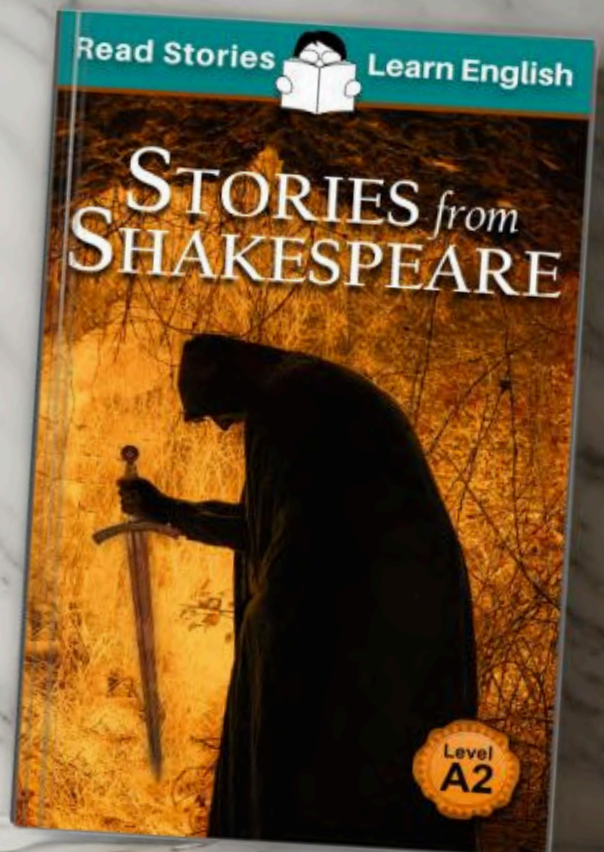
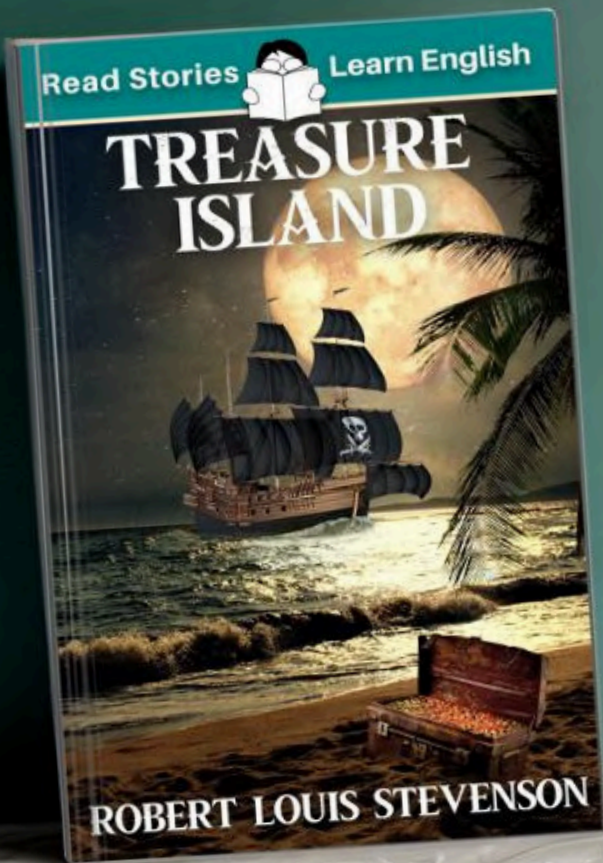


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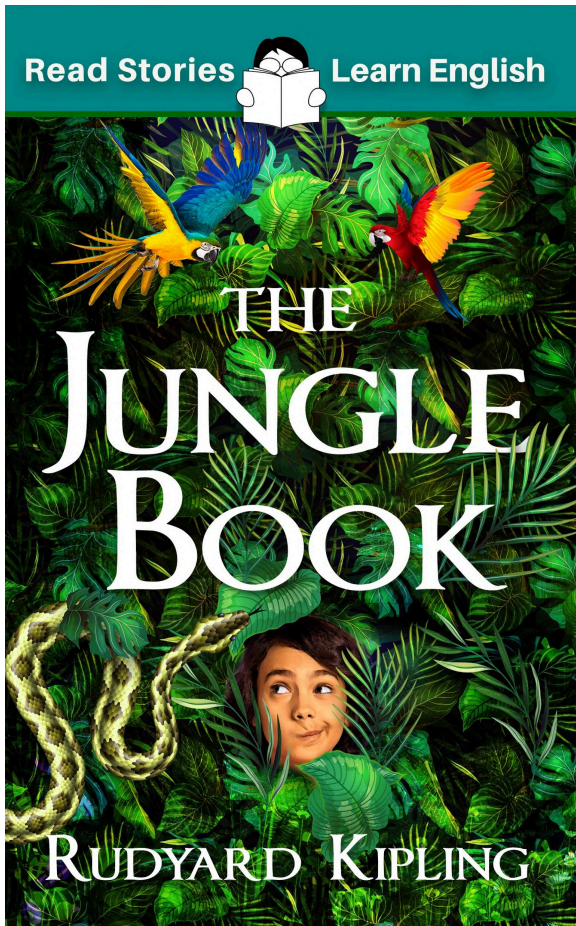
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The Jungle Book

Rudyard Kipling



paperback



eBook



audiobook

- CEFR level **A1+**
- 4,700 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-04-3

What is it about?

