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Aesop
Retold by Paola Traverso

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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The Ugly Duckling
Retold by Ruth Hobart

This little duckling is different from the other ducklings. Everyone laughs at him, animals and humans alike, and only his mum loves him. But when spring comes, he sees his reflection in the water, and... what a change has taken place!
### The Scarecrow and the Sunflower

**Paola Traverso**

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.

### Henny Penny

**Retold by Emily Flynn**

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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Retold by Ruth Hobart

A modern-looking girl on the way to her grandmother meets an old-fashioned wolf in the woods. But there’s a happy ending. The girl, her grandmother and a wood-cutter all have tea together, while the wolf runs away, scared but still alive!

**The Mad Teacher**
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Teachers are often rather strange people, particularly English teachers! They repeat the same words and ask children to say and do absurd things. This teacher, however, is not just a bit strange, he is really mad... raving mad! By the end of the story children will realise that a mad teacher can be better than a sane and boring one!

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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?

**Miss Grace Green and the Clown Brothers**
* Paola Traverso

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.
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!

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!

A witch takes Rapunzel away from her parents when she is a small child. When Rapunzel grows into a beautiful young woman the witch locks her in a tower in the forest! However, the story ends happily with Rapunzel reunited with her parents and then marrying a prince!
Bugaboo, the Wicked Witch
Retold by Cristina Ivaldi

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!

Cinderella
Retold by Ruth Hobart

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?

Maggie and Max Visit the Haunted Castle
Retold by Gabriella Coates

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! First it’s only Max who sees funny faces and people moving in the pictures on the walls but then Maggie starts feeling a bit worried, too.

The Musicians of Bremen
Retold by Paola Traverso

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...
The Jungle Book

Retold by Gaia Ierace

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.

The Little Mermaid

Retold by Judith Percival

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?

Monster in the Box

Retold by Cristina Ivaldi

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!

Peter and the Wolf

Retold by Ruth Hobart

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!
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Retold by Ruth Hobart

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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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*Victoria Heward*

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- Retold by Hans Christian Andersen
- Retold by Paola Traverso

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?

**Puss in Boots**
- Retold by Judith Percival

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…

**Sleeping Beauty**
- Retold by Catherine E. White

The King and Queen are proud of their baby daughter, Princess Aurora, and they invite everyone to a party, including the Flower Fairies. But one of the Fairies puts a curse on Aurora, and despite the King's precautions, on her sixteenth birthday she meets an old lady in a tower in the castle…
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Retold by Ruth Hobart

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

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…

**The Canterville Ghost**
*Oscar Wilde*
Adapted by Gaia Ierace

When the American Otis family move to their new house in England, interesting things begin to happen – especially when they meet Mr Ghost!
Nasreddin – Ten Stories  
Retold by Jennifer Gascoigne

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs  
Retold by Catherine E. White

Two Monsters  
Cristina Ivaldi

Zed the Magician  
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Dossiers:
Canada and its Wildlife; Nova Scotia

Bathsheba the Witch

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

Beauty and the Beast

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:
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When Kate and Mike Sullivan invite their friend Carlos to sail to the Farallon Islands on their father’s new boat, The Pelican, they expect to see the fascinating birds and animals which live there. But this exciting boat trip on the Pacific Ocean turns into a night of horror when ghastly ghosts from the past appear…

Dossiers:
- Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

It’s fun to get ready for Halloween and it’s even more fun to have a spooky Halloween party!

But what happens to a group of young teenagers when their Halloween party becomes a living nightmare? Find out what horror is all about in this spine-tingling story!

Dossiers:
- The Origins of Halloween
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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…

Dossier:
- Making Wishes

Five children and It
- E. Nesbit
  Adapted by Cheryl Thompson

The Ghost Ship of Bodega Bay
- Gina D. B. Clemen

Halloween Horror
- Gina D. B. Clemen

The Happy Prince and The Selfish Giant
- Oscar Wilde
  Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

The Happy Prince is the story of the touching friendship between the golden statue of the Happy Prince and a little swallow. The enchanted garden of The Selfish Giant is the perfect place for children to play, until the Giant decides to keep it all for himself!

Dossiers:
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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

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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

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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!

**Dossier:**
- Maine; Lighthouses in Maine; Keep our oceans clean!

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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…

**Dossier:**
- The ballet of 'The Nutcracker'
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

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

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

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.

Dossier: English Gardens
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.

Dossiers:
Welcome to Stonehenge; Symbols

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

This classic story, set in the English countryside, features the lovable characters Rat, Mole, Toad and Badger. When Mole decides to leave his underground home and meets Rat, he discovers a completely new world on the river bank and the Wild Wood. And Toad’s passion for fast cars leads them on a series of adventures…

Dossier:
Animals in Winter
The incredible adventures of Dorothy, her dog Toto, the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion. Join Dorothy and her friends as they travel down the yellow brick road to the Emerald City to meet the wonderful Wizard of Oz.

