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Welcome to the 2019

Pearson English Graded Readers Catalogue

Inspiring stories, incredible choice, improved learning

The pages of our **2019 Pearson English Graded Readers** catalogue present over 480 superb titles to inspire and motivate learners of every age.

From children's fairytales and Marvel kids and cinematic titles, to best-selling thrillers and non-fiction, these titles present an unbeatable selection of books for students to enjoy.

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

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

Happy reading!

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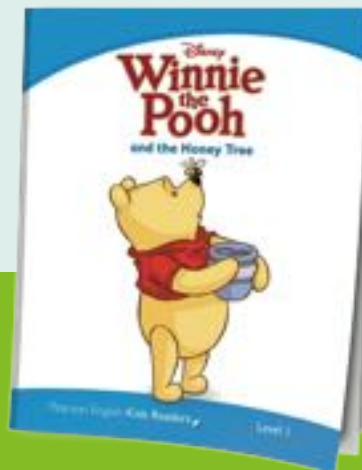
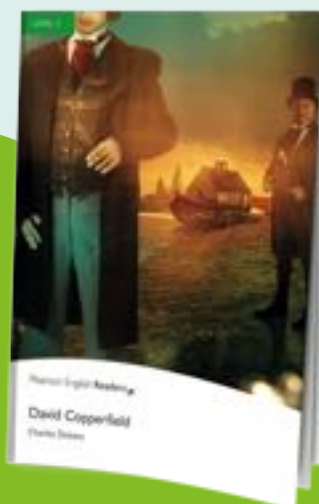
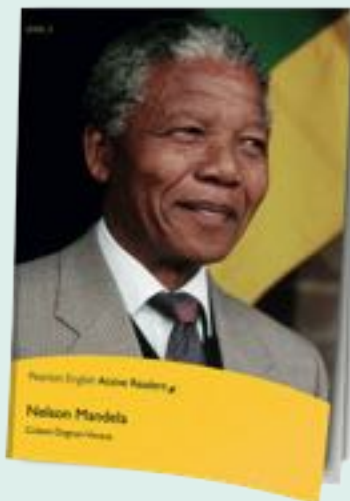
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For the Joy of Reading

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

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





Pearson English Kids Readers

Delight young learners with colourful illustrations, unforgettable characters and engaging stories – all presented in accessible English. From classic tales to exciting original adventures, favourite Disney movies and fantastic stories from Marvel, our Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) allows learners to discover the world around them.



Pearson English Story Readers

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



Pearson English Active Readers

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



Pearson English Readers

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

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



See more at: readers.english.com

Intensive and Extensive Reading Programmes

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

What is extensive reading?

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

Pearson English Readers

Created for extensive reading. They provide:

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

What is intensive reading?

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

Pearson English Active Readers

Designed to be used for intensive reading. They provide:

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

See more at: readers.english.com

Making reading accessible to all

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

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

Pearson English Graded Readers

For Kids		For Teens and Adults	
<i>Pearson English Kids Readers</i>	<i>Pearson English Story Readers</i>	<i>Pearson English Active Readers</i>	<i>Pearson English Readers</i>
6 levels	4 levels	5 levels	7 levels



Pearson English Kids Readers

Inspiring young learners with the joy of reading

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

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

Components

- Printed Reader
- Downloadable audio
- Downloadable Teachers' Support Materials

Marvel titles – young readers will love the full-colour illustrations that highlight the action throughout every story

Disney titles – feature some of the most popular and well-loved characters in engaging and exciting tales from Disney

Poptropica English titles – 6 books to accompany our popular Primary ELT course or just great to read on their own

Roald Dahl's titles – much-loved stories from one of the most imaginative writers of our time

Classic, Contemporary & Original – children can enjoy tales and characters they know and love, as well as discover new adventures

CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) titles – help children explore the world around them

Downloadable Teachers Resources include: teaching notes and guidance, photocopiable worksheets, classroom games and activities

The Pearson English Kids Readers app delivers an exciting interactive reading experience (see page 35)



Pearson English Kids Readers are graded across 6 levels.

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

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

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

The Global Scale of English and the Common European Framework of Reference

Pearson English Kids Readers are aligned to the Global Scale of English and Common European Framework of Reference.

The Global Scale of English (GSE) is the first truly global English language standard, allowing teachers to more accurately and easily measure learner progress.

Based on research involving over 6000 teachers from more than 50 countries, it extends the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) by pinpointing on a scale from 10 to 90 what needs to be mastered for the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing within a CEFR level, using a more granular approach.

Levels	CEFR	GSE*	CYLET	PTE YL
Level 1	<A1/A1	16-27	Starters	Firstwords
Level 2	A1/A2	22-32	Starters/Movers	Firstwords/ Springboard
Level 3	A1/A2	25-35	Movers	Springboard
Level 4	A1/A2+	27-38	Movers	Springboard/ Quickmarch
Level 5	A2/A2+	30-40	Movers/Flyers	Quickmarch/ Breakthrough
Level 6	A2+/B1	36-48	Flyers	Breakthrough

*Find out more about the Global Scale of English (GSE) at [english.com/GSE](https://www.english.com/GSE)

See more at: [readers.english.com](https://www.readers.english.com)

What's in a *Pearson English Kids Readers* ?



Graded language provides the right level of challenge with enjoyment



Makes reading accessible to all

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for many years.



Bring the story to life



Aid comprehension



Provide a stimulus for discussion

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

he three friends were in a new part of the denly, a lioness jumped out at Pumbaa.

ed the warthog.
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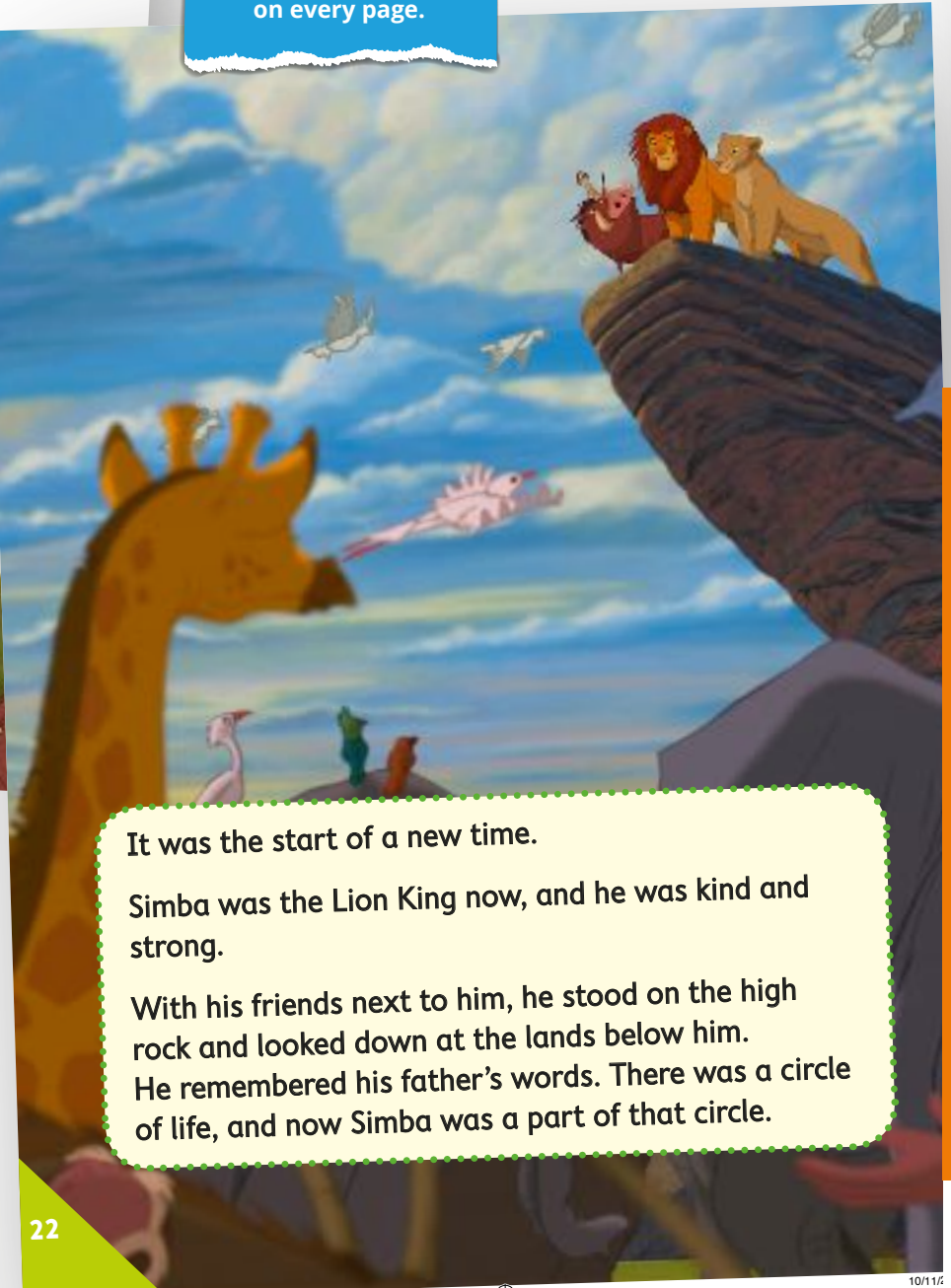


Carefully graded language across 6 levels makes reading accessible to all children.

It was the start of a new time.

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

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



Activities
before
and after
reading.

Answer keys are
available in the
downloadable
teacher resources.

T
Develops
vocabulary

Eye
Encourages
discussion

Rocket
Provides
interest and
motivation
in the story

Activity page 1

Before You Read

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



hyena
lion
lioness
elephant
meerkat
warthog
wildebeest

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

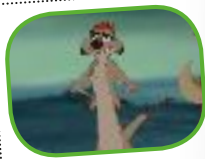


- 1 Who is the king?
- 2 Who wants to be the king?
- 3 Who is the king's son?

- 1 Write in your exercise book about



NAME: Nala
ANIMAL: lioness
SIMBA'S friend



NAME: Timon
ANIMAL: _____
SIMBA'S _____

- 2 Read and write True (T) or False (F)

- a Simba is the king at the start
- b Mufasa tells Simba about a secret
- c There is a wildebeest stampede
- d Scar kills his brother.
- e Simba is afraid of Nala.
- f Simba tells Scar to run away

Downloadable Teacher Resources to support lessons include:

Teacher notes include a story summary, background information, an exploration of book themes, character overview, key words and notes on photocopyable activities

Class activities for after reading that practice vocabulary, help with comprehension, practice communication skills and are motivating and fun!

Key words presented in context with page reference

✓ While-reading and after-reading
Photocopiable Activity Worksheets to complete

✓ **Answer keys** for all activities

✓ **MP3 Audio** brings stories to life, models correct pronunciation, familiarises users with different accents.

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MARVEL

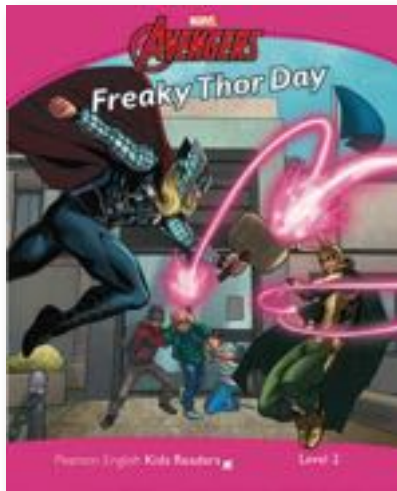
Bringing thrilling Super Hero action to the English classroom!

2 Levels

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

- **Stunning graphics** enhance the action on the page
- **Full audio** available to download from *readers.english.com*
- **Comprehensive teachers' notes** and **photocopiable resources** available for each title

LEVEL 2



Marvel's Avengers Freaky Thor Day

Re-told by Coleen Degnan-Veness
Kendra is a schoolgirl. She likes Thor. He is her favorite Avenger! Thor has a hammer and Kendra has a backpack.
POP! Kendra's backpack is very heavy.

American English
16 pages
342 words

ISBN 9781292206226



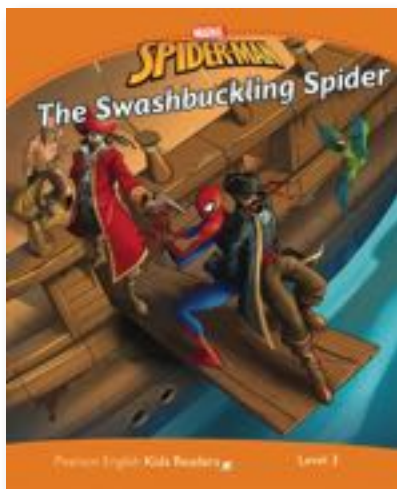
Marvel's Spider-Man The Story of Spider-Man

Re-told by Coleen Degnan-Veness
Peter Parker is a clever high school student. A dangerous spider is on Peter's hand – OW! Now he is Spider-Man! He sees a robber – what does he do? Is he a super hero?

American English
16 pages
297 words

ISBN 9781292206004

LEVEL 3



Marvel's Spider-Man The Swashbuckling Spider

Re-told by Marie Crook
Nick Fury asks Spider-Man to help because The Avengers are away. Spider-man falls through a portal onto a pirate ship and there are many pirates to fight. Can Spider-Man and his new friend win the fight?

American English
24 pages
711 words

ISBN 9781292205786



Marvel's Avengers Call for Backup

Re-told by Marie Crook
Thanos wants to find the leaders of Earth. Iron Man knows he has to get help from his super hero friends and fight Thanos. Can they stop Thanos and his dangerous army?

American English
24 pages
749 words

ISBN 9781292205960

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DISNEY

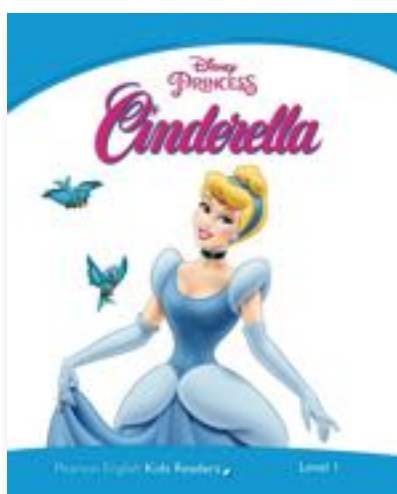
Disney classics re-told for young learners!

6 Levels

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

- **Classic movies faithfully re-told** with graded language
- **Beautifully illustrated** with scenes from Disney movies
- **Activity pages** engage learners and aid comprehension
- **Comprehensive teachers' notes** and **photocopiable resources** available for each title

LEVEL 1



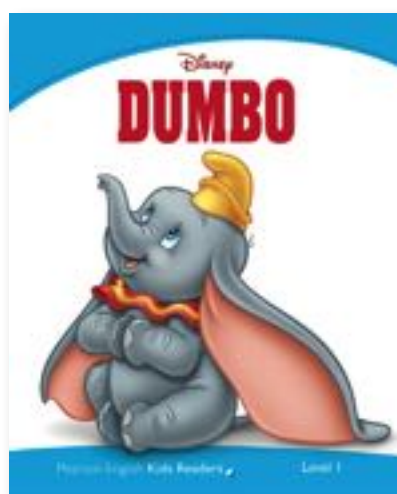
Disney Princess Cinderella

Kathryn Harper

Cinderella is sad. Her sisters are at the dance at the Big House. POOF! It is the Fairy Godmother. Does Cinderella go to the dance? Does she see the Prince?

