

# Recommended Books for B12

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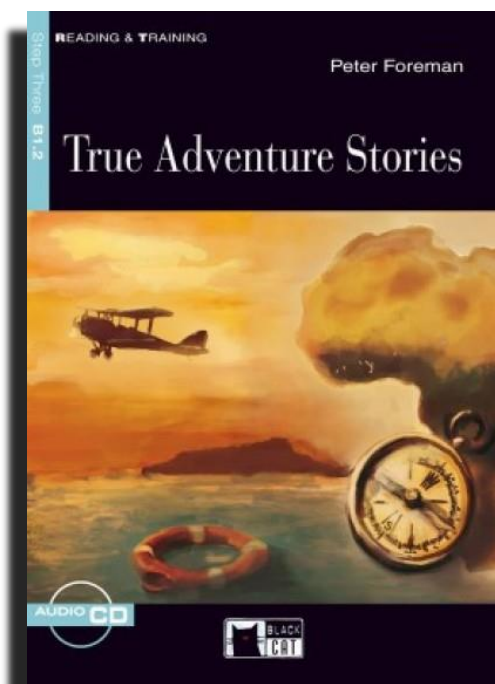


# True Adventure Stories

by Peter Foreman

Vicens Vives - Black Cat (Step 3)

Genre: Adventure



Four true, breathtaking stories of adventure and courage which take us across the ocean, the ice of the Antarctic, the sky and the desert.

'Lost at Sea' tells the adventures of a family sailing round the world and their battle to survive in the ocean after a shipwreck.

In 'The Impossible Journey' we follow Sir Ernest Shackleton as he and his men make their way on foot towards the South Pole.

The brave young woman in 'Amy Johnson, Woman Pioneer' attempts a heroic solo flight from England to Australia.

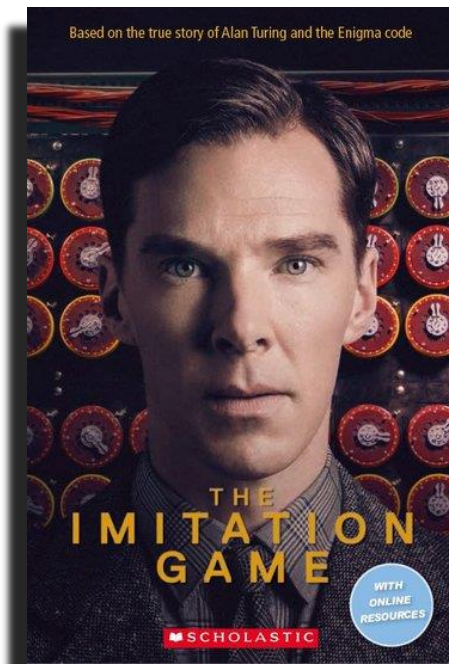
In 'David Livingstone's Last African Expedition' we meet the great explorer on his last expedition to find the source of Africa's longest river, the Nile.

# The Imitation Game

by Jane Rollason

Scholastic Readers (level 3)

Genre: Nonfiction



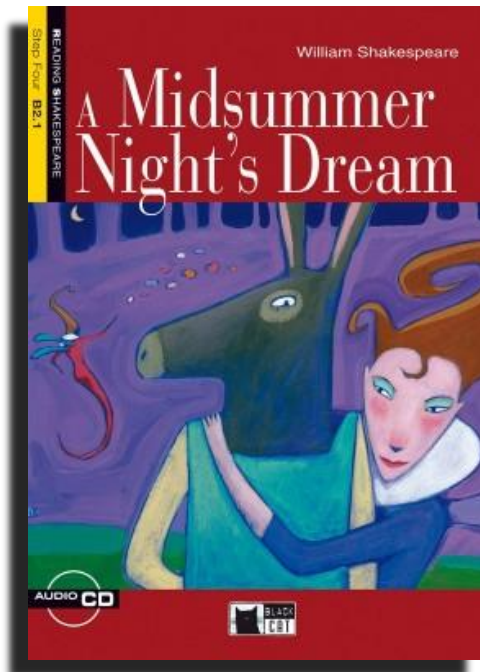
Based on the award winning 2014 film, *The Imitation Game* tells the true story of cryptanalyst Alan Turing and his brilliant team of code-breakers as they crack the famous Enigma Code during World War II.

