

Read-in 2009

Easier reading for adult students

“Books are windows on the world, opening to the past, present and future, wherever your passion takes you.”

Past

Davey, John. *Things Fall Apart*. (Retelling of the Chinua Achebe original). Macmillan Readers. Level 5. 2005, c1992

This is a story about how life changes in the Nigerian district of Umuofia when the Europeans arrive.

Escott, John. *Last of the Mohicans*. (Retelling of the James Fennimore Cooper original). Macmillan Readers. Level 2 with CD. 2005

Set in 1757, Hawk-eye, a white scout, and his two Indian friends become involved in the war between the British and French along the Hudson River. The Hurons are with the French troops and the Mohawks and Mohicans are with the British.

Keen, Annette. *Gladiator*. (Based on the motion picture). Penguin Readers. Level 4. 2000

After his last battle, Maximus a general in the roman army wants to return to his family, but the new emperor takes Maximus prisoner. Later he is made a slave then finally a gladiator.

Shipton, Paul. *Cinderella Man*. (Based on the motion picture). Penguin Readers. Level 4. 2006

Just as the American economy starts to fail in 1929, Jim Braddock, a boxer finds his success in the ring is starting to wane. How will he support his wife and family?

Shipton, Paul. *Titanic!* Penguin Readers. Level 3. 2001

On the night of April 14, 1912, the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank. It was on its first voyage and it had been called “unsinkable”. This is probably the most famous ship sinking in history.

Present

Escott, John. *Goodbye, Mr. Hollywood*. Oxford Bookworms Library. Stage 1 with D. 2008

Nick Lortz is sitting outside a café in Whistler, BC when a young, pretty, stranger sits next to him. Why does she address Nick as “Mr. Hollywood”? Nick finds the answer three days later at a police station.

Francome, John. *Winner takes all*. Quick Reads. London. Headline. 2006

What happens when two top-class race horses are entered in the same race? One is owned by Alan Marcus, a ruthless businessman and the other belongs to his ex-wife.

Milne, John. *The Queen of Death*. Macmillan Readers. Level 5 with 2 CDs. 2005

After Dr. John Farrow says he knows where the location is of the tomb of Queen Axtarte, he disappears. Chief Inspector Salahadin is worried as he has read Axtarte’s curse, “...anyone who enters my tomb... that person will die a terrible death”.

Olsen, Sylvia. *Middle Row*. Orca Soundings. Victoria, BC. 2008.

The seating on the bus is different this year. That’s because a white boy is sitting with the First Nation kids and a First Nations boy is sitting with the white kids but where is Dune who usually sits in the middle row. A teen book.

Prowse, Philip. *Help!* Cambridge English Readers. Level 1 with CD. 1999

When Frank Wormald, a writer, has trouble finishing a story his computer gives him more help than he wants.

Future – and Fantasy

Maule, David. *Jurassic Park III*. (Based on the motion picture). Penguin Readers. Level 2. 2002, c2001

On a remote island off the coast of Costa Rica, genetically engineered dinosaurs that have escaped from a prehistoric theme park are attacking people.

Stern, Stephen. *War of the Worlds*. (Retelling of the H.G. Wells original). Best Sellers Illustrated. Los Angeles. 2005

This is one of the first science fiction novels. This retelling is in graphic novel format. England is invaded by Martians using tripod fighting machines.

Tempest, Deborah. *Frankenstein*. (Retelling of the Mary Shelley original). Penguin Readers. Level 3. 2000

Victor Frankenstein is a young scientist who creates a monster from parts of dead bodies. He has created life but will this monster destroy him?

Tomlinson, Brian. *Superbird* . Cambridge English Readers. Level 2 with CD. 1999
A spaceship crashes on a strange planet and everyone on it dies with the exception of Mary Mount. Twenty years later Mary is interviewed about the crash.

Walker, Elizabeth. *Rendezvous with Rama*. (Retelling of the Arthur C. Clarke original). Macmillan Readers. Level 5. 2003

After a meteorite crashed into Earth in 2077, a global decision was made to work together to protect Earth against dangers from space. What happens when in 2131, a hollow object is discovered near the orbit of Jupiter?