

*The 2023
Pearson English
Readers Catalogue*

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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'ampissima 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](https://www.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 230 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 tv omonima.



Happy reading!

Per saperne di più e scoprire tutti i titoli disponibili, scansiona il QR code e visita la pagina [pearson.it/readers](https://www.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.



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**.



Correlation chart

		Level	Headwords	CEFR	GSE	PTE	Cambridge
Pearson English Readers	Pearson English Active Readers	Easy Start	200	A1/A2	23-33	Firstwords	Starters/Movers
		Level 1	300	A1/A2+	29-38	Springboard	Movers/Flyers
		Level 2	600	A2/A2+	32-42	Quickmarch	Flyers/Key for Schools
		Level 3	1200	A2+/B1	37-50	Breakthrough	Preliminary for Schools
		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

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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



967 words in length

ISBN Book + Audio

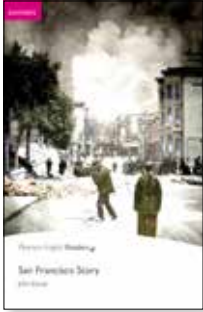
9781405880572

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?

LEVEL 1



842 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408261323

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.



4,003 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781405878005

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?



2,451 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781405878166

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?

LEVEL 1



1,969 words in length

ISBN Book + Audio

9781405878173

Pelé

Rod Smith

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.



3,700 words in length

ISBN Book + Audio

9781405878180

**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?



1,748 words in length

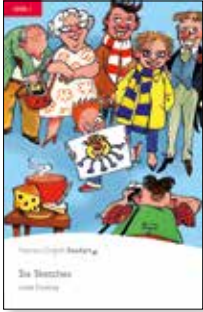
ISBN Book + Audio

9781447961574

Sadie's Big Day at the Office

Tonya Trappe

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?



2,077 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781405878203

Six Sketches

Leslie Dunkling

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.

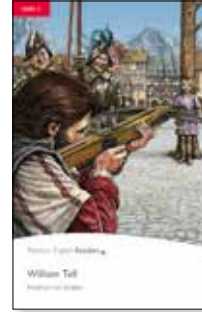


4,402 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781405877992

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?



3,730 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408261255

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?

LEVEL 2

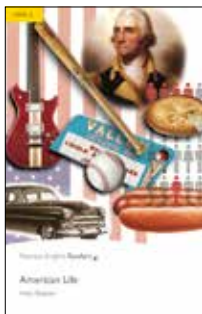


7,693 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408277997

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 Queen wants to cut off everybody's head!



3,082 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408284902

American Life

Vicky Shipton

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.

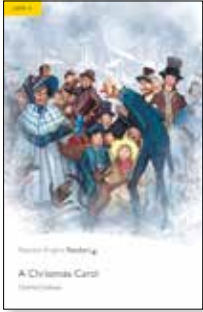


6,875 words in length
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Barack Obama

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.

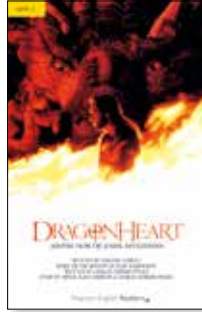


8,882 words in length
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A Christmas Carol

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?



9,770 words in length
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Dragonheart

Adriana Gabriel

Young Prince Eino is dying. Only the Great Dragon can help him! But first the boy has to say, 'I won't be a cruel king. I'll love my people and be kind to them'. But Eino is cruel, and everybody in the country is afraid. Now the Dragon, good Sir Bowen and the peasants have to fight in a great battle between Good and Bad.



4,128 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408284988

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?

LEVEL 2



4,749 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408285022

Gandhi

Jane Rollason

Mahatma Gandhi is famous for his protests without violence. He fought for change in South Africa and then at home in India. Read the inspirational story of the man who changed the world.



9,681 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408278031

Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan 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?



6,506 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408278055

The Importance of Being Earnest

Oscar Wilde

Gwendolen thinks that she loves Ernest. Cecily thinks that she loves Ernest too. But who is Ernest really? What kind of man is he? This is a wonderfully funny play by one of the greatest writers of his time. This book is written in a play script format.