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare

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Genre: Classics



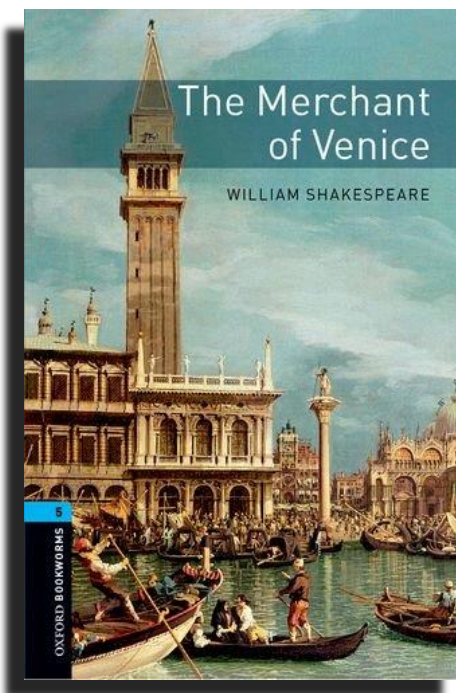
Two young lovers, Hermia and Lysander, meet in the wood with the intention of running away and getting married secretly. They are followed by Demetrius, who loves Hermia, and Helena, who is in love with Demetrius. What they don't know is that the wood is enchanted...

# The Merchant of Venice

by William Shakespeare

Oxford Bookworms

Genre: Classics



In sixteenth-century Venice - a city of wealthy merchants and bankers - money is all-important. Bassanio is penniless, but his great friend Antonio offers to help him by borrowing the money that he needs. To do this, though, Antonio must make an arrangement with an old enemy that puts his life in danger... The Merchant of Venice is one of Shakespeare's most popular plays, and it has been performed all over the world. It is retold in this Bookworm not as a play, but as a story.

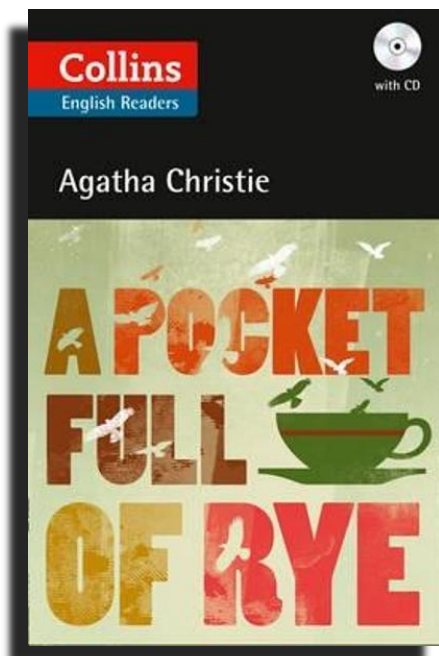


# A Pocket Full of Rye

by Agatha Christie

Collins English Readers

Genre: Mystery



A handful of grain is found in the pocket of a murdered businessman...

Rex Fortescue, king of a financial empire, was sipping tea in his counting house when he suffered an agonising and sudden death. On later inspection, the pockets of the deceased were found to contain traces of cereals.

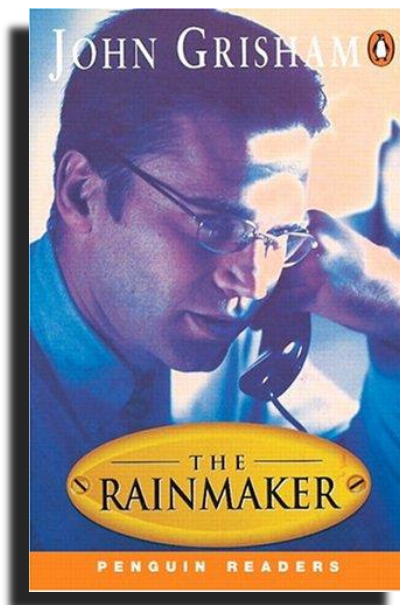
Yet, it was the incident in the parlour which confirmed Jane Marple's suspicion that here she was looking at a case of crime by rhyme.

# The Rainmaker

by John Grisham

Penguin Readers Upper-Intermediate

Genre: Legal thriller



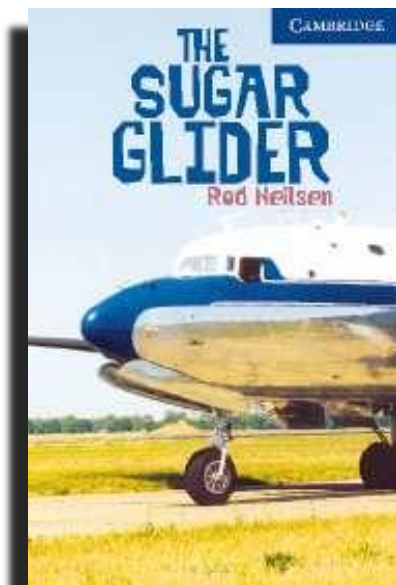
Rudy Baylor is a newly qualified lawyer with no money and a lot of debts. He takes on a case against a giant insurance company who refused a claim that could have saved a man's life. The case will make him a lot of money; the only problem is, he's never argued a case in court before.

