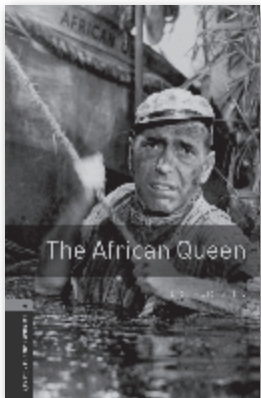


**The African Queen (1951)**  
Humphrey Bogart – Charlie Allnut  
Katharine Hepburn – Rose Sayer



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## The African Queen

**Stage 4**  
C. S. Forester  
Retold by Clare West

*The African Queen* is an old, dirty, ugly, unreliable steamboat. No one would expect a missionary's sister and a rough, uneducated mechanic to take a boat like that down a dangerous river through the forests of Central Africa. But Rose Sayer and Charlie Allnut do just that. She and Charlie set off down the river and come close to death many times, but they survive all dangers – except the danger of falling in love ...

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**The Big Sleep (1978)**  
Robert Mitchum – Philip Marlowe  
Sarah Miles – Charlotte Sternwood



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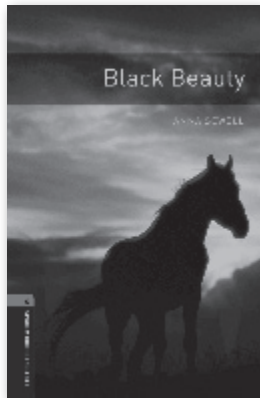
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Raymond Chandler  
Retold by Rosalie Keer

General Sternwood has four million dollars, and two young daughters, both pretty and both wild. He's an old, sick man, close to death, but he doesn't like being blackmailed. So he asks private detective Philip Marlowe to get the blackmailer off his back. Marlowe knows the dark side of life in Los Angeles well, and nothing much surprises him. But the Sternwood girls are a lot wilder than their old father realizes ...

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Sean Bean – Farmer Grey  
David Thewlis – Jerry Barker



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## Black Beauty

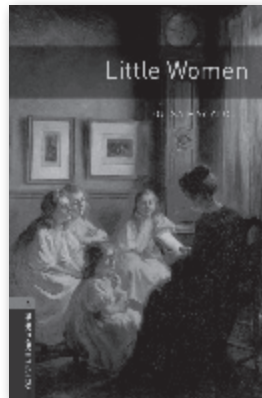
**Stage 4**  
Anna Sewell  
Retold by Rosalie Keer

When *Black Beauty* is trained to carry a rider on his back he finds it hard at first. But he is lucky his first home is a good one, where his owners are kind people, who would never be cruel to a horse. But in the nineteenth century many people were cruel to their horses, using them like machines until they dropped dead. *Black Beauty* soon finds this out and, as he describes his life, he has many terrible stories to tell.

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**Little Women (1994)**  
Winona Ryder – Jo March  
Gabriel Byrne – Friedrich Bhaer  
Trini Alvarado – Meg March



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## Little Women

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Louisa May Alcott  
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When Christmas comes for the four March girls, there is no money for expensive presents and they give away their Christmas breakfast to a poor family. But there are no happier girls in America than Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy. They miss their father, of course, who is away at the Civil War, but they try hard to be good so that he will be proud of his 'little women' when he comes home. This heart-warming story of family life has been popular for more than a hundred years.

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James Mason – Gentleman Brown



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## Lord Jim

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Joseph Conrad  
Retold by Clare West

A hundred years ago a seaman's life was full of danger, but Jim, the first mate on board the *Patna*, is not afraid of danger. He dreams of great adventures – and the chance to show the world what a hero he is. But the sea is no place for dreamers. When the chance comes, on a calm moonlit night in the Indian Ocean, Jim fails the test and disappears into the jungles of south-east Asia ...

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**The Scarlet Letter (1995)**  
Demi Moore – Hester Prynne  
Gary Oldman – Rev. Arthur Dimmesdale



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Retold by John Escott

*Scarlett* is the colour of sin, and the letter 'A' stands for 'Adultery'. In the 1600s, in Boston, Massachusetts, love was allowed only between husband and wife. A child born outside marriage was a child of sin. Hester Prynne must wear the scarlet letter on her dress for the rest of her life. How can she ever escape from this public shame? And what will happen to her sinful lover?

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**Treasure Island (1990)**  
Charlton Heston – Long John Silver  
Christian Bale – Jim Hawkins



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## Treasure Island

**Stage 4**  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Retold by John Escott

'Suddenly, there was a high voice screaming in the darkness: "Pieces of eight! Pieces of eight!" It was Long John Silver's parrot, Captain Flint! I turned to run ...' But young Jim Hawkins does not escape from the pirates this time. Will he and his friends find the treasure before the pirates do? Will they escape from the island, and sail back to England with a ship full of gold?

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