8,298 words in length
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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?



10,369 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
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King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

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. But will he be a good king? And will his life be happy?



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The Last of the Mohicans

James 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?

LEVEL 2



4,876 words in length
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 9781408285084

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.



4,875 words in length
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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?



10,666 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408263914

Marley & Me

John Grogan

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?



9,362 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408278093

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.



6,512 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408285152

Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck

Lennie and George are poor ranch hands with a dream of having their own farm. One night when Lennie is alone, something tragic happens. John Steinbeck's classic story of friendship, loneliness, loyalty, and sacrifice.



6,575 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408278123

Persuasion

Jane Austen

When they were young, Anne Elliot and Captain Wentworth were in love. Though Wentworth wanted a life together with her, Anne was persuaded not to marry him. Many years later they meet again, but have their feelings changed?

LEVEL 2



7,438 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408289471

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

Irene Trimble

Read about the adventures of Elizabeth Swann, Will Turner, and Jack Sparrow, characters of the blockbuster Hollywood movie *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*.



9,137 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408278130

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?

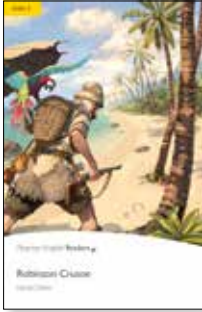


8,760 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408289488

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.



9,711 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408278154

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?

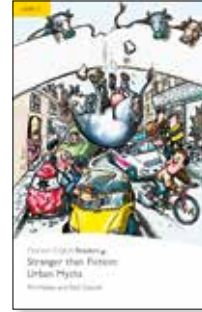


7,411 words in length
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The Scarlet Letter

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.



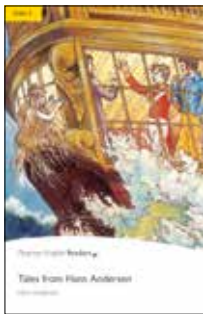
7,125 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408285190

Stranger than Fiction: Urban Myths

Phil Healey / Rick Glanvill

A man fell from a very tall building. Why didn't he die? Why did a dead woman have a frozen chicken under her hat? What fell out of an old man's ear, and why did everybody laugh? And how did a cow fly? Find the answers in these strange stories.

LEVEL 2



8,094 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408278185

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.



8,557 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408285206

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?



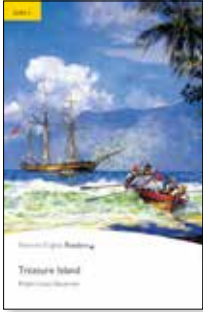
9,179 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408277980

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?

LEVEL 3



5,723 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781408285213

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.

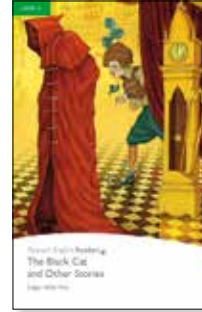


12,931 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781447925378

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?



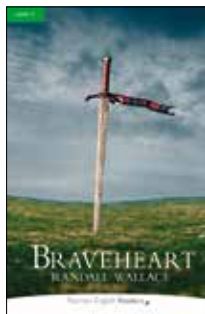
7,423 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
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The Black Cat and Other Stories

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!

LEVEL 3



7,523 words in length

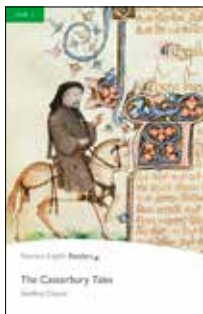
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Braveheart

Randall Wallace

Sons of Scotland! You have come here to fight as free men. If you fight, perhaps you'll die. If you run, you may live for a time. But at what cost? *Braveheart* is the story of William Wallace, who gave hope to Scottish people in their fight to be free.



15,973 words in length

ISBN Book + Audio

9781447925408

The Canterbury Tales

Geoffrey Chaucer

A group of pilgrims travel together for five days from London to Canterbury. On the way, each pilgrim has to tell a story to keep the others amused. Some stories are happy, some are sad. They all have a message. We can learn from them.



