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Level A2

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FAIRY TALES

- Tales from the Thousand and One Nights

LEGEND

- Legends from the British Isles
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SCIENCE FICTION

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ADVENTURE & ENVIRONMENT

- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- A Tale of the Hawaiian Trench
- A Man of Marne World
- Alaska Adventure!
- All Creatures great and small
- The Prince and the Pauper
- Business Choices
- A Rock Star Mystery
- Home of Dinosaurs
- Missing in Sydney
- The Railway Children
- London

INVESTIGATION, MYSTERY & HORROR

MYSTERY & HORROR

- Alien House Mystery
- Alien Aboard in Seattle
- The Butchery Inn
- The Cartesian Ghost
- The Last Season of Biologia Bay
- A Message from a Ghost
- Mystery in San Francisco
- Project Tempest
- The Truth about Professor Smith

INVESTIGATION

- Sherlock Holmes and the Red Circle
- Sherlock Holmes Stories
- Miami Police File the O'Neil Case

LIFE, EMOTIONS & RELATIONSHIPS

BIOGRAPHY

- Great Lives
- The Queen: The Life and Times of Elizabeth II

FESTIVAL

- British and American Festivals

HISTORICAL NOVEL

- The True Story of Iphigénie

HUMAN INTEREST

- A Christmas Carol
- The Extraordinary Miss Sardinia
- A Little Fairy Tale
- I Want to Be You
- Little Lord Fauntleroy
- A Little Princess
- Little Women
- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Recipe for Success
- The Silver Skates
- Wonder


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Earth's Finest Pair











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 Listening Activity	 Listening Activity – Answer Keys	 Listening Activity – Audio Track 1	 Listening Activity – Audio Track 2

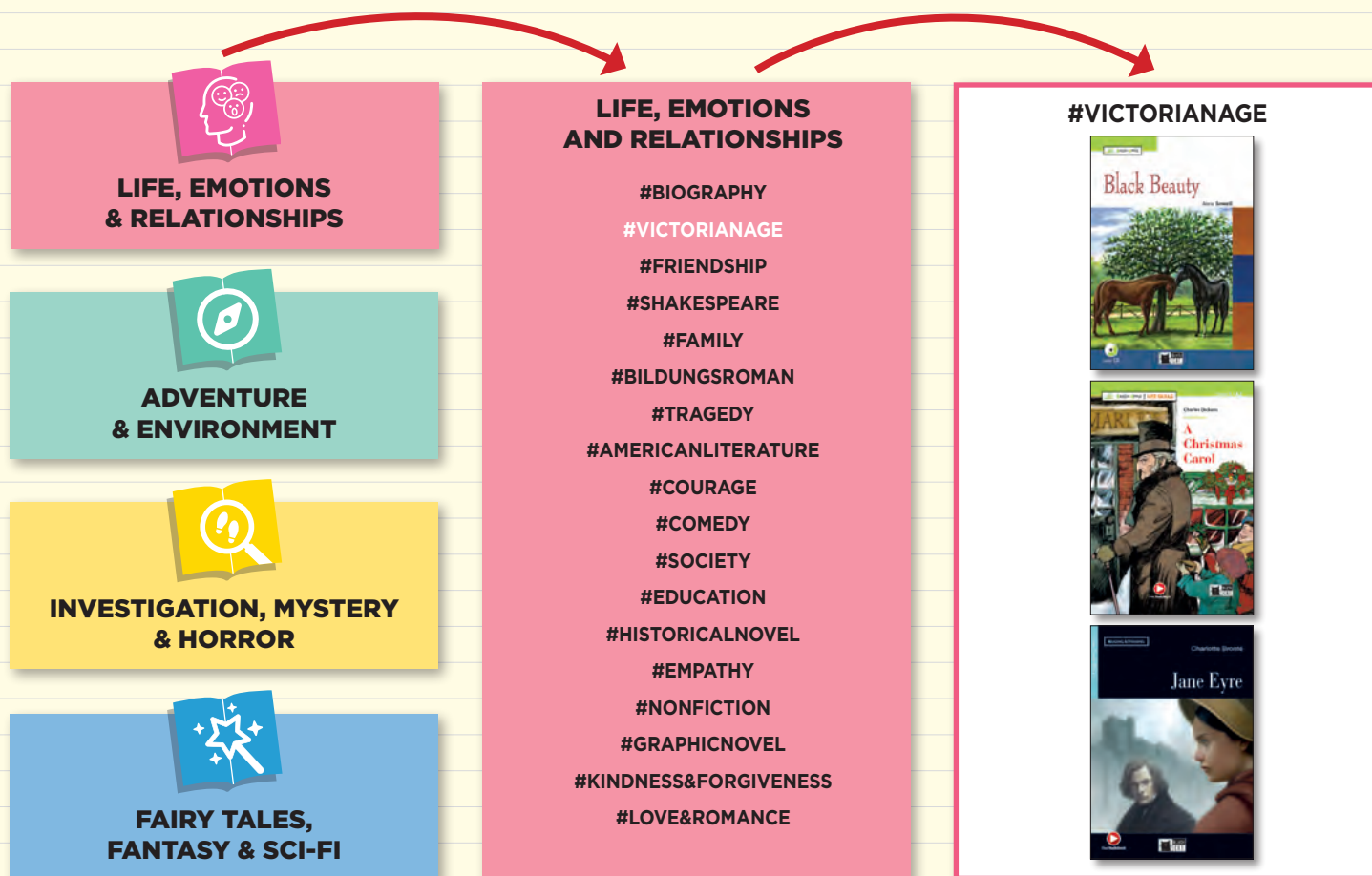
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**READING ACTIVITY**
1/2



Read the following excerpt from Chapter 2 and then do the activities.

I'm nervous on the first day of school. Mom and Dad take photos of me and Via and then we walk to school. Nothing bad happens. Only once I see girls stare and whisper. We arrive at the front entrance.

"This is it, big boy," says Dad.

"Have a good first day! I love you," says Via.

I give Mom a quick hug because her eyes are full of tears. I go to my homeroom. I try not to notice the stares. I sit at a desk but the other kids choose desks far away from me. When I see Julian and say hi, he doesn't speak to me, but then someone sits next to me. It's Jack Will. Our teacher, Ms Petosa, smiles at everyone, but at me the most. It isn't a shy smile but a normal, sincere smile.

We have to speak about ourselves and suddenly it's my turn. "My name's August. I have a sister called Via and a dog called Daisy." No one has any questions for me, so I sit down.

"Jack next," says Ms Petosa, but Julian raises his hand. "I have a question for August," Julian says. "Why do you have a braid in your hair like a girl from Star Wars?"

"Do you like Star Wars, August?" Ms Petosa asks me.

"Yes," I answer. I want to go under the desk.

"Do you like Darth Sidious?" asks Julian.

"That's enough about Star Wars," says Ms Petosa.

Jack speaks next but I don't hear a word. In Episode III: Revenge of the Sith, Darth Sidious's face burns. He becomes totally deformed. It's English next with Mr Browne. He writes P-R-E-C-E-P-T on the blackboard. No one knows what this means.

PRECEPTS = RULES ABOUT REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS!

"Tell me some important things," says Mr Browne.


Kids say, "Ridic, schoolwork, homework."


One girl says, "The environment."

A boy says, "Sharks."

Mr Browne writes – SEPTEMBER PRECEPT: WHEN YOU HAVE THE CHOICE BETWEEN RIGHT OR KIND, CHOOSE KIND.

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**LISTENING ACTIVITY**
2/2



QUICK QUIZ!

2. Watch the video about Peter Pan and the imperative form. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=128915p760>)

Now change these sentences from the imperative form to another form: the imperative form of the first person plural: LET'S! (Let us!) The first is done for you.



0. Clean the table!
--- Let's start by the table!

1. Go to the library!

2. Look for the dog!

3. Buy the milk!


4. Make the bed!




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LESSON PLANS

Most graded readers offer lesson plans that help students to work on specific points of the text. Each plan is designed for a 50-60 minute activity. If you need extra time, or can't spare so much class time, there are suggestions on how to set some parts as homework.

**LESSON PLAN**
1/4



FIVE CHILDREN AND IT

Aim:

- to develop reading skills and expand vocabulary
- to practice speaking skills and giving opinions
- to predict the continuation of a story
- to identify a literary genre
- to encourage the pleasure of reading

Level: A1

Time: 50 minutes

Materials: 1 front cover illustration of the graded reader FIVE CHILDREN AND IT 2 worksheets

INTRODUCTION

This lesson plan introduces *Five Children and It*, a wonderful fantasy story centered around five children who want to make wishes, but don't realize that some wishes can bring big trouble! *Five Children and It* was recently selected as one of the best fantasy stories by an international magazine! Everyone likes making wishes and this makes the story immediately popular. The short extracts chosen will draw students into the plot, encourage them to ask questions, develop their vocabulary and predict what will happen next. All of this with the aim of increasing their pleasure in reading.

BACKGROUND NOTES ON THE STORY

Five Children—Nesbit, Mrs. C. E. and Lewis, the father—were going to spend their holidays in the country with their parents and their names, Moffie. After a few days they got bored and decided to go to the great pit near their house. The great pit is actually a big sand pit. They bring their buckets and spades and start to dig in the great pit. Suddenly they have a voice in the sand and see a strange little creature. It has the eyes of a rat, the ears of a bat, the hands and feet of a monkey and the body of a spider. The children are very surprised because they don't know what it is, Jane asks, "Can we take it home?" And the creature says, "Do you always say silly things?"

DISCUSSION

All this point, there are some questions that must be answered.

- What is the strange creature that the children find in the great pit?
- Will the creature trouble the children?
- Will the children go and tell their parents about the strange creature?
- Why does the creature speak?

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EXTRA READING

Extracts from the texts with accompanying comprehension, grammar and vocabulary activities are offered in pdf form. These can be set as homework or used during a lesson, and are aimed at improving reading skills. Many reading activities also offer a class project or groupwork as a final task.

EXTRA LISTENING

If your students need to work on their listening skills, you can find recordings of extracts with extra activities for most of our readers, which also help to build confidence with the spoken word.

TEACHERS' TRAINING

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- 2 Select your desired level, from A1 to B1.2
- 3 Choose the path (or paths!) that interest you most, cut the pages, and start enjoying the activities immediately!

Class Activity A2

FAIRY TALES & OTHER WORLDS

CREATE YOUR BOOK:

1 Read the short texts and match each of them with the correct picture.

□ Mary Steep has more Academy Award Nominations than any other female actor and three Oscars. On 24th November 2014, President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her work in the highly-civilized world of film and theatre.

□ That night they discovered that there was a ghost at Carverville Chase. At eleven o'clock everyone went to bed. Some time later Mr Otis woke up because he heard a strange noise outside his room. In front of him there was a terrible old man, his eyes were red like fire, his long grey hair was dirty. His clothes were very old. On his wrists and ankles there were heavy chains.

□ Alex suddenly heard a loud growl. He walked closer and saw a cougar lifting on a rock and looking at Sally. It growled again. Sally was looking at the angry cougar. She was holding some wood in one hand and her face was white. She started to back very slowly. The cougar growled again but did not move; it looked at Sally with its big eyes.

□ "I looked up and I saw an enormous tree. It covered the sky. "A roar" I said to myself. "And this white dog?" I remembered a traveller's story about it. It said that rocs caught stephan babies to eat. Just at that moment, the rocs took off her egg and soon she was alone.

2 Now give a title to your choice. What favourite match?

3 What path does your favourite book (it can be more than one)

Class Activity B1.1

INVESTIGATION, MYSTERY & HORROR

POIROT AND SHERLOCK HOLMES AT WORK

Two different minds begin to investigate.

1 Read the extracts and answer the questions. That position from enemies, I have an enemy. My life is in danger and I need protection. Poirot rose from his chair. I am sorry, Monsieur, but I cannot help you.

"What's wrong with my office?"

"I do not like your face, M. Stetchett. And with that, he left the drug car."

Alas, my 'good friend' M. Stetchett looked pale and frightened. "Come in, We need you."

Tread, the snow, and now - "Roc, Stetchett, I was passenger he died in his birth - (stated). (from Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie)

a. Which passenger do you think has been killed? Why?

The letter said that a strange murder had taken place that he knew was empty. The band director was open, he had a business card in his pocket with the name "J. J. Doolittle, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A." on it. Nothing was stolen from this man and there was no injury on his body. However, there were marks of blood in his room. How he had died was a mystery.

(From A Study in Scarlet by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

b. Who do you think sent Sherlock Holmes the letter? Why?

2 Which story would you prefer to read? Why?

3 Which is your favourite detective? Poirot?

Class Activity B1.2

FAIRY TALES & OTHER WORLDS

DOUBLETINK

In George Orwell's dystopian novel 1984, people of Oceania cannot do, say or think what they want. They must love Big Brother, the Party leader, and follow him and his language.

1 Read this extract from Winston Smith's diary about the word 'doublethink'.

Doublethink is a kind of self-deception, but she tells herself that nothing is wrong with them. That's doublethink. Everyone in Oceania has to be good at doublethink - believing that two opposite ideas are both true. Doublethink is important, but sometimes I'm really bad at it. For example, when someone at work disappears, we have to believe that we never knew or met that person because the Party says they never existed. We take their names off all the records and forget about them.

Doublethink helps the Party to control Oceania. They tell us that life is getting better every year, and we have to believe that. But we live in old houses and wear old clothes, and we never have enough to eat. Sometimes it's difficult to believe what the Party says, and not believe our eyes. Days anyone else feel like me? Do other people out there doubt Big Brother and the Party?

(From 1984 by George Orwell)

2 Discuss these questions in small groups.

1. What is 'doublethink'? Do you think it exists today? Why or why not?

2. In the 21st century, there's a lot of 'fake news', especially on the internet and social media. In what ways do you think 'doublethink' and 'fake news' are similar?

3. What well-known examples of false news can you think of? What happened (is happening now) as a result of these false stories?

ADVENTURE & ENVIRONMENT

THE OLD SEA CAPTAIN

Jim Hawkins is an eleven-year-old boy. He works with his parents in an inn called "The Admiral Byrrdson by the sea near Bristol. One day an old sea captain came into our inn. His skin was dark brown from the sun, and there was a scar on his face. He wore a dirty blue coat, and under it he carried a sword.

1 Read the text.

My name's Jim Hawkins, and my story begins in the year 1761, when I was eleven years old. My father and mother had an inn called The Admiral Byrrdson by the sea near Bristol. One day an old sea captain came into our inn. His skin was dark brown from the sun, and there was a scar on his face. He wore a dirty blue coat, and under it he carried a sword.

This is a nice little place," said the captain. "Do you get much business?"

"Unfortunately, no," my father replied.

"Good," said the captain. "I'll stay here a while. I'm a simple man, I eat eggs and bacon, and I drink rum. He put some gold coins on the bar. "Tell me when I've spent all that, and I'll give you some more," he said. Every evening, when he came back from his work, the captain asked if any sailor had come into the inn during the day. At first we thought he wanted company of people like himself, but then we realised that he didn't want to see other sailors. Whenever one came into the bar, he was even more silent than usual.

One day he gave me a silver coin. "I want you to watch out for a sailor with one leg," he said. "I'll give you another silver coin on the first day of every month if you watch out for a man like that."

Some nights, I dreamed that the sailor with one leg was running after me. They were terrifying dreams.

2 Imagine that you are Jim. Write a short WhatsApp message to a friend summarising the main points of the text. Write no more than 100 words.

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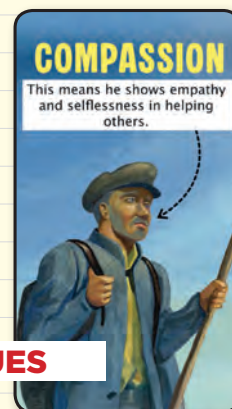
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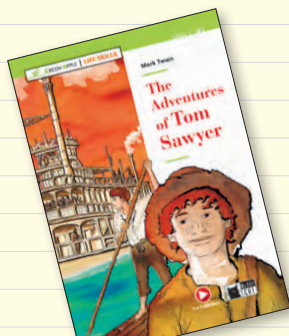
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CEFR and TRINITY level table

CEFR	PRIMARY 1/2:	A1	A2	A2/B1
CAMBRIDGE EXAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1/2: Exam preparation: Starters • Level 3: Exam level: Starters • Level 4: Exam preparation: Movers • Level 5: Exam level: Movers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam preparation: Flyers and/or Key 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam level: Flyers and/or Key (GA) • Exam level: Key (RT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam level: Preliminary
TRINITY	1, 2	1, 2	3, 4, 5	3, 4, 5
GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1: <i>Be</i> and <i>have got</i>; Present Simple; Imperative. • Level 2: All the structures used in the previous step, plus the following: Present Continuous; <i>can/can't</i>. • Level 3: All the structures used in the previous steps, plus the following: <i>must/mustn't</i>; <i>shall</i> in interrogatives; <i>would/wouldn't like</i>. • Level 4: All the structures used in the previous steps, plus the following: <i>going to</i> for future; comparison of adjectives and adverbs. • Level 5: All the structures used in the previous steps, plus the following: Past Simple of <i>to be</i> and common verbs; <i>will</i> for future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Simple; Present Continuous; <i>going to</i>; Imperative: 2nd person; <i>let's</i>; Infinitives; Gerunds; <i>can</i>; <i>would... like</i>; <i>shall</i>; <i>must</i>; <i>need</i>; co-ordination: <i>but</i>, <i>and</i>, <i>or</i> and <i>then</i>; subordination after: <i>to know</i>, <i>to think</i>, <i>to say</i>, <i>to tell</i>; subordination after: <i>because</i>, <i>when</i>; zero, definite and indefinite articles; possessive 's and s'; countable and uncountable nouns; <i>some</i>, <i>any</i>; <i>much</i>, <i>many</i>, <i>a lot</i>; <i>[a] little</i>, <i>[a] few</i>; <i>all</i>, <i>every</i>; etc; order of adjectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the structures used in the previous step, plus the following: Past Simple; Past Continuous; <i>will</i>; regular and common irregular verbs; passive form; <i>could</i>, <i>may</i>, <i>mustn't</i>, <i>have [got] to</i>; short answers; subordination after <i>if</i> [Zero and 1st Conditionals]; defining relative clauses with <i>who</i>, <i>where</i>; comparative and superlative of adjectives (regular and irregular); formation of adverbs (regular and irregular). <p>In addition for RT:</p> <p>Present Perfect Simple: indefinite past with <i>ever</i>, <i>never</i>; Infinitives after verbs and adjectives; Gerunds after prepositions and common verbs, as subjects and objects; ; defining relative clauses with <i>which</i>, <i>that</i>, zero pronoun, formation and comparative/ superlative of adverbs (regular and irregular).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the structures used in the previous steps, plus the following: <i>so/neither/nor</i> + auxiliaries in short answers; question tags (in verb tenses used so far); Gerunds (verb + <i>-ing</i>) as subjects; verb + object + full infinitive (e.g. <i>I want you to help</i>); <i>should</i>; <i>might</i>; <i>don't have to/ haven't got to</i>; <i>don't need to/needn't</i>; Time clauses introduced by <i>while</i>, <i>until</i>, <i>before</i>, <i>after</i>, <i>as soon as</i>; infinitive of purpose: (<i>in order</i>) <i>to</i>.

B1.1	B1.2	B2.1	B2.2	C1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam preparation: Preliminary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam level: Preliminary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam preparation: First 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam level: First 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam preparation: Advanced
4, 5	6	7	8, 9	10, 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the structures used in the previous step, plus the following: indefinite past with <i>yet</i>, <i>already</i>, <i>still</i>; recent past with <i>just</i>; <i>can't</i> (logical necessity). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the structures used in the previous steps, plus the following: clauses of purpose; causative: <i>have</i> / <i>get</i> + object + Past Participle; reported questions and orders with <i>ask</i> and <i>tell</i>; <i>ought to</i> (present and future reference); <i>used to</i>: past habits and states; types of clause: 2nd Conditional: <i>if</i> + past, <i>would(n't)</i>; zero, 1st and 2nd Conditionals with <i>unless</i>; non-defining relative clauses with <i>who</i> and <i>where</i>; clauses of result: <i>so</i>, <i>so... that</i>, <i>such... that</i>; clauses of concession: <i>although</i>, <i>though</i>; <i>(not) as</i>; <i>so... as</i>; <i>(not)... enough to</i>; <i>too... to</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the structures used in the previous steps, plus the following: Present Perfect Simple: <i>the first</i>, <i>second... time that...</i>; Present Perfect Continuous (unfinished Past with <i>for</i> or <i>since</i>); reported speech introduced by precise reporting verbs; <i>get used to</i> + <i>-ing</i>; <i>had better</i>; types of clause: 3rd Conditional: <i>if</i> + Past Perfect, <i>would(n't) have</i> / conditionals with <i>may</i>; <i>might</i>; non-defining relative clauses with: <i>which</i>, <i>whose</i>; clauses of concession: <i>even though</i>, <i>in spite of</i>, <i>despite</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the structures used in the previous steps, plus the following: Present Perfect Continuous v. Past Perfect Simple; <i>Should(n't) have</i>, <i>ought (not) to have</i>; <i>must have</i>, <i>can't have</i>, <i>may have</i>, <i>might have</i>, <i>could have</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the structures used in the previous steps, plus the following: passive in continuous forms; <i>wish</i> and <i>if only</i> + Past Perfect; + <i>would</i>; <i>will</i> to describe characteristic behaviour; <i>would</i>: past habits; <i>didn't need to</i> v. <i>needn't have</i>; Inversion of <i>had</i> in 2nd and 3rd conditional sentences without <i>if</i> / Inversion of word order after initial negative adverbs (<i>No sooner...</i>; <i>Hardly...</i>; etc.); Non-finite <i>-ing</i> clauses; complex sentences with no restriction on the number of subordinate clauses.

Primary



FAIRY TALES, FANTASY & SCI-FI

- Dorothy
- The Gingerbread Man
- The Star and the Colours
- The Sun and the Wind
- The Ugly Duckling
- Henny Penny
- Little Red Riding Hood
- The Magic Pot
- Miss Grace Green and the Clown Brothers
- The Owl's Song
- Rapunzel
- The Scarecrow and the Sunflower
- Bugaboo the Wicked Witch
- Cinderella
- The Little Mermaid
- The Musicians of Bremen
- Peter and the Wolf
- Aesop's Fables
- The Nightingale
- Puss in Boots
- Sleeping Beauty
- Aladdin
- Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
- Nasreddin - Ten Stories
- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs



ADVENTURE & ENVIRONMENT

- The Enormous Turnip
- A Trip to the Safari Park
- The Mad Teacher
- Mowgli learns to swim
- The Jungle Book
- Maggie and Max Visit the Haunted Castle
- Monster in the Box
- Dracula and his Family
- Frankenstein at School
- Freddy Finds the Thief
- Halloween Holiday
- The Magic Computer Mouse
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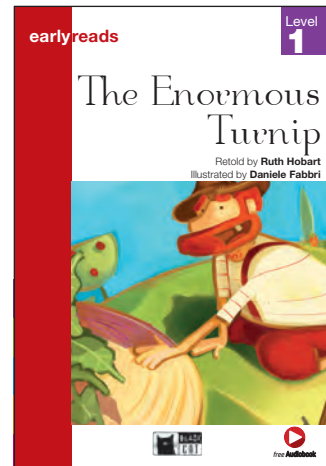
The Enormous Turnip

Retold by Ruth Hobart

The Gingerbread Man

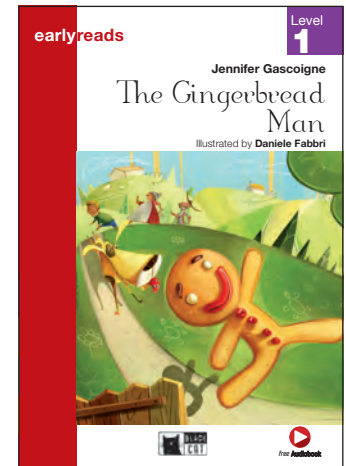
► *Jennifer Gascoigne*

EARLYREADS



A farmer plants a turnip seed and overnight it grows into an enormous turnip! But, even though he and his family pull and pull, they can't pull the turnip out of the ground. Read how, in this retelling of a delightful tale, a little mouse makes a big difference, and everyone enjoys an enormous turnip meal.

EARLYREADS



One day Grandma makes a gingerbread man for tea but, when he is cooked, he jumps off the table and runs away. He doesn't want to be eaten! Grandma, Grandpa and Billy and all the animals he passes try to catch him, but he runs too fast for them. Unfortunately, he doesn't know how to swim!

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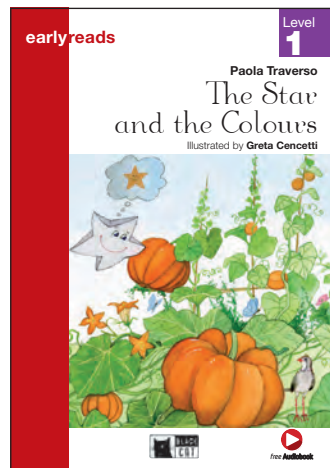
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The Star and the Colours

► Paola Traverso

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A very curious star wants to know what the sun is like. When the moon calls the stars to go to bed, she hides under a cloud and waits. Little by little the sun comes out and a world of colourful things appears. The star loves what she sees and every time she discovers a new colour she sings a magic song because she wants to become coloured. Nothing seems to change, but in the end the star gets a great surprise.

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The Sun and the Wind

► Aesop

Adapted by Paola Traverso

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Two children are playing with their sheep and the dog. Behind the clouds the wind and the sun are having an argument. The wind thinks he's strong, but the sun thinks he's stronger. When they see the children with their coats on they decide to compete to take their coats off. The wind blows and blows.

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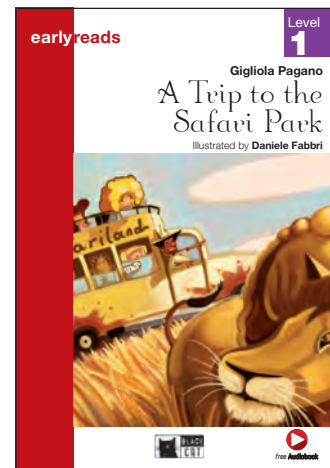
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A Trip to the Safari Park

► Gigliola Pagano

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A class of young South African schoolchildren go on a trip to a safari park. They have been looking forward to it and they can hardly contain their enthusiasm, so their teacher has to be very patient! They have a lot of laughs and a lot of fun, but they also manage to learn something!

