



***Pearson English***  
**Graded Readers 2019**  
For the joy of reading

# 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

# 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><b>Pearson English Kids Readers</b></i>	<i><b>Pearson English Story Readers</b></i>	<i><b>Pearson English Active Readers</b></i>	<i><b>Pearson English Readers</b></i>
<b>6 levels</b>	<b>4 levels</b>	<b>5 levels</b>	<b>7 levels</b>



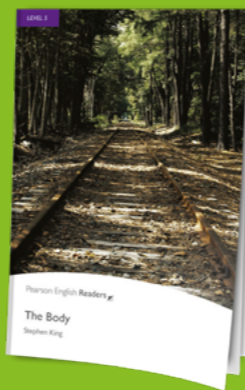
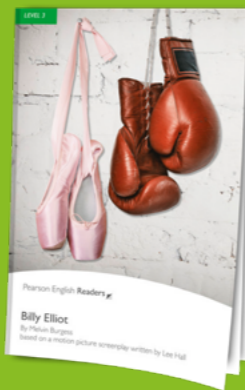
# Pearson English Readers

Bringing the joy of reading to every learner

**Pearson English Readers** engage and motivate students as they enjoy reading books in language they can understand. With over 280 titles, the extensively researched grammar and vocabulary syllabuses work to improve language skills, while keeping the unique style and great storytelling of the original texts.

Featuring some of the **greatest and most-popular authors** of all time, teenage and adult learners can easily find titles to enjoy; from fresh original stories and film adaptations, to classic literature, delightful comedies, tragic romance, nail-biting thrillers and plays.

- An extensive collection of classic literature, modern best-selling authors, film titles, non-fiction and original stories. Available over **7 levels: from Easystarts to Level 6**.
- Most **Pearson English Readers** are available with a CD, containing full audio of the text. The **audio material** is a useful guide for pronunciation and can be used at home or in class to aid and practice comprehension.
- Extensive **downloadable resources** for every title help teachers prepare lessons and exploit opportunities for language learning. Resources include worksheets, answer keys, teacher's notes and progress tests.



**Pearson English Readers** are graded across all levels. The clear language guidelines mean Pearson English Readers and Active Readers levels can be matched to internationally recognised standards such as The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and The Global Scale of English (GSE).

**Levels are benchmarked against the CEFR and the Global Scale of English.**

Levels	CEFR	GSE*	Cambridge	PTE YL
Easystarts	A1 - A2	23-33	Movers	Firstwords
Level 1	A1 - A2+	29-38	Movers/Flyers	Springboard
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
Level 5	B1+ - B2+	54-72		Level 3
Level 6	B2 - C1	64-83		Level 4

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

### The Pearson English Readers and Active Readers grading system considers:

- ☐ The age of the student
- ☐ Structure (grammar)
- ☐ Number of headwords (indicating the range / extent of vocabulary used)
- ☐ Vocabulary
- ☐ Sentence length
- ☐ Sentence complexity
- ☐ Number of words on a page
- ☐ Number of pages in a book
- ☐ Complexity of activities
- ☐ Number of hours of English completed by the reader
- ☐ Aligned to the Global Scale of English

