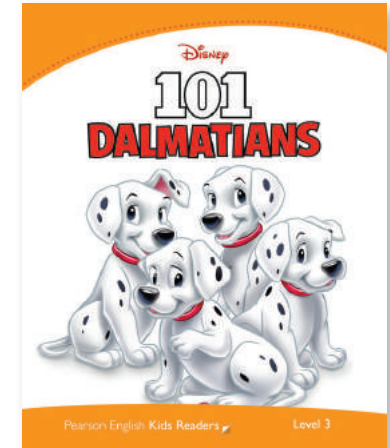
Caroline Laidlaw

Andy is a boy with toys. Woody, the sheriff, is his favorite toy. It's Andy's birthday. He gets a new toy, a space ranger. But can Woody and the space ranger be friends?

American English
16 pages
225 words

ISBN
9781408288597

LEVEL 3



Disney 101 Dalmatians

Marie Crook

Pongo and Perdita are Dalmatian dogs. They have 15 Dalmatian puppies. Cruella De Vil steals the puppies. She wants to make a new fur coat! All the animals in London are looking for these puppies. Can they save them in time?

British English
24 pages
745 words

ISBN
9781408287316

LEVEL 3



Disney Princess Beauty and the Beast

Caroline Laidlaw

One day an old woman arrived at a castle. A prince opened the door. Help me! she cried. No. Go away! shouted the Prince. Suddenly, she was a beautiful enchantress. Now you are a beast because you are cruel. Belle rides her horse through the forest. The horse is scared. Suddenly, they see the Beast's enchanted castle. Who or what is she going to find in the castle?

American English
24 pages
756 words

ISBN
9781408288627



Disney Pixar A Bug's Life

Marie Crook

A bug's life is difficult. Every day the ants have to find food. The grasshoppers come and take the food. The ants are tired but Flik has an idea; they can fight the grasshoppers. But grasshoppers are bigger than ants! Can Flik find some friends to help them? Can they work together to fight the grasshoppers?

British English
24 pages
678 words

ISBN
9781408287330



Disney Lady and the Tramp

Rachel Wilson

Lady lives in a house and has a collar. Tramp is very different than Lady, he is a street dog. One day a baby arrives in Lady's house. Ha! A baby arrives and the dog has to leave! says Tramp. Can Tramp and Lady be friends?

British English
24 pages
784 words

ISBN
9781408288603



Disney Pinocchio

Melanie Williams

Pinocchio is a puppet, but he can move, he can walk, and he can talk. Pinocchio goes to school but Honest John and Giddy see him; We can make a lot of money! they say; Can Pinocchio find his way home? Can he find his father? Will he ever be a real boy?

British English
24 pages
760 words

ISBN
9781408288610



Disney Pixar Toy Story 2

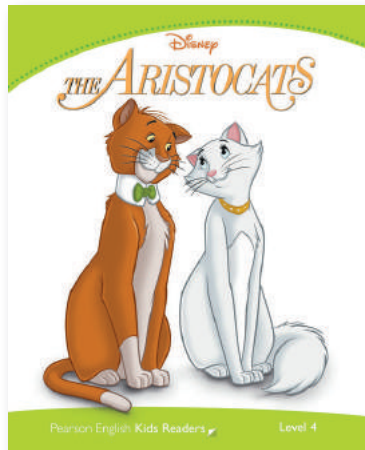
Paul Shipton

The fat man moved fast and put Woody in his bag. He wanted to sell Woody to a museum in Japan. Buzz and the other toys want to save Woody. But Jessie shows Woody he is a famous toy. He is surprised; it's nice to be famous. Woody has new friends now. Does he want to go home?

American English
24 pages
736 words

ISBN
9781408288634

LEVEL 4



Disney The Aristocats

Paul Shipton

Duchess and her kittens live in one of the finest houses in Paris with Madame Bonfamille. O'Malley is a cat with no home and no owner. And he lives a long way from Paris. Edgar, the butler, wants Madame's money and her cats are a problem. He has a terrible plan. Can O'Malley and his friends stop Edgar and save Duchess and the kittens?

American English
24 pages
1,142 words

ISBN
9781408288658



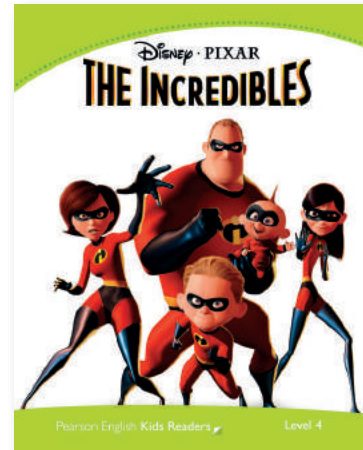
Disney Chicken Little

Marie Crook

When the sky fell on Chicken Little the people listened to him. When aliens came the people did not listen to him. Now, Chicken Little needs to save them from the aliens. Will his father listen to the truth? Can Chicken Little save the town?

American English
24 pages
1,126 words

ISBN
9781408288665



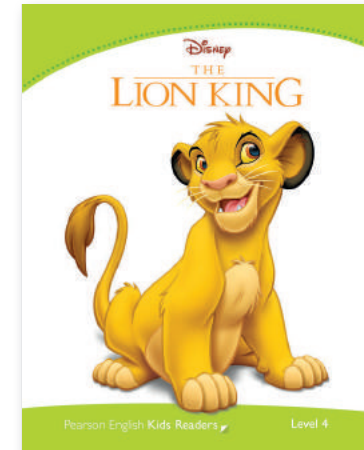
Disney Pixar The Incredibles

Helen Parker

The Incredibles are a family of super heroes. But people do not want super heroes anymore! Mr. Incredible becomes Bob Parr and gets a normal job. It is very boring. One day he gets a message He must stop the Omnidroid! But who is Syndrome and what does he want?

American English
24 pages
1,144 words

ISBN
9781408288689



Disney The Lion King

Paul Shipton

Mufasa was the king of the Pride Lands. He was also Simba's father. You are going to be the king of all this, Mufasa told his son. But Simba's uncle, Scar, had a different plan; Who will be The Lion King?

American English
24 pages
1,146 words

ISBN
9781408286975



Disney Robin Hood

Jocelyn Potter

King Richard of England was away. His brother John took his place. Prince John wanted to be king, and he wanted money. Poor people became poorer. Robin Hood hated Prince John. Robin and his friends robbed him and gave the money to the poor. Let's follow Robin and his friends in Sherwood Forest!

American English
24 pages
1,188 words

ISBN
9781408288641

LEVEL 4



Disney Pixar Toy Story 3

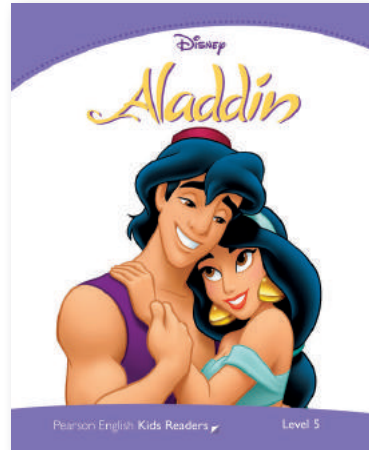
Paul Shipton

Woody and his friends have a problem! Andy is going away to college. He is older now and doesn't need toys. His toys arrive at their new home, a place where children don't know how to play with toys. Woody must help his friends escape and take them home.

American English
24 pages
1,165 words

ISBN
9781408288672

LEVEL 5



Disney Aladdin

Jocelyn Potter

One day we will be rich and we'll always have enough food to eat, said Aladdin. Follow Aladdin to the Cave of Wonders and see if the Genie and the Magic Carpet can help his dreams come true.

American English
32 pages
2,200 words

ISBN
9781408287354



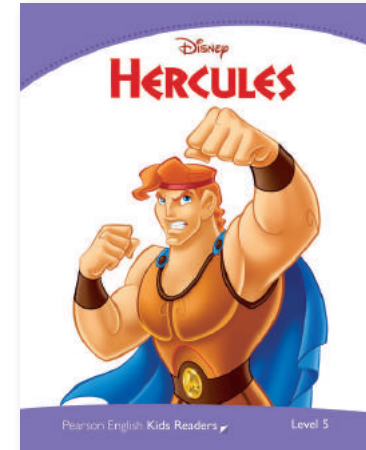
Disney Alice in Wonderland

Paul Shipton

Suddenly, Alice heard a new voice. I'm late! said the voice nervously. I'm late, for a very important date! Something ran by. It was a white rabbit. He wore clothes and he held a big watch in one paw. I'm late! said the rabbit again. Let's follow the rabbit to Wonderland!

American English
32 pages
2,132 words

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9781408287378



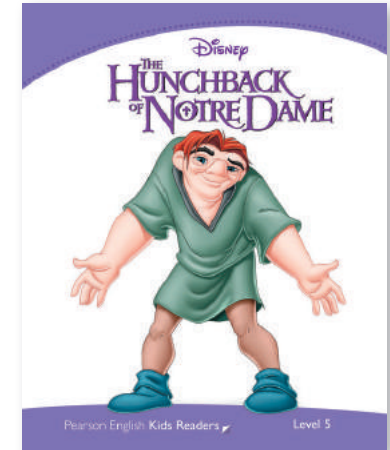
Disney Hercules

Jocelyn Potter

A long time ago on Mount Olympus, Hercules was born to Zeus and his wife, Hera. Zeus was the greatest of the gods, and baby Hercules was already very strong. Hades was the god of the dead and the other gods hated him. When he came up from the Underworld to meet the baby, he brought Hercules a dangerous toy. Hades wants to take control of the world from Zeus and only Hercules can stop him ...

American English
32 pages
2,221 words

ISBN
9781408288719



Disney The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Jocelyn Potter

Master, can't I go outside? Quasimodo asked. No. You're an ugly monster, Frollo told him.; Out there, people will laugh at you. This is your sanctuary. When your mother left you here, I brought you inside. I'm your only friend. Why does Quasimodo's master keep him in the tower? Why does Frollo hate the gypsies? Can Quasimodo find out the truth and can he find true love?

British English
32 pages
2,211 words

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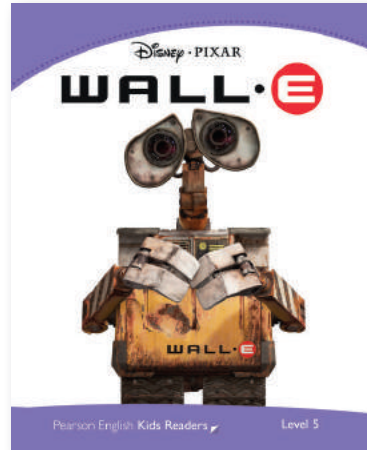
LEVEL 5



Disney Pixar Ratatouille
Paul Shipton

Remy the rat loves to cook. He goes to Paris and finds a famous chef's restaurant. He helps a boy who works in the kitchen to make delicious food. Read about their adventures together in a world where people hate rats!

American English
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2,166 words
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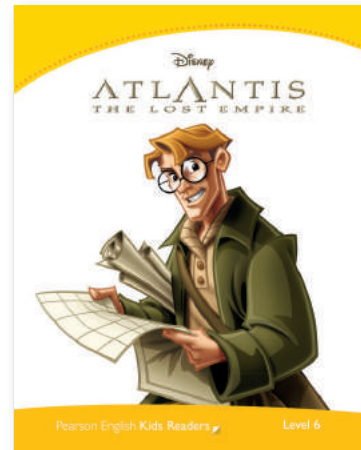


Disney Pixar WALL-E
Helen Parker

A little robot called WALL-E moves through the mountains of trash on planet Earth. The people escaped a long time ago when Earth became too dirty and dangerous. They all went to live on a big space station and left behind a lot of robots to clean the planet. Now WALL-E is the only robot left on Earth. When WALL-E finds a small, green thing and sees a strange red light at his feet, his life changes. WALL-E's space story is just starting.

American English
32 pages
2,093 words
ISBN
9781408288733

LEVEL 6



Disney Atlantis: The Lost Empire
Marie Crook

Thousands of years ago, the Empire of Atlantis was a wonderful place. The people of Atlantis built computers, amazing buildings, and fantastic flying machines. One day, a great storm came to Atlantis. The waters rose and soon they covered everything. In just one day, the whole of Atlantis disappeared. Milo studied Atlantis and taught his students everything he knew about it. Many did not believe his stories. Was Atlantis a real place?

American English
40 pages
3,229 words
ISBN
9781408288184



Disney Pixar Cars
Marie Crook

Lightning McQueen was red, handsome, and fast. He was a fantastic race car and he knew it. He loved attention. He wanted to be the most famous race car in the world. He wanted to win the Piston Cup. Join Lightning on his long, long drive across the country to California. Who does he meet and what does he learn? Does he win the Piston Cup?

American English
40 pages
3,304 words
ISBN
9781408288788



Disney Lilo + Stitch
Paul Shipton

Experiment 626 is a new kind of life. The little blue creature is fast and strong, nothing can hurt it. On Earth a little girl called Lilo lives on a beautiful Hawaiian island, but she is lonely. Maybe Lilo needs a pet? On another part of the island something strange happens. A spaceship falls from the sky Experiment 626 is free to follow his nature but what is his nature and can he help Lilo?

American English
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3,392 words
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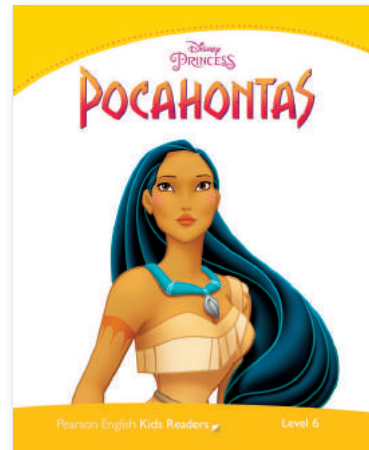
**Disney Princess Mulan**

Paul Shipton

Centuries ago in China, there was a young woman. She was called Mulan, and she lived with her parents and grandmother. Mulan loved her family and she wanted to bring honor to them. But at that time there was only one way for a young woman to do that ; she had to marry a good husband. Mulan saw a different future for herself. Join her on her adventure as she tries to save her family, her friends, and her country.

American English
40 pages
3,536 words

ISBN
9781408288757

**Disney Princess Pocahontas**

Andrew Hopkins

It was a beautiful morning in 1607. John Smith was on a new ship. He loved the ocean. He was excited about traveling again from England to the new land for more adventures. The sailors were excited, too. There were a lot of stories about the new land. There was gold everywhere! The sailors wanted to get rich and find a better life. What will John Smith and his friends find in the new land? Will they meet Indians? What adventures will they have?

American English
40 pages
3,419 words

ISBN
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**Disney Pixar Up**

Coleen Degnan-Veness

When Carl was a boy, he often wore goggles and a helmet because he imagined he was an explorer. Now Carl is an old man and he has to go to live in a home for the elderly. But when two men come to take Carl to the home, they hear a loud noise and see something amazing! Thousands of balloons on ropes are coming out of the chimney, pulling the house UP into the air! Read about Carl's amazing adventure.

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40 pages
3,533 words

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American English
16 pages
120 words

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LEVEL 2



Poptropica English
Tropical Island Adventure
Nicola Schofield

Tara, Tessa and Tim are going to Parrot Island in their boat, but suddenly, their boat stops. Oh no! They can see their home, but they cannot get there! Tim has a great idea; can the children make a new boat? Can the parrots help them get home?

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16 pages
272 words

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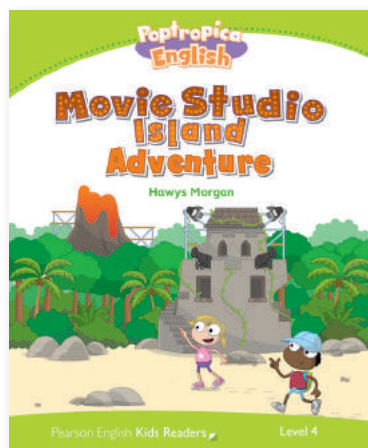
**Poptropica English
Space Island Adventure**

Nicola Schofield

Peter, Pepper and Captain Cloud are on a spaceship. They stop at Space Island. They meet some friendly green aliens and see an alien school, an Astronaut Cafe and a blue elephant! But the aliens need their help. A big meteor is coming to Space Island! Can they find the big laser, stop the meteor and rescue Space Island?

American English
24 pages
718 words

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9781408288351

LEVEL 4

**Poptropica English
Movie Studio Island
Adventure**

Hawys Morgan

One day, Max and Clara meet Zack, who is making a pirate movie on the beach. But Zack is worried because he can't find Captain Crab's pirate costume! 'Can we help you find it?' ask the children. They look in the castle, the jungle and the pirate ship. They see a monkey wearing a pirate's boot, a parrot wearing a pirate's hat, and a dolphin wearing a pirate's mustache! How funny!

American English
24 pages
1,123 words

ISBN Book
9781447971382

LEVEL 5

**Poptropica English
Ice Island Adventure**

Coleen Degnan-Veness

Jason Strong, the explorer, and his cousins Megan and Greg, are looking for yetis on Ice Island. But something strange is happening on the island; it is getting warmer. Jason must do something quickly or Ice Town will flood! Can Jason stop the thieves, Doctor Danger and Hopeless Harry, before they melt the glacier? Can he save the town and the polar bears?

American English
32 pages
2,159 words

ISBN Book
9781408288443

LEVEL 6

**Poptropica English
Future Island Adventure**

Hawys Morgan

It is one thousand years in the future on the island of Verdana. For Leo, Carla, Tim and Ola, life is sad and boring. There are no trees or animals. The streets are dirty and polluted, and the children are chased by horrible robots! But Ola's grandfather, Popp, remembers life in the past, before Verdana lost its wildlife. 'Something terrible happened one day, a long time ago...' Join Popp and the brave young friends on their exciting adventure to clean up the island and stop the robots.

American English
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3,484 words

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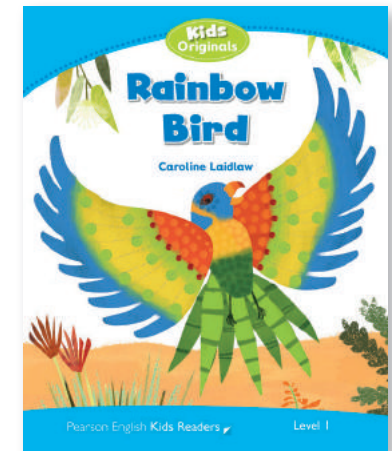


Magic Toys Go on Holiday
Caroline Laidlaw

Sam and Amy go on holiday to Thailand. Sam has a toy spider. Amy has a toy cat, and a tablet. What is that magic picture on her tablet?

British English
16 pages
129 words

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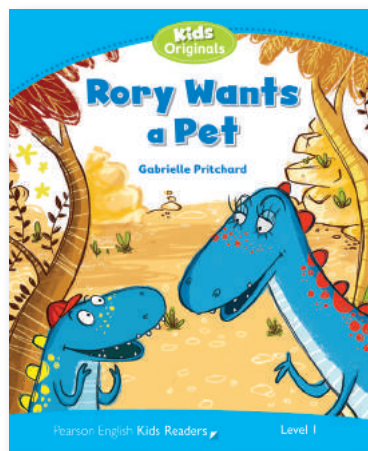
Rainbow Bird
Caroline Laidlaw

Lorikeet is a sad bird. 'I'm a grey bird. I like colours – red, blue, green and yellow!' He sees colours in the sky. It is a beautiful rainbow! Now, his head is blue and his tail is green. He is a beautiful rainbow bird!

British English
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131 words

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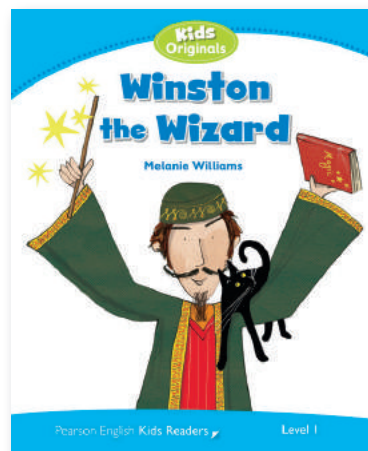
Rory Wants a Pet

Melanie Williams

Rory is a dinosaur. He wants a pet. He wants a cat, a bird, or an elephant. What is the big ball in the kitchen? It moves! Is it a pet?