American English
16 pages
132 words

ISBN 9781408288191



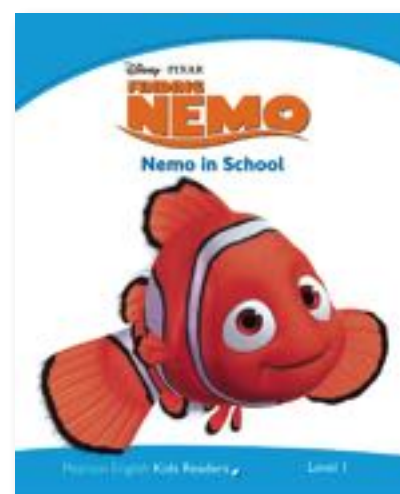
Disney Dumbo

Kathryn Harper

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

American English
16 pages
122 words

ISBN 9781408286999



Disney Pixar Finding Nemo: Nemo in School

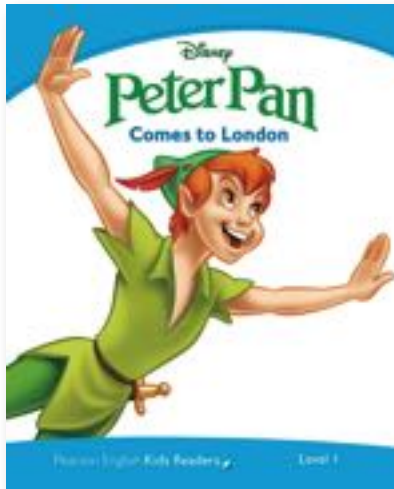
Melanie Williams

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

American English
24 pages
726 words

ISBN 9781292205786

LEVEL 1



Disney Peter Pan Comes to London

Nicola Schofield

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

American English
16 pages
117 words

ISBN 9781408288528



Disney Princess Sleeping Beauty

Caroline Laidlaw

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

American English
16 pages
104 words

ISBN 9781408288511



Disney Winnie the Pooh and the Money Tree

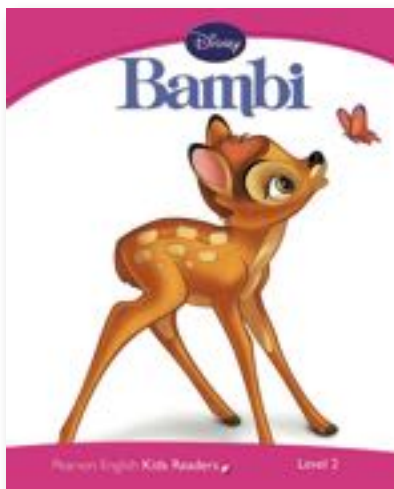
Melanie Williams

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

American English
16 pages
128 words

ISBN 9781408288542

LEVEL 2



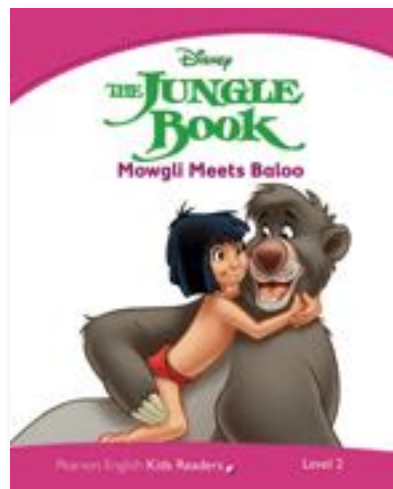
Disney Bambi

Dr Barbara Ingham

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

American English
16 pages
264 words

ISBN 9781408288573



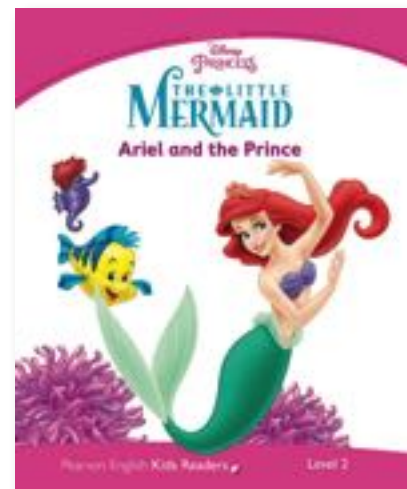
Disney The Jungle Book: Mowgli Meets Baloo

Nicola Schofield

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

American English
16 pages
189 words

ISBN 9781408288566



Disney Princess The Little Mermaid: Ariel and the Prince

Kathryn Harper

Ariel is a mermaid. One day she sees a Prince on a boat. Suddenly there is a storm. Can Ariel help the Prince?

American English
16 pages
250 words

ISBN 9781408288177

LEVEL 2



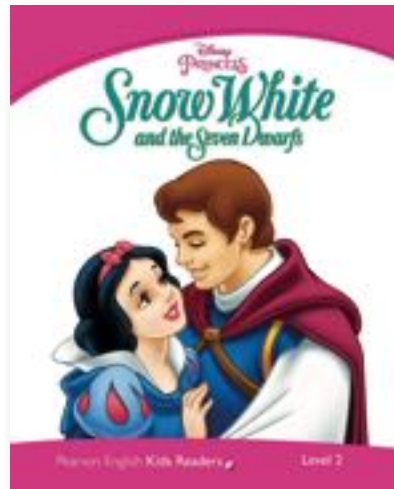
Disney Pixar Monsters, Inc

Dr Barbara Ingham

Mike and Sulley are friends. They are monsters! Every night the monsters scare children in their beds. One day, Sulley opens a door. He meets Boo! Can Sulley, Mike, and Boo be friends?

American English
16 pages
266 words

ISBN 9781408288580



Disney Princess Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Kathryn Harper

Seven little dwarfs live in the house and love Snow White. The Queen is angry. She makes a poisoned apple for Snow White. Does Snow White eat the apple?

American English
16 pages
229 words

ISBN 9781408288559



Disney Pixar Toy Story 1

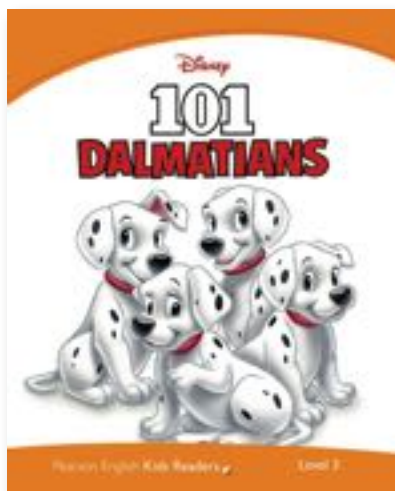
Caroline Laidlaw

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

American English
16 pages
225 words

ISBN 9781408288597

LEVEL 3



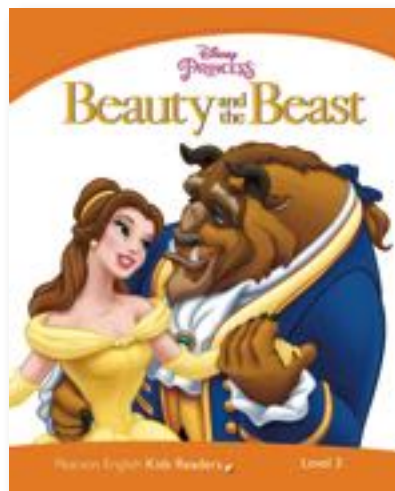
Disney 101 Dalmatians

Marie Crook

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

British English
24 pages
745 words

ISBN 9781408287316



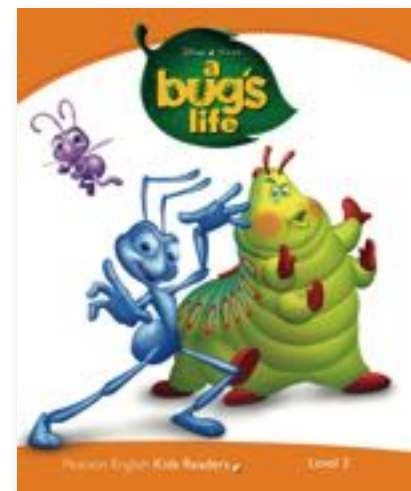
Disney Princess Beauty and the Beast

Caroline Laidlaw

Belle rides her horse through the forest. The horse is scared. Suddenly, they see the Beast's enchanted castle. Who is the Beast? What is she going to find in the castle?

American English
24 pages
756 words

ISBN 9781408288627



Disney Pixar A Bug's Life

Marie Crook

Every day the ants have to find food but the grasshoppers come and take it. Flik has an idea. Can he find some friends to help? Can they work together to fight the grasshoppers?

British English
24 pages
678 words

ISBN 9781408287330

LEVEL 3



Disney Lady and the Tramp

Rachel Wilson

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

British English
24 pages
784 words

ISBN 9781408288603



Disney Pinocchio

Melanie Williams

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

British English
24 pages
760 words

ISBN 9781408288610



Disney Pixar Toy Story 2

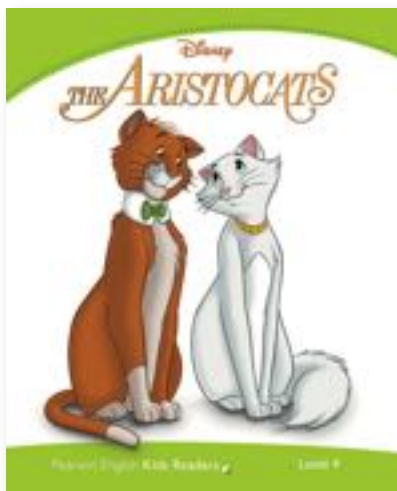
Paul Shipton

Buzz and the other toys want to save Woody, but Jessie shows him he is a famous toy. Woody has new friends now and it's nice to be famous. Does he want to go home?

American English
24 pages
736 words

ISBN 9781408288634

LEVEL 4



Disney The Aristocats

Paul Shipton

Duchess and her kittens live in a fine house. O'Malley is a cat with no home. Edgar the butler has an evil plan. Can O'Malley and his friends stop him and save Duchess and the kittens?

American English
24 pages
1,142 words

ISBN 9781408288658



Disney Chicken Little

Marie Crook

When the sky fell, the people listened to Chicken Little. But when aliens came, the people did not listen! Will his father listen to the truth? Can Chicken Little save the town from the aliens?

American English
24 pages
1,126 words

ISBN 9781408288665



Disney Pixar The Incredibles

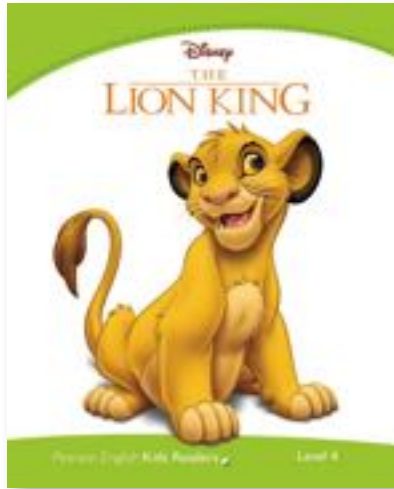
Helen Parker

The Incredibles are a family of superheroes, but people do not want superheroes anymore. Mr. Incredible gets a normal boring job. One day he gets a message. He must stop Syndrome the Omnidroid!

American English
24 pages
1,144 words

ISBN 9781408288689

LEVEL 4



Disney The Lion King

Paul Shipton

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

American English
24 pages
1,146 words

ISBN 9781408286975



Disney Robin Hood

Jocelyn Potter

Prince John wanted to be king, and he wanted money. In Sherwood Forest, Robin Hood and his friends hated Prince John. They robbed him and gave the money to the poor.

American English
24 pages
1,188 words

ISBN 9781408288641



Disney Pixar Toy Story 3

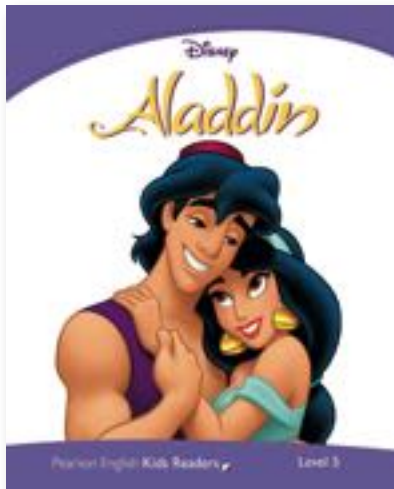
Paul Shipton

Andy is older now and doesn't need his toys. Woody and his friends arrive at their new home, a place where children don't know how to play with toys. Woody must help his friends escape.

American English
24 pages
1,165 words

ISBN 9781408288672

LEVEL 5



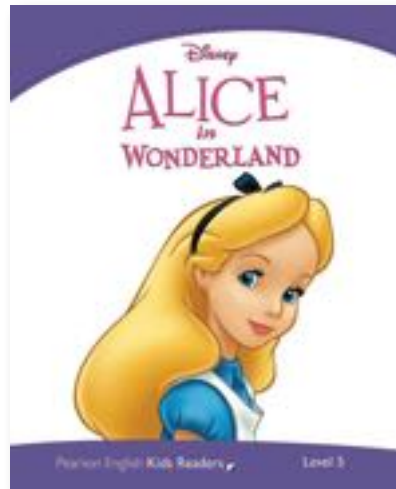
Disney Aladdin

Jocelyn Potter

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

American English
32 pages
2,200 words

ISBN 9781408287354



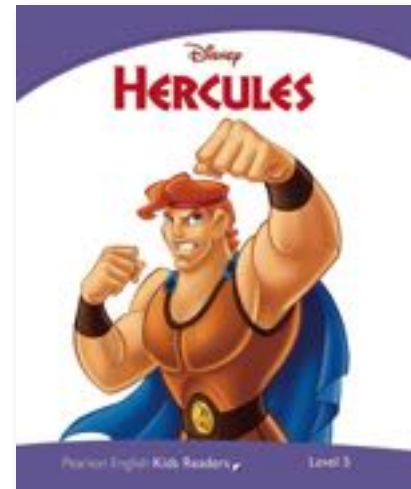
Disney Alice in Wonderland

Paul Shipton

'I'm late for a very important date!' said the white rabbit nervously. He wore clothes and he held a big watch in one paw. Let's follow Alice and the rabbit to Wonderland!

American English
32 pages
2,132 words

ISBN 9781408287378



Disney Hercules

Jocelyn Potter

Hercules is born to Hera and Zeus, the greatest of the gods. Hades, the god of the dead, wants to take control of the world from Zeus, and only Hercules can stop him.

American English
32 pages
2,221 words

ISBN 9781408288719

LEVEL 5



Disney The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Jocelyn Potter

Quasimodo's master Frolo keeps him trapped inside the tower of Notre Dame Cathedral. Why does Frolo hate the gypsies? Can Quasimodo find out the truth and can he find true love?

British English
32 pages
2,211 words

ISBN 9781408288702



Disney Pixar Ratatouille

Paul Shipton

Remy the rat loves to cook. He goes to Paris and finds the restaurant of a famous chef. There, he helps a boy who works in the kitchen to make delicious food.

American English
32 pages
2,166 words

ISBN 9781408288726



Disney Pixar WALL-E

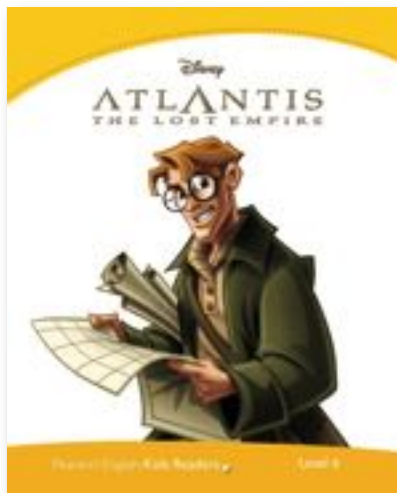
Helen Parker

People have escaped a dirty and dangerous planet Earth, where a little robot, WALL-E, moves through mountains of trash. When WALL-E finds a small, green thing and sees a strange red light, his life changes.

American English
32 pages
2,093 words

ISBN 9781408288733

LEVEL 6



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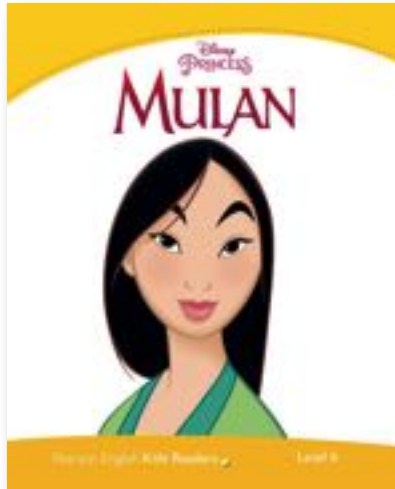
Paul Shipton

A lonely little girl called Lilo lives on a beautiful island. Something strange happens; a spaceship falls from the sky and there is a little blue creature. What does he want, and can it help Lilo?

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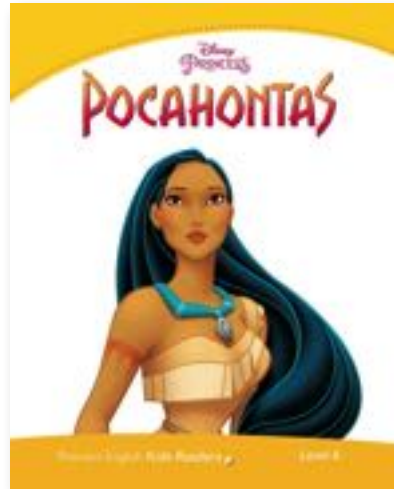
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Paul Shipton

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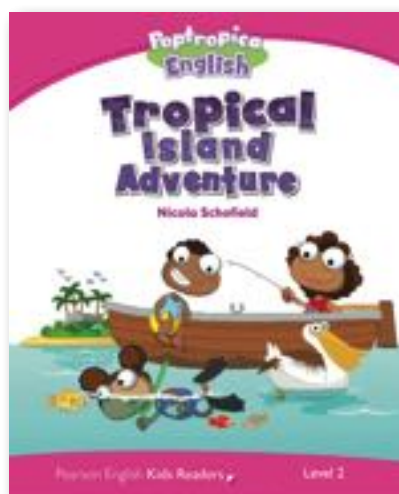
Catherine Prentice

It's the fair! Hooray! Bobby, Tabitha, Josh, and Waldo are excited. Tabitha has a bag. Oh no! Where is her book? Where is her orange juice? Where is her chocolate? Waldo is hungry!

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Tara, Tessa, and Tim are going to Parrot Island. Suddenly, their boat stops! They can see their home, but they cannot get there! Can the children make a new boat? Can the parrots help them?

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718 words

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Max and Clara meet Zack, who is making a pirate movie on the beach. But Zack can't find Captain Crab's pirate costume! 'Can we help you find it?' ask the children.