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

Graded language provides the right level of challenge with enjoyment

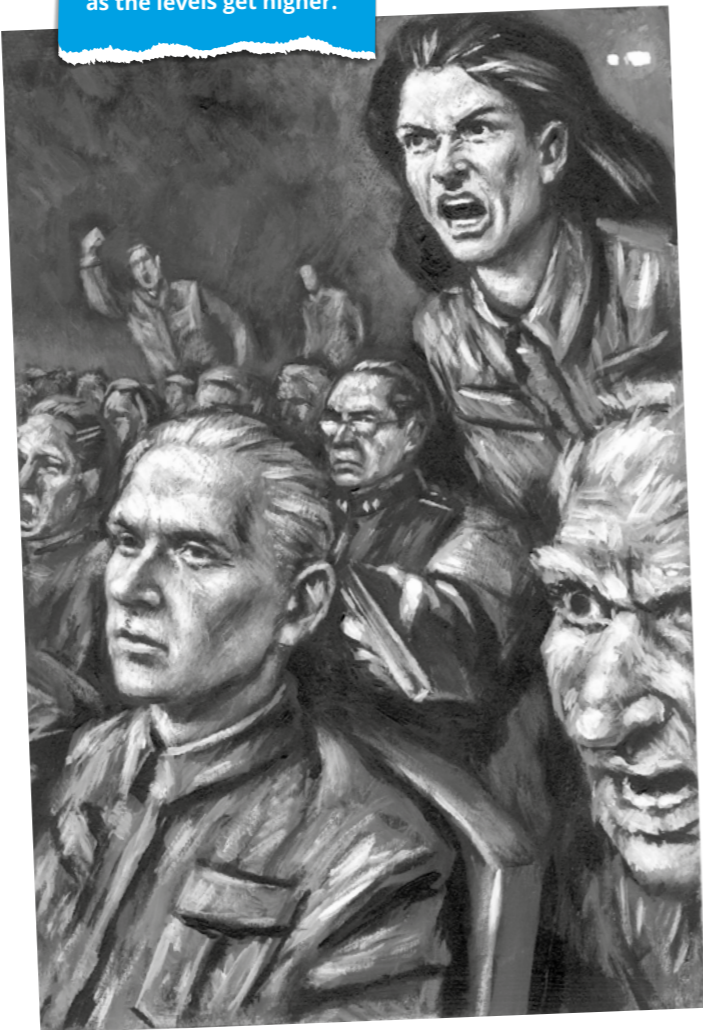
Makes reading accessible to all

Bring the story to life

Aid comprehension

Provide a stimulus for discussion

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



A girl behind him, with thick, dark hair was screaming 'Pig! Pig!' at Goldstein.

Carefully graded language across 7 levels makes reading accessible to all abilities, yet keeps the natural character, flow and pace of the story.

Useful for students understanding of the story

Great reference tool

See definitions AND words used in context

Wordlists at the back of the book present key vocabulary.

## WORD LIST

- article** (n) a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine  
**betray** (v) to harm a person, group or country by telling their secret  
**brotherhood** (n) an organization of people with the same aims and 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

Several pages of activities are available at the end of the book, corresponding to each chapter.

Answer keys are available in the downloadable teacher resources.

## 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?

## Downloadable Teacher Resources to support lessons include:

- ✓ Teacher notes include a book summary, chapter summaries, background information and an exploration of book themes, providing essential knowledge prior to teaching
- ✓ Discussion activities organised by chapter to stimulate debate and conversation and to aid comprehension
- ✓ Photocopiable Activity Worksheets and Progress Tests that check comprehension, measure progress and reinforce the application of knowledge

✓ Answer keys

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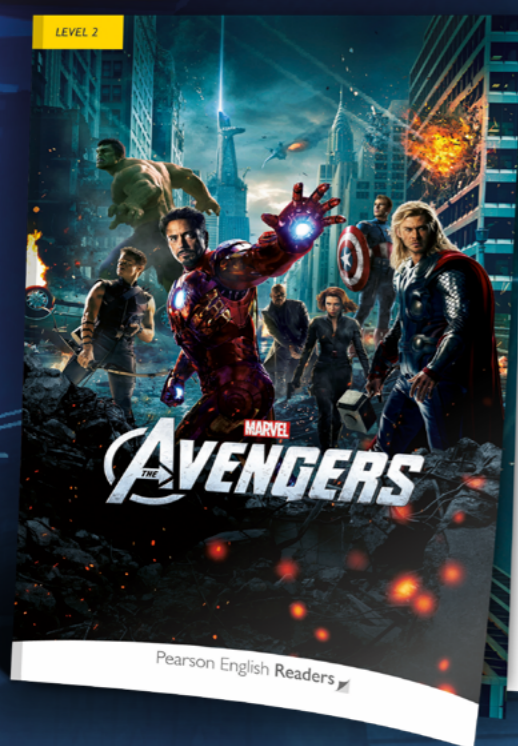
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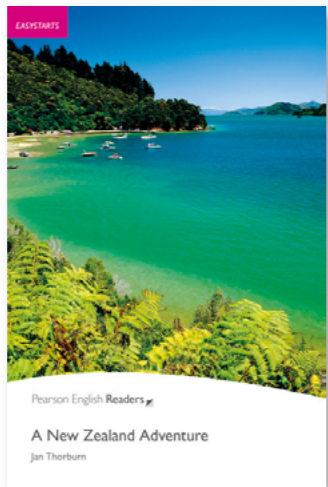
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1,021 words

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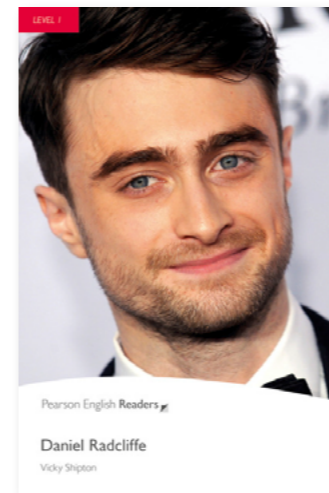
Jules Verne

Captain Nemo finds three men in the sea and they live on his submarine, the Nautilus. After many months, they want to go home. Can they escape from Nemo's submarine?