**Dossiers:**
Cyclones; Kansas

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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
Join Alex, Megan and Steve as they travel to different parts of the USA and are involved in fighting the serious threats to the ocean, biodiversity and sustainability. Discover how they solve these problems and defend the environment!
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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Join Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn and their friends as they go on a series of exciting adventures on the Mississippi River. Read about how they witness a murder while looking for ghosts in a graveyard, and how they run away to an island.

**Dossiers:**
The One-room School; Missouri

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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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Set in 15th-century England, this is the exciting story of Richard Shelton and the band of the Black Arrow.
Sir Daniel is like a father to Richard, but one day Richard discovers a terrible truth from the past. Now he must fight against Sir Daniel and his men. Can Richard and the band of the Black Arrow bring justice to England?

**Dossier:**
The Wars of the Roses and others
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

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Why do we celebrate Halloween? What do people do to celebrate the New Year? Why is the egg a symbol of Easter? Who invented the Christmas card? This unique book explores the origins of our festivities, their historical significance, and how we celebrate them today.

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

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

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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. Will they ever find the missing wolves?

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

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 a old lady at a fair and soon finds out that things aren't always what they seem...

**Dossier:**
- Travelling Funfairs

When he was very young, Jason's uncle took the kingdom of Iolkos from his father, but now Jason wants it back. First he must find and bring back the Golden Fleece. It is a dangerous mission: the Argonauts must battle against giants, huge birds and sea monsters.

**Dossiers:**
- Greek Pottery;
- Greek Mythology

It is the summer holidays and Megan's mother is very ill. She has to stay with her uncle on the Isle of Skye in Scotland, but she doesn't want to go. It is quiet, too quiet, until Megan meets Ben, her uncle's neighbour, and sees a silvery unicorn. The unicorn has woken from its long sleep and it is Megan who has woken him...

**Dossiers:**
- The Isle of Skye;
- Clans, Kilts and Tartan;
- Scottish Music
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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Growing up in New England during the American Civil War isn't easy for the March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. With their father away, they must learn to make sacrifices and accept disappointments. Discover how the four sisters' dreams finally come true in this timeless classic about love, kindness, and generosity.

**Dossier:**
- The American Civil War and others

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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

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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
Mystery in San Francisco

Gina D. B. Clemen

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

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
Edward and Tom look alike; in fact, they're identical! They both live in 15th-century London, but there is one difference: Edward is a prince and Tom is a pauper. One day they meet and decide to play a game. Edward becomes a pauper and Tom becomes a prince. But something goes wrong. Will Edward ever return to his palace and become King of England?

Dossier: King Henry VIII

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

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…

Dossier: Early Railways

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
Sherlock Holmes and the Red Circle
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
  Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen
  MYSTERY & HORROR

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

The Treasure of Franchard
- Robert Louis Stevenson
  Adapted by Deborah Meyers
  HUMAN INTEREST

Jean-Marie is an orphan who is happily adopted by Doctor Desprez and his wife Anastasie. When the doctor finds the precious Treasure of Franchard he plans to take his family away from their lovely, old country home go to Paris and live a rich life. Jean-Marie does not want to go to Paris and during the night the treasure mysteriously disappears…

Dossier:
- Paris in the Nineteenth Century

The True Story of Pocahontas
Retold by Kelly Reinhart

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
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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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

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David's life changes for the worse when his mother dies and he is left with a cruel stepfather who sends him to work in London. But he doesn't want to work in a factory all his life, so he runs away and finds a kind relative who is willing to help him. As David grows up, he learns that life is full of trouble, hardship and cruelty. But he also finds friendship, kindness and… love.

**Dossiers:**
Dover; Australia

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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.

**Dossier:**
Reading a Painting and others
Learn about how Arthur became King and where he found his great sword Excalibur, about his love for Guinevere, and all about the courageous Knights of the Round Table.

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

Two years have passed since Susan, Brian and Jim solved a baffling mystery in San Francisco. This time they have to solve a million dollar mystery: Mark Twain’s secret diary has just been discovered and publishers want to get their hands on it… but it suddenly disappears without a clue!

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

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:**
Child Labour; Crime in Victorian London; Oliver Twist in Films

‘The Young King’ tells how a shepherd boy becomes a king and realises that money is not worth human suffering. In ‘The Star Child’ a baby is found in the forest and discovers his true identity after many adventures. ‘The Nightingale and the Rose’ is a tale of a nightingale who sacrifices her life to create the perfect red rose for a student in love.

**Dossier:**
Life in Victorian Times and others
Robin Hood
Retold by Gina D. B. Clemen

Treasure Island
> Robert Louis Stevenson
Adapted by Derek Sellen

Macbeth
> William Shakespeare
Adapted by Victoria Heward

Romeo and Juliet
> William Shakespeare
Adapted by Victoria Heward

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?

Dossiers:
Medieval Times in England; Medieval Life in a Castle Town, Archery; King Richard's Crusade; The Magna Carta

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?