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On the island of Verdana, there are no trees or animals. Streets are dirty and polluted, and horrible robots chase the children! Can Popp and his young friends clean up the island and stop the robots?

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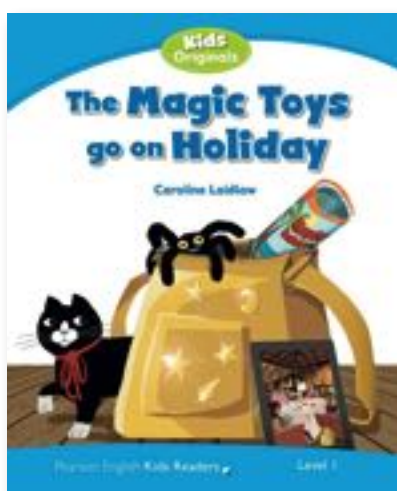
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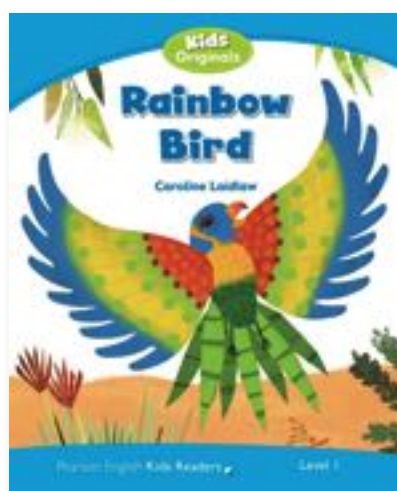
Magic Toys go on Holiday

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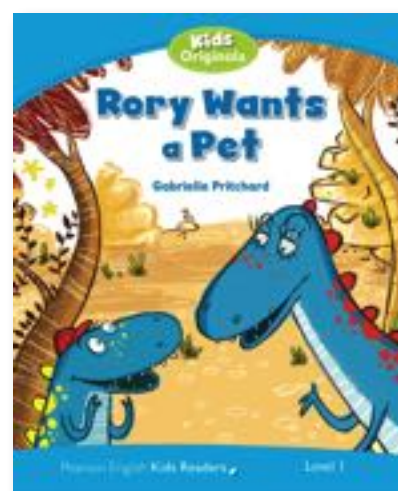
Rainbow Bird

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

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Rory Wants a Pet

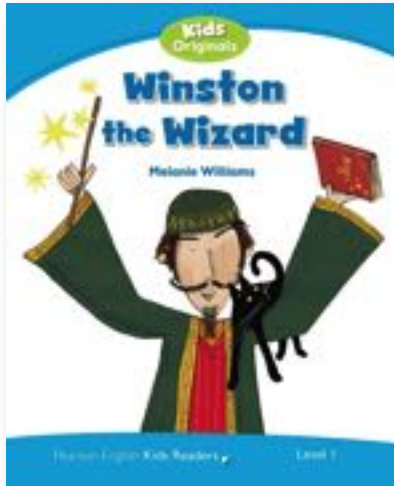
Melanie Williams

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

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Winston the Wizard

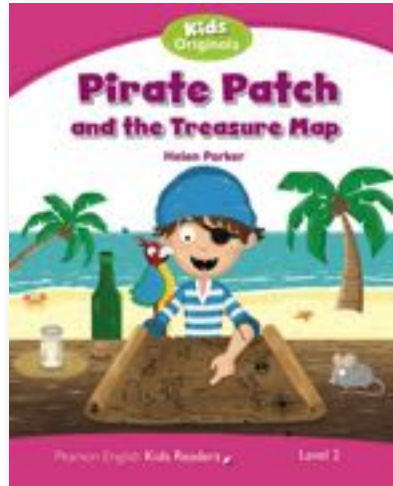
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Winston is a magic wizard. He does a magic spell. 'Oh no! My black cat is a dog now! Where is my wand? Where is my magic? I want my cat!'

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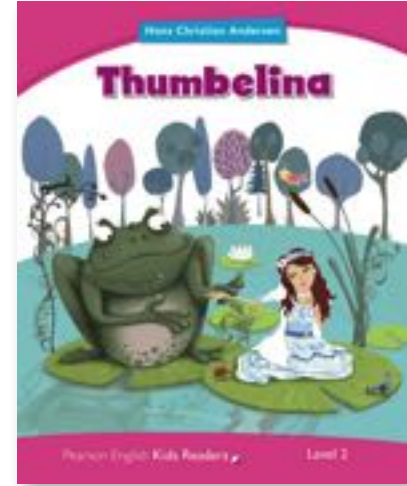
Pirate Patch and the Treasure Map

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

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Thumbelina

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Thumbelina is a very small girl. One night, an ugly toad takes her. She is scared, she wants to go home! She meets fish, insects, and a bird. Can she find a prince?

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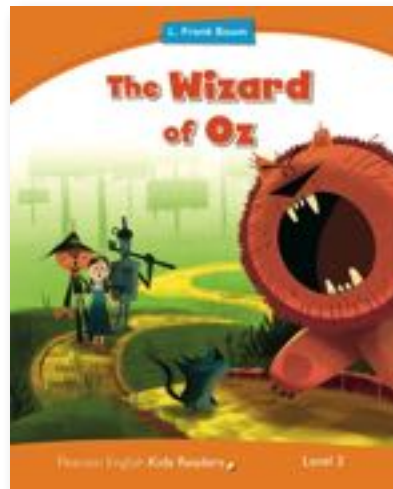
Shaun the Sheep: Save the Tree

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Shaun the Sheep and his friends are having a party in their favourite tree. But the farmer wants to cut down the tree! Can Shaun and his friends stop the farmer and save it?

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727 words

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The Wizard of Oz

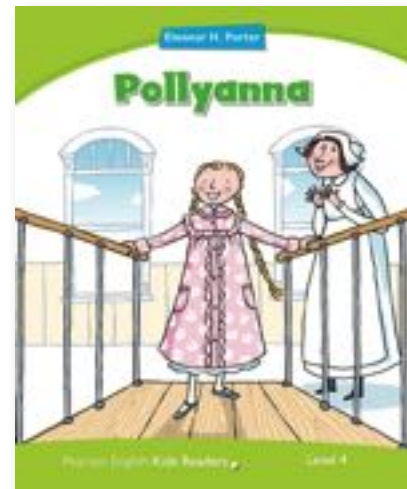
L. Frank Baum / Helen Parker

A great storm takes Dorothy, and her dog, to Oz. Dorothy meets new friends: a scarecrow, a tin man, and a lion. Can they help her find the Wizard and go home to her family?

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LEVEL 4



Pollyanna

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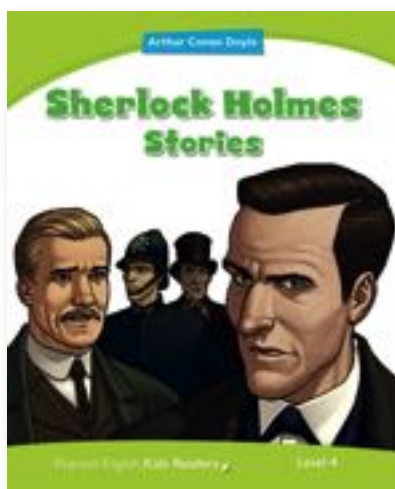
Colleen Degnan-Venes

Orphan Pollyanna Whittier is helping people in the town play the glad game, and they feel happier. Then, one day, a terrible accident happens! Can it stop Pollyanna's smile?

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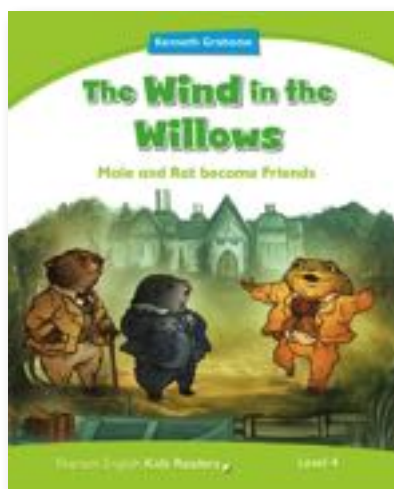
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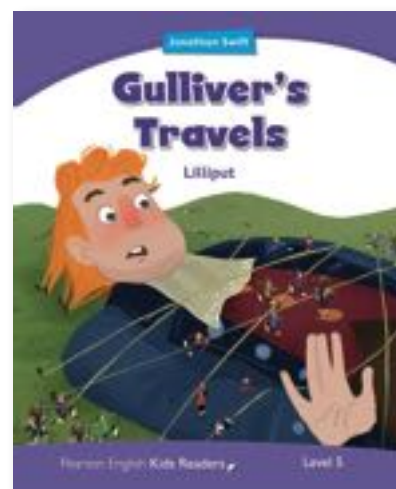
Kenneth Grahame / Melanie Williams

Rat shows his friend, Mole, many things and they make new friends: Otter, Toad, Badger and the Hedgehogs. But one day Mole starts to cry... can Rat help Mole find his way home?

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LEVEL 5



Gulliver's Travels Lilliput

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When his ship hits a rock, Gulliver swims to an island called Lilliput and meets a group of tiny people. Will Gulliver help the Lilliputians win their war? Will they help him get home again?

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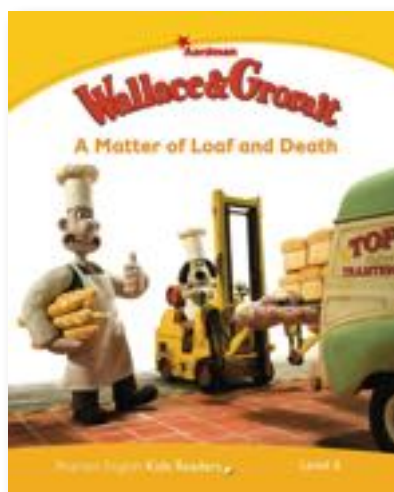
The Secret Garden

Frances Hodgson Burnett / Caroline Laidlaw

Mary is not happy in her new home, but soon discovers the key to a secret garden and meets new friends. Can they make the secret garden beautiful again? And can they help Colin walk again?

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Wallace and Gromit, A Matter of Loaf and Death

Caroline Laidlaw

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Actions

- Breaking or damaging
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- Doing a task or job
- Falling or not falling
- Hiding, losing and finding
- Moving in a particular direction
- Moving or holding someone or something
- Moving your body
- Showing your feelings
- Touching, hitting or throwing
- Using your senses

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- Art and media
- Competitions
- Daily routine
- Games
- Hobbies and activities
- Internet and computer
- Music
- Musical instruments
- Sports
- Sports equipment
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- Animal homes
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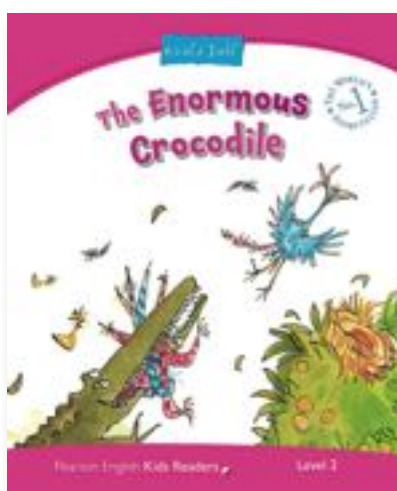
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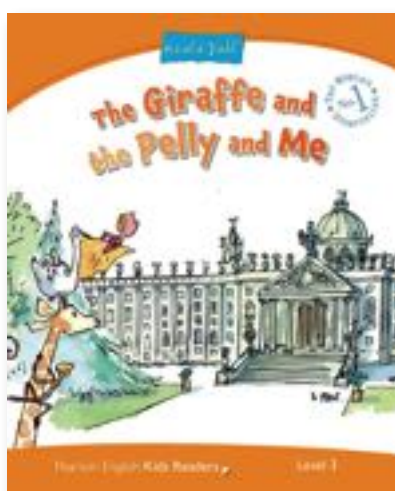
Roald Dahl

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

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LEVEL 3



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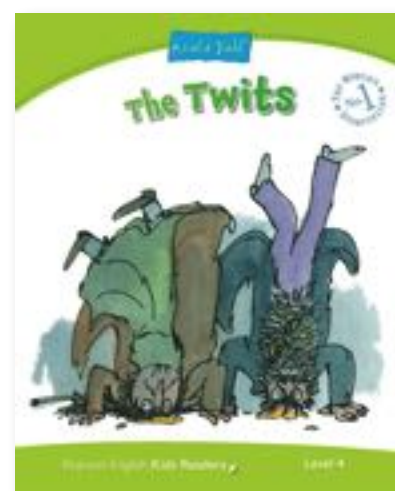
Roald Dahl

Billy and his three friends - a giraffe, a pelican and a monkey - clean the windows of a rich Duke's house. But there is a jewel thief in the house! Can they stop him?

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The Twits

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Mr and Mrs Twit are bad. They hit animals and children, glue birds' feet to trees, and make a poor monkey do tricks. But the Roly-Poly bird wants to help the monkeys and turn the Twits upside-down!

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George's grandmother was a nasty old woman. George has a marvellous idea: he makes a magic medicine from all the runny, powdery and gooey things in the house. Open your mouth wide Grandma!

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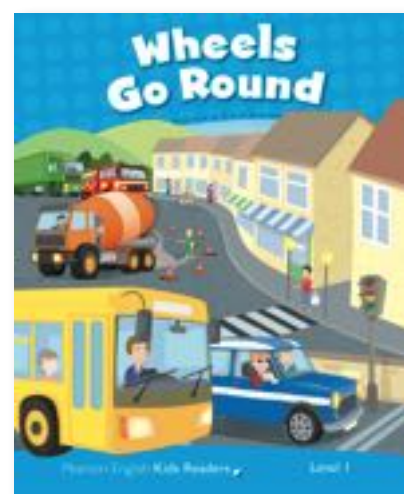
Music has got a tune. A tune has got a beat. Some tunes are good. Some tunes are loud. Do you like music?

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Wheels Go Round

Rachel Wilson

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

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

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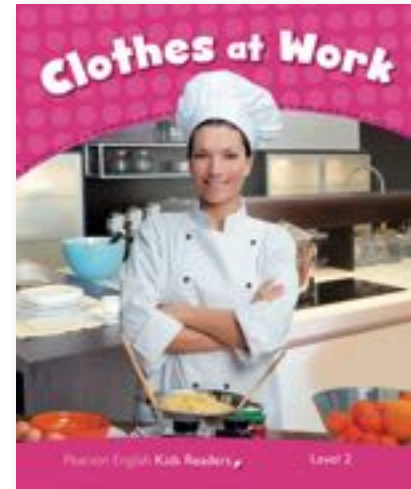
In the dark, Amy points. 'Look', she says. What are they? Bats, birds, butterflies, moths ... ? Learn about animals of the night!

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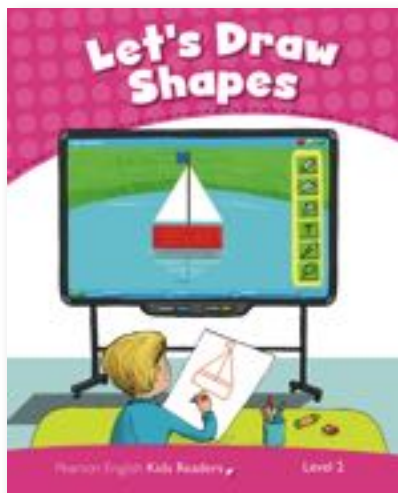
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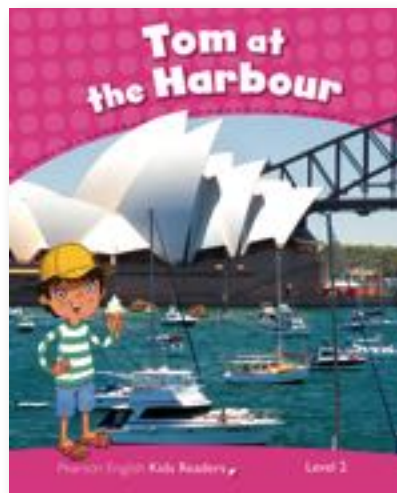
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Hannah the scientist shows you two amazing animals: the peacock butterfly and the redested tree frog. Which one hibernates? Which one is nocturnal?