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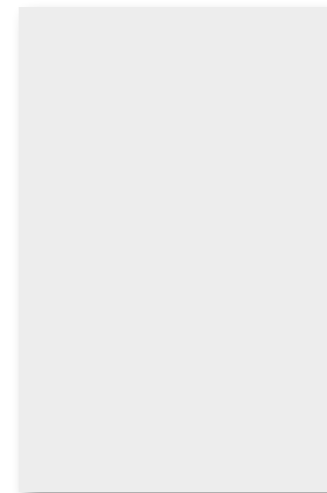
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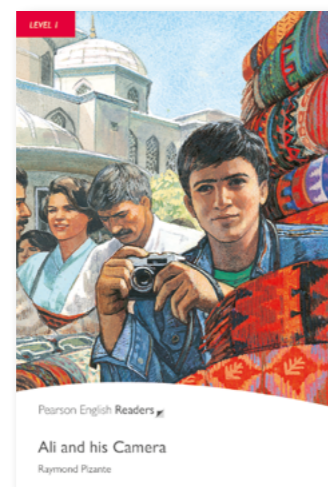
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Mark Twain

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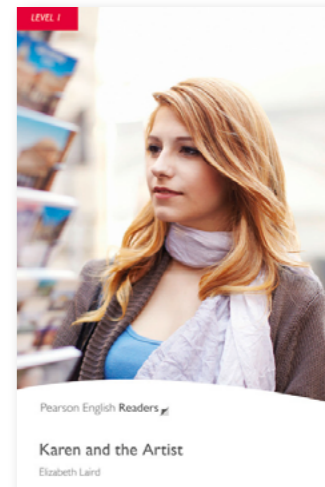
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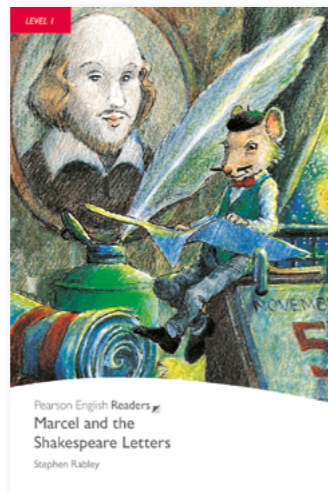
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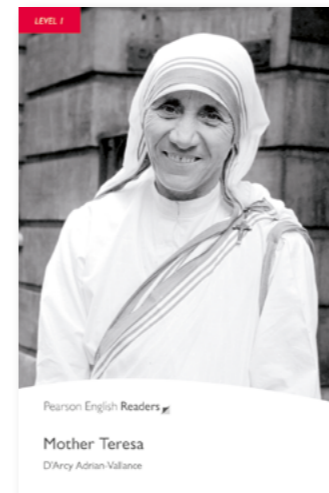
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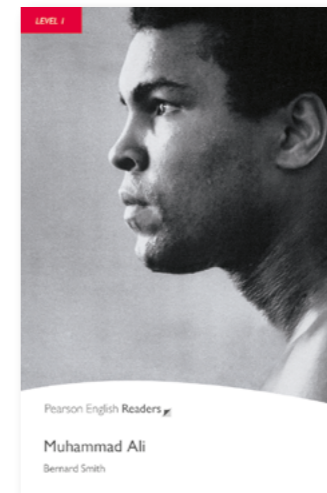
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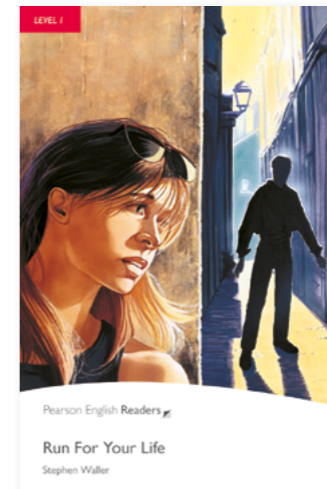
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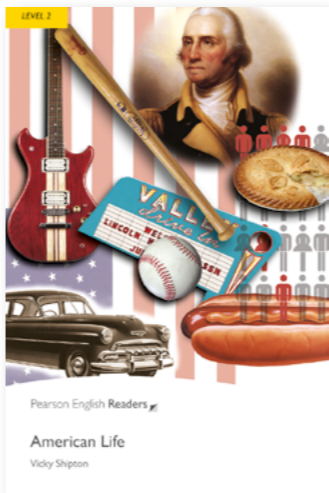