Mowgli is a boy but he lives with the wolves in the jungle.

He makes friends with the animals – Baloo the bear, Bagheera the black panther, Kaa the snake and others.

But ... Shere Khan the tiger wants to kill him!

“ Extract

On a very warm evening, on a hill in India, Father Wolf woke up. Mother Wolf was near him, with their four little cubs.

“I’m going hunting now,” said Father Wolf. But before he left their cave, he heard a noise outside in the jungle. He stopped and he said to Mother Wolf, “I can hear Shere Khan. He’s hunting tonight. He wants to kill and eat a man.” Shere Khan was a big tiger.

Then the wolves heard a different noise. The noise came closer and closer. “Who is coming to the cave?” Mother Wolf said. She was worried.

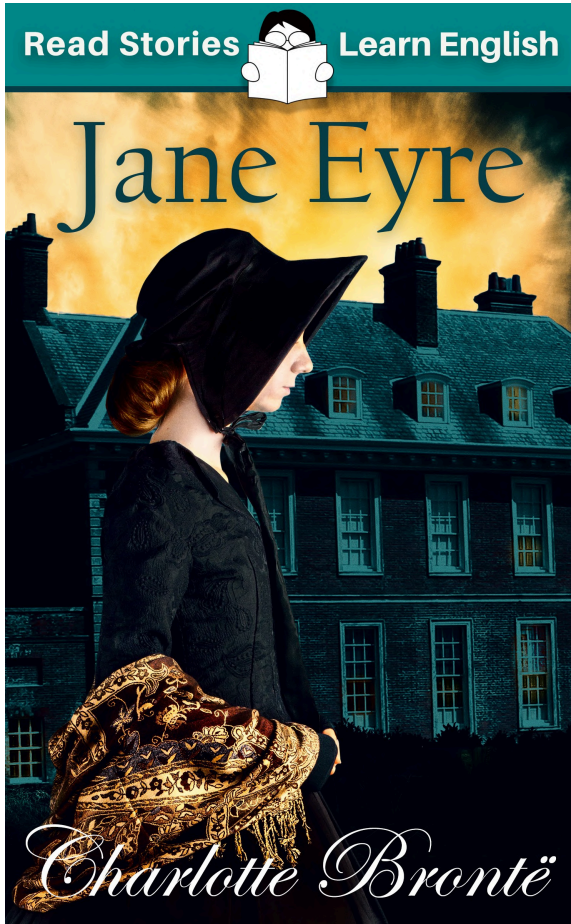
The next minute, they saw a little boy. He was outside the cave and he looked at the wolves.

“Is that a child?” Mother Wolf asked.

“Yes, it is,” said Father Wolf. “Look, he isn’t afraid of us.”

Jane Eyre

Charlotte Brontë



paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **A1+**
- 5,000 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-09-8

What is it about?

Jane Eyre is not beautiful and she is poor. Her life is very difficult. But then she finds a job at Thornfield Hall and there she meets Mr Rochester. He is a strange man but she likes him. Can Jane and Mr Rochester be happy together?

“ Extract

Evening came and rain hit the window. I heard a noise and I looked at the big bed. “My uncle died in that bed,” I thought. “Is his ghost in this room?”

