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Life stories



HUMAN INTEREST

### Star Reporter

**Starter Level – Comic strip**  
John Escott

'There's a new girl in town,' says Joe, and soon Steve is out looking for her. Marietta is easy to find in a small town, but every time he sees her something goes wrong ... and his day goes from bad to worse.

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FANTASY AND HORROR

### New York Café

**Starter Level – Narrative**  
Michael Dean

It is the year 2030, and an email message arrives at New York Café: 'I want to help people and make them happy!' But not everybody is happy about the email, and soon the police and the president are very interested in the New York Café.

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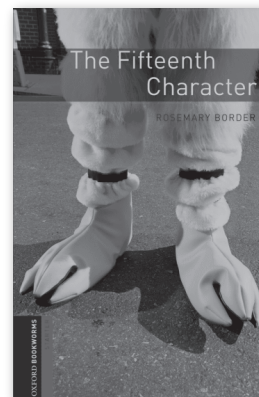
CRIME AND MYSTERY

### Police TV

**Starter Level – Narrative**  
Tim Vicary

'Every day someone steals money from people near the shops. We must stop this,' says Dan, a police officer. The police use TV cameras but it is not easy because there are so many suspects. Who is the robber?

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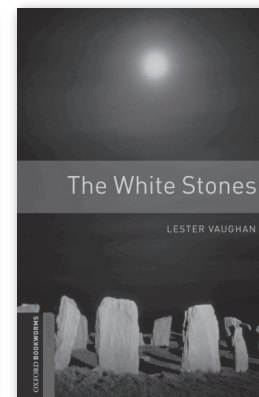
THRILLER AND ADVENTURE

### The Fifteenth Character

**Starter Level – Narrative**  
Rosemary Border

'It's an interesting job,' says Sally about her work at Happy Hills. And today is a very exciting day because Zapp the famous singer is coming. Everybody is having a wonderful time. But suddenly something goes wrong. Very wrong.

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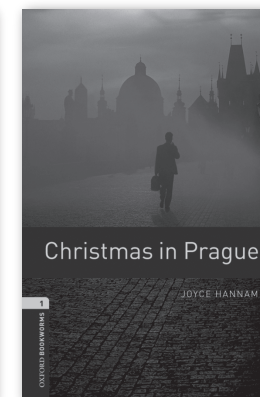
THRILLER AND ADVENTURE

### The White Stones

**Starter Level – Interactive**  
Lester Vaughan

'The people on this island don't like archaeologists,' the woman on the ferry says. You only want to study the 4,500 year-old Irish megalithic stones, but very soon strange things begin to happen to you. Can you solve the mystery in time?

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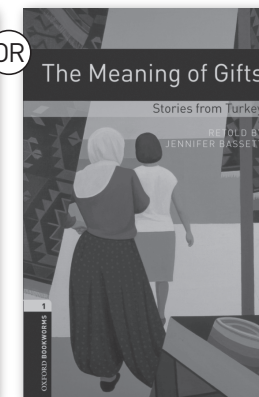
HUMAN INTEREST

### Christmas in Prague

**Stage 1**  
Joyce Hannam

In a house in Oxford three people are having breakfast: Carol, her husband Jan, and his father Josef. They are talking about Prague, because Carol wants them all to go there for Christmas. He still remembers another Christmas in Prague, many long years ago – a Christmas that changed his life for ever ...

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WORLD STORIES

### The Meaning of Gifts: Stories from Turkey

**Stage 1**  
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

'I'm afraid to look in the storeroom. All our food for the winter – where is it now? Inside those hungry guests! They never stop eating! And they never say thank you! And those children – my God, they eat more than their parents! Izzet Efendi and his family are afraid that their guests are never going to go home. But what can they do?

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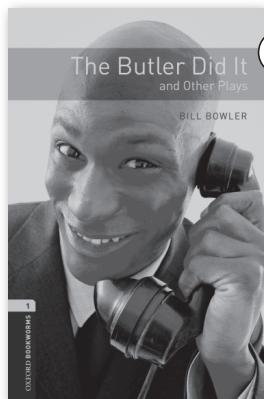
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## LESSON THEMES

Stage 1 syllabus A1-A2 Average word count 5,200 400 Headwords Grammar: past simple, coordination with *and/but/or*, subordination with *before, after, when, because, so* ...

Stage 2 syllabus A2-B1 Average word count 6,500 700 Headwords Grammar: present perfect, *will* (future), (don't) have to/must not/could, comparison of adjectives, simple 'if' clauses, past continuous, tag questions, ask/tell + infinitive ...