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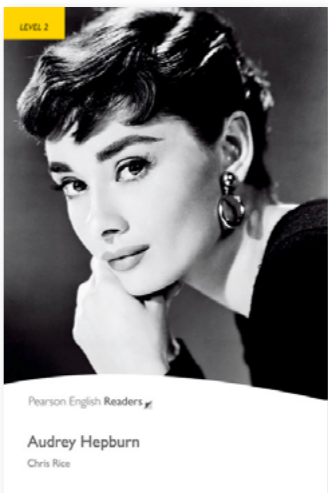
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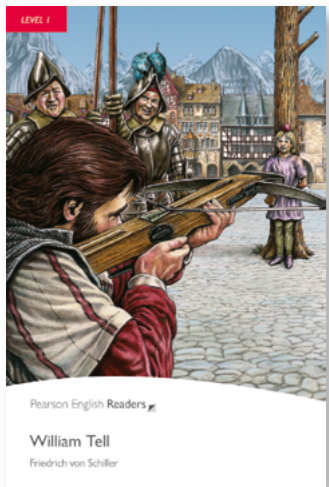
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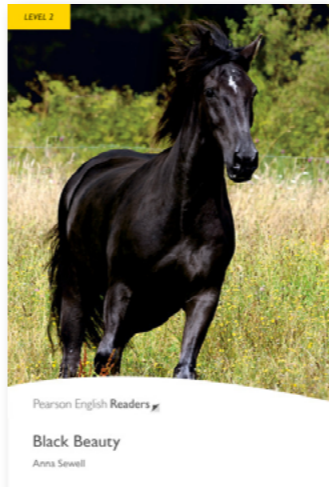
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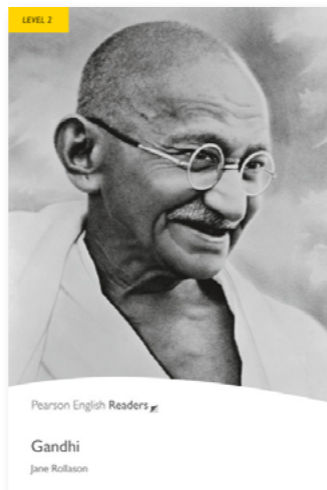
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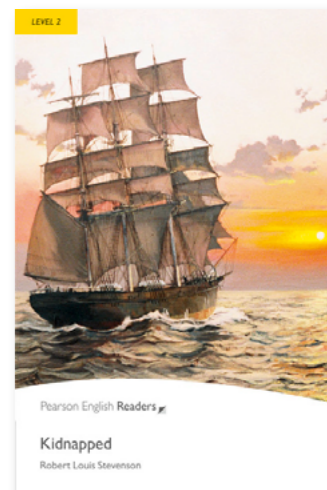
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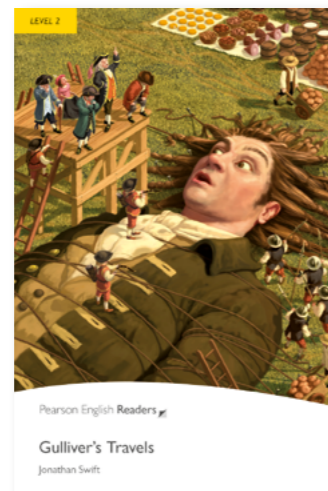
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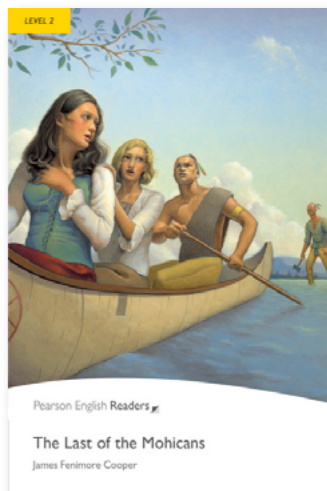
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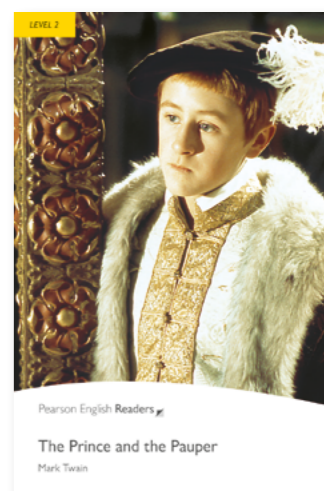
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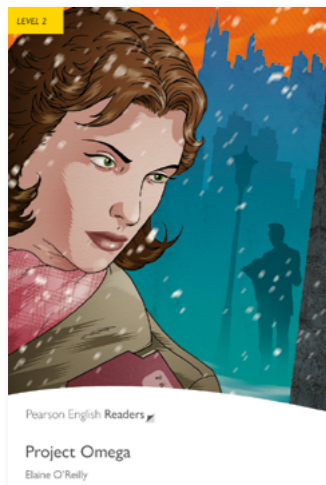