British English
16 pages
124 words

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Winston the Wizard

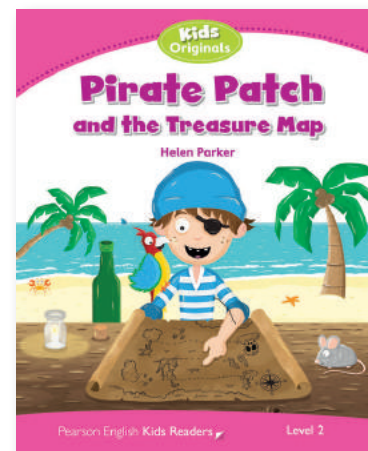
Melanie Williams

Winston is a magic wizard. He does a magic spell. Oh no! My black cat is a dog now! Where is my wand? Where is my magic? I want my cat!

American English
16 pages
144 words

ISBN
9781447931270

LEVEL 2



Pirate Patch

Helen Parker

Young Pirate Patch finds a treasure map in a bottle in the ocean. Patch and his friends read the map and look for treasure – but bad Captain Blackbeard is following them, and sharks are near their boat! Can they find the treasure?

American English
16 pages
263 words

ISBN
9781408288290



Thumbelina

Hans Christian Andersen / Nicola Schofield

Thumbelina is a very small girl. She sleeps in a shell next to the window. One night, an ugly toad takes her. She is scared, she wants to go home! She meets fish, insects and a bird ...

Can she find a prince?

American English
16 pages
252 words

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9781408288306

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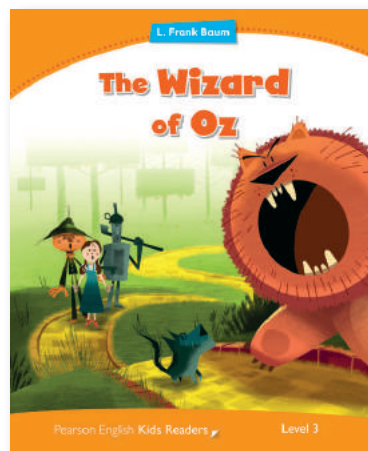
Shaun the Sheep

Kathryn Harper

Shaun the Sheep and his friends go to their favourite tree. Some sheep climb up it, some play on the swings, and other sheep dance and make music. They are having a party in the tree. But it is a very cold morning and the farmer wants to cut down the tree for firewood! Can Shaun and his friends stop the farmer and save the tree?

British English
24 pages
727 words

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9781447931348



The Wizard of Oz

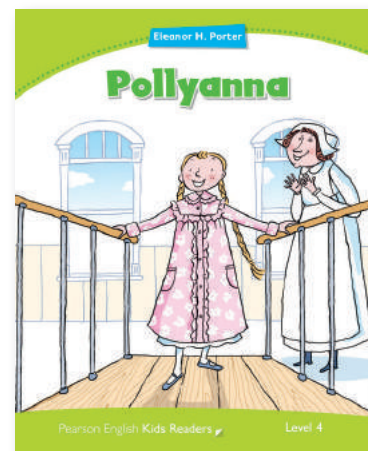
L. Frank Baum / Helen Parker

One day, a great storm takes Dorothy, and her dog Toto, to Oz. They have to follow the yellow brick road and find the Wizard of Oz to go home. Dorothy meets new friends; a scarecrow, a tin man, and a lion. Can they help her find the Wizard, and go home to her family?

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782 words

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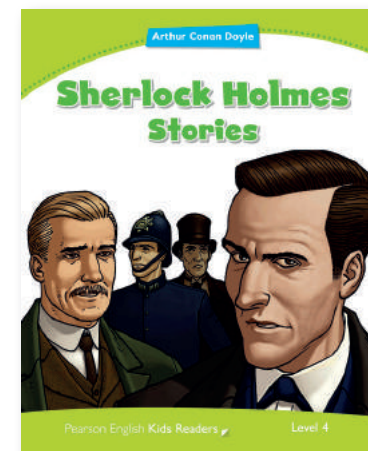
Pollyanna

Eleanor H. Porter/
Colleen Degnan-Veness

Orphan Pollyanna Whittier goes to live with her cold, unhappy Aunt Polly. She plays the glad game – it helps her find things to be glad about. Before long, Pollyanna is helping people in the town play the glad game, and they feel happier. Then, one day, a terrible accident happens! Can it stop Pollyanna's smile?

British English
24 pages
1,191 words

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Sherlock Holmes Stories

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Enjoy two great stories about the famous detective Sherlock Holmes and his good friend Mr Wilson.

The League of Redheads: Mr. Wilson starts a very strange new job, copying a dictionary at "The League of Redheads". But what is this strange "league"?

The Three Students: Mr Soames finds an important exam paper on the floor. Did a student try to copy it? And what does the servant know about it?

British English
24 pages
1,167 words

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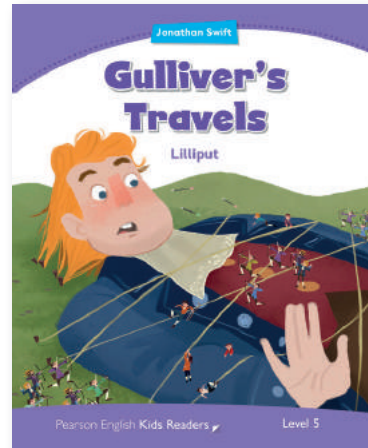
The Wind in the Willows

Kenneth Grahame /
Melanie Williams

Mole is happy in his little house – so happy, he plays and sings outside. Then he meets Water Rat, and his new friend shows him many things – horses, the river, boats, a village, and a gypsy caravan! That year, Mole and Rat make more new friends; Otter in the river, Toad at Toad Hall, Badger, and the Hedgehogs in the Wild Wood. But, one day Mole starts to cry. Rat! We're near my old home. I want to go there! Can Rat help Mole find his way home?

British English
24 pages
1,166 words
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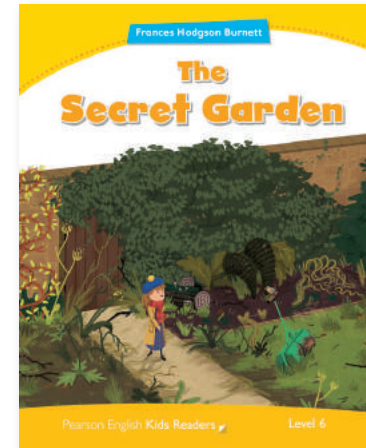
Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan Swift /
Melanie Williams

This is the story of Gulliver, a clever man who loved adventures. This is his greatest adventure! When his ship hits a rock, Gulliver swims to an island called Lilliput. There, he meets a group of tiny people, the Lilliputians. But Lilliput is in danger. Will Gulliver help the Lilliputians win their war with the Blefuscans? Will the Lilliputians help Gulliver get home again? The story of Gulliver is over 150 years old. It teaches us how different people can work together and be friends.

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32 pages
2,105 words
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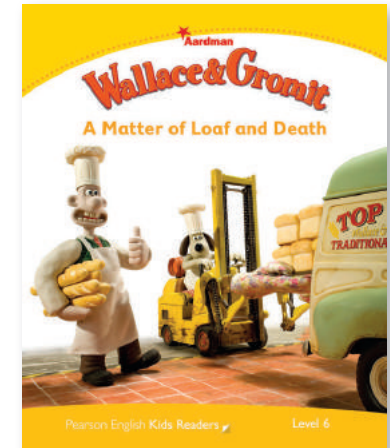


The Secret Garden

Frances Hodgson Burnett /
Caroline Laidlaw

When Mary's parents suddenly die in India, she goes to live with her uncle in a large, dark, lonely house in England. Mary is not happy in her new home, but she soon discovers the key to a secret garden. She meets new friends; Dickon who can charm animals, and Colin who is very ill and cannot walk. Can the three friends make the secret garden beautiful again? And can they help Colin walk again?

British English
40 pages
3,558 words
ISBN
9781408288504



Wallace and Gromit, A Matter of Loaf and Death

Caroline Laidlaw

Wallace and his dog Gromit have a new business – a bakery. When Wallace meets Piella Bakewell, the Bake-o-lite girl, he quickly falls in love.

But Gromit discovers a terrible, dark secret. Has Piella already killed twelve bakers? And is Wallace going to be the thirteenth?

"Gromit isn't going to stop me!" says Piella angrily. The brave dog has to work fast to save his friend

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3,457 words
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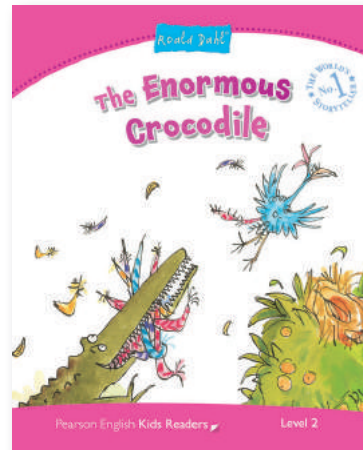
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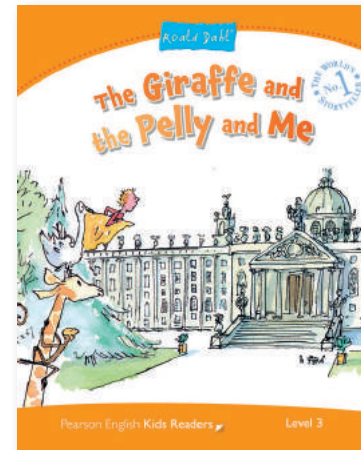
The Enormous Crocodile
Roald Dahl

The Enormous Crocodile is horrible. He eats boys and girls, and he is hungry! Now the crocodile is hiding and the children cannot see him. Can Humpy-Rumpy, Trunky, Muggle-Wump and the Roly-Poly bird help the children?

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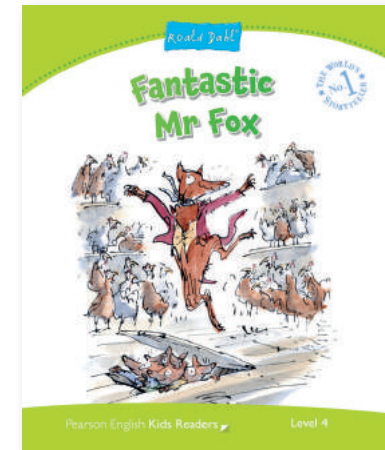
The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me
Roald Dahl

Billy loves sweets and he dreams about having his own sweet shop. One day, at the old sweet shop, he meets three new friends; a giraffe, a pelican and a dancing monkey. The friends meet a rich Duke and clean the windows of his big house. But there is a jewel thief in the house! Can the friends stop the thief? And can the Duke help Billy buy the old sweet shop?

British English
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806 words

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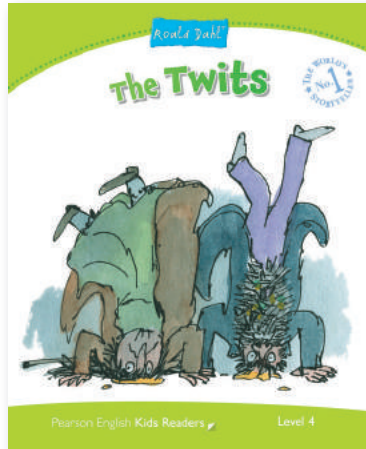
Fantastic Mr Fox
Roald Dahl

Boggis, Bunce and Bean are very rich, very mean farmers, and they hate Mr Fox. Every evening, Fox goes down to one of their farms and takes a chicken, a duck or a turkey for dinner. The angry farmers want to kill Mr Fox and they have an idea. "Let's dig him out, him and his family!"

But foxes are better diggers than men, and Mr Fox has a fantastic idea too!

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24 pages
1,179 words

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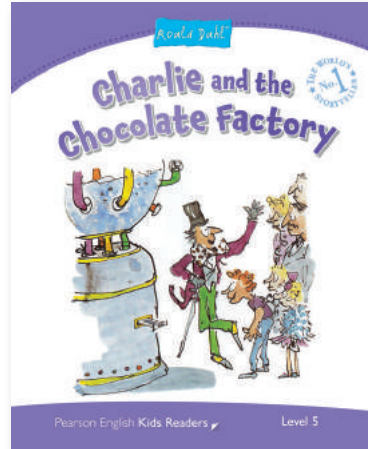
LEVEL 4

The Twits

Roald Dahl

Mr and Mrs Twit are bad people. Ugly Mrs Twit likes playing tricks on Mr Twit, and hitting animals and children with her stick. Mean Mr Twit glues birds' feet to trees, and make poor Muggle-Wump the monkey do tricks upside down for hours every day. One day, the Roly-Poly bird arrives. He wants to help the monkeys. Can the animals turn the terrible Twits upside-down?

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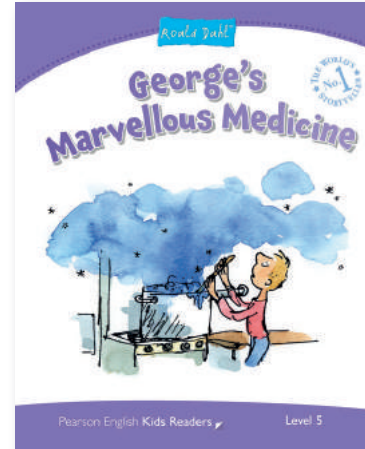
LEVEL 5

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Roald Dahl

Charlie Bucket is very poor and dreams of eating chocolate. Then one lucky day, he finds a golden ticket in a chocolate bar. Now he can visit Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, the biggest and most famous chocolate factory in the world! Inside the factory, Charlie sees wonderful things. But some other children are visiting the factory too. Some very greedy and horrible children!

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32 pages
2,098 words

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LEVEL 5

George's Marvellous Medicine

Roald Dahl

George hated his grandmother. She was a selfish, nasty, grumpy old woman. Was she a witch? Then, one day, George has a marvellous idea. He makes Grandma a magic medicine from all the runny, powdery and gooey things in the house. "Perhaps she'll become a better person, or her head will explode!" he thought. Open your mouth wide Grandma, you are going to have a nasty surprise!

British English
32 pages
2,175 words

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LEVEL 6

James and the Giant Peach

Roald Dahl

Sad, lonely James Trotter lives with his two horrible aunts. When one day, he drops some magic stones under a tree; a giant peach grows in the garden. James discovers new friends living inside the peach; Centipede, Miss Spider and other friendly giant insects! Soon, the peach takes them all on a wonderful adventure. 'We're going to visit beautiful places and see wonderful things,' says Ladybird. And they really do!

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Katie Grows a Bean Plant
Marie Crook

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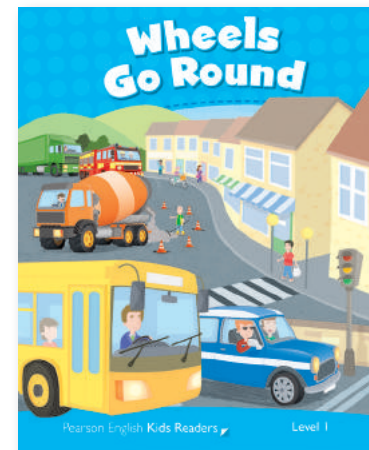
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Making Music
Nicole Taylor

Music has got a tune. A tune has got a beat. Some tunes are good. Some tunes are bad. Do you like music?

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112/115 words
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Wheels Go Round
Rachel Wilson

The town is busy today. Swish-swash! Beep! Beep! Wooo! Wooo! Ring! Ring! Two wheels, four wheels, six or eight? Is it a car, a bicycle, or a bus?

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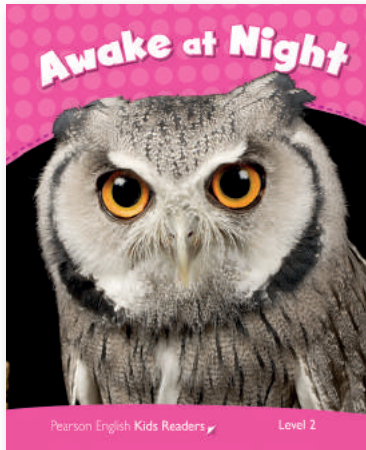
Where I Live
Linnette Erocak

Emma loves her neighborhood. There is a park. There are stores and a market. Where does she go every day?

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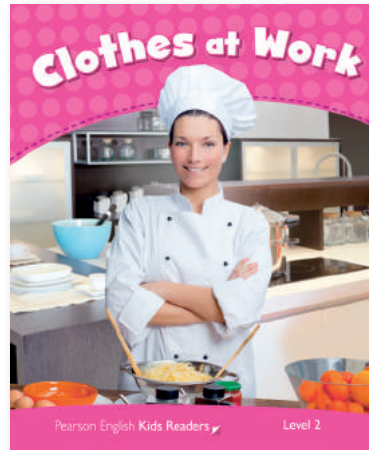
Awake at Night

Laura Miller

Amy and Jack are on vacation. They are visiting Max. It is dark. They cannot sleep. Suddenly, Amy points. 'Look' she says. What are they? Bats, birds, butterflies, moths...? Learn about animals of the night!

16 pages
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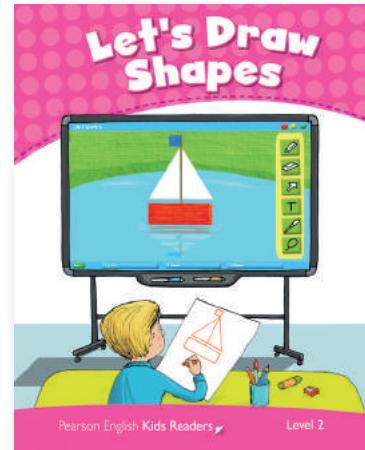
Clothes at Work

Linnette Erocak

Mechanics have coveralls, and chefs can have tall hats. Some vets wear white coats, and a dentist wears a mask. Uniforms are clothes at work. We see them all the time. Do you wear a uniform...at home, at school, at play?

16 pages
262/263 words

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Let's Draw Shapes

Kay Bentley

Can you draw shapes? Ovals, circles, a square? Can you draw straight and curved lines? Great! Now you can draw a bird, a fish, a boat, a tree, flowers and a beautiful butterfly!

16 pages
275 words

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Tom at the Harbour

Barbara Ingham

Tom loves the harbor. Every weekend, he buys an ice cream and watches the boats. What can he show you? What can he see with the binoculars? There are big boats, small boats, and strong boats. What are the names of the boats? What do they do?

16 pages
267 words

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LEVEL 3



Butterflies and Frogs

Rachel Wilson

Hannah is a scientist and she studies animals. She wants to show you two animals with amazing life cycles: a butterfly and a frog. The peacock butterfly lives in Europe. The red-eyed tree frog lives in the rainforests of Central and South America. Which one hibernates? Which one is nocturnal? Let's take a look.

24 pages
752/753 words

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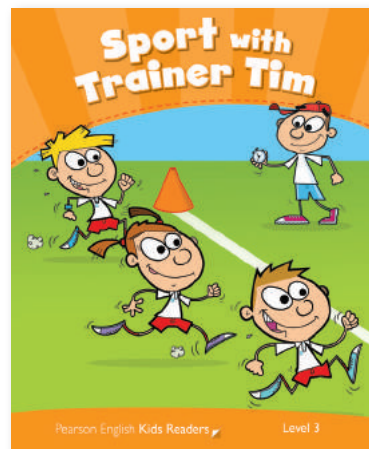
Festival Fun

Barbara Ingham

A festival is a celebration, to have a party on a special day. Visit different festivals in the world. Scotland, New Zealand, Africa, and more..... Which is your favourite festival?

24 pages
712/714 words in length

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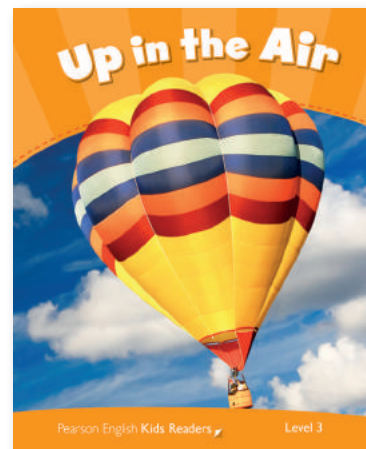
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Can you balance on one foot? Can you balance on two hands? Can you run? Can you stretch? Yes, you can! Learn about different sports and champions...and try some activities with your friends!

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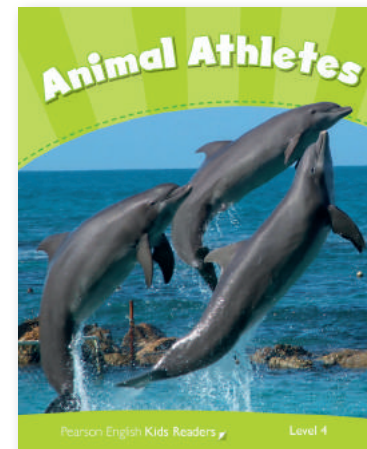
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A hot air balloon is an aircraft. A helicopter moves in an interesting way. An A380 jet plane has 22 wheels. Let's read and learn about flying....