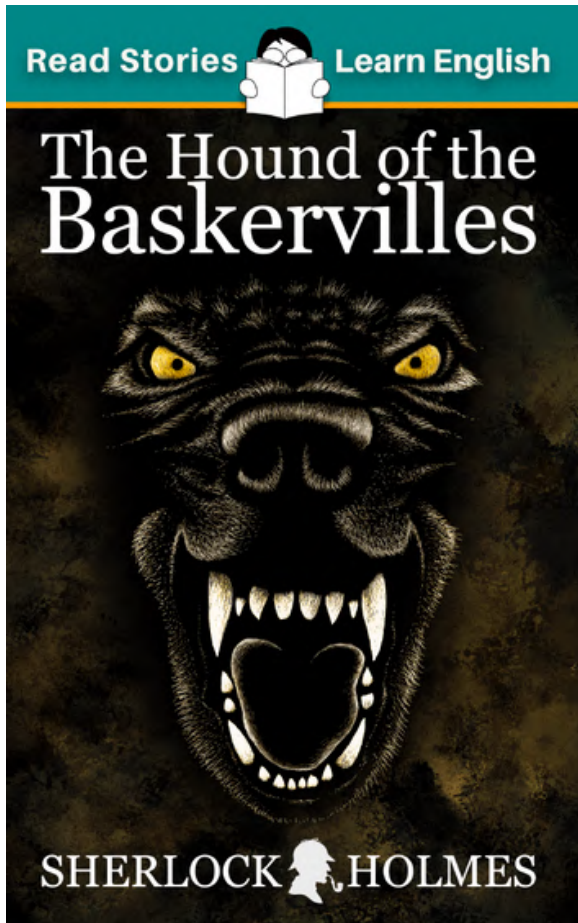
I was really scared again and I went to the door. I hit it with my hands and I shouted, “Open the door! Open the door now!”

After a minute or two, my aunt opened the door and I ran out. She looked at me with her small, cold eyes and she said, “You can’t stay here with us because you’re too naughty. You will go and live at Lowood School.”

For a minute, I didn’t speak. But then I said, “You’re wrong, Aunt. I’m not naughty. Your children are naughty. I don’t want to live with you and I’m happy to leave this house. I will have a new life now.”

The Hound of the Baskervilles

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



paperback



eBook



audiobook

- CEFR level **A1+**
- 5,000 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-12-8

What is it about?

How did Charles Baskerville die? And will Henry, the last of the Baskervilles, die too?

Only Sherlock Holmes, the famous detective, and his friend, Dr Watson, can help the family now.

But can they find the killer before it is too late?

“ Extract

The next day, Dr Mortimer and Henry Baskerville came to the flat. Holmes and I said hello to him. Henry was a small man with dark hair, about thirty years old.

“Why are we here?” he asked. “Dr Mortimer didn’t tell me. How can I help you?”

“We want to help you,” answered Holmes.

“But I don’t need help,” said Henry.

“Do you know the story of the Hound of the Baskervilles?” asked the detective.

“Of course,” said Henry. “But it’s only a story. Dogs don’t have fire in their mouths!”

“No, they don’t,” said Holmes. “But the moor is not a safe place for you. Someone ... or something ... is killing the Baskerville men. We don’t understand it but we’ll find the answer.”

A2 PRE- INTERMEDIATE



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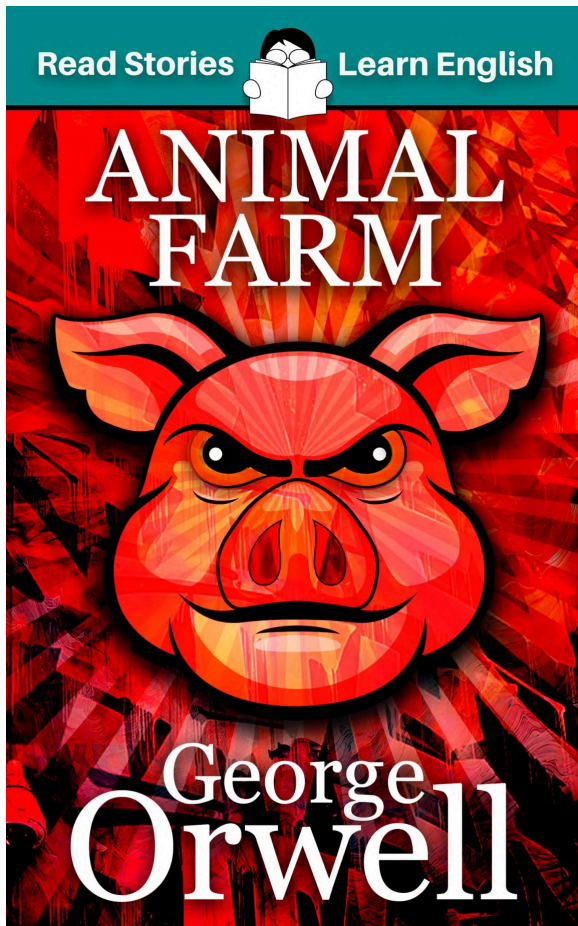
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Animal Farm

George Orwell



paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **A2**
- 10,000 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-15-9

What is it about?

This is a story about a group of animals who take control of their farm.

There will be less work, the pigs tell the other animals, lots of food and no more killing.

But things soon start to go wrong ...

“ Extract

The stupid animals, such as the sheep and ducks, couldn't learn the Seven Laws.

After thinking about it for a long time, Snowball said, "I have an idea. You don't need to remember all the laws. Just remember this: four legs good, two legs bad. This is the most important idea of Animalism."