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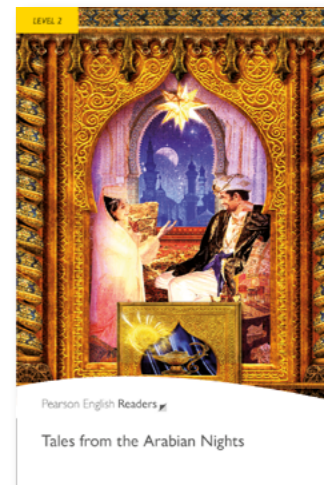
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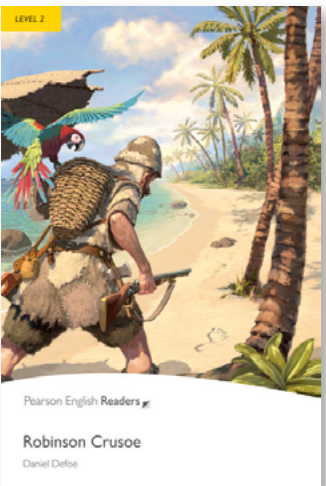
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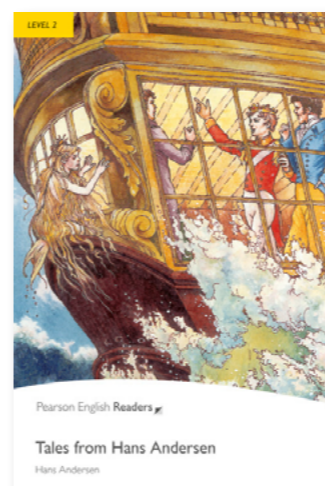
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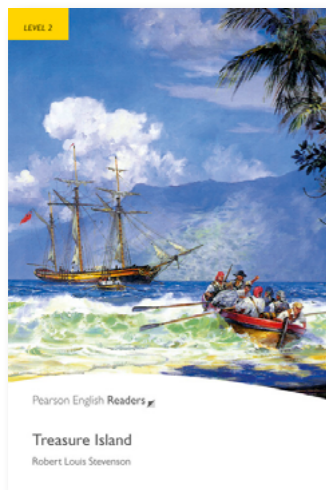
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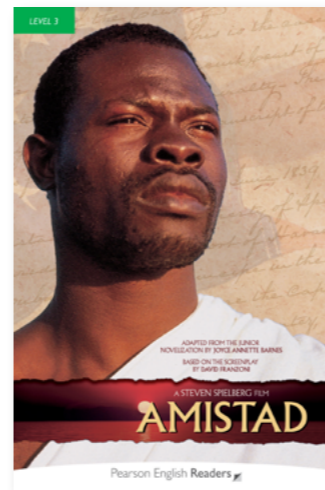
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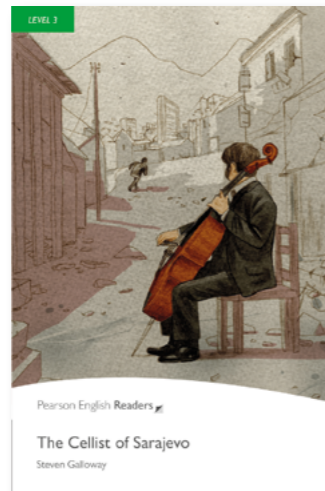
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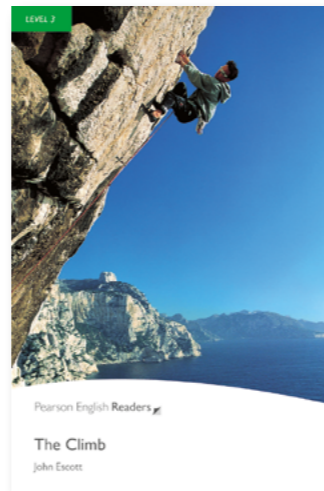
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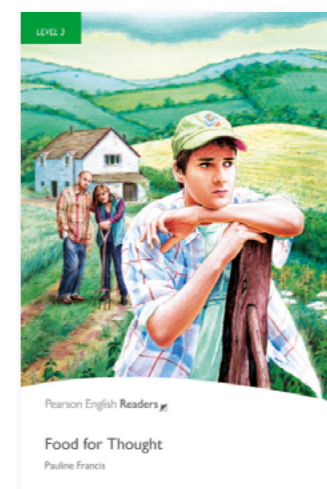
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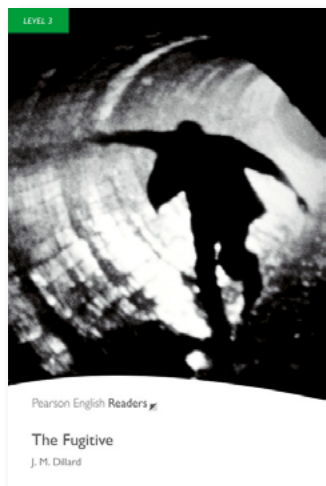