12,014 words in length

ISBN Book + Audio

9781447925422

The Count of Monte Cristo

Alexander Dumas

Edmond Dantès is a clever young seaman. He has enemies who tell lies about him. On the day of his wedding to the beautiful Mercédès, Edmond is thrown into prison. There he meets a man who tells him about treasure on the island of Monte Cristo. Will Edmond escape from prison and find the treasure? And will he see Mercédès again?



17,761 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781447925439

Dangerous Game

William Harris

William Harris enjoys the company of a friendly poltergeist he names 'Poldy'. At the beginning, William and Poldy play a friendly game every night, but then the game begins to change. It becomes a dangerous game. Who will win?



23,699 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781447925453

David Copperfield

Charles Dickens

David Copperfield's happy life suddenly changes when his mother marries again. Her new husband is cruel to him and sends him away to school. When David's mother dies, he is sent to work in London. He hates his job so he runs away. He has no money for food or for travelling. But it is the beginning of his life of adventure.



12,755 words in length
ISBN Book + Audio
 9781447925477

Dracula

Bram Stoker

Count Dracula is a vampire. He drinks people's blood. He lives in a lonely castle in the mountains of Transylvania. But then he comes to England and strange things start happening. People change. People become ill. Professor Van Helsing knows about vampires, but can he stop Count Dracula?

LEVEL 3



13,232 words in length

ISBN Book + Audio

9781447925460

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Robert Louis Stevenson

Why is the frightening Mr Hyde a friend of the nice Dr Jekyll? Who is the evil little man? And why does he seem to have power over the doctor? After a terrible murder, everyone is looking for Mr Hyde. But he has disappeared. Or not?



11,432 words in length

ISBN Book + Audio

9781447925491

The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Stories

Edgar Allan Poe

There are five stories in this book. *The Fall of the House of Usher* and *The Barrel of Amontillado* are stories of madness. *The Maelstrom* describes fear of death during a storm on the ocean. In the *Murders of the Rue Morgue* and *The Stolen Letter* we meet C. Auguste Dupin, Poe's famous Parisian detective.



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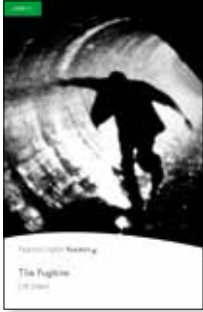
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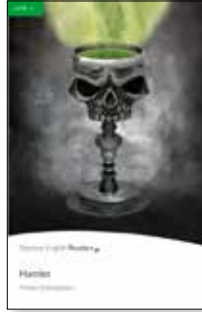


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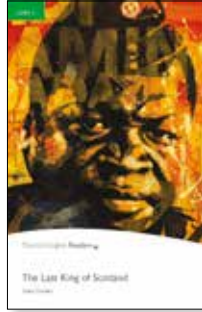


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Katrina Kirby is a detective. People call her 'K'. There has been a murder in a big country house. 'K' knows that one of five people murdered Sir Michael Gray. Who did it? How? Why? This is a detective story with a difference: 'K' needs your help with her case.

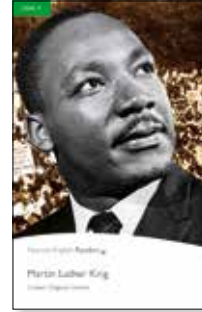


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The Last King of Scotland

Giles Foden

In a twist of fate, a Scottish doctor on a Ugandan medical mission becomes irreversibly entangled with one of the world's most barbaric figures: Idi Amin. Impressed by Dr Garrigan's brazen attitude in a moment of crisis, Amin hand picks him as his personal physician and closest confidante.



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Coleen Degnan-Veness

Martin Luther King had a dream. He wanted blacks and whites to live together happily. But in America in the 1950s and 1960s, all men were not equal. King led peaceful protests against the government and won changes for the blacks of America. But has King's dream really come true today?

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Roald Dahl

Matilda is a clever and unusual little girl. But her parents aren't interested in her, and the terrible head teacher at her school hates clever children. But Matilda finds a way to be strong, and the results are very funny.