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Henny Penny

Retold by Emily Flynn

The Magic Pot

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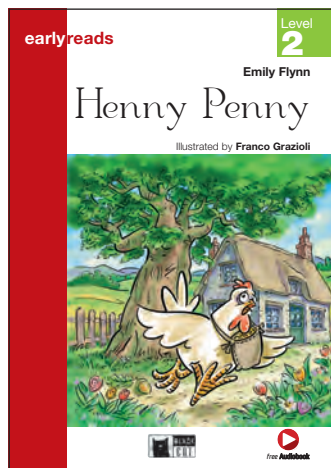
Miss Grace Green and the Clown Brothers

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Mowgli learns to swim

► Ruth Hobart

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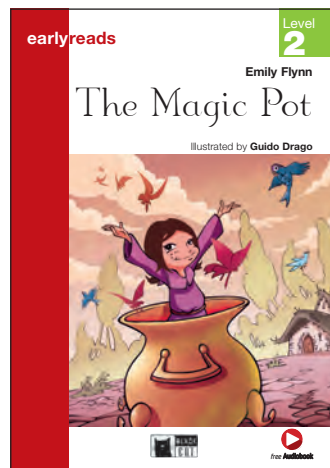
Henny Penny is going to the village when a big acorn falls on her head from an oak tree. She thinks that the sky is falling and she runs to tell the king. Along the road she meets Cocky Locky, Ducky Lucky and other animal friends. They all join her, while the fox is waiting for them in the wood. He's hungry and he wants to eat the animals. But, at the last moment, something unexpected happens... This version of the traditional tale ends in a different and quite surprising way.

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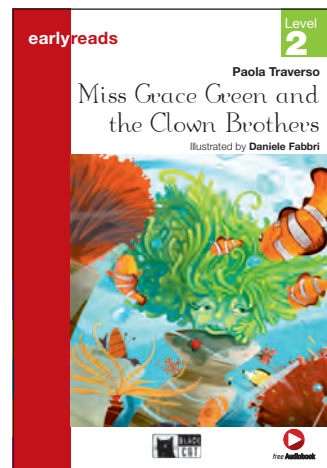
Maggie is very poor and has little to eat, but fortunately she meets an old woman that gives her a magic pot. All Maggie needs to do is to say special words and the pot cooks a delicious soup. When Maggie and her mum are hungry, they can have soup, a lot of soup! One day, while Maggie is out, something goes wrong. The magic pot cooks and cooks and it doesn't stop. The soup goes all over the kitchen, the house, the garden! Will Maggie arrive in time and stop the pot?

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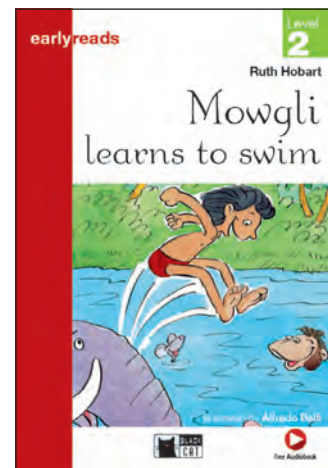
The four little clown fish just love swimming and playing, although they are afraid of three particularly big, bad fish! But help is at hand in the shape of Miss Grace Green. This delightful story also shows us how life is so much better when we live together.

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When Mowgli meets the tiger Shere Khan and isn't able to cross the river to escape, he realises that he must learn to swim. With a little help from his friends Baloo, Bagheera, Hathi and the others, Mowgli discovers that swimming isn't so difficult after all!

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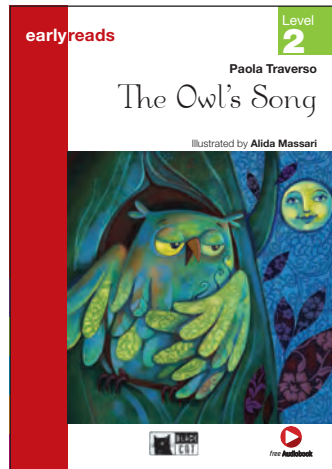
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The Owl's Song

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Every early morning the little birds in the wood fly everywhere to wake their animal friends up. One day a big brown owl comes. He wants to join the little birds but they do not want him, because they say he is too big and ugly and he can't sing. The poor owl hides inside an old black tree. But the night comes again and... fairies arrive. It's time for the owl to sing his song. He sings beautifully! The fairies start dancing and the night becomes magic!

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The Scarecrow and the Sunflower

► Paola Traverso

EARLYREADS



Chris is a scarecrow who lives in a cornfield. It's summer, he's hot and thirsty and nobody can help him. The bees, the ants and the lizards are very busy. Finally autumn comes and then winter. The scarecrow is cold and feels alone. He sleeps for a long time and when he wakes up there is a yellow flower near him. It's a sunflower and can do magic things.

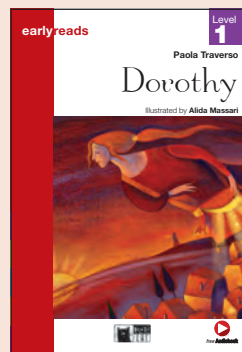
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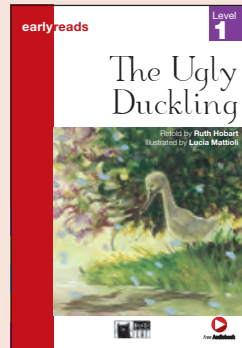
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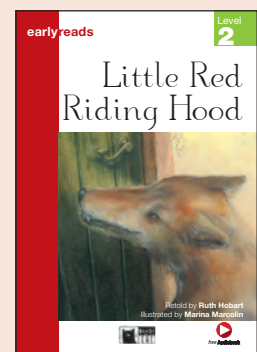
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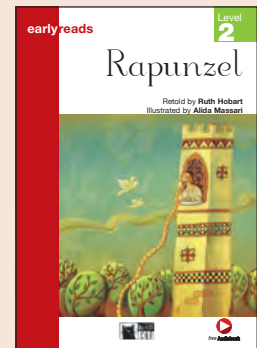
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Bugaboo the Wicked Witch

► Cristina Ivaldi

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This is a story about a wicked witch who is so silly that she is actually harmless! However, she becomes extremely dangerous when a blow to her head turns her into a good witch... There is nothing worse than a very silly person who wants to do good, particularly if she has magic powers!

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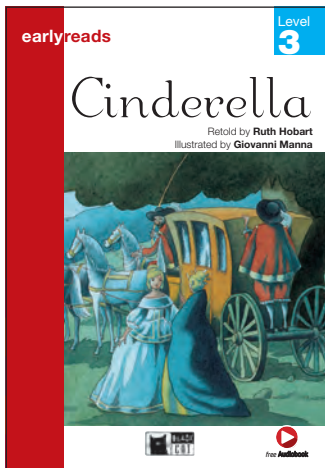
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Cinderella

Retold by Ruth Hobart

EARLYREADS



Poor Cinderella! She has to do all the housework, and her sisters won't take her to the ball! But thanks to a fairy godmother – and her pets! – she does go to the ball. There, the Prince falls in love with her, but will he find her again?

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Fairy tale & Fantasy

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The Jungle Book

► Rudyard Kipling

Adapted by Gaia Ierace

EARLYREADS



This delightfully illustrated story, loosely based on Kipling's The Jungle Book, will introduce children to Mowgli as a baby and watch him grow up in the jungle with the wolf family. His teachers, Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther, will teach Mowgli a number of important things about surviving in the jungle.

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The Little Mermaid

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Maggie and Max Visit the Haunted Castle

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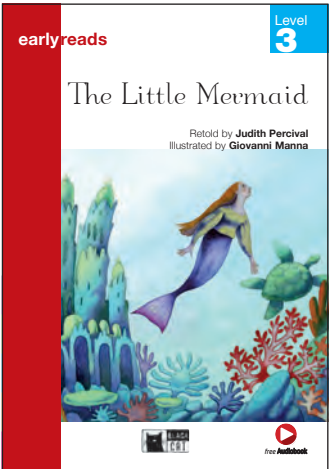
Monster in the Box

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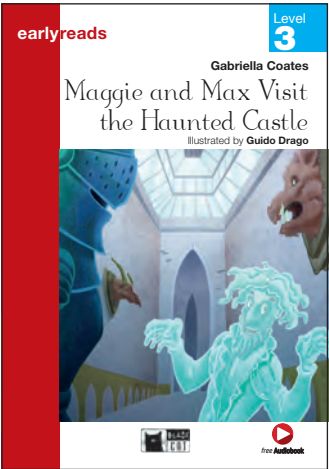
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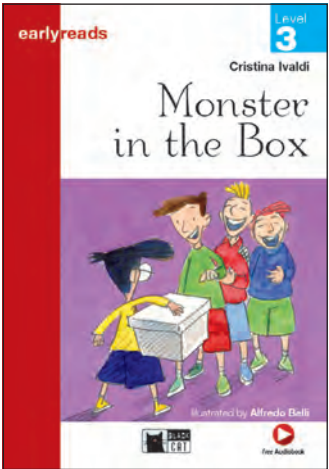
The little mermaid lives in a magical, beautiful world at the bottom of the sea, but she wants to see what the world above is like. When she goes up she falls in love with a human. What will the little mermaid have to do to be able to have a life in the world above with the man she loves?

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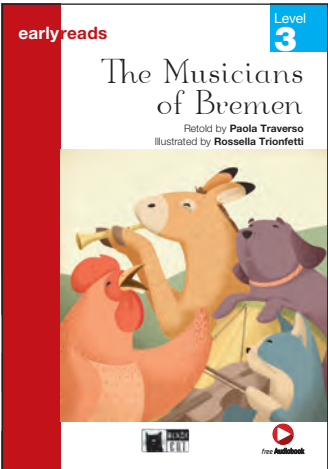
It's a lovely summer day. Max and Maggie decide to go and visit the castle on the hill near the town. Everybody says it's a haunted castle but Maggie doesn't believe it. Max thinks that castles are perfect homes for ghosts and he is not sure that he wants to go. When they are in the castle lots of strange things happen! Maybe a ghost is waiting for Maggie and Max...

EARLYREADS



Bullies at school pick on Bobo, who is a bit small for his age. Not to worry, for Bobo is a resourceful young lad with a few surprises of his own, and he soon teaches the bullies a lesson!

EARLYREADS



A donkey decides to leave his master and go to Bremen, the town of music. Along the way other animals join in: a dog, a cat and a cock. They all want to go to Bremen and become musicians. It's night, the road is long and they are hungry...

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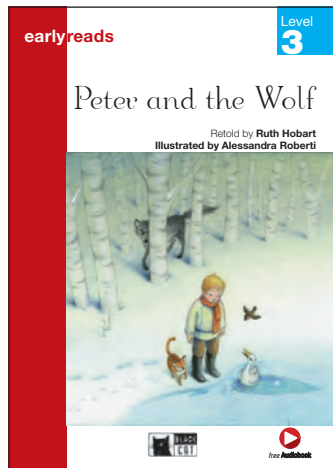
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Peter and the Wolf

Retold by Ruth Hobart

EARLYREADS



Peter's grandfather warns him about going into the forest: it's still winter, so the wolves are hungry! But of course, Peter doesn't listen... This version of the much-loved Russian tale ends in a way that will surprise and delight all readers!

Video



Peter and the Wolf

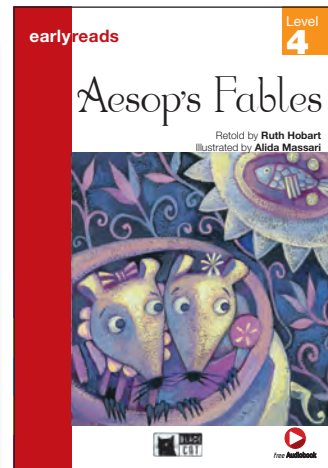
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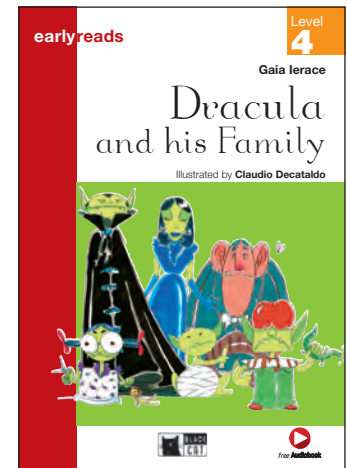


In three stories three characters teach us lessons: the tortoise 'slowly but surely' wins the race; the mouse becomes a 'great little friend' to the mighty lion; the country mouse prefers the quiet life back home to the luxury – and dangers – of the town.

Dracula and his Family

► *Gaia Ierace*

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This is the 'ordinary' life of Count Dracula, his wife Felicia, their three children, Adam, Eve and Brian, and their butler, Roman Blenski.

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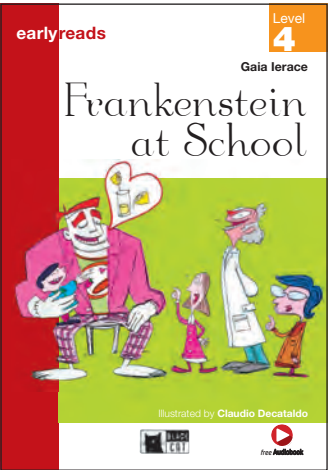
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Frankenstein at School

► Gaia Ierace

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A team of scientists headed by none other than Doctor Frankenstein creates a tender-hearted monster, who a group of nosy children find in the school lab.

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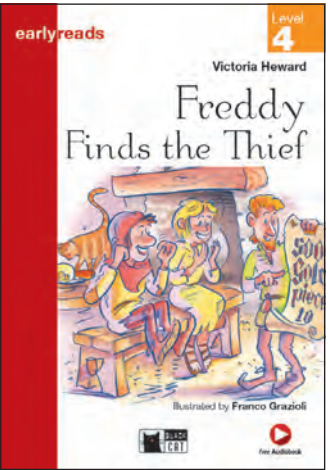
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Freddy Finds the Thief

► Victoria Heward

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When the Queen's golden harp disappears nobody knows where to look or what to do. The King offers 500 gold pieces to the person who can find it. Clever Freddy is the only one who has the answer and can find the thief.

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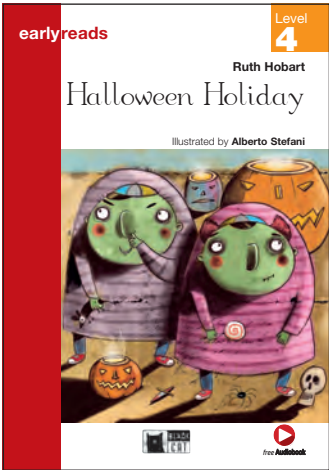
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Halloween Holiday

► Ruth Hobart

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It's Halloween and the Beast family receive a very special invitation from Dracula. Follow them on their adventures as they fly across Europe to Dracula's castle in Transylvania. Find out what happens when they get lost in the forest and all the fun they have at Dracula's amazing Halloween party!

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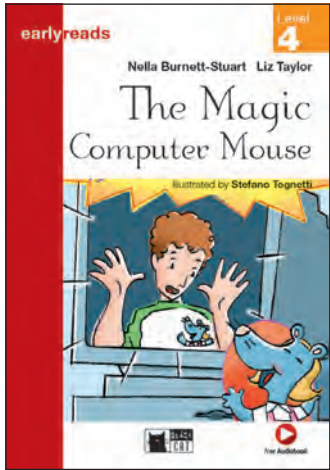
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The Magic Computer Mouse

► Nella Burnett-Stuart, Liz Taylor

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Martin, who is very good at English, goes to see his penfriend in London. He doesn't fly there, or take a coach or catch a train... he arrives there magically by computer.

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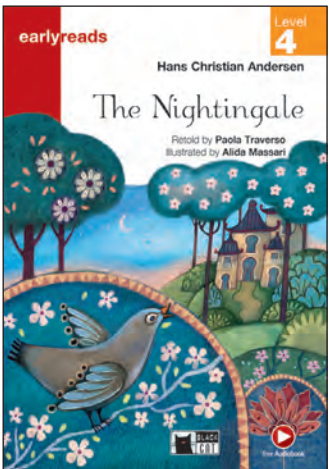
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The Nightingale

► Hans Christian Andersen
Adapted by Paola Traverso

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The Emperor of China invites the nightingale of the forest to stay at court. She sings beautifully and everyone loves her. Things change when a colourful artificial bird arrives in the palace. The nightingale is no longer the favourite and flies away. All of a sudden the Emperor is not well and realizes that what he needs is that beautiful, real singing. Will the nightingale ever be back?

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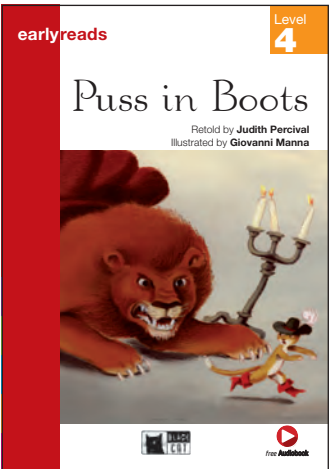
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Puss in Boots

Retold by Judith Percival

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Daniel is a poor young man who is in love with the beautiful Princess Caroline. To make matters worse, he lives in a village which is terrorised by an Ogre. But Daniel's cat comes to the rescue, and finds a way of both getting rid of the Ogre and bringing Daniel and the Princess together...

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Save the Tree House

► Cristina Ivaldi

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There's a park in the town, with beautiful trees. Yet, someone wants to cut them all down and build a shopping centre. But there's a tree house in one of the trees, and five children who are not going to leave the park, or their tree house. Can the five children save the trees and their tree house?

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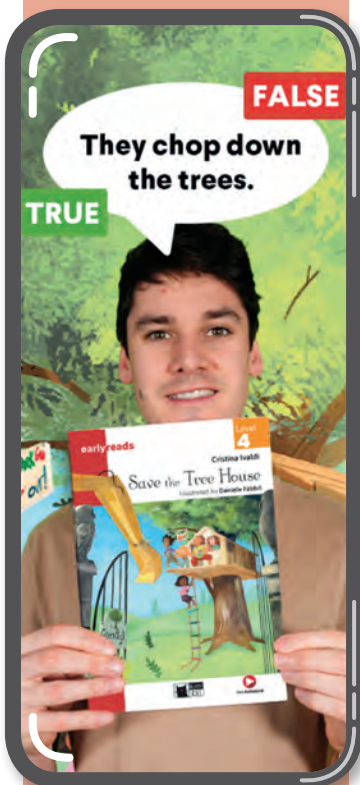
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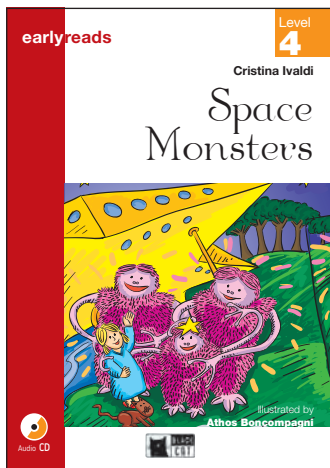
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Space Monsters

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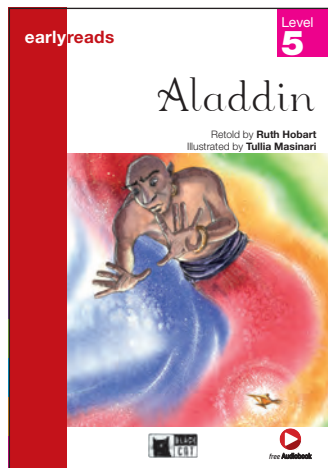


Not all aliens are bad. However, being friends with a kind alien may have its negative side too! Especially if it might all be a dream.

Aladdin

Retold by Ruth Hobart

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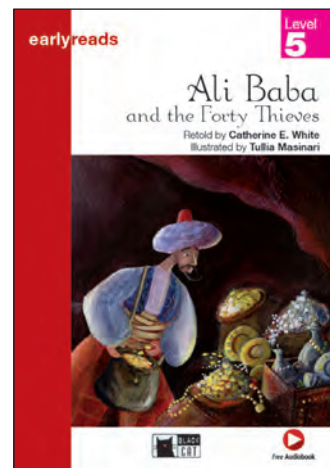


A magician tricks Aladdin, but when Aladdin rubs an old lamp a genie comes out, and life is never the same again, for him or his mum! Despite the magician's plots, Aladdin manages to keep the magic lamp... and the beautiful princess!

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

Retold by Catherine E. White

EARLYREADS



Ali Baba's life changes on the day he sees forty thieves hiding their treasure in a secret cave and hears the thieves' leader say the words 'Open Sesame' to get into the cave. But before Ali and his family can enjoy the riches, Ali finds there are many dangers they have to face...

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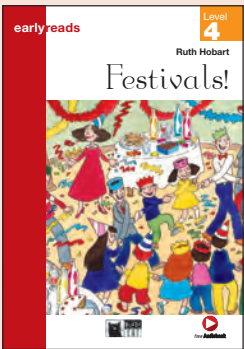
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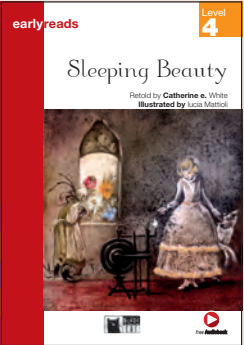
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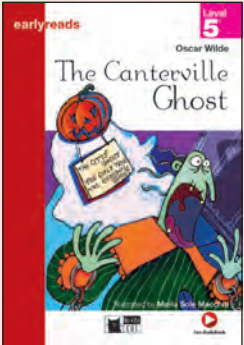
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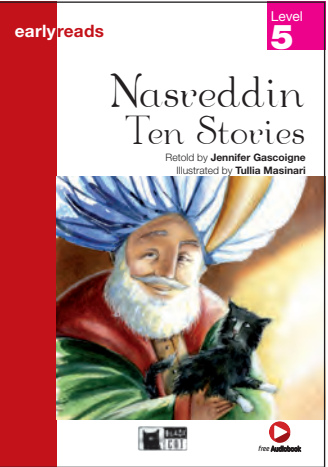


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**Nasreddin -
Ten Stories**

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Nasreddin does and says some strange things. Why does he look for his key in the garden when he lost it in the house? Why does he weigh his cat? Why does he invite a beggar onto his roof? But perhaps Nasreddin is cleverer than we first think! Read this collection of ten amusing stories and decide!

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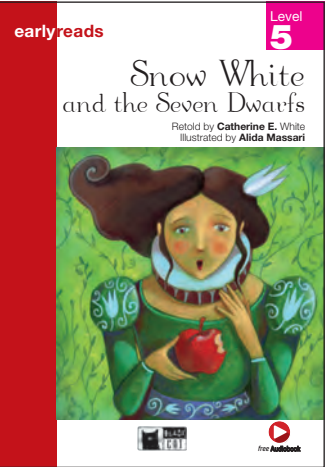
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**Snow White
and the Seven Dwarfs**

Retold by Catherine E. White

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Snow White's life is in danger when her father marries again and his new wife, Queen Bella, becomes terribly jealous of Snow White's beauty. But Queen Bella's plans fail, and Snow White finds safety at the cottage of the seven dwarfs before becoming reunited with her father.

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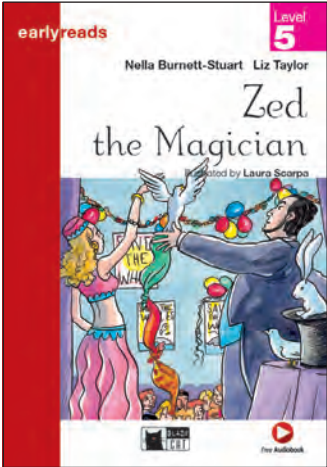
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Zed the Magician

► Nella Burnett-Stuart, Liz Taylor

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A lively mystery story involving a magician called Zed, some daring schoolchildren and a crime to be solved. Readers follow the adventure, read the clues and find out how the friends uncover the mystery.

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- Anne of Green Gables
- Black Beauty
- The Secret Garden
- The Tempest

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

► Lewis Carroll

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Alice follows the White Rabbit down a rabbit hole and finds herself in the magical world of Wonderland, where anything can happen.

Dossiers:

A Drink Called Tea; A Real Queen

► VIDEO



CLASSIC

Fairy tale & Fantasy

Book + audio 3640 words

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KEY TRINITY

Bathsheba the Witch

► Jane Elizabeth Cammack

GREEN APPLE



Bathsheba, a beautiful Weather Witch, lives with her cat, Cobweb, on top of a high mountain near the village of Sunnyville. The people in the village don't know about Bathsheba. Her life is peaceful until one day she goes down to the village and meets some of the people there, including a very special soldier...

Dossiers:

Witches; The Weather in Great Britain; Potions

ORIGINAL

Fairy tale & Fantasy

Book + audio 3864 words

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KEY F TRINITY

Beauty and the Beast

► Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



A rich man suddenly becomes poor and he goes to live in the country with his children. One day he goes to the city on business. His daughter, Beauty, only wants a rose. On his way back the man takes a rose from the garden of a castle. But the owner of the castle, a beast, becomes angry and demands something in exchange...

Dossiers:

Castles, Flowers; 'Beauty and the Beast' in Films and at the Theatre

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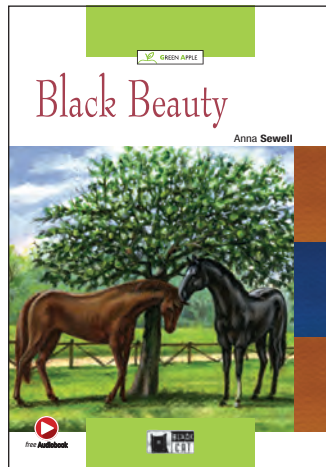
KEY TRINITY

Black Beauty

► Anna Sewall

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Black Beauty, a handsome and intelligent horse, lives in Victorian England on a peaceful farm with a wonderful master. But his life changes when he is sold to different masters. Published in 1877, Black Beauty is an unforgettable classic for readers of all ages.

