



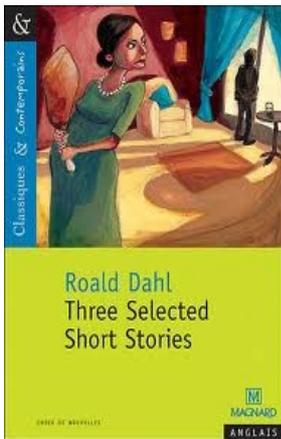
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THREE SELECTED STORIES

a short review by Sophia NADOR



LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER

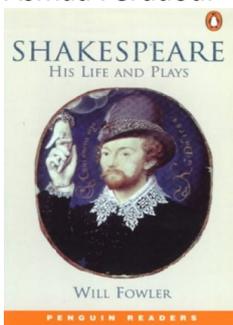
It's the story of a man who is going to leave his wife, she is in love with him, but he is in love with another woman. The wife, Mary, is crazy, she loves him, she's expecting a baby and he wants to leave her. Mary is very bizarre and to keep her husband, she hits him at the back of his head, he falls. She has killed him.

I think it's a tragic story of a wife who is mad and a husband who married a wife without love. I've seen the movie made by ALFRED HITCHCOCK and I prefer the movie because we can see more things as when she goes to the garage et cetera.[.....]

(Read more about [The Landlady](#) or [William and Mary](#) by Roald Dahl in our *Livre d'Or* at the library)

Asmaa Ferdaoui

[Shakespeare: His life and plays](#)



This book which I read is about William Shakespeare's life. The title of this book is *Shakespeare: His life and plays*. The author is Will Fowler. He wrote twelve chapters. It is a kind of biography.

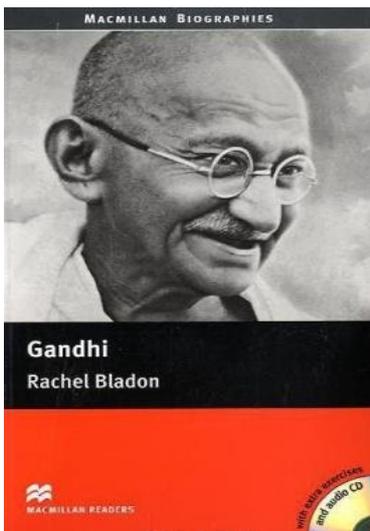
First, the author gives us a lot of information about Shakespeare. He was the greatest writer in the English language. His parents were Mary Arden and John Shakespeare who was a businessman. William had three younger brothers and a sister and he became a good businessman. He was clever and had not been to university like most writers. This writer could read Latin and could also read French and Italian. He was born on 22 April 1564.

Chapter 1 is about his family. Then, the author talks about Shakespeare's wife (Anne) and children...

[Read the end of the summary in the Golden book at the library, 1st floor]

I liked this book because I learnt different things about Shakespeare that I did not know before. I chose this book to know more things about him. Actually, I did not know many things about the latter but when I read this book it was as if I knew this man.

Aurelie Lanoir 2nde 5 presents **Gandhi** by Rachel Bladon



Gandhi, or Mahatma Gandhi, like Martin Luther King, Malcolm X or Nelson Mandela for example, was a great man, who fought during all his life, for the independence of Indians. He is considered the father of the Indian independence movement.

He spent 20 years in South Africa working to fight discrimination.

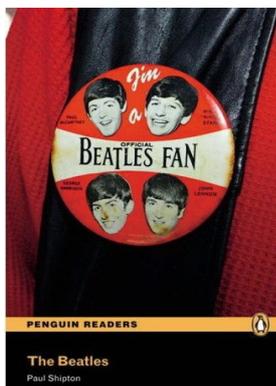
He is famous everywhere in the world. Everybody knows his name. He was an Indian and a world leader.

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In my opinion, this book is really interesting because it talks about the life of a great man. I have enjoyed reading this book, it is very clear and easy to read.

Bernays Steven 2^o4



THE BEATLES

Beginning of the summary of the book :

This book deals with the famous group, The Beatles . This group is composed of four boys from Liverpool who are Richard Starkey (Ringo Starr), George Harrison, Paul McCartney and John Lennon.

