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Grading of Earlyreads

Earlyreads are graded according to their subject matter and by structural and lexical criteria: the maximum number of headwords for level 1 is 100 headwords, for level 2 it is 150, 200 at level 3, 250 at level 4 and 300 at level 5. Level 5 represents a good elementary ability (full competence at level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference).

The chart below shows the major structures used at each level. For a complete explanation of the grading criteria used, see The Black Cat Guide to Graded Readers.

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Level 1

Dorothy
Paola Traverso

Every night, Dorothy delivers dreams – to adults, children and even pets. Usually everyone gets the dream they want, but one dark night Dorothy can’t see, and she delivers the wrong dreams... But in this delightful, original tale everything ends happily as a chorus of cats comes to the rescue!
The Enormous Turnip
Retold by Ruth Hobart
A farmer plants a turnip seed and overnight it grows into an enormous turnip! But, even though he and his family pull and pull, they can’t pull the turnip out of the ground. Read how, in this retelling of a delightful tale, a little mouse makes a big difference, and everyone enjoys an enormous turnip meal.

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

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

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

The Ugly Duckling
Retold by Ruth Hobart
This little duckling is different from the other ducklings. Everyone laughs at him, animals and humans alike, and only his mum loves him. But when spring comes, he sees his reflection in the water, and… what a change has taken place!
**NEW**

**Henny Penny**
Retold by Emily Flynn

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

**Little Red Riding Hood**
Retold by Ruth Hobart

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

**The Mad Teacher**
Cristina Ivaldi

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

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

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

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Mowgli learns to swim
Ruth Hobart

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

The Owl’s Song
Paola Traverso

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

Rapunzel
Retold by Ruth Hobart

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

Bugaboo the Wicked Witch
Cristina Ivaldi

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

Cinderella
Retold by Ruth Hobart

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

It’s a lovely summer day. Max and Maggie decide to go and visit the castle on the hill near the town. Everybody says it’s a haunted castle but Maggie doesn’t believe it. Max thinks that castles are perfect homes for ghosts and he is not sure that he wants to go.

When they are in the castle lots of strange things happen! First it’s only Max who sees funny faces and people moving in the pictures on the walls but then Maggie starts feeling a bit worried, too. Maybe there really is a ghost in the castle...

The Jungle Book
Gaia Ierace

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

The Little Mermaid
Retold by Judith Percival

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

Monster in the Box
Cristina Ivaldi

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

Peter and the Wolf
Retold by Ruth Hobart

Peter’s grandfather warns him about going into the forest: it’s still winter, so the wolves are hungry! But of course, Peter doesn’t listen... This version of the much-loved Russian tale ends in a way that will surprise and delight all readers!
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Retold by Judith Percival
Daniel is a poor young man who is in love with the beautiful Princess Caroline. To make matters worse, he lives in a village which is terrorised by an Ogre. But Daniel’s cat comes to the rescue, and finds a way of both getting rid of the Ogre and bringing Daniel and the Princess together...

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

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

Christmas Fun
Ruth Hobart
Christmas Fun captures that typically ‘English’ Christmas atmosphere. Father Christmas introduces the children to Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer and his team. He organises an exciting football match between the Reindeer Rangers and the Polar Bears United football clubs. This highly-entertaining book, filled with songs, games and a wide variety of learning and manual activities, will create a wonderful Christmas feeling in and outside the classroom.

Festivals!
Ruth Hobart
Some festivals are popular all over the world. Festivals! tells children how Christmas, Easter, Halloween and other festivities are celebrated in many countries of the world. The young readers are encouraged to use manual skills to colour in, cut out, glue on and create fun decorations and greetings cards.
Halloween Holiday
Ruth Hobart

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

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

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
Retold by Catherine E. White
Ali Baba’s life changes on the day he sees forty thieves hiding their treasure in a secret cave and hears the thieves’ leader say the words ‘Open Sesame’ to get into the cave. But before Ali and his family can enjoy the riches, Ali finds there are many dangers they have to face…
The Canterville Ghost
Oscar Wilde
Adapted by Gaia Ierace
When the American Otis family move to their new house in England, interesting things begin to happen – especially when they meet Mr Ghost!

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

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

Two Monsters
Cristina Ivaldi
How can a health-freak bogey boy and a junk-freak human boy put up with living in their demanding families? By the way, which one of them is the monster?

Zed the Magician
Nella Burnett-Stuart and Liz Taylor
A lively mystery story involving a magician called Zed, some daring schoolchildren and a crime to be solved. Readers follow the adventure, read the clues and find out how the friends uncover the mystery.
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The EASYREAD series is aimed at young teenagers and above. It offers a range of attractive, full-colour, non-fiction graded readers; the subjects areas are art and design, geography, history, ICT, music, religious studies, science and social and environmental studies.