24 pages
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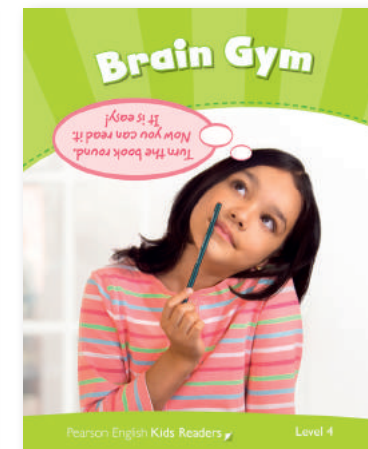
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Laura Miller

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Storm

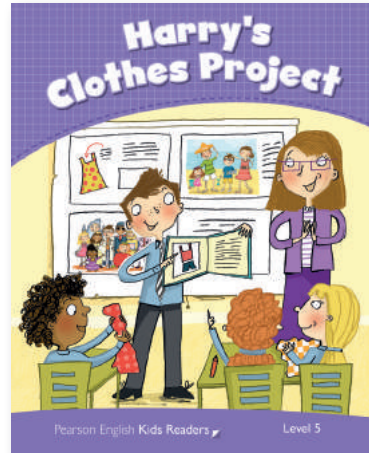
Marie Crook

There is going to be a big storm and Jenny's son, John, loves storms. John counts the seconds between the thunder and the lightning. This tells him how far away the lightning is. Their dog, Patty, is scared because thunder is louder for dogs! Do you know how hailstones form? How to stay safe on a tornado? Why sandstorms are so dangerous? Or how big a hurricane can be? John does and now you can know, too.

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1,066 words

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LEVEL 5



Harry's Clothes Project

Marie Crook

How many different clothes can you see in the street? Think about all the different clothes you wear in just one day, in just one week. And the different clothes for different times of the year! Harry did a project about clothes for his teacher. He knows a lot about clothes now. How about you?

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1,982 words

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Into I.T.

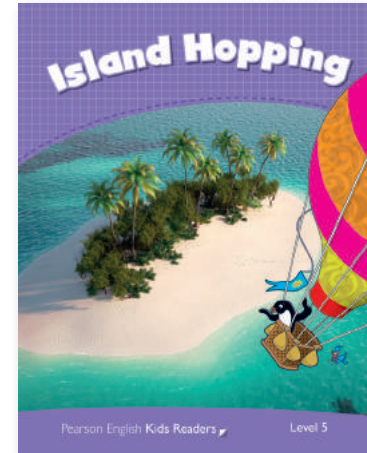
Caroline Laidlaw

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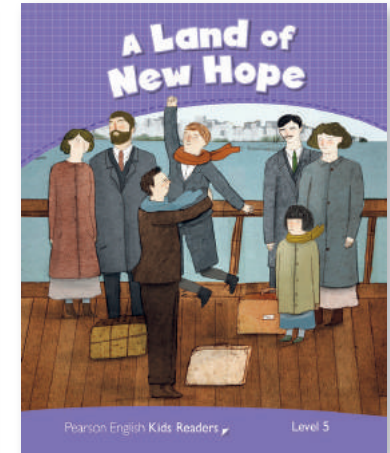
Caroline Laidlaw

A penguin decides to look for a new home. Somewhere quiet, with more space. Let's go with her on a journey to different islands around the world... and see what we discover.

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A Land of New Hope

Jocelyn Potter

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LEVEL 6



Animal Camouflage

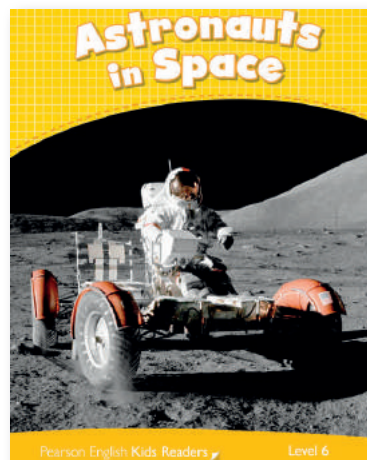
Caroline Laidlaw

When they are hunting, or when they are prey, lots of different animals hide in different ways. An octopus changes colour, insects look like sticks. Seahorses hide in coral and lizards with two heads! Can you think of any more animals that use camouflage?

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3,288 words

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Astronauts in Space

Caroline Laidlaw

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Coleen Degnan-Veness

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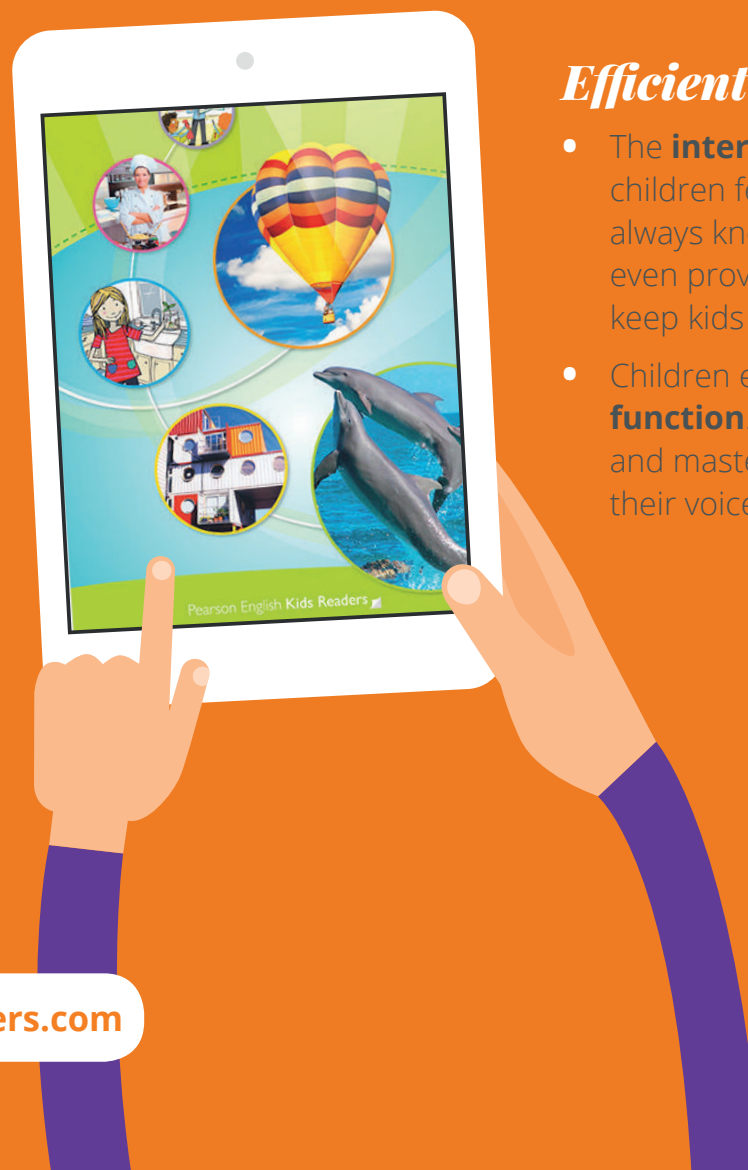
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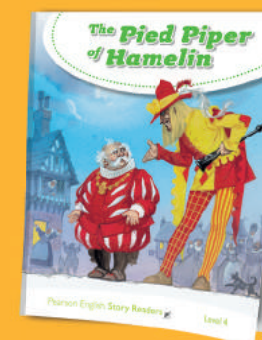
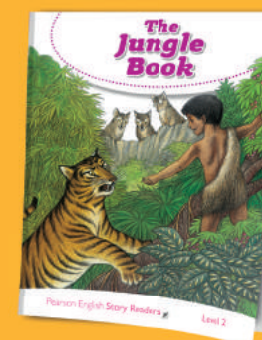
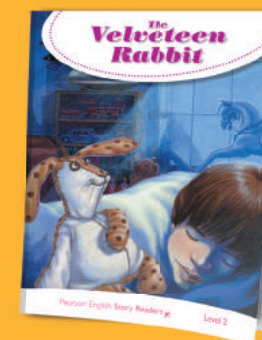
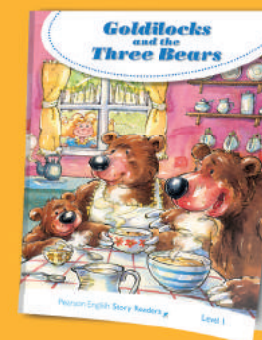
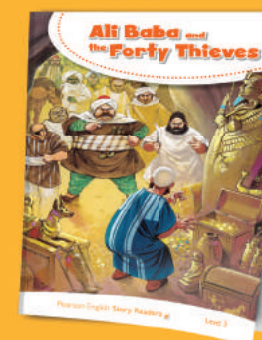
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Aids
comprehension


Develops
vocabulary


Encourages
discussion


Provides
interest and
motivation
in the story

After-reading
photocopiable
activities to
complete
by students
individually.

Activities
before
and after
reading.

ACTIVITIES

Before You Read

1. Look at the pictures in Peter Pan. Put a ✓ next to the things you can find in the book.

some mermaids
a crocodile

a castle
a fairy
a picnic
a pirate

a book
an ambulance
a ship
some cats

Pearson English Story Readers Teacher's Notes

Peter Pan

Name

Activity 1

Here are pictures of five people from the story. Match them to the right description by drawing a line between the picture and the right box. One has been done for you.

a mean pirate
Wendy's brother
has lots of teeth
Peter Pan's fairy friend
half fish, half girl



Activity 2

Label the picture of the ship with these words:

Sail mast flag rope



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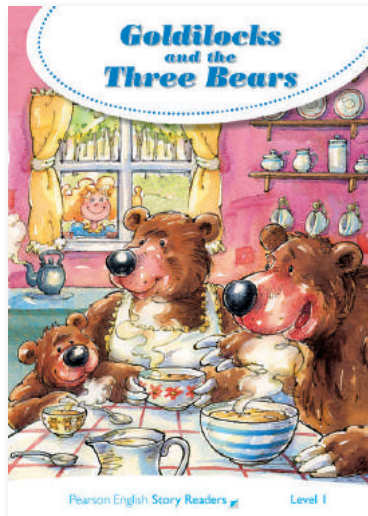
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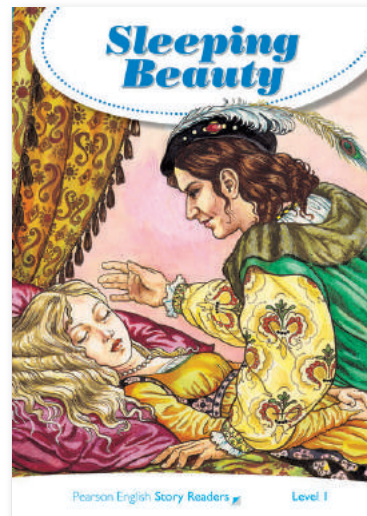
Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Retold by Annie Hughes

Three bears live in a small house. When they go for a walk, Goldilocks comes to the house. What does she do there? What happens next?

British English
5-7 years
71 words

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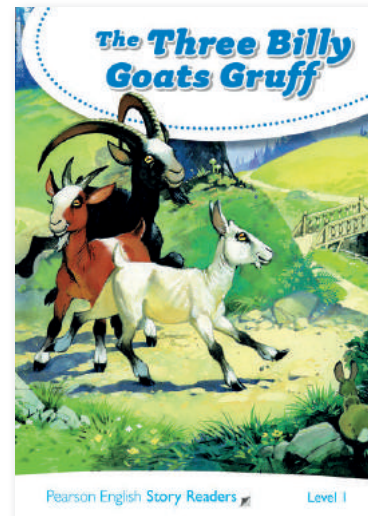
Sleeping Beauty

Retold by Nicole Taylor

Who hurts Sleeping Beauty and makes her sleep and sleep? Who can go to the castle and wake her?

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5-7 years
69 words

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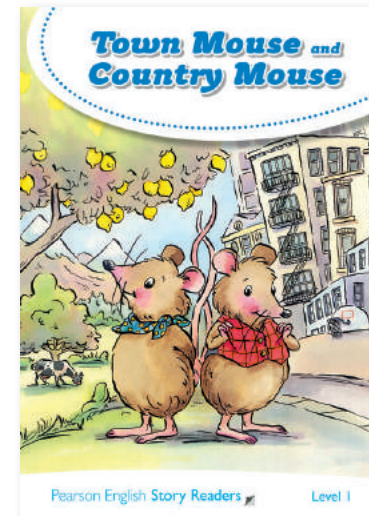
The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Retold by Melanie Williams

The three Billy Goats Gruff like to eat. One day they see some tall, green grass but there is a Troll. The Troll is hungry, too. Do the goats eat the grass? Does the troll eat the goats?

British English
7-9 years
204 words

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Town Mouse and Country Mouse

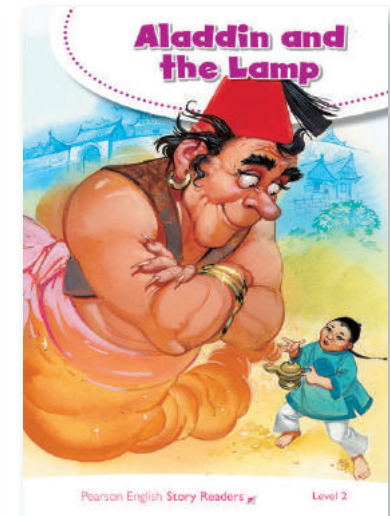
Retold by Arlene Wong

Town Mouse and Country Mouse are good friends. Town Mouse goes to visit the country and Country Mouse goes to visit the town. Do they like it there? Do they want to come home?

British English
7-9 years
184 words

ISBN
9781292239989

LEVEL 2



Aladdin and the Lamp

Retold by Marie Crook

Aladdin and his mother are very poor but Aladdin has a magic ring and a magic lamp. Now he can have everything he wants. But another person wants to be rich too and finds a way to take Aladdin's lamp from him.

British English
7-9 years
684 words

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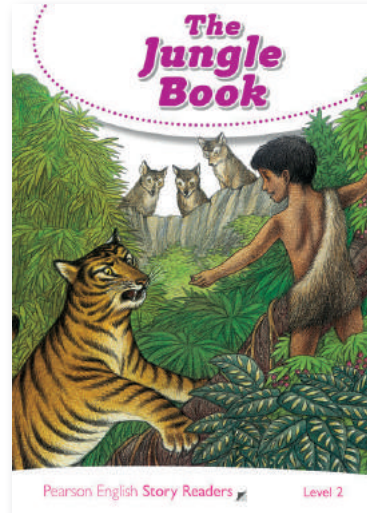
LEVEL 2



Little Red Riding Hood
Retold by Audrey McIlvain

Little Red Riding Hood's mother says "Don't speak to strangers in the woods." Little Red Riding goes to visit her Granny and meets a stranger in the woods. Who is he? And what happens when she arrives at her granny's house?

British English
7-9 years
372 words
ISBN
9781292240015



The Jungle Book
Retold by Rod Smith

Mowgli is a little boy. He grows up with a wolf family in the jungle. Most of the animals like him and are friendly, but one animal does not like him. What happens to Mowgli as he gets older? Does he stay in the jungle with the animals?

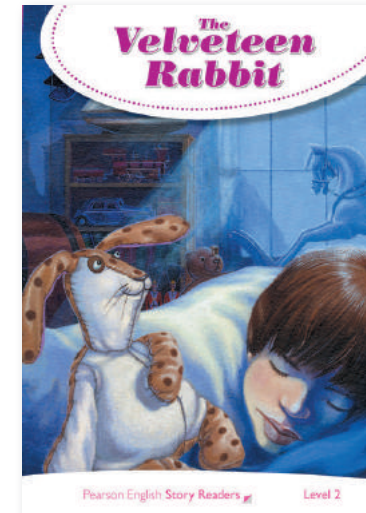
British English
7-9 years
402 words
ISBN
9781292240008



The Selfish Giant
Retold by Marie Smith

A giant does not want to share his garden with the children of the town. He builds a big wall around the garden to stop the children getting in. After that it is always winter in the garden. Can the children find a way back into the garden and make it summer again?

British English
9-11 years
672 words
ISBN
9781292240022



The Velveteen Rabbit
Retold by Audrey McIlvain

Tim loves his toy rabbit and plays with it every day. Then Tim gets sick and his mom puts all his toys in the garden. Poor toy rabbit! Poor Tim! Does Tim find his toy rabbit again?

British English
5-7 years
205 words
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LEVEL 3

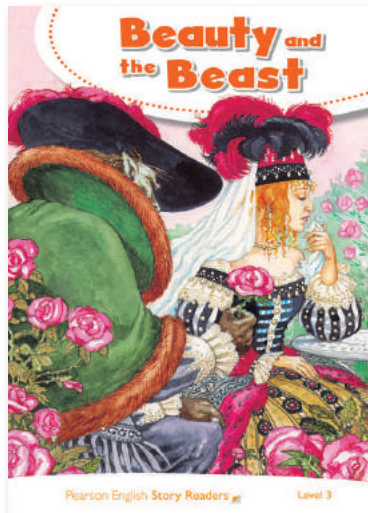


Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
Retold by Fiona Kalinowski

One day, Ali Baba sees some thieves going into a cave. After they have gone he goes inside and finds it's full of gold and silver! He is rich at last! But the thieves want their treasure back and think of a clever way to get it.

British English
9-11 years
1345 words
ISBN
9781292240053

LEVEL 3



Beauty and the Beast

Retold by Fiona Kalinowski

Beauty lives with her family on a farm. One day Beauty's father visits a big house and meets a monster who is half man and half beast. He promises the Beast that he will take Beauty to live at the Beast's house. Why does he do this? Is the Beast horrible or friendly?

British English
9-11 years
1686 words
ISBN
9781292240060



Hansel and Gretel

Retold by Cameron Fox

Hansel and Gretel are brother and sister and they are lost in the forest. They find a pretty house, made of cookies and candy. But who lives there and what does she want to do with the children?

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9-11 years
1328 words
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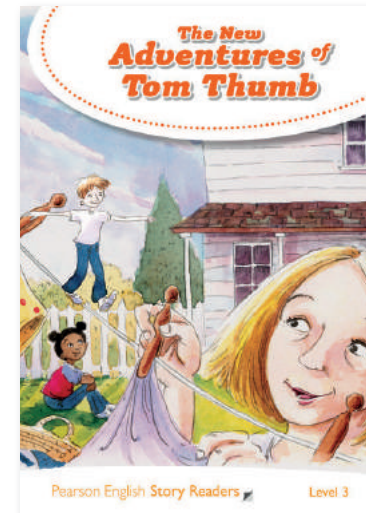


Jack and the Beanstalk

Retold by Caralyn Bradshaw

On his way to market one day to sell a cow, Jack meets a man who gives him five magic beans for the cow. The beans grow very tall and Jack climbs up the beanstalk. 'Fee. Fi, Fo, Foy' says the giant at the top. 'I can smell a boy'. How does Jack get away from the giant?

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5-7 years
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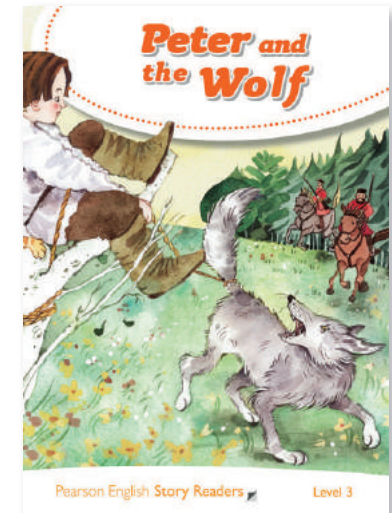


The New Adventures of Tom Thumb

Retold by Lynne Doherty Herndon

Tom is as small as a thumb. He is so small he can ride on a butterfly. It takes him to a palace where he meets a princess. What do they do there? How does Tom help her? Does he come home?

British English
7-9 years
1321 words
ISBN
9781292240114



Peter and the Wolf

Retold by Lynne Doherty Herndon

Peter lives with his grandfather in a house next to a dark, dangerous forest. Peter's grandfather tells him never to play near the forest because a hungry wolf lives there. What does Peter do? Does he see the wolf?

British English
7-9 years
1371 words
ISBN
9781292240091

LEVEL 3



Peter Pan
Retold by Marie Crook

Three children, Wendy, John and Michael fly off with Peter Pan and Tinkerbell to Neverland. Only children live in Neverland and, of course, the pirate Captain Hook. Do Wendy and her brothers like it there? Do they decide to stay?

