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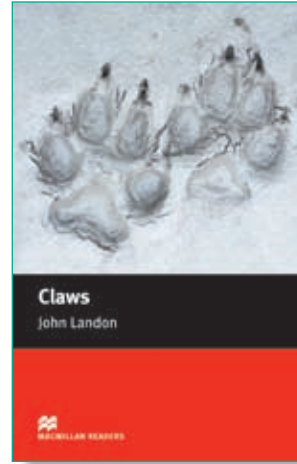


The Black Cat

John Milne
*Human Interest/Adventure/
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An action-packed detective story. Salahadin El Nur is an inspector in the Antiquities Department of the Egyptian police. After the death of a European archaeologist, Salahadin looks for a priceless statuette. He is soon on the trail of a gang of international smugglers.

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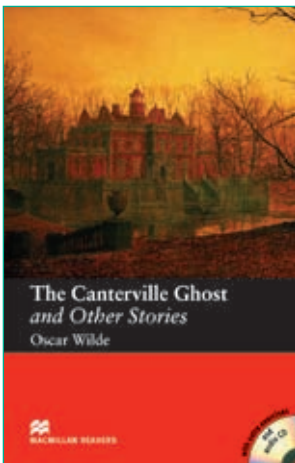


Claws

John Landon
*Mystery/Horror/Ghost/
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“Those claws have killed four of my friends,” said a voice.
 Larry applies for a job as a cook on a trip to search the mountains of northern Afghanistan for the fearsome Toruk. At the interview, Larry has doubts. But he loves mountains, and he needs a job.

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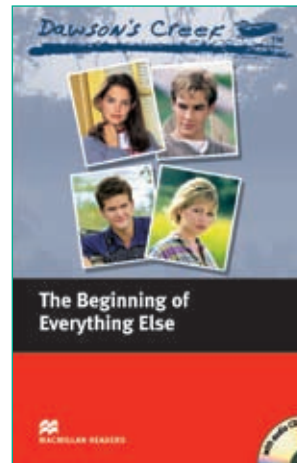
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Dawson's Creek: The Beginning of Everything Else

Kevin Williamson,
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Joey, Dawson, Pacey and Jen – four teenagers living in the small town of Capeside. The friends attend the same high school and have similar hopes, fears and ambitions. The trouble is that love, school work and parents often make things complicated.

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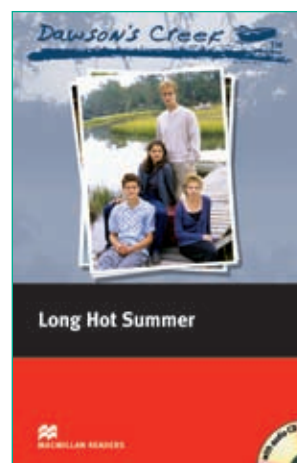
A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens,
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Mystery/Horror/Ghost

“I don't have a merry Christmas,” said Scrooge. “Christmas is nonsense. It's humbug! I don't believe in Christmas. I'm not giving money to anyone else so they can have a merry Christmas.”

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Dawson's Creek: Long Hot Summer

K. S. Rodriguez,
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Human Interest/Romance

Dawson is making a film with the help of his friends. Jen and Pacey enrol in lifeguarding classes. Jen wants to forget Dawson. Pacey wants to meet girls. Joey goes out with other boys to make Dawson jealous. Who will Dawson choose?

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Dawson's Creek: Major Meltdown

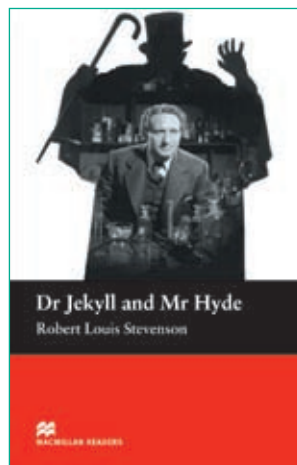
K. S. Rodriguez,
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Human Interest/Romance

Jen invites Joey, Pacey and Dawson to her parents' ski cabin in the mountains. It will be a great weekend.

Dawson realises the depth of his feelings for Joey, but he still wants Jen.

And Pacey falls in love with a local girl and talks about leaving Capeside...

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Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

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Dr Jekyll's scientific investigations are detached and professional. He wants to explore his own character through study and experimentation. But soon he finds himself under the control of a darker, evil, driving force.