Suitable for young people studying English at middle school, but also interesting subjects for young adult and adult readers with an elementary or early pre-intermediate level of English (levels A1/A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference). Teachers, too, can take advantage of the cross-curricular approach or ‘Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)’.

There are two levels in the EASYREAD series, with controlled grammatical structures and lexis: level 1 uses present tenses only, while level 2 introduces past tenses. As far as lexis is concerned, apart from some special vocabulary required by the topic of the reader, the maximum number of headwords used at level 1 is 300 words, increasing to 400 words at level 2.

Features:
- controlled grammatical structures and lexis divided into two levels
- KET-style activities
- topic-specific illustrated glossary for easy reference
- visual support and illustrations to aid comprehension of the text
- manageable length (24/32 pages) makes them ideal for extensive reading
- internet projects to encourage further research
- free downloadable recording of the whole text and answer key on our website
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The readers are graded into three levels – Starter, Step 1 and Step 2 – according to structural and lexical criteria, as well as the suitability of the subject matter for the different age groups. The lexis contained in the readers is checked against the vocabulary lists specified for the Cambridge ESOL exams; Flyers and KET for the readers at Starter and Step 1 levels and PET for those at Step 2.

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### Black Cat step | Grammatical structures
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**Starter**
CEFRR: A1 Breakthrough
CESOL: Exam preparation: Flyers and/or KET
Trinity: Grades 1, 2
- Present Simple & Continuous
- Future reference with Present Continuous & Simple, & going to
- Imperative with 2nd person & let’s
- Infinitives & gerunds after common verbs
- Co-ordination with but, and, or & and then
- Subordination with because & when
- Quantifiers

**Step One**
CEFRR: A2 Waystage
CESOL: Exam level: Flyers and/or KET
Trinity: Grades 3, 4
- Past Simple & Continuous
- Future reference with will
- Passive forms in Present & Past Simple
- Subordination with if (zero & 1st conditionals)
- Defining relative clauses with who & where
- Comparison of regular & irregular adjectives
- Formation of regular & irregular adverbs

**Step Two**
CEFRR: A2 Waystage/ B1 Threshold
CESOL: Exam preparation: PET
Trinity: Grades 4, 5
- Present Perfect Simple with ever, never, yet, already, still, just, for, since
- Verb + object + infinitive (e.g. I want you to go)
- Defining relative clauses with which, that & zero pronoun
- Clauses of time with when, while, until, before, after & as soon as
- Clause of purpose: (in order) to
- Comparison of regular & irregular adverbs

### Green Apple Structural Grading

The full lists of the grammatical structures for each level can be found at our website (www.blackcat-cideb.com), in The Black Cat Guide to Graded Readers, and at the back of new editions of Green Apple readers. The list here only shows the main structures.
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Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland
Lewis Carroll
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen
Activities by Mary Johnson

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

Dossiers:
A Drink Called Tea, A Real Queen

Anne of Green Gables
Lucy M. Montgomery
Adapted by Sally M. Stockton

Human interest
Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert want a boy from the orphanage to help them on their farm, but the orphanage sends them Anne, a funny little girl with long red hair who gets up to all kinds of adventures. What can Matthew and Marilla do? Find out how Anne makes their lives happier, and wins their hearts...

Dossiers:
Canada and its Wildlife, Nova Scotia

Bathsheba the Witch
Jane Elizabeth Cammack

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

Dossiers:
Witches, The Weather in Great Britain, Potions

Beauty and the Beast
Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

Fairy tale & fantasy
A rich man suddenly becomes poor and he goes to live in the country with his children. One day he goes to the city on business. His daughters Rosalind and Hortensia ask him for expensive presents, but his other daughter, Beauty, only wants a rose. On his way back the man takes a rose from the garden of a castle. But the owner of the castle, a beast, becomes angry and demands something in exchange...

Dossiers:
Castles, Flowers, ‘Beauty and the Beast’ in Films and at the Theatre

Black Beauty
Anna Sewell
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

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

Dossiers:
Horses, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Green Apple

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Five Children and IT
E. Nesbit
Adapted by Cheryl Thompson

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

Dossier: Making Wishes

The Ghost Ship of Bodega Bay
Gina D. B. Clemen
Mystery & horror

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

Dossier: Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

Halloween Horror
Gina D. B. Clemen
Mystery & horror

It’s fun to get ready for Halloween and it’s even more fun to have a spooky Halloween party! But what happens to a group of young teenagers when their Halloween party becomes a living nightmare? Find out what horror is all about in this spine-tingling story!