British English
5-7 years
837 words
ISBN
9781292240107



The Princess and the Frog
Retold by Marie Crook

One day a princess loses her golden ball in a pond. A frog finds it for her and she promises to give him anything he wants. Oh dear! The frog wants to come into the palace with her but the princess is not happy about that. Does she keep her promise? What happens to the frog?

British English
5-7 years
804 words
ISBN
9781292240121

LEVEL 4



Christmas Carol
Retold by David A. Hill

It's Christmas Eve. Scrooge is an old man who hates Christmas and loves work and money. He does not want to share Christmas with anyone. But then he is visited by four ghosts. Who are the ghosts? What do they say to Scrooge? And what will happen when he wakes up on Christmas day?

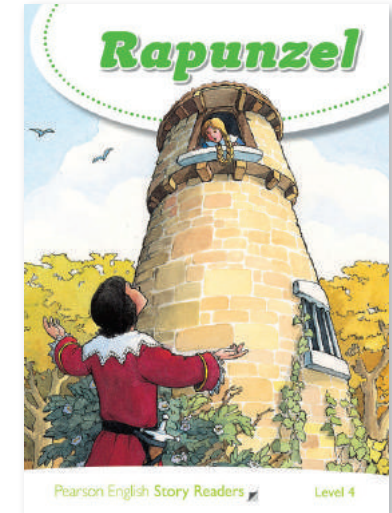
British English
9-11 years
2666 words
ISBN
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Pinocchio
Retold by Nicole Taylor

Geppetto, the carpenter, makes a wooden puppet. He calls the puppet Pinocchio. Pinocchio has many adventures but there is one thing he really wants. How can Pinocchio save Geppetto from danger and get what he wishes for?

British English
5-7 years
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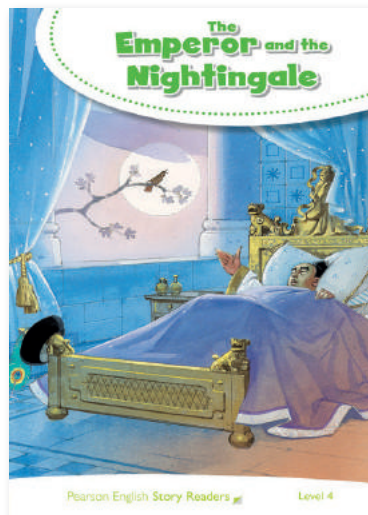


Rapunzel
Retold by Georgina Swinburne

A witch takes Rapunzel from her parents and keeps her at the top of a tall tower. There are no doors in the tower. Rapunzel is a prisoner. The witch climbs up Rapunzel's long hair to come inside. How can Rapunzel get out? Who is going to come and help her?

British English
7-9 years
1148 words
ISBN
9781292240183

LEVEL 4



The Emperor and the Nightingale

Retold by Marie Crook

The Emperor has everything he wants. One day he learns that there is a nightingale in his garden and he wants that too. What will he do when he catches the nightingale? Will the nightingale want to stay?

British English
9-11 years
2715 words
ISBN
9781292240152



The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Retold by Marie Crook

Hamelin has a problem. There are rats everywhere! Luckily, the Pied Piper comes to town and says he will kill all the rats – for money. How does he do it? Why does he come back to the town, angry?

British English
7-9 years
1706 words
ISBN
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The Snow Queen

Retold by Audrey McIlvain

Two children, Gerda and Kay, live with their grandmother in Denmark. Something horrible happens to Kay one snowy day and he is taken away by the Snow Queen. Where does she take him? What has happened to him? Can Gerda find Kay and bring him home?

British English
9-11 years
2520 words
ISBN
9781292240190



The Swiss Family Robinson

Retold by Marie Crook

A ship is caught in a huge storm. One family are able to get to an island. They find food, build a treehouse and start to enjoy their new life there. But what will happen to them when winter comes? How long will they stay there? Will a ship ever come and rescue them?

British English
9-11 years
2628 words
ISBN
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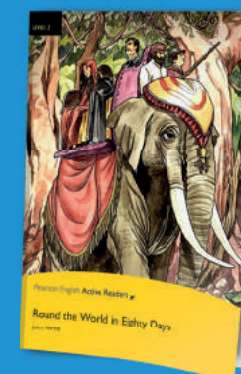
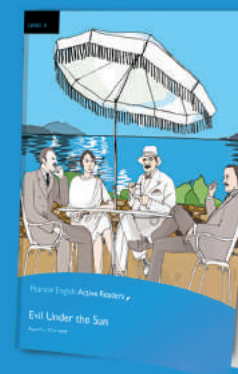
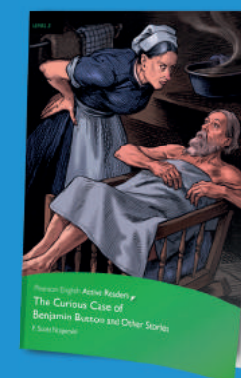
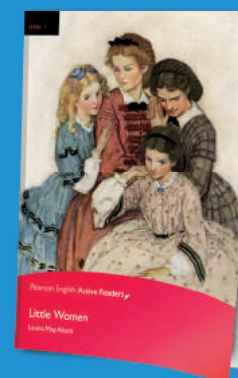
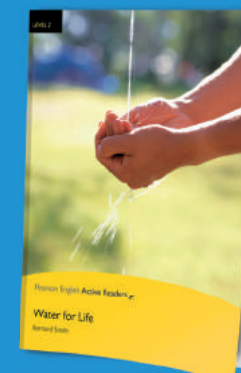
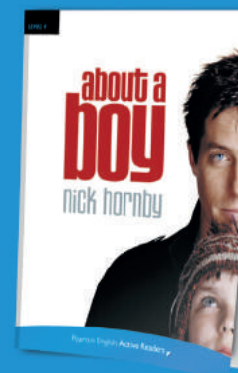
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Chapter 2 – Christmas Day

They went to the Hummels with a big bag of food.
Later in the morning, the girls said, "Here are your presents, Mother!"
"Oh! Thank you. You're good children," Mrs. March said. She looked at her presents and smiled.

In the evening, the girls' friends came, and the girls **acted** for them. They loved acting and their friends had a good time.
Then Hannah said, "Come and eat, children!"
On the table there was a lot of food and some fruit and **candy**. The girls looked at it with open eyes. Where did it come from?
"It's from Santa Claus!" Beth said.
"No, Mother did it," Meg said.
Jo said, "It's from **Aunt** March! Maybe she likes us on Christmas Day. She doesn't usually like us."

Key vocabulary is highlighted in bold text with a glossary and phonetic spelling below each page.

Appealing illustrations feature throughout. The number of illustrations decreases as the levels get higher.



act /ækt/ (v) He wants to **act** in movies.
candy /'kændi/ (n) The children want **candy**, but I only have fruit.
aunt /ænt, ant/ (n) She visits her **aunt** every month.

7

Activity
sections
throughout
the book

She **was** very beautiful.
They **talked** about Christmas.


Bring the
story to life


Aid
comprehension


Provide
a stimulus
for discussion

se
ces in the box. Then finish
s with past tense verbs.

and Amy sisters. (be)
big eyes and beautiful brown hair. (have)
fifteen. (be)
with a letter. (arrive)
at her daughters. (smile)
about their father. (think)
unhappy, girls!" Mrs. March (say)
the piano. (play)

next?

the pictures on pages 6, 7, and 8. What do you think? Circle the answer.



Amy gets pens / a book / a dress for Christmas.
Her present is under her chair / table / bed.
It is from Jo / Mr. March / Mrs. March.
There is a lot of food / drink / candy on the table.
The food is from Santa Claus / Mrs. March / a family friend.
The girls want to give away / eat / try the food.



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1 Work with three friends. Look at the picture about Meg and John.
a What are they thinking? What do you think?



b Put these words in the right places in the sentences.
too important money friend home happy

Aunt March: "I don't like John Brooke. He has no"
Mrs. March: "Money is not John can make a good for Meg."

Jo: "I am not about John Brooke. I want Meg to stay with us."
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CHAPTERS 6 AND 7

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CHAPTER 10

Match!

Complete the sentences

- Jo wanted to meet Laurie.
- The girls' father wasn't a burn.
- Meg got a letter from Mrs. C.
- Jo's dress had at the party.
- Meg had a ribbon on her head.
- Meg danced happy.

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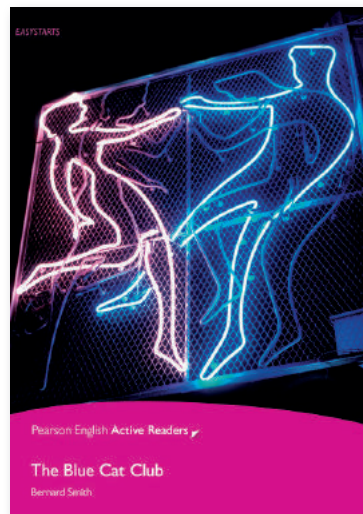
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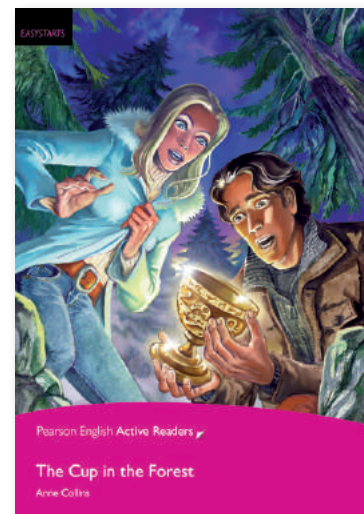
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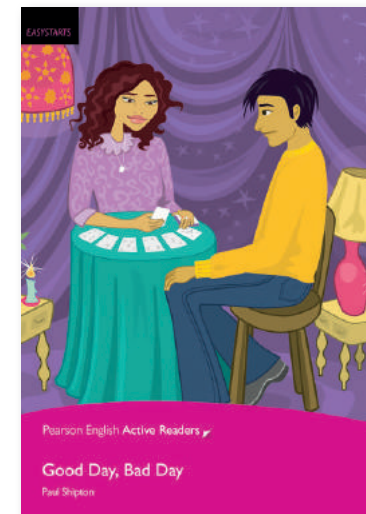
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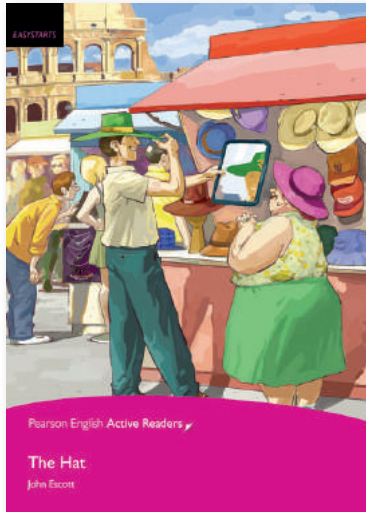
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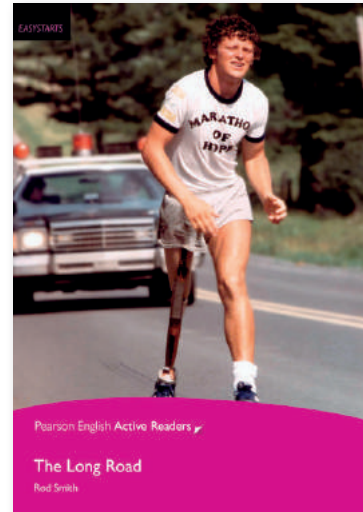
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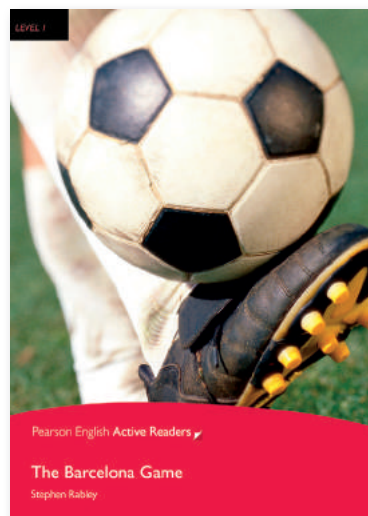


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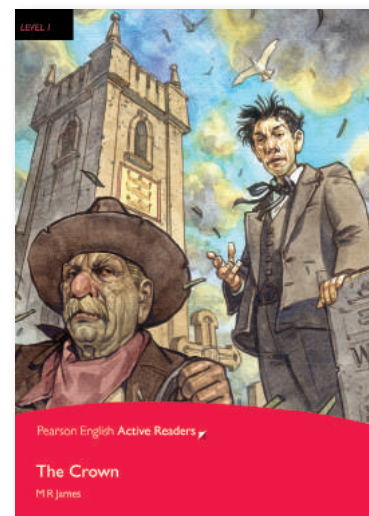


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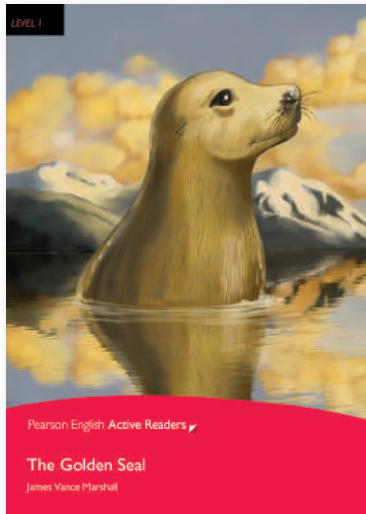
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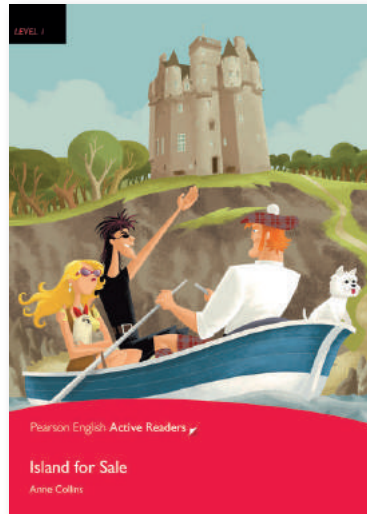
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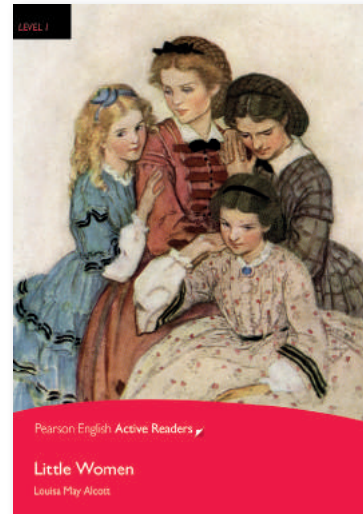
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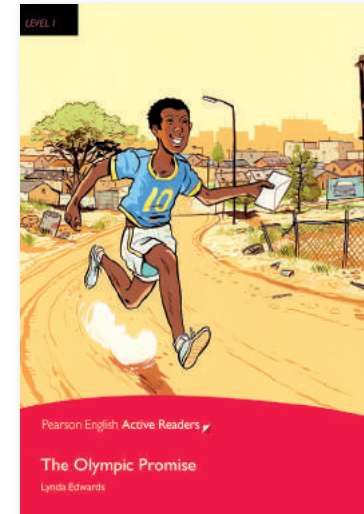
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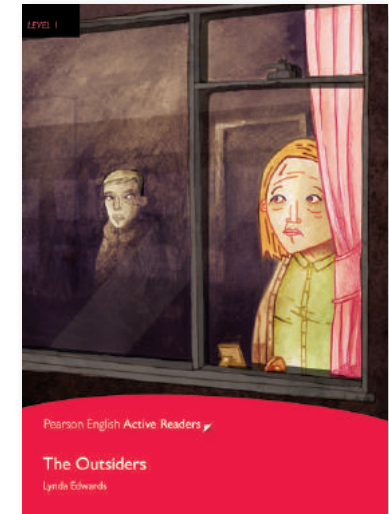
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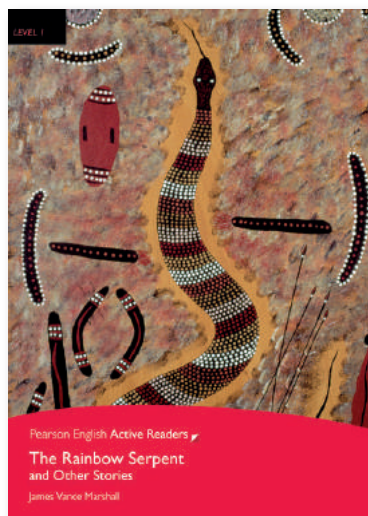
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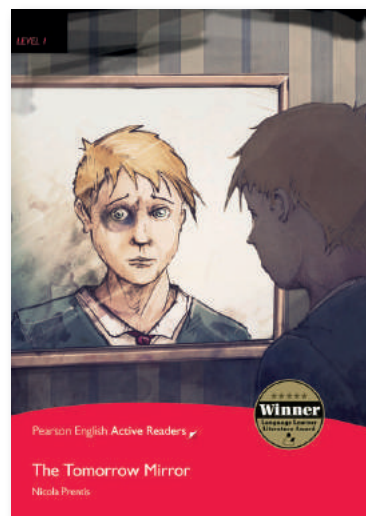
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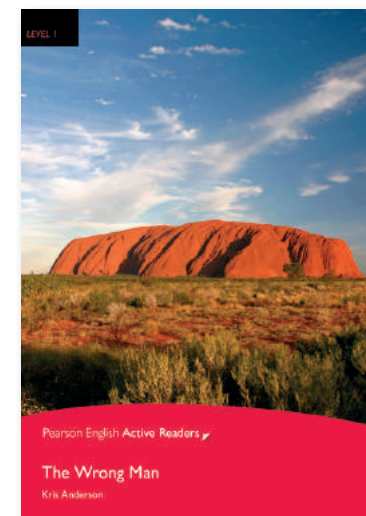
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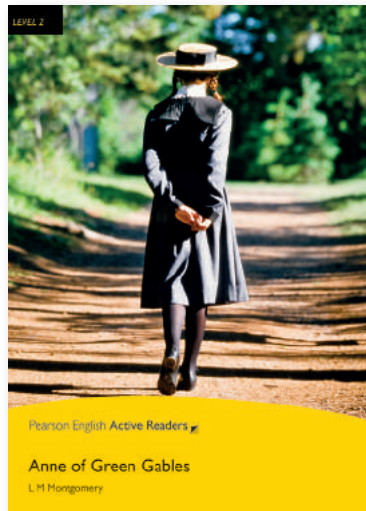


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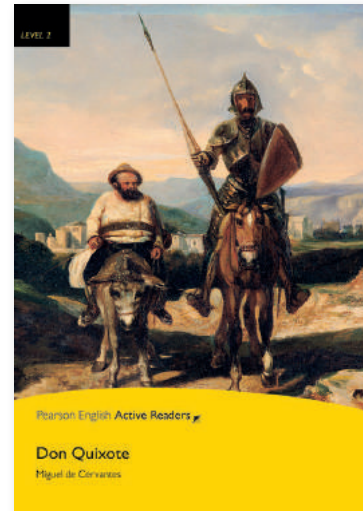
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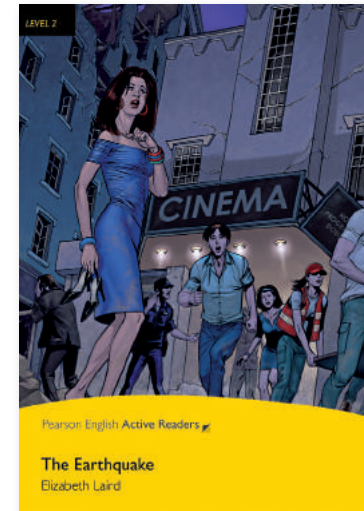
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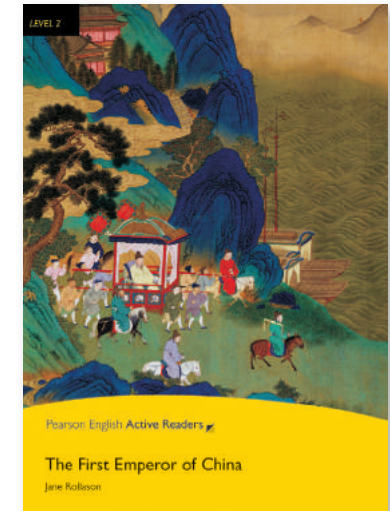
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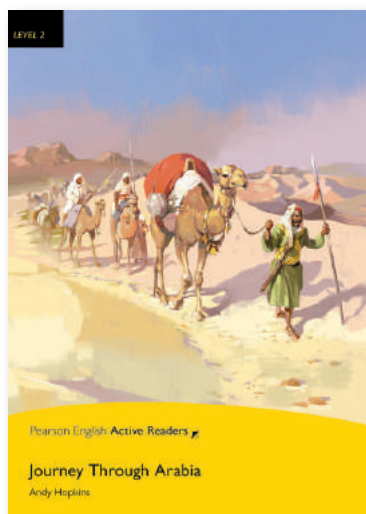
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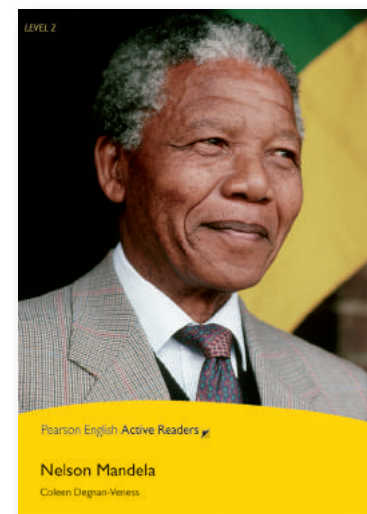
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Mr Bean Richard Curtis