At the beginning, Paul met John in a concert. John sang and after the concert, Paul played a song for John. After that , years later, Lennon and McCartney were together. They wrote song after song and one day, Paul told John about his friend George who joined the group. But John wasn't sure because Harrison was only fifteen, so he decided to hear him and George was accepted.

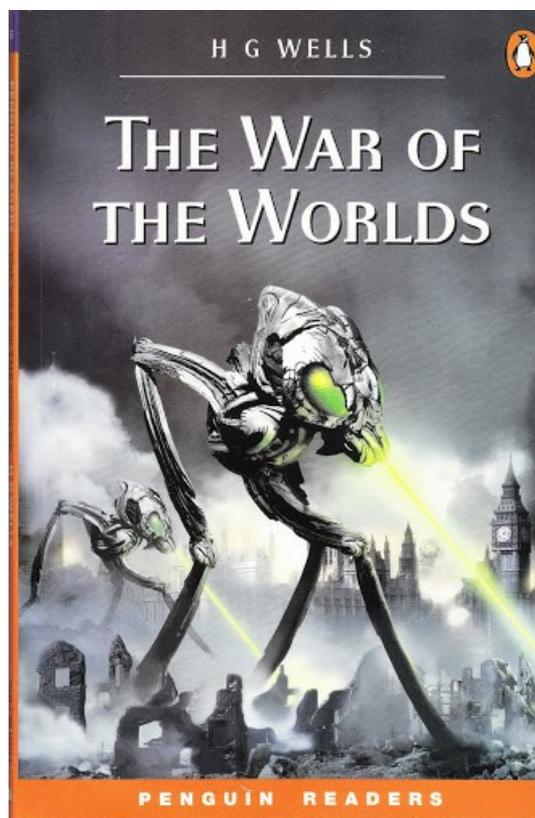
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DIAGANA Khady

The War of the Worlds



"The War of the Worlds" is a science-fiction novel written by H.G. Wells. The story of the novel takes place in the south of England. Indeed, a spaceship falls from the sky and lands in London. An astronomer called Ogilvy has become interested in this story like all Britain. So, journalists begin to write newspaper articles. Ogilvy finds the big meteorite (which is a spaceship actually) and thinks that there are humans inside so he goes and tells the journalist Henderson who didn't trust him at first.

I think that this book was very interesting even if the beginning was a little boring because we didn't know at first what the "monsters" were going to do and when they would come out of the spaceship.

This book shows the different sides of the war ,mostly that there are a lot of people who die and also that cities are deserted.

TCHIBOZO YOLEN

It's the story of a teenager who's named Holden Caulfield. In the book he tells what happened in his life when he was 16.

Some days before Christmas, Holden learnt that he's expelled from Pencey Prep (a school in Pennsylvania) because Holden wasn't good at school.

On Sunday afternoon he said good-bye to his friends and to his history teacher who gave him some advice.

He goes back to his dorm with Stradlater with whom he shares his room. Stradlater was back from the match, he was preparing for an appointment.

Holden became jealous because Stradlater had an appointment with Jane Gallagher.

After the appointment Holden and Stradlater had a fight because of Jane, so Holden decided to run away.

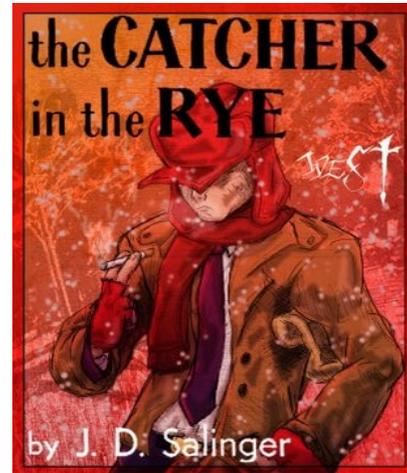
[...] **Read more in our Golden Book at the library.**

My opinion about this book is that I am a little bit disappointed because I expected a less sad and more fantastic book.

However there are things that I liked because the main character is a teenager and he lived worrying times and a lot of adventures.