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Festival Fun

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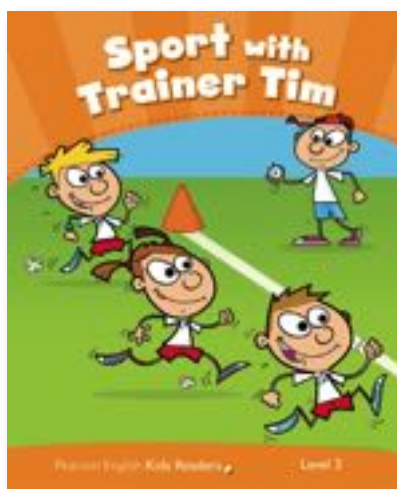
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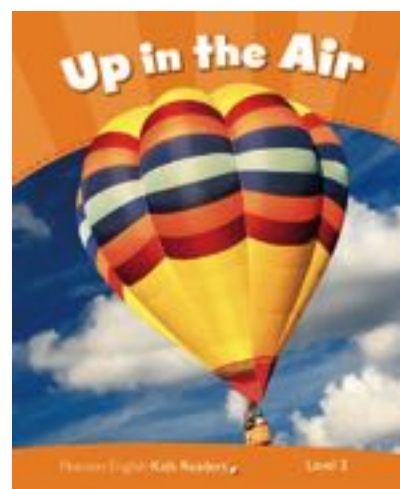
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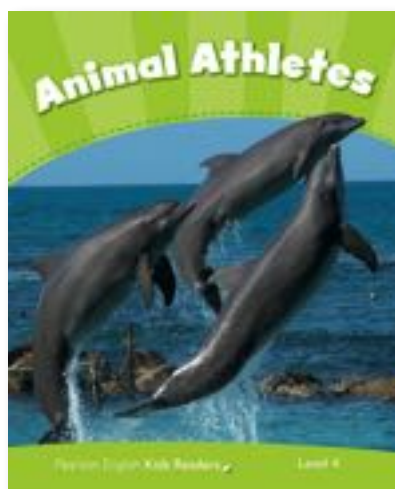
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LEVEL 4



Animal Athletes

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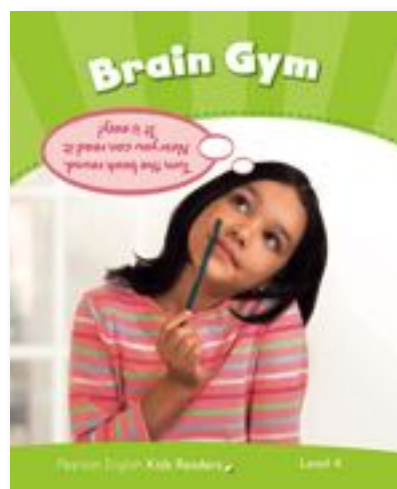
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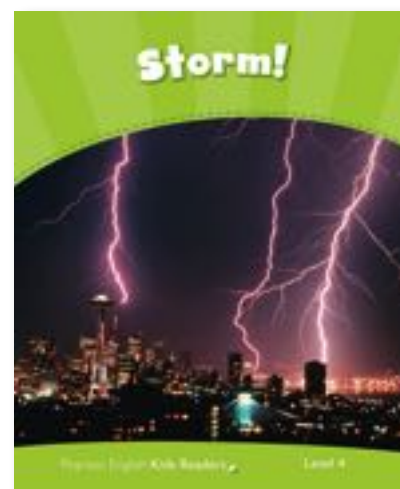
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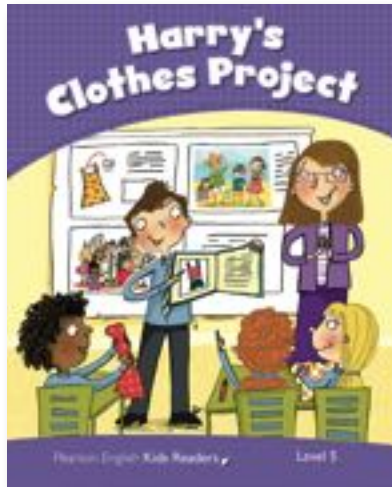
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LEVEL 5



Harry's Clothes Project

Marie Crook

Think about all the different clothes you wear. Harry did a project about clothes and he knows a lot about clothes now. How about you?

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Into I.T.

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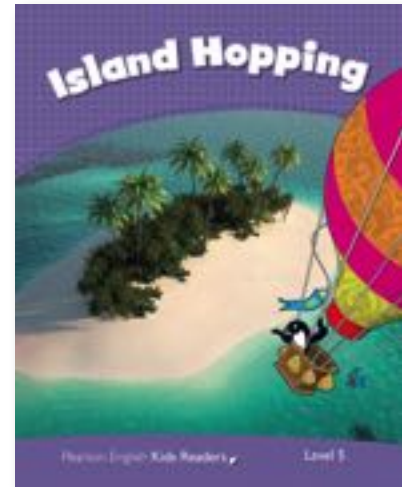
We love being online, we can shop, study, play games, send emails or talk with friends. But do you know how to be safe online?

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Island Hopping

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A penguin looks for a new home. Let's go with her on a journey to different islands around the world and see what we discover.

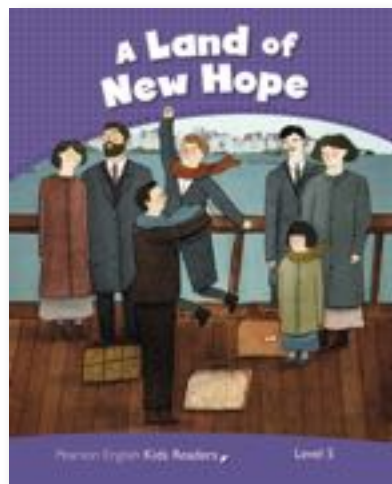
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A Land of New Hope

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In 1921, Ronan and Patrick Dooley leave Ireland to start a new life with a better future in New York City, in America.

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Animal Camouflage

Caroline Laidlaw

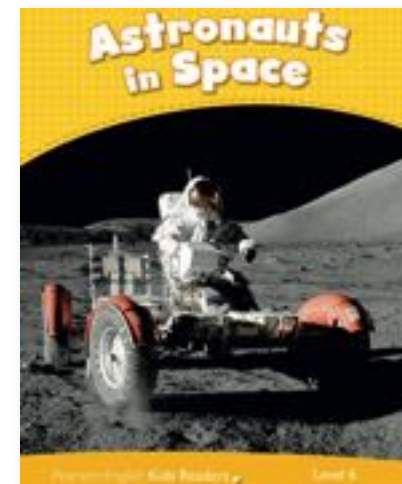
Lots of different animals use camouflage. An octopus changes colour, insects can look like sticks and lizards look like they have two heads!

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Astronauts in Space

Caroline Laidlaw

Today, people can train to be astronauts, work in space or join a future mission to Mars. Where will astronauts explore next?

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Our Changing Planet

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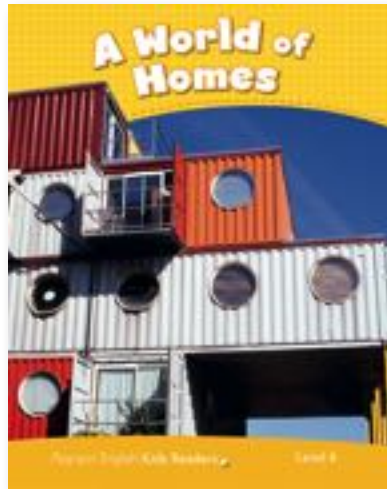
More than 1.2 million plant and animal species live on Earth. But the climate is changing. How can YOU help protect our planet?

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Six learning levels, 18 of our most popular CLIL titles and 6 exciting Poptropica English titles can be experienced through our **Pearson English Kids Readers App**.

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The Pearson English Kids Reader app is currently available to download for free.

The CLIL digital content is compatible with tablets with iOS 7.0 or later.

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Fun learning

- Stunning **animated photos and illustrations** really bring English stories to life as children read
- **Fun interactive exercises** improve reading comprehension and vocabulary

Efficient learning

- The **interactive exercises and activities** give children feedback and results instantly so they always know how well they are doing. The app even provides praise and congratulations to keep kids motivated
- Children enjoy using the **voice recording function**. This helps kids improve reading skills and master their pronunciation by comparing their voices with the modelled audio

Flexible learning

- The animations, activities, eBook and audio are **all integrated into just one app**.
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Pearson English Story Readers

Sharing the pleasure of classic stories – matched perfectly to age and ability

Presenting a collection of the world's all-time favourite children's stories, **Pearson English Story Readers** are perfect for use in the classroom or at home with young learners.

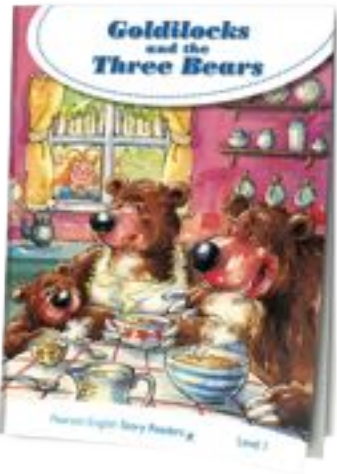


Older children typically have more experience in learning and reading in their own language than younger ones, yet they don't necessarily have a greater knowledge of English. With this in mind, Pearson English Story Readers present **timeless stories in different book formats to best suit different age groups**. This way, you can find the ideal book for your classroom - matched perfectly to your students' age and level of English.

- **Beautifully illustrated** throughout, these classic tales are particularly successful for classroom reading with children of any age
- Within each of the **four levels** available, choose from titles aimed at three age ranges: 5–7, 7–9 and 9–11 years
- At each level, Pearson English Story Readers are available in **3 book formats**. Younger children will benefit from larger-sized books with fewer words on each page. Older children will use a smaller format more suited to their age

Levels	CEFR	GSE* - original	CYLET	PTE YL
Level 1	<A1 - A2	20-34	Starters	Firstwords
Level 2	A1 - A2+	26-40	Movers	Springboard
Level 3	A1 - B1	32-47	Flyers	Quickmarch
Level 4	A2 - B1+	37-53	PET	Breakthrough

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Larger book size – less text, more illustrations	Medium book size	Smaller book size – more text
5–7 years	7–9 years	9–11 years
		
<p>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</p> <p>Sleeping Beauty</p> <p>The Velveteen Rabbit</p> <p>Jack and the Beanstalk</p> <p>Peter Pan</p> <p>The Princess and the Frog</p> <p>Pinocchio</p>	<p>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</p> <p>Town Mouse and Country Mouse</p> <p>Little Red Riding Hood</p> <p>The Jungle Book</p> <p>Hansel and Gretel</p> <p>Peter and the Wolf</p> <p>The New Adventures of Tom Thumb</p> <p>Rapunzel</p> <p>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</p>	<p>Aladdin and the Lamp</p> <p>The Selfish Giant</p> <p>Beauty and the Beast</p> <p>A Christmas Carol</p> <p>The Emperor and the Nightingale</p> <p>The Snow Queen</p> <p>The Swiss Family Robinson</p>

The Pearson English Story Readers grading system considers:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The age of the student | <input type="checkbox"/> Sentence length | <input type="checkbox"/> Number of hours of English completed by the reader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structure (grammar) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sentence complexity | <input type="checkbox"/> Aligned to the Global Scale of English |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary | <input type="checkbox"/> Number of pages in a book | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Complexity of activities | |

What's in a *Pearson English Story Readers*?



Graded language provides the right level of challenge with enjoyment



Makes reading accessible to all

Stories and adventures children know and love.



Bring the story to life



Aid comprehension



Provide a stimulus for discussion

Beautiful illustrations on every page.

On a time, in London,
a little girl, Wendy.
reading stories to her
John and Michael.
Favorite stories were
Peter Pan.

But Peter Pan could fly.
One night he flew to London
with his friend Tinkerbell.
When they flew past an open
window, they heard Wendy
telling the story
about Neverland.

Spread across
4 levels of
difficulty, catering
for different
language ability.


Aids
comprehension


Develops
vocabulary


Encourages
discussion


Provides
interest and
motivation
in the story

Activities
before
and after
reading.

After-reading
photocopiable
activities for
students to
complete
individually

ACTIVITIES

Pearson English Story Reader

...res in Peter Pan. P
...n find in the book.

- a castle
- a fairy
- a picnic
- a pirate

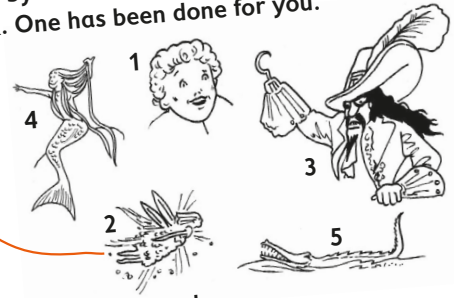
Peter Pan

Name

Activity 1

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

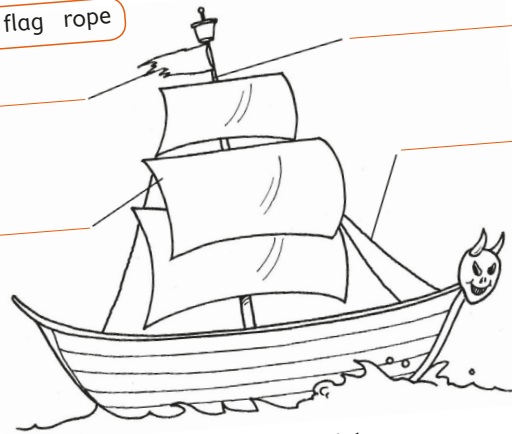
- a mean pirate
- Wendy's brother
- has lots of teeth
- Peter Pan's fairy friend
- half fish, half girl



Activity 2

Label the picture of the ship with these words:


Sail mast flag rope




2. Look at the picture of Neverland. Describe...




Downloadable Teacher Resources to support lessons include:

 **Teacher notes** include a story summary, background information, an exploration of book topics and themes, guidance on using accompanying audio material, key grammar points and ideas for extension activities

 **Before-reading and after-reading activities** practice vocabulary and communication skills, aid comprehension, and are motivating and fun!

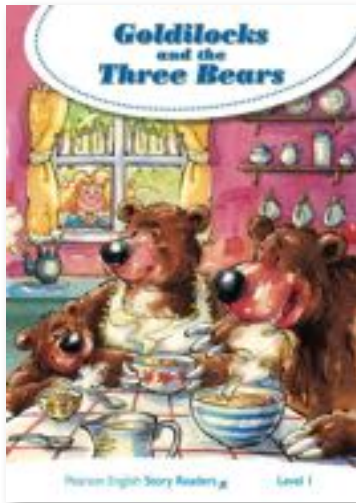
 **After-reading photocopiable activities** practice vocabulary and aid comprehension

 **Answer keys** for all activities

 **MP3 Audio** brings stories to life, models correct pronunciation, helps familiarise users with different accents and provides listening practice

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LEVEL 1



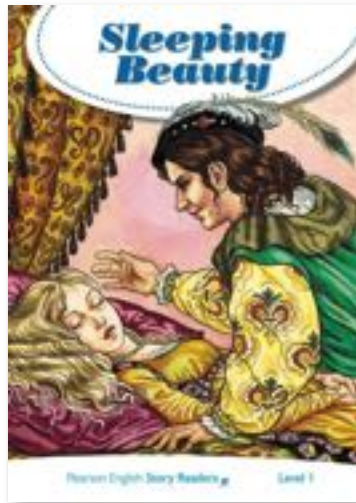
Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Retold by Annie Hughes

The three Billy Goats Gruff see some tall, green grass but there is a hungry troll. Do the goats eat the grass? Does the troll eat the goats?

British English
5-7 years
71 words

ISBN 9781292239958



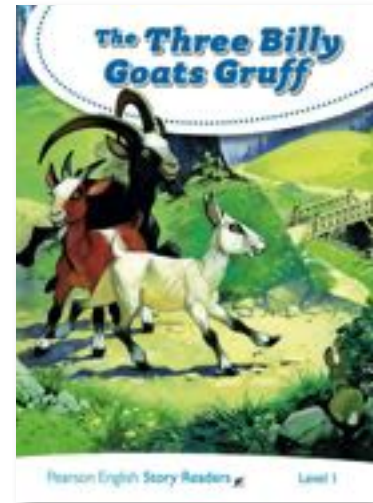
Sleeping Beauty

Retold by Nicole Taylor

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

British English
5-7 years
69 words

ISBN 9781292239965



The Three Billy Goats Gruff

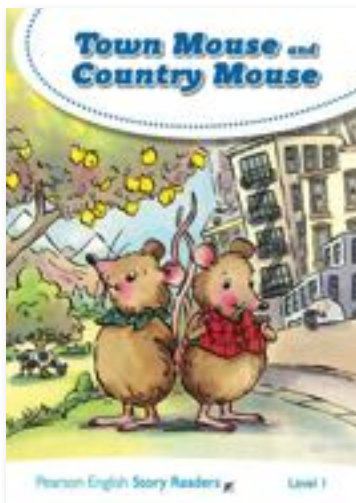
Retold by Melanie Williams

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

British English
7-9 years
204 words

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LEVEL 2



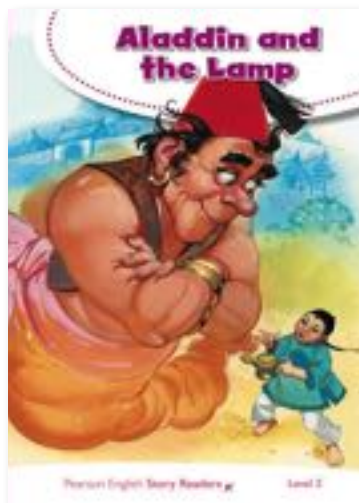
Town Mouse and Country Mouse

Retold by Arlene Wong

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

British English
7-9 years
184 words

ISBN 9781292239989



Aladdin and the Lamp

Retold by Marie Crook

Aladdin is very poor, but he has a magic ring and a magic lamp. Now he can have everything he wants. But another person wants to be rich too and takes Aladdin's lamp from him.