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William Shakespeare

This wonderful story of fairies, dreams and lovers is as popular today as it was in Shakespeare's time. In a wood outside Athens, four young people are following their dreams, while fairies play strange games with them. Their world seems unreal, but is it really very different from our own?

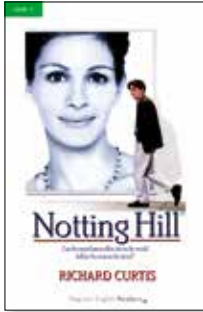


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Notting Hill

Richard Curtis

Anna Scott is an American film star. She is rich, beautiful and very famous. William Thacker is a shy man who has a small, unsuccessful bookshop in London. Their lives are different in every way, but they are both looking for someone special. Can a future together be more than a dream? *Notting Hill* is a wonderful and very funny love story.



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Noughts and Crosses

Malorie Blackman

Sephy Hadley and Callum McGregor are two young people in love. But Sephy is a Cross, daughter of a government minister, and Callum is a Nought. In their world, Crosses and Noughts cannot be friends. Must they become enemies? Or is there hope for them, and for their unhappy country?



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Othello

William Shakespeare

Othello is a popular soldier who is in love with his beautiful new wife. He also has good friends, like Iago, another soldier. So when Iago tells him terrible stories about his wife, Desdemona, who should Othello believe? Will jealousy destroy all their lives? This is one of William Shakespeare's greatest plays.

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Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Dead Man's Chest

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Jack Sparrow, captain of the Black Pearl, is back in a new adventure. This time he, Will Turner, Elizabeth Swann, and Commodore Norrington are all looking for a chest that belongs to the terrible Captain Davy Jones. But Davy Jones has other plans for Jack Sparrow...



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Pirates of the Caribbean 3: At World's End

Karen Holmes

Lord Cutler Beckett thinks that pirates are very bad for business. He wants to take command of the oceans. The Pirate Lords have other ideas. Can they fight him and win together? They need Captain Jack Sparrow, but he and his ship are at the bottom of the ocean. Is this the end for the Pirates of the Caribbean?



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The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

In 1891, the great detective, Sherlock Holmes, disappeared in Switzerland while working on a dangerous case. Everyone thought that he was dead. But three years later, he returned to England. Holmes and his friend, Dr Watson, had many more adventures together. Three of his most interesting cases are in this book.



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Romeo and Juliet

William Shakespeare

Romeo and Juliet is one of the most famous love stories in the world. But it is more than a great love story. It is also about life and death, happiness and sadness, and the terrible hate between two great families. Shakespeare's beautiful tale is still as popular today as it was more than 400 years ago.



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A Scandal in Bohemia

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

All kinds of people, from shopkeepers to kings, want the help of Sherlock Holmes in these six stories about the adventures of the famous detective. Who put a diamond in a chicken? Why is there a club for men with red hair? How did the man at the lake die? Can Sherlock Holmes solve the mysteries?



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Sense and Sensibility

Jane Austen

Elinor and Marianne Dashwood are two very different sisters. Marianne loves excitement and always shows her feelings; Elinor is quiet and has more good sense. They both fall in love and both suffer broken hearts. Will they ever find the right man to love and marry?

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Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of Boscombe Pool

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Who killed Charles McCarthy at Boscombe Pool? And why? Detective Lestrade from Scotland Yard thinks it was McCarthy's son, James. Things do not look good for James. But the famous English detective, Sherlock Holmes, sees things differently. His friend, Dr Watson, joins him and tells the story.



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Stories from Shakespeare

William Shakespeare

These are the stories of some of Shakespeare's most famous plays. We travel to Venice, Greece, Denmark and Rome, and meet many different people. There is a greedy moneylender, a fairy king and queen, some Roman politicians and a young prince who meets the ghost of his murdered father.



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Stories of Survival

Fiona Beddall

Some people choose adventure. Others suddenly find themselves in danger in their ordinary lives. This book tells the true stories of survivors. In the Antarctica cold or the Sahara Desert heat, in the wide Atlantic Ocean or a small Rwandan bathroom, these people have known terrible suffering; but have lived.