It was an interesting book !

the **CATCHER** in the **Rye** by JD Salinger

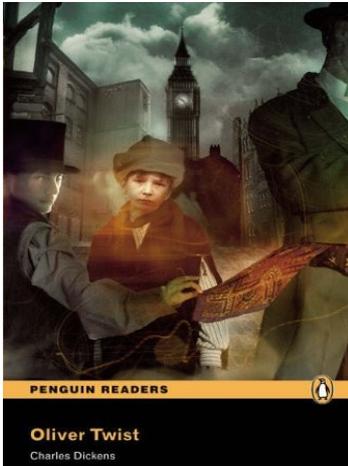


Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Jane is a young girl who lives at her aunt's with her three cousins because of her parents' death. There, she isn't happy because her cousins aren't kind and she's afraid of them. One day she got a fight with one of her cousins John. Her aunt heard the noise and came into the room. She shouted at Jane and punished her in a cold and black room alone. Jane cried so hard and then everything went black. Her aunt decided to send her to school. Jane thought that perhaps she'd be happy there and would have some friends but unfortunately it wasn't that good.....

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OLIVER TWIST



Oliver Twist is a book written by Charles Dickens, a famous English novelist.

It's the story of an orphan, called Oliver Twist. His mom died when she gave birth in a hospital. He is raised in a workhouse, where he is badly fed, beaten and exploited.

One day The Sowerberrys want to take him to their house, because they want him to work for them. Poor Oliver had a lot of hope, but actually it was the worst thing that ever happened to him.

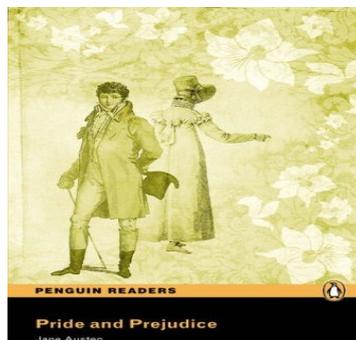
After another fight with the family he runs away. His goal is London. [...]

I think that Oliver Twist is a great book. I like it because it was quite easy to read which is always a good point. Furthermore the story is interesting because while I was reading it I was curious about what was going to happen and I was into the story, which is important if you want to understand it well and appreciate it.

It is also a book that I enjoy reading because it gets you into a lot of different kinds of emotions like sadness, happiness And I also like it because the story ends well.

Mila Lazreg

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen



England, 19th century

The beautiful Jane and the clever Elizabeth are the elders of five sisters, old enough to look for a husband. When the nice and rich Mr Bingley settles in Netherfield, next to their village called Longbourn, everybody discovers quickly that he is attracted by

Jane... His friend lives with him. He is richer than Bingley, but he is proud, very proud. He is called Fitzwilliam Darcy. Nobody likes him, Elizabeth less than anyone else. But, very quickly, the handsome Darcy understands he loves Elizabeth... What or who shall he listen to? His heart or his family? [...]

As far as I am concerned, this book is incredible. I can read it twice, three, four times, Jane Austen's humour is always powerful. It is a very pleasant story. The characters are all different, but all interesting. Mr Collin's stupidity, Bingley's naivety, Darcy's pride, Lizzie's sagacity... They are all so engaging!

Moreover, I love Jane Austen's style. She doesn't write everything, the reader must guess. And if you understand well, you laugh a lot! Actually, Jane Austen criticises her society a lot. But her books are very realistic. It was a completely different world!

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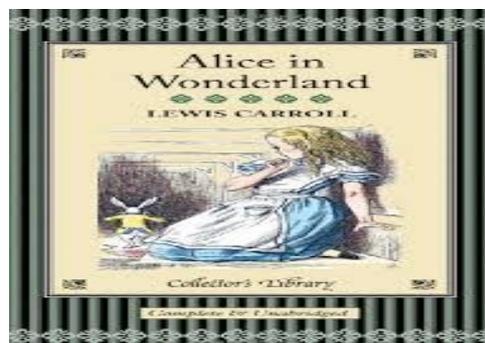
Alice in Wonderland

a short review by Maeva Fleury

The novel Alice in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll, is the story of a young girl, who discovers a fantastic country, while she was running after a speaking rabbit. In this place, she meets a lot of strange characters, like the Cheshire Cat, with its big smile, the angry Queen of Hearts, and her husband, the shy King. She meets the Mad Hatter too, a crazy poet, the White Rabbit, always late, and a lot of others...