"But we only have two legs!" shouted the birds.

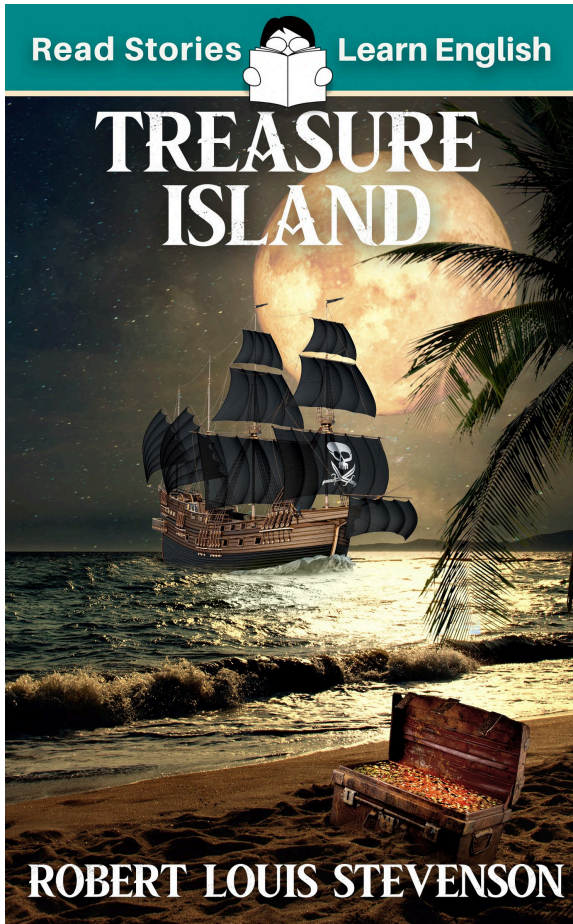
"Don't worry," Snowball answered. "Your wings are like legs because you use them to move." The birds were happy with this.

Snowball painted the new law on the end wall of the barn, above the Seven Laws and in bigger letters. **FOUR LEGS GOOD, TWO LEGS BAD.**

The sheep learnt it and they really loved it. Often, while they lay in the field, they repeated it for hours, never getting bored of it.

Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson



paperback



eBook



audiobook

● CEFR level **A2**

● 9,300 words

● ISBN 978-1-914600-11-1

What is it about?

Join Jim Hawkins on his exciting journey to Treasure Island.

With scary pirates, dangerous battles and hidden gold, it's an adventure you won't forget!

“ Extract

On the piece of paper, there was a map of an island, with instructions on finding it. On the map, there was a red cross and, next to it, were the words, “Flint’s treasure here.”

“I know that name!” said the squire. “Flint was a famous pirate, a very dangerous man. He stole lots of gold and silver from other ships.”

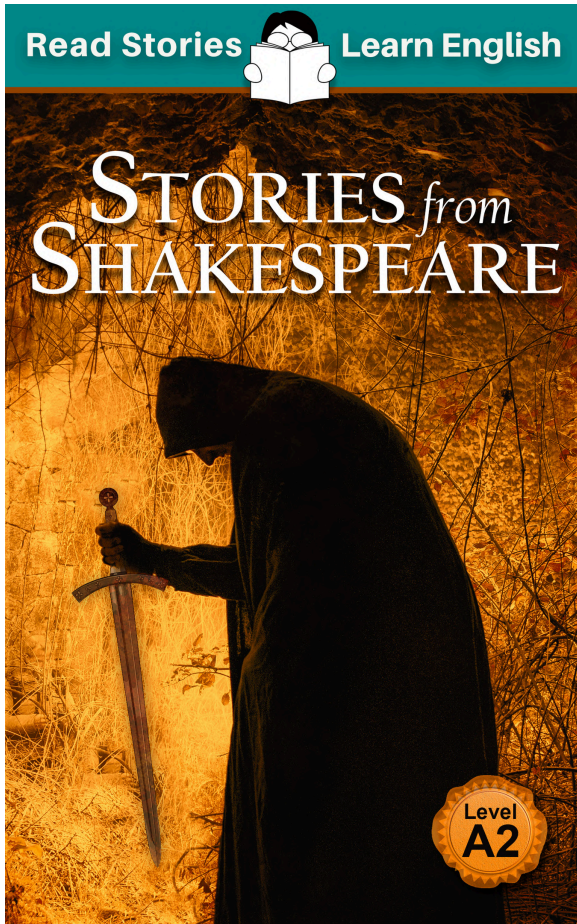
The men were quiet for a minute, then the squire smiled and said, “We’re going to Bristol tomorrow!”

“Why?” I asked.