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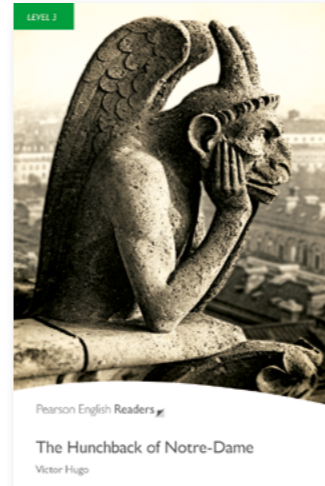
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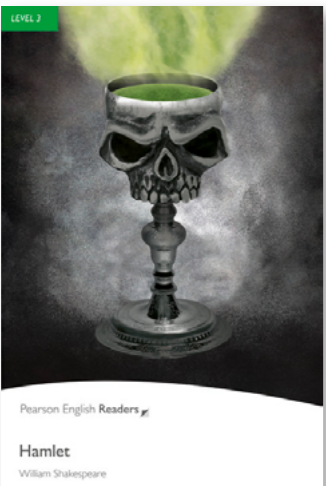
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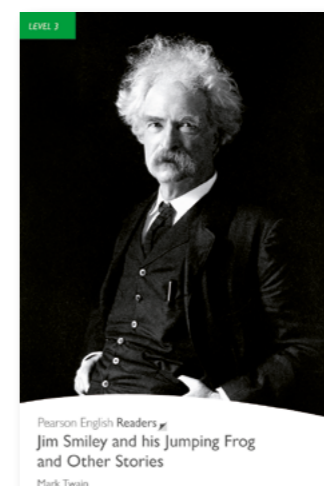
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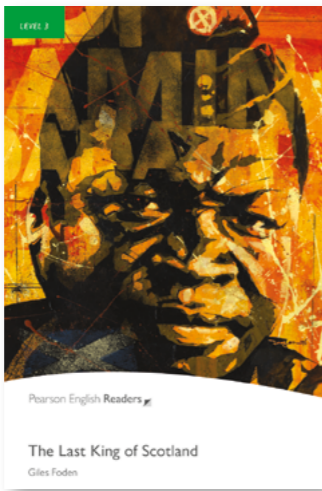
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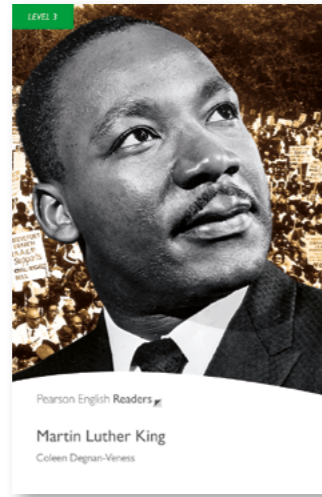
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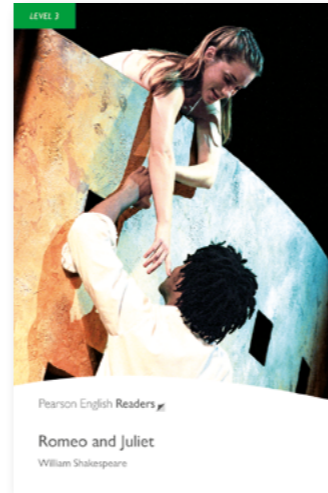
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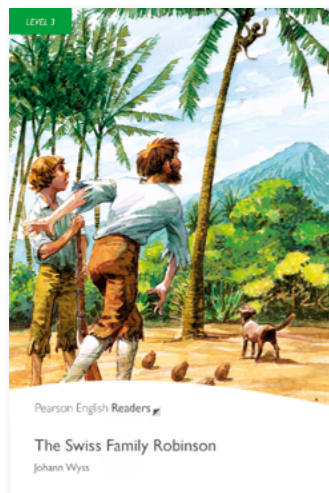
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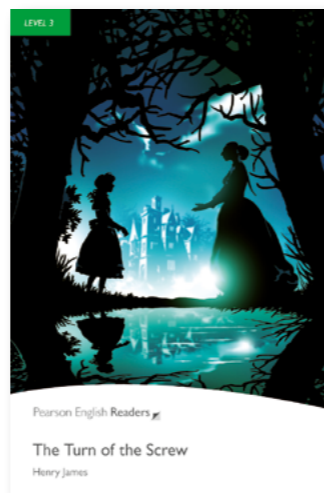
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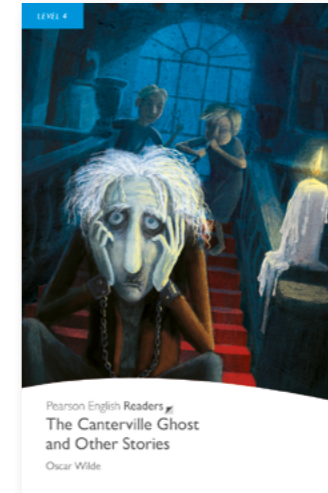
