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# Amazing Readers

Il progetto Pearson di promozione della lettura in lingua inglese

### **An inclusive Reading Project**

La lettura è uno degli strumenti più potenti ed efficaci per conoscere una lingua e imparare a esprimersi con scioltezza. Pearson incentiva la pratica della lettura non solo attraverso i suoi libri, ma anche promuovendo progetti specifici, come *Amazing Readers*. Lo scopo del progetto, patrocinato dall'**Ambasciata Britannica in Italia**, è quello di spingere i ragazzi a leggere libri in lingua inglese, per il puro piacere di farlo.

### Read for pleasure, read more, read better

Amazing Readers è un progetto inclusivo che coinvolge l'intera classe, indipendentemente dal livello di comprensione della lingua e dai gusti personali di ogni studente: è infatti possibile scegliere tra un'amplissima selezione di titoli, organizzati **in numerose collane** e sviluppati su **più livelli di difficoltà**. Testi che possono legarsi al CLIL, aiutare a migliorare la fluidità della lettura e il vocabolario in vista del test INVALSI di inglese e di eventuali certificazioni internazionali, come il Pearson Test of English (PTE). Oppure, semplicemente, dare ai ragazzi la soddisfazione di leggere e ascoltare in inglese moltissime storie sui personaggi che più amano.

### Bringing learning to life

L'insegnante può aiutare gli studenti a scegliere il testo che preferiscono, guidandoli verso il livello più adatto e incoraggiandoli a spaziare tra stili e generi diversi. Durante l'anno scolastico gli studenti possono organizzare momenti di confronto e discussione dei testi, come il **Discovery Day delle letture**. Possono creare un video oppure un'infografica, un lapbook o un poster sul loro testo, personaggio o film preferito, lavorando sia sulle competenze linguistiche di base sia, soprattutto, sulle competenze trasversali, coltivando **creatività e fantasia**.

#### FOLLOW THE PROJECT AND GET YOUR STUDENTS READING



Per un'immersione completa nel progetto e rimanere aggiornato sulle novità, iscriviti al gruppo Facebook *Amazing Readers by Pearson Italia*.

Per saperne di più e scoprire tutto ciò che è già stato realizzato scansiona il QR code e visita la pagina **pearson.it/amazing-readers** 





**Pearson English Readers** 

The largest selection of graded books available in Italy

### Inspiring stories, incredible choice, improved learning

Un catalogo aggiornato e ancora più ampio, che mantiene chiara e intatta la sua identità: il grande assortimento e la qualità dei titoli proposti, adatti a incentivare la lettura, a nutrire la fantasia, e incoraggiare all'apprendimento gli studenti di ogni età.

### The perfect book for everyone

Dalle opere più recenti ai classici rivisitati, dai film di maggiore successo ai romanzi gialli densi di suspense, il catalogo 2019 presenta una selezione di **oltre 170 titoli**. Scritti con cura, suddivisi in numerose collane e in più livelli, a seconda del numero di parole contenute nel testo e della difficoltà del racconto, i *Pearson English Readers* portano la gioia della lettura e l'opportunità di apprendimento a portata di mano di ogni studente.

### **Supporting teachers**

Per supportare i docenti all'uso dei Readers in classe, ogni titolo è corredato da un ampio repertorio di materiale extra: l'audio del testo, *Teacher's Notes, Activity Worksheets, Progress Tests, Answer Keys, Achievement Certificates*. Tutto per rendere ogni attività ancora più coinvolgente. Il materiale è disponibile all'indirizzo **readers.english.com** 

### **Pearson English Readers**

Un incredibile assortimento di titoli caratterizza la collana, che può essere considerata senza dubbio tra le più complete presenti nel panorama delle letture graduate. Oltre ai classici bestseller, è possibile trovare racconti meno famosi di autori popolari, riadattamenti letterari di film, storie che affrontano tematiche storiche e d'attualità, ma anche racconti inventati, scritti in un linguaggio chiaro, accessibile e avvincente. Libri perfetti sia per l'utilizzo in classe, sia soprattutto per una lettura di piacere, di tipo estensivo, anche fuori da scuola, per lettori di ogni età.

#### **New for 2019**

Da non perdere **Doctor Who** la nuova collana tratta dalla serie ty omonima.