“I’m going to buy a ship there,” he explained, “then we’ll sail it to the island and find the treasure!”

Stories from Shakespeare

Macbeth and Twelfth Night



paperback



eBook



audiobook

- CEFR level **A2**
- 9,700 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-08-1

What is it about?

In the tragedy *Macbeth*, a man wants to become king. But how many people must he kill?

In the comedy *Twelfth Night*, Viola nearly dies in a storm at sea but starts a new life in Illyria. Did her twin brother die in the storm?

“ Extract

Macbeth and Banquo were walking across the field towards the King's castle. Suddenly, they saw three witches. "Who are those strange women?" asked Banquo quietly. He was afraid. "They look so old and they're wearing really strange clothes. Are they real?"

"I don't know," said Macbeth. The witches were all looking at him with small, bright eyes. He was also a little afraid but he didn't want to show it. The men moved nearer and Macbeth asked them, "Who - or what - are you?"

They didn't answer him. "Say something!" Macbeth shouted, and then finally the women spoke.

"Macbeth, Thane of Glamis!" said the first witch, her arms in the air.

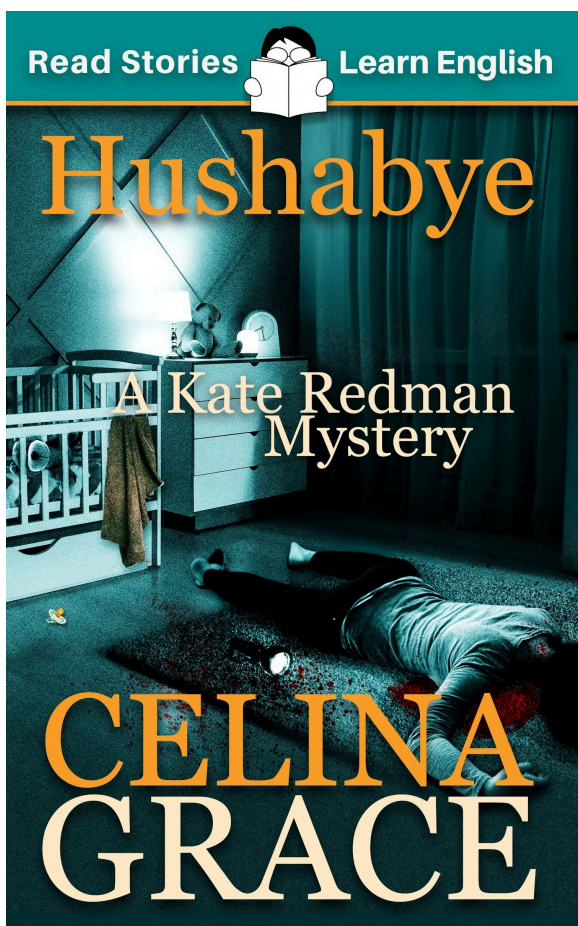
"Macbeth, Thane of Cawdor!" said the second witch.

"Macbeth, the future king!" said the third witch.

Hushabye

Celina Grace

A Kate Redman Mystery - Book 1



paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **A2+**
- 12,800 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-00-5

What is it about?

Kate Redman is a police detective and it is her first day in her new job.

The baby son of a rich businessman is taken from his home.

Can Kate Redman find the criminal? Can she find the baby? Is he dead?

“ Extract

It was light already but Dita wasn't there. Every morning, before it was light, Dita brought Charlie to Casey with his baby bottle and Casey fed him. Nick often said to her, "Dita should give Charlie his milk in the mornings. I pay her to do these things!" But Casey loved being with her baby in the early morning. She never woke Nick up at that time. He worked so hard and needed his sleep.

But this morning, there was no Dita in their bedroom. And there was no Charlie. Casey sat up in bed. She looked at Nick - he was sleeping.

She got up and walked out of the bedroom. She was worried. Maybe Charlie is not well, she thought. Now she was afraid.

She walked to Charlie's bedroom and opened the door. She saw Dita on the floor. She was lying there, not moving, and her face looked strange.

Casey's heart stopped. She opened her mouth and looked at Charlie's little bed ... And then she started to scream.

Requiem

Celina Grace

A Kate Redman Mystery - Book 2



paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **A2+**
- 14,900 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-02-9

What is it about?

The police find Elodie Duncan's body by the river.

Kate Redman's brother was her friend. And, on the night she died, there was a strange man with her.

Did one of these men kill Elodie? Or did she kill herself?

“ Extract

As they got closer to the crime scene, Kate had a strong feeling of deep shock. She could see the girl now. She was lying on her back, her arms out wide. There was mud in her blonde hair. Her face was white. Her mouth was blue.

“Oh my God.”

Mark turned as Kate stopped walking. “What’s wrong?”