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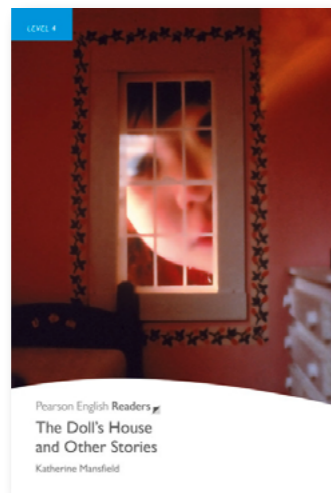
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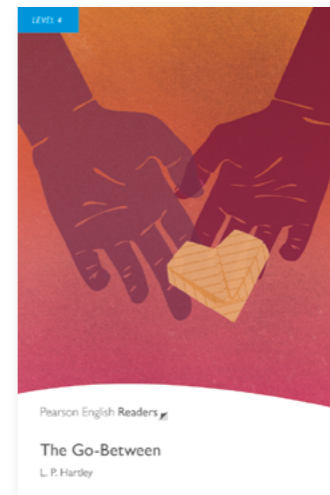
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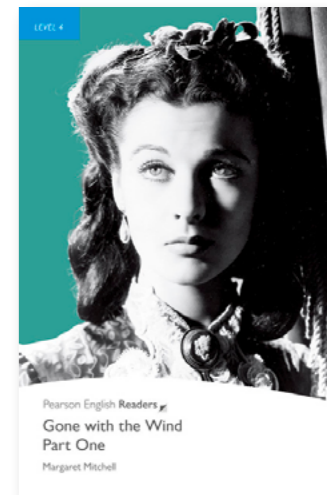
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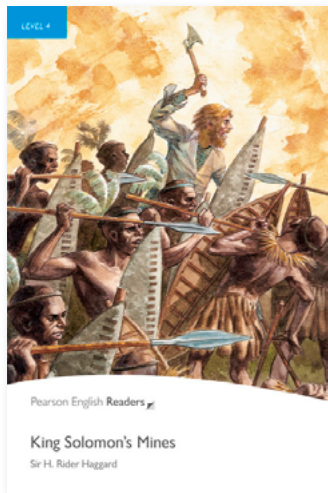
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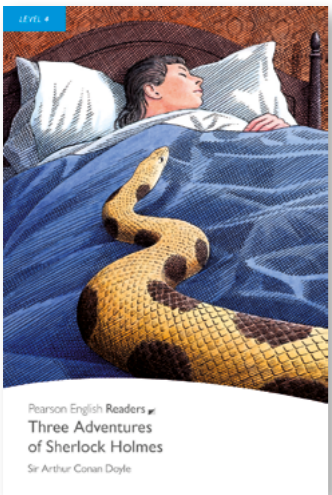
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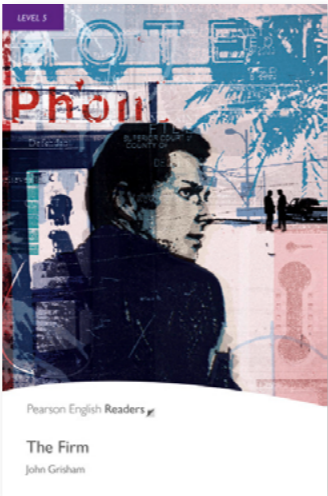
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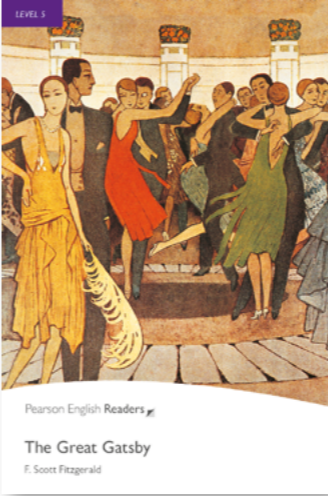
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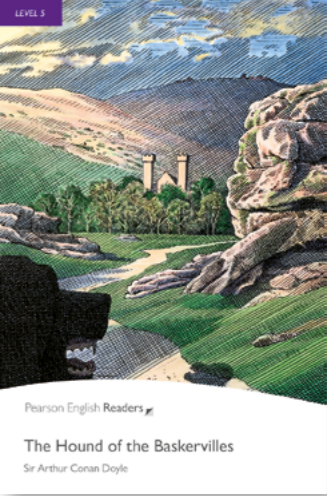
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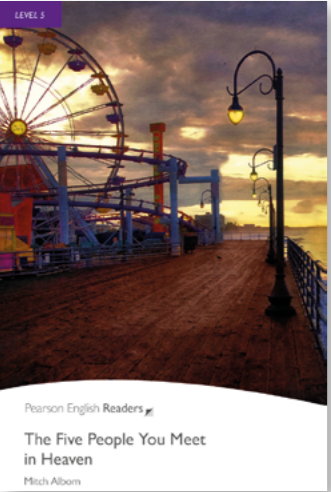