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The Thirty-nine Steps

John Buchan

A man is killed in Richard Hannay's home. Before his death he tells Hannay a dangerous secret. Now Hannay's life is in danger. Who are his enemies and what are they trying to do? And how will he solve the mystery of the thirty-nine steps?



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The Turn of the Screw

Henry James

A young woman comes to a big house to teach two young children. It's her first job and she wants to do it well. But she begins to see strange things, the ghosts of dead people. Do the ghosts want the children?



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Vanity Fair

William Thackeray

Becky Sharp, an intelligent young lady with no family or money, becomes a governess. But this type of life is not enough for her. She has big plans for herself. Is she clever enough to find success? Will she marry and be happy? Or will life be unkind to her?

LEVEL 4



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1984

George Orwell

Winston Smith lives in a society where the government controls people's lives every second of the day. Alone in his small, one-room apartment, Winston dreams of a better life. Is freedom from this life of suffering possible? There must be something that the Party cannot control, something like love, perhaps?



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Alexander the Great

Fiona Beddall

Alexander the Great has fascinated people since his death more than 2300 years ago. By the age of thirty he ruled the biggest Empire the world had ever known. This remarkable leader brought civilization to millions and shaped our world.



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The Bourne Identity

Robert Ludlum

The man has been shot many times, but he lives. Who wants to kill him, and why? The man can't remember. He can't even remember his name. As he begins to learn about his past, he becomes even more confused. Read the thrilling novel that was adapted into the hit movie starring Matthew Damon.



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The Canterville Ghost and Other Stories

Oscar Wilde

The famous Canterville Ghost haunts an old house, but the ghost becomes unhappy when the new owners play tricks on him! In the other stories, we meet Lord Arthur Savile, who has to murder someone before he can get married, and we discover the secret life of beautiful Lady Alroy.



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The Diary of a Young Girl

Anne Frank

It is 1942 in Holland and the Germans have invaded. All Jewish people are frightened for their lives, so the Frank family hide. Life is dangerous but they hope for the best, until they are finally discovered. Anne Frank was a real person, and this is her diary.



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Doctor Faustus

Christopher Marlowe

Doctor Faustus is a clever man who is greedy for knowledge and power. After he signs an agreement with the Devil, in his own blood, his new skills are admired around the world. But there are two sides to an agreement with the Devil. There is a price to pay...

LEVEL 4



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Emma
 Jane Austen

Emma Woodhouse is beautiful, clever and rich. She likes to arrange marriages between her friends and neighbours in the village of Highbury. But Emma makes a lot of mistakes and causes more problems than happy marriages. Then she almost loses her own chance of love.



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Famous Women in Business
 David Evans

This book tells the business success stories of five remarkable women: Coco Chanel, Hanae Mori, Anita Roddick, Oprah Winfrey and Madonna.



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Gladiator
 Dewey Gram

Maximus is a general in the Roman army. After his last battle he wants to return to his family. But the new Emperor Commodus hates Maximus, and kills his family. Soon Maximus is a prisoner, then a slave, and finally a gladiator. When Emperor Commodus joins Maximus in the arena they fight for their lives.



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The Go-Between

L.P. Hartley

It is the summer of 1900 and Leo is staying with his friend Marcus. Leo likes Marcus's beautiful older sister very much. To make her happy, he becomes a secret messenger for her and a local farmer. But then he realises what their messages are about, and his whole life begins to change.



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Inventions that Changed the World

David Maule

Inventors are special people. They see everyday objects and imagine something better. They solve old problems with new ideas. Their inventions can help people or destroy them, but only the greatest ideas will change the world. This book has many of the most interesting and important inventions from 2,500 years ago to the present day.



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Lorna Doone

R.D. Blackmore

In 1673, young John Ridd meets a little girl called Lorna Doone. Seven years later they meet again and fall in love. Unfortunately the Doones are a family of robbers and murderers. One of them, Carver, killed John's father and now wants to marry Lorna. Can John save Lorna from her worst fears?