Lesson 16  
Countries  
Free time



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PLAYSCRIPTS

### The Butler Did It and Other Plays

Stage 1

Bill Bowler

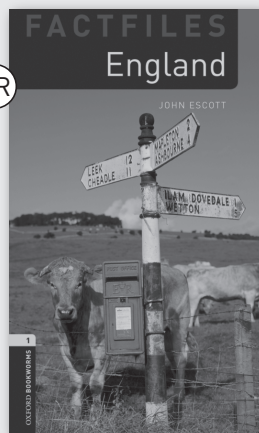
Retold by Clare West

How do you get a licence if you want to keep a monkey? What can you do if your wife has a lover? How can you see into the future? Where can you go for an exciting but cheap holiday somewhere hot and far away? How can you persuade your girlfriend or boyfriend to marry you?

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FACTFILES

### England

Stage 1

John Escott

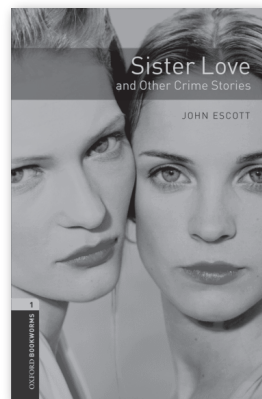
A thorough look at England, a country full of interesting places to visit and things to do. There are big noisy cities with shops and theatres and quiet little villages. You can have an English afternoon tea, walk along white beaches, or visit a country house. England has something for everybody – what has it got for you?

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Lesson 32  
Family  
Places in town



CRIME AND MYSTERY

### Sister Love and Other Crime Stories

Stage 1

John Escott

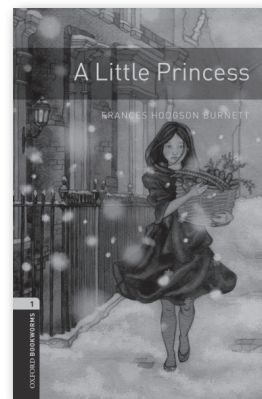
Sometimes there is more hate in a family than there is love ... They say that everybody has one crime in them. Perhaps they only take an umbrella that does not belong to them. Perhaps they steal from a shop. Perhaps they get angry and hit someone. Perhaps they kill ...

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Lesson 48  
Entertainment  
School days



TRUE STORIES

### A Little Princess

Stage 1

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

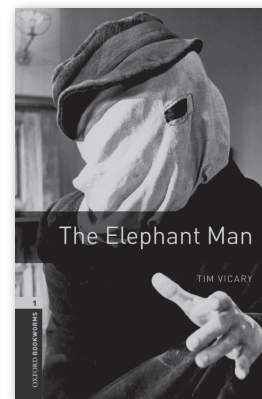
Sara Crewe is a very rich little girl. She first comes to England when she is seven, and her father takes her to Miss Minchin's school in London. Then he goes back to his work in India. Sara is very sad at first, but she soon makes friends at school. But on her eleventh birthday, something terrible happens, and now Sara has no family, no home, and not a penny in the world ...

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Lesson 64  
Travelling  
Appearance



TRUE STORIES

### The Elephant Man

Stage 1

Tim Vicary

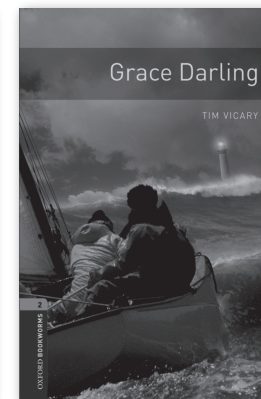
He is not beautiful. His mother does not want him, children run away from him. People laugh at him, and call him 'The Elephant Man'. Then someone speaks to him and listens to him! At the age of 27, Joseph Merrick finds a friend for the first time in his life. This is a true and tragic story. It is also a famous film.

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Lesson 80  
The weather  
Experiences



TRUE STORIES

### Grace Darling

Stage 2

Tim Vicary

All they could hear was the wind, and the waves crashing on to the rocks. All they could see was the night. They could not see the ship, broken in two. And they could not hear the cries for help only the wind. How could they save the people on the rock? This is the true story of Grace Darling – a girl who became a famous heroine on that stormy night.

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FACTFILES

### Rainforests

Stage 2

Rowena Akinymemi

To some people the rainforests mean beautiful places that you can visit; to others they mean trees that they can cut down and sell. Between 1950 and 2000 half of the world's rainforests disappeared. While you read these words, people are cutting down rainforest trees. What are these wonderful places that we call rainforests and is it too late to save them?

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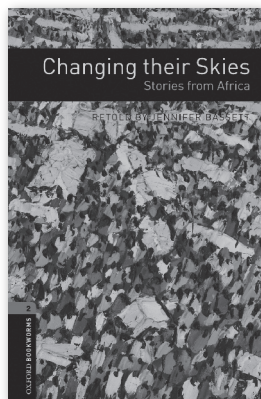
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Lesson 16  
Lifestyle  
Work



WORLD STORIES

### Changing their Skies: Stories from Africa

Stage 2

Retold by Jennifer Bassett

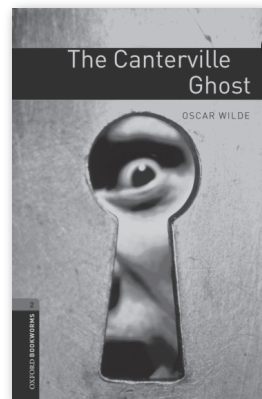
'Then a letter came for Aloo from a famous college in America. They offered him a place ... a place with a scholarship. Aloo could not believe it at first. He read the letter again and again'. Aloo is very happy, but soon he finds that it is not so easy. He will need money to live on, money for his plane ticket... and then there is Mother ... The stories in this volume come from Malawi, South Africa and Tanzania.