British English
7-9 years
684 words

ISBN 9781292239996



Little Red Riding Hood

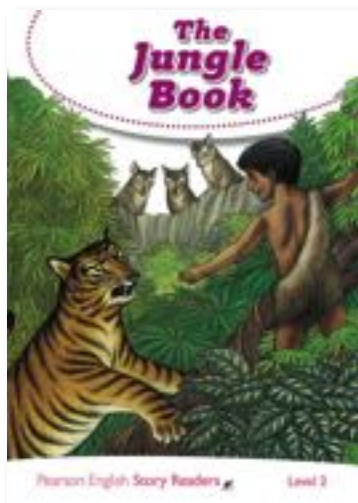
Retold by Audrey McIlvain

Little Red Riding Hood goes to visit her Granny and meets a stranger in the woods. Who is he? And what happens when she arrives at Granny's house?

British English
7-9 years
372 words

ISBN 9781292240015

LEVEL 2



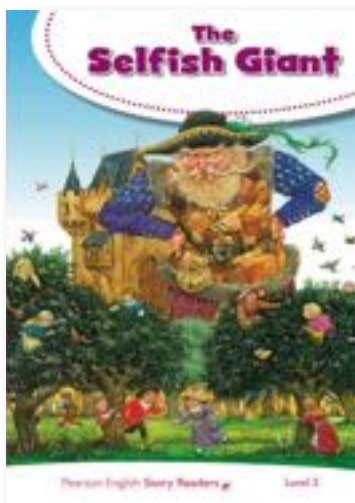
The Jungle Book

Retold by Rod Smith

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

British English
7-9 years
402 words

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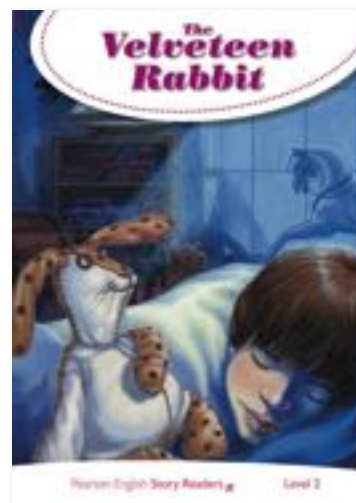
The Selfish Giant

Retold by Marie Smith

A giant builds a big wall around his garden to stop the children getting in. After that, it is always winter in the garden. Can the children find a way to make it summer again?

British English
9-11 years
672 words

ISBN 9781292240022



The Velveteen Rabbit

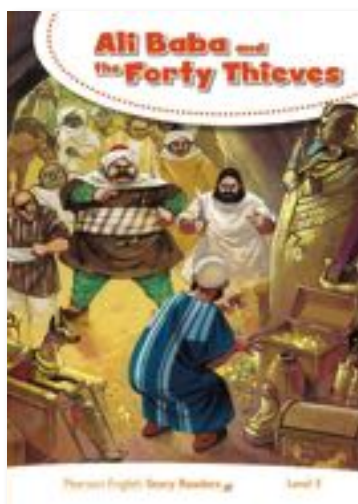
Retold by Audrey McIlvain

Tim loves his toy rabbit. Then he gets sick and his mom puts all his toys in the garden. Poor toy rabbit! Poor Tim! Does he find his toy rabbit again?

British English
5-7 years
205 words

ISBN 9781292240039

LEVEL 3



Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

Retold by Fiona Kalinowski

Ali Baba sees some thieves going into a cave. He goes inside and finds it full of gold and silver. He is rich at last! But the thieves want their treasure back!

British English
9-11 years
1345 words

ISBN 9781292240053



Beauty and the Beast

Retold by Fiona Kalinowski

Beauty's father meets a monster who is half man and half beast. He promises the Beast that Beauty will live at the Beast's house. Is the Beast horrible or friendly?

British English
9-11 years
1686 words

ISBN 9781292240060



Hansel and Gretel

Retold by Cameron Fox

Hansel and Gretel are lost in the forest. They find a pretty house made of cookies and candy. But who lives there? What does she want to do with them?

British English
9-11 years
1328 words

ISBN 9781292240077

LEVEL 3



Jack and the Beanstalk

Retold by Caralyn Bradshaw

Jack's magic beans grow into a tall beanstalk and Jack climbs up it. 'Fee. Fi, Fo, Foy,' says the giant at the top. 'I can smell a boy'. Does Jack get away from the giant?

British English
5-7 years
788 words

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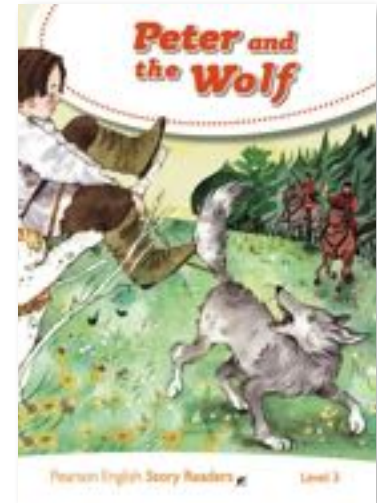
The New Adventures of Tom Thumb

Retold by Lynne Doherty Herndon

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

British English
7-9 years
1321 words

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Peter and the Wolf

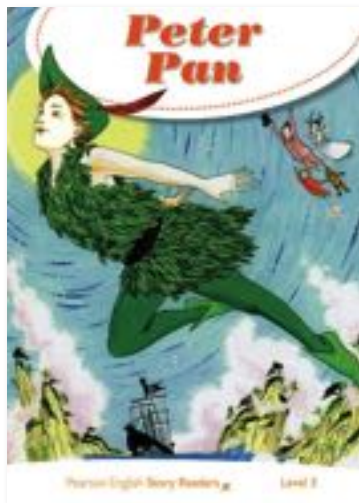
Retold by Lynne Doherty Herndon

Grandfather tells Peter never to play near the forest because a hungry wolf lives there. What does Peter do? Does he see the wolf?

British English
7-9 years
1371 words

ISBN 9781292240091

LEVEL 3



Peter Pan

Retold by Marie Crook

Wendy, John and Michael, fly off with Peter Pan and Tinkerbell to Neverland. Do Wendy and her brothers like it there? Do they decide to stay?

British English
5-7 years
837 words

ISBN 9781292240107



The Princess and the Frog

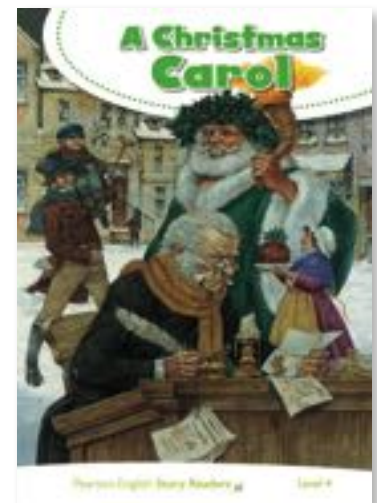
Retold by Marie Crook

A princess loses her golden ball in a pond. A frog finds it for her and she promises to give him anything he wants. Does she keep her promise? What happens to the frog?

British English
5-7 years
804 words

ISBN 9781292240121

LEVEL 4



A Christmas Carol

Retold by David A. Hill

Scrooge is an old man who loves work and money but hates Christmas. He does not want to share Christmas with anyone. But then, on Christmas Eve, he is visited by four ghosts!

British English
9-11 years
2666 words

ISBN 9781292240145

LEVEL 4

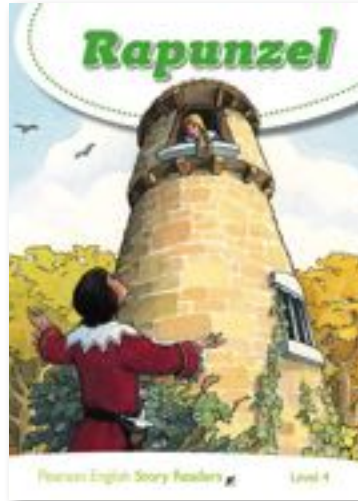
**Pinocchio**

Retold by Nicole Taylor

Geppetto makes a wooden puppet boy and calls him Pinocchio. Pinocchio has many adventures, but can he get what he really wishes for?

British English
5-7 years
1264 words

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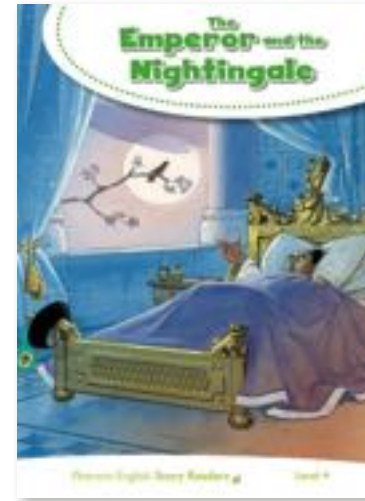
**Rapunzel**

Retold by Georgina Swinburne

Rapunzel is a prisoner at the top of a tall tower. The witch climbs up Rapunzel's long hair to come inside. How can Rapunzel get out? Who is going to help her?

British English
7-9 years
1148 words

ISBN 9781292240183

**The Emperor and the Nightingale**

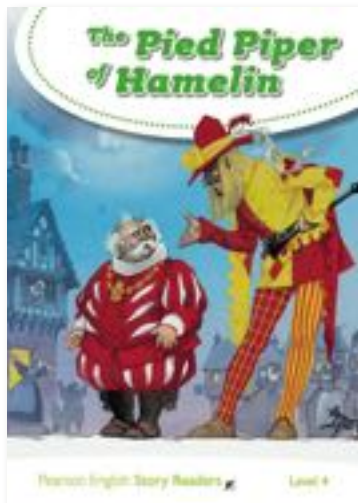
Retold by Marie Crook

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

British English
9-11 years
2715 words

ISBN 9781292240152

LEVEL 4

**The Pied Piper of Hamelin**

Retold by Marie Crook

Rats are everywhere in Hamelin! Luckily, the Pied Piper comes to town and says he will kill all the rats – for money. But why does he come back to the town angry?

British English
7-9 years
1706 words

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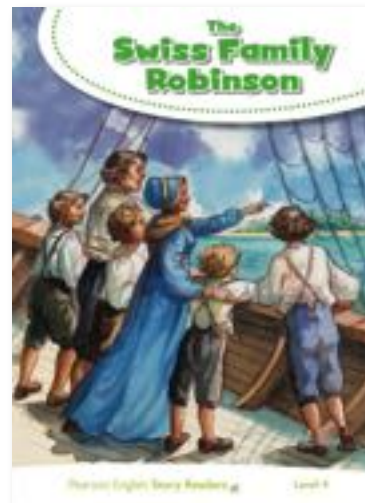
**The Snow Queen**

Retold by Audrey McIlvain

Gerda and Kay, live with their grandmother. But one snowy day, Kay is taken away by the Snow Queen! Where does she take him? Can Gerda bring him home?

British English
9-11 years
2520 words

ISBN 9781292240190

**The Swiss Family Robinson**

Retold by Marie Crook

A ship is caught in a storm. One family are able to get to an island. They find food, build a treehouse and start to enjoy their new life there. But will a ship ever come and rescue them?

British English
9-11 years
2628 words

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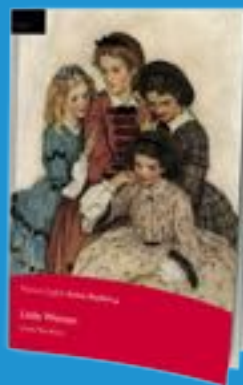
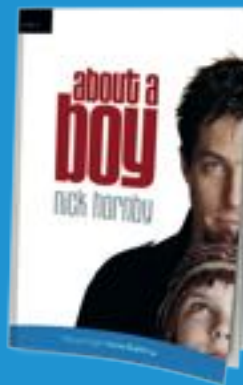
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Level 2	A2 - A2+	32-42	Flyers/ Key for Schools	Quickmarch
Level 3	A2+ - B1	37-50	Preliminary for Schools	Breakthrough
Level 4	B1 - B2	46-60		Level 2

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What's in a *Pearson English Active Readers*?

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

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

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

Activity sections throughout the book.

 Bring the story to life

 Aid comprehension

 Provide a stimulus for discussion

Little Women



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

2.3 Language in use

Read the sentences in the box. Then finish these sentences with past tense verbs.

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

- Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy sisters. (be)
- Meg big eyes and beautiful brown hair. (have)
- Jo fifteen. (be)
- Mrs. March with a letter. (arrive)
- She at her daughters. (smile)
- The girls about their father. (think)
- "Don't be unhappy, girls!" Mrs. March (say)
- Beth the piano. (play)

2.4 What's next?

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



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

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 Makes reading accessible to all

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

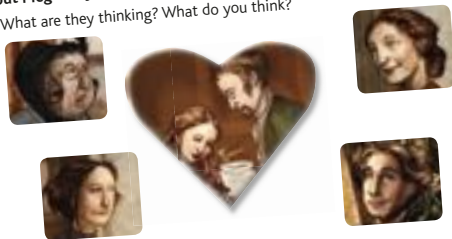
Useful for students' understanding of the story

Great reference tool

See words used in context AND definitions

Work with three friends. Look at the pictures. These people are thinking about Meg and John.

a What are they thinking? What do you think?



b Put these words in the right places in the sentences.

too important money friend home happy

Aunt March: "I don't like John Brooke. He has no"

Mrs. March: "Money is not John can make a good"

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

Laurie: "Jo loves Meg. But John loves Meg. I can always be Jo's"

Talk About It, Write About It and Project Sections offer controlled and freer language practice in various activity types.

You are Mr. Laurence. Write words in the right places.

daughters every house stayed scarlet fever dead family problems sick quickly

Mrs. March, November 25
I am very sorry, but there are at home.
Beth visited the Hummel and one child was very sick. She had
Beth with her and Mrs. Hummel went to the doctor's house. He came, but the child was

Interactive CD-Rom available with some titles containing:

- Wordlist with audio pronunciation
- Full book audio
- Interactive activities with instant 'check answers' and 'show answers' functionality
- Tests
- Option to print interactive activities

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CHAPTERS 2 AND 3

PRACTICE 1

PRACTICE 2

PRACTICE 3

PRACTICE 4

TEST 1

TEST 2

TEST 3

TEST 4

CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 >

Match!

Complete the sentences.

- Jo wanted to meet Laurie.
- The girls' father wasn't a burn.
- Meg got a letter from Mrs. Gardiner.
- Jo's dress had at the party.

Downloadable Teacher Resources to support lessons include:

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The Blue Cat Club

Bernard Smith

James and Chantal are enjoying an evening of magic at the Blue Cat Club. Merlin the magician is clever and his tricks are exciting – but are they dangerous too?

British English
24 pages
884 words

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The Cup in the Forest

Anne Collins

Per and Nina are on holiday in the country. They find a strange Viking cup in a dark forest. The cup is very old and interesting. But now there is a strange man at the hotel and Per is afraid.

British English
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979 words

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Good Day, Bad Day

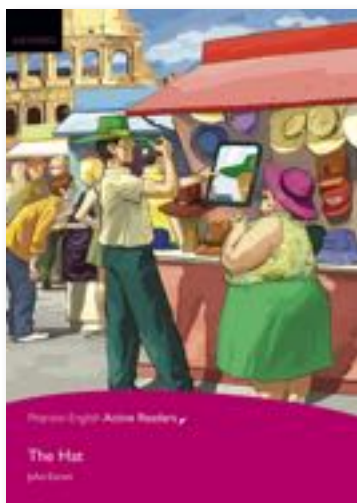
Paul Shipton

Kerry is visiting her brother, Mike. She sees a sign for a fortune teller. Mike doesn't believe in fortune tellers, but he goes, too. What does Rosie say to him? And is she right?

American English
24 pages
1,031 words

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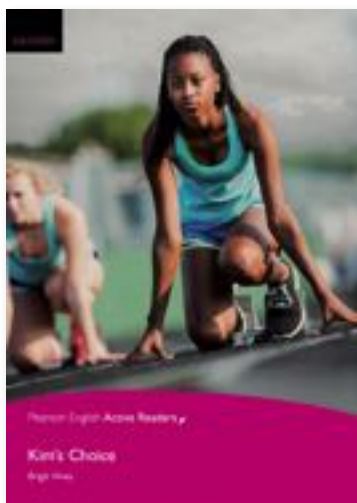
The Hat

John Escott

Bernardo likes hats. One day he buys a new hat at a street market and people laugh at it. 'Why do you want another hat, Bernardo?' his wife says to him, 'You have twenty'. What can she do?