Dossiers:

Horses; The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Human interest

Book + audio 5226 words

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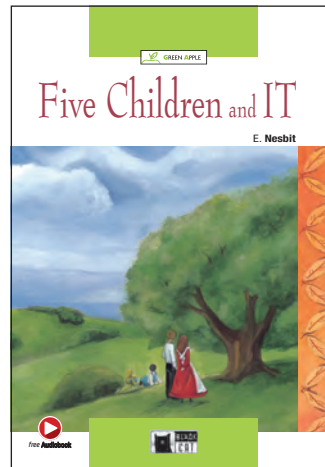
KEY TRINITY

Five Children and It

► E. Nesbit

Adapted by Cheryl Thompson

GREEN APPLE



Five children go on holiday and discover a sand fairy near their home! The sand fairy is an unusual creature that grants wishes, and this is just the beginning of an incredible adventure for them. The children go from one exciting adventure to another until things become complicated...

Dossiers:

Making Wishes

► VIDEO

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Adventure

Book + audio 4841 words

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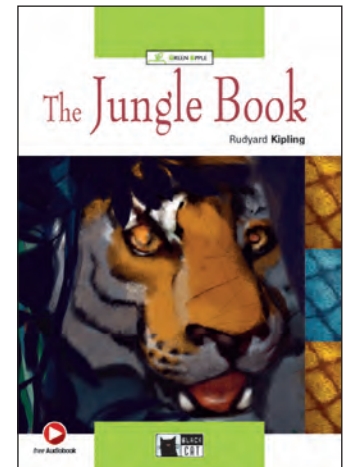
KEY TRINITY

The Jungle Book

► Rudyard Kipling

Adapted by Kelly Reinhart

GREEN APPLE



Mowgli, a baby boy, is raised by a family of loving wolves in India. Bagheera, the panther, and Baloo, the bear, teach him the laws of the jungle. The adventure begins!

Dossiers:

Let's Meet Some of the Animals in the Story; India

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Adventure

Book + audio 5062 words

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KEY TRINITY

The Happy Prince and The Selfish Giant

► Oscar Wilde

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Why is the Happy Prince sad? How can a little swallow help him? Find out how kindness and true friendship can change the lives of the people in the Prince's city. Why is it always winter in the Giant's garden? Why can't the children play there? Find out what happens when the Selfish Giant becomes generous and invites the children to his garden.

Dossiers:

Birds; Gardens; Flowers and others

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Dossiers:

Global Warming and the Environment; Precious Stones; Birds and Migration

LIFE SKILLS

care; generosity; kindness; happiness; change

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Fairy tale & Fantasy

Book + audio 2697 words
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KEY TRINITY

CLASSIC

Fairy tale & Fantasy

Book + audio 3540 words
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Digital book **KEY TRINITY**

Just So Stories

► Rudyard Kipling

Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

GREEN APPLE



Rudyard Kipling surprises us again with these five tales from the animal kingdom. Have you ever wondered why elephants have such long noses and why leopards have spots? Do you know why kangaroos hop around Australia? Find out how a clever young sailor tricked a whale and meet many other characters.

Dossiers:

Animals in Australia; Whales

CLASSIC

Fairy tale & Fantasy

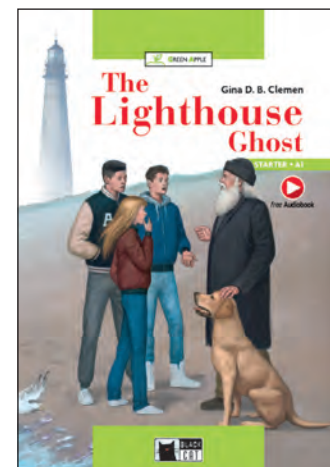
Book + audio 3724 words
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KEY F TRINITY

The Lighthouse Ghost

► Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Megan and Alex live in beautiful Caravel Cove, but one day something terrible happens: hundreds of dead fish are on the beach! No one knows why. Strange things are happening at the old lighthouse. Is Black Barney's ghost back? What does old Mr Johnson really know? Megan, Alex and their friend Steve start to investigate and the truth is shocking!

Dossiers:

Maine; Lighthouses in Maine; Keep our oceans clean!

► VIDEO



ORIGINAL

Adventure

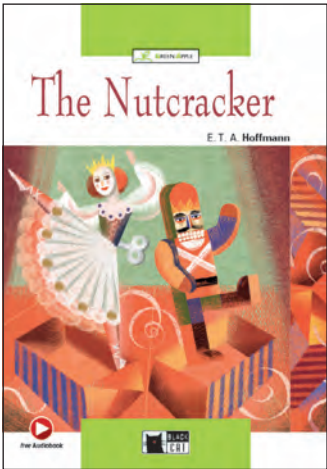
Book + audio 5562 words
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Digital book **KEY TRINITY**

The Nutcracker

► E.T.A. Hoffmann
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



One Christmas Eve in 19th-century Nuremberg Uncle Drosselmeyer arrives with presents for everyone and Clara gets a nutcracker. That night Clara discovers that her nutcracker is much more than a toy. Together they go to the magic Land of Sweets! But on Christmas morning there is another surprise for her...

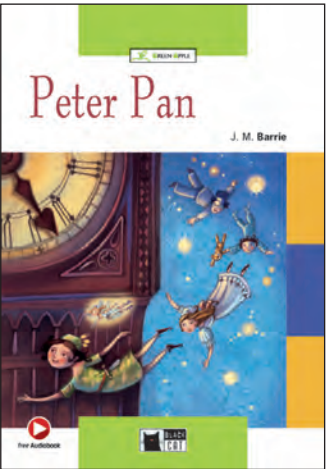
Dossiers:
The ballet of 'The Nutcracker'

CLASSIC	
Fairy tale & Fantasy	
Book + audio	3461 words
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Peter Pan

► J.M. Barrie
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE

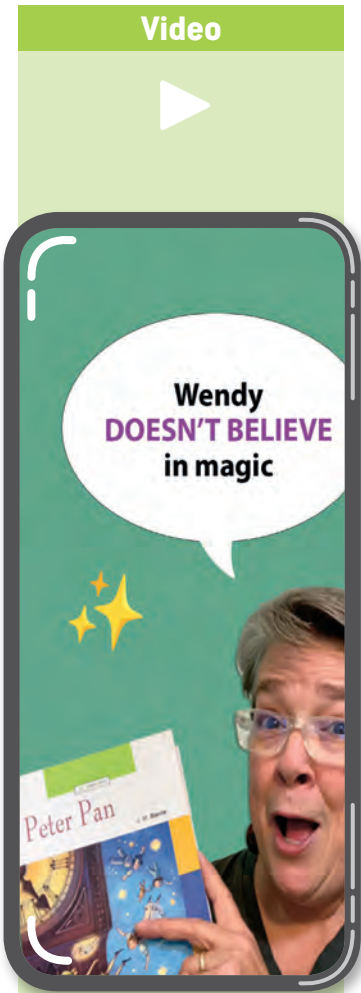


Join Wendy, John and Michael as they fly off to Neverland with Peter Pan, where incredible adventures await them. Meet the Lost Boys in their secret underground home and swim with the lovely mermaids in Mermaids' Lagoon. But watch out for cruel Captain Hook and his pirates...

Dossiers:
London; Fairies and their Magic; The Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children; The Darling Home

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Fairy tale & Fantasy	
Book + audio	4909 words
978-88-530-1413-9	64 p.
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Video



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Pinocchio

► Carlo Collodi
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



The world's most famous puppet comes to life in this beautifully illustrated book. Meet Pinocchio and join him as he gets into and out of all kinds of trouble. Laugh at his incredible adventures, admire his courage and find out how he finally becomes a real boy...

Dossiers:
Tuscany; Great Amusement Parks

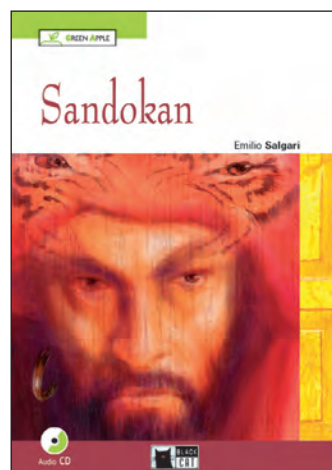
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Adventure	
Book + audio	4800 words
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Sandokan

► *Emilio Salgari*

Adapted by Sally M. Stockton

GREEN APPLE



Sandokan and his pirates rule the Malaysian Sea in the 1840s, and the British want to capture him. One day he meets Marianna, Lord James's young niece, and they are immediately attracted to each other. Their love is impossible, but Sandokan and his friend Yanez make a daring plan to take Marianna away from her uncle.

Dossiers:

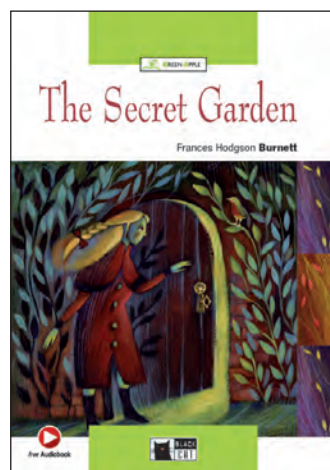
Pirates; Kuala Lumpur; East Malaysia

The Secret Garden

► *Frances Hodgson Burnett*

Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

GREEN APPLE



Life with her uncle is uneventful for bad-tempered Mary Lennox until one day she finds a secret garden. Then Mary meets her cousin Colin, an invalid, who is confined to bed. With Mary and Dickon's help Colin goes out into the secret garden and discovers the meaning of true friendship and happiness.

Dossiers:

English Gardens

The Secret of the Stones

► *Victoria Heward*

GREEN APPLE



Twins Max and Laura spend an exciting summer in a small village near Stonehenge. A mysterious symbol, their uncle's old book of codes and secrets, strange people looking for a secret and much more. The two young and brave 'detectives' will be involved in many exciting adventures.

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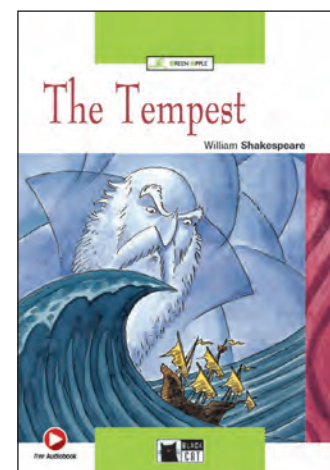
Welcome to Stonehenge; Symbols

The Tempest

► *William Shakespeare*

Adapted by Victoria Heward

GREEN APPLE



Prospero, Duke of Milan, lives on a lonely island with his daughter Miranda, Caliban (a monster) and Ariel (a magic spirit). He learns to do magic and he wants to punish his bad brother, Antonio. He creates a magic storm – a tempest. All the people on Antonio's ship land on Prospero's island and many strange things happen to them.

Dossiers:

Famous Shipwrecks; Magic and Magicians

CLASSIC

Adventure

Book + audio	4672 words
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Human interest

Book + audio	4432 words
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Mystery & Horror

Book + audio	4500 words
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Human interest

Book + audio	2320 words
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KEY TRINITY

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

► L. Frank Baum

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

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GREEN APPLE



An exciting adventure starts when a cyclone blows Dorothy and Toto up into the sky and to the magic Land of Oz. Here they meet the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Lion, and together they share incredible adventures, learn the value of true friendship and understand the importance of keeping promises. A story that you will never forget!

Dossiers:

Cyclones; Kansas

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Dossiers:

*Extreme weather; Kansas;
Wizard - the musical*

LIFE SKILLS

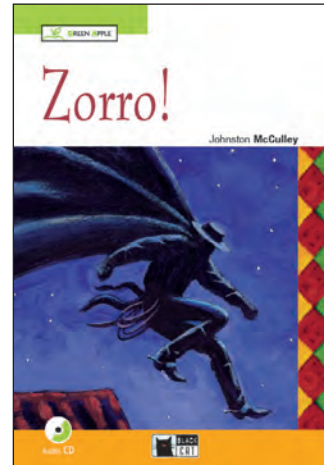
bravery; kindness; hope;
honesty; friendship

Zorro!

► Johnston McCulley

Adapted by Sally M. Stockton

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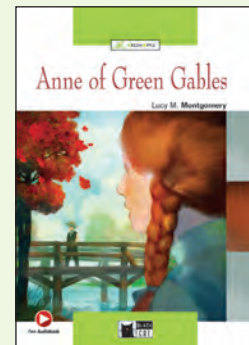


Read about the daring adventures of Zorro, the legendary masked hero of Spanish California. He is a champion of justice and an expert with the sword. He is invincible as he defies corrupt politicians and defends the oppressed.

Dossiers:

Spanish California; California today

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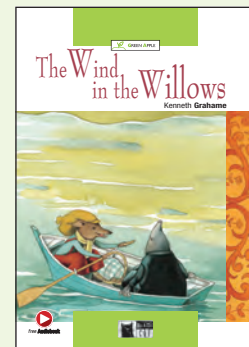
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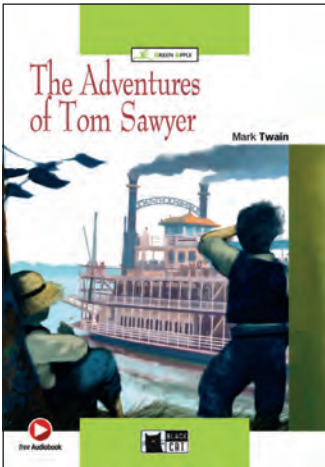
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

► Mark Twain

Adapted by Sally M. Stockton

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Tom Sawyer lives on the great Mississippi River. Join him and his friend Huck Finn when they start looking for exciting and dangerous adventures in graveyards, on islands, in haunted houses and in mysterious caves... Tom will always surprise you and make you laugh!

Dossiers:

The One-room School; Missouri

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Dossiers:

Missouri, the door to the West; Native American Indians

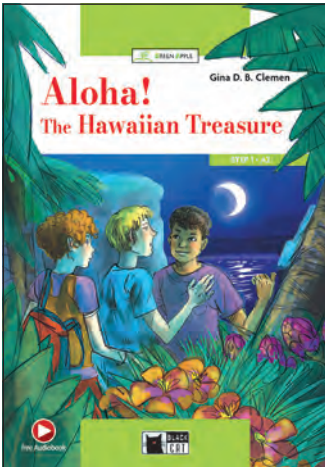
LIFE SKILLS

honesty; intelligence;
responsibility; resilience;
freedom

Aloha! The Hawaiian Treasure

► Gina D.B. Clemen

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Jessie and Bill Carson didn't think that a surprise vacation in beautiful Hawaii could turn into an exciting treasure hunt! Is the old Hawaiian legend of a lost 18th-century treasure true? Why are the mysterious signs of the Earth so important?

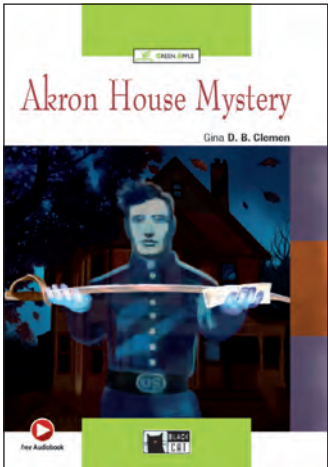
Dossiers:

Hawaii; Captain Cook discovers Hawaii; Volcanoes!; Hawaii in danger

Akron House Mystery

► Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Carol and Steve Taylor move into an old, mysterious house which hides many secrets. Carol hears footsteps at night, Steve finds an old love letter from the American Civil War and the people in town hear a woman crying in the night. Who is trying to give them a message and why? Carol, Steve and their friend Halim solve an incredibly difficult and touching mystery.

Dossiers:

The American Civil War; The Lewis and Clark Expedition; Thanksgiving

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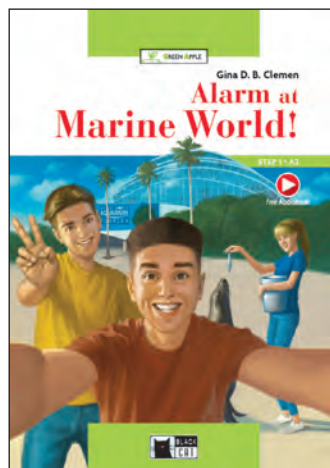
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Alarm at Marine World!

► Gina D.B. Clemen


GREEN APPLE



Megan and Alex live in sunny Florida and have an exciting summer job at the Marine World Aquarium. Their friend Steve joins them. When three dolphins mysteriously disappear from the aquarium and no one knows why, the three friends decide to investigate... but it's almost too late because time is running out!

Dossiers:

Florida; Dolphins and other cetaceans; Amazing American Aquariums

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Book + audio	6155 words
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Alaska Adventure!

► Gina D.B. Clemen


READING & TRAINING



Karen and Justin want to celebrate Thanksgiving with their family, but their plans change when an earthquake hits Alaska. Their dad, who's a petroleum engineer, must fly to Alaska to prevent a disaster on the pipeline. Karen and Justin join him in Alaska. When their dad is stranded at the Arctic Circle during a blizzard, who can possibly rescue him?

Dossiers:

Alaska; Energy and Environment; The Greatest Race on Earth

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Book + audio	6167 words
978-88-530-1720-8	80 p.
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Alien Alert in Seattle

► Gina D.B. Clemen


READING & TRAINING



There has been a UFO sighting in the Cascade mountains near Seattle, Washington, and everyone is excited. But no one believes there could possibly be an alien in town, until Karen, Barbara and Walter notice that one of the teachers at their high school is behaving very strangely.

Dossiers:

Introduction to Seattle; The solar system, UFOs; American teenagers and High School

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Mystery & Horror	
Book + audio	6788 words
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All Creatures Great and Small

► James Herriot

Adapted by Alex Raynham

READING & TRAINING **LIFE SKILLS**



In 1937, a young vet called James Herriot gets a job in Britain's wild, windy Yorkshire Dales. He meets kicking cows, biting dogs and angry horses, but he finds love too and becomes a real Yorkshireman.

Dossiers:

Farming in the UK, then and now; Visit the beautiful Yorkshire Dales!

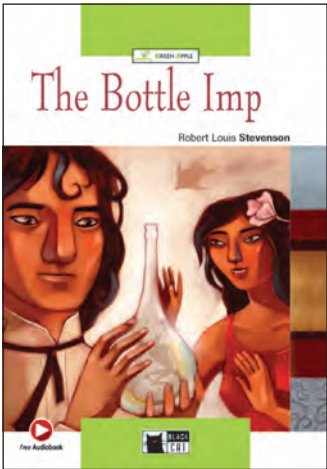
LIFE SKILLS trust; kindness; empathy; love; loyalty; care; commitment; resilience; happiness

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Book + audio	8531 words
978-88-530-2131-1	96 p.
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The Bottle Imp

► *Robert Louis Stevenson*
Adapted by Patrizia Caruzzo

GREEN APPLE



Keawe, a young Hawaiian sailor, is offered the opportunity to buy a bottle containing an imp which will grant all his wishes. However, the bottle must, from then on, be resold for a price lower than what he paid for it, or he will be condemned to live out the rest of his days in excruciating torment.

Dossiers:
Captain Cook; Hawaii

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Mystery & Horror

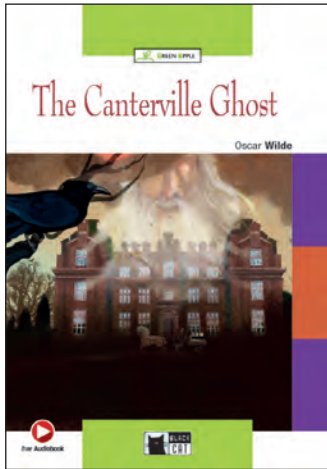
Book + audio	5952 words
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KEY TRINITY

The Canterville Ghost

► *Oscar Wilde*
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



A rich American family decides to buy a haunted house in England. They certainly don't believe in ghosts until they meet Sir Simon – the 300-year old ghost with a frightening reputation, who takes his job very seriously. All kinds of bizarre things happen at Canterville Chase, until young Virginia meets Sir Simon...

Dossiers:
Oscar Wilde in America; The Times of Oscar Wilde; Famous Ghosts

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Mystery & Horror

Book + audio	5330 words
978-88-530-1511-2	80 p.

Digital book KEY TRINITY

A Christmas Carol

► *Charles Dickens*
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Ebenezer Scrooge doesn't like Christmas, and he doesn't like people. He's a cold, hard man. He only loves money! But on Christmas Eve something happens: some ghosts visit him! They show him his life and a possible future. Will he learn anything from the ghosts?

Dossiers:
London in Dickens's Time; Great Victorian Writers; Christmas Around the World

LIFE SKILLS hope; generosity; kindness; care; love

CLASSIC

Human interest

Book + audio	5550 words
978-88-530-1833-5	80 p.

Digital book KEY TRINITY

The Extraordinary Miss Sunshine

► *Jane Elizabeth Cammack*

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Some children at The Fairbrother Academy don't want to learn. They like to push their classmates in the playground and call them bad names. Alice is unhappy when she starts secondary school, but when Miss Sunshine hears about the problems, she drives to the academy, determined to help.

Dossiers:
Schools in England; Mindfulness

LIFE SKILLS friendship; love; kindness; happiness; confidence

► VIDEO

ORIGINAL

Human interest

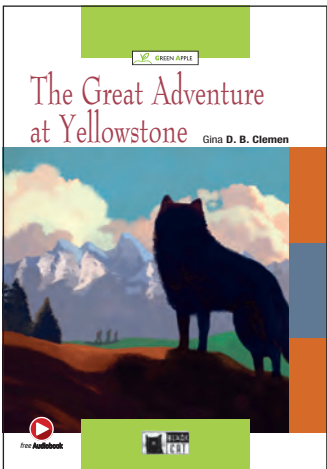
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The Great Adventure at Yellowstone

Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



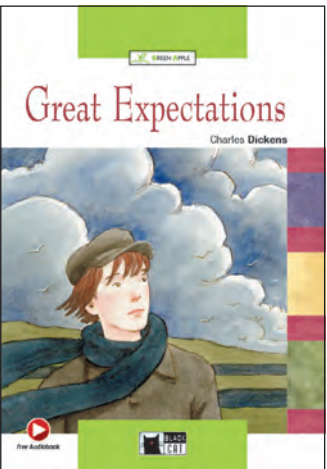
Karen, Sally and Alex are three teenagers who take a camping trip at Yellowstone National Park. Two of the park's wolves are missing and the three teens decide to look for them. Their trip becomes an exciting, yet dangerous adventure when they meet a hungry grizzly bear, an angry mountain lion and a herd of bison...

Dossiers:
Yellowstone National Park, Wolves; Wyoming: the Cowboy State; The animals at Yellowstone

Great Expectations

Charles Dickens
Adapted by Derek Sellen

GREEN APPLE



Pip, a poor young boy, receives amazing news. Someone has given him a vast amount of money and wants to make him a gentleman. Who is his mysterious benefactor? Is it Miss Havisham, the strange lady who lives in an old house with the beautiful Estella? Life is full of surprises...

Dossiers:
Ladies and Gentlemen; Transportation to Australia

Great Lives

Jane Cammack

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Jesse Owens, Katherine Johnson, Sir David Attenborough, Dame Zaha Hadid, Stephen Hawking, Meryl Streep, Bill Gates, J.K. Rowling. Eight great lives. Let them inspire you.

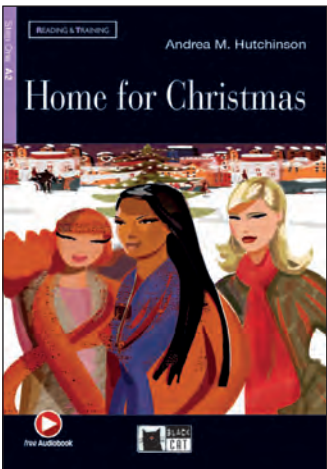
Dossiers:
Pen Names; The Film Industry

LIFE SKILLS resilience; bravery; perseverance; passion; generosity

Home for Christmas

Andrea M. Hutchinson

READING & TRAINING



Three young women need to get to London from Ireland in time for Christmas. When all flights are cancelled, they are forced to share a car and make the journey by road. They have to decide together what to do when they find a briefcase full of money. Then they realise that a car is following them...

Dossiers:
The Emerald Isle; Indians in Britain



ORIGINAL

Adventure

Book + audio	6049 words
978-88-530-1412-2	80 p.

KEY TRINITY

CLASSIC

Human interest

Book + audio	3946 words
978-88-530-0807-7	96 p.

Digital book KEY TRINITY

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Biography

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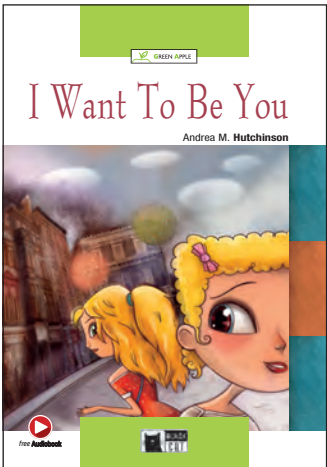
Book + audio	4839 words
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KEY TRINITY

I Want To Be You

► Andrea M. Hutchinson

GREEN APPLE



Holly and Rosie are cousins but they are very different. When the school basketball team fails to win the championship because Holly misses a penalty, Holly discovers just how cruel her cousin can be. Holly always thought that Rosie had everything; lots of friends and lots of money to buy lots of designer clothes. But then she meets an old lady at a fair and soon finds out that things aren't always what they seem...

Dossiers:
Travelling Funfairs

ORIGINAL	
Human interest	
Book + audio	6466 words
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KEY TRINITY	

Legends from the British Isles

Retold by Deborah Meyers

GREEN APPLE



Enjoy four popular legends from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales that tell us about a girl who makes friends with a unicorn, a wizard who casts terrible spells, a king who hides a strange secret and a prince's loyal dog... all unforgettable!