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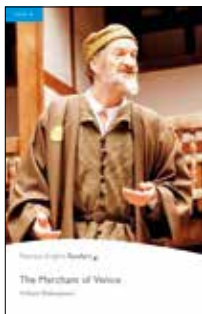
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Macbeth

William Shakespeare

Macbeth, a brave soldier, is trusted by the Scottish king. Then a strange meeting with three witches makes him greedy for power. Macbeth wants to be king. He and his evil wife make murderous plans. But how many people will have to die before their dreams come true? This play is written for acting, making English come alive.



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The Merchant of Venice

William Shakespeare

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



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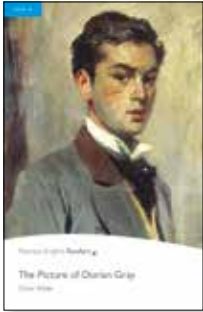
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**The Mirror Crack'd
from Side to Side**

Agatha Christie

When Miss Marple complains of feeling old and helpless, her doctor jokingly suggests that she needs a murder to solve. Then there is a death in the village. Is it murder? Did the right person die? Suddenly, Jane Marple has a new interest in life. And then there are more deaths...



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The Picture of Dorian Gray

Oscar Wilde

An artist paints a picture of the young and handsome Dorian Gray. When he sees it, Dorian makes a wish that changes his life. As he grows older, his face stays young and handsome. But the picture changes. Why can't Dorian show it to anybody? What is its terrible secret?



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Shakespeare His Life and Plays

Will Fowler

Shakespeare's plays are famous all over the world; in the theatre, in film and in the classroom. What do we know about the man? What kind of life did he have? Who were his friends? Why can we still laugh and suffer with his characters 400 years after his death?



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Three Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Sherlock Holmes is a great detective. There are few cases that he cannot solve. In these three stories we meet a young woman who is terrified of a mysterious 'speckled band', a family who think that five orange pips are a sign of death, and a banker who believes that his son is a thief. But are things really as they seem?

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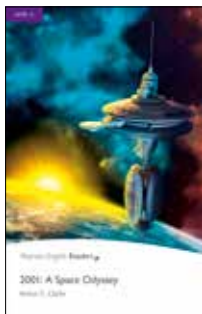
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The Time Machine

H.G. Wells

The Time Traveller has built a time machine and gone to the future to the year 802,701. He expects to find a better world with highly-intelligent people and great inventions. Instead, he finds that people have become weak, child-like creatures. They dance and sing and wear flowers. They seem happy, but why are they so frightened of the dark? Who or what has taken his time machine? Will the Time Traveller ever be able to return to the present?

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2001: A Space Odyssey

Arthur C. Clarke

2001: A Space Odyssey; a great film and a famous novel. An object is found on the Moon. Who made it? Men travel into space to find out; a billion kilometres to the rings of Saturn. Something is waiting for them.



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The Bourne Supremacy

Robert Ludlum

A Chinese politician assassinated in Hong Kong. Jason Bourne's name is found at the scene. The killer has returned! Who's paying him and who will he kill next? But American officials know there never was an assassin called Bourne. So who is the impostor? How can he be stopped?



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These stories paint colourful pictures of life in Britain and America in the past. We meet some unusual people. There's the dreamy boy who wakes up one day to find a bird making a nest in his hair! And there's the man who tries to catch a ghost.



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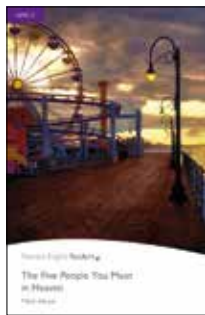
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The Russian Revolution. Four young people, Yury, Tonya, Lara and Pasha, find love and lose it in this extraordinary time. Their heart-breaking stories make Dr Zhivago one of the greatest romantic books, and films, of the twentieth century.

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The Five People You Meet in Heaven

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



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Four Weddings and a Funeral

Richard Curtis

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



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Heart of Darkness

Joseph Conrad

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



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Charlotte Brontë

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



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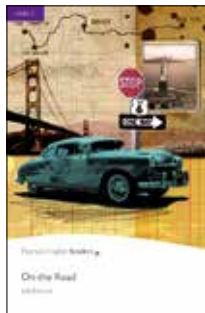
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A Murder is Announced

Agatha Christie

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

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



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Pride and Prejudice
 Jane Austen

Jane and Elizabeth Bennet are the oldest of five sisters in need of husbands, but it isn't easy to find the right man. Are Mr Bingley, Mr Darcy and Mr Wickham all that they seem? Will pride and prejudice ever be defeated in the search for true love?