Dossiers:
A Pirate Ship; Famous Pirates

‘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.

Dossiers:
Scotland; Some Scottish History; Shakespeare

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.

Dossiers:
The Renaissance Man; ‘Romeo and Juliet’ on Film; Saint Francis and the Franciscan Friars; Shakespeare’s Theatre
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
**Miami Police File: the O’Nell Case**

*Gina D. B. Clemen*

Peter O’Nell, 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’Nell’s dog, Rover. But the truth behind O’Nell’s disappearance is very macabre…

**Dossiers:**
- Halloween
- American High School Sports
- The Bermuda Triangle

**Missing in Sydney**

*Andrea M. Hutchinson*

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
Seren wants to go on a school trip to Paris more than anything. But when her Dad won’t even let her walk home from school by herself, how is she going to convince him? Determined not to give up on her dream, Seren comes up with a plan. But she quickly learns that even the best plans can go wrong, and even the biggest dreams can end up broken.

**Dossiers:**
- A food journey across the United Kingdom; Claude Monet; Wales

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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*.

**Dossier:**
- London at the Time of Sherlock Holmes
What happens when a professor finds an object on the beach? Why does an antiques dealer go to Germany to look for hidden treasure? Who is the man in the library? In this collection of ghost stories you can find the answers to these and other questions. But will the answers terrify or surprise you?

**Dossiers:**
The Knights Templar; Ghost Stories

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**Dossiers:**
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One of the great romances of the Middle Ages, *Tristan and Isolde* has inspired writers, poets, artists and musicians for centuries. After slaying a dragon, the young prince Tristan wins the hand of beautiful Isolde for marriage to his uncle, King Mark. But on their journey back to Mark’s court, they drink a love potion that was intended for the king and his young bride. They instantly fall in love but…

**Dossiers:**
The Celts; King Arthur

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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
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> Gina D. B. Clemen

Helen and Mark are actors in a high school version of Shakespeare's Macbeth. On opening night at the theater there's a special guest in the audience, Sherlock Holmes, who witnesses a terrible murder on stage. What happens when Helen and Mark join Sherlock Holmes to solve a baffling case of murder in the exciting city of Chicago?

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**Dossiers:**
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- Australia; Sherlock Holmes’s Deduction Techniques; The detective story

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- *Andrea M. Hutchinson*

Ellie is mad about music: she dreams of becoming a singer and she desperately wants to go to the Glastonbury Festival, where her favourite singer, Murphy, will be playing. 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

### The Eighth Sister
- *Victoria Heward*

When a mysterious birthday present arrives from somebody she doesn’t know, Helen realises that there’s something strange going on. With her cousin Will, 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, before it destroys them too.

**Dossiers:**
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Dossiers:
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A story of love and friendship about a fisherman who catches a mermaid. He lets her go because she promises to help him fish. Each day the mermaid appears and sings her song, so he falls in love with her. However, she cannot marry him until he has lost his human soul.

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Dossiers:
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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?

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Adapted by Jennifer Gascoigne

Dossiers:
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Dossiers:
The California Gold Rush; Life in the Mining Camps

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Dossiers:
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Robert Louis Stevenson
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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

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

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
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*
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:
- What can you eat in New Orleans?
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The Rajah’s Diamond, the most precious diamond in the world, seems to bring bad luck to everyone who comes into contact with it. Sir Thomas Vandeleur’s wife tries to sell it to pay her debts. But the diamond is stolen and falls into the hands of people who are all corrupted by its great beauty and value.

Dossiers:
- The Hope Diamond; ‘The Thousand and One Nights’; Gentleman’s Clubs; The Empire Strikes Back

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.

Dossier:
- The Origins of the American Police

Mary Lennox is a spoilt, unpleasant little girl who goes to live with her uncle in Yorkshire after the death of her parents in India. She explores the grounds of the house and finds the secret garden which has been locked up for ten years…

Dossiers:
- The World of ‘The Secret Garden’; India; The Rich and Poor in Victorian Times; British Gardens
**Stories of Ghosts and Mystery**

- J. S. Le Fanu, R. Kipling, N. Hawthorne
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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.  

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Doctor Jekyll is a brilliant scientist, but his research leads him to discover a monster – a monster that is part of himself! He tries to control this violent creature, who is known as Mr Hyde, but gradually Mr Hyde becomes stronger and stronger...

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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…

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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.

**Macbeth**
- William Shakespeare
  Adapted by James Butler

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**Dossiers:**
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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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Catherine Sloper, an insignificant, plain girl, will one day inherit a substantial fortune from her father. When her overwhelming passion for a handsome fortune hunter transforms her dull existence, Catherine’s distinguished father, her interfering aunt and her selfish lover all play with her feelings to satisfy their own needs, and succeed in breaking her heart.

Dossier:
New York City in the 1850s

Wicked and Humorous Tales
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**Dossiers:**
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