Dossiers:
Haunted Castles in Scotland; Man's Best Friend

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Legend	
Book + audio	6239 words
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A Little Princess

► Frances Hodgson Burnett

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Sara Crewe lives the life of a real little princess. She goes to an expensive girls' school in London and is one of the nicest and richest pupils. But on her eleventh birthday things begin to change. A wonderful story about how friendship, hardship, courage and kindness can change people.

Dossiers:
Famous Diamonds; India

LIFE SKILLS change; kindness; bravery; hope; responsibility; resilience; love

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Human Interest	
Book + audio	6354 words
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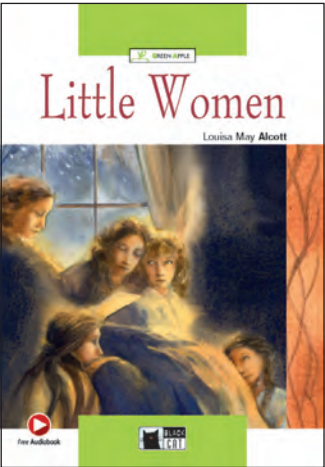


Little Women

► Louisa May Alcott

Adapted by Kelly Reinhart

GREEN APPLE



The March sisters – Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy – are growing up in 19th-century America, and they have hopes, dreams and exciting plans for their future. This is a story about how friendship, kindness and love can make dreams come true and bring happiness to everyone.

Dossiers:

The American Civil War and others

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Dossiers:

*Louisa May Alcott
Abolitionists and Slavery
Great American Writers of the 19th Century*

LIFE SKILLS love; honesty;
sharing; responsibility; kindness

	
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Human interest	
Book + audio	6144 words
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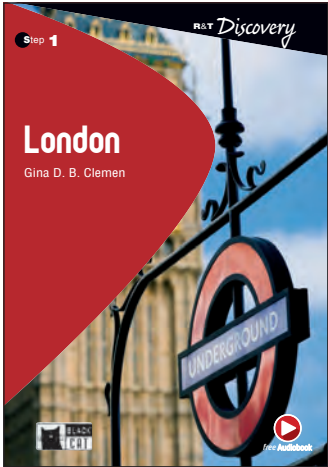
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London

► Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING DISCOVERY



How many different languages are spoken in London? What's the Square Mile all about? How did Piccadilly get its name? Book a seat in a haunted theatre and enjoy the show! Get to know this sensational city starting from its glorious history all the way to its captivating present. Discover the magic that is London!

Dossiers:

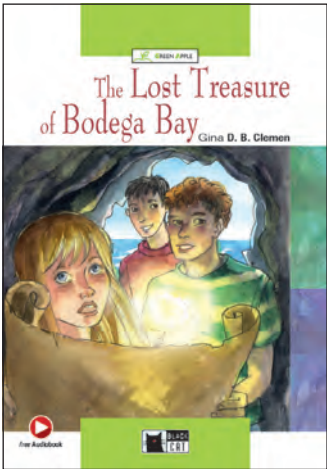
London and its Writers; London; Great Parks and Museums

NON FICTION	
Non fiction	
Book + audio	6631 words
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KEY TRINITY	

The Lost Treasure of Bodega Bay

► Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



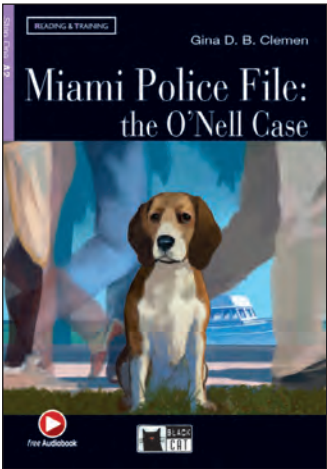
Kate, Mike and Carlos go on another trip to Bodega Bay near San Francisco, where more than a year ago they found a pirate's old treasure map. An incredibly exciting and dangerous adventure awaits them as they follow a mysterious clue and go on a treasure hunt to find a lost treasure from centuries ago.

Dossiers:
Sharks; Pirates

Miami Police File: the O'Neill Case

► Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



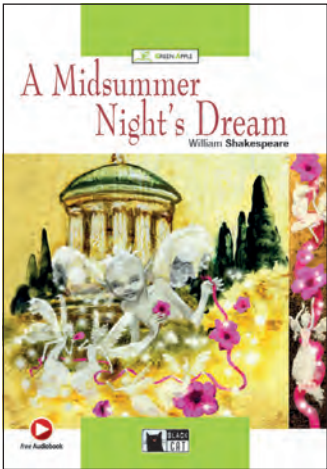
Peter O'Neill, Montego High School's favourite teacher, goes missing in the Bermuda Triangle, and the police can't solve the case. His students decide to investigate, with the help of O'Neill's dog, Rover. But the truth behind O'Neill's disappearance is very macabre...

Dossiers:
Halloween; American High School Sports; The Bermuda Triangle

A Midsummer Night's Dream

► William Shakespeare
Adapted by Janet Cameron

GREEN APPLE



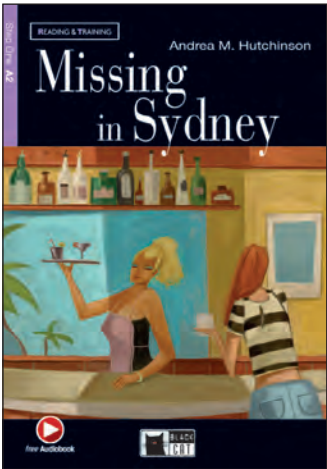
Hermia and Lysander are in love, but Hermia's father wants Demetrius to marry his daughter, so Hermia and Lysander decide to run away to get married. But in the wood some fairies perform some magic and some strange things start to happen...

Dossiers:
Fairies; Acting and Theatres; in Shakespeare's Time

Missing in Sydney

► Andrea M. Hutchinson

READING & TRAINING



Three best friends are travelling around Australia in search of adventure before they start university back home in the UK. But after celebrating Christmas Day one of them goes missing. Lisa is just an ordinary 18-year-old, so why would anyone want to kidnap her? Amy and Claire are determined to find her, but they do not know that Lisa and her kidnapper share a connection...

Dossiers:
Sydney; Around Australia

ORIGINAL	
Mystery & Horror	
Book + audio	5829 words
978-88-530-1016-2	80 p.
Digital book	KEY TRINITY

VIDEO	
ORIGINAL	
Crime	
Book + audio	6922 words
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Digital book	KEY TRINITY

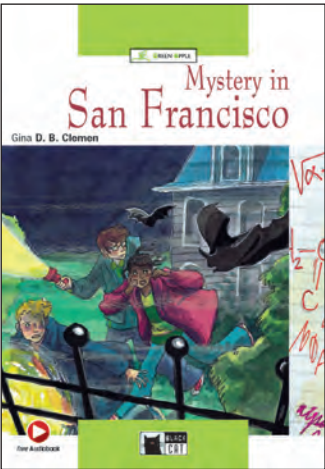
CLASSIC	
Human interest	
Book + audio	4021 words
978-88-530-1014-8	96 p.
Digital book	KEY TRINITY

ORIGINAL	
Adventure	
Book + audio	4462 words
978-88-530-0535-9	80 p.
Digital book	KEY TRINITY

Mystery
in San Francisco

► Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



An abandoned mansion, a ghostly face at the window and mysterious happenings at one of the city's favourite landmarks all mark the start of a thrilling adventure for Jim Reilly and his teenage friends. Set in San Francisco, California, this is a mystery story full of suspense with an unexpected twist, solved by three young detectives.

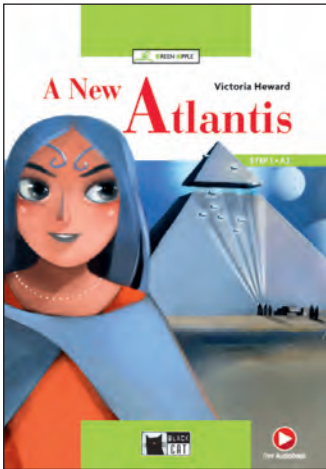
Dossiers:

A Guide to San Francisco; Natural Resources and Pollution

A New Atlantis

► Victoria Heward

GREEN APPLE



Atlantis was once an advanced civilisation where everybody lived in peace. But when the rains come everybody knows it will be destroyed. Ryan, a slave, and Daria, a princess, tell the story of its last days, how they built a new Atlantis and how two enemies eventually became friends.

Dossiers:

Atlantis; The Pyramids; Cinema

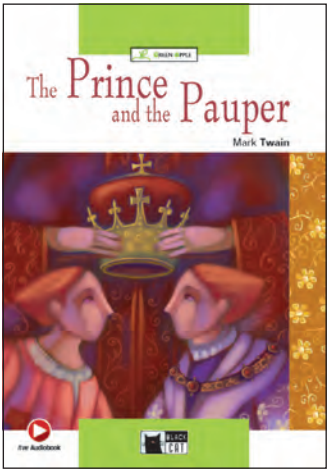
The Prince and the Pauper

► Mark Twain

Adapted by Kelly Reinhart

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



What happens when two boys discover that they look exactly alike? They decide to play an exciting but possibly dangerous game. Suddenly things start going very wrong for one of them ... Mark Twain's wonderful story takes you to 16th-century London and into Westminster Palace, where incredible things start happening...

Dossiers:

King Henry VII

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Dossiers:

Shakespeare and the Globe Theater; Life during Tudor times

LIFE SKILLS

bravery; ambition; friendship; honesty; fairness



ORIGINAL

Mystery & Horror

Book + audio 5155 words

978-88-530-0215-0 80 p.

Digital book **KEY TRINITY**

► VIDEO RAP

ORIGINAL

Fantastic

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Digital book **KEY TRINITY**

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Adventure

Book + audio 5758 words

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Digital book **KEY TRINITY**

CLASSIC

Adventure

Book + audio 6900 words

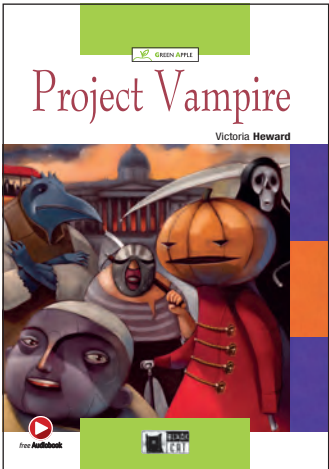
978-88-530-1630-0 96 p.

Digital book **KEY TRINITY**

Project Vampire

► Victoria Heward

GREEN APPLE



Max and Laura are involved in another mysterious case. This time a phantom thief seems to be able to get in and out of important museums in London stealing valuable paintings. Max and Laura decide to explore the area around one of the museums. Something very spooky is going to happen...

Dossiers:

London museums; Travelling around London; Top five things to do in London

VIDEO

ORIGINAL

Mystery & Horror

Book + audio	5309 words
978-88-530-1205-0	80 p.
KEY TRINITY	

The Queen The Life and Times of Elizabeth II

► Alex Raynham

READING & TRAINING



Elizabeth II became queen when she was only twenty-five. During her seventy years as monarch, she travelled to many countries, met the world's most famous people and saw great changes and events. But what was it really like to be a queen, and why was she so popular?

Dossiers:

The House of Windsor; Horses and dogs; The Commonwealth; Royal houses; Royal ceremonies

VIDEO

ORIGINAL

Biography

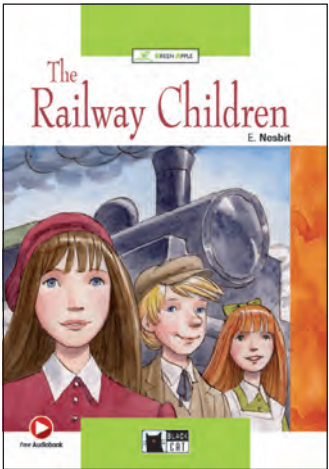
Book + audio	8585 words
978-88-530-2248-6	112 p.
Digital book	KEY TRINITY

The Railway Children

► E. Nesbit

Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

GREEN APPLE



After their father is mysteriously forced to leave home, the three children and their mother go to live in a cottage in the country near a railway track. The children make friends with the station master, the porter and a friendly old gentleman. Peter, Bobbie and Phyllis enjoy several exciting adventures and even become the heroes of the village. But the mystery of their father remains unsolved, until one day...

Dossiers:

Early Railways

CLASSIC

Adventure

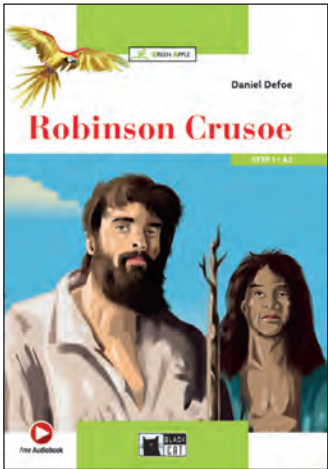
Book + audio	5425 words
978-88-530-0497-0	80 p.
KEY TRINITY	

Robinson Crusoe

► Daniel Defoe

Adapted by Janet Cameron

GREEN APPLE



Young Robinson Crusoe wants to see the world, but a storm brings him to an island where he is alone and danger is everywhere. Years pass before he meets a friend who will help him to find his home again. Written in 1719, Robinson Crusoe is one of the most famous and best-loved adventure stories ever told.

Dossiers:

Robinson Crusoe through the years; Robinson Crusoe Island; Cinema

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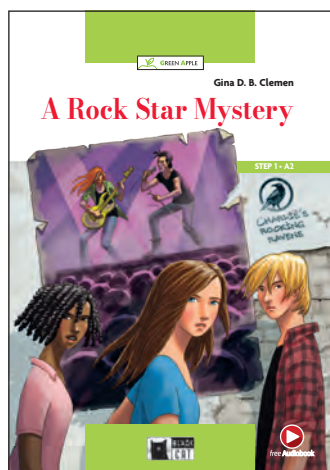
Adventure

Book + audio	6029 words
978-88-530-1716-1	80 p.
Digital book	KEY TRINITY

A Rock Star Mystery

► Gina D.B. Clemen


GREEN APPLE



The biggest rock concert of the year is taking place in Phoenix, Arizona. Suddenly, the police cancel the concert because a loud, threatening message comes from the sky! Emma and her teenage friends investigate. A strange story from long ago will reveal a shocking truth about a great rock star!

Dossiers:

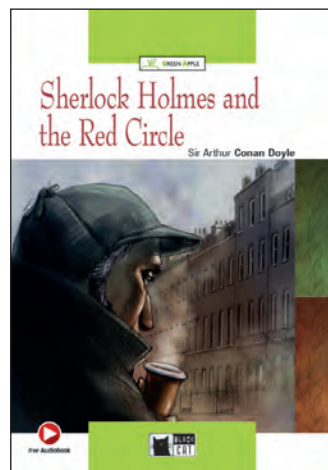
Arizona; How did Rock Music Start?; The Grand Canyon

VIDEO 	
ORIGINAL	
Adventure	
Book + audio	6920 words
978-88-530-2542-5	80 p.
Digital book	KEY TRINITY

Sherlock Holmes and The Red Circle

► Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



A mysterious lodger has just rented rooms at Mrs Warren's lodging house. She is frightened by this strange individual, so she asks Sherlock Holmes to help. He and Dr Watson discover cryptic messages, a sinister secret society and a terrible murder...

Dossiers:

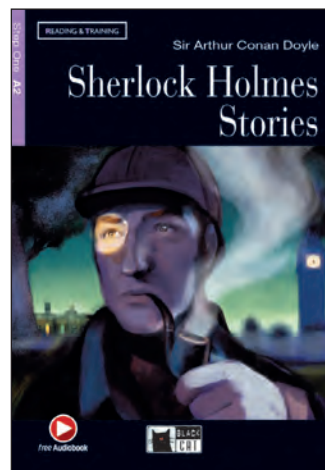
Victorian Writers; Police and Detectives of the 19th Century

VIDEO	
CLASSIC	
Crime	
Book + audio	5148 words
978-88-530-0950-0	80 p.
Digital book	KEY TRINITY

Sherlock Holmes Stories

► Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



The world's most famous detective solves the case of the horrible murder of a young woman in The Speckled Band. Smile with him and Watson as they listen to the puzzling story of one of their odd clients, who is not so odd after all, in The Red-Headed League.

Dossiers:

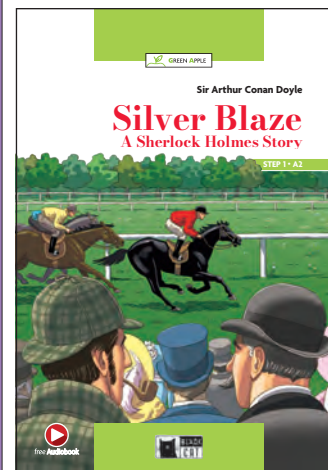
London at the Time of Sherlock Holmes

VIDEO	
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Crime	
Book + audio	6936 words
978-88-530-0515-1	96 p.
Digital book	KEY TRINITY

Silver Blaze

► Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



A famous racehorse disappears days before an important race. Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson must find the horse and also solve a terrible murder! There are some very strange clues... and time is running out! Will they find the racehorse and the murderer?

Dossiers:

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle; How did Sherlock Holmes meet Dr Watson?; Dartmoor; London to Dartmoor: an itinerary; Horses; How did Sherlock Holmes investigate?

VIDEO	
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Crime	
Book + audio	6435 words
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- 2 What musical instrument does he play?
- 3 Who is his great friend?
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- Sherlock Holmes and the Red Circle
- Sherlock Holmes Stories

B1.2

- Classic Detective Stories
- The Final Problem and other stories
- Sherlock Holmes investigates

The Silver Skates

► *Mary Mapes Dodge*

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Hans Brinker and his sister Gretel are very poor, but they want to take part in the big yearly ice skating race. The prize for the winner is a pair of silver skates. The challenge begins...

Dossiers:

Mary Mapes Dodge; Amsterdam; The Dutch Golden Age

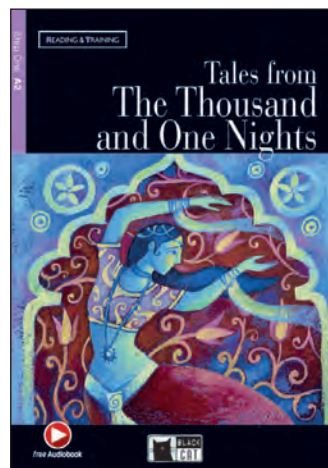
LIFE SKILLS

generosity; empathy; bravery; responsibility; friendship

Tales from The Thousand and One Nights

Retold by Jennifer Gascoigne

READING & TRAINING



A selection from the famous collection of Oriental stories: The Thousand and One Nights. Luxurious palaces in India, desert islands in the China seas. But also kings, sultans, princesses, merchants, sailors and thieves.

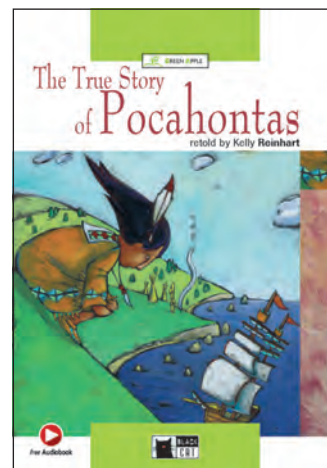
Dossiers:

The Origins of 'The Arabian Nights'; Baghdad, the city of "The Arabian Nights"

The True Story of Pocahontas

Retold by Kelly Reinhart

GREEN APPLE



Pocahontas is the touching story of a Native American princess whose courage saved a white man's life. No one could have imagined that Pocahontas would be the first Native American to marry a white man!

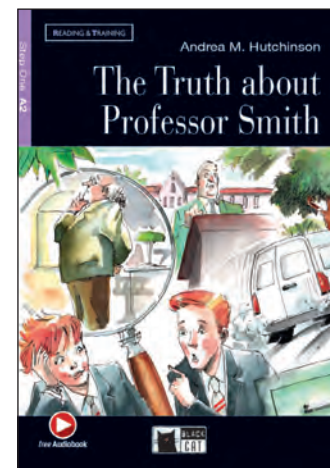
Dossiers:

The Origins of Virginia; Indian Life; Virginia Today

The Truth about Professor Smith

► *Andrea M. Hutchinson*

READING & TRAINING



Professor Smith has always been every student's favourite teacher. But when Sam and Izzie return to school after the summer holidays, their fun, energetic science teacher is gone. What dark secret could their science teacher be hiding? And can Sam and Izzie uncover the truth before their own lives will be put in danger?

Dossiers:

Detectives in Fiction; Forensic Science

► VIDEO



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Human interest

Book + audio	6160 words
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Wonder

► R. J. Palacio

Adapted by Jane Elizabeth Cammack

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Although August Pullman was born with a facial deformity, he's a normal ten-year-old boy. He plays video games and loves Star Wars. He has a loving family and studies at home, until his parents decide it's time to go to real school.

Dossiers:

Schools plays; Summer camps

LIFE SKILLS resilience; empathy; kindness; loyalty; care

► VIDEO



CLASSIC

Human interest

Book + audio 8190 words

978-88-530-1835-9 96 p.

Digital book **KEY TRINITY**

Video



**CAN YOU SEE THE BOY
WITH THE BLONDE HAIR?**

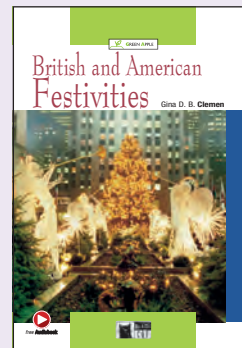


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128 p. - 8902 words



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Human interest

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80 p. - 6672 words



ORIGINAL

Mystery & Horror

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80 p. - 5663 words

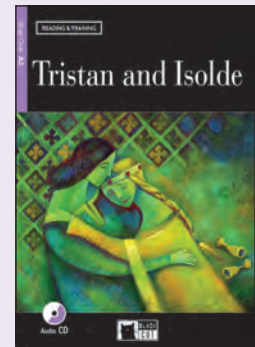


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- Lost at Dead Man's Camp



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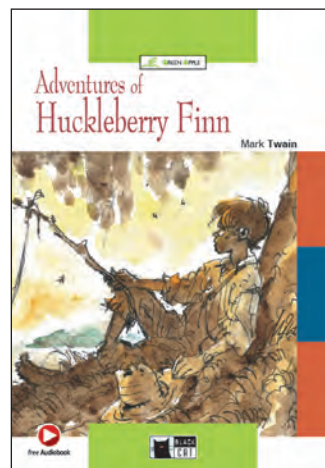
- Romeo and Juliet (drama)
- Macbeth (drama)

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

► Mark Twain

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



When Huckleberry Finn meets Jim, a runaway slave, they decide to travel North on the mighty Mississippi River. They have all sorts of incredible adventures, meet all kinds of people and get into a lot of trouble, until one day... Mark Twain's masterpiece is one of the greatest novels in American literature.

Dossiers:

America's Great River: The Mississippi; The Slave Trade; The American Civil War



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Adventure

Book + audio	457 words
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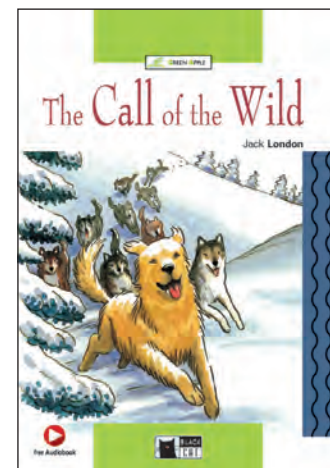
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The Call of the Wild

► Jack London

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Buck, a big happy dog, is kidnapped from his comfortable home in California and is sold as a sled dog in the cold Yukon Territory during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1896. His new life in the Northland is difficult, challenging, adventurous... and full of surprises!

Dossiers:

The Klondike Gold Rush; Wolves



► VIDEO RAP

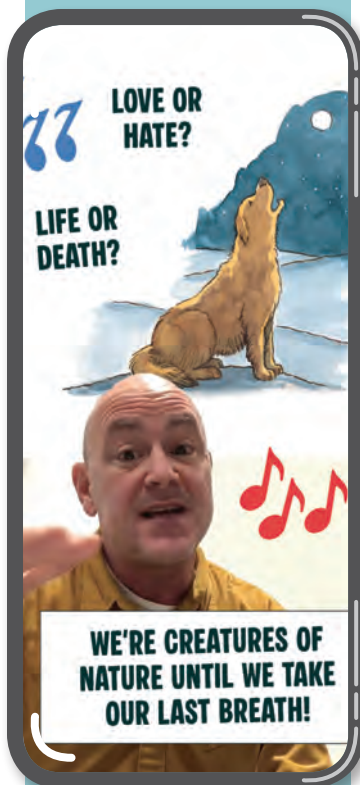
CLASSIC

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Book + audio	7907 words
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Video



The Call of the Wild

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Climate Kids

► Jane Cammack

GREEN APPLE **LIFE SKILLS**



Kirby is the first eco-friendly town. Solar-powered Supertrees take in CO2 and breathe out fresh clean air. Then Tobias Devell arrives: he opens a factory that tips chemical waste into the river. Charlie and Molly are 'Climate Kids', determined to help the planet.

Dossiers:

Going green: local action!; Earth in danger!

LIFE SKILLS change; kindness; bravery; hope; responsibility; resilience; love

► VIDEO

ORIGINAL

Adventure

Book + audio	6747 words
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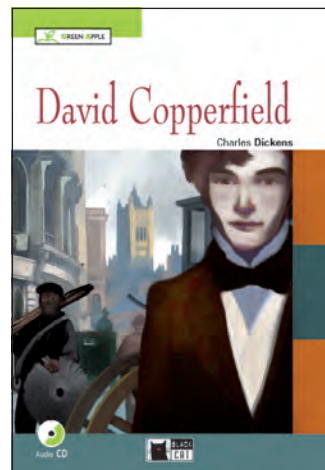
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David Copperfield

► Charles Dickens

GREEN APPLE



David's childhood is a happy one, but after his mother's marriage to cruel Mr Murdstone, his life changes for the worse. David is sent to London to work in a factory. Is this going to be his life? He desperately wants to change his future, and decides to run away...