American English
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765 words

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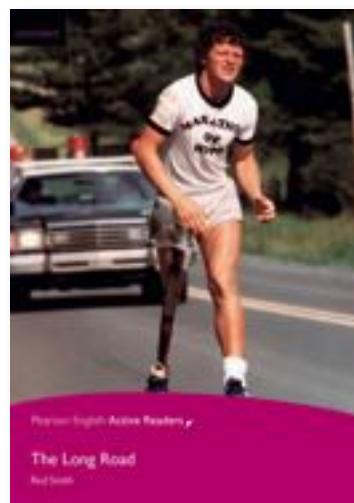
Kim's Choice

Brigit Viney

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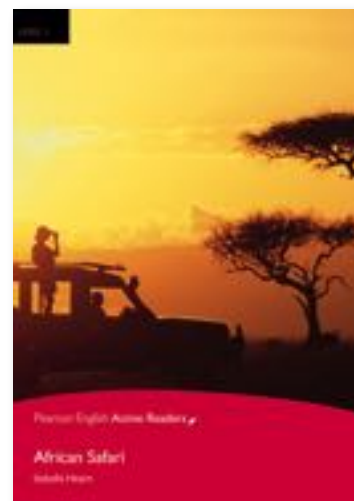
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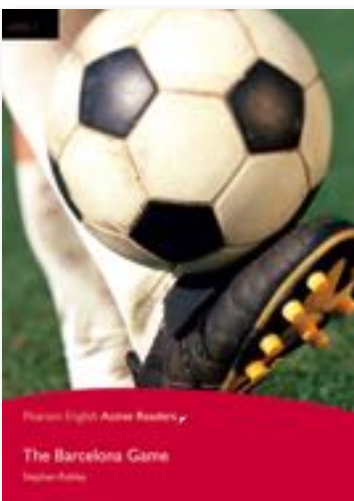
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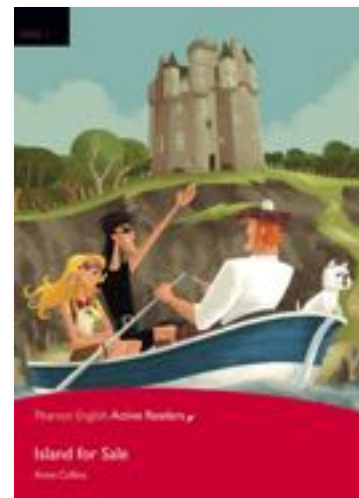
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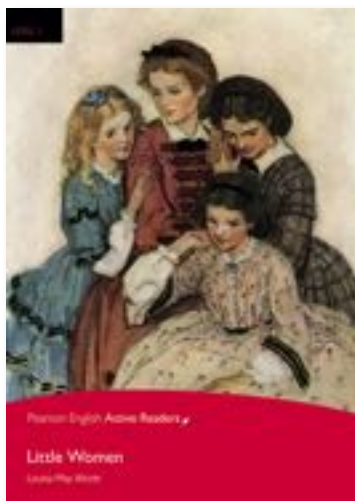
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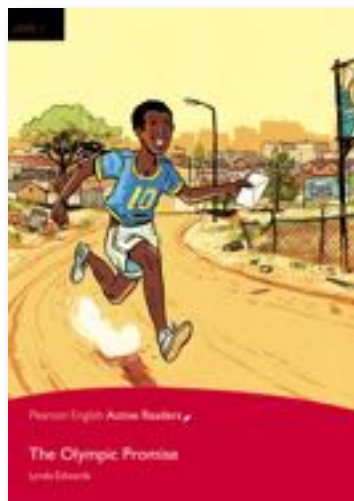
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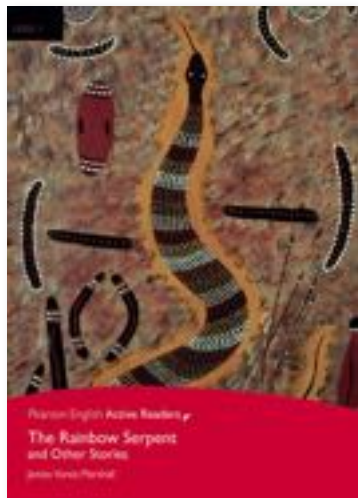
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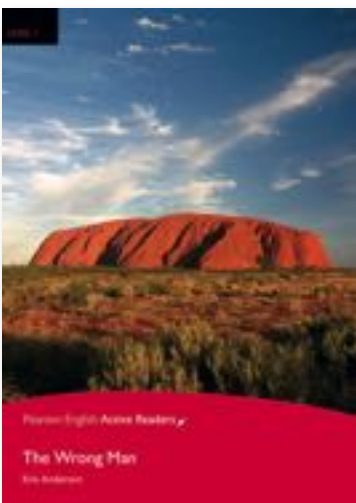
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Bea lives under a bridge. She doesn't like talking and she doesn't remember much. But a policeman is looking for a little girl, and there was a child in Bea's old life. Can she remember now?

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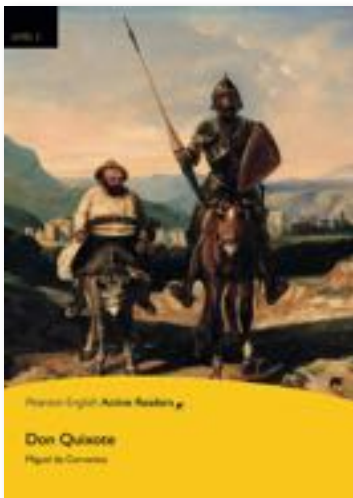
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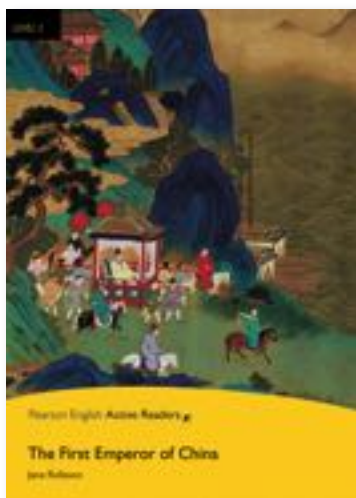
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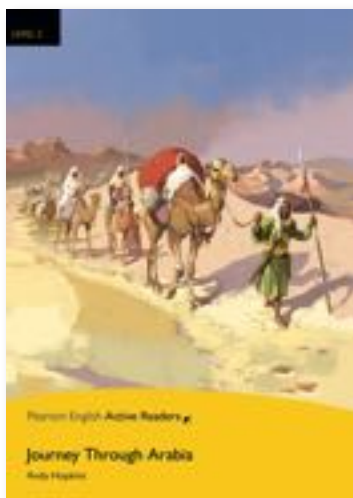
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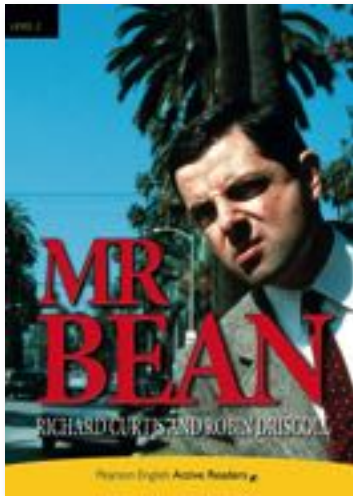
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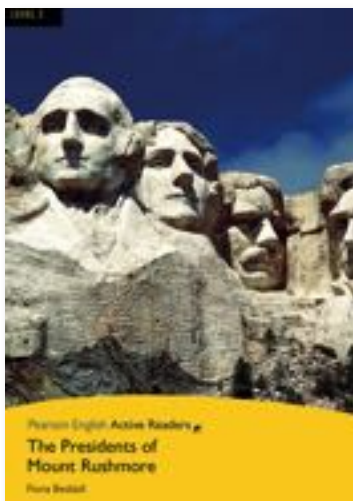
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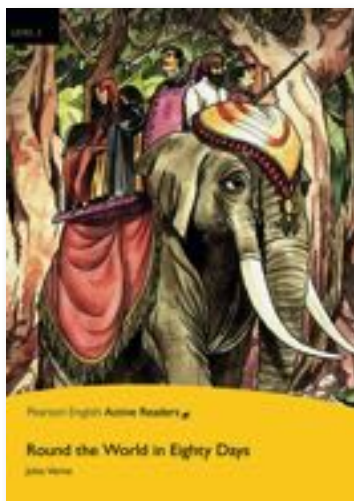
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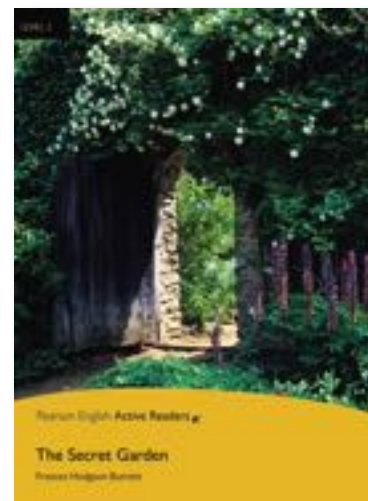
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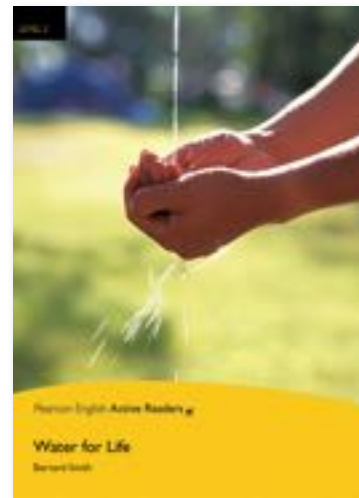
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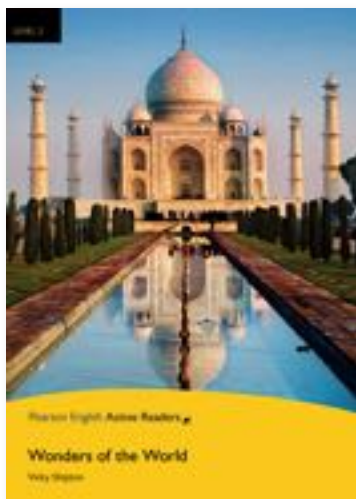
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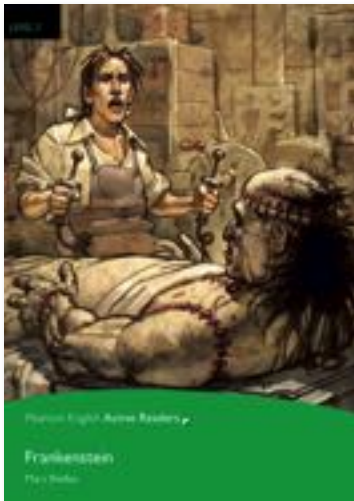
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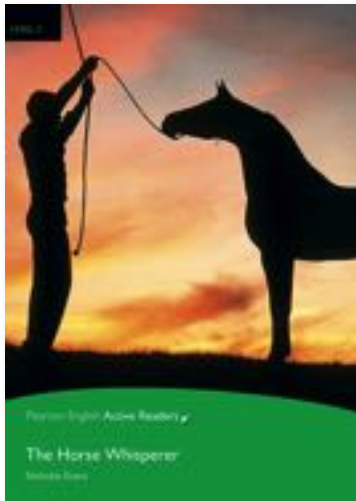
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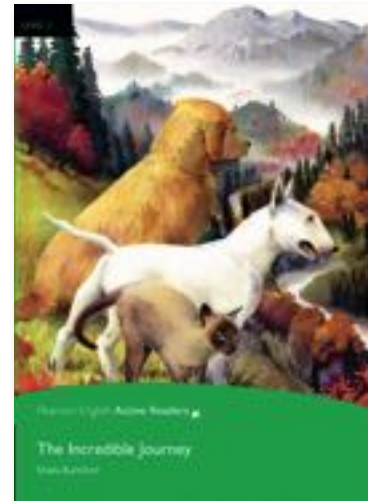
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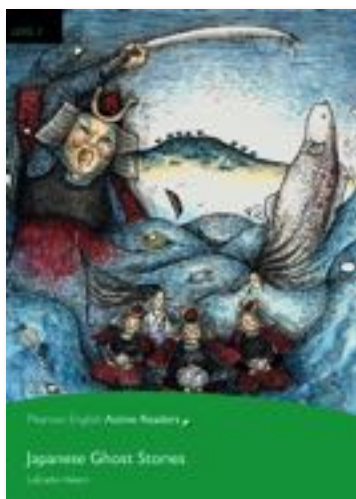
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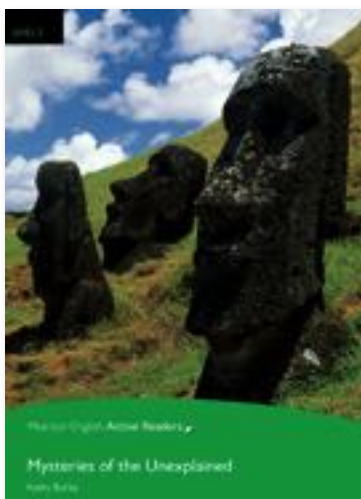
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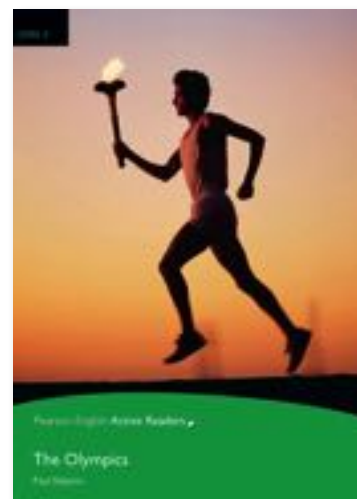
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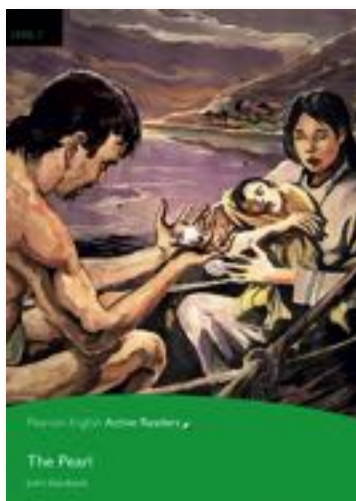
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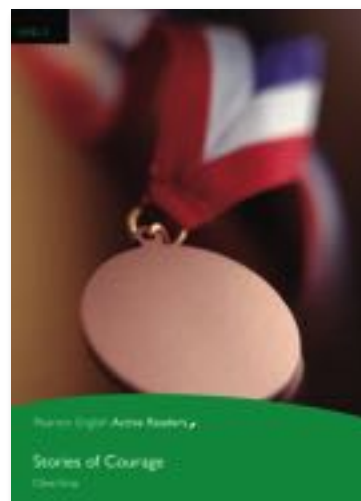
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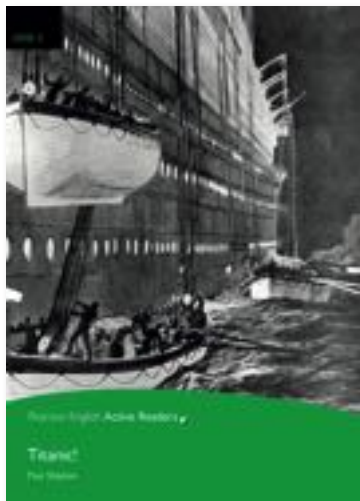
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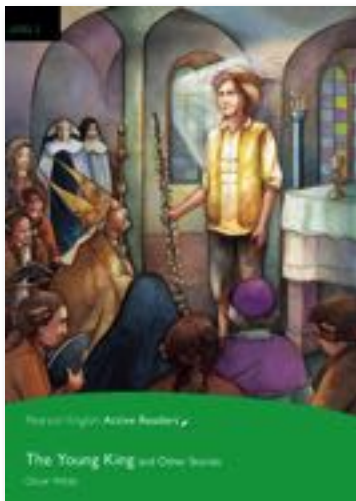
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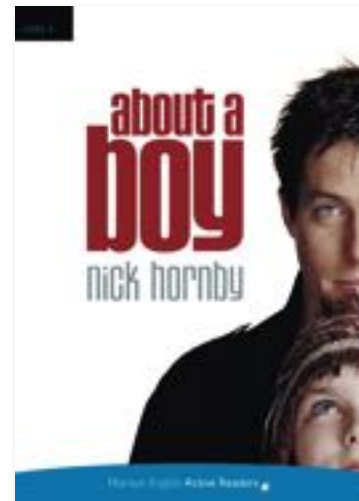
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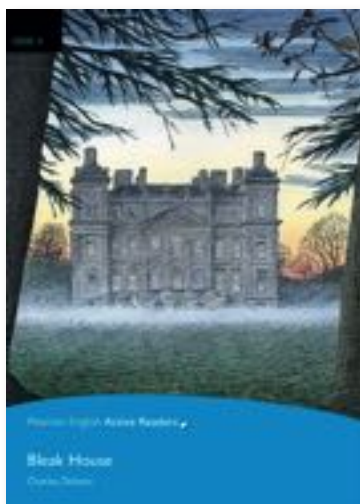
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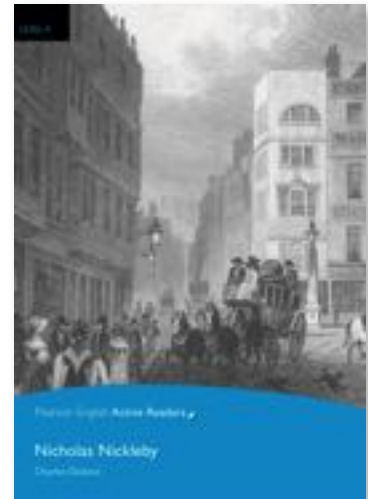
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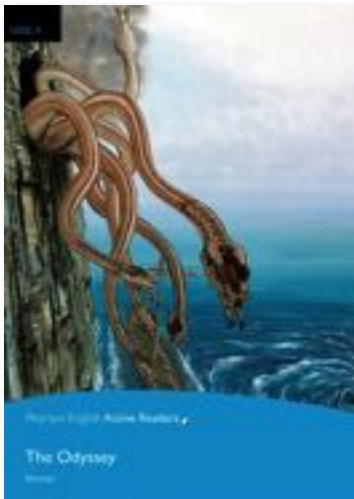
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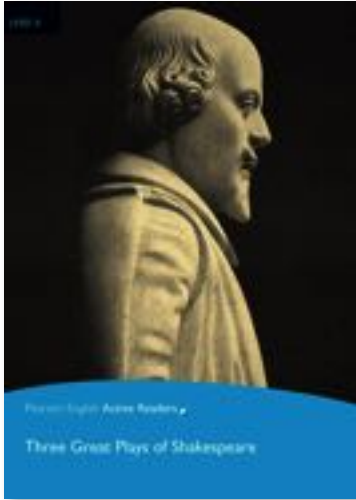
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body knew exactly when) Goldstein had been
t in the Party as Big Brother himself, but then
ainst the Party. Before he could be punished
ad escaped – nobody knew how, exactly.
s still alive, and all crimes against the Party
ning.

n's face on the *telescreen* were thousands of
ceania was always at war with either Eurasia
anged, but the hate for Goldstein never did.
e found his spies every day. They were called
people said, although Winston sometimes
Brotherhood really existed. Goldstein had
also written a book, a terrible book, a book against the Party.
had no title; it was just known as *the book*.