Kate was looking at the body. Was she dreaming?

“The body ... It looks like ...”

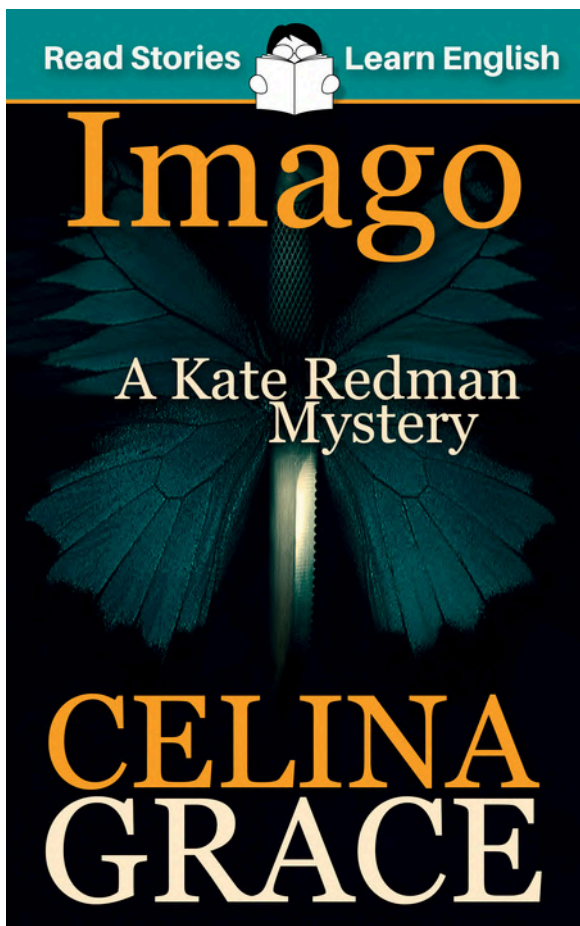
“Kate, talk to me. I don’t understand what you’re saying.”

“I know that girl. I met her last night.”

Imago

Celina Grace

A Kate Redman Mystery - Book 3



paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **A2+**
- 14,800 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-05-0

What is it about?

A woman is killed. Detective Kate Redman thinks it will be easy to find the killer.

But soon, a second woman is killed, in the same way as the first. And then a third woman is killed a few days later.

Who killed the three women? Maybe Kate knows the killer ...

“ Extract

The police won't catch me. I am getting good at killing. I could continue killing, year after year, and I could get better each time.

There are lots of women in the world who I can kill. They don't know that I am watching and waiting, waiting for the next time ... the next death. They don't know because I am in disguise. They are not afraid of me and that makes this more fun. 'Fun' is a surprising word to use but killing is fun for me.

I know I will kill again soon. I even know who I will kill. She doesn't know, of course.

All the time, I watch and wait, and she doesn't know. How could she know? I'm in disguise as myself, and that is the best disguise in the world.

B1 INTERMEDIATE



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1984

George Orwell



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eBook



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- CEFR level **B1**
- 16,500 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-10-4

What is it about?

Winston Smith lives in Oceania, in the year 1984. The government tries to control everything, even people's thoughts.

“Big Brother is watching you.”

Can he find freedom?

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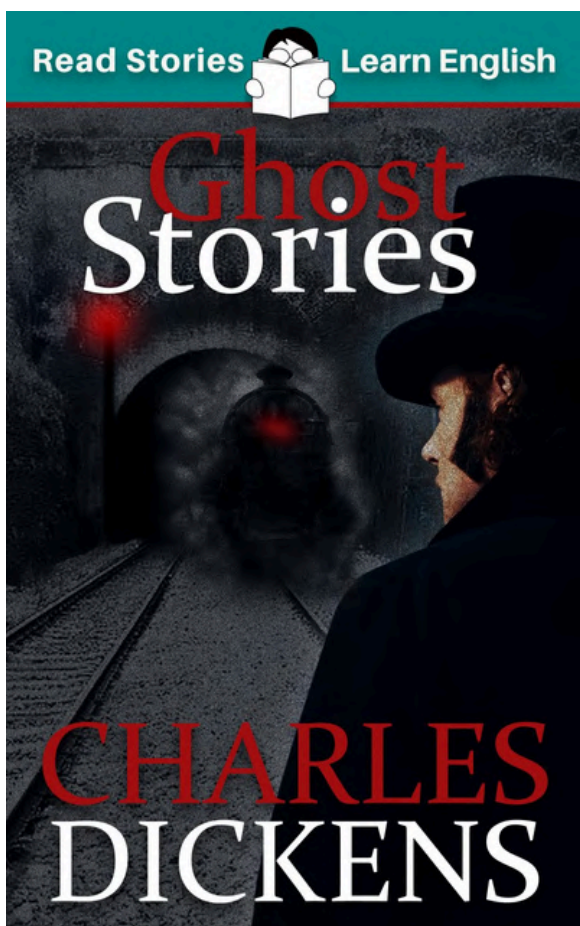
Outside, the world looked cold. There seemed to be no colour in anything, except the posters. The huge face of the Party leader looked down from every street corner. “BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU,” the words on the posters said, the dark eyes seeming to look into Winston's own. He could see a helicopter, moving down between the buildings. It was the police, spying into people's windows. But the police didn't matter. Only the Thought Police mattered.

