



Penguin Readers



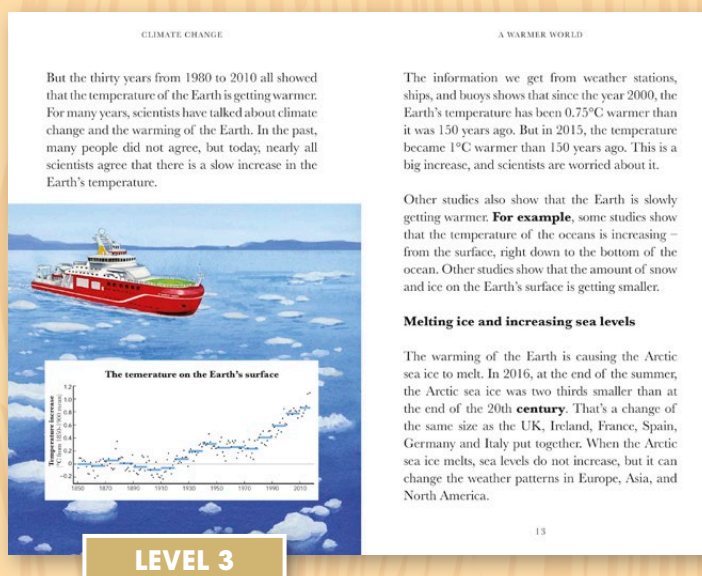
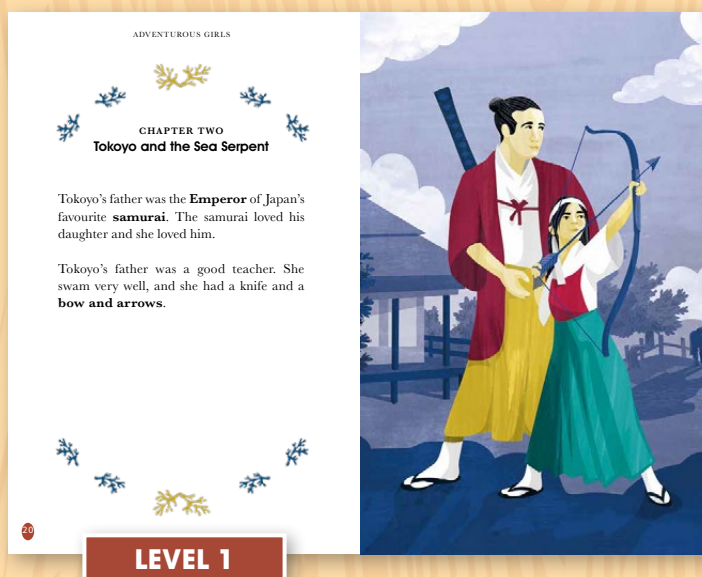
Introducing Penguin Readers

Penguin Readers is a new series of the best contemporary fiction, essential non-fiction and popular classics specially written for learners of English as a foreign language.

Beautifully illustrated and carefully adapted, this graded readers series combines Penguin Random House's internationally bestselling authors and most compelling content with structured language progression.

From Starter (Pre-A1) to Level 7 (B2), Penguin Readers follow the CEFR framework and include language activities that help readers of all ages and abilities to develop key skills.

All titles are supported by online resources including digital books, audio, additional exercises and activities, as well as a series handbook and introductory videos.



Penguin Readers are published across 8 levels, from Pre-A1 (Starter) to B2 (Level 7), with each corresponding to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and featuring activity types aligned to international exams including Flyers, PET, KET, FCE, CAE, CPE and TEOFL.

The language used in each reader is strictly controlled with the grammar syllabus and permitted vocabulary correlating to the CEFR, with a small number of new words being allowed in each story which are all explained in a glossary at the back of the book.

With accompanying audio and additional resources to help test comprehension, grammar and vocabulary skills, Penguin Readers not only help to develop reading, writing and listening, but also critical thinking and twenty-first century skills.



	CEFR level	Story word count	Headwords
S	Pre-A1	400–600	350
1	A1	1,000–1,600	550
2	A1+	3,000–5,000	700
3	A2	7,000–10,000	1,000
4	A2+	11,000–14,000	1,200
5	B1	15,000–18,000	1,600
6	B1+	18,000–22,000	2,000
7	B2	22,000–26,000	2,500

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Activity sheets

Structure and content

Each Penguin Reader begins with a short introduction and some 'before-reading questions' to help orientate the students towards the subject matter of the story or text.