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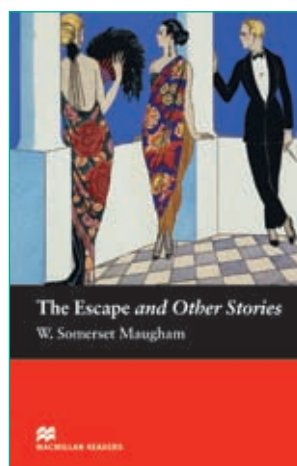
Dawson's Creek: Shifting into Overdrive

C. J. Anders,
retold by F. H. Cornish
Human Interest/Romance

Jen and Joey decide go to a lavish birthday party in New York.

After 'borrowing' his father's truck, Pacey offers to drive them to New York to surprise the girls. When they gatecrash the party, things really start to get wild.

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The Escape and Other Stories

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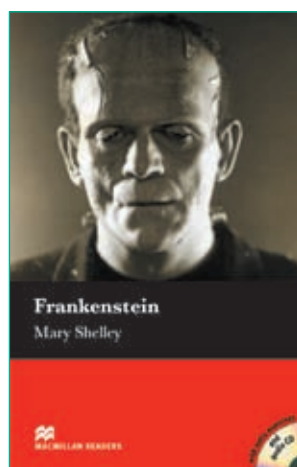


Don't Tell Me What To Do

Michael Hardcastle,
retold by Philip King
*Romance/Crime/Detection/
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Tom is given a lift in a car by a middle-aged man and an attractive young girl. The man says he needs someone small and strong to recover diamonds from a sunken ship. Tom is attracted to the girl and the job. But one man has already died trying to get the diamonds out of the wreck.

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Frankenstein

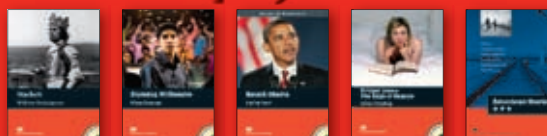
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Mystery/Horror/Ghost

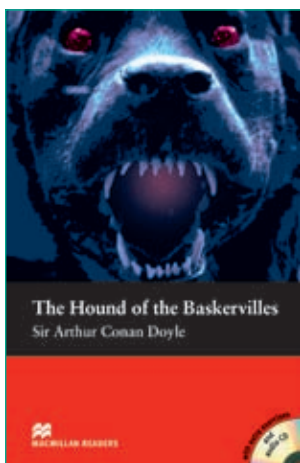
'The lightning was all around me. I looked at the huge body. The silver light reached the hands, the feet and the head. For a moment everything was quiet. Was it moving? No, yes! An arm moved and then a leg. Then I heard breathing. Yes, the man was breathing. He was alive!'

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The Hound of the Baskervilles

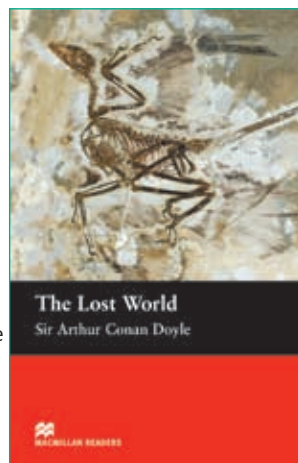
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle,
retold by Stephen Colbourn

Mystery/Horror/Ghost/Crime/Detection

'I looked at the ground where Sir Charles had walked... There were footprints on the ground. They were not the footprints of a man. They were the footprints of a giant hound.'

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson travel to Dartmoor to investigate the strange death of Sir Charles Baskerville. Is there really a curse on the family? And is there really a huge dog living on the moor, destroying the Baskervilles one by one?

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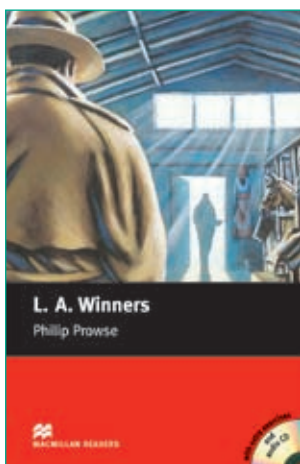
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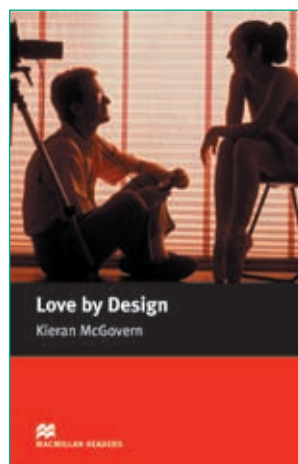
L. A. Winners

Philip Prowse

Humour/Crime/Detection/Adventure/Thriller/Spy

Lenny Samuel is hired to find a retired champion racehorse. The private eye thinks that he is going to enjoy this job. After all, what could be easier? All he has to do is to hang around California's racetracks, ask a few questions and then report back to his very pretty client.