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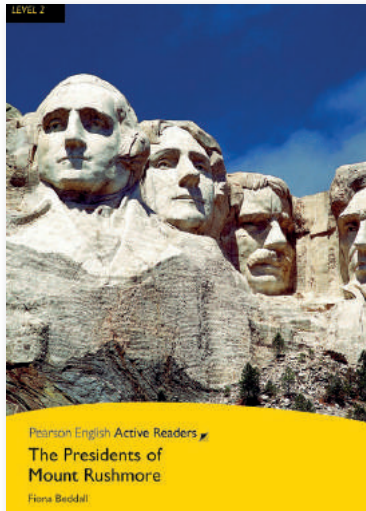


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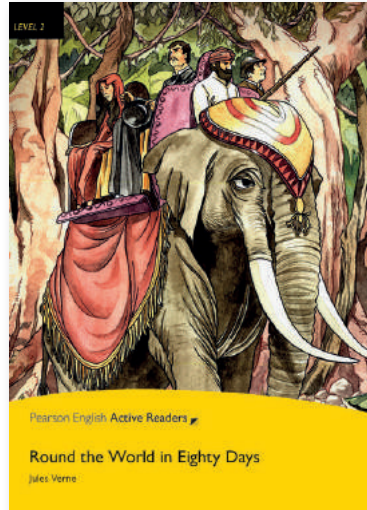
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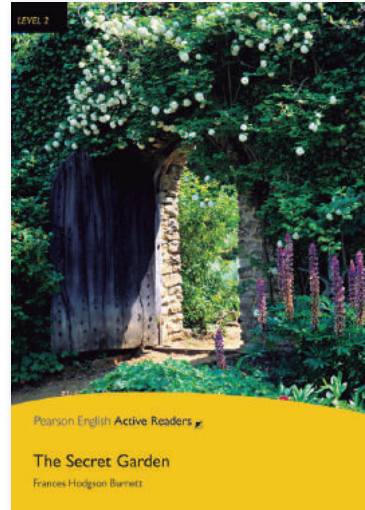
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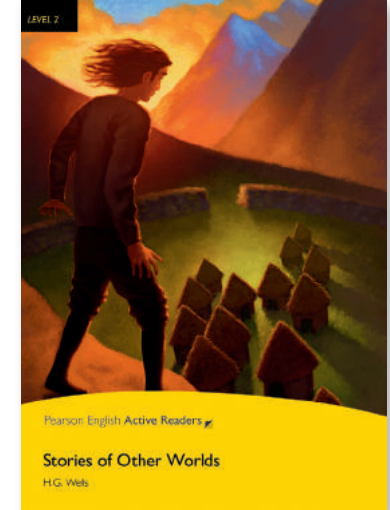
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Freddy lives on a Pacific Island. There, the fishermen—and Freddy's father—can only make good money from shark finning. Will sharks have to die so Freddy can go to college? Or can he and his friends bring money to the island and protect the sharks?

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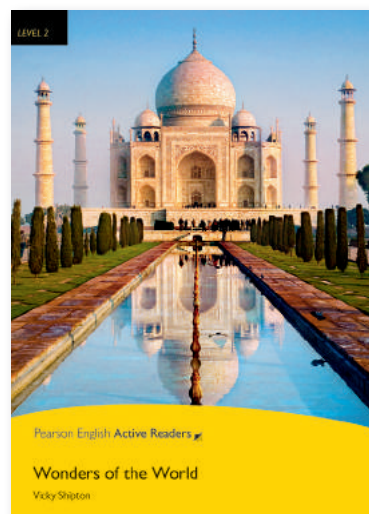
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Water for Life Bernard Smith

Water. We drink it. We cook with it. We wash with it. We can't live without it. Most of us don't think about it much. But it is not there for everybody, and our world is changing fast. We have to think very carefully about water, and about our use of it.

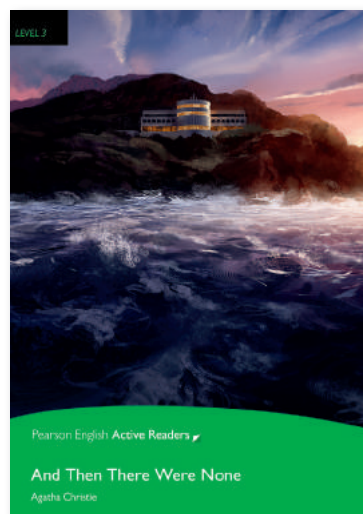
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Wonders of the World Vicky Shipton

Around the world there are many beautiful places. There are famous buildings, old and new. Some are interesting; some are important. Some are the tallest or biggest in the world. The Great Wall, Machu Picchu, the Grand Canyon, the Taj Mahal... Which are your wonders of the world?

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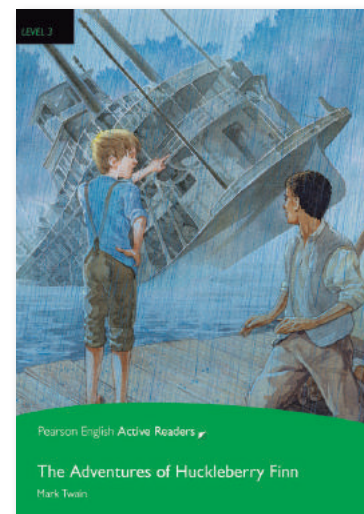


And Then There Were None Agatha Christie

Ten strangers are invited to an island off the Devon coast. Most are happy to be there. But then, very soon, one of them is dead. What is happening? Is it murder? Is the killer one of them, or the mysterious Mr Owen? And are the other guests in danger too?

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The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain

Huck and Jim travel down the Mississippi from St. Petersburg to Cairo. Jim is a runaway slave so they have to be careful. They have a lot of adventures on the river. They even meet a king! But is he real? Huck soon finds out the truth.

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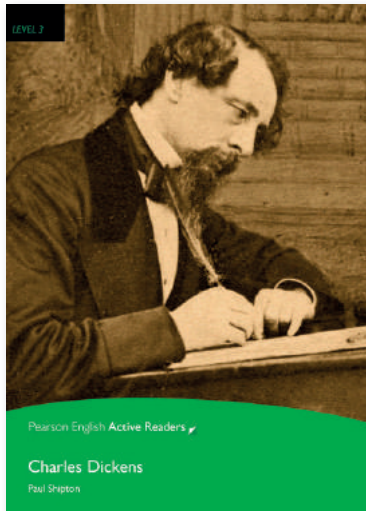


Carmilla Sheridan Le Fanu

Laura and her father live quietly in a castle in the middle of a thick forest, but their lives change when beautiful, strange Carmilla becomes their guest. People start dying, and Laura also becomes ill. Laura's father is worried. Will his daughter die too? Or can the deaths be stopped?

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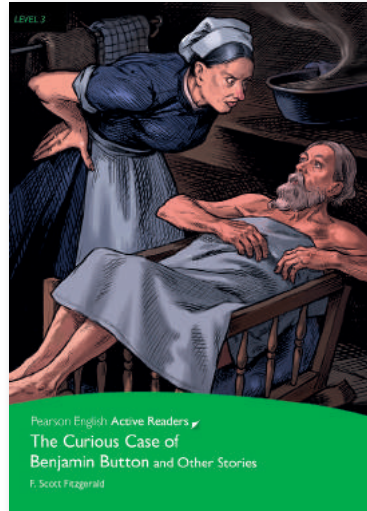
Charles Dickens

Paul Shipton

Charles Dickens is one of Britain's greatest writers. His novels have been popular around the world for more than 150 years. Through his writing he fought for better conditions for children and the poor, but most of all he is remembered today for his wonderful stories and his unforgettable characters.

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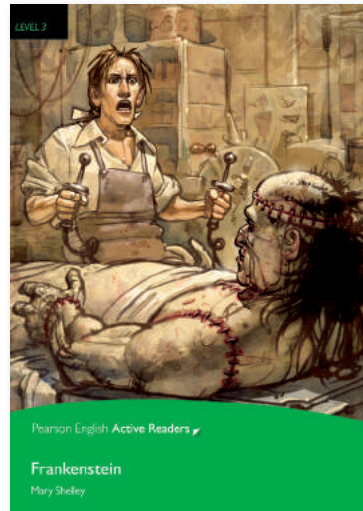
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Benjamin Button is a very strange baby. Born with a white beard, he looks like his grandfather. As years pass, he seems to get younger. This brings many problems, for him and the people around him. In these three stories by F. Scott Fitzgerald, people are not always as they seem.

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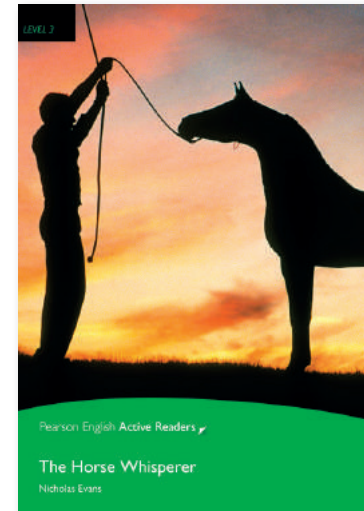
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Frankenstein is probably the most famous horror story in the world. Victor Frankenstein is a young scientist who creates a monster from parts of dead bodies. At first the monster looks for love and wants to be kind. But soon, he learns to hate people and becomes evil. Frankenstein has learnt how to create life. But will this life destroy him?

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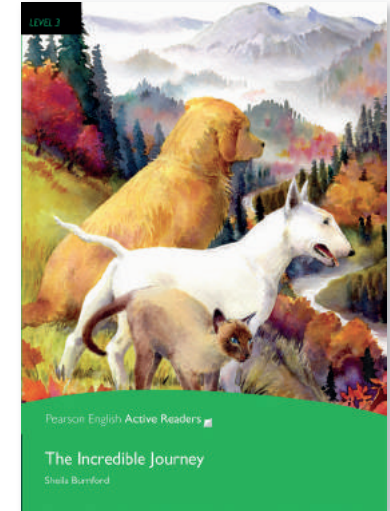
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The Incredible Journey

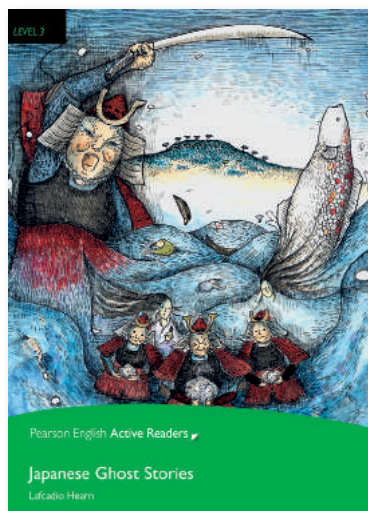
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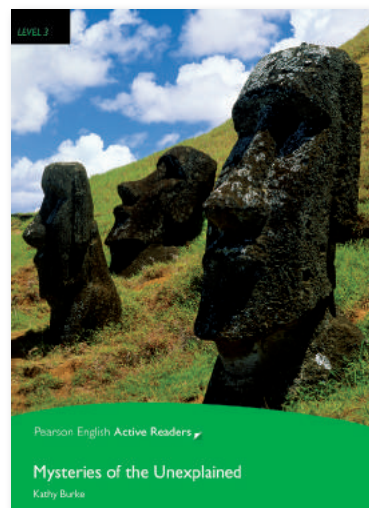
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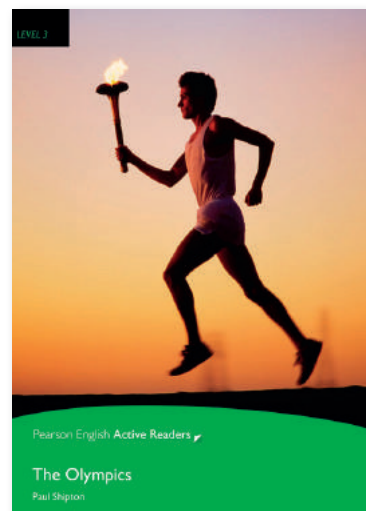
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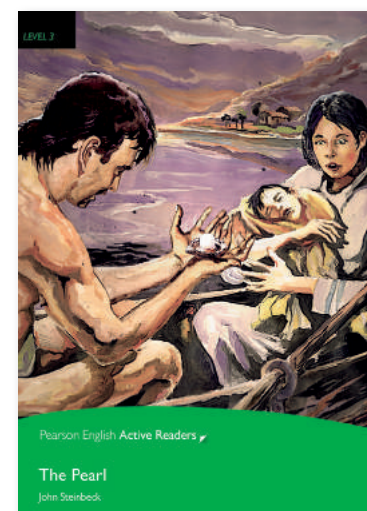
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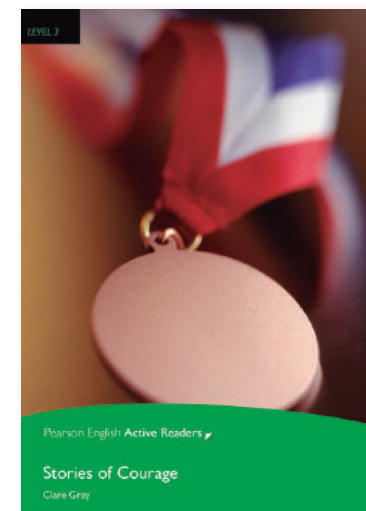
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The Pearl Steinbeck, John

Kino finds a large pearl, which he thinks will save his family from poverty. But the pearl is what they think they want instead of what they need. The misfortune it brings changes the life of the family, forever.

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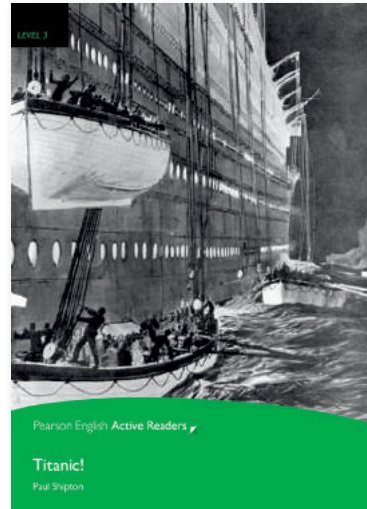
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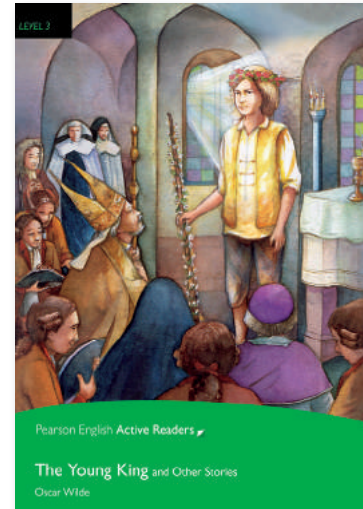
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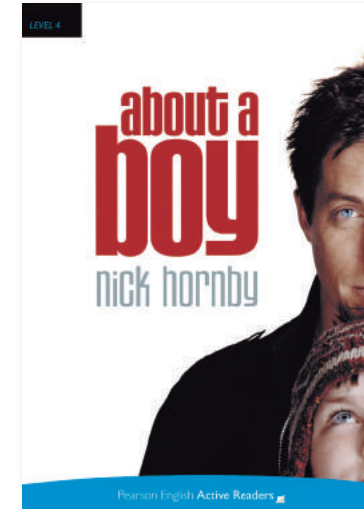
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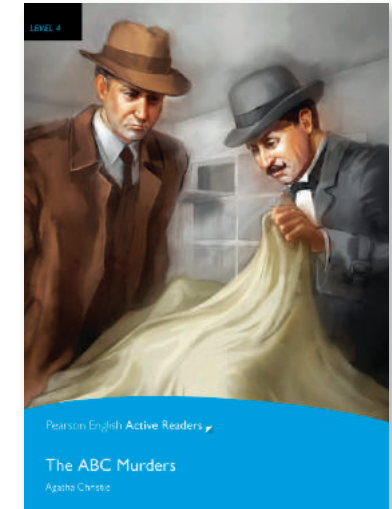
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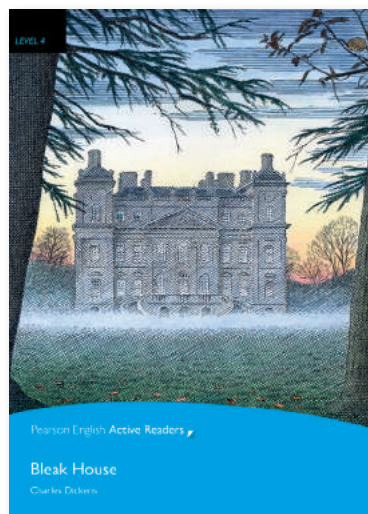
Agatha Christie

Hercule Poirot has received a letter which is simply signed 'ABC'. The writer promises a mystery which is too difficult even for the great mind of the Belgium detective. Poirot is worried by the letter, but there seems to be no case to solve. And then the murders begin...

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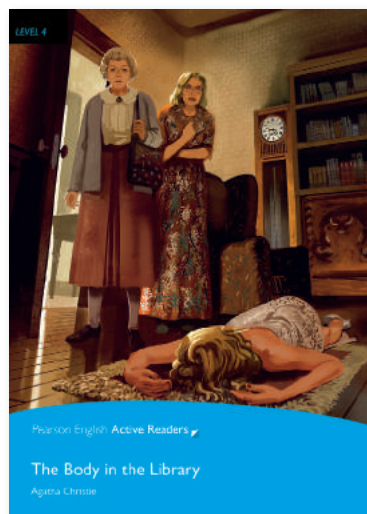
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Charles Dickens

The legal case of Jarndyce and Jarndyce has become a joke to some people. People are born, marry and die, and still the case continues. But will the lives of Ada and Richard be ruined, like so many before? And how will their friend Esther be affected by secrets from her past?

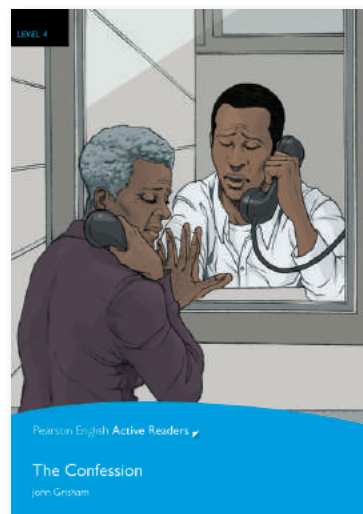
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The Body in the Library
Agatha Christie

Early one morning the Bantrys wake to find the dead body of a young woman in their library. Who is she? How did she get there? The police are called, of course, but Dolly Bantry quickly invites her friend Jane Marple to solve the mystery.