Note about the story

Roald Dahl (1916–1990) is a famous writer, and he loved telling stories. Many of his most famous books – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The BFG* and *Matilda* – are for children. You can read his books in more than fifty-seven languages, and many of them are now films. Roald Dahl's life began in Wales in 1916. Life in Britain then was very different from life today. Doctors could not help people as much, and there were not many cars on the roads. At school, teachers often hit children. Today in Britain, teachers cannot hit children. At the age of nine, Roald Dahl left his family to live in a **boarding school***. His mother paid for him to go to this school. He then studied at a very expensive and famous school in England called Repton.

Roald Dahl wrote this book about his early life in 1981. In 1980, he wrote a book about his life after school called *Gingy Soli*. You can read more at www.roalddahl.com.

A message from Roald Dahl

Sometimes, a person writes a book all about his or her life. These books are normally very **boring**. This is not one of those books. I do not want to write everything about me.

But some things happened to me in my early life, and I did not forget them. They are not important, but I remember them fifty or sixty years later. Some things are funny. Some things are not nice. All of them are true.

Before-reading questions

- Do you know any of Roald Dahl's books?
- Roald Dahl was a child in the 1920s. What do you know about life in Britain then? What was life like in your own country in the 1920s?
- At nine years old, Roald Dahl left his family and went away to boarding school. How did he feel about this and how is his life there, do you think?

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Note about the book

Adam Grant was born in Michigan in 1981 and studied at Harvard University and the University of Michigan. He has a special interest in organizational psychology and is Professor of Management at the Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania. Much of Adam Grant's research has been on companies in Silicon Valley, the center of **technology*** and development near San Francisco.

This book is about **originality** and creative thinking and how they can be encouraged. It shows the many ways in which people can be successful at bringing out the most creative ideas, and how we can choose the most suitable ideas and develop them successfully.

It examines examples from the worlds of business, sports, politics, and entertainment to see what it is that makes people think originally, and how we can learn from them. It also shows how we can recognize great ideas, speak about them freely, and get other people to accept them.

Finally, it suggests a number of actions that we can take in our everyday lives to help us to develop our own originality.

Before-reading questions

- Think about the word "original". How would you describe a person who is original?
- Choose the people you think will be discussed in this book.
 - Steve Jobs, the man who started Apple
 - President Barack Obama
 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Jackie Robinson, the baseball player
 - Pelé, the soccer player
 - Maya Angelou, the author
 - Sherlock Holmes
 - William Shakespeare
- Choose the products you think will be discussed in this book.
 - The Model T Ford
 - The Segway
 - The Polaroid camera
 - The telephone
 - The wireless charger
 - Skye
 - Instagram
 - The Boeing 787

Any difficult vocabulary is explained in a picture dictionary (at lower levels) and in a glossary at the back of the book. The new vocabulary is recycled in the text where possible to increase its exposure.

New words

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Glossary

adventurous (adj)
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bottom (n)
the opposite of "top". You can find many things at the bottom of the sea.

brave (adj)
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bring (v)
to take a thing to a person

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cry (v)
to speak loudly because you are angry or very happy

curse (n)
If someone puts a curse on you, bad things happen to you.

dangerous (adj)
A dangerous thing can hurt you. It is dangerous to stand near a fire.

double (v)
to make two of a thing. When you double two, you get four. When you double three, you get six.

down (prep)
You go down to the bottom of the sea.

grow (v)
(past simple: **grew**) to get big

guard (n and v)
A guard stops people from coming in to a place.

hold (v)
(past simple: **held**) to have a thing in your hand

hurt (v)
You have an accident, and then your body hurts.

idea (n)
when you think of a thing

island (n)
A country, or part of a country, with water on every side of it.

look after (phr v)
to help a person or an animal

palace (n)
A palace is a big, beautiful house.

throw (v)
to move your arm quickly to move a thing

village (n)
Villages live in a village.

visit (v)
to go to a place and see the people or the things there

voice (n)
A person speaks, and you hear their voice.