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Rebecca

Daphne du Maurier

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



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Round the World in Eighty Days

Jules Verne

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



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Sherlock Holmes Short Stories

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

In these six stories we join the brilliant detective, Sherlock Holmes, and his friend Dr Watson, in a variety of exciting adventures. These include several suspicious deaths, the mystery of the engineer with the missing thumb, and the strange case of the two men who share a very unusual name.

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Robert Louis Stevenson

Dr Jekyll is a London doctor who is liked and respected for his work. Mr Hyde is an evil man, completely unknown in London society. There is a murder and Hyde seems to be responsible. So why does the good doctor give Mr Hyde the key to his house and decide to leave everything to Mr Hyde in his will?



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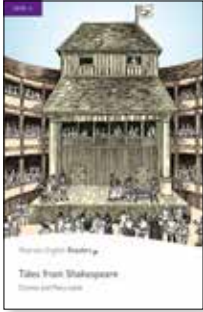
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Charles Dickens

This great story is set against the background of the French Revolution. Two men, one French, one English, but very similar in appearance, are in love with the same woman. The three of them, like the people of France, are faced with the dangers of life at a time when the guillotine never rests.

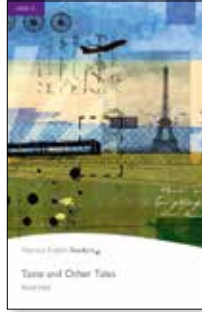


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This book includes stories based on seven of Shakespeare's greatest plays. We meet many of Shakespeare's most famous characters – magical Prospero; Puck, the badlybehaved fairy; evil Macbeth; Shylock, the greedy moneylender, and many more. This is a wonderful first step on the journey into the world of Shakespeare.



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Taste and Other Tales

Roald Dahl

In this collection of Roald Dahl's finest stories we meet some quite ordinary people who behave in extraordinary ways. There is a man who is sure he can hear plants scream and the wife who discovers a perfect way to get rid of her husband. And there's a woman who finds an unusual use for a leg of lamb.



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Wuthering Heights

Emily Brontë

On the wild and lonely Yorkshire moors, a tragic story unfolds as Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff fall in love. But it is a dangerous love, filled with unhappiness and suffering. When Catherine finally breaks Heathcliff's heart, Heathcliff decides to break everyone else's and plans a terrible revenge.