Dossiers:

Dover; Australia

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Human interest

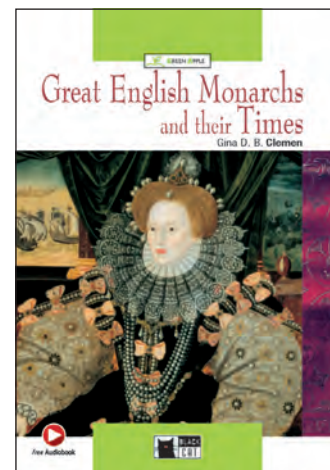
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Great English Monarchs and their Times

► Gina D.B. Clemen

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Do you know that Henry VIII was happily married for almost 20 years to the same queen before meeting his other wives? Do you know Queen Elizabeth refused to marry in spite of all the men who loved her? And do you know what particular events during Queen Victoria's long reign contributed to making the British Empire the biggest ever? English monarchs have fascinated the world for centuries.

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Is Halloween a magic night? Do witches still haunt Salem, Massachusetts? What secrets does an old cemetery hold? Discover what happens to Janet and Dave when an ancestor from long ago appears and gives them a mysterious riddle to solve...

Dossiers:

Halloween's Origins; The Salem Witch Trials; Massachusetts

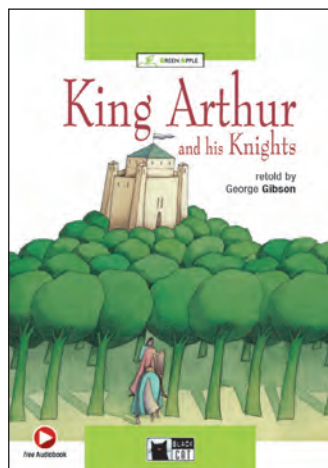
LIFE SKILLS friendship; fairness; cleverness; responsibility; care

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ORIGINAL	
Mystery & Horror	
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Retold by George Gibson

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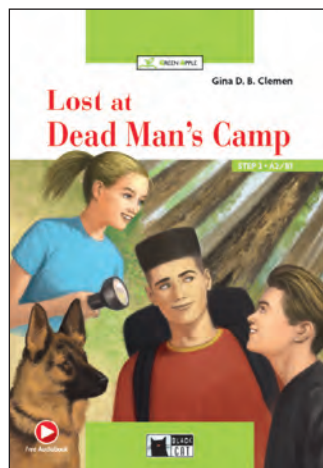
Knights; Castles; The Round Table; Old Castles of Great Interest and others

CLASSIC	
Legend	
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California; The California Gold Rush; Sustainability: what is it?; Earthquakes

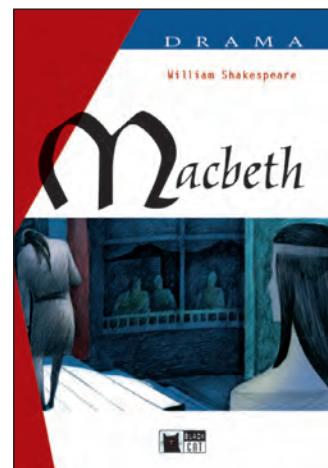
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Macbeth

► William Shakespeare

Adapted by Victoria Heward

GREEN APPLE DRAMA



'Hail, Macbeth, who will be king one day.' On a cold Scottish heath, three witches make a prophecy. Inspired by their words and encouraged by his evil wife, Macbeth begins his trail of destruction to gain and keep the Scottish throne.

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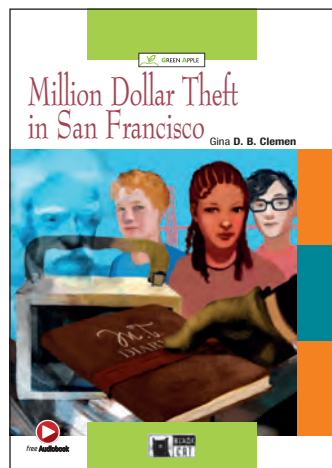
Scotland; Some Scottish History; Shakespeare

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Million Dollar Theft in San Francisco

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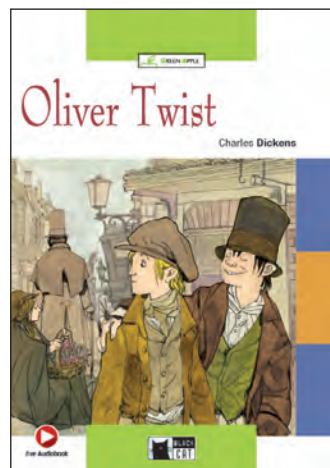
Mark Twain in the Gold Country; San Francisco and the Gold Rush; Alcatraz Island

Oliver Twist

► Charles Dickens

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Set in the dark streets of 19th-century London, this unforgettable classic tells the story of Oliver Twist, a penniless orphan who lives through all kinds of hardship for many years. Find out how, in spite of adverse circumstances, he finds happiness in the end.

Dossiers:

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► Oscar Wilde

Adapted by Victoria Heward

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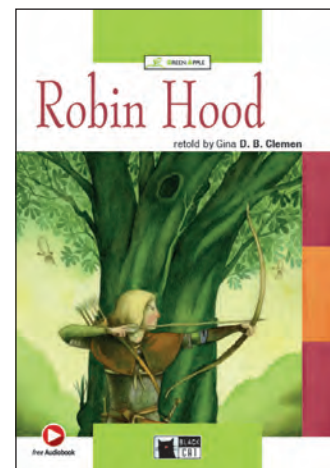
Dossiers:

Life in Victorian Times and others

Robin Hood

Retold by Gina D.B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE



Robin Hood, the legendary hero of Sherwood Forest, has captured the imagination of generations of readers. Why did Robin Hood become an outlaw? How did Marian find Robin in Sherwood Forest? How was the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham punished?

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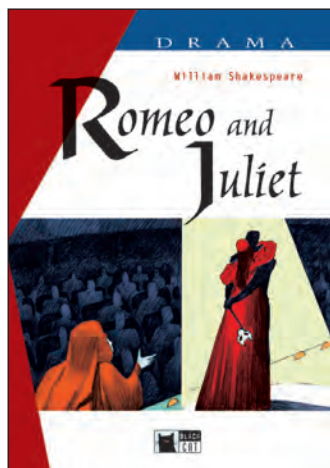
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Romeo and Juliet

► William Shakespeare
Adapted by Victoria Heward

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Nobody can remember why the Capulet family and the Montague family hate each other, so, when Juliet Capulet and Romeo Montague meet and fall in love the result is tragic, and peace between the two families is possible only after the death of many people.

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The Renaissance Man; 'Romeo and Juliet' on Film; Saint Francis and the Franciscan Friars; Shakespeare's Theatre

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Love

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King Arthur: truth or legend?; Heroes

LIFE SKILLS honesty; bravery; loyalty; strength; ambition

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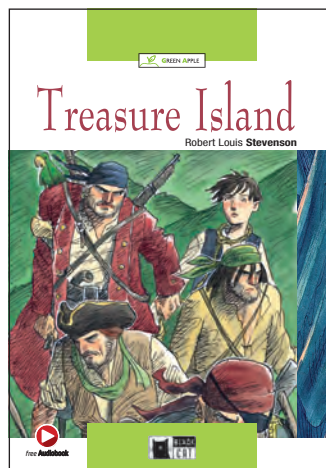
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Treasure Island

► Robert Louis Stevenson
Adapted by Derek Sellen

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Read about the thrilling adventures of young Jim Hawkins and his friends, who set sail for Treasure Island in search of treasure. But will the cruel Long John Silver get to the treasure first?

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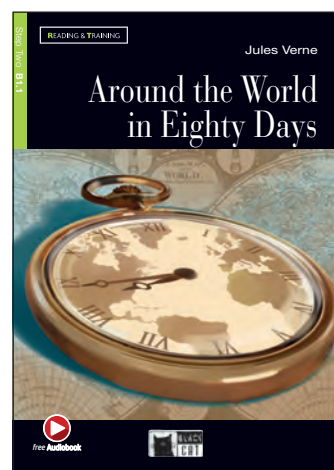
Around the World in Eighty Days

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Adapted by Eleanor Donaldson

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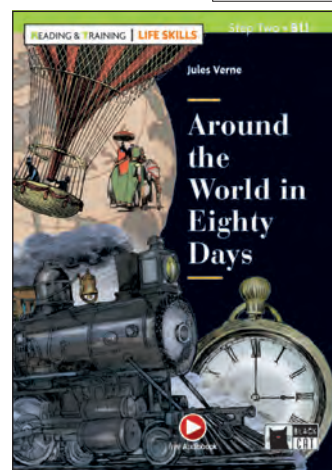


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LIFE SKILLS

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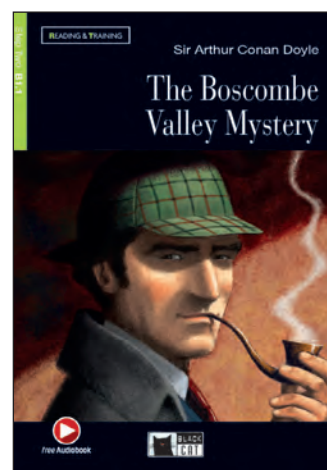
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The Boscombe Valley Mystery

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READING & TRAINING



A beautiful young woman wants Sherlock Holmes to investigate a terrible murder. All the evidence points to the man she loves, but she knows that he is not the murderer. Here is another baffling case for the world's most popular detective!

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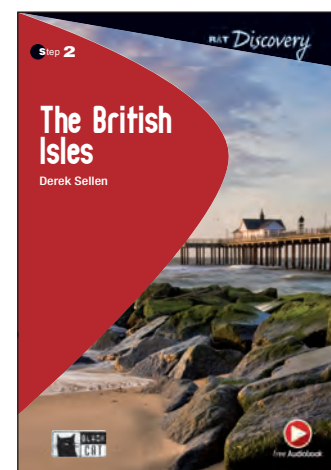
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A Dream Come True

► Andrea M. Hutchinson

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Ellie is mad about music: she dreams of becoming a singer and she desperately wants to go to the Glastonbury Festival. But with an overprotective dad and important exams to take, it seems that Ellie's dreams will have to remain just that, dreams. But one day she sees a competition in a music magazine...

Dossiers:

Education in England, Yorkshire; Festivals in Britain and Ireland

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ORIGINAL

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Book + audio	6921 words
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The Eighth Sister

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When a mysterious birthday present arrives from somebody she doesn't know, Helen realises that there's something strange going on. She discovers a terrifying secret which is hundreds of years old and a curse which has almost destroyed her family. It's a race against time to solve the mystery and stop the curse.

Dossiers:

Villages in the UK; Portraits; Witches

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Mystery & Horror

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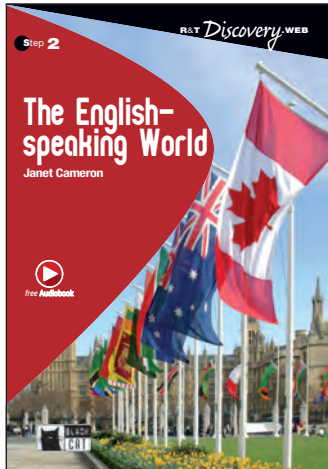
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The English-speaking World

► Janet Cameron

READING & TRAINING DISCOVERY



English is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. Have you ever wondered why? Here we go on a journey over five continents to look at countries where English is used in daily life: from the top of Mount Everest to the beaches of the Caribbean, from the plains of Kenya to the shores of Australia, and beyond.

Dossiers:

Aboriginal Australians; Real Pirates of the Caribbean

NON FICTION

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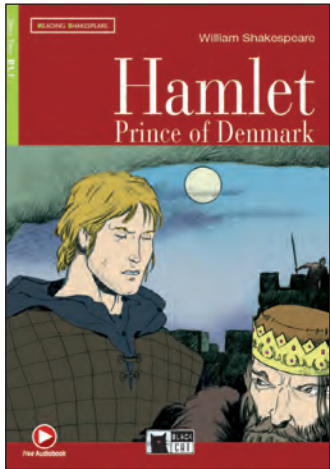
KEY TRINITY

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark

► William Shakespeare

Adapted by Derek Sellen

READING & TRAINING



When the ghost of Hamlet's father reveals the terrible secret of Elsinore, the result is tragedy. Does Hamlet really go mad? Does he love Ophelia? Will his plan succeed?

Dossiers:

Films of Hamlet; Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Theatre; Who was Hamlet?

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Homer Macauley wants to become the best telegram messenger in California. But his job brings him face-to-face with the harsh realities of life and death. This is an unforgettable story about hospitality, generosity and kindness.

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LIFE SKILLS empathy; responsibility; generosity; hospitality; kindness

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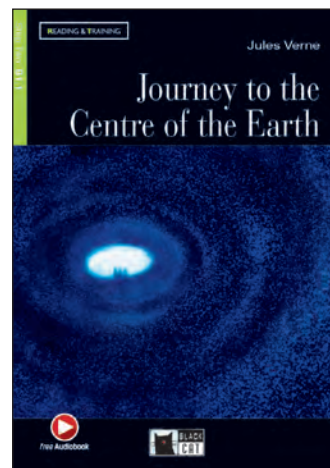
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► Jules Verne

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The famous mineralogist, Professor Lidenbrock, finds a piece of parchment in an old book. A message written in code describes a secret entrance to another world. The Professor's nephew, Axel, breaks the code and he and his uncle set out on a journey that takes them back in time to the days of the dinosaurs and pre-historic man.

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Volcanoes; Geological Time

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Kidnapped

► Robert Louis Stevenson

Adapted by Nancy Timmins

READING & TRAINING



When his father dies, David Balfour discovers he has inherited the family home near Edinburgh. But his Uncle Ebenezer also wants the house and puts David on a ship to America. The story follows David's adventures across land and sea and his struggle to claim his rights.

Dossiers:

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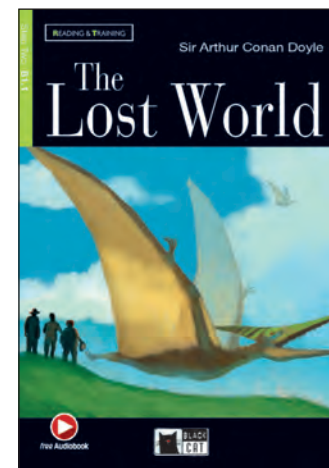
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The Lost World

► Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Adapted by Frederick Garland

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At the beginning of the 1900s the whole world has been explored: there is nothing left to discover. But maybe this is not totally true. The eccentric Professor Challenger says there is a place where dinosaurs still live. So he decides to lead an expedition to this prehistoric world in the middle of the great Amazon forest.

Dossiers:

Amazonia: a Land of Wonders; Dinosaurs

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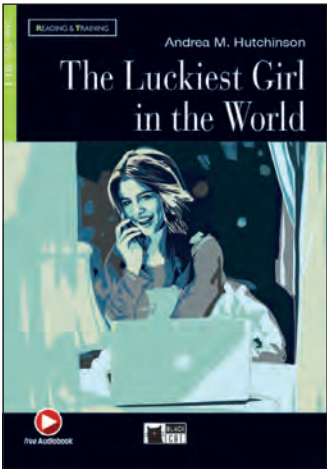
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Book + audio	7863 words
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The Luckiest Girl in the World

► Andrea M. Hutchinson

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Lola is fed up with being invisible. All she wants is for high school rugby star Matt to ask her to the prom, but he doesn't even know she exists. She has a plan that will make her the most popular girl in school, but is being popular what makes someone the luckiest girl in the world?

Dossiers:

Liverpool; Blogging; Prom Night in the UK

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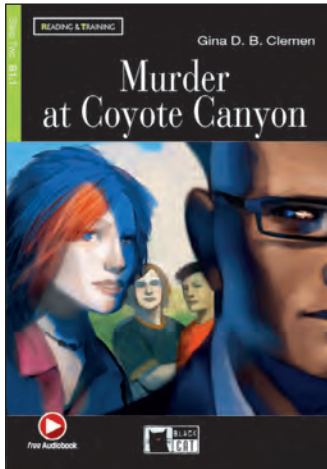
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Murder at Coyote Canyon

► Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



The Chumash are American Indians who live in California. When a property developer starts building homes on the site of their ancient cemetery, the Chumash become angry. During the night of the Fourth of July celebrations a mysterious American Indian warrior appears and a murder is committed. Suspicion falls on the Chumash...

Dossiers:

Independence Day; American Indians

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Crime

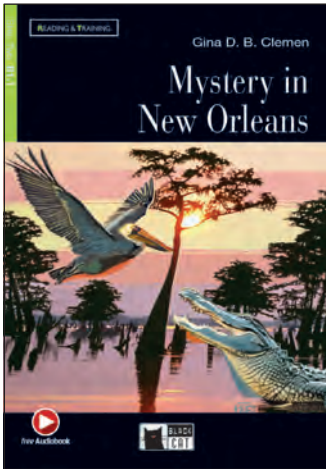
Book + audio	9006 words
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Mystery in New Orleans

► Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



Two greedy businessmen want to destroy a wildlife reserve in New Orleans, where Andy and Brian have summer jobs, and plan to build a huge shopping center. Mysterious and terrible deaths, and an ecological disaster shock the people of New Orleans.

Dossiers:

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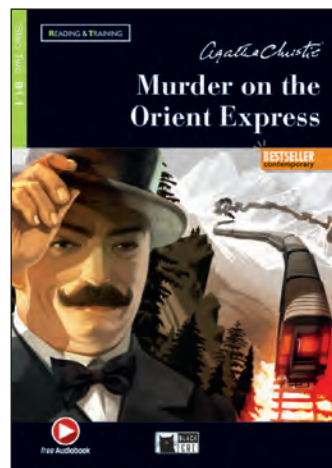


Murder on the Orient Express

► Agatha Christie

Adapted by Janet Cameron

READING & TRAINING



A murder is discovered on the Orient Express, just as snow stops the train in the mountains for days. There is a killer on board – but who is it? World-famous detective Hercule Poirot promises to find the truth, in one of Agatha Christie's greatest and most popular mysteries.

Dossiers:

Agatha Christie; 1933; The great detectives

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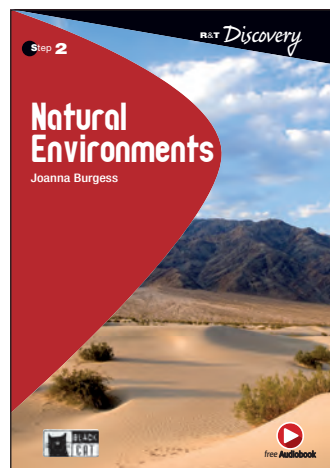
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Crime	
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Natural Environments

► Joanna Burgess

READING & TRAINING DISCOVERY



Our planet is full of natural wonders: the forests, the oceans and the Polar regions and deserts. They have existed for thousands of years, but these environments and the plants and animals which live in them are changing. Discover why they are changing and what you can do to help.

Dossiers:

The Environment in Films; The Environment and Popular Culture

NON FICTION

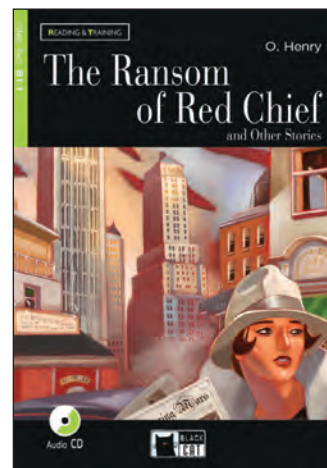
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The Ransom of Red Chief and Other Stories

► O. Henry

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READING & TRAINING



The Ransom of Red Chief is a wonderfully funny and ironic story about two inexperienced kidnappers and their unusual 'victim', with a great surprise ending. O. Henry's unique talent enabled him to create a world full of ordinary people who did extraordinary things.

Dossiers:

The Origins of the American Police

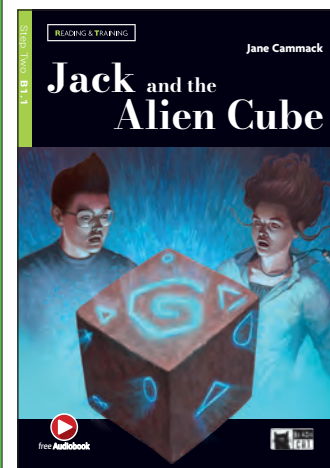
CLASSIC

Humour & Comedy	
Book + audio	7062 words
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Jack and the Alien Cube

► Jane Cammack

READING & TRAINING



Jack has many interests and loves coding most of all, but he often feels alone. One day, he finds a secret cave in the woods. Strange drawings cover the walls, and a huge stone cube waits in the dark. When the cube starts to move, Jack knows his life is about to change —what will he discover next?

Dossiers:

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He follows the path down and stops. Suddenly he feels as cold as ice. He is standing in a cave with a roof like an ancient cathedral. And in the middle of the cave stands a huge stone cube.

Astra looks thoughtful. 'To miss someone... that's an emotion. Sky People don't have emotions. But maybe we can try... Learning how to feel is our next big challenge.'

1 Who is the human and who is the alien in each quote in your opinion?

2 What keywords among these below would you stick to each quote?

And now... enjoy this sci-fi story!

WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS NOVEL

KNOWLEDGE

DISCOVER

EMOTIONS

EMPATHY

ALIENS

ENVIRONMENT

POLLUTION

CODING

FRIENDSHIP

OTHER WORLDS

DISCOVER THE SCI-FI
STORIES
IN THE BLACK CAT
CATALOGUE

A2

- Victoria Heward
A New Atlantis

B1.1

- Victoria Heward
Time Games

B2.2

- Nicola Prentis
Rain, Rain, Go Away!
- H.G. Wells
The Time Machine
The War of Worlds

The Secret Garden

► Frances Hodgson Burnett
Adapted by Jenny Pereira

READING & TRAINING



Mary Lennox is a spoilt little girl who goes to live with her uncle on his enormous estate in Yorkshire after the death of her parents in India. She explores the grounds of the estate, finds a secret garden and meets Dickon and Colin. This is a story of friendship and hope, where Mary learns the importance of caring for and helping others.

Dossiers:
The World of The Secret Garden; India; The Rich and Poor in Victorian Times; British Gardens

► VIDEO RAP

CLASSIC	
Human interest	
Book + audio	5979 words
978-88-530-0689-9	96 p.
PRELIMINARY TRINITY	

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING **LIFE SKILLS**

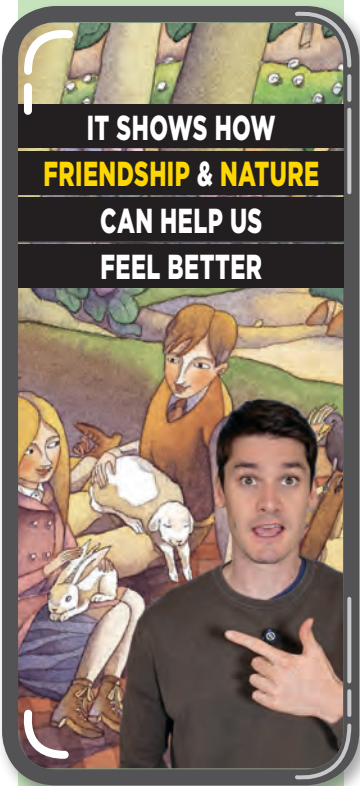


Dossiers:
India; Victorian children; Cinema

LIFE SKILLS
happiness; hope; care; kindness; friendship

CLASSIC	
Human interest	
Book + audio	6000 words
978-88-530-1644-7	96 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

Video



The Secret Garden

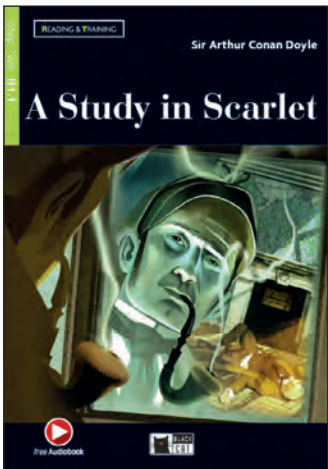
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A Study in Scarlet

► Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



A Study in Scarlet is the very first Sherlock Holmes story. This adventure of lost love and revenge crosses two continents. It is a bewildering and macabre mystery for Scotland Yard, until Sherlock Holmes examines the case in depth with the help of his friend, Doctor Watson.

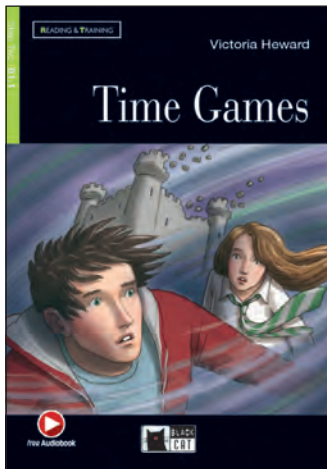
Dossiers:
Conan Doyle; The Detective Story; Transportation in London in the mid-1800s; Utah and the Movement West

CLASSIC	
Crime	
Book + audio	6718 words
978-88-530-1938-7	96 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

Time Games

► Victoria Heward

READING & TRAINING



Like many 15 year olds, Adam prefers computer games to school work, but he can't understand why one of his favourite games seems to have a life of its own. Why can't anyone else see the strange boy outside the school gates? He finds the answers he's looking for... hundreds of years in the past.

Dossiers:

Time Travel; Schools in Britain

► VIDEO

ORIGINAL

Fairy tale & Fantasy

Book + audio 6963 words

978-88-530-1328-6 80 p.