worried (adj)
not happy because of a dangerous thing or a bad thing

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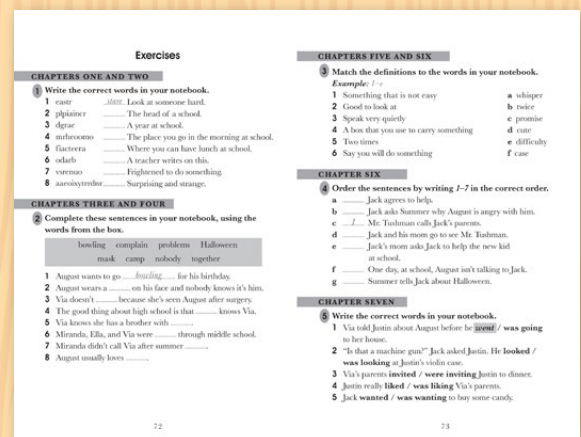
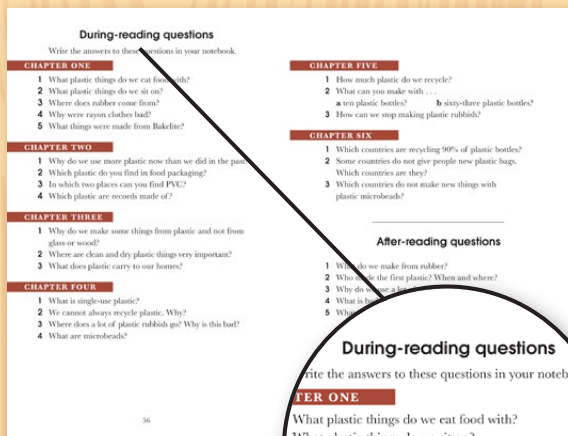
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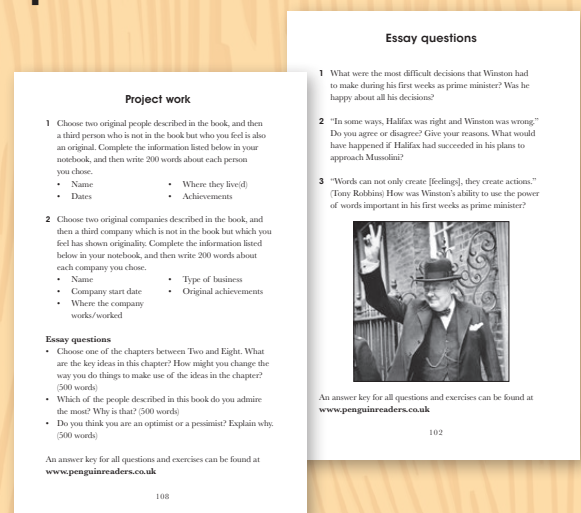
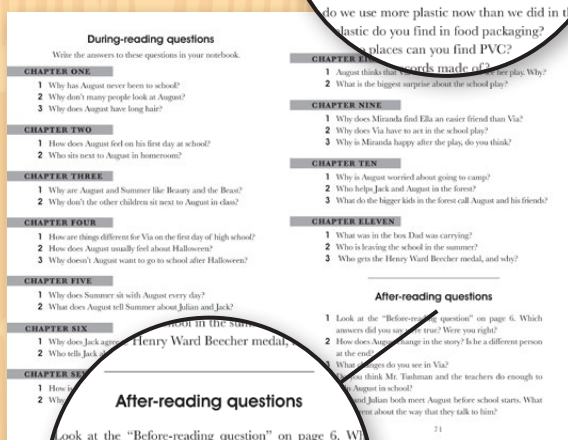
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Comprehension questions directly follow the text and test the students' understanding of each chapter. When students have finished reading the entire book, there is a set of questions to test understanding of the text as a whole.

An exercises section includes grammar-, vocabulary- or comprehension-orientated questions dedicated to most chapters.



At the end of the book, students are given extension work in the form of written projects and in-depth essay questions.



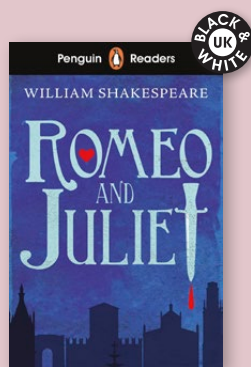
All titles at lower levels contain clear and attractive text. **Starter** and **Level 1** books feature classic stories in the form of graphic novels to support the text and aid student understanding.



The Hound of the Baskervilles
Arthur Conan Doyle

Sir Charles Baskerville is dead. Did the hound of the Baskervilles kill him? Can Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson stop the hound from killing again? This story introduces the world's most famous detective.