# The Sugar Glider

by Rod Neilsen

Cambridge English Readers Upper-Intermediate

Genre: Adventure



Pilot Don Radcliffe returns to Australia hoping to rescue a failed marriage and to spend more time with his daughter, Judy. But a routine cargo flight in an old DC4 airplane turns into tragedy when the plane crashes in the Australian Outback killing the co-pilot. Don and Judy's chances of survival seem slim as they struggle against sabotage, unscrupulous businessmen and the inhospitable landscape.



# Room 13

by Robert Swindells

Oxford Rollercoasters O.U.P

Genre: Horror



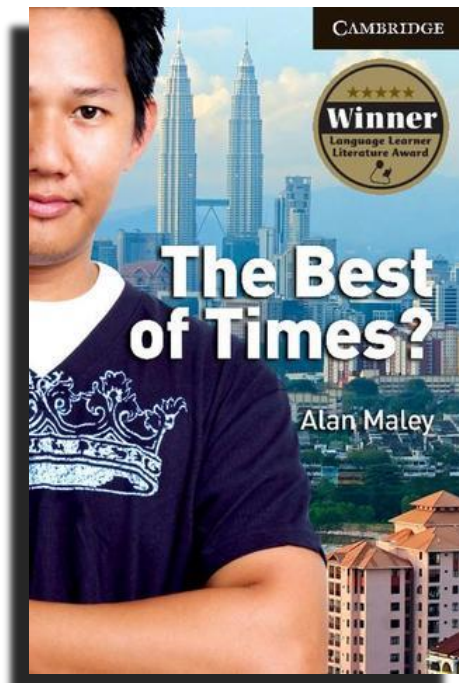
Somebody was in there. Somebody - or something... There is no Room 13 in the creepy Crow's Nest Hotel, where Fliss and her friends are staying on a school trip. Or is there? For at the stroke of midnight, something peculiar happens to the door of the linen cupboard next to Room 12. And something is happening to Ellie-May Sunderland, too - something very sinister....

# The Best of Times?

by Alan Maley

Cambridge University Press (Advanced)

Genre: Human interest



Chee Seng, a 16-year-old Malaysian boy, has to grow up fast as he lives through the best and the worst of times. He suffers heartbreak as his parents' marriage falls apart and experiences the joys and heartache of first love.

Language Learner Literature Award 2010 - Winner

# “A” is for Alibi

by Sue Grafton

MacMillan Readers (Intermediate)

Genre: Mystery



The first novel in the Alphabet series. Kinsey Millhone, a twice-divorced, independent 32-year-old private detective, lives and works in southern California. Recently released from an eight-year jail sentence for the murder of her husband, Nikki Fife asks the detective to prove her innocence and find the real murderer. On her investigation she learns of another similar murder which she also decides to solve.

# “L” is for Lawless

by Sue Grafton

MacMillan Readers (Intermediate)

Genre: Mystery



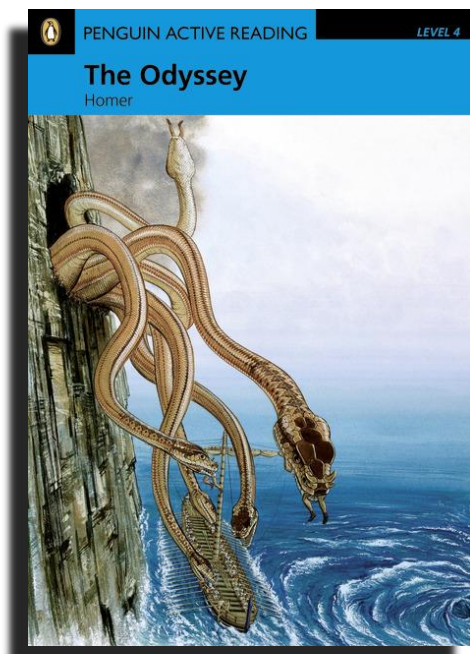
A local family ask Kinsey to help them. The authorities have no records of their father, the fighter pilot Johnny Lee, on file. Then Johnny Lee's apartment is burgled and a hidden safe is discovered. Inside the safe is a mysterious key labelled 'Lawless'. Recommended for older readers.

# The Odyssey

by Homer (retold by Fiona Beddall)

Penguin Active reading (level 4)

Genre: Classics



The great hero Odysseus has been away from his family for twenty years when the goddess Athene decides to help him find his way back to the island of Ithaca. But the journey will not be easy. Odysseus must face storms, monsters and the terrible anger of the sea god Poseidon. And if he succeeds, will he be welcomed home?