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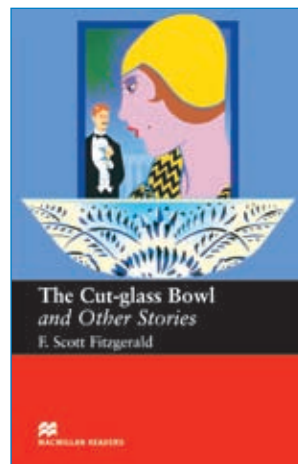
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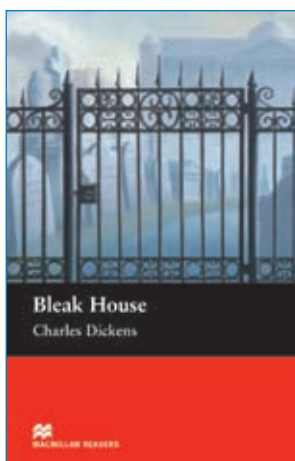
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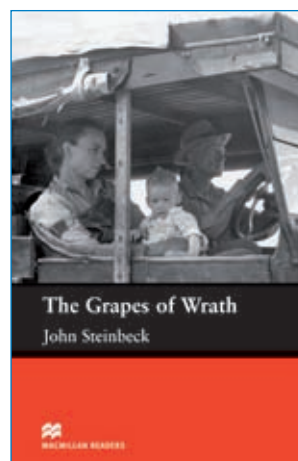
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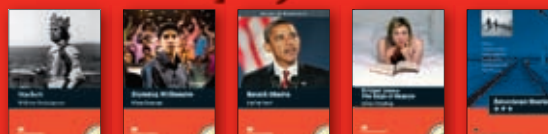
“Quiet, you little devil! Keep still – or I'll cut your throat!” “Oh, don't cut my throat, sir!” I cried. “Please don't!” “Tell me your name,” the man growled. “Pip, sir, Pip!” I answered.

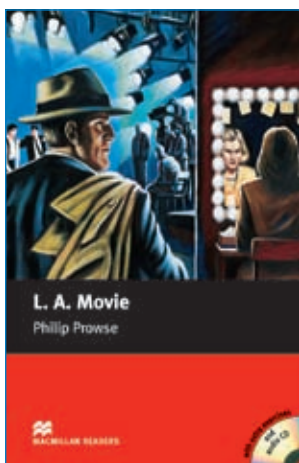
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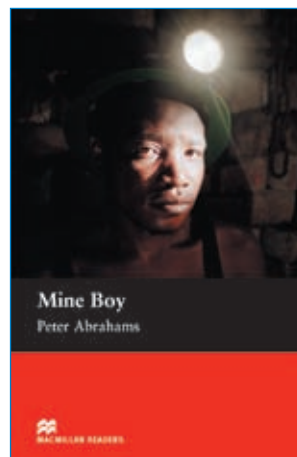
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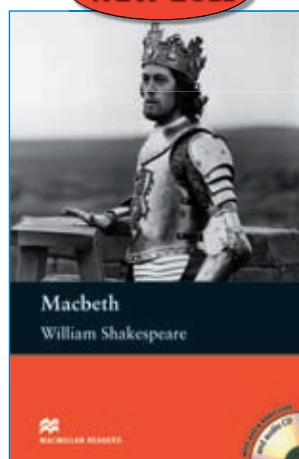
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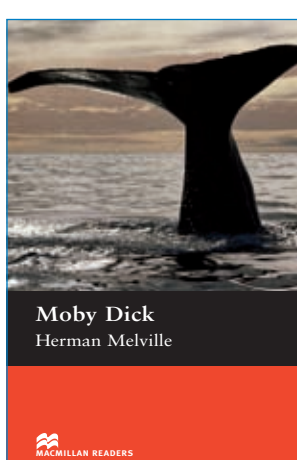
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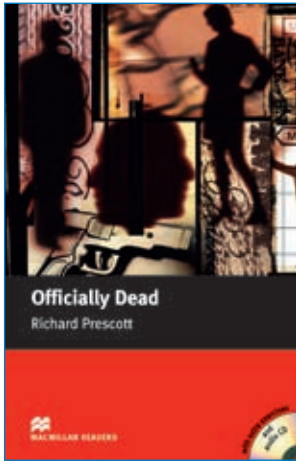
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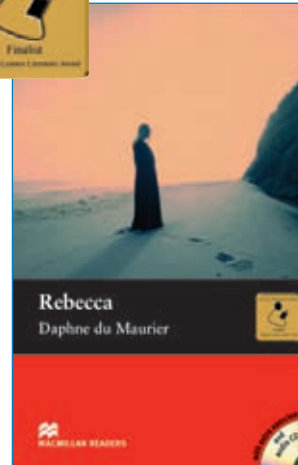


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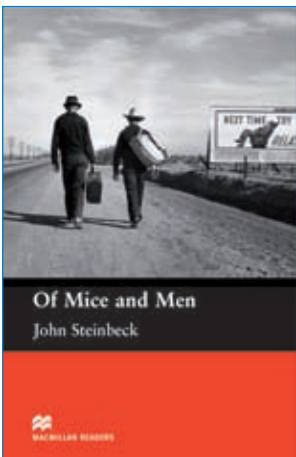


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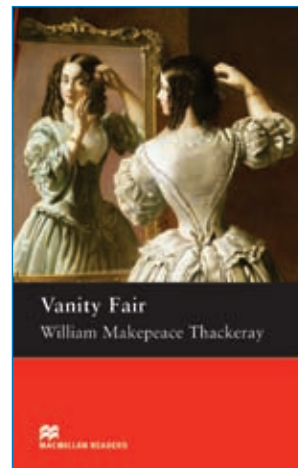


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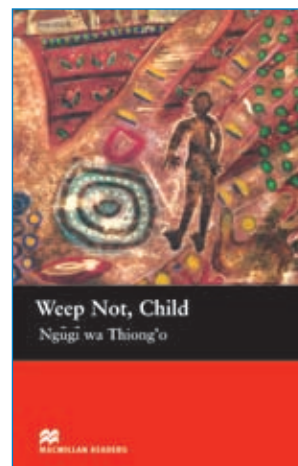
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