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Lesson 32  
Around the world  
People



FANTASY AND HORROR

### The Canterville Ghost

Stage 2

Oscar Wilde

Retold by John Escott

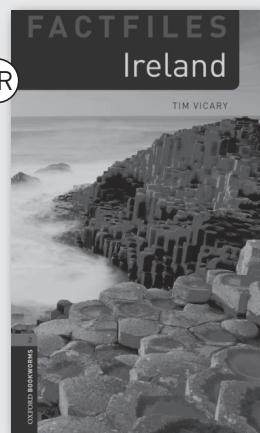
There has been a ghost in the house for three hundred years, and Lord Canterville's family have had enough of it. So Lord Canterville sells his grand old house to an American family. Mr Hiram B. Otis is happy to buy the house and the ghost because of course Americans don't believe in ghosts. The Canterville ghost has great plans to frighten the life out of the Otis family. But Americans don't frighten easily especially not two noisy little boys ...

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FACTFILES

### Ireland

Stage 2

Tim Vicary

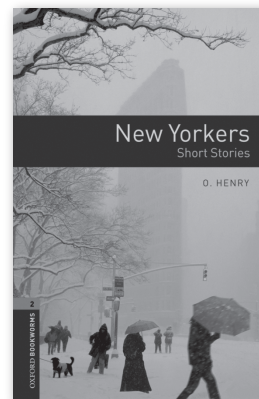
There are many different Irelands. There is the Ireland of peaceful rivers, green fields and beautiful islands. There is the Ireland of song and dance, pubs and theatres – the country of James Joyce, Bob Geldof, and Riverdance. And there is the Ireland of guns, fighting, death and the hope of peace. Come with us and visit all these Irelands, and many more ...

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Lesson 48  
The media  
Shopping



HUMAN INTEREST

### New Yorkers – Short Stories

Stage 2

O. Henry

Retold by Diane Mowat

A housewife, a tramp, a lawyer, a waitress, an actress – ordinary people living ordinary lives in New York at the beginning of this century. The city has changed greatly since that time, but its people are much the same: some are rich, some are poor, some are happy, some are sad, some have found love, some are looking for love. O. Henry's famous short stories – sensitive, funny, sympathetic – give us vivid pictures of everyday lives in New York.

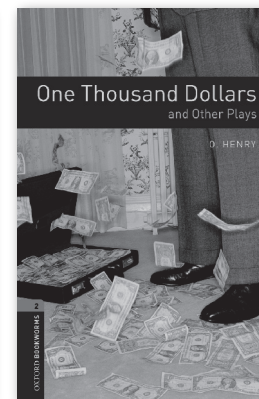
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Lesson 64  
Money  
Working life



PLAYSCRIPTS

### One Thousand Dollars and Other Plays

Stage 2

O. Henry

Retold by John Escott

Money or love? Which is more important in life? Can money buy anything? Can it help a young man to marry the girl he loves? Does money really make people happy, or does it just cause problems? These four plays about money, love and life are adapted from short stories written a hundred years ago by the great American storyteller O. Henry.

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OR



FACTFILES

### Seasons and Celebrations

Stage 2

Jackie Maguire

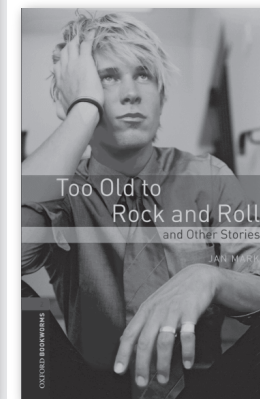
In English-speaking countries around the world people celebrate Easter, Valentine's Day, Christmas and other special days. What happens on these special days? Why is there a special day for eating pancakes? Who is the 'guy' that children take onto the streets in November? And were do many people like to spend the shortest night of the year in England? Come on a journey through a year of celebrations, from New Year's Eve to Christmas.

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Lesson 80  
Friendship  
Feelings



HUMAN INTEREST

### Too Old to Rock and Roll and Other Stories

Stage 2

Jan Mark

Retold by Diane Mowat

Greg is a teenager with a problem: his father. After the death of Greg's mother in an accident, his father takes no interest in life at all. Greg tries hard to help him. His father is too old to rock and roll, of course ... or is he? These short stories by Jan Mark look at life, love, and friendship through teenagers' eyes.

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