Dossiers: The Origins of Halloween, Salem Halloween Cookies, Make a Bat

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

Fairy tale & fantasy

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

Dossiers: Birds, Gardens, Flowers and others

The Jungle Book
Rudyard Kipling
Adapted by Kelly Reinhart
Activities by Eleanor Donaldson

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

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E. T. A. Hoffman
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

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

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

**Fairy tale & fantasy**
The Darling children’s amazing adventure begins when Peter Pan flies into their nursery and takes them off to Neverland. There they meet Peter’s friends, the Lost Boys. But James Hook, the cruel captain of the pirates, soon captures them. Can Peter Pan save them?

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**Sandokan**
Emilio Salgari
Adapted by Sally M. Stockton
Activities by Eleanor Donaldson

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

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

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Victoria Heward
Mystery & horror
Max and Laura’s summer holiday in the village of Stonecross is full of excitement and danger: a symbol, an old book of secrets, a mysterious housekeeper and thieves who don’t steal anything. Under the shadow of Stonehenge the children and their Uncle Stephen discover a plot to reveal its ancient secrets. Will it succeed or will the secret of the stones be a mystery forever?
Dossier:
Stonehenge
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The Tempest
William Shakespeare
Adapted by Victoria Heward
Human interest
Prospero, Duke of Milan, lives on a lonely island with his daughter Miranda, Caliban (a monster) and Ariel (a magic spirit). He learns to do magic and he wants to punish his bad brother, Antonio. He creates a magic storm – a tempest. All the people on Antonio’s ship land on Prospero’s island and many strange things happen to them.
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The Wind in the Willows
Kenneth Grahame
Adapted by Rebecca Raynes
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This classic story, set in the English countryside, features the lovable characters Rat, Mole, Toad and Badger. When Mole decides to leave his underground home and meets Rat, he discovers a completely new world on the river bank and the Wild Wood. And Toad’s passion for fast cars leads them on a series of adventures...
Dossier:
Animals in Winter
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The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
L. Frank Baum
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen
Fairy tale & fantasy
The incredible adventures of Dorothy, her dog Toto, the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion have continued to enchant readers of all ages ever since it was first published in 1900. Join Dorothy and her friends as they travel down the yellow brick road to the Emerald City to meet the wonderful Wizard of Oz.
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Zorro!
Johnston McCulley
Adapted by Sally M. Stockton
Adventure
Read about the daring adventures of Zorro, the legendary masked hero of Spanish California. He is a champion of justice and an expert with the sword. He is invincible as he defies corrupt politicians and defends the oppressed.
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**Mark Twain**
Adapted by Sally M. Stockton

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### Akron House Mystery
**Gina D. B. Clemen**

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

**Dossiers:**
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Retold by George Gibson

**Legend**
Enjoy three of America's most-loved folk tales of the 1800s! Meet Johnny Appleseed, who planted apple seeds across America. Find out how Pecos Bill became King of the Cowboys of Texas. Visit a Southern plantation and laugh with cunning Brer Rabbit and Brer Fox.

**Dossiers:**
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### The Black Arrow
**Robert Louis Stevenson**
Adapted by George Gibson

**Activities by Stuart Cochrane**

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

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

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### The Bottle Imp
**Robert Louis Stevenson**
Adapted by Patrizia Caruzzo

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

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British and American Festivities
Gina D. B. Clemen

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

Ghastly Ghosts!
Gina D. B. Clemen
Mystery & horror
What is the truth about ghosts and the supernatural? Do dead people really come back to haunt the world? Can an entire village be haunted? Can ghosts be photographed?
Find out in this spine-chilling book, which introduces you to some of the world’s most ghastly ghosts and their macabre doings!

Great Expectations
Charles Dickens
Adapted by Derek Sellen
Additional activities by Joanna Burgess
Human interest
Pip, a poor young boy, receives amazing news. Someone has given him a vast amount of money and wants to make him a gentleman. Who is his mysterious benefactor? Is it Miss Havisham, the strange lady who lives in an old house with the beautiful Estella? Life is full of surprises...

Halloween...
Magic, Witches and Vampires
Kelly Reinhart
Festivals
An exciting and informative book on the history and culture of Halloween, which gives details about an authentic American Halloween party! The beginnings of witchcraft, magic and astrology are explained. There is a chilling chapter on vampires and werewolves, too!