Digital book

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

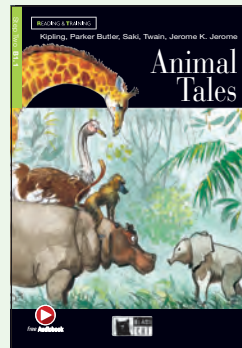
Video



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MORE TITLES



CLASSIC
Humour & Comedy
978-88-530-0015-6
112 p. - 5562 words



CLASSIC
Mystery & Horror
978-88-530-0954-8
112 p. - 6976 words



CLASSIC
Humour & Comedy
978-88-530-0138-2
96 p. - 2991 words



CLASSIC
Adventure
978-88-530-0495-6
96 p. - 6944 words

Level B1.2



FAIRY TALES, FANTASY & SCI-FI

DYSTOPIA

- 1984

FANTASTIC

- Gulliver's Travels

SCIENCE FICTION

- Rain, Rain, Go Away!
- The Time Machine
- The War of the Worlds



ADVENTURE & ENVIRONMENT

- The Three Musketeers
- Treasure Island

NON FICTION

- American Cities



INVESTIGATION, MYSTERY & HORROR

INVESTIGATION

- And Then There Were None
- Classic Detective Stories
- Death on the Nile
- The Final Problem and Other Stories
- The Hound of the Baskervilles
- The Murder at the Vicarage
- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd
- The Return of Sherlock Holmes
- Sherlock Holmes Investigates
- The Vampire's Tear

MYSTERY & HORROR

- The Canterville Ghost
- Frankenstein
- Great Mysteries of Our World
- The Phantom of the Opera
- The Picture of Dorian Gray
- The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde



LIFE, EMOTIONS & RELATIONSHIPS

HUMOUR & COMEDY

- The £ 1,000,000 Banknote
- The Importance of Being Earnest
- Twelfth Night

HUMAN INTEREST

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Jane Eyre
- Lord Arthur Savile's Crime and Other Stories
- Les Misérables
- The Pickwick Papers

LOVE

- Love in Shakespeare: Five Stories

TRAGEDY

- Julius Caesar
- Romeo and Juliet
- The Tragedy of Richard III

1984

► George Orwell

Adapted by Alex Raynham

READING & TRAINING



In the year 1984, the people of Oceania cannot do, say or think what they want. They must love Big Brother, the Party leader, and follow him. 'Everything's great in Oceania,' the Party says, but Winston questions his life. George Orwell's masterpiece of dystopian science-fiction warns us of the dangers of totalitarian governments.

Dossiers:

Fake news; Dystopian novels

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Dystopia

Book + audio	13050 words
978-88-530-2137-3	112 p.

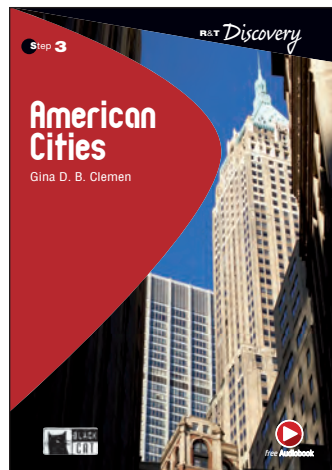
Digital book

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

American Cities

► Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING DISCOVERY



How much did the Dutch pay for Manhattan Island in 1614? Where is the world's blue jeans headquarters? New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and New Orleans are America's most exciting cities. Similar in some ways and yet completely different in others, they fascinate everyone who visits them. Open this book and find out why.

Dossiers:

American cities in films; USA: The Birth of Another Music

► VIDEO

NON FICTION

Non fiction

Book + audio	11084 words
978-88-530-0996-8	112 p.

Digital book

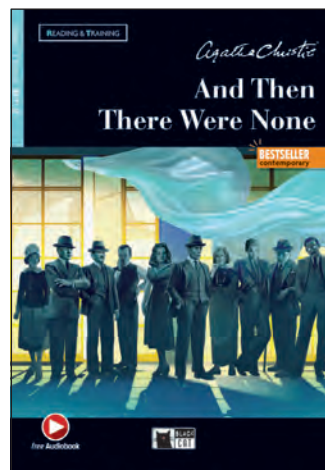
PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

And Then There Were None

► Agatha Christie

Adapted by Alex Raynham

READING & TRAINING



Ten strangers are invited to a beautiful house on Soldier Island. Then one of them is murdered. They learn that they cannot leave the island, and nobody is as innocent as they seem. They are all in danger because a killer is playing a game with them. But who is it?

Dossiers:

Agatha Christie; Mysterious Devon; Top crime and detective novels

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Crime

Book + audio	13940 words
978-88-530-2246-2	128 p.

Digital book

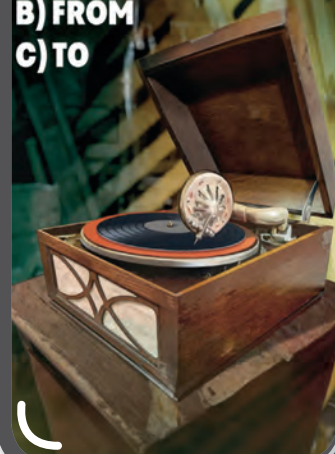
PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

Video



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And Then There Were None

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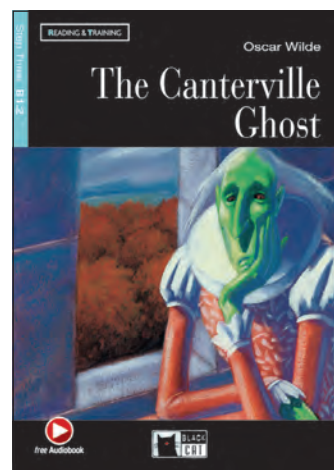


The Canterville Ghost

► Oscar Wilde

Adapted by Derek Sellen

READING & TRAINING



The Ghost of Sir Simon has haunted Canterville Chase for hundreds of years and scared away everyone who has lived there. But when an American millionaire buys the house for his family home, the Ghost is in for a shock! There are activities and illustrations to enhance the pleasure of reading and to allow readers to express their own feeling about the story.

Dossiers:

Oscar Wilde in America and others

Adapted by Derek Sellen

READING & TRAINING **LIFE SKILLS**



Dossiers:

Wilde's American adventure; Haunted Britain

LIFE SKILLS

love; peace; pride; courage; patriotism; happiness

CLASSIC

Mystery & Horror

Book + audio 4737 words
978-88-530-0659-2 112 p.

Digital book

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

CLASSIC

Mystery & Horror

Book + audio 4700 words
978-88-530-1648-5 80 p.

Digital book

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

Classic Detective Stories

► Charles Dickens, A. Conan Doyle, et al.

Adapted by Joshua Anderson

READING & TRAINING



Each famous detective has his own investigation style. Sherlock Holmes battles against a criminal organisation in Conan Doyle's *The Five Orange Pips*; in Charles Dickens's *Hunted Down* a murderer is brought to justice; in Clarence Rook's *The Stir Outside the Café Royal* a woman tracks down her fiancé's killer. In Chesterton's *The Oracle of the Dog* Father Brown solves a murder case.

Dossiers:

English Detective Fiction

CLASSIC

Crime

Book + audio 11352 words
978-88-530-0795-7 128 p.

Digital book

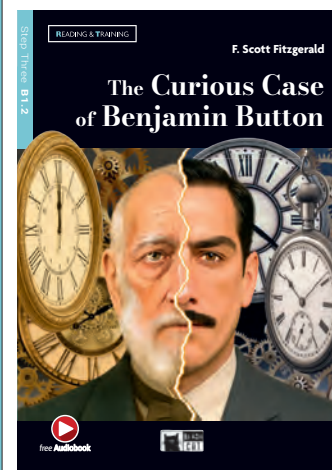
PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

► Francis Scott Fitzgerald

Adapted by Janet Cameron

READING & TRAINING



Benjamin Button is born as an old man and grows younger every year. His unusual life brings both joy and sadness. He faces many challenges and meets people who do not understand him. F. Scott Fitzgerald's powerful short story explores love, family and identity, and what it really means to live when your life moves in the opposite direction.

Dossiers:

F. Scott Fitzgerald; American Football; The Spanish- American War

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Human interest

Book + audio 8546 words
978-88-530-3699-5 96 p.

Digital book

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

NEW

LIVING LIFE BACKWARDS



THE AUTHOR'S VOICE

“Up in his room he saw his reflection in the mirror – he went closer. [...] He was growing younger! **It was impossible to deny – he now looked like a man of thirty.** [...] Benjamin was shaking. What was going to happen to him? His future seemed awful, unbelievable.”



WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS NOVEL

YOUTH

TIME

LOVE

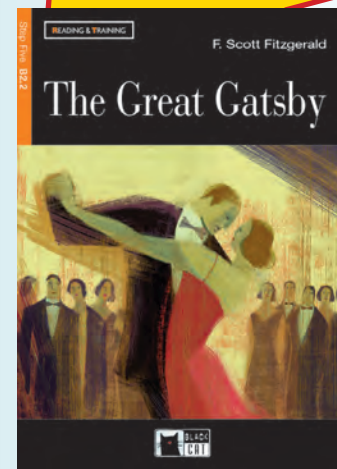
SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS

AGING

LIFE & DEATH

RELATIONSHIP

DISCOVER
THE MASTERPIECE
OF FRANCIS SCOTT
FITZGERALD



Death on the Nile

► Agatha Christie

Adapted by Janet Cameron

READING & TRAINING



Linnet Doyle has everything: beauty, money... and her best friend's fiancé. But Linnet's honeymoon cruise down the Nile River turns into a nightmare when one of the passengers is found murdered. Hercule Poirot must find the murderer before more passengers die, in Agatha Christie's popular classic novel.

Dossiers:

Agatha Christie; Egypt; The Wall Street Crash of 1929

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

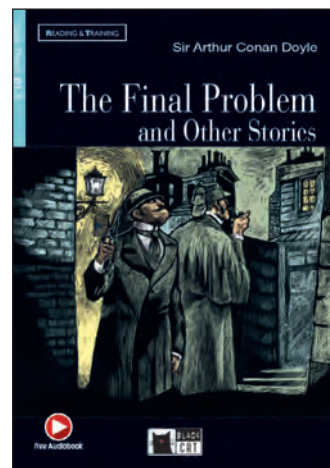
Crime	
Book + audio	13700 words
978-88-530-2051-2	128 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

The Final Problem and Other Stories

► Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Adapted by Eleanor Donaldson

READING & TRAINING



Sherlock Holmes is the world's only consulting detective. He helps Scotland Yard to solve mysteries they can't solve. Surely no-one can defeat Sherlock Holmes... or can they? In this collection of short stories, Holmes comes face to face with his main rival, Professor Moriarty.

Dossiers:

The Role of Women in Victorian England; Sherlock Holmes in Popular Entertainment

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Crime	
Book + audio	8862 words
978-88-530-1329-3	96 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

Frankenstein

► Mary Shelley

Adapted by Janet Cameron

READING & TRAINING



Young Victor Frankenstein leaves home for university, ready to learn the secrets of life and death. But knowledge can be dangerous and Victor's world changes when he brings a new creature to life. Written when the author was eighteen, Frankenstein is one of the most famous novels of all time.

Dossiers:

Mary Shelley; The summer of Frankenstein; Exploring the mysterious north

► VIDEO

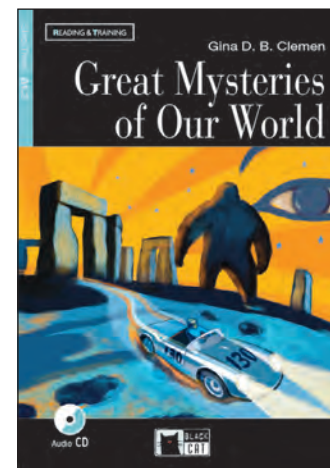
CLASSIC

Mystery & Horror	
Book + audio	10581 words
978-88-530-2550-0	112 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

Great Mysteries of Our World

► Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



Was Nostradamus really a prophet or were his predictions a mere coincidence? What mystery lies behind the curse of the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh King Tut? Does evil really exist and what forms can it take?

Find out about these strange stories and others, and perhaps you'll be able to solve our world's greatest mysteries!



ORIGINAL

Mystery	
Book + audio	7811 words
978-88-530-0291-4	96 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

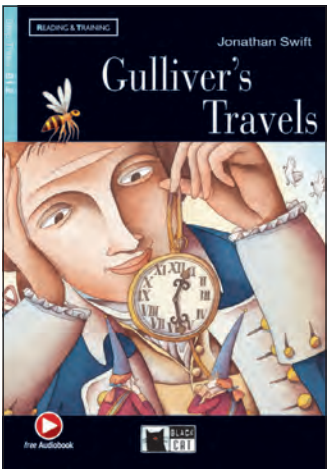
Gulliver's Travels

► Jonathan Swift

Adapted by Jeremy Fitzgerald

Adapted by Derek Sellen

READING & TRAINING

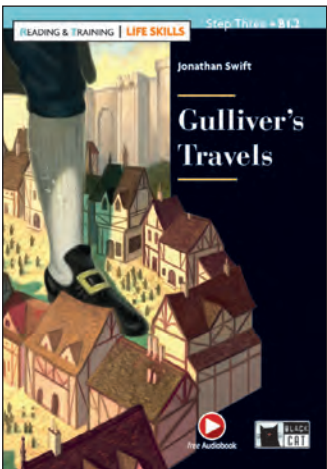


Lemuel Gulliver makes one of the most famous journeys in literature. He meets the tiny people of Lilliput, the giants of Brobdingnag, the impractical scientists of Laputa and intelligent horses who rule over stupid, ugly human beings. Enter the fantastic world of Jonathan Swift's imagination.

Dossiers:

Popular Travel Books; Utopia and Dystopia

READING & TRAINING **LIFE SKILLS**



Dossiers:

Voyages on the page; Imaginary places; Filmography

LIFE SKILLS

intelligence; support; peace; courage; pride

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Fairy tale & Fantasy

Book + audio	11181 words
978-88-530-0088-0	112 p.

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

CLASSIC

Fairy tale & Fantasy

Book + audio	11200 words
978-88-530-1647-8	112 p.

Digital book

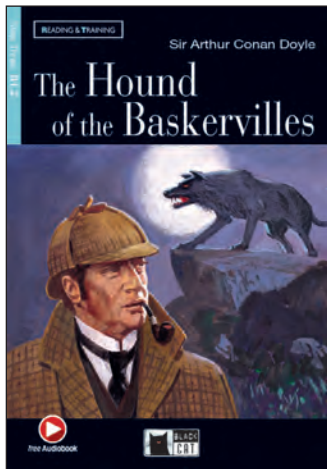
PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

The Hound of the Baskervilles

► Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Adapted by Jeremy Fitzgerald

READING & TRAINING



Dr Watson is sent to Devonshire to investigate the death of Sir Baskerville, who has been mutilated by a large dog according to the tradition of the curse of the house of the Baskervilles. The new heir to the estate calls upon the detective to solve this enigma.

Dossiers:

Early Crime Detection; The Coming of the Fairies

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Crime

Book + audio	8622 words
978-88-530-0156-6	112 p.

Digital book

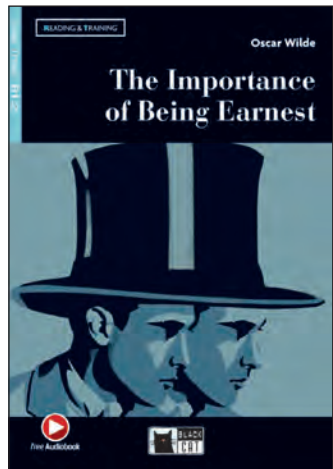
PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

The Importance of Being Earnest

► Oscar Wilde

Adapted by Eleanor Donaldson

READING & TRAINING



wo men have secret lives. Two women want to marry a man called Ernest. But who is Ernest? Is he a badly behaved brother, the ideal fiancé or Lady Bracknell's nephew and fun-loving bachelor, Algernon Moncrieff? Follow the incredible events that lead to the discovery of the importance of being Earnest in this adaptation of Oscar Wilde's witty and highly entertaining play.

Dossiers:

The dandy; Victorian values and morals

CLASSIC

Humour & Comedy

Book + audio	10200 words
978-88-530-1632-4	112 p.

Digital book

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

Jane Eyre

► Charlotte Brontë

Adapted by Jenny Pereira

Adapted by Eleanor Donaldson

READING & TRAINING

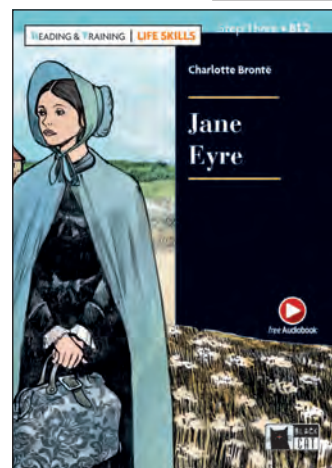


Jane Eyre is an orphan. Her childhood is not a happy one, but life changes when she becomes a governess at Thornfield Hall for the mysterious and interesting Mr Rochester. However, her new home is not all it seems. The house holds secrets Jane has yet to understand. Will Jane ever find love and happiness or will she always remain poor and unimportant?

Dossiers:

Victorian Family Life; Victorian Schools; Victorian Houses

READING & TRAINING **LIFE SKILLS**



Dossiers:

The woman in the attic; Locations in Jane Eyre; Cinema

LIFE SKILLS compassion; forgiveness; love; trust; hope

CLASSIC

Human interest	
Book + audio	8832 words
978-88-530-0774-2	112 p.
PRELIMINARY TRINITY	

CLASSIC

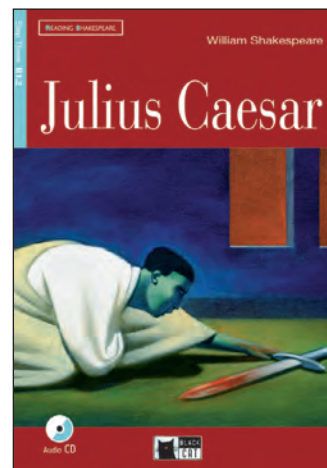
Human interest	
Book + audio	9930 words
978-88-530-1718-5	112 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

Julius Caesar

► William Shakespeare

Adapted by James Butler

READING & TRAINING



There is discontent in Rome. The aristocrats are worried that Julius Caesar will seek to become king. A group of conspirators led by Brutus decides to assassinate Caesar. At first everything seems to go well for them, but soon the conspirators find themselves pursued by the 'Spirit of Caesar'.

Dossiers:

The Historical Julius Caesar; The Theatre in Shakespeare's Time and others

CLASSIC

Tragedy	
Book + audio	7675 words
978-88-530-0732-2	96 p.
PRELIMINARY TRINITY	

Love in Shakespeare: Five Stories

► William Shakespeare

Adapted by Jennifer Gascoigne

READING & TRAINING



In *The Taming of the Shrew*, Katharina learns to love Petruchio only after she has learnt to be an obedient wife. *Romeo and Juliet*'s love is destined to end in tragedy. In *Twelfth Night*, love is romantic but also painful, while in *Othello* love turns into jealousy. And in the final story, Antony and Cleopatra's passionate love has tragic consequences.

Dossiers:

Courtship and Marriage in Elizabethan Times

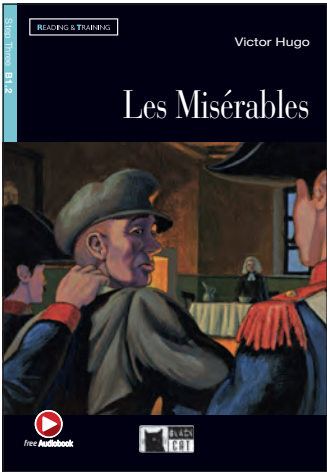
CLASSIC

Love	
Book + audio	11866 words
978-88-530-1097-1	112 p.
PRELIMINARY TRINITY	

Les Misérables

► Victor Hugo
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



After spending nineteen years in prison, Jean Valjean is a free man at last. But what does the future hold for him? He is insulted and rejected by everyone he meets, until something happens that will change his life forever.

Dossiers:
Paris at the time of King Louis-Philippe; Gardens in Paris; Romantic heroes in 19th-century literature

► VIDEO

CLASSIC	
Human interest	
Book + audio	11850 words
978-88-530-1549-5	128 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

The Murder at the Vicarage

► Agatha Christie
Adapted by Alex Raynham

READING & TRAINING



Nothing exciting ever happens in the English village of St Mary Mead until one day when a body is discovered in the vicarage! But lots of people had a reason to kill the victim: there are too many suspects and the evidence is confusing. Can the vicar and his neighbour, Miss Marple, solve the crime?

Dossiers:
Agatha Christie; Sutton Hoo; Kate Warne, private investigator

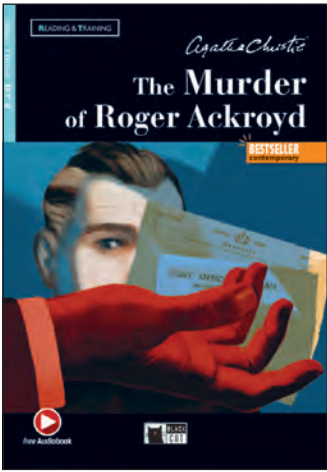
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CLASSIC	
Crime	
Book + audio	13497 words
978-88-530-2430-5	128 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

► Agatha Christie
Adapted by Janet Cameron

READING & TRAINING



When his friend Roger Ackroyd is killed, Hercule Poirot must solve one of the most difficult mysteries of his career. *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* has been called Agatha Christie's greatest novel and one of the best crime novels of all time.

Dossiers:
Agatha Christie; The 1920s; Crime investigation, then and now

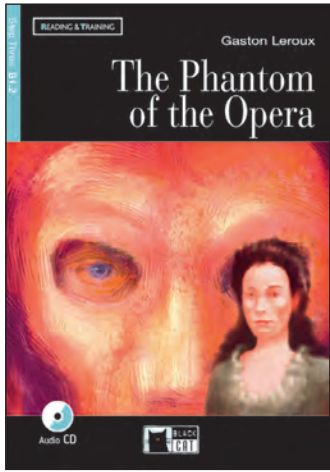
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CLASSIC	
Crime	
Book + audio	13626 words
978-88-530-2132-8	128 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

The Phantom of the Opera

► Gaston Leroux
Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



A mysterious ghost is haunting the famous Paris Opera House. There are all sorts of rumours about the 'Phantom of the Opera', a frightening figure whose face is hidden by a terrible mask...

Dossiers:
The Paris Opera House; Film and Stage Versions of the Novel; Lon Chaney (1883-1930); Opera: the First International Pop Music

► VIDEO

CLASSIC	
Mystery & Horror	
Book + audio	8957 words
978-88-530-0716-2	128 p.
Digital book	PRELIMINARY TRINITY

The Picture of Dorian Gray

► Oscar Wilde

Adapted by Victoria Heward

READING & TRAINING



When the beautiful young Dorian Gray sees his portrait, he understands that it will remain beautiful forever and that he will grow old. He makes a wish that will change not only his looks but also his soul. As he lives a life of pleasure and sin, the portrait shows the signs of his corruption.

Dossiers:

Oscar Wilde; Victorian Entertainment; Women in Victorian England; Cinema: Dorian Gray

CLASSIC

Mystery & Horror

Book + audio	11170 words
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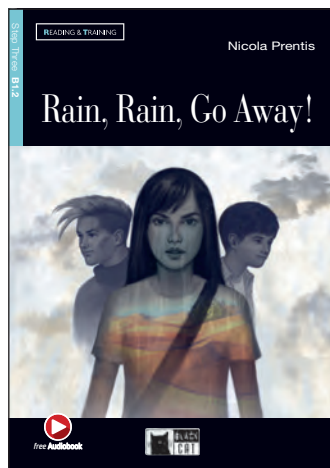
Digital book

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

► Nicola Prentis

READING & TRAINING



In a dystopian future where access to clean water is controlled by the Keepers, thirst is a part of everyday life. Kailani, a young girl, goes into the desert, to the Edge, to find water for her sick brother. If she fails, he might die.

Dossiers:

Dystopian Stories; The World's Driest Places; Water, Water, Everywhere?

ORIGINAL

Dystopia

Book + audio	8000 words
978-88-530-1551-8	96 p.

Digital book

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

► Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Adapted by Blanche Malvern

READING & TRAINING



In 1891, the great detective Sherlock Holmes disappeared. A month after Holmes's disappearance, his good friend and colleague Dr Watson published an article in the newspaper, explaining that Holmes died while struggling with his arch-enemy Professor Moriarty. But is that what really happened?

Dossiers:

The Immortal Sherlock Holmes

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Crime

Book + audio	10279 words
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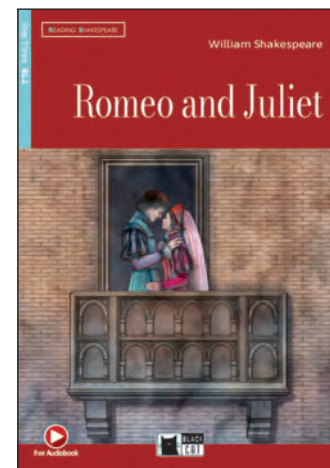
PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

Romeo and Juliet

► William Shakespeare

Adapted by Victoria Heward

READING SHAKESPEARE



The Capulets and the Montagues have been enemies for centuries, so destiny is against teenagers, Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet, when they meet. The tragic events of their story make it one of the most famous love stories ever told, and one of Shakespeare's most popular plays.

Dossiers:

Theatre in the UK - Then and now; Verona; Life as a teenager

► VIDEO

CLASSIC

Love

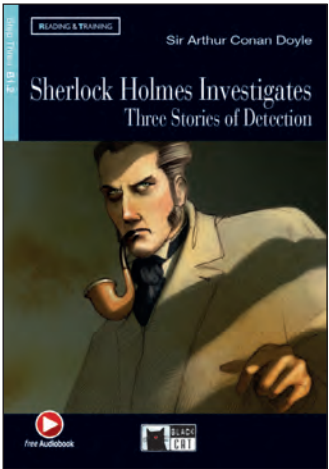
Book + audio	7725 words
978-88-530-2310-0	96 p.

PRELIMINARY
TRINITY

Sherlock Holmes Investigates

► *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle*
Adapted by Kenneth Brodey,
Rebecca Raynes

READING & TRAINING



Sherlock Holmes is at work in three stories: solving the problem of a hat and a goose in *The Blue Carbuncle*; finding a missing fiancé in *A Case of Identity*; and discovering the identity of a strange creature in *The Yellow Face*.