### **Happy reading!**

Per saperne di più e scoprire tutti i titoli disponibili, scansiona il QR code e visita la pagina **pearson.it/readers** 

### **Pearson English Active Readers**

Grazie ad ancora più esercizi, schede di approfondimento e idee per sviluppare progetti originali, gli *Active Readers* sono libri studiati per un'immersione totale nel mondo della lettura e dell'apprendimento. La collana, che conta moltissimi titoli, permette di consolidare le proprie conoscenze e di sviluppare nuove competenze linguistiche. L'audio integrale dei libri favorisce l'abilità di ascolto e l'apprendimento della corretta pronuncia inglese.

#### Pearson English Password Readers

Grazie a questa collana, tutti i giovani lettori avranno le chiavi di accesso a storie senza tempo, da assaporare e vivere in lingua inglese. Ogni libro si inserisce nel livello di difficoltà di pertinenza ed è composto da brevi capitoli di poche pagine, in cui la narrazione si alterna a immagini vivaci e a numerose attività utili a rafforzare il vocabolario e la capacità di lettura. Per una maggiore comprensione del testo e per l'ascolto della corretta pronuncia è disponibile per ogni libro l'audio integrale, scaricabile attraverso l'applicazione MYAPP Pearson.



# Intensive and Extensive Reading Programmes

I *Pearson English Readers* vengono spesso usati per due tipologie di lettura: estensiva e intensiva. Questi due approcci hanno scopi diversi e possono essere utilizzati insieme, in modo concomitante o complementare, per favorire lo sviluppo integrato del linguaggio.

### What is extensive reading?

Gli studenti leggono per divertimento, senza doversi fermare per concentrarsi su parole che non conoscono; leggono un gran numero di storie per aumentare le capacità complessive di lettura.

### What is intensive reading?

Gli studenti leggono in modo più dettagliato e analitico, si concentrano su testi e svolgono attività ed esercizi utili a migliorare la comprensione dei testi e sviluppare ulteriormente le loro abilità linguistiche.

### Pearson English Readers

Progettati per una lettura di tipo estensivo, forniscono:

- •una vasta scelta di titoli che coprono generi diversi, in modo che gli studenti possano scegliere libri che apprezzano maggiormente, e vengano incentivati a leggere di più;
  - ■attività extra che consentono agli studenti di verificare il loro livello di comprensione del testo.

### Pearson English Active Readers

Progettati per una lettura di tipo intensivo, forniscono:

- •il giusto livello di sfida per garantire una lettura piacevole unitamente a progressi nell'acquisizione della lingua;
- ■approfondimenti lessicali e attività grammaticali che favoriscono e valutano l'acquisizione del linguaggio e verificano il livello di comprensione del testo.

# Making reading accessible to all

I nostri Readers sono attentamente strutturati per livello, a seconda del numero di parole che compongono il vocabolario dei racconti e della difficoltà del linguaggio utilizzato. I livelli sono riconosciuti secondo standard internazionali, come il **Quadro Comune Europeo di riferimento per la conoscenza delle Lingue** (CEFR) e la **Pearson Global Scale of English** (GSE). Sono inoltre allineati ai livelli delle più importanti certificazioni linguistiche, come il **Pearson Test of English** (PTE) e le certificazioni **Cambridge**.

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### Correlation chart

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	Level 2	600	A2/A2+	32-42	Quickmarch	Flyers/Key for Schools
ı	Level 3	1200	A2+/B1	37-50	Breakthrough	Preliminary for Schools
ı	Level 4	1700	B1/B2	46-60	Level 2	Preliminary
	Level 5	2300	B1+/B2+	54-72	Level 3	First
	Level 6	3000	B2/C1	64-83	Level 4	Advanced

### **Our Bestsellers**

## Successful stories for every student

#### **Pearson English Readers**

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Liv. 1 9781405877992 Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

Liv. 2 9781408278031 Gulliver's Travels

Liv. 2 9781408289471 Pirates of the Caribbean:

The Curse of the Black Pearl

Liv. 2 9781408289488 Robin Hood

Liv. 2 9781408277980 Three Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes

**Liv. 3** 9781447925378 **Billy Elliot** 

#### **Pearson Active Readers**

Liv. 3 9781292121512 Frankenstein

#### **Password Readers**

Liv. 2 9788861611580 A Potted History of Great Britain







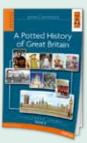














### **Pearson English Readers**

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Dalle opere più recenti ai classici rivisitati, dai film di maggiore successo ai romanzi gialli densi di suspense, la nostra ricca offerta comprende le storie e gli autori più amati sia dai lettori più appassionati sia da quelli che, grazie a questi libri, presto lo diventeranno.