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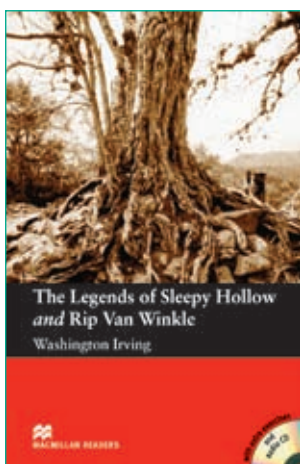
Love by Design

Kieran McGovern

Romance/Crime/Detection

Tom has failed his exams, so he cannot study photography at art college. He is bored with his job in a library and he doesn't know what he wants to do. Rita knows what she wants to do – she wants to be a fashion model. When she steps into Tom's library one rainy day, the young couple's futures become linked.

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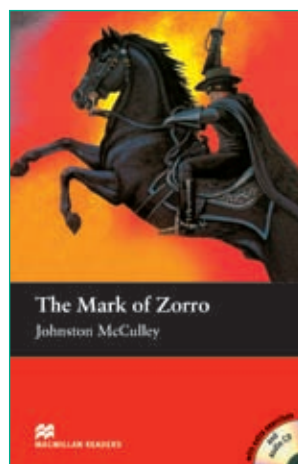
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The Phantom Airman

Allan Frewin Jones,
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“This is a sad place!” Jack said.
“Something terrible happened here
once.”

Four teenage friends – Frankie, Regan, Tom and Jack – are working together on a project for their school’s archaeology club. An old Second World War airfield is their subject but their research takes on a new dimension when the kids are haunted by the ghost of a fighter pilot who died in mysterious circumstances.

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The Princess Diaries 2

Meg Cabot,
retold by Anne Collins

Human Interest/Humour/Romance

As if the fact that her mother is marrying her algebra teacher isn’t bad enough, Mia then manages to announce the engagement on live television. Soon Mia’s mother and her fiancé go missing... And to add to her problems, Mia finds herself falling in love with her best friend’s brother, Michael.

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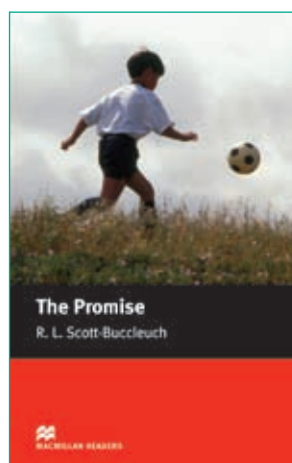
The Picture of Dorian Gray

Oscar Wilde,
retold by F. H. Cornish

Mystery/Horror/Ghost/Crime/Detection

Basil Hallward has painted a picture of a young man he admires – Dorian Gray. Dorian is angry because he will grow old and the picture will stay the same. He wishes that the picture would age instead of him. He buys the picture and hides it. The years pass and Dorian never seems to age. But his wish has tragic consequences for many people.

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The Promise

R. L. Scott-Buccleuch

Human Interest/Romance

Pedro and Maria Moreira live in Brazil. When their son, Palito, is born, an old woman predicts that he will make them rich and happy. Palito shows a brilliant talent for playing football. He goes to play for one of the top clubs in Brazil and becomes wealthy and famous. But a problem in his legs, combined with an accident, almost ends his career in football for ever.

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The Princess Diaries 1

Meg Cabot,
retold by Anne Collins

Human Interest/Humour/Romance

Mia Thermopolis lives with her mother in New York City. One day her life changes forever as she discovers that she is the Princess of Genovia. But Mia doesn’t want to be a princess or live in Europe. She wants to be a normal teenage girl.

A popular film was made from this story (and the sequel *Princess Diaries 2*) in 2001.

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The Quest

Mandy Loader

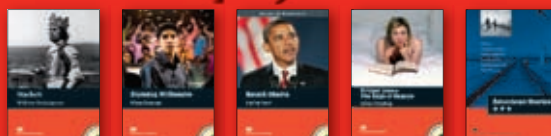
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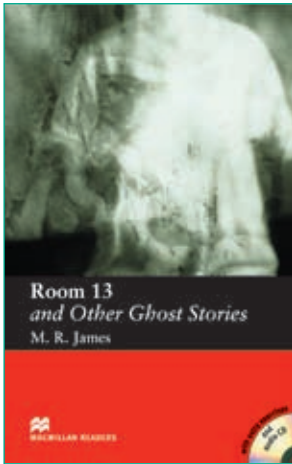
John Morgan joins a marine archeologist to search for wrecks of sixteenth-century Chinese ships which lie deep under water in the Gulf of Thailand.

A local fisherman brings a piece of rare porcelain to the boat. Later, the two friends are horrified when they find his body floating in the harbour...