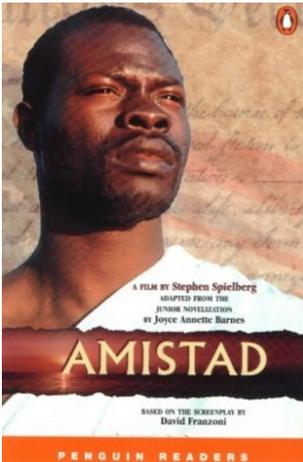
As far as I'm concerned, this story is incredible! This is magic, poetic, strange... I particularly liked the poems. They're very hard to understand, but very funny and crazy. Each character is important in Wonderland, but I think my favourite is Cheshire Cat because it's cute and frightening. It can disappear!

I really liked the illustrations of Sir John Tenniel too. I think he completely understood Lewis Carroll's vision of Wonderland. Drawings are very expressive and funny. To conclude this text, I would say that Lewis Carroll was a genius and that I will soon read his other works.



Amistad

a short review by Clarisse Velin Cassim



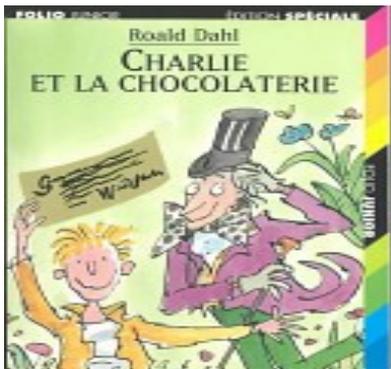
“ Amistad “ is the name of a Spanish ship carrying slaves. At the beginning of the story, the “ slaves “ fight for freedom and take the control of the boat. They kill the sailors but keep in life Ruiz and Montes, the men who bought them in Cuba to help them to return to Africa.

After some time at sea, Cinque, a slave (the main character), doubts about the direction they are taking. They reach an island but they are joined by U.S ship. The vessel arrives at the port of Connecticut. Guards in different prisons separate men and women.

Newspapers across the country headlined “ MURDER AT SEA “ but Joadson, a free black man, decides to tell another version of the story with his friend Tappan who has a newspaper. The new big title is “ FIGHT FOR FREE AT SEA “.[...]

In my opinion this is a beautiful story about slavery, law and the love of freedom. The fight is the same as Nelson Mandela's. I like the reference to Lincoln, Franklin.

But this book is based on the screenplay of the film by Steven Spielberg and I ask myself if it is not better to see the movie.



Charlie and the chocolate factory

It is the story of a kind boy, Charlie Bucket. He lives in poverty with his family (his parents and grandparents).

They all live with his father's income, employed at a toothpaste factory. Charlie is fascinated by a chocolate factory located in his hometown owned by famous Willy Wonka.

His grandpa narrates stories to him about the mysterious owner of the chocolate factory.

After, Charlie saw an article in the newspaper which reveals that Willy Wonka has hidden a Golden ticket in five chocolate bars being distributed in the world and that the discovery of a golden ticket would grant the owner with passage into Willy Wonka's

factory and confectionery.

I liked the book, because it is the poor character who won at the end of the story. So, nothing is ever impossible.

The story was funny, I loved this book!

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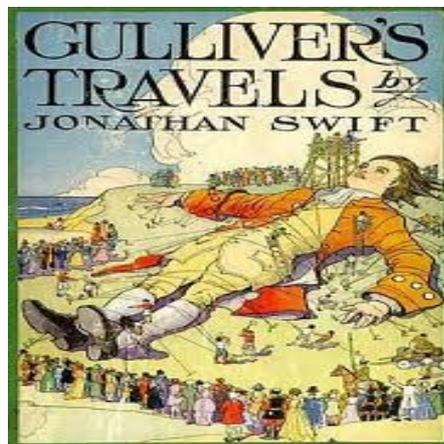
Gulliver's travels

Gulliver's travels is a novel by Irish writer and clergyman Jonathan Swift. It was published in 1726.

This book is divided into four parts, representing Gulliver's travels and the world that led him to meet a lot of different civilizations.