- ➤ Una collana perfetta sia per incentivare la lettura individuale sia per favorire il lavoro collaborativo in classe
- ▶ Titoli attentamente selezionati, curati da madrelingua inglesi e graduati per difficoltà, per coltivare in tutti gli studenti il piacere della lettura e dell'apprendimento
- ▶ L'audio integrale dei libri e numerose pagine di esercizi completano l'offerta, per una comprensione del testo a 360°

### **LEVEL EASY START**



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### The Fireboy Stephen Rabley

Hapu lives in Ancient Egypt. Hapu's father is ill, but they haven't got any money for a doctor. Hapu makes a beautiful necklace for Queen Cleopatra and takes it to her. But a guard says: 'go home.' How can Hapu meet the Queen and get a doctor for his father?



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### San Francisco Story

John Escott

Ben has a job in Mr Tyson's store. Then Mr Tyson finds money in Ben's bag. Get out of my store! Mr Tyson says. But is Ben the thief? There is an earthquake in the city, and Mr Tyson gets his answer.

### LEVEL 1



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### The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Mark Twain

Tom Sawyer loves adventures. He has them at home, at school, and with his friends Huck Finn, Joe Harper, and Becky Thatcher. Tom has one adventure in a graveyard, one in an old house, one in a cave. Who does he see in those places and why is he afraid?

### Ali and his Camera

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Ali wants to take photos of people and places in Istanbul, but he has a big problem. He hasn't got a camera. How can he get one?



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The Battle of Newton Road Leslie Dunkling

The houses in Newton Road are small, but people are very happy there. Then a civil engineer wants to knock down the houses and build a new road. The people of Newton Road are very angry. But can they win the battle?

### The Missing Coins John Escott

Pete and Carla are students. One day they look at some very old coins and stamps in a shop. Later that day, some coins are missing and the shopkeeper wants to find Pete.

### Muhammad Ali Bernard Smith

In 1974 two Black Americans fought in Zaire, in Africa. One was Muhammad Ali. After the fight, he was the boxing champion of the world again. But why did a young boy from Kentucky start to box? Why did he stop boxing? And what is he doing now?



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Pelé is the number one player in the story of soccer. He won the World Cup three times with Brazil and the fans loved him. Today, Pelé is famous in every country of the world. In 1950, he was a young boy with no shoes. This is his story.

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

Washington Irving

Rip Van Winkle walks into the mountains one day and meets some strange old men. He comes home twenty years later. One dark night, Ichabod Crane is riding home and sees a man on a black horse behind him. The man has no head. Are there ghosts in these stories? What do you think?

### Sadie's Big Day at the Office

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The team arrives for another day at the office. The workers are happy, but their bosses have a surprise for them. Is it going to be a nice surprise or not?



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### Six Sketches

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Norma is always right. But has she got the right train tickets? What happens when Mrs Roberts has coffee with Mrs Price? And is David ready for his wedding? The answers are in these six sketches.



Paul Harvey

On the beach near Nick's home there is a surfing competition with a big prize. Nick is a very good surfer. He wants to win the prize and go to Australia. But Nick's father is not happy. Can Nick win the competition and go to Australia?

### Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

Jules Verne

This is the story of Captain Nemo and his submarine, the Nautilus. One day, Nemo finds three men in the sea. For months the men live on the Nautilus. They find a town on the sea floor, beautiful coasts and a lot of gold. But they want to go home. Can they escape from Nemo's submarine?



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#### William Tell

Friedrich von Schiller

William Tell is a good man, but his country is a dangerous place. The Swiss people don't like the Austrian emperor or his governor in Switzerland. Can William Tell help them in their fight with the Austrians? Or is he a man of peace?

#### Alice in Wonderland

Lewis Carroll

One hot summer day, Alice sees a white rabbit and runs after it. She follows it down a rabbit-hole and arrives in Wonderland. Here, caterpillars can talk and rabbits have watches. And the Oueen wants to cut off everybody's head!

### The Amazon Rain Forest

**Bernard Smith** 

The Amazon Rain Forest is the largest rain forest in the world. It is 10,000,000 years old and many different kinds of plants and animals live here. The forest is important for the world's weather and wildlife, but it is disappearing fast. Read this book and learn about this wonderful forest and its problems. What will its future be?