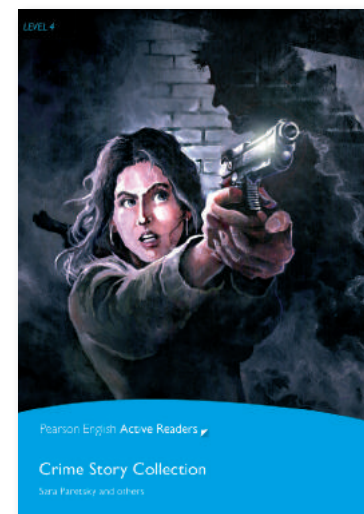
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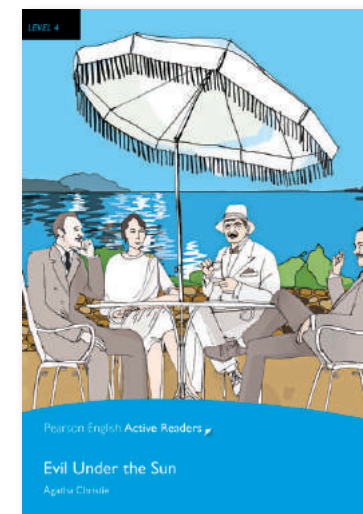
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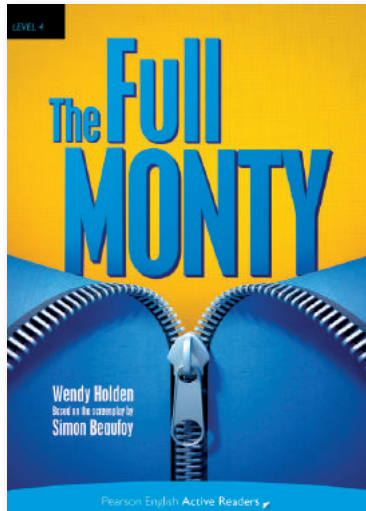


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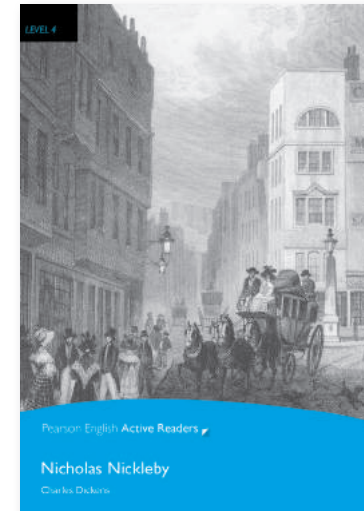


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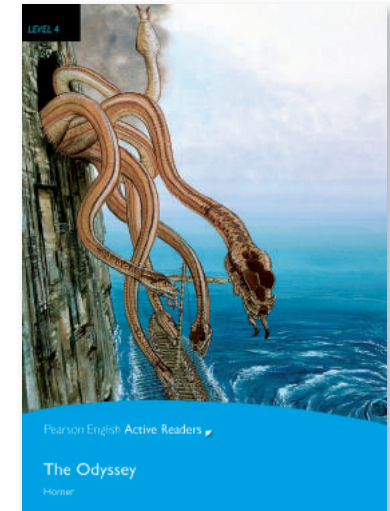


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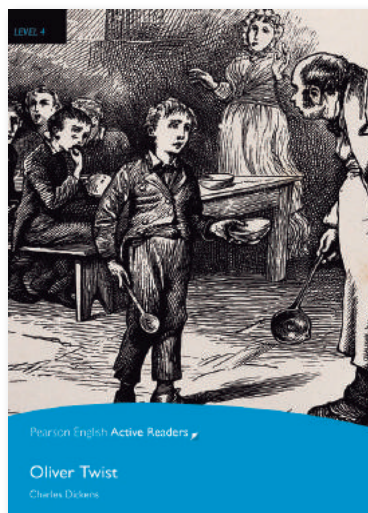
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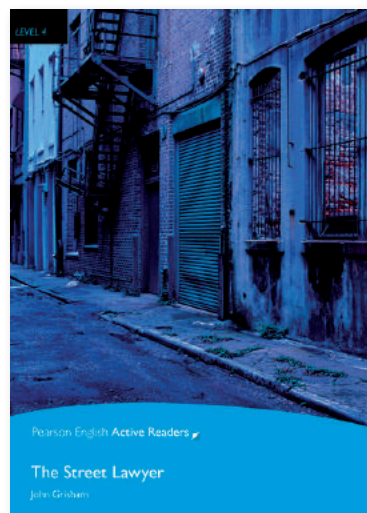
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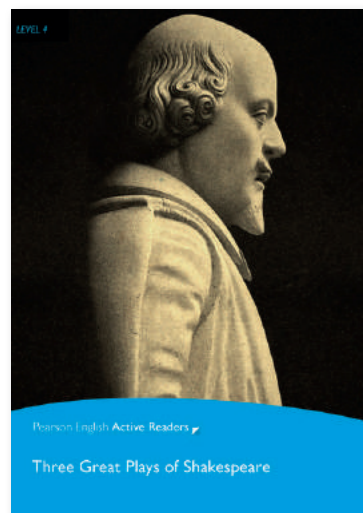
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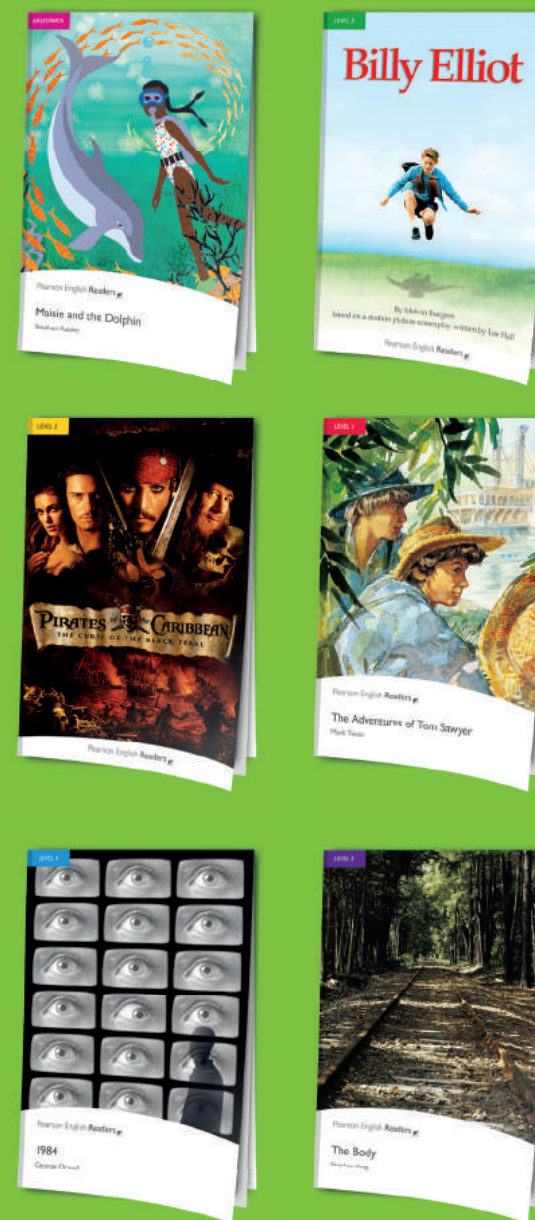
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Behind Goldstein's face on the *telescreen* were the Eurasian soldiers. Oceania was always at war with either Eurasia or Eastasia. That changed, but the hate for Goldstein remained. The Thought Police found his spies every day. They were called 'the Brotherhood', people said, although Winston Smith asked himself if the Brotherhood really existed. Goldstein had also written a book, a terrible book, a book against the Party. It had no title; it was just known as *the book*.

As Goldstein's face filled the *telescreen* and Eurasian soldiers marched behind him, the Hate grew. People jumped up and down, shouting and screaming so they could not hear Goldstein's voice. Winston was shouting too; it was impossible not to. A woman behind him, with thick, dark hair was screaming 'Pig! Pig!' at Goldstein, and suddenly she picked up a heavy *Newspaper* dictionary and threw it at the *telescreen*. It hit Goldstein on the nose and fell to the floor.

Winston had often seen this girl at the Ministry but he had never spoken to her. He did not know her name, but he knew she worked in the Fiction Department. He had seen her with tools so he guessed she was a mechanic on the story-writing machines. She was a confident-looking girl of about twenty-seven, and she walked quickly. She wore the narrow red belt of the Young People's League tied tightly round her overalls.

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betray (v) to harm a person, group or country by telling secrets
brotherhood (n) an organization of people with the same beliefs
canteen (n) a place in an office, factory or school where people can eat and drink
cell (n) a small room where prisoners are kept

hang (v) to kill someone by tying them to a gallows
ignorance (n) the state of having no knowledge or understanding of something
individual (n) one person in a group or society
league (n) a group of people with similar aims or beliefs
lever (n) a handle on a machine that you push to make the work

mansions (n pl) a word used in the name for a building in which many people live
ministry (n) a government department
overalls (n pl) a piece of clothing that you wear over your shirt and trousers to protect them
party (n) an organization of people with the same political aims
poster (n) a large notice or picture
prole (n) a working-class person (often an offensive word when used now)
razor blade (n) the small, sharp, flat piece of metal inside a razor that is used for shaving

ACTIVITIES

Chapters 1–2

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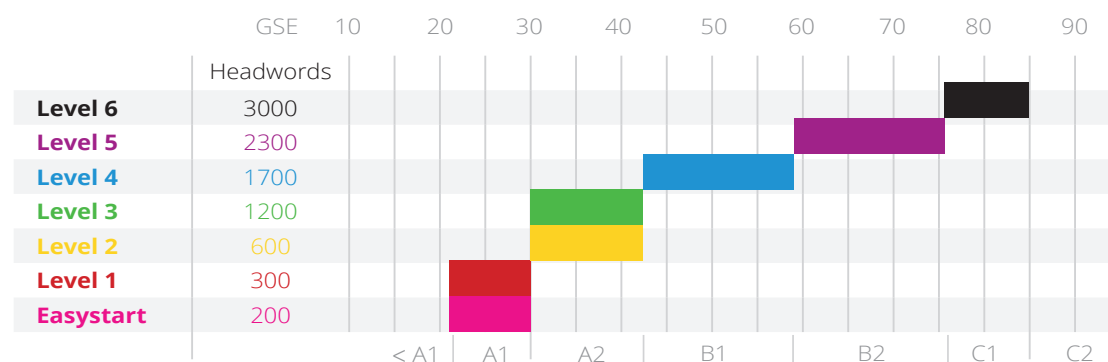
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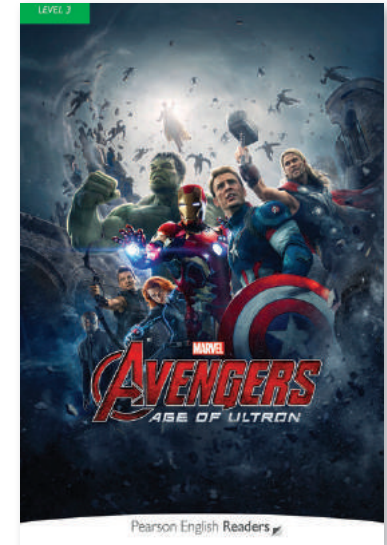
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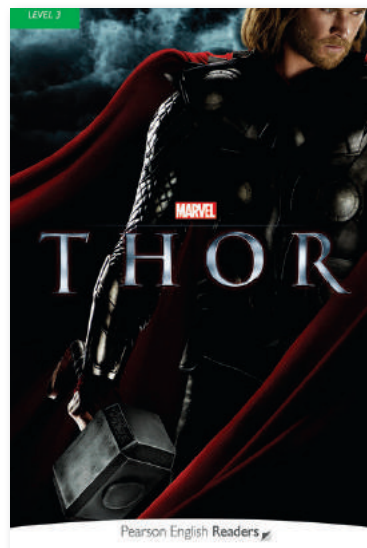
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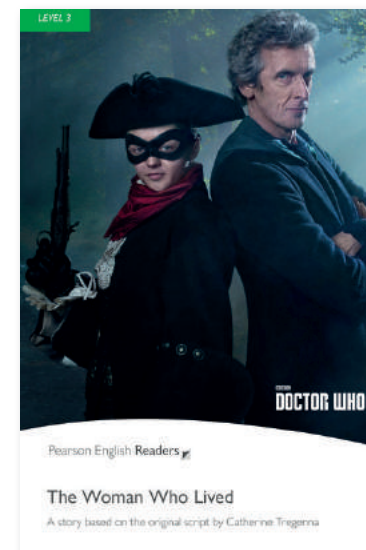
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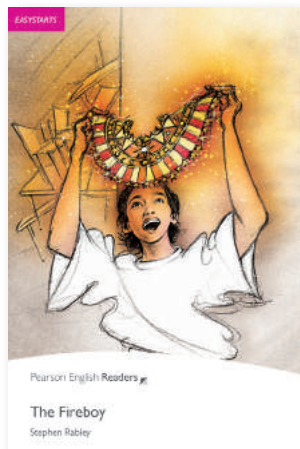
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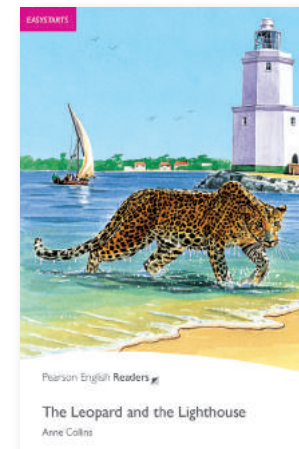


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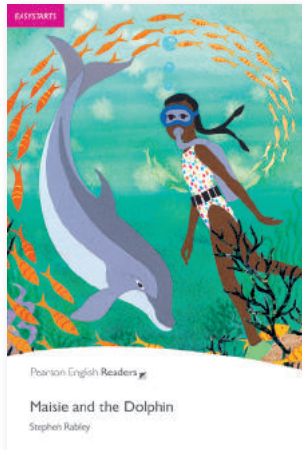
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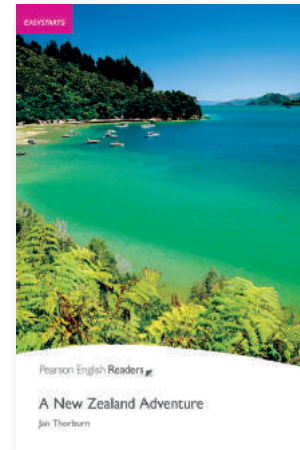
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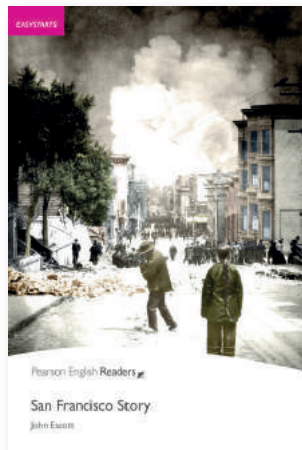
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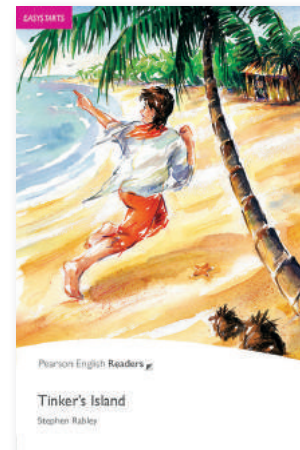
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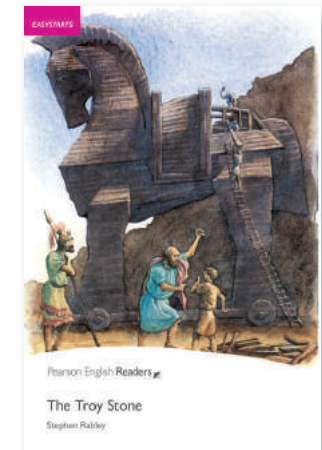
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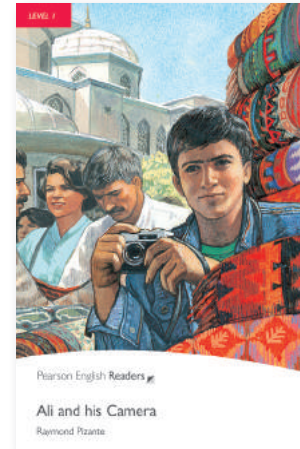
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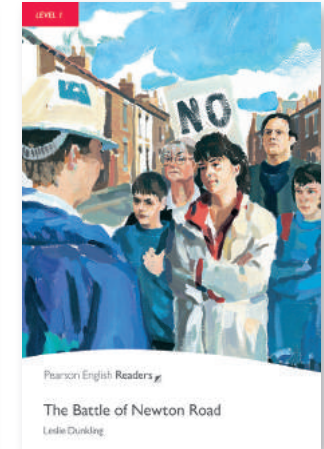
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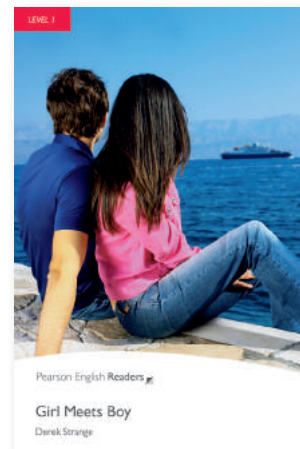
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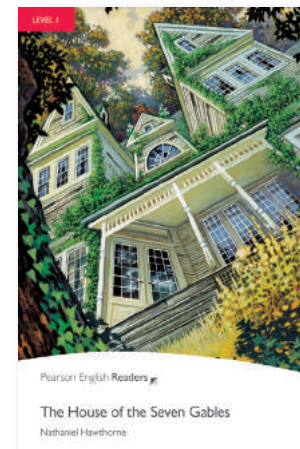
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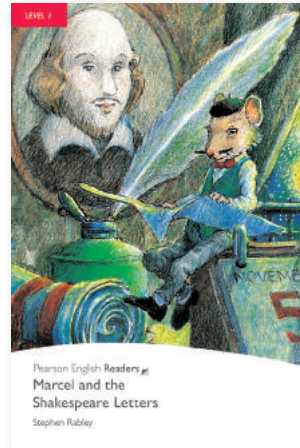


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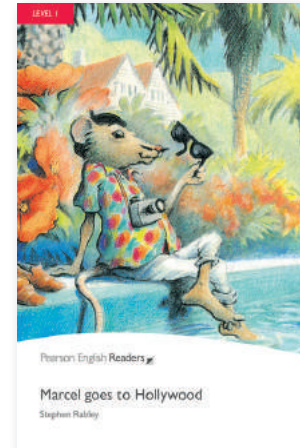


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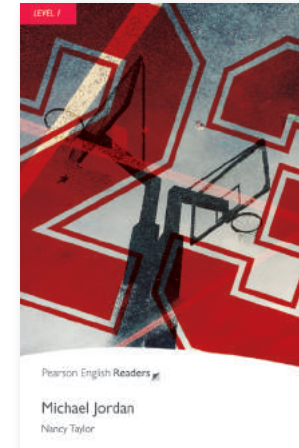


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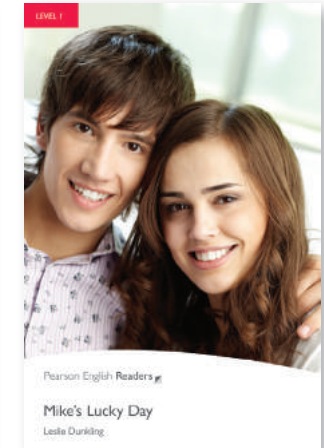