Behind Winston's back, the voice from the telescreen was still talking. At the same time, it was listening to him. And it was watching him as well. The Thought Police used the screens to spy on people.

Winston sat with his back to the telescreen. It was safer that way but he knew that even your back can give the Thought Police information about you and how you're feeling.

Ghost Stories

Charles Dickens



paperback



eBook



audiobook

- CEFR level **B1**
- 18,000 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-01-2

What is it about?

This is a collection of four ghost stories, by the most famous British novelist.

Meet a man working on a lonely railway line, with a terrible secret ... Meet two men, who are the only guests in a hotel where strange things keep happening ...

And more.

“ Extract

“I’m sure you are very lonely in this place,” I said. “I was going for a walk and it attracted my attention. I suppose you rarely get visitors. But I hope you don’t mind that I’m here. I don’t know very much about railways but I’m fascinated by them.” As I talked, I watched him but he stayed silent. There was something strange about him and he made me nervous.

He looked towards the red light near the entrance to the tunnel. He didn’t take his eyes from it for a while and I thought, why is he staring so hard at that light?

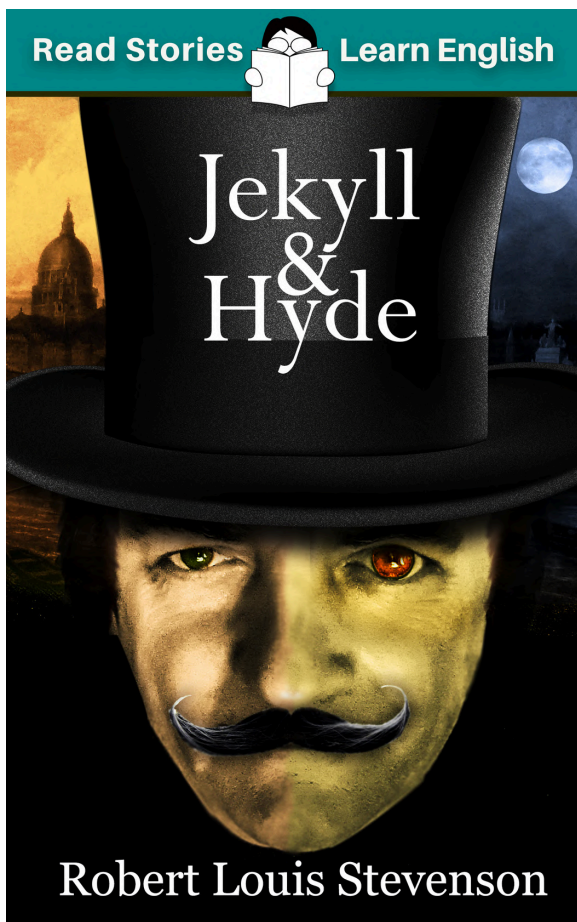
I asked him, “That red light is important, isn’t it?”

“Of course it is,” he answered in a low voice. “It warns of approaching trains. It switches on when they are coming.”

I suddenly had a horrible thought: was he a man or a ghost?

Jekyll & Hyde

Robert Louis Stevenson



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paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **B1**
- 15,000 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-06-7

What is it about?

Doctor Jekyll is kind, lively and has lots of friends. So why is he friends with Mr Hyde, a rude and violent man, who makes everyone feel afraid?

It is clear that Jekyll has secrets that might destroy him. Can his friends save him?

“ Extract

“Come now, Jekyll,” said his friend, Utterson. “Get your hat and come for a walk with us.”

“I would like to very much. But no, no, no, it is absolutely impossible. I can’t. But Utterson, I’m very glad to see you,” replied Jekyll with a smile.

But he had hardly said the words before the smile left his face. And it was replaced by an expression of terror. Seeing it froze the blood of the two men below. They only saw it for a moment because the window was very quickly, and violently, closed. But that moment had been long enough, and they turned and left the court without a word.

In silence, too, they crossed the street and they didn’t speak until they reached the next street, which was busier than the other one. Mr Utterson looked at his friend.

“Oh my God, oh my God,” he said.

Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen



paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **B1**
- 18,000 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-14-2

What is it about?