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

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Retold by Jennifer Gascoigne

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

Dossiers:
Greek Pottery, Greek Mythology

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

Dossiers:
The Isle of Skye
Clans, Kilts and Tartan
Scottish Music

Legends from the British Isles
Retold by Deborah Meyers
Activities by Eleanor Donaldson

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

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Man’s Best Friend

Little Women
Louisa May Alcott
Adapted by Kelly Reinhart

Human interest
Growing up in New England during the American Civil War isn’t easy for the March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. With their father away, they must learn to make sacrifices and accept disappointments. Discover how the four sisters’ dreams finally come true in this timeless classic about love, kindness, and generosity.

Dossiers:
The American Civil War and others

The Lost Treasure of Bodega Bay
Gina D. B. Clemen
Mystery & horror
Kate, Mike and Carlos go on another trip to Bodega Bay near San Francisco, where more than a year ago they found a pirate’s old treasure map. An incredibly exciting and dangerous adventure awaits them as they follow a mysterious clue and go on a treasure hunt to find a lost treasure from centuries ago.

Dossiers:
Sharks, Pirates
A Midsummer Night’s Dream
William Shakespeare
Adapted by Janet Cameron

**Human interest**

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

**Dossiers:**
Fairies, Acting and Theatres in Shakespeare’s Time

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Mystery in San Francisco
Gina D. B. Clemen

**Mystery & horror**

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

**Dossiers:**
A Guide to San Francisco, Natural Resources and Pollution

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The Prince and the Pauper
Mark Twain
Adapted by Kelly Reinhart

**Adventure**

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

**Dossier:**
King Henry VIII

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Project Vampire
Victoria Heward

**Mystery & horror**

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

**Dossier:**
London museums, Travelling around London, Top five things to do in London

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The Railway Children
E. Nesbit
Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

**Adventure**

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

**Dossier:**
Early Railways
Rip Van Winkle and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Washington Irving
Adapted by Cheryl Jefferson

Legend
Rip Van Winkle goes walking in the Catskill mountains. He has a strong drink, falls asleep and doesn't wake up until much later. Ichabod Crane lives in Sleepy Hollow. He likes Katrina van Tassel but so does Brom Bones. After speaking to Katrina, Ichabod runs away, leaving behind him the legend of the Headless Horseman.

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Robinson Crusoe
Daniel Defoe
Adapted by Benjamin Anderson

Adventure
When Robinson Crusoe tells his parents he wants to go to sea they don't want him to, but he ignores their wishes and joins a ship. This is just the beginning of his many adventures at sea, which end with him being shipwrecked on a desert island.

Dossiers:
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Sherlock Holmes and the Red Circle
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

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

Dossiers:
Victorian Writers, Police and Detectives of the 19th Century

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The Treasure of Franchard
Robert Louis Stevenson
Adapted by Deborah Meyers

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

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The True Story of Pocahontas
Retold by Kelly Reinhart

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

Dossiers:
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Meet Huckleberry Finn and embark on an exciting series of adventures down the Mississippi River. Enjoy the ride as Huck escapes from the clutches of his cruel father, stops a couple of villains from stealing a family’s fortune and enlists the help of his friend Tom Sawyer to save a runaway slave.

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The Call of the Wild

Jack London
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

Adventure

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

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The Klondike Gold Rush, Wolves

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David Copperfield

Charles Dickens
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

Human interest

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

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Great English Monarchs and their Times

Gina D. B. Clemen

History

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

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King Arthur and his Knights

Retold by George Gibson

Legend

Learn about how Arthur became King and where he found his great sword Excalibur, about his love for Guinevere, and all about the courageous Knights of the Round Table.

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**Oliver Twist**

Charles Dickens
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

**Adventure**

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

**Dossiers:**
Child Labour, Crime in Victorian London, Oliver Twist in Films

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**Oscar Wilde’s Short Stories**

Oscar Wilde
Adapted by Victoria Heward

**Fairy tale & fantasy**

‘The Young King’ tells how a shepherd boy becomes a king and realises that money is not worth human suffering.

In ‘The Star Child’ a baby is found in the forest and discovers his true identity after many adventures.

‘The Nightingale and the Rose’ is a tale of a nightingale who sacrifices her life to create the perfect red rose for a student in love.

**Dossiers:**
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**Robin Hood**

Retold by Gina D. B. Clemen

**Legend**

Robin Hood, the legendary hero of Sherwood Forest, has captured the imagination of generations of readers with his noble ideals and unforgettable adventures.

Why did Robin Hood become an outlaw? How did Marian find Robin in Sherwood Forest? How was the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham punished? Join the millions of readers who have explored the exciting world of legends!

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

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**Treasure Island**

Robert Louis Stevenson
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At the trial Jim meets Marlow, an older sea captain, who helps him find work. But Jim is always restless. He moves to Malaysia where he tries to start a new life...

Dossier:
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