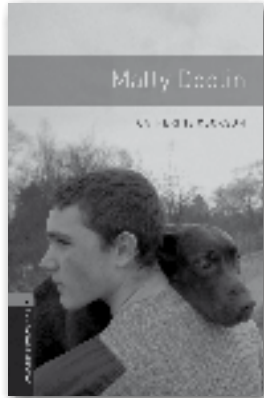


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Free time  
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**Matty Doolin**

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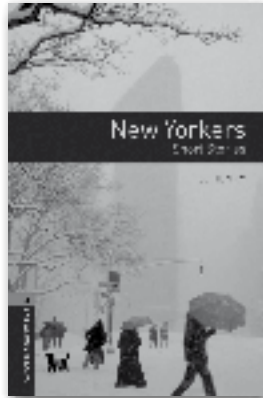
Catherine Cookson  
Retold by Diane Mowat

Matty is fifteen and is leaving school in a few weeks' time. He wants to work with animals, and would like to get a job on a farm. But his parents say he's too young to leave home: he must stay in the town and get a job in ship-building, like his father. And they say he can't keep his dog, Nelson, because Nelson barks all day and eats his father's shoes. But it is because of Nelson that Matty finds a new life...

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**After units 3 - 4**

Places in town



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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Places around the world



WORLD STORIES

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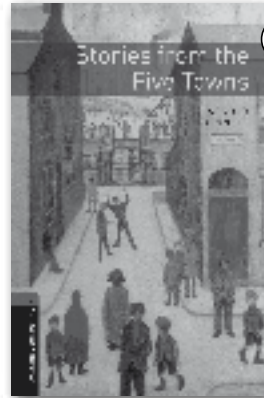
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Cultures and customs  
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**Stories from the Five Towns**

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Arnold Bennett  
Retold by Nick Bullard

Five Towns and the people who live there. They look and sound just like other people, and, like all of us, sometimes they do some very strange things. There's Sir Jee, who is a rich businessman. So why is he making a plan with a burglar? Then there is Toby Hall. Why does he decide to visit Number 11 Child Row, and who does he find there? And then there are the Hessian brothers and - and the little problem of twelve thousand pounds.

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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.

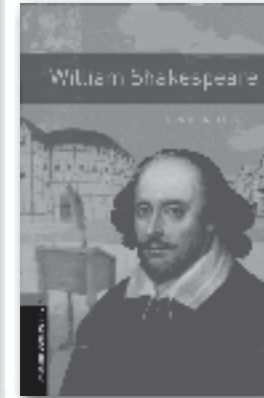
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Crime and criminals  
Famous writers



TRUE STORIES

**William Shakespeare**

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William Shakespeare.

Born April 1564, at Stratford-upon-Avon. Died April 1616. Married Anne Hathaway: two daughters, one son. Actor, poet, famous playwright. Wrote nearly forty plays. But what was he like as a man? We know the facts of his life, but we can only guess at his hopes, his fears, his dreams.

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THRILLER AND ADVENTURE

**Skyjack**

**Stage 3**

Tim Vicary

When a large plane is hijacked, the Prime Minister looks at the list of passengers and suddenly becomes very, very frightened. There is a name on the list that the Prime Minister knows very well – too well. There is someone on that plane who will soon be dead if the hijackers can find out who he is! And there isn't much time. In a few minutes the hijackers will use their guns and the Prime Minister knows who they are going to kill.

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**Stage 3 syllabus** B1 Average word count 10,000 Grammar: should, may, present perfect continuous, used to, past perfect, causative, relative clauses, indirect statements ...