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Most people around the world today know something about American life. The United States is a big country. Not all Americans are the same! In this book you will see the many faces of American life.

### Barack Obama Coleen Degnan-Veness

In January 2009, a new American president moved into the White House. But who is Barack Obama? What do we know about his family and his early life? Why did he want to be a politician? And how did he get the top job? This is his story.

### **Black Beauty**

Anna Sewell

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A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens

Scrooge is a cold, hard man. He loves money, and he doesn't like people. He really doesn't like Christmas. But when some ghosts visit him, they show him his past life, his life now, and a possible future. Will Scrooge learn from the ghosts? Can he change?

### Extreme Sports Michael Dean

Up in the air! Down on the ground! Under the water! Extreme sports are new, exciting, and dangerous! Learn about extreme sports from aerial ballet to zorbing. Read about the crazy people who love extreme sports. Are extreme sports for you?

### Five Plays for Today

### Tonya Trappe

Paul is shy and Judy has no friends. Oliver is afraid of other boys. Jane and Leo can't talk about their feelings, and Sue lies to her boyfriends. These five short plays tell the stories of young people with problems. Are there any answers? What do you think?



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Gulliver's Travels
Ionathan Swift

Gulliver travels across the sea from England and has an accident. He arrives in a country of very, very small people. What will they do with him? How will he talk to them? And why are the Big-enders fighting the Little-enders?

### Heidi Johanna Spyri

Heidi lives with her grandfather high in the mountains of Switzerland. One day, Heidi moves to Frankfurt. Can she go back to the mountains and the people she loves?

### The Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling

A family of wolves take a little boy into their home in the jungle. The child learns and plays with the other cubs. But can he really live in the jungle? Will the other wolves want him to stay? And will the dangerous tiger Shere Khan catch him?



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Deborah Tempest

Only the next king can pull the sword out of the stone. Many people try, but they cannot move the sword. Then young Arthur tries, and it comes out easily. Now he will be king. Hand will he be a good king? And will his life be happy?

### The Last of the Mohicans lames Fenimore Cooper

Uncas is the last of the Mohican Indians. He is with his father and Hawkeye when they meet Heyward. Heyward is taking the two young daughters of a British colonel to their father. But a Huron Indian who hates the British is near. Will the girls see their father again?

### **London** Vicky Shipton

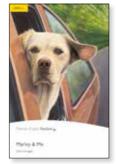
London is one of the great cities of the world. It is the biggest city in Britain and in Europe. In 1900, it was the biggest city in the world. You will find a lot of interesting information about London. You will read about its history from Roman times. You will learn about its famous people and the shops, museums and palaces of this exciting city.



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Lost In New York
John Escott

It is Nicky's first trip to New York, and he plans to stay with his aunt. But things quickly go wrong like a bad dream. Will Nicky find what he's looking for in New York?



A young husband and wife buy a puppy and call him Marley. Marley gets bigger and bigger, and he is not an easy dog. He eats everything. He breaks things. He doesn't listen. But he loves John and Jenny and they love him. Is this really the story of the world's worst dog?

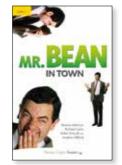
### Moby Dick Herman Melville

Moby Dick is the most dangerous whale in the oceans. Captain Ahab fought him and lost a leg. Now he hates Moby Dick. He wants to kill him. But can Captain Ahab and his men find the great white whale? A young sailor, Ishmael, tells the story of their exciting and dangerous trip.



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Moonfleet

J. Meade Falkner

Moonfleet is a quiet village in the south of England, but John Trenchard knows its secrets: smugglers and a famous stolen diamond. A classic tale of adventure.

Mr. Bean in Town Vv.Aa.

In a restaurant, Mr. Bean doesn't like his food. He tries to hide it in very strange places. At the laundromat, Mr. Bean loses his trousers. Two hilarious stories about Mr. Bean.

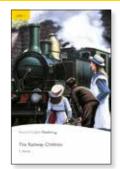
### Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

Irene Trimble

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The Prince and the Pauper Mark Twain

Two babies are born on the same day in England. One boy is a prince and the other boy is from a very poor family. Ten years later, they change places for a game. But then the old king dies and they cannot change back. Will the poor boy be the new King of England?

### The Railway Children

E. Nesbit

Roberta, Peter and Phyllis, move to a house near a railway line after their father disappears. The children make new friends, but will they be reunited with their father?