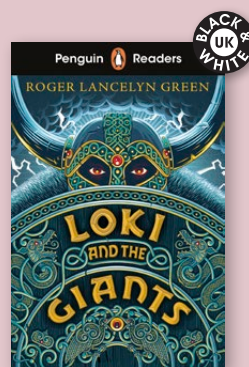
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Romeo and Juliet
William Shakespeare

Romeo loves Juliet and Juliet loves Romeo, but their families are enemies and they cannot marry. To be together they must risk everything. *Romeo and Juliet* is a timeless and tragic love story.

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Loki and the Giants
Roger Lancelyn Green

Come into the world of the vikings. The gods and giants are enemies. Loki's mother is a goddess but his father is a giant. Is he the gods' friend or is he their enemy? They don't know . . .

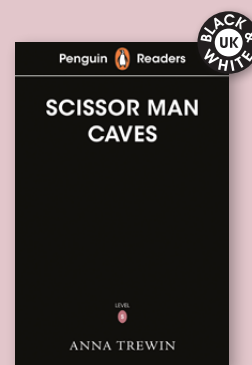
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Robin Hood

Robin Hood lives in the forest with his Merry Men. He takes from rich people and gives to poor people. The Sheriff doesn't like Robin Hood and wants to punish him – but he is very difficult to catch!

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The Scissor-Man Caves
Anna Trewin

Zara and Joe go with their class to the Gerlock Caves. 'There's a story about the Gerlock Caves,' Zara tells her teacher. 'There's a man. He walks in those caves at night and throws scissors at people . . .'

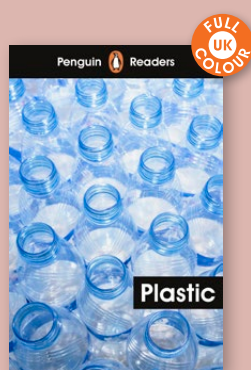
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A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens

Ebenezer Scrooge hates Christmas. He is angry that people are not working. Then he meets the ghost of his old partner, Jacob Marley. Can Scrooge become a good person before it is too late?

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Plastic

We all use a lot of plastic every day. It is cheap and strong, and plastic things last for a long time. But where does plastic come from? And what can we do to recycle all the plastic in our world?

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Tales of Adventurous Girls

These folk tales tell the stories of four brave girls from four different countries around the world: Zanzibar, Japan, India and China. The girls all have to do dangerous and difficult things, so they must be strong and clever.

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Dynasties: Lions Stephen Moss

Sometimes families are happy, and sometimes they fight. Sometimes life is good, and sometimes it is difficult. The same is true for the Marsh Lions in Kenya's Masai Mara, and for all animal families.

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Little Women Louisa May Alcott

This is the story of a poor family, and it is set during the American Civil War. There are four sisters who are all very different. Sometimes their lives are very happy, and sometimes they are very sad, but their family's love always helps them.

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SilverFin Charlie Higson

On Loch SilverFin in Scotland, a bad man lives in a castle with his son. James Bond and his new friend Red Kelly go to the castle hoping to find Red's missing cousin, Alfie. Will they find him – or will they be too late?

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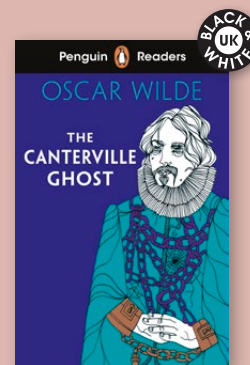


Taylor Swift Hannah Dolan

Taylor Swift started singing and writing songs at a very young age. Now she is a very famous singer – and she does lots of other things too! How did she get there?

This book tells the story of her life.