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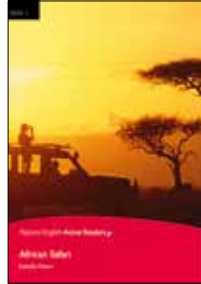
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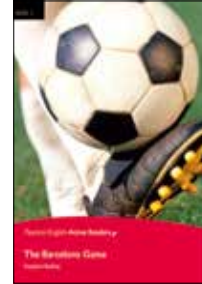
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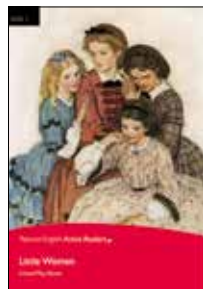
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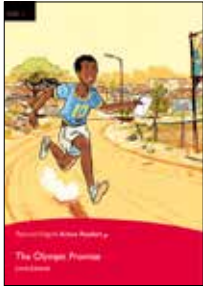
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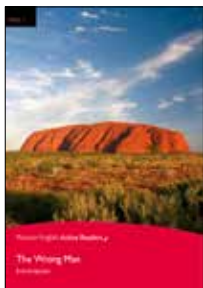
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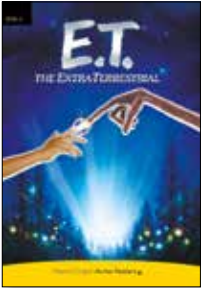
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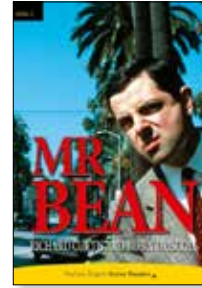
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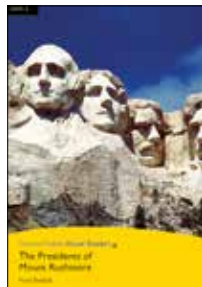
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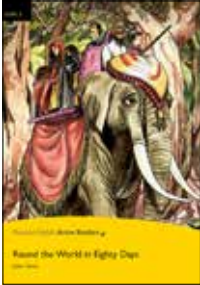
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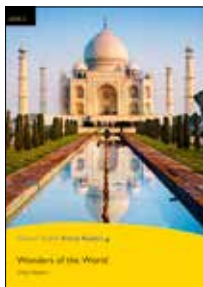
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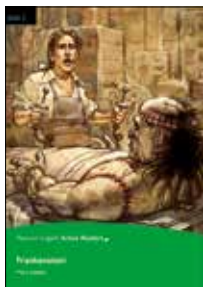
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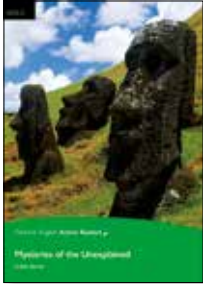
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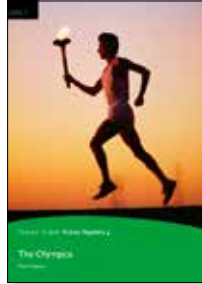
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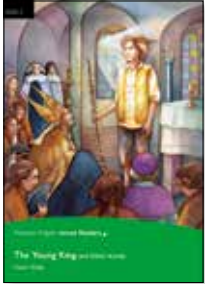
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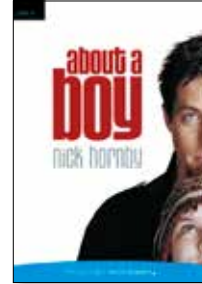
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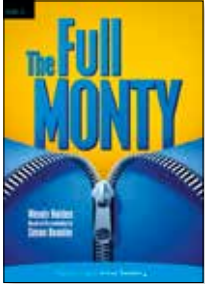
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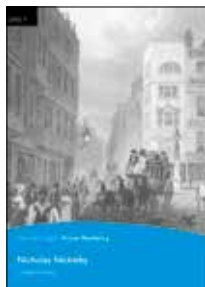
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
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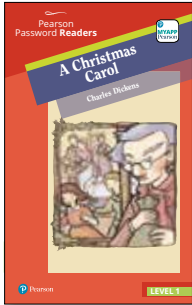
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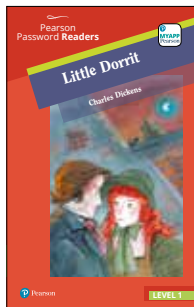
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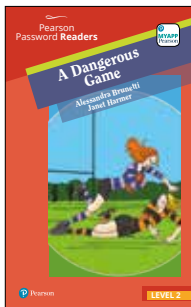
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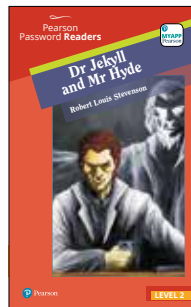
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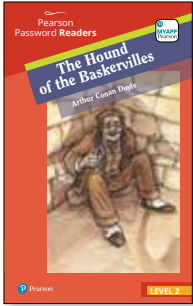
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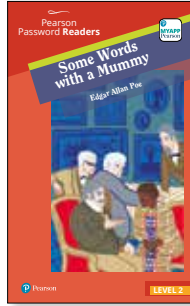
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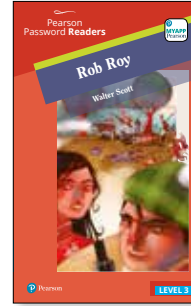
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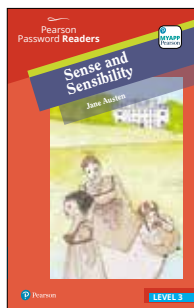
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