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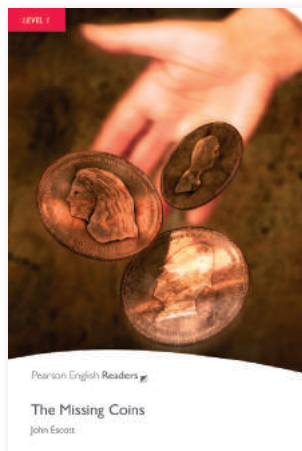
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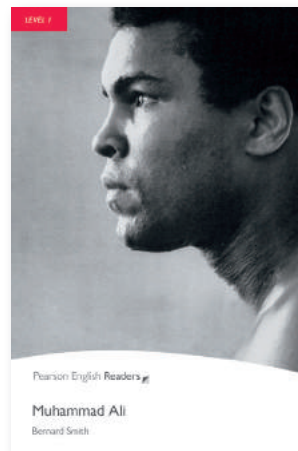
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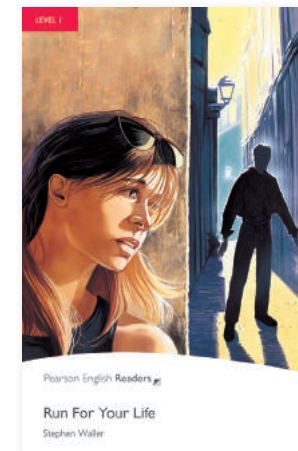
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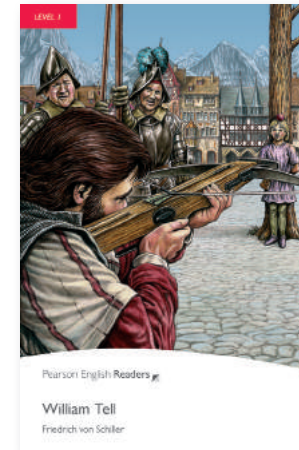
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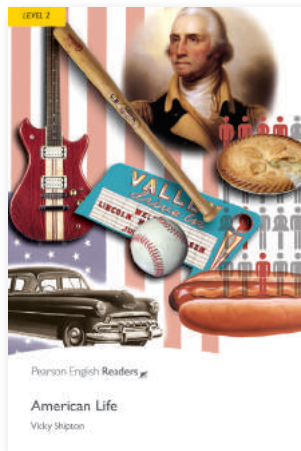
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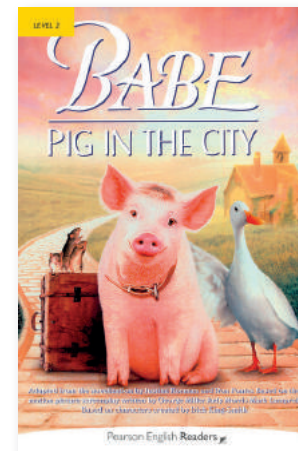
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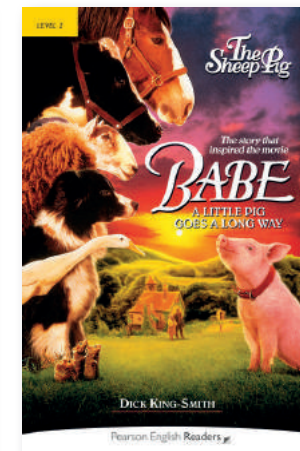
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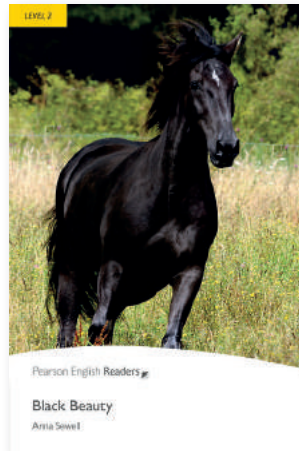
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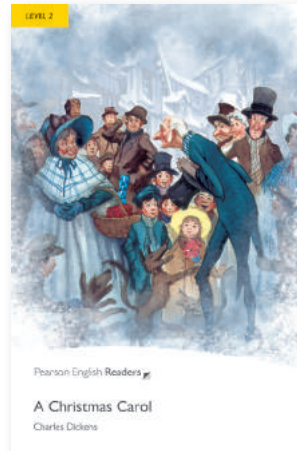
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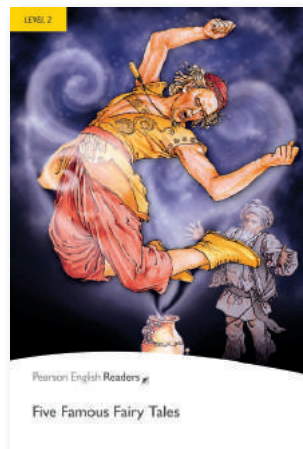
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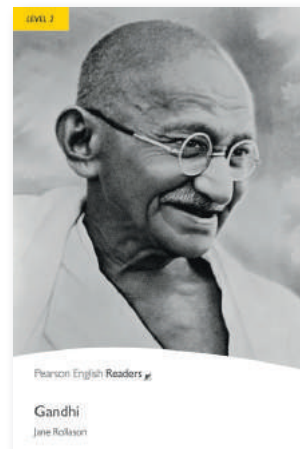
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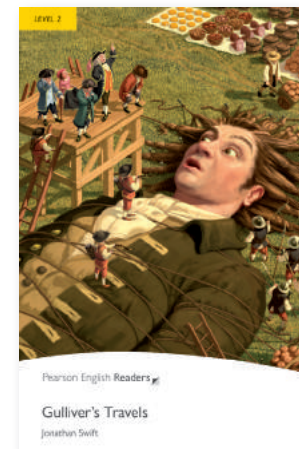
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Claire is staying with her aunt Min. There is an old castle with a black tower in the village. It has a dangerous secret ; accidents happen there, animals and people die. One day, Claire goes to the castle. She wants to know its secret.

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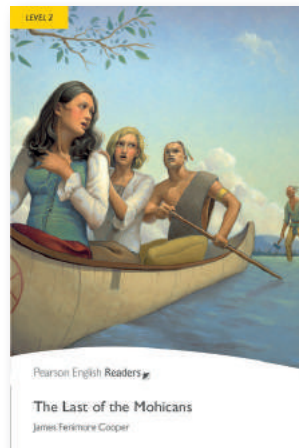
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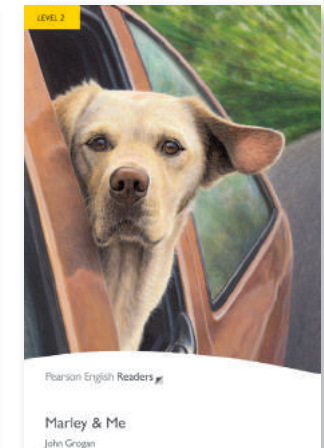
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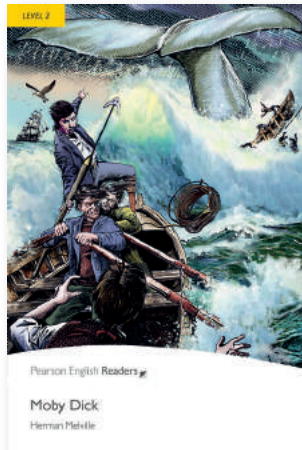
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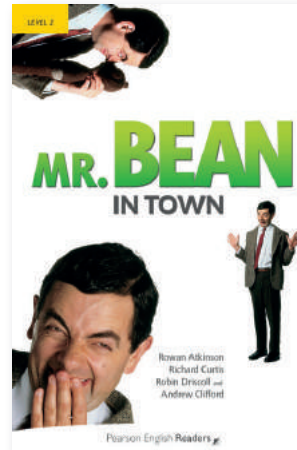
J Falkner

Fifteen-year old John Trenchard lives in a quiet village. But after dark, Moonfleet is a village with secrets. A dead man walks the streets, and smugglers do their work. When John accidentally learns about this dangerous world, his life suddenly changes. But will he live; or will he die?

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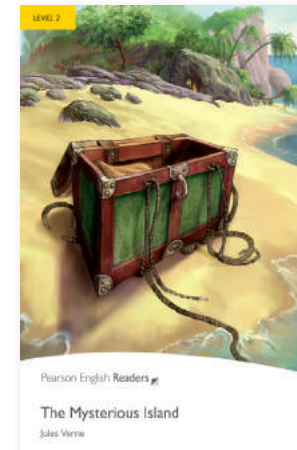
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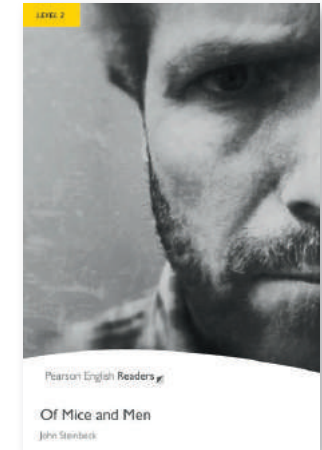
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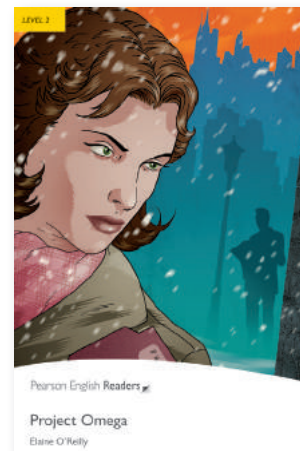
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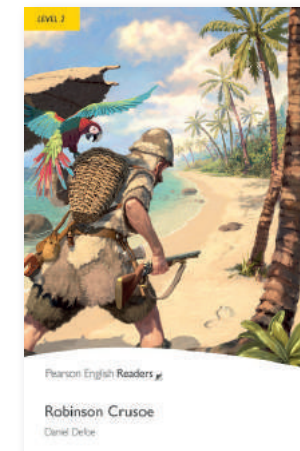
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Roberta, Peter and Phyllis live happily in London with their parents. Then, suddenly, their father goes away. The children and their mother move to a smaller house near a railway line. Exciting things happen, and they make new friends. But where is their father? When is he coming home?

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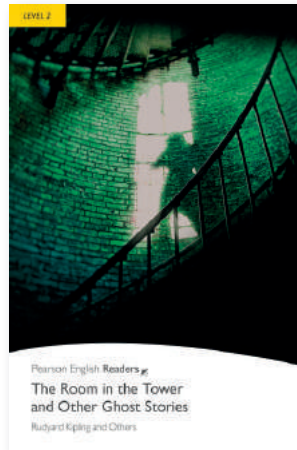


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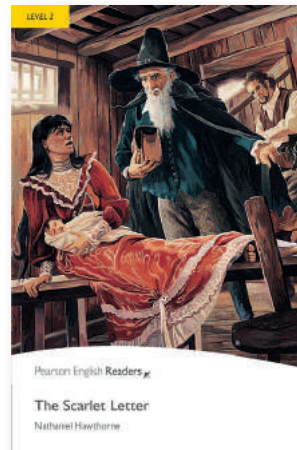


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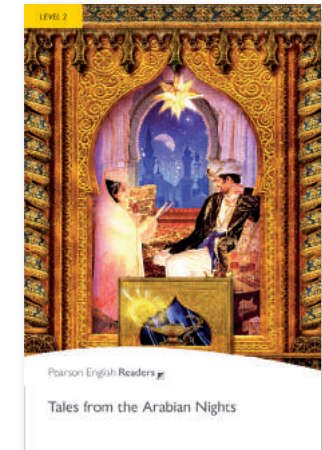


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Tales from the Arabian Nights

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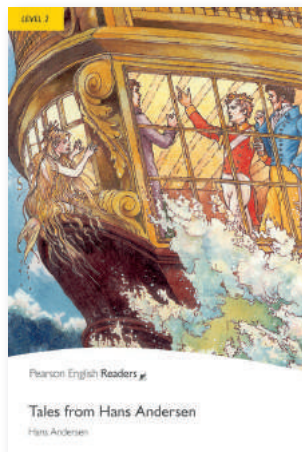
Sheherezade is beautiful and clever. She also knows a thousand and one wonderful stories. Her husband wants to kill her, but he can't. Sheherezade tells him stories about a clever servant girl and a boy judge, about Ali Baba and Aladdin. What happens next? Her husband wants to know. He listens, and she lives.

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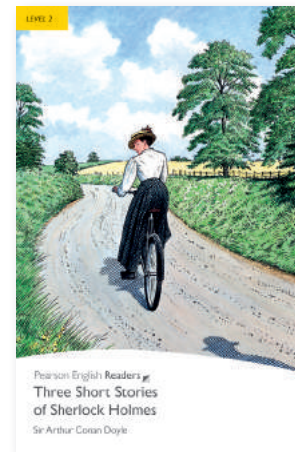
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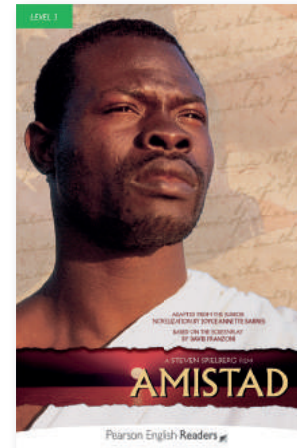
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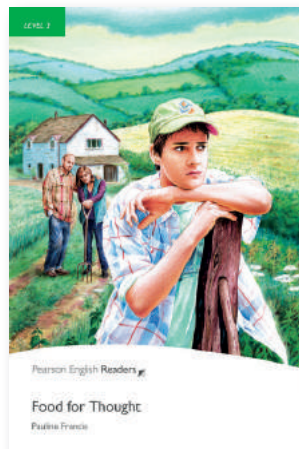
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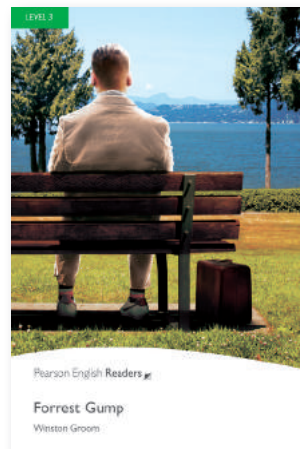
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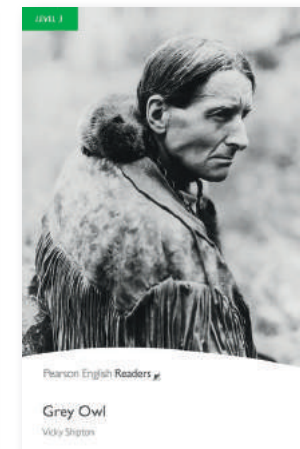
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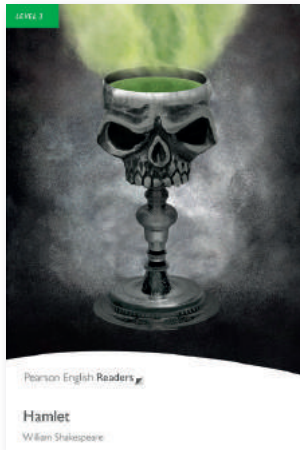
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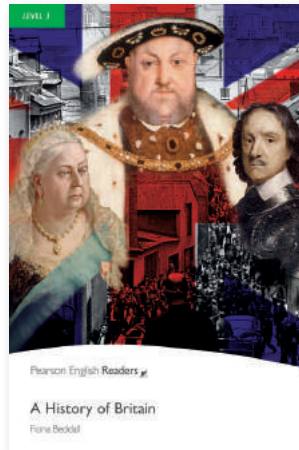
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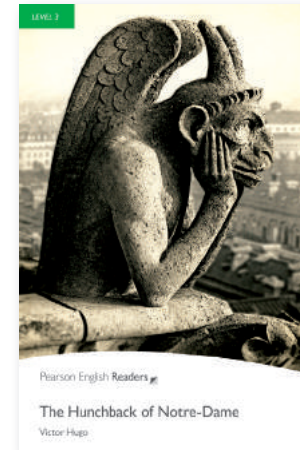
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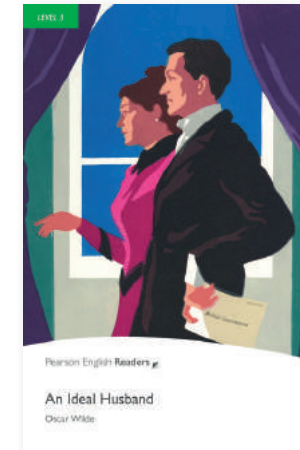
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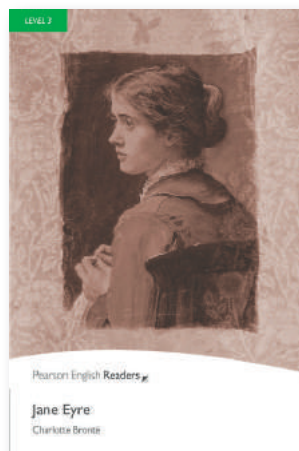
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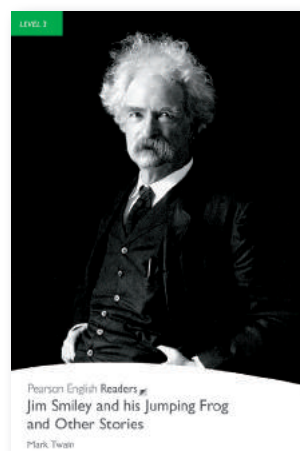
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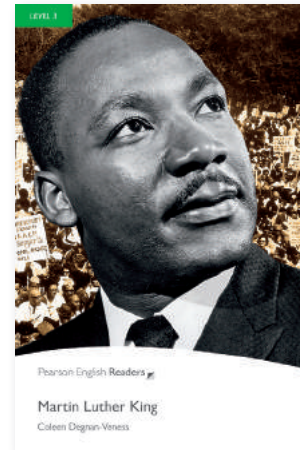
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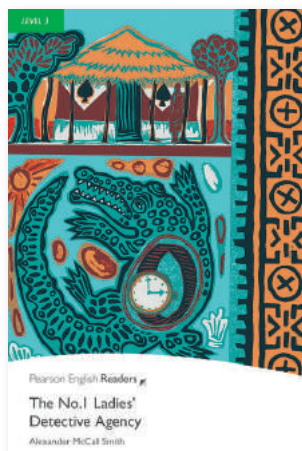
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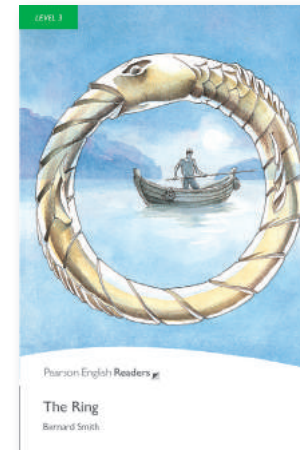


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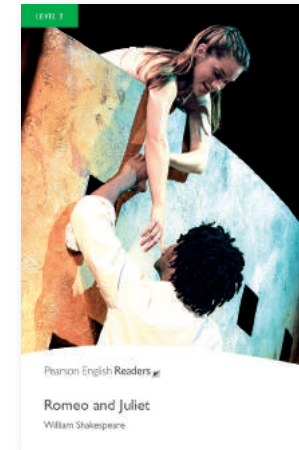
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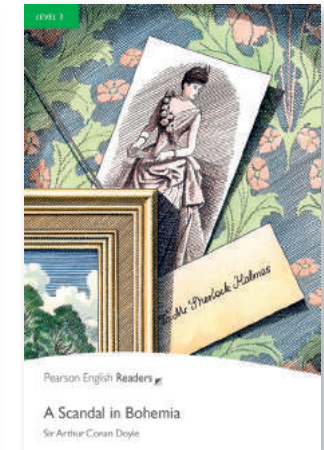
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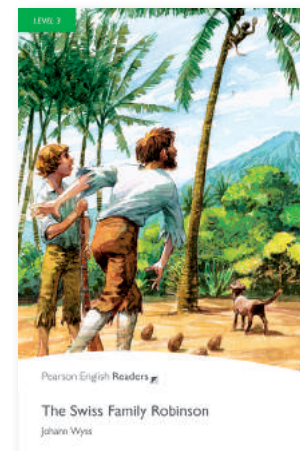


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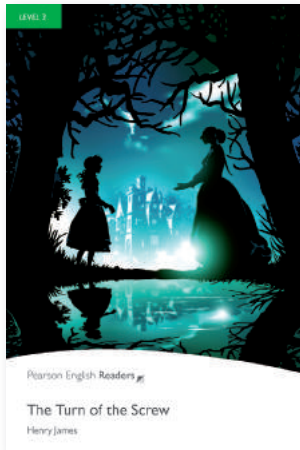
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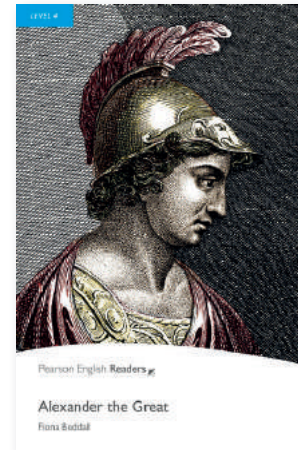
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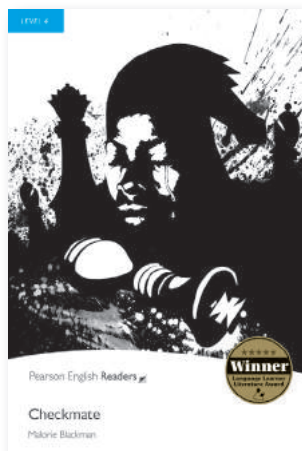
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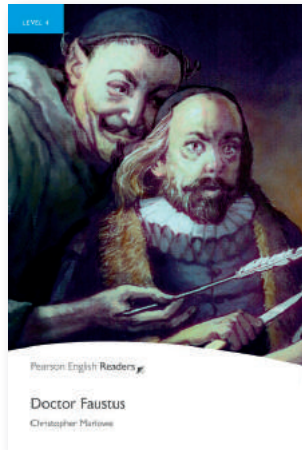
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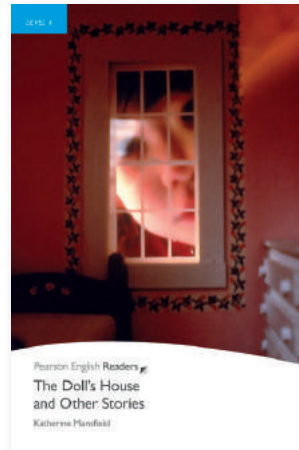
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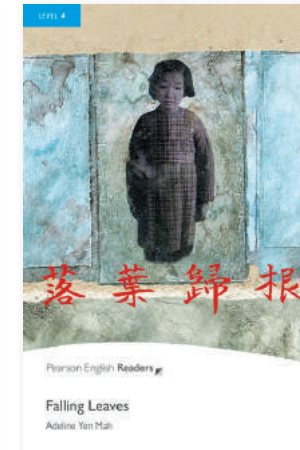
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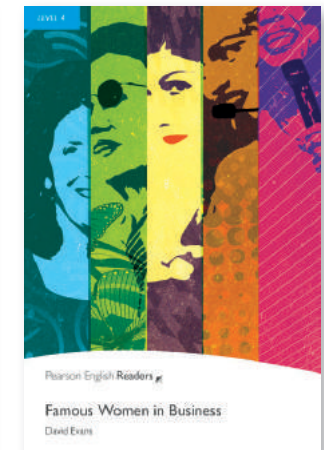
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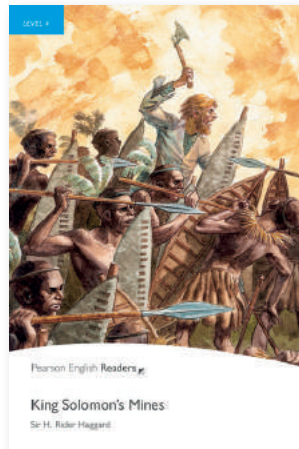
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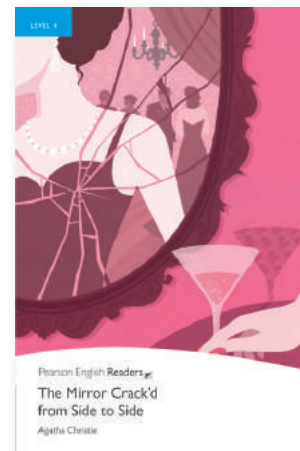
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Bassanio wants to get married. He has no money and debts. He asks his friend Antonio for a loan, but Antonio is waiting for his ships to return. Until then, he has nothing to lend. To help Bassanio, he borrows money from a money-lender. If Antonio cannot repay the loan in three months, the money-lender will cut a pound of flesh from his body. Will Antonio be able to repay the loan? Or will he die?