### Robin Hood Liz Austin

The story of Robin Hood is very famous. Robin Hood robbed rich people and gave the money to the poor people. He loved adventure, and he was the best fighter in England. The greedy Sheriff of Nottingham hated Robin, and the beautiful Lady Marian loved him. His most famous adventures are in this book.



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#### **Robinson Crusoe**

#### Daniel Defoe

Robinson Crusoe is at sea when there is a great storm. His ship goes down, and his friends die. The sea throws Crusoe onto a beach. He is on an island. But which island? Are there other people on it? And are they friendly? What will Crusoe do now?

### The Scarlet Letter

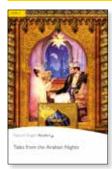
Nathaniel Hawthorne

Boston in the 1600s is a small town, but a large crowd waits for Hester Prynne outside the prison. She carries a baby in her arms and the scarlet letter A is on her dress. A is for adulteress. Who is the father of her baby? Nobody knows and Hester will not say.

#### Tales from Hans Andersen

Hans Christian Andersen

Hans Christian Andersen wrote many stories, and these are some of the best. We meet a very, very small child, a bird with a beautiful voice, a mermaid with legs, an ugly duckling with no friends; and an emperor with some very strange new clothes. These stories teach us lessons for life.



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### The Three Musketeers

Alexandre Dumas

D'Artagnan wants to be a musketeer. He wants to fight for his king and his country. But the Queen has a problem with the Cardinal, so d'Artagnan and his new friends have to help her. The Cardinal is a very dangerous man. Who will win? Who will lose? And who will die?

### Three Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Sherlock Holmes is a very clever man. When people have strange, difficult problems, they come to him. Where is Mr Hosmer Angel? Which student saw the exam paper before the exam? Why is somebody following Miss Smith? Can you find the answers before Sherlock Holmes does?



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Treasure Island
Robert Louis Stevenson

Jim Hawkins and his parents have a quiet inn by the sea. Then one day, an old sailor arrives at the inn. What is he afraid of? Dangerous men come to the inn. Jim's quiet life changes, and he goes across the sea by ship to Treasure Island.

### The Voyages of Sindbad the Sailor

Vv.Aa.

Sindbad the Sailor went to sea seven times and his voyages were always dangerous. He met giant men, snakes and birds, and the Old Man of the Sea. He visited different countries and strange islands and he told wonderful stories about his journeys.

### White Fang lack London

White Fang is a wolf from the mountains of Canada. His life is hard but he is happy in his world. Then he is taken to the world of men. There he learns to fight and to kill. White Fang knows nothing about love. But one day he meets Scott...

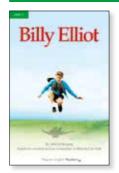


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### The Wind in the Willows Kenneth Grahame

This is the story of four friends: Toad, Rat, Mole and Badger. Rat loves the river. Mole is often afraid. Badger likes to stay at home. But Toad is always looking for new adventures and some of his ideas are dangerous.

### LEVEL 3



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### **Billy Elliot** Melvin Burgess

Eleven-year old Billy Elliot is different from other boys. He is not very clever or good at sport. Then, one day, he discovers ballet dancing. Finally he has found something that he can do well. But everybody knows that ballet is for girls, not boys! Will Billy continue to dance? Or have his father and brother got other plans for him?

### The Black Cat and Other Stories

Edgar Allan Poe

Are you brave enough to read four of Poe's famous horror stories? Edgar Allan Poe wrote strange stories about terrible people and evil crimes. Don't read this book late at night!



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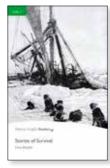
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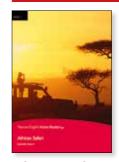
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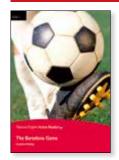
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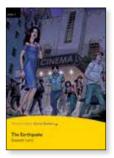
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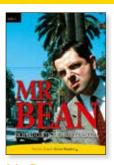
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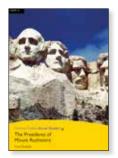
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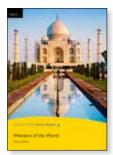
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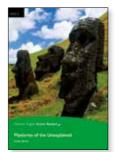
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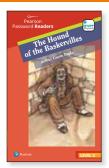
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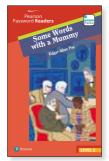
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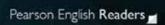
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