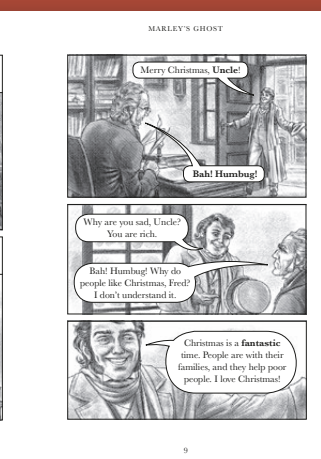
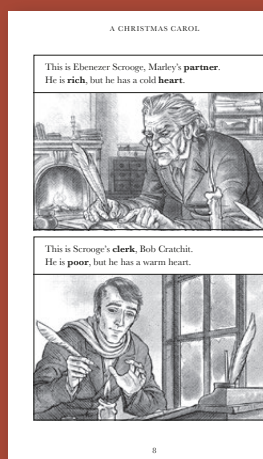
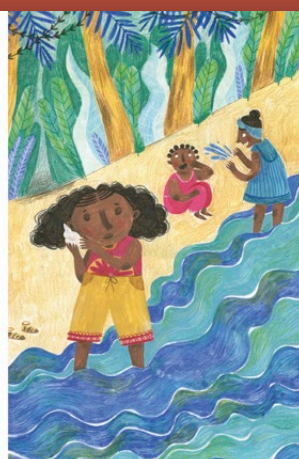
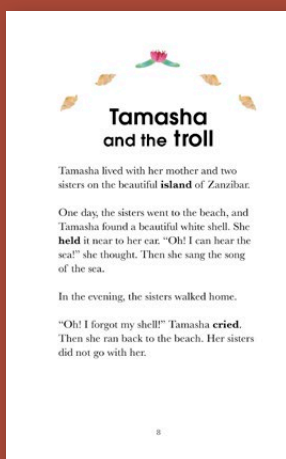
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The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde

When an American family buys Canterville Hall, they are warned that the ghost of Sir Simon haunts the house. But the family refuses to be frightened! Will Sir Simon have to face centuries of unrest?

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Boy Roald Dahl

This book is about sweet shops, school days and summer holidays! It is the story of the famous writer Roald Dahl when he was a boy. These tales are exciting, funny and sometimes frightening. And all of them are true.

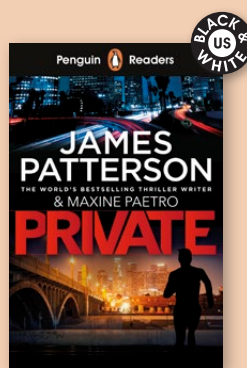
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How to Turn Down a Billion Dollars Billy Gallagher

In 2008, three university students made a photo app called Snapchat. Just two years later, Facebook wanted to buy Snapchat for \$3 billion. This is the story of how Snapchat grew into a multibillion-dollar company.

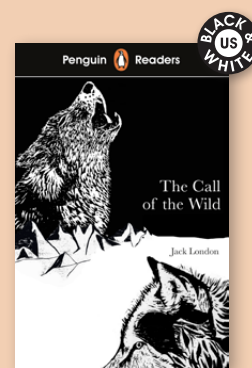
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Private James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Former U.S. Marine Jack Morgan runs a company called Private, which has offices all across the world. Private helps people. Sometimes Private helps the police too. Now, Jack's friend is dead, and Private must find the killer.

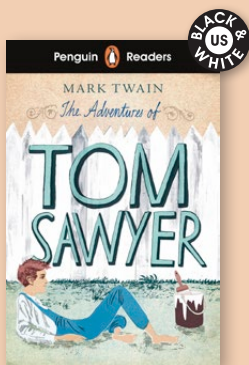
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The Call of the Wild Jack London

In 1897, people found gold in the Klondike, Canada. Thousands of people traveled there to find more gold. They needed big, strong dogs to work for them. This is the story of one of those dogs, called Buck, whose job is to pull a sled.

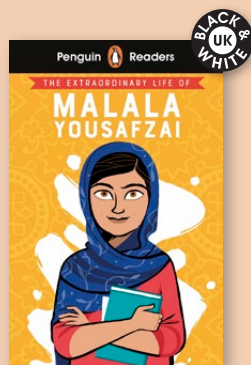
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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain

Tom Sawyer's parents are dead and he lives with his aunt in a small village next to the long Mississippi river. One night, Tom and his friend, Huckleberry Finn, see Injun Joe kill Dr Robinson. But the wrong man is sent to prison...

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Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is known for having the courage to stand up for what she believes in, even in the face of terrifying adversity. Malala's story has inspired people all over the world who are fighting for justice.

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Life in Space

Is there life in space? Will people be able to travel to extra solar planets in the future? Learn about astronauts, space stations and space travel in *Life in Space*.