Dossiers:

Conan Doyle Defends the Crew; of the 'Titanic'; Arthur Defends the Underdog

VIDEO

CLASSIC

Crime

Book + audio	10438 words
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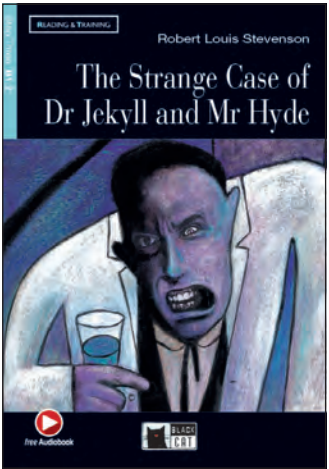
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► *Robert Louis Stevenson*

Adapted by James Butler,
Lucia De Vanna

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A respected scientist, a mysterious will, a strange door and an evil and violent man. What connects these people and events? Mr Utterson, a lawyer and friend to Dr Jekyll, has decided to find out. One of Stevenson's best-loved novels: a thrilling story of science, curiosity and the darker side of human nature.

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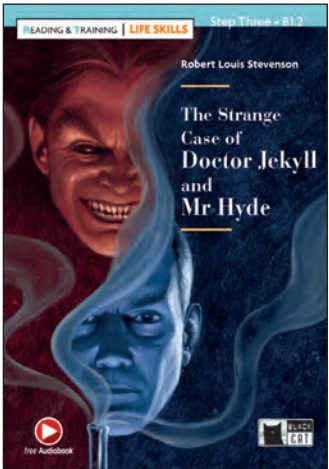
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LIFE SKILLS justice; curiosity; responsibility; trust; ambition

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The Time Traveller visits the year 802,701. The people seem to live peacefully with nothing to do but eat fruit, gather flowers and play. But what is the hidden secret of this world? What happens on the darkest night? In one of the greatest science fiction novels, H.G. Wells explores the future of the human race.

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Marooned! All alone on a desert island

LIFE SKILLS courage;
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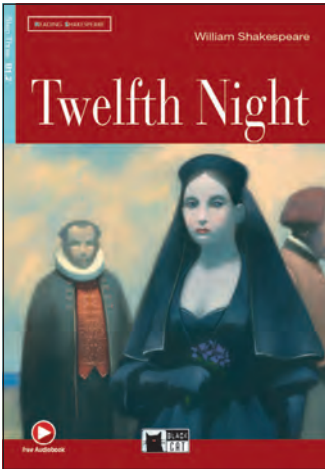
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After surviving a shipwreck off the coast of Illyria, Viola disguises herself as a boy to get a position at the court of Duke Orsino, who is in love with beautiful Olivia. Unknown to Viola, her twin brother Sebastian has also survived the shipwreck. When he too arrives in Illyria, confusion and misunderstandings follow...

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A diamond is on display at a New York City museum. Nick has a summer job at the museum and invites his friends Bill and Michelle to join him for a summer of fun. One night the diamond disappears and the three teenagers start investigating...

Dossiers:

Manhattan, the heart of New York City; Vlad Tepes, Prince of Wallachia; Vampires in literature and films

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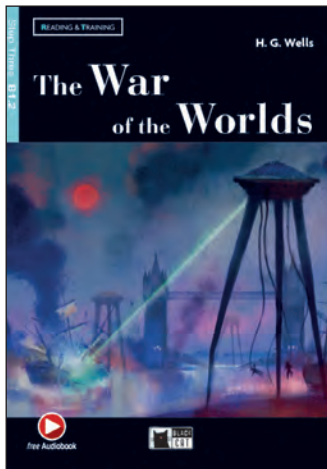
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Adapted by Jane Cammack

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When a cylinder from Mars lands near London, crowds of people arrive. Curiosity turns to terror as Martians appear. Their technology is far more advanced than humans and their heat-ray weapon kills instantly. This invasion could mean the end of human civilisation and the beginning of Martian rule.

Dossiers:

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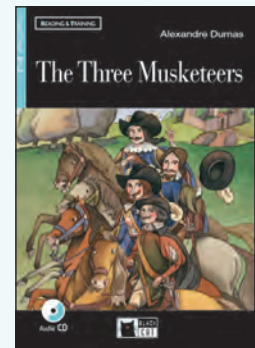


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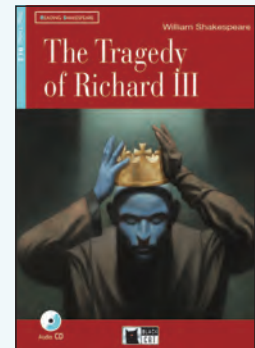


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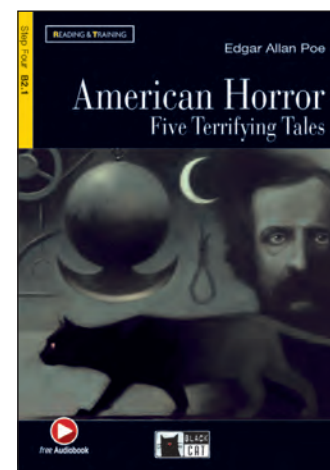
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Edgar Allan Poe is one of the first masters of modern short stories. But he is best remembered for his strange style of horror. A man who drains away his wife's life to make his painting seem alive; an animal lover who becomes obsessed by a cat; a young man obsessed by an old man's blue eye ...

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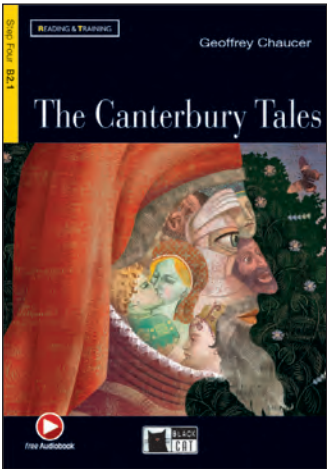
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Dossiers:

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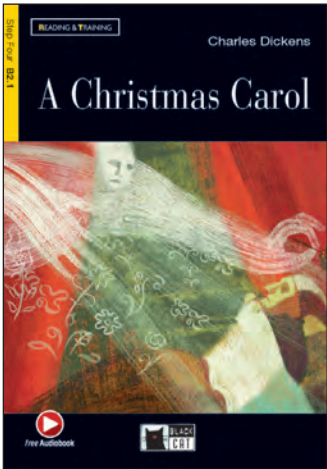
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► *Charles Dickens*

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Mean old Ebenezer Scrooge doesn't like Christmas. He doesn't like people. He only likes money. But when the ghost of his friend, Old Marley, visits him on Christmas Eve, it's the beginning of a very strange night. Next morning he wishes everybody a Merry Christmas! So what has changed bad old Scrooge?

Dossiers:

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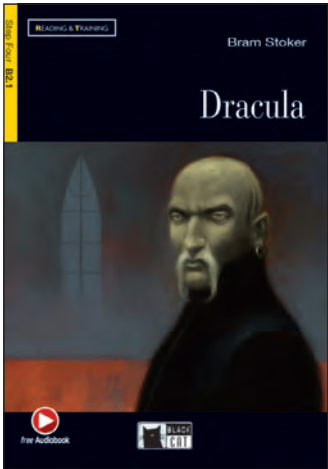
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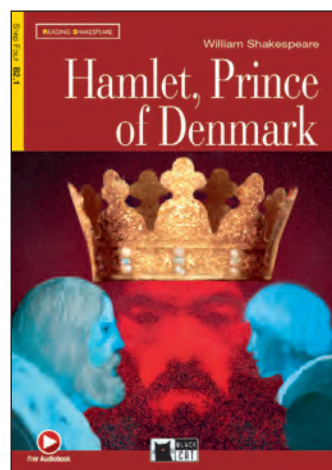
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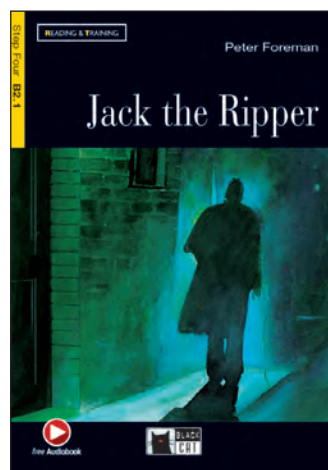
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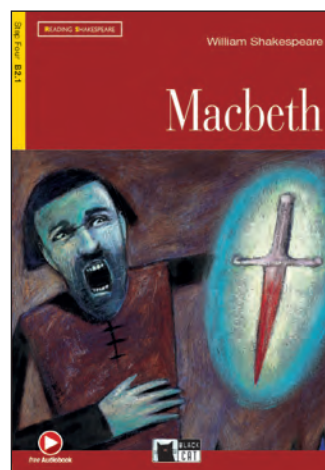
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Macbeth

► William Shakespeare
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READING & TRAINING



Macbeth is a loyal and courageous servant of King Duncan. But, one day, after a battle he meets three witches, who tell him that one day he will be King of Scotland. Soon his obsession to become king and his wife's cold-blooded ambition lead to murder.

Dossiers:
Films of 'Macbeth'; Scotland's History; Witches; The Castles of Scotland

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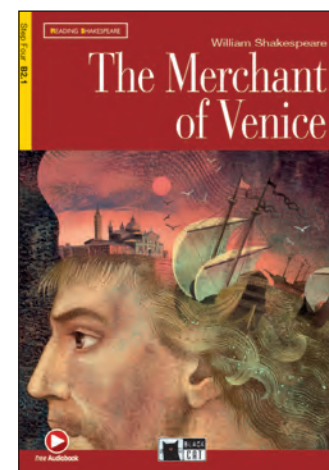
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The Merchant of Venice

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Bassanio wants to impress Portia but he doesn't have enough money to do so. He turns for help to Antonio, who is forced to borrow from Shylock, a Jewish moneylender. When Antonio's business starts going badly, repayment becomes impossible and Shylock is allowed to demand a pound of the merchant's flesh.

Dossiers:
Venice – a Centre of Commerce; Venice – a City of Masks; Jews in Venice

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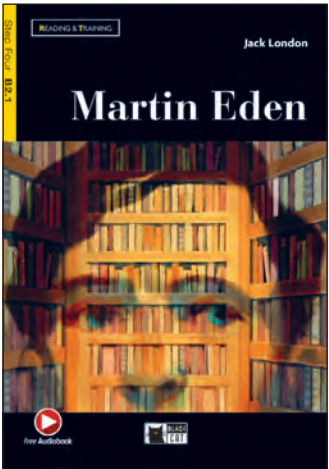
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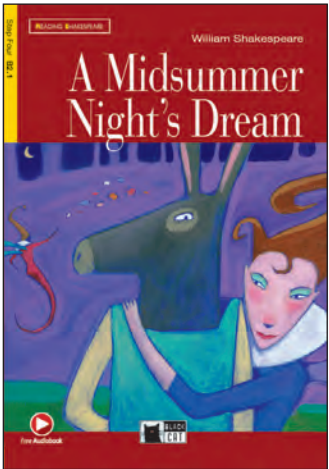
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A Midsummer Night's Dream

► William Shakespeare
Adapted by James Butler

READING & TRAINING



Two young lovers, Hermia and Lysander, meet in the wood with the intention of running away and getting married secretly. They are followed by Demetrius, who loves Hermia, and Helena, who is in love with Demetrius. What they don't know is that the wood is enchanted...

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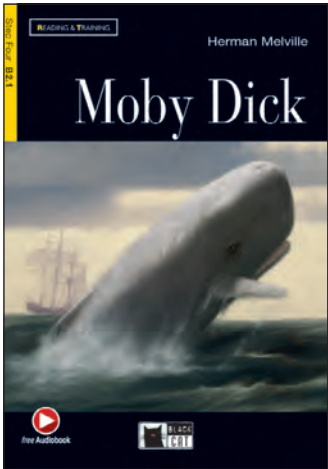
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► Wilkie Collins

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READING & TRAINING



On her eighteenth birthday, Rachel Verinder receives a very special present, the Moonstone – a large yellow diamond from India. But that night the Moonstone is stolen... In what T. S. Eliot called 'the first, the longest, and the best of modern detective novels', Wilkie Collins tells a story full of mystery, suspense and psychological insight.

Dossiers:

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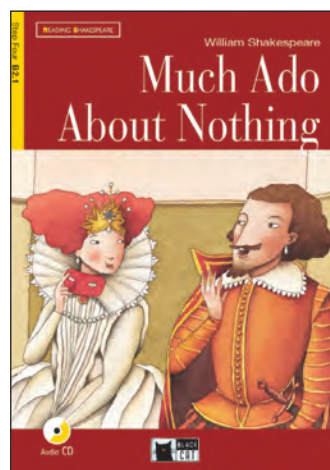
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Much Ado About Nothing

► William Shakespeare

Adapted by James Butler

READING & TRAINING



Claudio is in love with Hero, but is afraid that she will reject him. His friend, Don Pedro, volunteers to make her fall in love with him at a masked ball. The trick works and Hero agrees to marry Claudio. But Don Pedro's brother, Don John, organises a plot to make Claudio think that Hero is unfaithful...

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Tragic and Comic Elements; in Much ado About Nothing; Women in Shakespeare's Comedies

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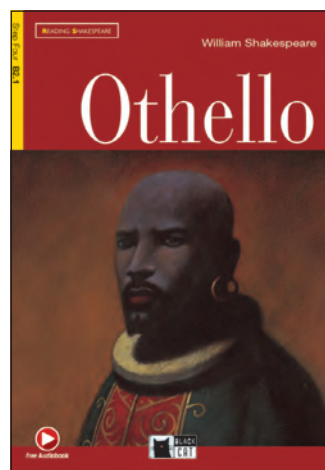
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Othello

► William Shakespeare

Adapted by Lucy Parker

READING & TRAINING



Othello is a successful general, but a very simple man who trusts Iago completely. When he elopes with and marries Desdemona, he is overwhelmed by the happiness that seems to be his. Iago, embittered by his failure to win promotion in the army, decides to poison the general's happiness...

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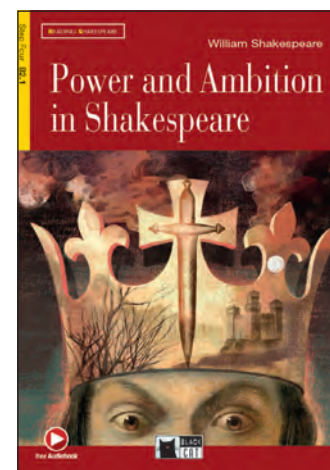
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► William Shakespeare

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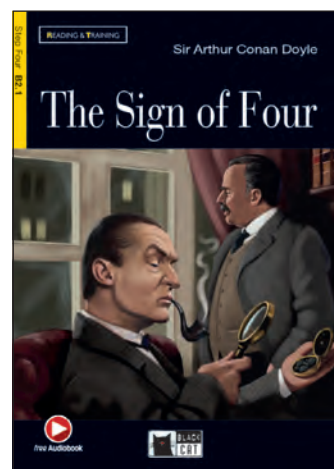
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Sherlock Holmes is bored. But a fascinating new case is just around the corner. The attractive Mary Morstan arrives at 221B Baker Street with a strange story to tell. Her father vanished ten years ago: four years later she receives six beautiful pearls, one each year. She has been invited to meet the sender of these pearls and asks Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson for their help.

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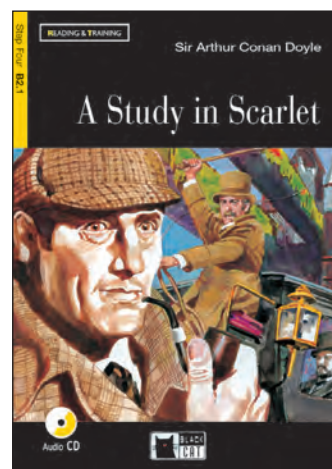
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Adapted by Jennifer Gascoigne

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Thirteen years ago Prospero was robbed of his title and sent to die at sea with his daughter. They made their home on a remote island. One day a ship passes near the island. Prospero, now a powerful magician, creates a big storm and makes it sink. All the passengers manage to get to the island safely. The storm is part of Prospero's plan for revenge.

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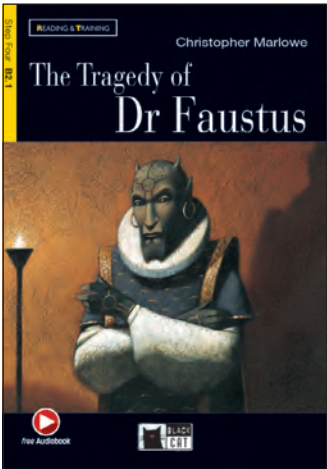
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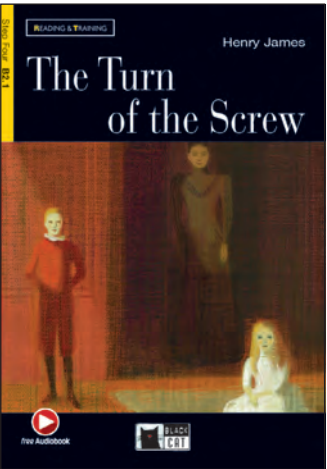
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The great detective Sherlock Holmes is needed to solve a murder in Sussex, England. A card with the initials VV 341 has been left by the body, and discovering the facts of the case gets ever more difficult. The answers to this mystery lie far away from the scene of the crime and across the Atlantic, in a place known as 'The Valley of Fear'.

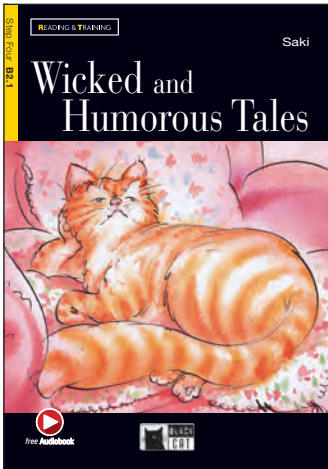
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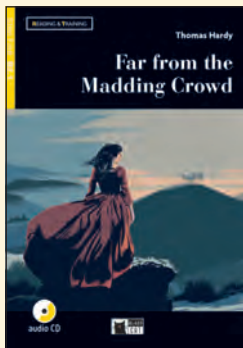


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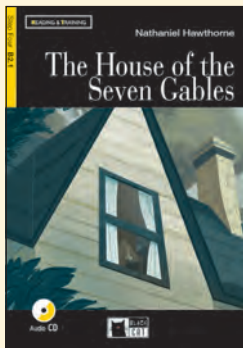
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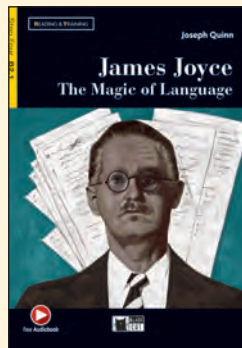
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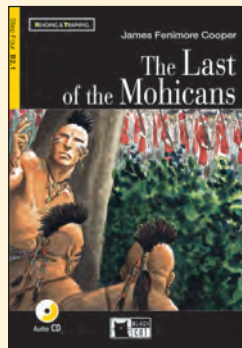
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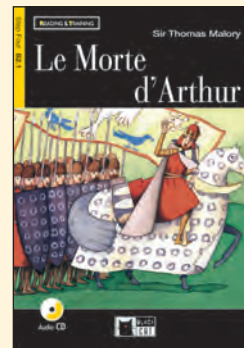
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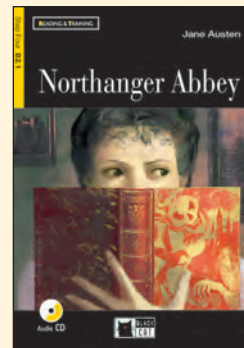
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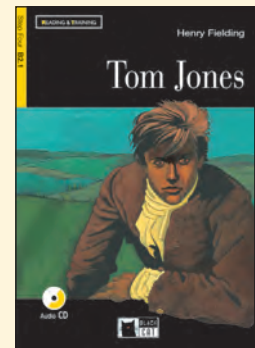
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Adapted by Maud Jackson

READING & TRAINING



A fascination with science and the aspiration to understand the mysteries of creation lead Victor Frankenstein to create life from death. But the results are not what he expects and his rejection of his monstrous creation causes dire consequences for himself and all the people he cares about.

Dossiers:

Science Fiction; Romantic Landscapes; Monsters; Frankenstein on Film and others

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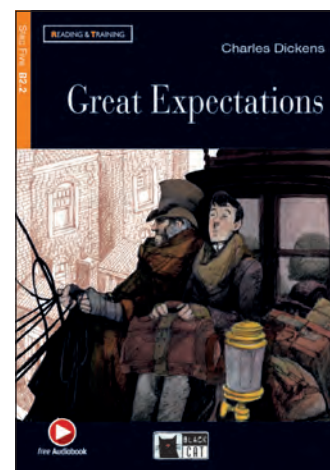
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Great Expectations

► Charles Dickens

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



Pip is destined to become a village blacksmith, but a chance meeting with an escaped prisoner and the acquaintance of an eccentric old woman and a beautiful young girl change the course of his life. He is suddenly dissatisfied with his social status and wants to become a gentleman. But one day he discovers a terrible secret.

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Dickens and His Times; Prison Ships; Social Aspects of the Victorian Age

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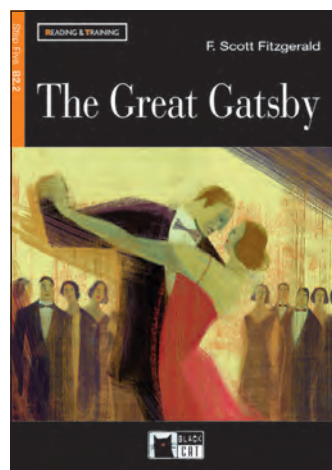
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A rich man with a mysterious past hosts Long Island's most extravagant parties, while he desperately seeks his long lost love.

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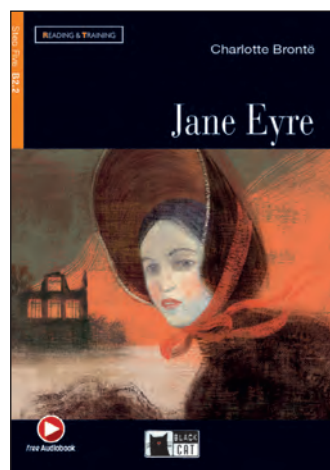
The 'Roaring Twenties'; American Literature in the 1920s

Jane Eyre

► Charlotte Brontë

Adapted by Christopher Hall

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Plain orphaned Jane Eyre lives unwanted with her aunt until she is sent away to school. When Jane leaves school to work as a governess at Thornfield Manor owned by Mr Rochester, she finally finds some happiness. But some strange events are signals that the past of Mr Rochester is about to return.

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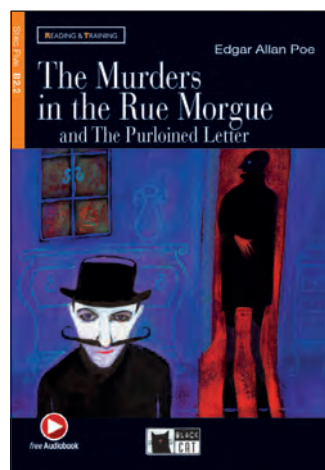
Jane as a Feminist Heroine; Race and Empire in Jane Eyre; Jane as Romantic Revolutionary

The Murders in the Rue Morgue and The Purloined Letter

► Edgar Allan Poe

Adapted by G. and S. Thomson

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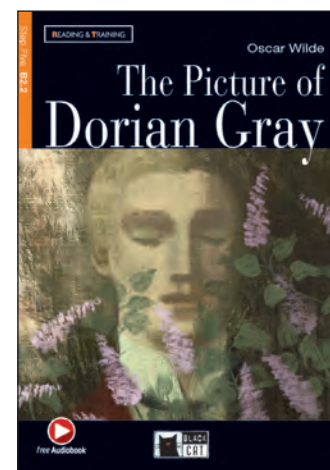
The Art of the Detective Story; Apes Going Ape; Paris in the 1800s

The Picture of Dorian Gray

► Oscar Wilde

Adapted by Gina D.B. Clemen

READING & TRAINING



When the superbly handsome Dorian Gray sees his portrait he makes a terrible wish: that the portrait will grow older and that he will remain young forever. But what happens to the portrait that no one ever sees?

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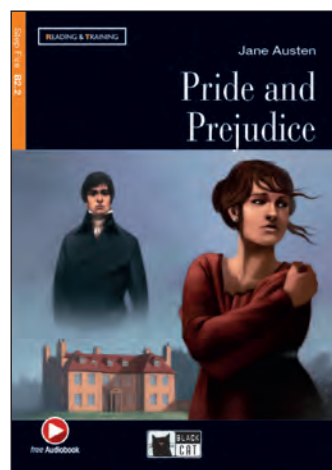
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Pride and Prejudice

► Jane Austen

Adapted by Jennifer Gascoigne

READING & TRAINING



Mrs Bennet has five daughters to be married: Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Kitty and Lydia. So, when rich and friendly Mr Bingley comes to live in their village bringing an even richer, but unfriendly, Mr Darcy with him, Mrs Bennet is delighted and hopeful. A classic story about feelings, emotions and relationships.

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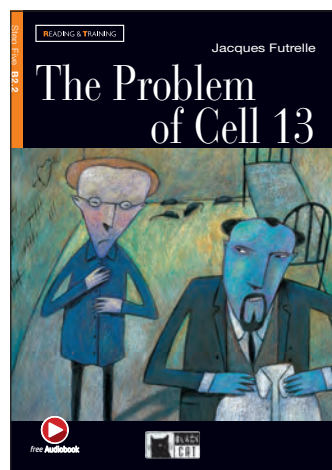
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► Jacques Futrelle

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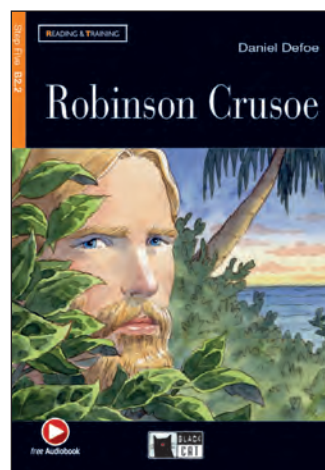
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Robinson Crusoe

► Daniel Defoe

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READING & TRAINING



When the captain tells Robinson, 'Young man, you should never go to sea again...', Robinson ignores his advice, with terrible consequences. He is forced into slavery and escapes, but he is then shipwrecked on a desert island, where he manages to survive through resourcefulness and luck.