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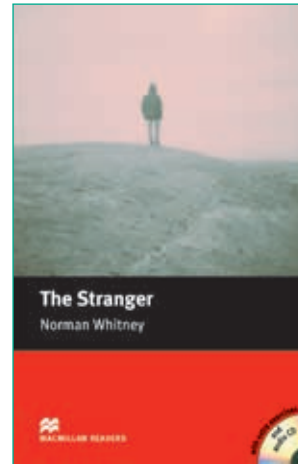
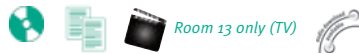


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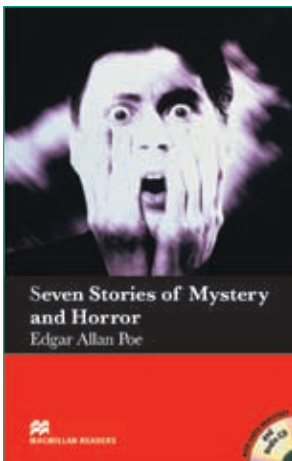


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Norman Whitney
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A dark and handsome stranger opens a shop in the quiet village of Woodend. Anna begins to wonder about the visitors who come to Dave Slatin's shop. What do they buy and what exactly is behind the door marked Special Orders Only? At first, Anna finds Dave exciting and attractive but soon she becomes very frightened.

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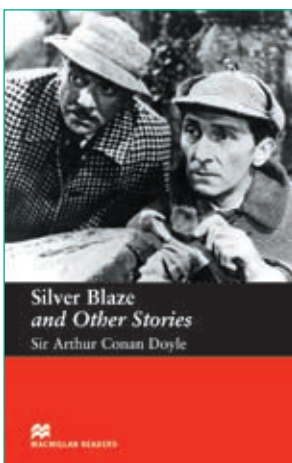


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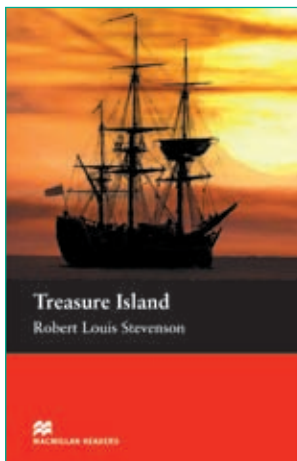
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Arthur C. Clarke,
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*Short Stories/Science Fiction/
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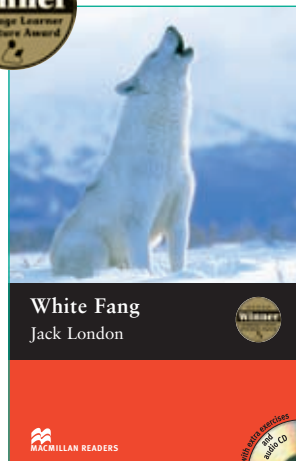


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Robert Louis Stevenson,
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*Human Interest/Adventure/Thriller/
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Twelve-year-old Jim Hawkins sails with Squire Trelawney, Dr Livesey and Captain Smollett on the Hispaniola to search for Captain Flint's treasure. But Long John Silver is on board too, and he and his friends want the treasure for themselves.

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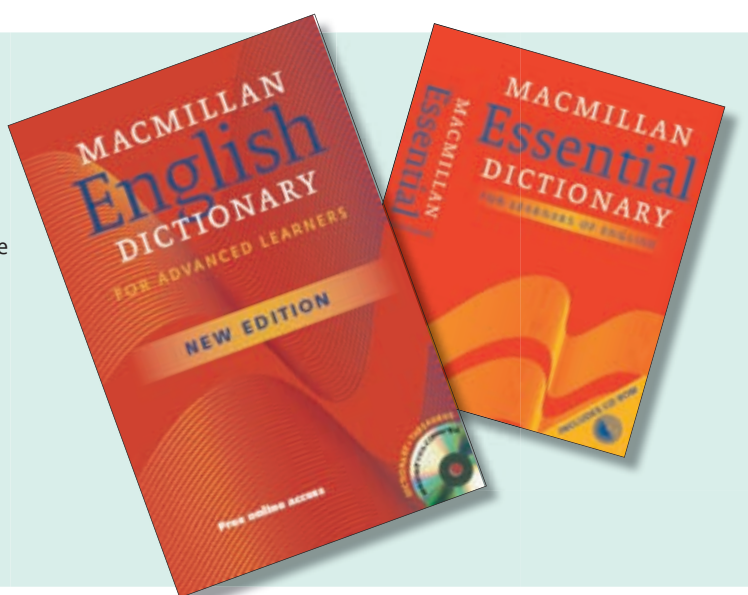


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