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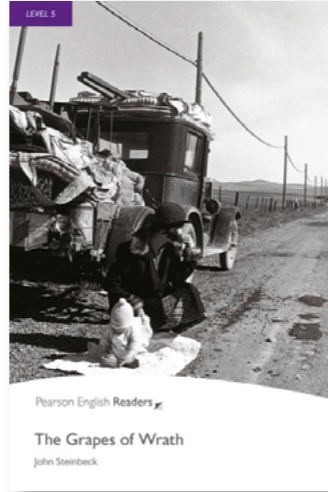
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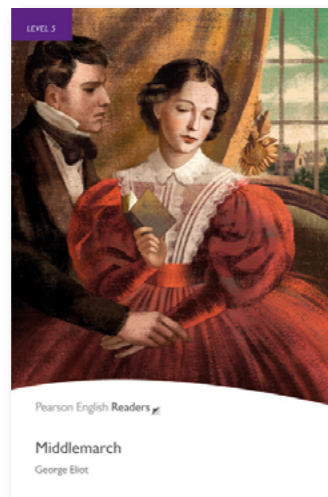
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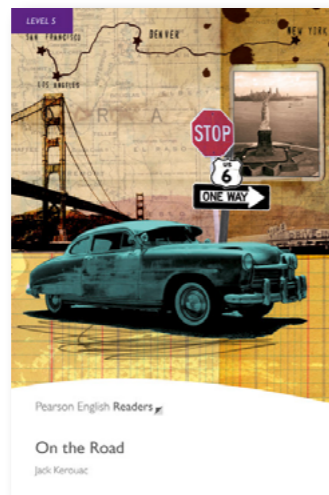
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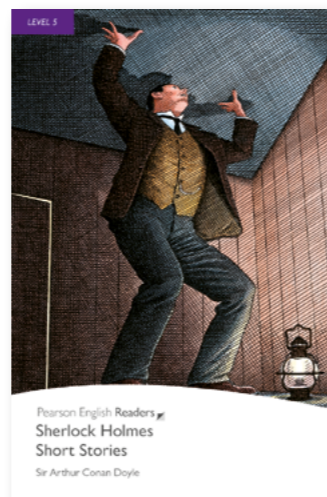
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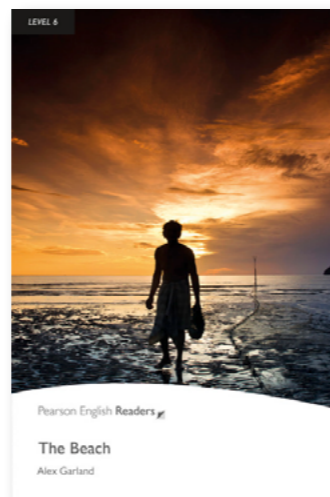
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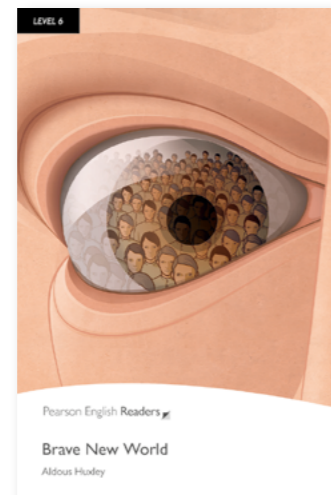
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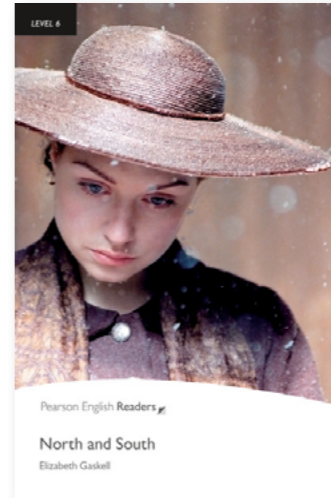
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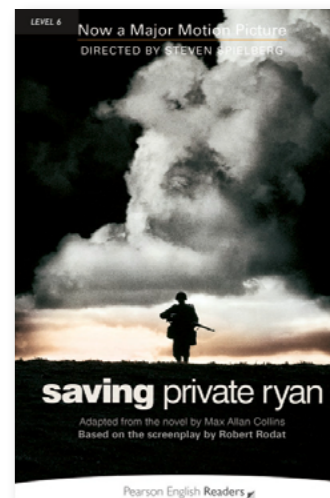
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