Dossiers:

The Slave Trade; Shipwrecks; Mercantilism: Trade, Wealth and Colonies and others

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The Scarlet Letter

► Nathaniel Hawthorne

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In 17th-century Puritan Boston, Hester Prynne gives birth to an illegitimate child and is condemned to wear the scarlet letter 'A' as a sign of her adultery. Meanwhile, Hester's husband settles in Boston and tries to discover who Hester's secret lover is.

Dossiers:

The Puritans – The Origins; Boston, Heart of the American Revolution and others

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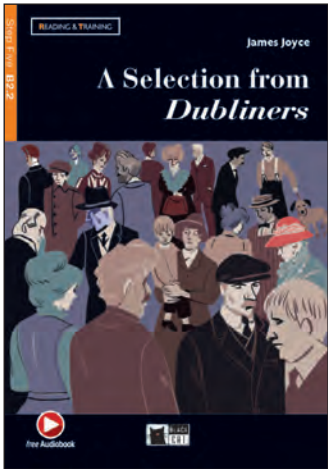
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Dossiers:
The Easter Rising; Features of life in Ireland

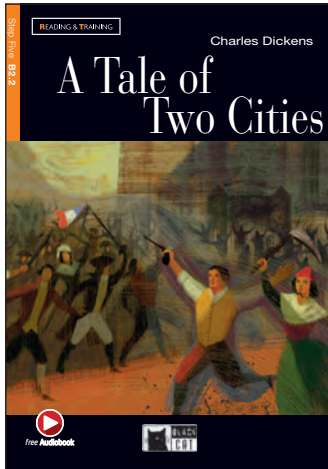
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A Tale of Two Cities

► Charles Dickens
Adapted by James Butler

READING & TRAINING



Dr Manette is falsely imprisoned for 18 years by the Marquis of Evrémonte. He is eventually released and goes to England to join his daughter Lucie, who marries the Frenchman Charles Darnay of the Evrémonte family. During the Reign of Terror Darnay travels to Paris where he is imprisoned and sentenced to be executed...

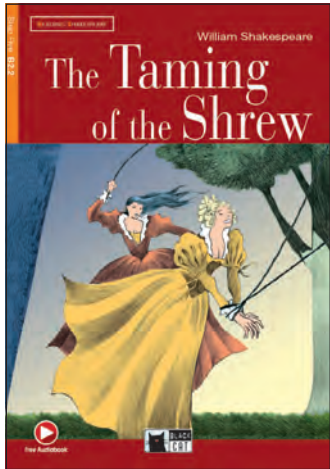
Dossiers:
The French Revolution; The French Revolution in A Tale of Two Cities

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The Taming of the Shrew

► William Shakespeare
Adapted by James Butler, Lucia De Vanna

READING & TRAINING



Baptista's two beautiful daughters are ready for marriage. Bianca, pursued by three different suitors, cannot marry until someone dares to marry her sister, the proud and contemptuous Katharine. Then Petruchio arrives in Padua and proposes to Katharine. Will he be able to turn her into a model of devotion and obedience?

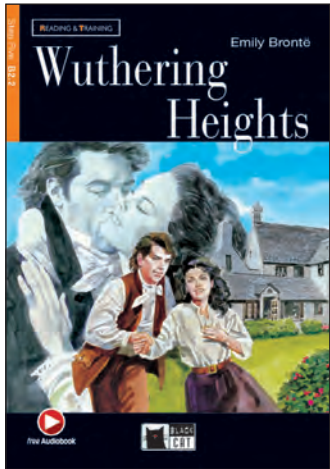
Dossiers:
Shakespeare and English Comedy; Shakespeare and Italian Comedy

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Humour & Comedy	
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Wuthering Heights

► Emily Brontë
Adapted by Maud Jackson

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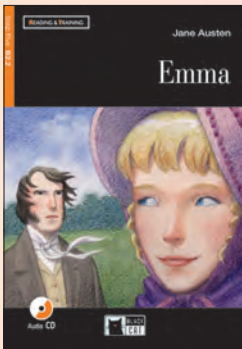


Wuthering Heights is home to the Earnshaw family, who adopt an orphan called Heathcliff. When they grow up, Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff fall deeply in love. But Catherine decides to marry Edgar Linton from the big house across the moors. Heathcliff runs away in despair. When he returns some years later, a series of terrible events destroys the relationship between the Lintons and the Earnshaws.

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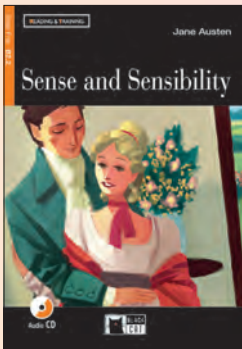
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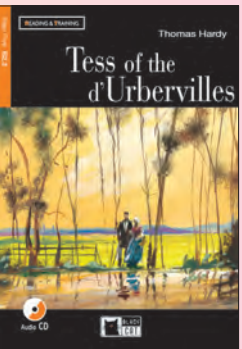
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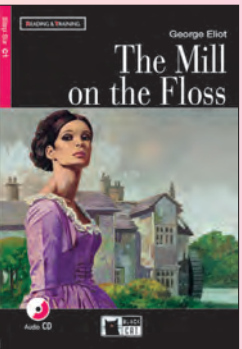
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Silas Marner

► George Eliot
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READING & TRAINING



Silas, a weaver, is betrayed by his best friend and the woman he loves. He loses all faith in humanity and moves to the village of Raveloe. There he lives a solitary life, working and hoarding his gold coins, until one day his gold is stolen...

Dossiers:
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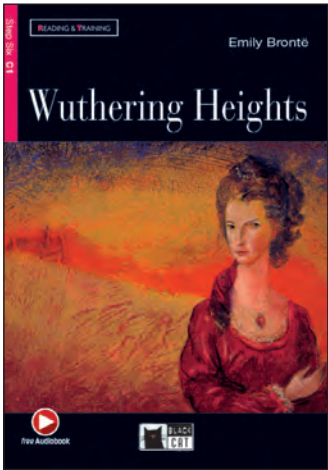
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Wuthering Heights

► Emily Brontë
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READING & TRAINING



Wuthering Heights is home to the Earnshaw family, who adopt an orphan called Heathcliff. Catherine Earnshaw becomes great friends with Heathcliff and they fall in love. But Catherine decides to marry Edgar Linton. Heathcliff runs away, but when he returns a series of events starts to destroy the relationship between the Lintons and the Earnshaws.

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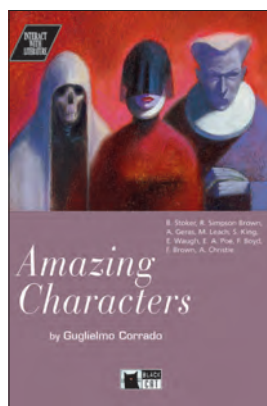
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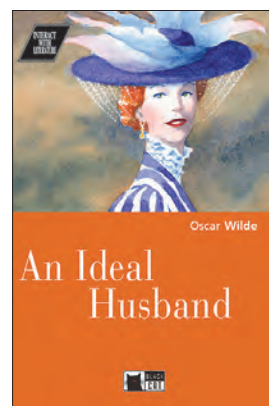
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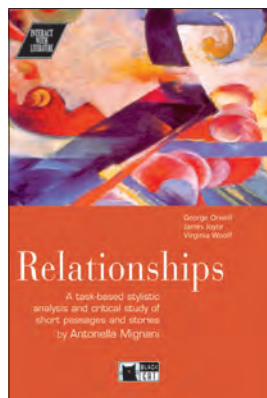
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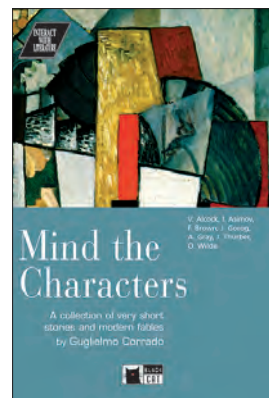
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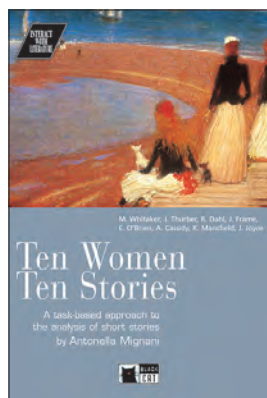
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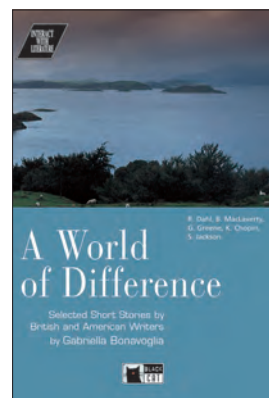
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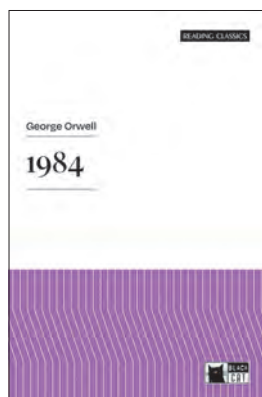
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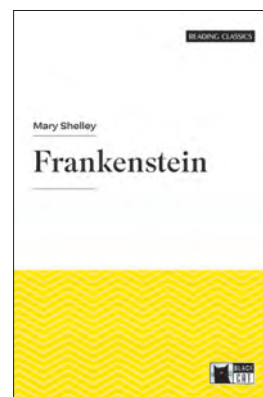
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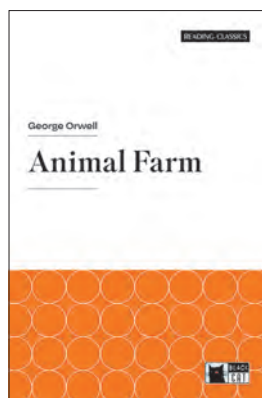
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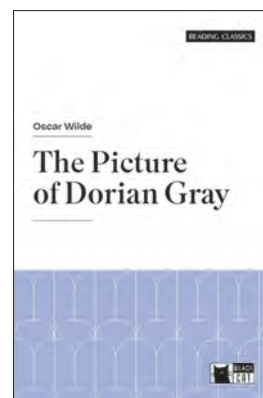
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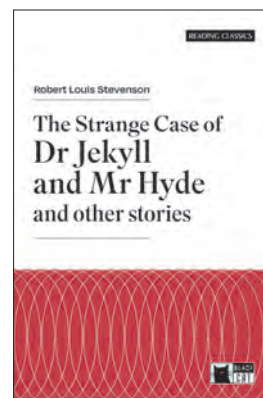
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The Elephant's Child is a young elephant and he lives in Africa. He asks the other animals a lot of questions... until he meets a crocodile.

1. Read the text and underline the animals.

The Elephant's Child asks his Aunt Ostrich, 'Why have you got a lot of feathers?'

He asks his tall Uncle Giraffe, 'Why have you got a lot of spots?'

Then he asks his big Aunt Hippopotamus, 'Why have you got red eyes?'

When he sees the beautiful Kolokolo Bird he asks,

'What does the Crocodile have for dinner?'

'Go to the green Limpopo River and find out!' says the Kolokolo Bird.

The Elephant's Child arrives at the Limpopo River. He sees a new animal in the big green river.

'Excuse me,' he asks, 'does a Crocodile live here?'

'Yes, Little Elephant,' says the new animal.

'I'm a Crocodile.'

'Oh, good!' says the Elephant's Child. 'Can you please tell me what you have for dinner?'

'Come close to me and I can tell you.'

The Elephant's Child goes close to the Crocodile.

'Today I'm going to have... the Elephant's Child for dinner!' he says laughing. He bites the Elephant's Child's little nose. And this is how the Elephant got his trunk.

(From *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling)

2. Read the descriptions. Which animal is it?

- This animal has four legs and a tail. It can eat leaves from very tall trees.
- This animal has got a big mouth and lives in water.
- This animal has got a long neck and two long legs.
- This animal has got four legs and a long trunk.
- This animal has got a big mouth and a short tail. It lives in water and eats grass and plants.



ADVENTURE & ENVIRONMENT

THE MAN WITH A BLACK MASK

The story of Zorro is an old legend from Spanish California (1800s). Who is this man who always wear a black mask? Poor people love him, but the soldiers of the military presidio want to catch him. Let's meet Zorro!

"People say that he takes from the rich and gives to the poor. He is a friend of the natives and the friars. He punishes dishonest people," says an old man.

"Ha! Zorro is a big mystery. Who is he? Where is he from? He wears a black mask and no one can see his face. He travels on the El Camino Real on his fast horse. He is very good with his sword," says the Sergeant Gonzales.

"Yes, and he leaves his mark - the Z - everywhere," says the old man.

"No one can stop him. The Governor of California offers a big reward for the capture of Zorro" says another soldier.

Suddenly the door of the tavern opens. The soldiers see a man. He is dressed in black. He has a black mask and a black sombrero.

"You! The Governor wants you, dead or alive!" says Sergeant Gonzales and pulls out his sword. Zorro jumps onto a table. They fight. Then Sergeant Gonzales's sword falls onto the floor. His face is white. Now he is scared!

(From *Zorro!* by Johnston McCulley)

1 Odd one out!

Circle the word that does not belong to the group.

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|------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| 1. mouse | fox | bird | fish |
| 2. Spanish | Italian | French | California. |
| 3. money | coin | rich | dollar. |
| 4. soldier | man | friend | people |
| 5. sword | chair | table | floor |
| 6. big | fast | scared | old |



Class Activity A2



**FAIRY TALES
& OTHER WORLDS**



**ADVENTURE
& ENVIRONMENT**



**INVESTIGATION,
MYSTERY & HORROR**



**LIFE, CHANGE
& EMOTIONS**

CREATE YOUR OWN BOOK!

1 Read the short texts and match each of them with the correct picture.

☐ Meryl Streep has more Academy Award Nominations than any other female actor and three Oscars. On 24th November 2014 President Barack Obama awarded Meryl the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her work. It is the highest civilian honour in film and theatre.

☐ That night they discovered that there was a ghost at Canterville Chase. At eleven o'clock everyone went to bed. Some time later Mr Otis woke up because he heard a strange noise outside his room. In front of him there was a terrible old man. His eyes were red like fire. His long grey hair was dirty. His clothes were very old. On his wrists and ankles there were heavy chains.

☐ Alex suddenly heard a loud growl. He walked closer and saw a cougar sitting on a rock and looking at Sally. It growled again. Sally was looking at the angry cougar. She was holding some wood in one

hand and her face was white. She started to walk back very slowly. The cougar growled again but it did not move; it looked at Sally with its big green eyes.

☐ 'I looked up and I saw an enormous bird above me. It covered the sun.

"A roc!" I said to myself. "And this white dome is her egg." I remembered a travellers' story about these birds. It said that rocs caught elephants for their babies to eat. Just at that moment, the bird landed on top of her egg and soon she was asleep.

2 Now give a title to your choice. What is your favourite match?

3 What path does your favourite book belong to? (It can be more than one)

1



2



3



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Class Activity A2/B1



INVESTIGATION, MYSTERY & HORROR

A PORTRAIT WITH A VOICE

An ancestor from long ago appears to two young people, Janet and Dave, and talks with them in a very strange way.

1. Complete the text by writing one word in each space. Start with the letter given.

'Look at this, Dave!' said Janet, showing her brother a small **1 p**..... of a woman from the 1600s. They stared at it and felt strange.

'Who's this?' asked Dave. On the back of the portrait he saw a name written in black ink: Prudence Winthrop, 1690.

Suddenly there was a cold wind in the attic, but the **2 w**..... was shut.

'Did you feel that cold wind, Dave?' asked Janet, looking around.

'Yes, I did,' said Dave, 'but where is it coming from?' Then they heard a voice. It was the voice of a woman. The woman in the portrait was **3 c**..... them!

'Dave, the woman in the portrait is... is speaking to us!' said Janet, who was suddenly pale and **4 f**..... Her heart was beating fast.

Dave dropped the portrait immediately and it fell to the floor.

'Pick me up!' said the voice of the woman. 'And listen to what I say!' Her voice was strange and cold.

Dave's **5 h**..... were shaking as he picked up the portrait.

'I am here to help you,' said the woman in the portrait.

'My name was Prudence Winthrop. My only son was called Calvin Winthrop. We lived here at Elm Cove until 1692 because all of this land was ours. It belonged to the Winthrop **6 f**..... ever since we came to America from England in the 1600s. I am your ancestor from long ago.'

(From *The Halloween Secret* by Gina D.B. Clemen)



LIFE, CHANGE & EMOTIONS

DAVID GOES TO LONDON

David's childhood changes for the worse when his mother marries to a cruel man, Mr Murdstone. He sends David to London to work in a factory.

One day my stepfather said, 'Education is too expensive, David. You must go to London and get a job. You must work and learn to be independent.' I was only ten years old and quite small for my age, but I was sent to London to work in a warehouse. My job was to wash bottles and put labels on them. I earned very little and I worked long hours in bad conditions.

'Is this going to be my life?' I often asked myself. 'Am I going to wash bottles forever? I'll probably forget everything I learned from my mother and at school.' I was extremely unhappy and alone. In London I needed an inexpensive place to stay, so I rented a room from the Micawber family, who always needed extra money. The Micawbers were quite poor. I often bought my own food because the Micawbers hardly had enough for themselves. I liked them because they were always kind to me.

(From *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens)

1 Complete the questions. Choose the correct answer - a, b, or c.

- Why does David's stepfather send him to London?
 - He wants David to go to a better school.
 - He thinks David is a lazy student.
 - He doesn't want to pay for David's education.
- Why is David staying with the Macawber family?
 - They are friends of his family.
 - He is paying for a room in their house.
 - Their house is very near the warehouse.
- Why doesn't David eat with the Macawber family?
 - He doesn't like their food.
 - He thinks their food is too expensive.
 - He wants to help the family.



Class Activity B1.1



FAIRY TALES & OTHER WORLDS

STRANGE CHARACTERS AROUND ALICE

In the book Alice's Adventures in Wonderland there are many strange characters that Alice meets. Let's discover them!

1 Match the descriptions to the characters in the picture.

- ☐ The White Rabbit wears smart clothes. He likes to be punctual, so he's often worried about the time.
- ☐ The Queen of Hearts is often in a bad mood and shouts at people a lot. Sometimes she's very scary!
- ☐ The caterpillar is lazy and spends a lot of time sleeping.
- ☐ The Cheshire Cat can appear or disappear whenever he wants.
- ☐ The Duchess is the Queen's cousin. She's a very rude person, but she can also be friendly. Her mood changes very quickly.
- ☐ The Mad Hatter loves having tea parties. He's got some very strange opinions that often make no sense at all!
- ☐ The March Hare is a friend of the Mad Hatter and loves confusing people.



ADVENTURE & ENVIRONMENT

AROUND THE WORLD WITH PHILEAS FOGG

1 Read the descriptions of some of the places Phileas Fogg travels to in *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne.

Complete the descriptions by writing one word in each space. Start with the letter given.

Mumbai is a busy **1 c.....** in West India. The British called it Bombay. It is the home of Indian cinema, called Bollywood.

Yokohama was once a small fishing **2 v.....**. Now it is a big port in Japan.

The Suez Canal is in Egypt. It **3 c.....** the Mediterranean with the Red Sea.

Hong Kong is a small country with a big financial **4 c.....**. It used to be part of Britain, but now it is part of China.

The **5 c.....** city of Ireland is called Dublin. It is situated on a river, close to the Irish sea.

Omaha is a large city in the **6 s.....** of Nebraska, in the middle of the United States. It can be very hot in summer and very cold in winter.

2 Odd one out! Circle the word that doesn't belong to the group.

1. Omaha United States India Nebraska
2. Bombay theatre Bollywood West India
3. Hong Kong rice China Britain
4. Japan port fox hunting Yokohama
5. Ireland Galle Dublin Irish sea
6. Red Sea Egypt Hoover Dam Suez Canal



Class Activity B1.1



INVESTIGATION, MYSTERY & HORROR

POIROT AND SHERLOCK HOLMES AT WORK

Two different minds begin to investigate.

1. Read the extracts and answer the questions.

'Mr Poirot, I am a rich man – a very rich man. Men in that position have enemies. I have an enemy. My life is in danger and I need protection.'

Poirot rose from his chair. 'I am sorry, Monsieur, but I cannot help you.'

'What's wrong with my offer?'

'I do not like your face, M. Ratchett.' And with that, he left the dining car.

'Ah, my good friend!' M. Bouc looked pale and frightened. 'Come in. We need you.'

'What has happened?' Poirot asked.

'First, this snow, and now – ' Bouc paused. He was clearly trying very hard to stay calm. 'And now a passenger lies dead in his berth – stabbed.'

'A passenger? Which passenger?'

(From *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie)

a. Which passenger do you think has been killed? Why?

The letter said that a strange murder had taken place at Brixton Road. A policeman saw a light in a house that he knew was empty. The front door was open, so the policeman went inside and discovered the body of a man on the floor. The man was well dressed and had a business card in his pocket with the name 'E. J. Drebbler, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.' on it. Nothing was stolen from the man and there was no injury on his body. However, there were marks of blood in the room. How he had died was a mystery.

(From *A Study in Scarlet* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

b. Who do you think sent Sherlock Holmes the letter? Why?

2. Which story would you prefer to read. Why?

3 Which is your favourite detective? Why?



LIFE, CHANGE & EMOTIONS

THE MAGIC OF FRIENDSHIP

Mary is a girl who lives with her uncle on his estate in Yorkshire after the death of her parents. She finds a secret garden and meets Dickon and Colin, two boys who will become her friends. In this extract Mary talks with Colin about her first meeting with Dickon. Colin is a child with a spinal cord problem that is convinced he will die.

Mary was happy to go and see Colin. 'Why are you looking at me like that?' asked Colin.

'I was thinking how different you are from Dickon,' said Mary.

'Who is Dickon?' asked Colin, 'What a strange name!' Mary told him about Dickon. 'He's not like anyone else,' she said. 'All the animals on the moor love him. When he plays his pipe, they come to listen.'

'The moor must be a wonderful place,' said Colin. 'But I can't go there. I'm going to die.'

'How do you know that?' Mary asked. She felt a little angry with Colin. He seemed to be pleased with the thought that he could die.

'Because everyone says I will die,' Colin replied. 'I think that my father will be pleased when I'm dead.'

'I don't believe that,' Mary said. 'That famous doctor was right. They shouldn't make a fuss of you; they should allow you to go out. If you see Dickon, you'll want to get well.'

Then Mary told Colin about Dickon's family, who had no money but were all healthy and happy.

(From *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett)

1 Complete the sentences. Write **Mary, Colin or Dickon**.

- isn't usually an active person.
- has a unusual effect on animals and people.
- wants to help someone get better.



Class Activity B1.2



FAIRY TALES & OTHER WORLDS

DOUBLETHINK

In George Orwell's dystopian novel 1984, people of Oceania cannot do, say or think what they want. They must love Big Brother, the Party leader, and follow him and his language.

1 Read this extract from Winston Smith's diary about the word 'doublethink'.

Doublethink

Mrs Parsons is afraid of her children, but she tells herself that nothing is wrong with them. That's doublethink. Everyone in Oceania has to be good at doublethink – believing that two opposite ideas are both true. Doublethink is important, but sometimes I'm really bad at it. For example, when someone at work disappears, we have to believe that we never knew or met that person because the Party says they never existed. We take their names off all the records and forget about them.

Doublethink helps the Party to control Oceania. They tell us that life is getting better every year, and we have to believe that. But we live in old houses and wear old clothes, and we never have enough to eat. Sometimes it's difficult to believe what the Party says and not believe our eyes! Does anyone else feel like me? Do other people out there doubt Big Brother and the Party?

(From *1984* by George Orwell)

2 Discuss these questions in small groups.

1. What is 'doublethink'? Do you think it exists today? Why or why not?
2. In the 21st century, there's a lot of 'fake news', especially on the internet and social media.
 - a. In what ways do you think 'doublethink' and 'fake news' are similar?
 - b. What well-known examples of fake news can you think of? What happened/is happening now as a result of these false stories?



ADVENTURE & ENVIRONMENT

THE OLD SEA CAPTAIN

Jim Hawkins is an eleven-year-old boy. He works with his parents in an inn called "The Admiral Benbow by the sea" near Bristol.

1 Read the text.

My name's Jim Hawkins, and my story begins in the year 1761, when I was eleven years old. My father and mother had an inn called The Admiral Benbow by the sea near Bristol. One day an old sea captain came into our inn. His skin was dark brown from the sun, and there was a scar on his face. He wore a dirty blue coat, and under it he carried a sword.

This is a nice little place,' said the captain. 'Do you get much business?'

'Unfortunately, no,' my father replied.

'Good,' said the captain. 'I'll stay here a while. I'm a simple man. I eat eggs and bacon, and I drink rum.' He put some gold coins on the bar. 'Tell me when I've spent all that, and I'll give you some more,' he said.

Every evening, when he came back from his walk, the captain asked if any sailor had come into the inn during the day. At first we thought he wanted company of people like himself, but then we realised that he didn't want to see other sailors. Whenever one came into the bar, he was even more silent than usual.

One day he gave me a silver coin. 'I want you to watch out for a sailor with one leg,' he said. 'I'll give you another silver coin on the first day of every month if you watch out for a man like that.'

Some nights, I dreamed that the sailor with one leg was running after me. They were terrifying dreams.

(From *Treasure Island*, by R.L. Stevenson)

2 Imagine that you are Jim. Write a short WhatsApp message to a friend summarising the main points of the text. Write no more than 100 words.



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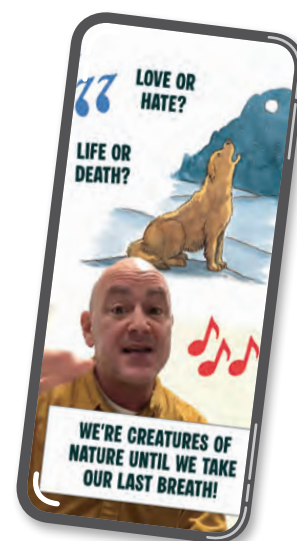
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