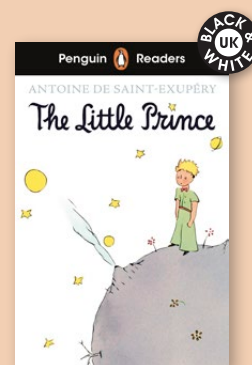
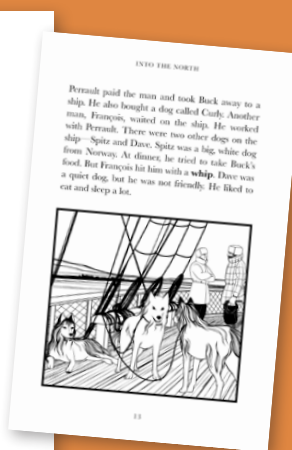
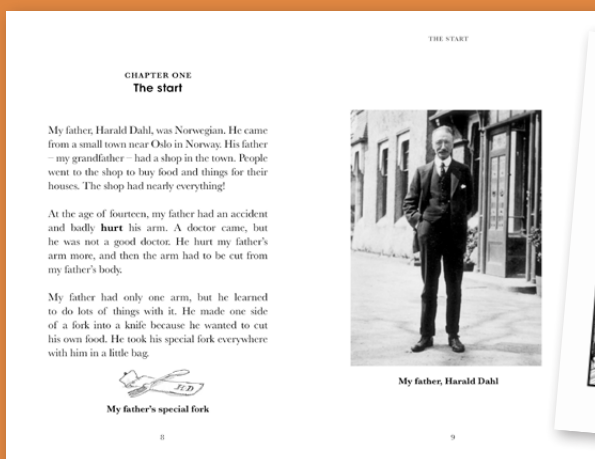
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The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain

Everyone in the village of St. Petersburg will tell you this, but Huck Finn is not dead. He ran away. Now he is traveling down the great Mississippi river. Come with him on his adventures and meet many new people.

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The Little Prince Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

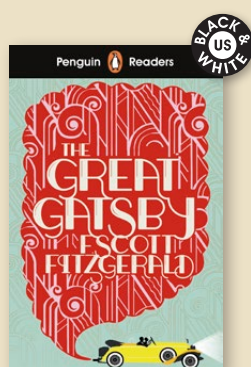
Meet the Little Prince, a young boy who comes from a tiny, far away planet. He loves to watch sunsets and look after his flower, to ask questions and to laugh. And now here he is on Earth, looking for a friend...

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Climate Change / HRH The Prince of Wales, Tony Juniper & Emily Shuckburgh
Why is the Earth's climate changing? And how will this change our lives? HRH The Prince of Wales is worried about climate change. In this book, he explains why it is so important for us to stop climate change now.

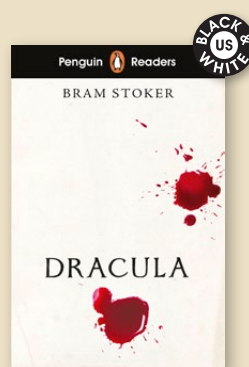
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The Great Gatsby
F. Scott Fitzgerald

Everyone wants to know Jay Gatsby. He is handsome and very rich. He owns a big house and he has wonderful parties there. But does anybody really know who Jay Gatsby is? This is a story of love, money and secrets.

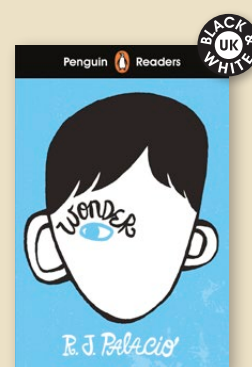
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Dracula
Bram Stoker

Jonathan Harker visits a castle in Transylvania to help a man named Count Dracula to buy a house in England. As strange things begin to happen in England, Jonathan sees that the terrible Count Dracula must be stopped.

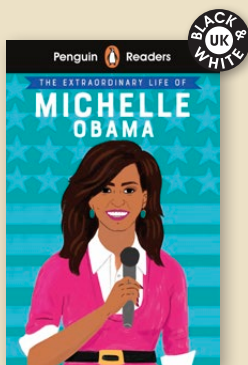
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Wonder
R. J. Palacio

August 'Auggie' Pullman has been home-schooled all his life. Now he is starting fifth grade at a school in New York City. He doesn't want other students to look at him, but that isn't easy when he looks the way he does.

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Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama was First Lady of the United States. She is also a lawyer, a mother and a wife. She has started many campaigns to help young people and to make the world a better place. This is the story of her incredible life.