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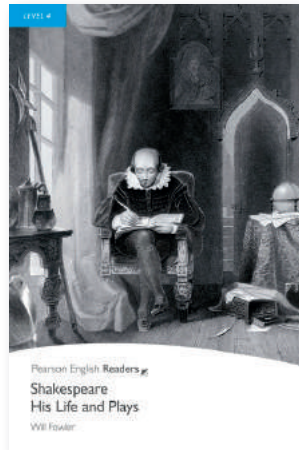
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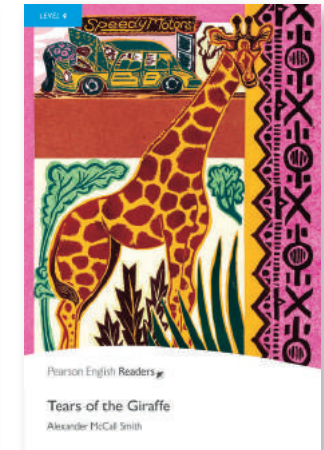
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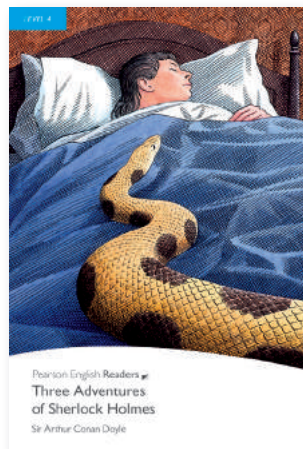
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Inman leaves the horrors of the American Civil War and begins a long, dangerous journey home to Ada, the woman he loves. Along the way, he witnesses great poverty, cruelty, and violence. Will he ever see Ada again? And if he does, will she recognize the man he has become?

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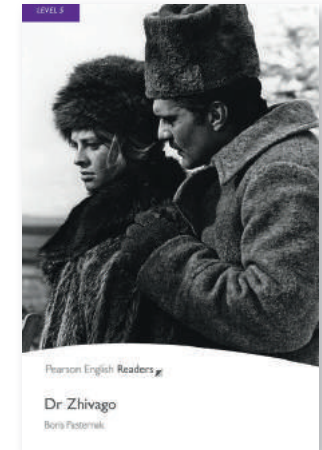
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Agatha Christie

Linnet Ridgeway is rich, beautiful and clever. She appears to have everything. But Linnet also has enemies. When she is shot dead on a passenger boat in Egypt, it is fortunate that Hercule Poirot is also on the trip. But even for the great Belgian detective, this is not a simple case.

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Dr Zhivago

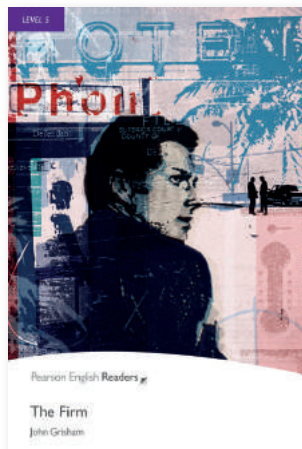
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The Russian Revolution. Four young people, Yury, Tonya, Lara and Pasha, find love and lose it in this extraordinary time. Their heart-breaking stories make Dr Zhivago one of the greatest romantic books, and films, of the century.

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Mitch McDeere is young, intelligent and ambitious. When he gets a job with the law firm of Bendini, Lambert & Locke it seems to be the path to money and power. But soon Mitch finds that the firm is listening to all his phone calls, and the FBI want to speak to him. Money and power has a price; and it could be Mitch's life.

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The Five People You Meet in Heaven Mitch Albom

An elderly amusement park worker named Eddie who, while operating a ride called the 'Free Fall', dies trying to save a young girl who gets in the way of a falling cart. Eddie goes to heaven where he meets five people who were instrumental in his life. Each guide takes him through heaven. Eddie learns a more about his time on earth, what he learnt, and what his true purpose on earth was.

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It's a Saturday morning, and Charles is still asleep. He should be on his way to Angus and Laura's wedding! Charles is always late, and he is worried that he will never find the right woman to marry. Then he meets Carrie...

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The Great Gatsby F. Scott Fitzgerald

During one hot summer on Long Island, Jay Gatsby throws an amazing party every weekend. He is an extremely wealthy man, although no one knows where he or his money have come from. But Gatsby has a purpose: he is following a dream of love. Will his dream come true?

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Heart of Darkness Joseph Conrad

Resting one night on a boat on the River Thames, Charlie Marlow tells his friends about his experiences as a steamboat captain on the River Congo. In the heart of Africa, his search for the extraordinary Mr. Kurtz caused him to question his own, and society's nature and values.

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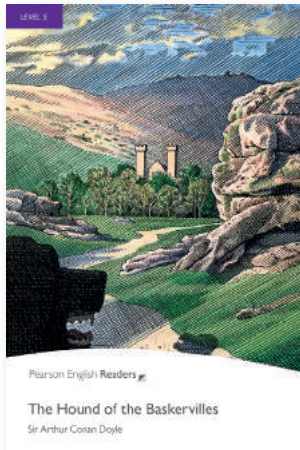
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Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead just outside his home, Baskerville Hall. Many of the Baskerville family have died mysteriously. People say that they were killed by a gigantic devil-like creature, the Hound of the Baskervilles! Can that be true? And can Sherlock Holmes save the new owner of Baskerville Hall from a terrible death?

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The Invisible Man

H.G. Wells

A stranger arrives in a small village wearing a long coat and gloves. His head is covered in bandages and dark glasses hide his eyes. The villagers are curious. Who is he? When they discover the stranger's terrible secret, they realize that they are in great danger.

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Jamaica Inn

Daphne Du Maurier

When her mother dies, Mary Yellan goes to live with her aunt and uncle at Jamaica Inn. Strange things happen there at night, and Mary slowly discovers that she and her aunt are in terrible danger. Can she save herself and her aunt before it is too late?

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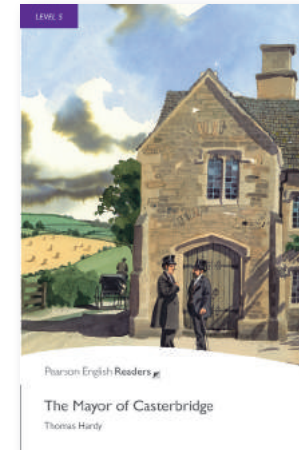
Jane Eyre

Charlotte Brontë

Jane Eyre, a poor orphan, grows up in misery until she becomes the governess in the house of wealthy Mr Rochester and falls in love. But mysterious events take place in the house at night, and Mr Rochester appears to be hiding a terrible secret. Can Jane even hope for happiness?

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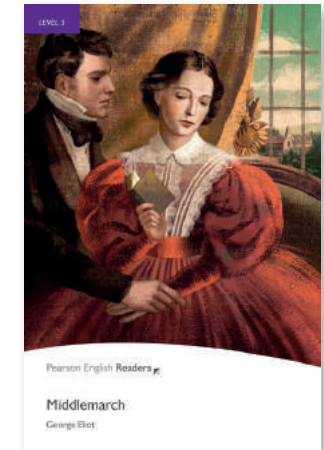
The Mayor Of Casterbridge

Thomas Hardy

Michael Henchard is a wealthy and respected man, but he has a terrible secret. Twenty years ago, when he was unemployed and penniless, he sold his wife to a sailor. Now she is looking for him again. Why? And what will happen when she finds him?

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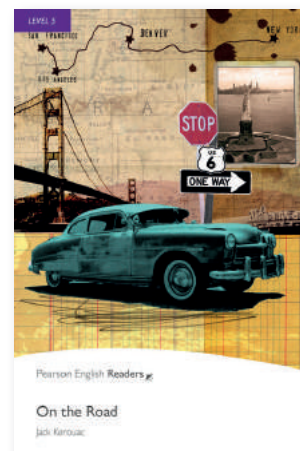


A Murder is Announced

Agatha Christie

When a notice appears in the local newspaper, the villagers are curious. Is it a joke, or is there really going to be a murder at Little Paddocks? At the announced time, the lights go out. Gunshots are heard. What is happening? Will Miss Marple be able to explain the mystery?

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The Phantom of the Opera

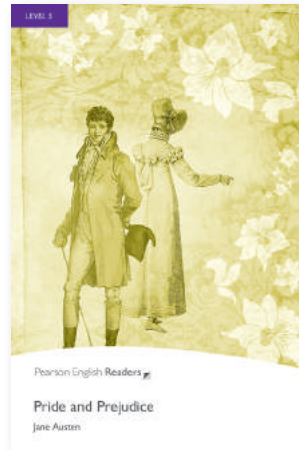
Gaston Leroux

There is a climate of secrecy and fear at the Paris Opera. People are dying and a beautiful, talented young singer has disappeared. Is this the work of the Opera ghost? Is the ghost, a man or a monster? And what else will he do to get what he wants?

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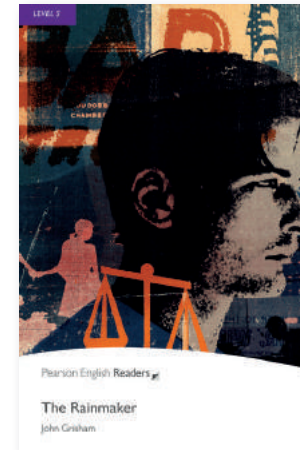
The Prisoner of Zenda

Anthony Hope

Rudolf Rassendyll, a daring young Englishman looking for adventure, arrives in Ruritania for the new king's coronation. The two men meet by chance the day before and are shocked to find that they look exactly the same! A trick leaves Rudolf in the king's place while the king becomes the Prisoner of Zenda.

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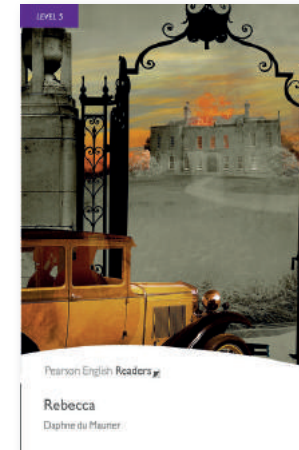
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Rebecca

Daphne du Maurier

After the death of his beautiful wife Rebecca, Maxim de Winter goes to Monte Carlo to forget the past. There he meets and marries a quiet young woman and takes her back to Manderley, his family home in Cornwall. But will the memory of Rebecca destroy the new marriage?

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Round the World in Eighty Days

Jules Verne

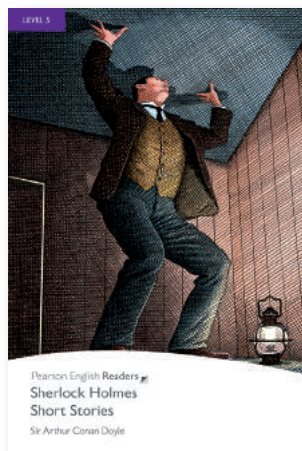
Phileas Fogg is living quietly in London. Then he makes a bet that he can travel around the world in eighty days. The result is a crazy, exciting race against time across Europe, Asia and America. There are many dangers along the way, and a detective who wants to arrest him!

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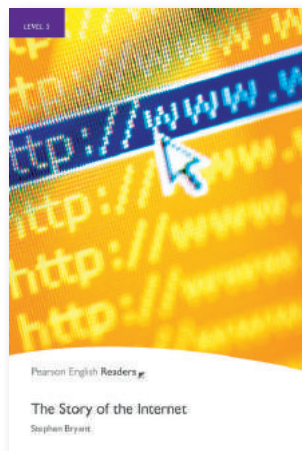


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The Story of the Internet

John Grisham

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The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Robert Louis Stevenson

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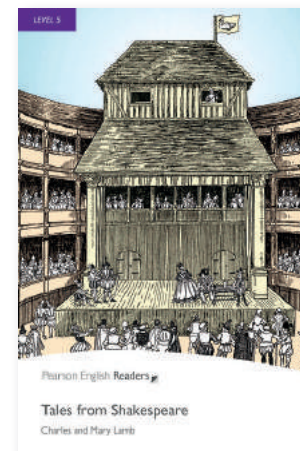


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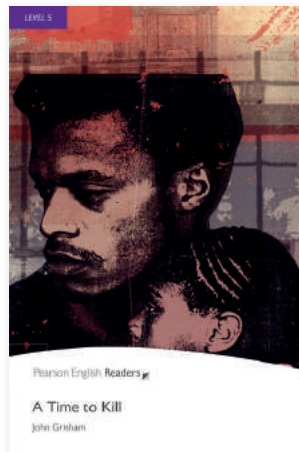
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A Time to Kill

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Ten-year-old Tonya Hailey is attacked and raped by two local men. Carl Lee, Tonya's father, shoots them. Now only his lawyer and friend, Jake Brigance, stands between him and the electric chair. Is there a legal defense for Carl Lee's actions?

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Animal Farm

George Orwell

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The Beach Alex Garland

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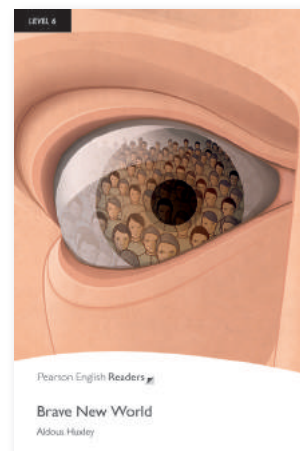
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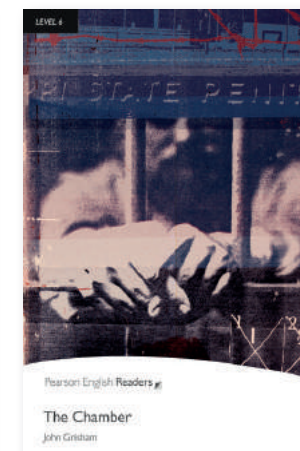
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Captain Corelli's Mandolin Louis De Bernieres

This is a great love story set in the tragedy of war. It is 1941. The Italian officer, Captain Corelli, falls in love with Pelagia, a young Greek girl. But Pelagia's fiancé is fighting the Italian army. Captain Corelli's Mandolin is now a film, starring Nicolas Cage.

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The Chamber John Grisham

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Crime and Punishment

Fyodor Dostoevsky

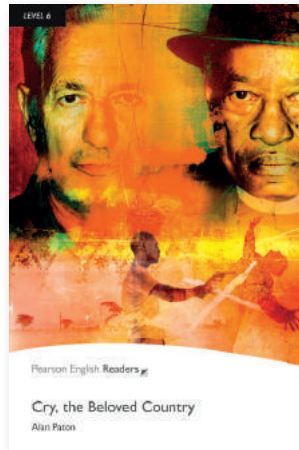
Raskolnikoff, a young student, is forced to give up university studies because of lack of money. He withdraws from society and develops a plan to murder a greedy old moneylender. Surely the murder of one worthless old woman would be excused if it made possible a thousand good deeds? But this crime is just the beginning of the story...

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East of Eden

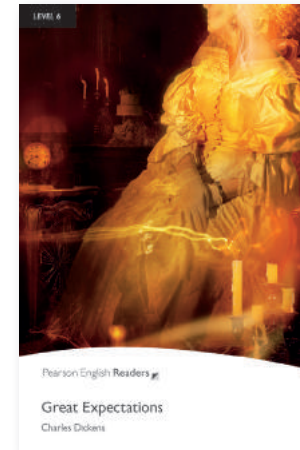
John Steinbeck

All novels are built on the never-ending contest in ourselves between good and evil. John Steinbeck, one of America's greatest writers, considered *East of Eden* to be his most important work. Set in California, the novel is a story of love and jealousy, forgiveness and revenge and what it means to be human.

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Great Expectations

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Pip is a poor orphan whose life is changed forever by two very different meetings, one with an escaped convict and the other with an eccentric old lady and the beautiful girl who lives with her. And who is the mysterious person who leaves him a fortune?

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I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou

Today Maya Angelou is one of the world's most respected writers and poets. In the 1930s and 1940s she was a poor Black girl growing up in the segregated American South. She suffered prejudice and cruelty from people she trusted as well as at the hands of an unjust society. Above all, Maya learned about the power of love and hope. This is Maya's true story.

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The King of Torts

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Les Misérables Victor Hugo

Jean Valjean is free at last after nineteen years in prison. Cold and hungry, he is rejected by everyone he meets. But Jean's life is changed forever when he discovers love. He spends the rest of his life helping people, like himself, who have been victims of poverty and social injustice, 'les misérables.'

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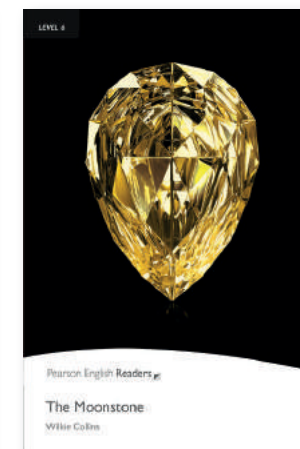


Misery Stephen King

Paul Sheldon is Annie Wilkes's favourite writer. She loves all his books about Misery Chastain. When Annie finds Paul after a car accident, she takes him home to look after him. The Annie discovers that Paul wants to kill Misery and to write different kinds of book. She is determined to stop him, and Paul becomes her prisoner.

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104 pages
27,217 words

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The Moonstone John Grisham

The Moonstone is an ancient Indian diamond which brings disaster to everyone who owns it. Rachel Verinder's uncle gives her the diamond as a birthday present, but that same night it is stolen; The Moonstone is now seen as the first, and one of the best, English detective novels.

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Northanger Abbey

Jane Austen

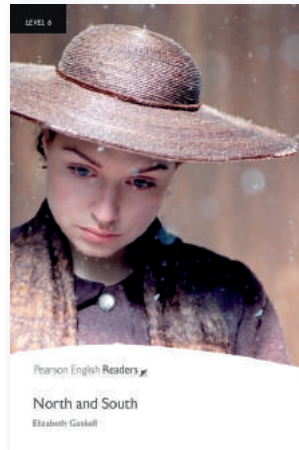
Visiting the fashionable city of Bath, 17-year-old Catherine Morland looks for the excitement she finds in romantic fiction. She makes friends and falls in love. But when she is invited to Northanger Abbey, she experiences desperate unhappiness. What is real, and what is the product of her wild imagination?

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Oliver Twist

Charles Dickens

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David Guterson

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