

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 ...

Units 1 – 2
Travel
Holidays



OR



HUMAN INTEREST

FACTFILES

Christmas in Prague

London

Stage 1
Joyce Hannam

Stage 1
John Escott

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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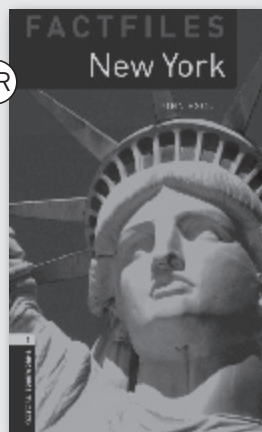
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Love or Money?

New York

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Rowena Akinyemi

Stage 1
John Escott

It is Molly Clarkson's fiftieth birthday. She is having a party. She is rich, but she is having a small party – only four people. Four people, however, who all need the same thing: they need her money. She will not give them the money, so they are waiting for her to die. And there are other people who are also waiting for her to die. But one person can't wait. And so, on her fiftieth birthday, Molly Clarkson is going to die.

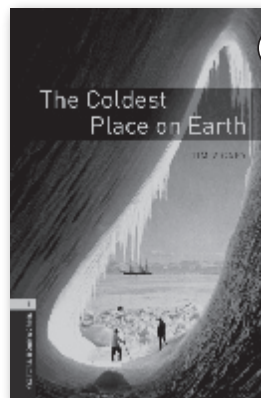
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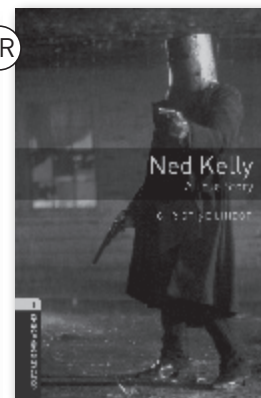
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Ned Kelly: A True Story

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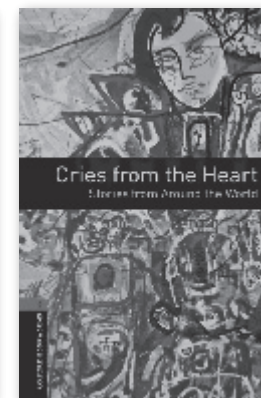
Antarctica is the coldest place on earth, and it is a long, hard journey over the ice to the South Pole. Some travellers never returned to their homes again. This is the story of Scott and Amundsen, and of one of the most famous and dangerous races in history.

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