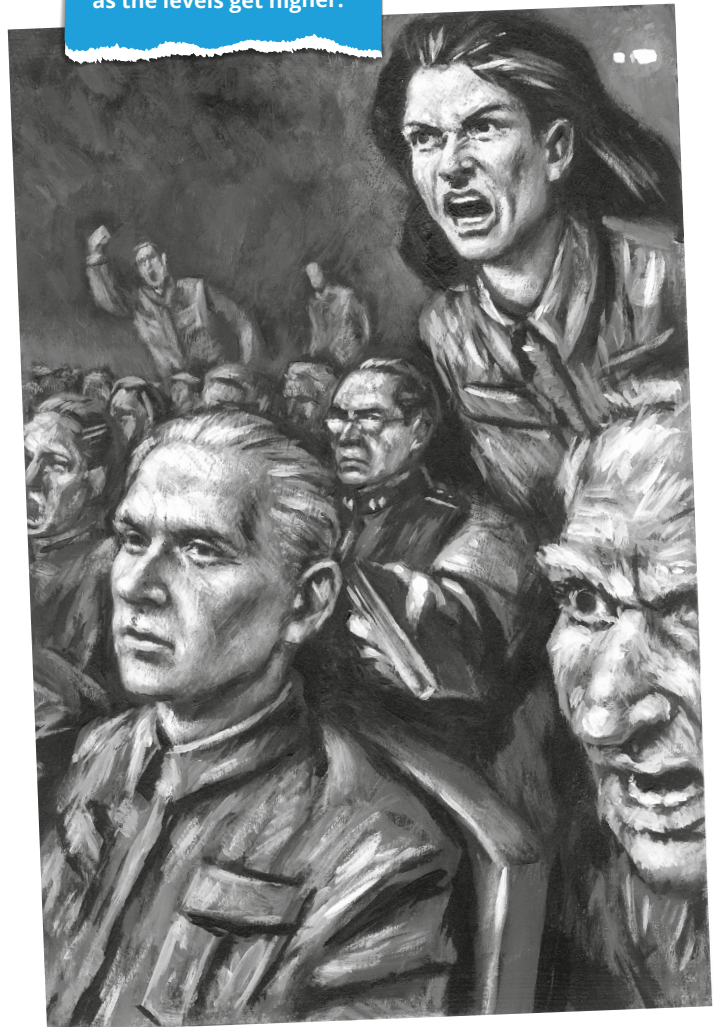
As Goldstein's face filled the *telescreen* and
marched behind him, the Hate grew. People
down, shouting and screaming so they could no
voice. Winston was shouting too; it was impossi
behind him, with thick, dark hair was scream
Goldstein, and suddenly she picked up a h
dictionary and threw it at the *telescreen*. It hit C
nose and fell to the floor.

Winston had often seen this girl at the Mini
never spoken to her. He did not know her nam
she worked in the Fiction Department. He had
tools so he guessed she was a mechanic on the
machines. She was a confident-looking girl of
seven, and she walked quickly. She wore the narr
the Young People's League tied tightly round her o

Winston had disliked her from the first momen
He disliked nearly all women, especially young and
The young women were always most loyal to the Pa
happiest to spy on others. But this girl was especiall

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- betray** (v) to harm a person, group or country by telling their secret
- brotherhood** (n) an organization of people with the same aims or beliefs
- canteen** (n) a place in an office, factory or school where people go to eat and drink
- cell** (n) a small room where prisoners are kept
- comrade** (n) a word used to talk to or about a person in some socialist groups or countries
- dial** (n) the part of a machine that has numbers which show measurements
- edition** (n) the copies of a book, newspaper or magazine that are all the same
- freedom** (n) the state of being free to live your life as you want to
- gin** (n) a clear, strong alcoholic drink
- hang** (v) to kill someone by tying something around their neck and taking the support away from under their feet
- ignorance** (n) the state of having no knowledge or information about something
- individual** (n) one person in a group or society
- league** (n) a group of people with similar aims or beliefs

ACTIVITIES

Chapters 1-2

Before you read

- 1 In 1984, George Orwell warns us how future governments could make life worse for ordinary people. How might future governments use these to make life worse?
computers schools cameras information
- 2 Look at the Word List at the back of the book. Find words for:
 - a groups or organizations of people
 - b people
 - c places where people spend time
 - d actions through which other people could harm you
 - e things that you can buy in a shop

While you read

- 3 Are these sentences about Winston true (✓) or false (X)?

a He is a big man with dark hair.
b He turns off the telescreen.
c He works in the Ministry of Truth.
d He joins the Two Minutes Hate.
e He throws a dictionary at the telescreen.
f He breaks the law.
g He organizes evening activities for the Party.
h He is hurt by a bomb.

After you read

- 4 Who or what are these? How are they important to Big Brother?