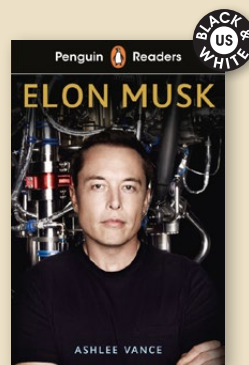
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Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking was a very famous scientist whose ideas changed the world. He studied space and time and taught people about the universe. Stephen was often very ill and his life was not easy, but it was extraordinary.

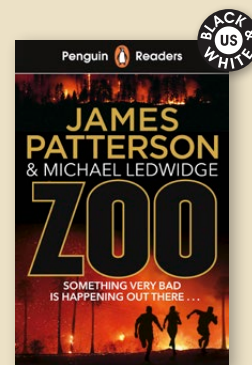
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Elon Musk
Ashlee Vance

This book tells the story of Elon Musk, an American businessman and multi-billionaire. Learn about his early years in South Africa and Canada, his move to Silicon Valley, and his plans to travel to Mars.

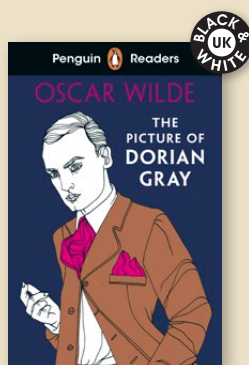
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Zoo

James Patterson
Scientist Jackson Oz has discovered that all around the world, animals have started attacking humans. Jackson and fellow scientist Chloe set out to warn scientists and politicians about the attacks, before it is too late.

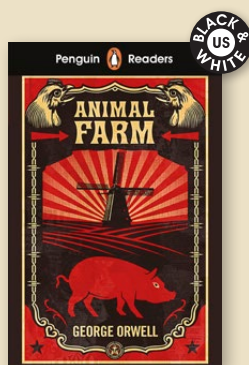
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The Picture of Dorian Gray
Oscar Wilde

An artist paints a beautiful young man named Dorian Gray. When Dorian sees the picture, he decides to give up his soul to keep his face. He is bad to many people, but his face never changes. However, the portrait gets uglier and uglier.

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Animal Farm
George Orwell

When the downtrodden animals of Manor Farm overthrow their master and take over the farm, they imagine a life of freedom and equality. But gradually a cunning, ruthless elite among them starts to take control.

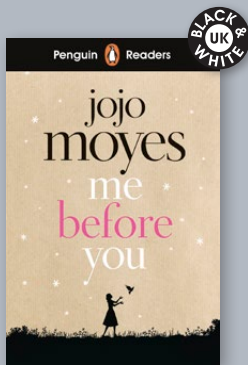
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Dynasties: Chimpanzees
Stephen Moss

A few years ago, the BBC made a TV programme called *Dynasties*. It was about animal families across the world. As part of the programme, they filmed a group of chimpanzees in south-eastern Senegal. This is their story.

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Me Before You JoJo Moyes

When Lou loses her job at a café, she is given a job caring for Will – a man who was disabled in a motorbike accident and has lost his love of life. What Lou and Will don't know is that they are going to change each other's lives forever.

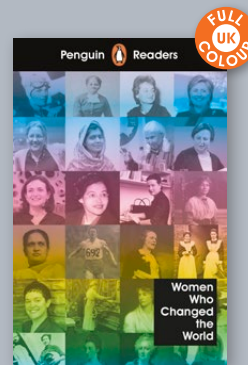
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Pride and Prejudice Jane Austen

Elizabeth Bennet is the daughter of an English country gentleman. When she meets a rich man called Mr Darcy, she does not like him at all. But slowly her feelings start to change. Can she fight her own pride and find happiness?

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Women Who Changed the World

These are the stories of some of the women who have changed our world. Read about the women who fought to be equal to men, and learn about the things that women have done in education, science, sport and politics.

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Going Solo Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl flew planes in the Second World War, when Germany, Italy and Japan fought against Britain, France, Poland, other European countries, the USSR and the USA. *Going Solo* is about his time in the Royal Air Force.

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The Kissing Booth Beth Reekles

Elle has one more year of high school left and she has never been kissed. When she decides to make a kissing booth for the school carnival, she kisses Noah, her best friend's brother, and everything changes...