Enjoy the greatest love story ever told in easier English. Read the classic romantic comedy, adapted for intermediate learners.

For Elizabeth Bennet, love is more important than money. Mr Darcy is rich but he is also proud and rude. He doesn't seem like the right man for her, but is she wrong about him?

“ Extract

“And this is your opinion of me? Thank you for explaining it so fully. I have a lot of flaws, according to you! It was a mistake not to flatter you and not to hide my doubts. But I'm not ashamed of what I said and I always prefer to be honest.”

“If you had flattered me, I would perhaps feel more sorry for you but I would still turn you down,” she said. “You look down on everyone and you don't care about other people's feelings. You're the last man in the world I would ever marry.”

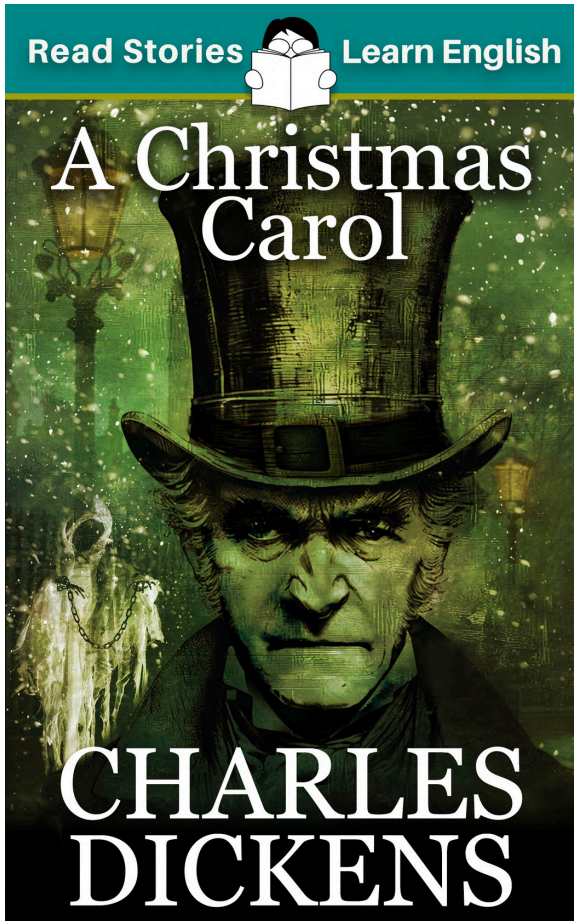
He was clearly shocked by her cold words.

“You've said enough,” he answered sadly. “I understand your feelings and now I will have to feel ashamed of mine.”

He hurried out of the room.

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens



paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **B1**
- 15,000 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-13-5

What is it about?

Ebenezer Scrooge is a cold-hearted man who only cares about money and he hates Christmas. But one Christmas Eve, Scrooge gets a chance to change his life with visits from three mysterious ghosts!

Will he learn the true meaning of Christmas?

“ Extract

“Merry Christmas, Uncle!” cried a cheerful voice. It was the voice of Scrooge’s nephew, Fred, who had come into the office without any warning.

“Bah humbug!” said Scrooge.

“You think Christmas is a humbug, Uncle?” said Scrooge’s nephew. “You don’t mean that, I’m sure.”

“I do,” said Scrooge. “Merry Christmas? Why are you merry? You’re poor.”

“Well,” answered the nephew happily, “why are you miserable? You’re rich.”

Scrooge didn’t have a good answer to that, so he just said “Bah humbug” again.

“Don’t be angry, Uncle,” said the nephew.

“What else can I be,” replied the uncle, “when I live in a world of fools?”

B2 UPPER INTERMEDIATE



Persuasion

Jane Austen



paperback



eBook

- CEFR level **B2**
- 26,000 words
- ISBN 978-1-914600-03-6

What is it about?

Anne Elliot and navy officer Captain Wentworth met many years ago and fell deeply in love. Although he was handsome, he was also poor, and a friend persuaded Anne not to marry him.

What happens when they meet again? Can their love story have a happy ending after all?

“ Extract

Anne did not give Captain Wentworth up only for selfish reasons. In fact, it was more for his benefit that she did it. If this engagement was wrong, it would harm him too. But he did not agree and was offended by her decision.

Their acquaintance had only last a few months but Anne's suffering lasted much longer. Her regrets spoiled her youth and she lost her bloom and spirit early.

More than seven years had passed since then and time had, to a certain extent, healed her. But she led a quiet life and she had never met anyone who could possibly compare to Frederick Wentworth.

Anne thought very differently, at twenty-seven, from how she had been persuaded to think at nineteen. She felt that, despite the disapproval from home and anxieties around his profession, she would have been happier if she had married Captain Wentworth.