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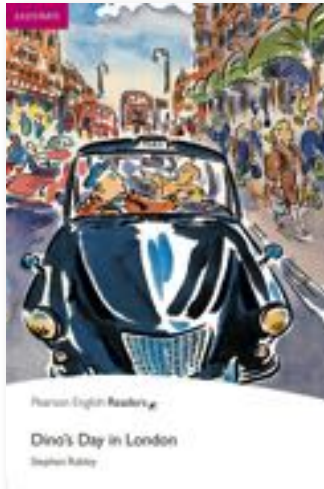
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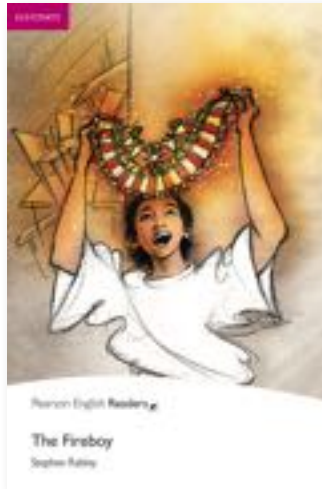
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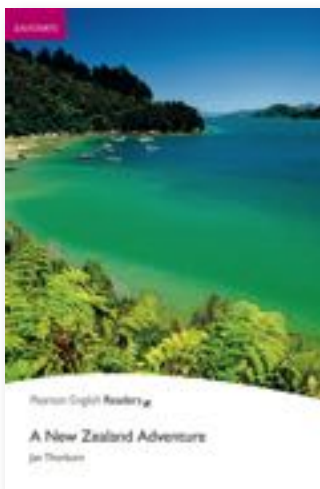
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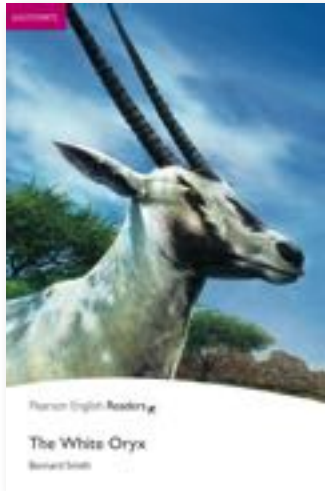
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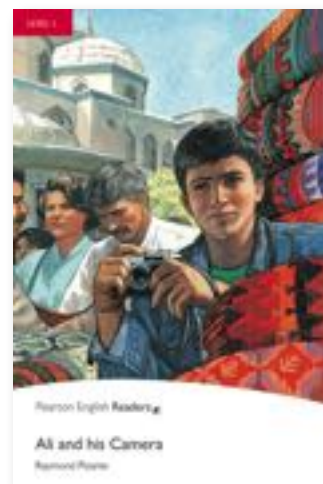
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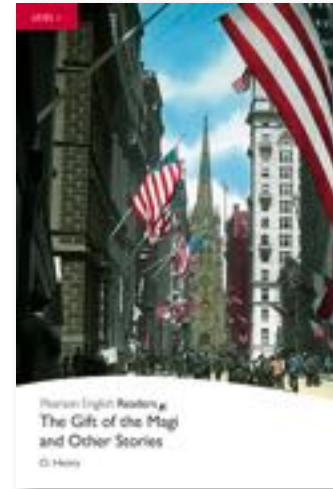
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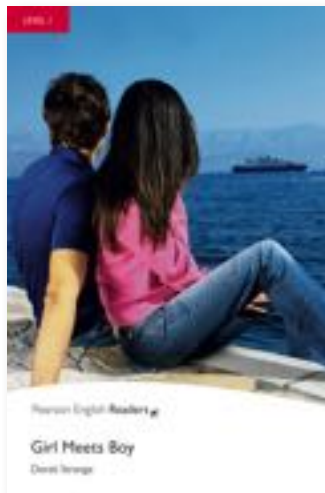
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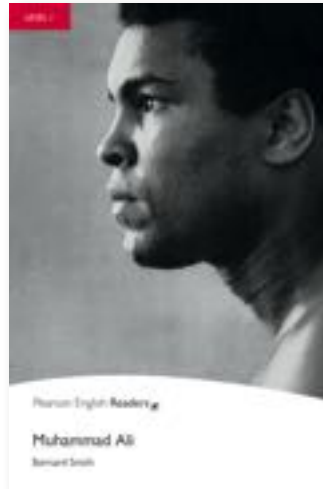
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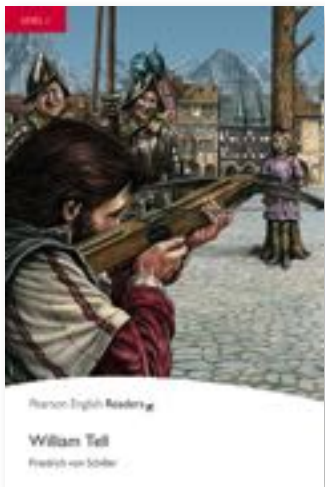
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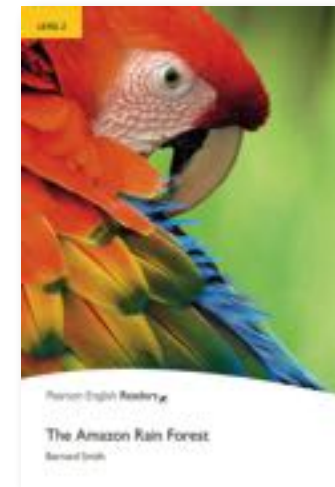
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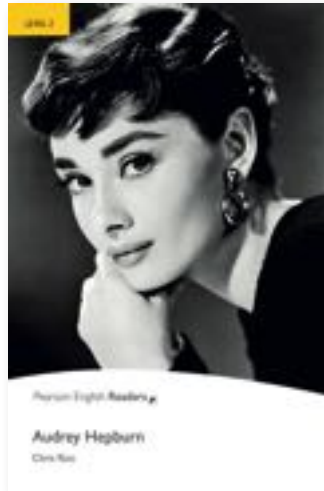
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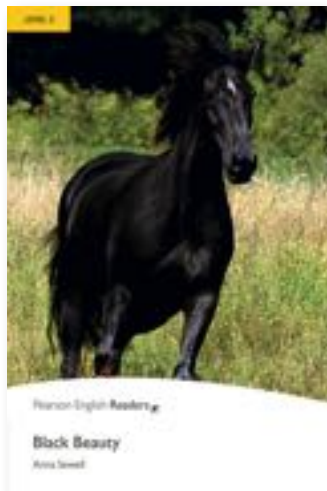
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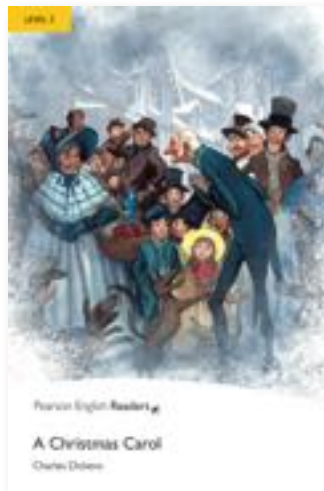
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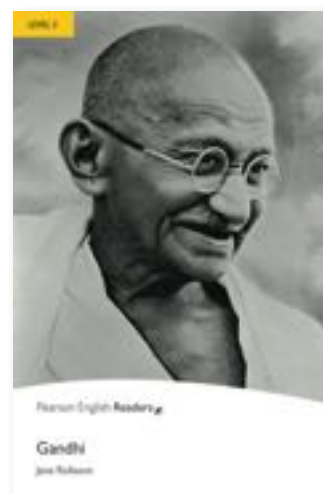
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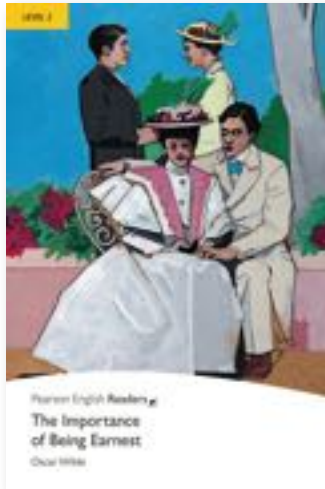
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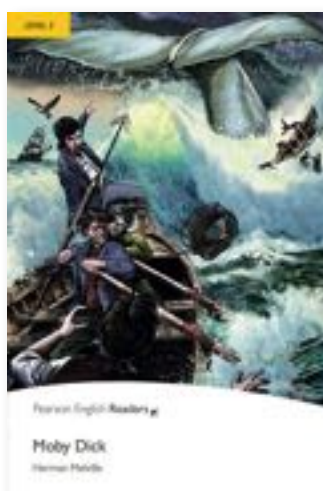
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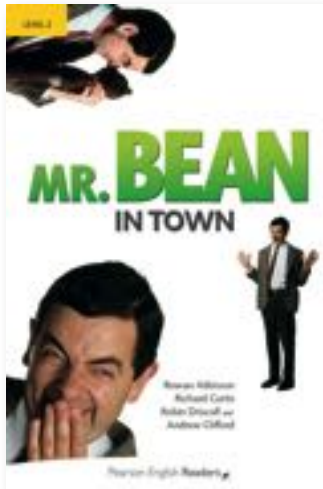
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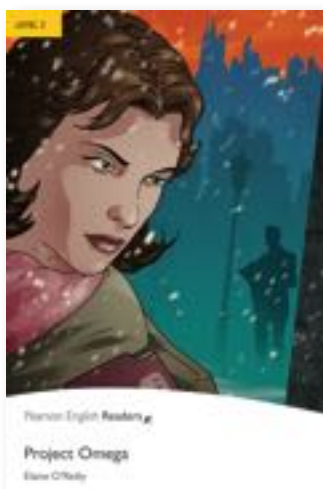
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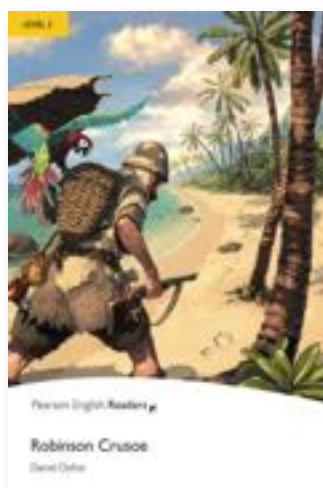
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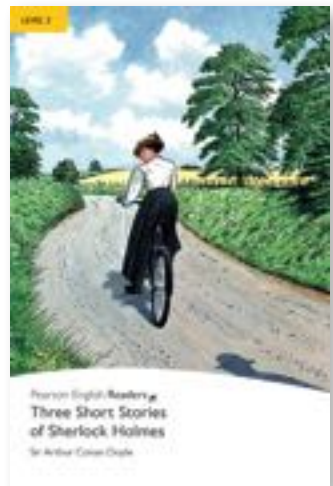
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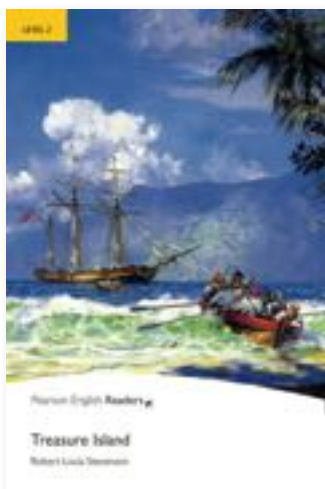
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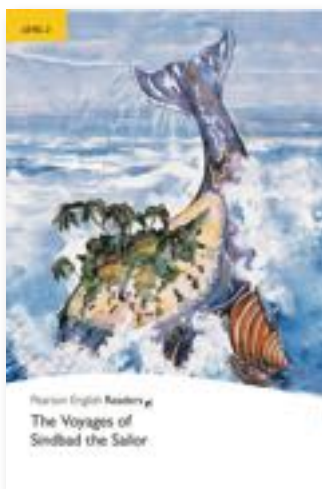
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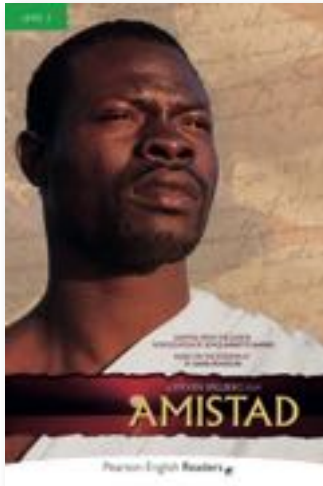
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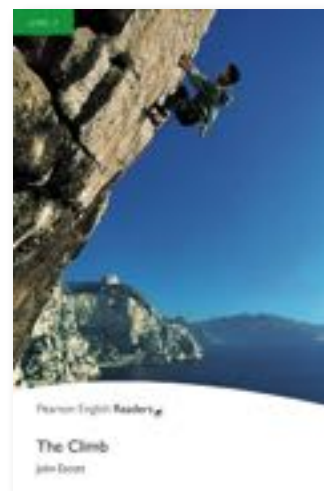
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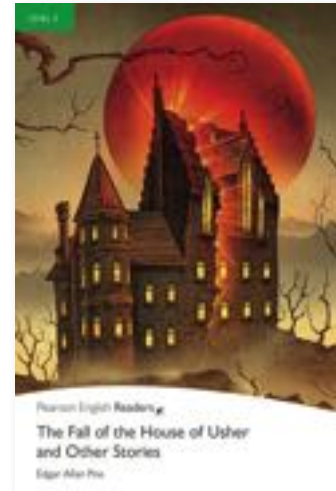
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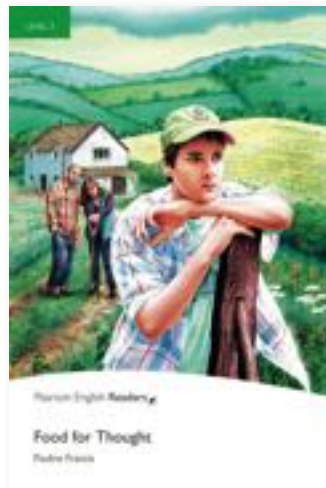
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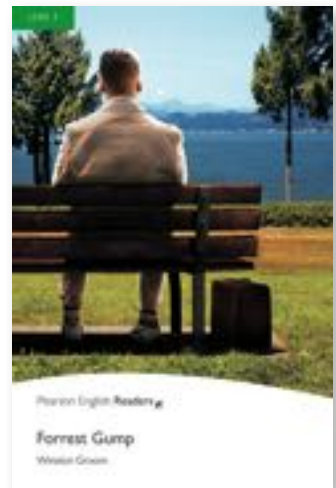
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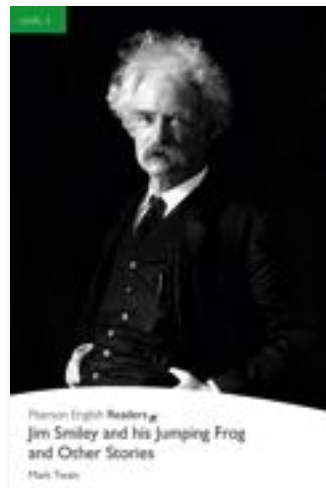
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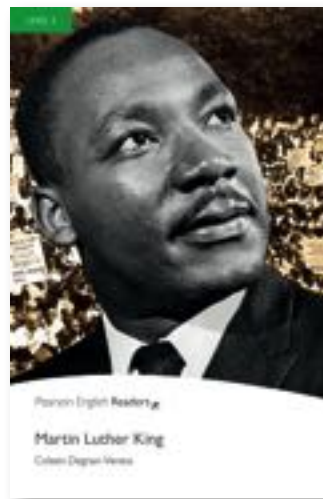
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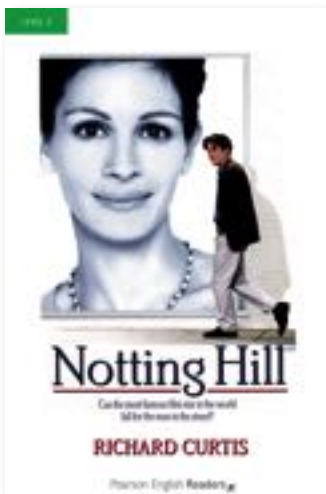
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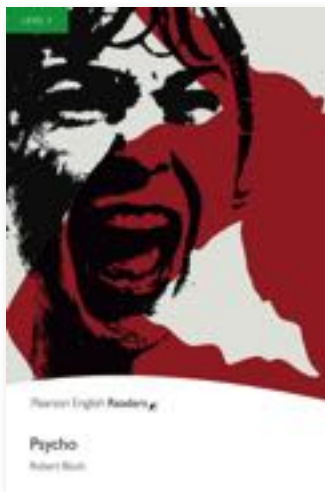
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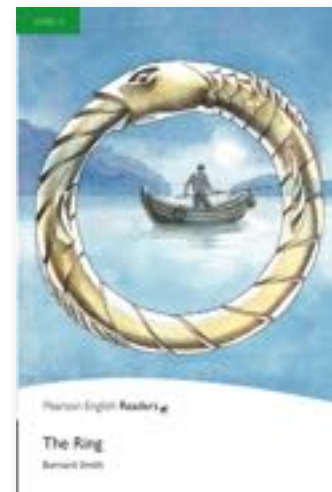
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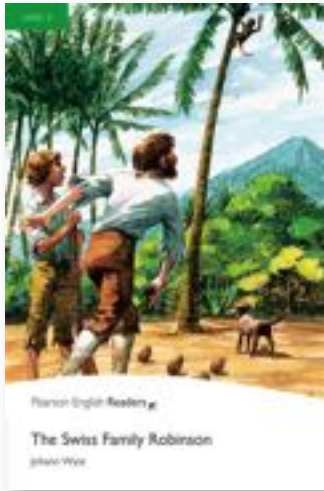
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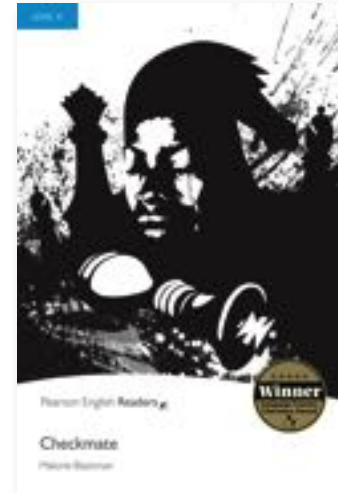
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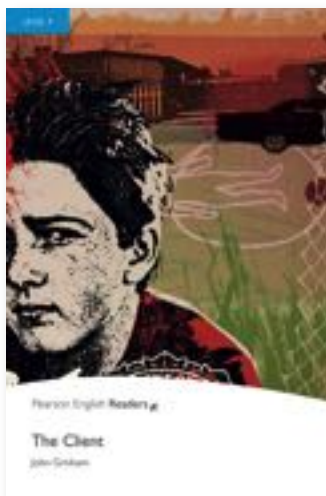
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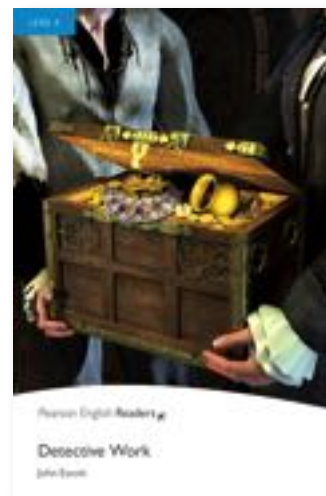
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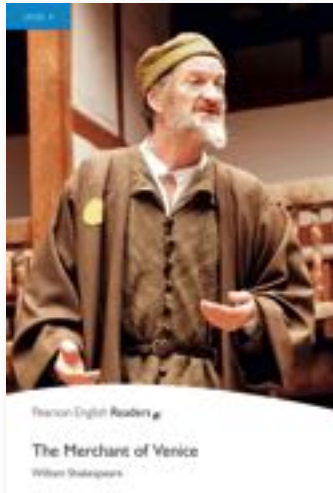
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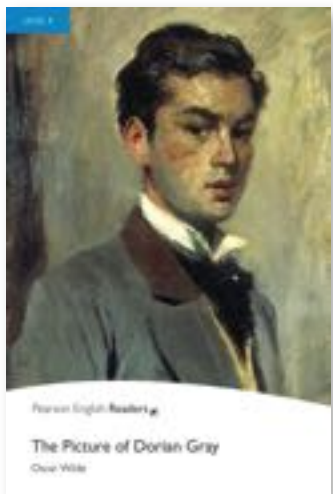
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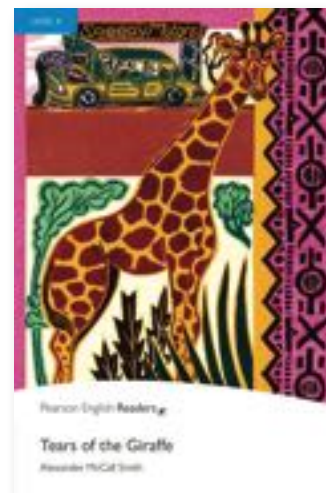
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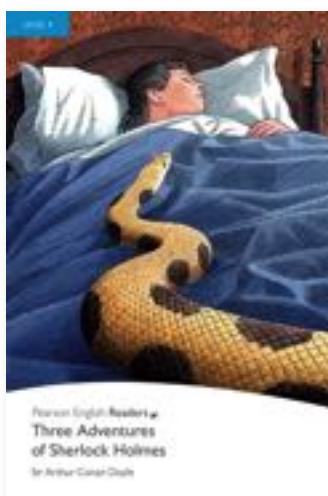
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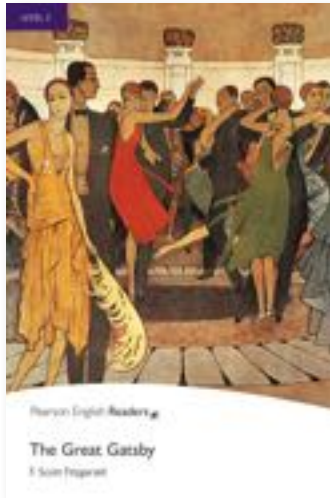
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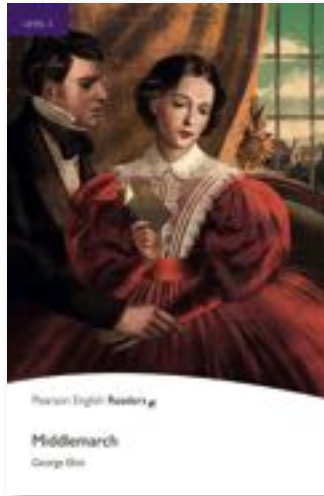
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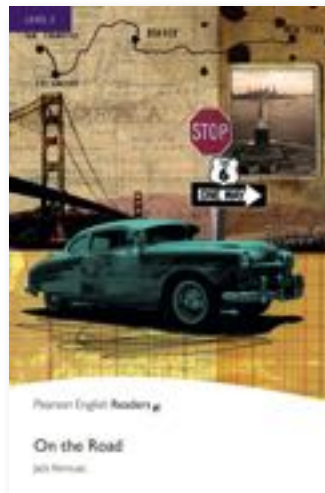
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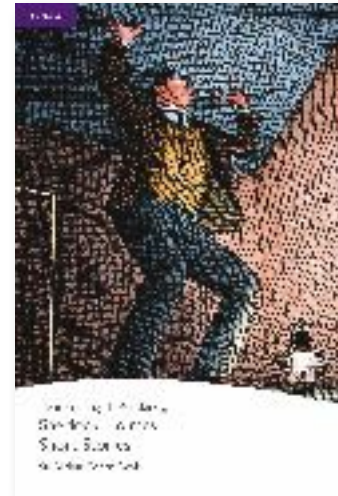
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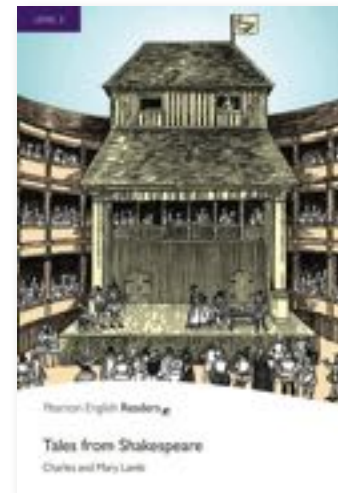
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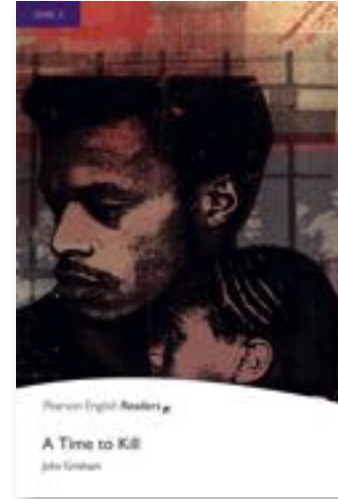
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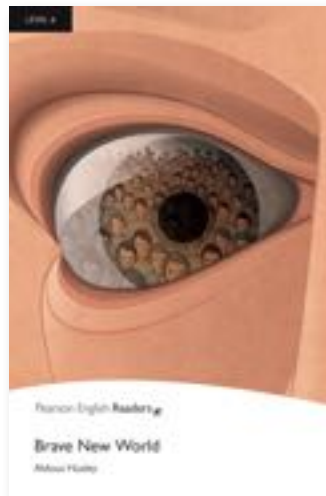
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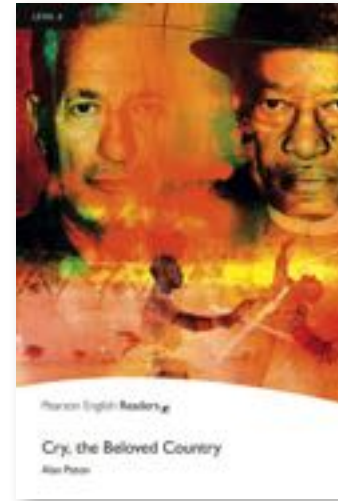
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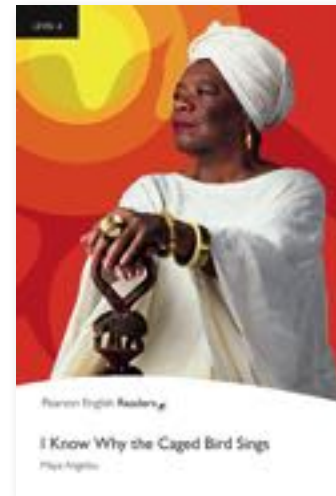
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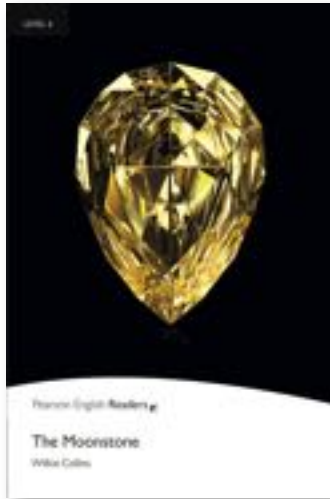
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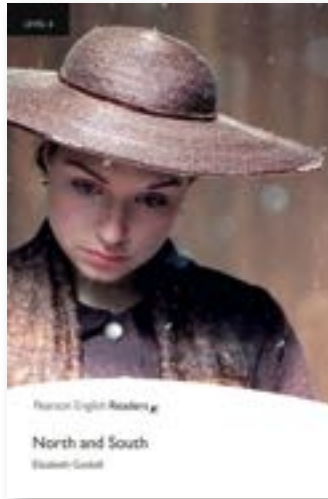
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