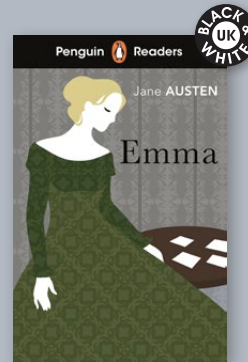
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Jane Eyre Charlotte Brontë

Jane goes to work at Thornfield Hall as a governess for a strange man named Mr Rochester. They become friends and she is finally happy. But Mr Rochester is going to be married soon, and Jane must leave Thornfield forever.

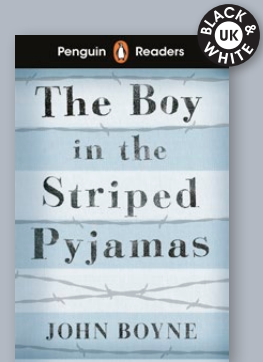
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Emma Jane Austen

Emma is beautiful, clever and rich. She does not want a husband for herself, but she loves match-making for her friends. But is Emma really as clever as she thinks? And what will she do when things start to go wrong?

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The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas John Boyne

Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution. All he knows is that he has been moved to a new house where there is no-one to play with. Then he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a strange life on the other side of a fence...

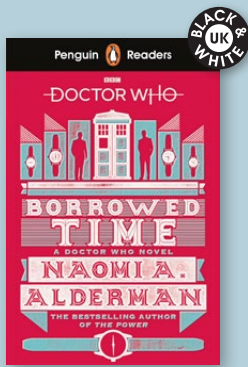
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Artemis Fowl Eoin Colfer

12-year-old Artemis Fowl is a dangerous criminal. He discovers that fairies have gold, and he wants some of it. But these fairies are not like the ones you read about in children's books. They have guns, and they are ready to fight.

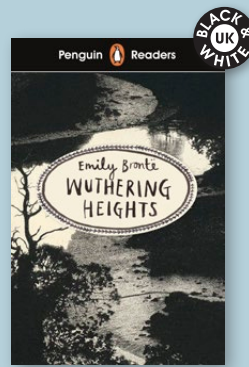
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Doctor Who: Borrowed Time Naomi A. Alderman

Andrew Brown makes lots of money, but he never has enough time. Then he finds a way to borrow some. But instead of making his life easier, more time gives him more problems. Maybe the time-travelling Doctor can help!

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Wuthering Heights Emily Brontë

It is winter in Yorkshire, England. A man visits a house called Wuthering Heights, and learns about Catherine, who lived there years before. Catherine's story of love and sadness still affects the lives of those in the present.

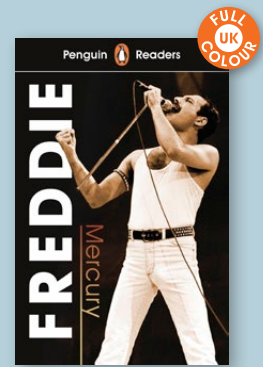
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Frankenstein Mary Shelley

Victor Frankenstein wants to make a creature from stolen body parts. But when the creature is finished, Frankenstein is shocked by his creation and runs away. Lonely and angry, the creature plans to kill his maker and the people he loves.

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Freddie Mercury

Freddie Mercury is one of the greatest rock stars of all time. Learn about his early years as a shy young boy from Zanzibar, and find out how he became the lead singer of one of the most famous bands in history, Queen.

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Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close Jonathan Safran Foer

When his father is killed, nine-year-old Oskar wants to learn the secret about a key he has discovered in his father's closet. His search takes him on a journey through New York and into the lives of strangers and relatives.

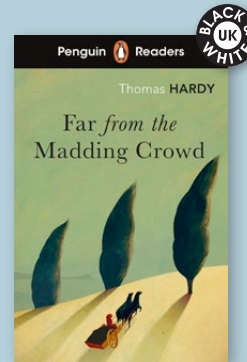
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The Night Manager John le Carré

Jonathan Pine is the night manager of a hotel in Egypt. When he is shown some secret information, he passes it to a man in the British government. But things go wrong and the woman he loves dies. Pine sets out to find her killer.

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Far from the Madding Crowd Thomas Hardy

Bathsheba Everdene is a proud working woman whose life is complicated by three different men – respectable farmer Boldwood, seductive Sergeant Troy, and devoted Gabriel – making her the object of scandal and betrayal.

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