The first part is the trip to Lilliput, the second part takes place in Brodningnag, the third part is the journey to Laputa, Balnibarbi, Glubbdundrib, Luggnagg and Japan and the last part is the journey to Houyhnhnms. But behind the description of these civilizations lies a political satire on English society in the eighteenth century. So Gulliver travels across the sea from England and has an accident. He arrives in a country of very small people: it is the island of Lilliputians; he is a giant in a world of dwarves. Then, Gulliver finds himself in Brodningnag; a nation of giants where he himself is a dwarf.

I chose this book because I had seen the film being small and having enjoyed it, I wanted to see what was in the book. Then, the title seemed very interesting to me because I love traveling and I love enriching myself. I enjoyed reading this novel because it is amazing how we fit into the story, we really believe that we are with Gulliver and all the people he meets. This is very exciting! I also love when Gulliver describes in detail all the surrounding environment, this is crazy as we believe it! My favorite part of the story is the trip to Lilliput with tiny characters trying to fight with Gulliver.

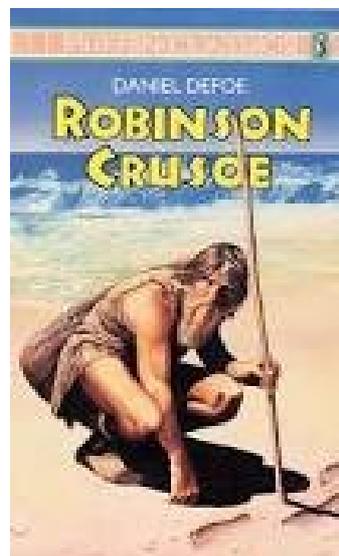


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ROBINSON CRUSOE

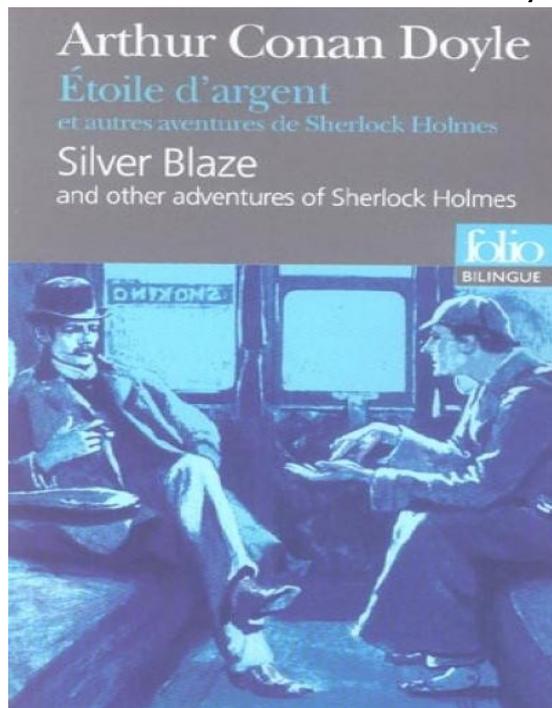
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe tells the story of a young man named Robinson Crusoe. He was born in the year 1632, in the city of York. At a very early age he wanted to go to sea. During his first voyage, the ship is lost in a violent storm. During a second trip to the coast of Africa, he is captured and enslaved. Meanwhile, he becomes friend with Xury, they flee together. Robinson and Xury are collected by a Portuguese ship, in Brazil, Robinson becomes a planter. On a trip to Africa, the ship wrecks and runs aground on the sand. He recovers tools, a dog and two cats. He calls the island « Island of Despair » . [...]

I like this book because the main character of the story who is Robinson is endearing because he is the narrator and we live an extraordinary story, the story of a young man who is lost on a desert island, who wants to go home, and does everything to survive ! Moreover there is a beautiful complicity between Robinson and Friday.



Dinally Borges Monteiro about SHERLOCK HOLMES

The story deals with a murder which takes place in the moors, in the United Kingdom. The main characters are Sherlock Holmes, doctor Watson, the sheriff of the land and the victim's wife. One day, at night, a journalist came and wanted to steal a horse. The name of this horse was Silver Blaze and it was the best horse in all the country. He wanted to steal him because Silver Blaze won all the horse-races and the bookmakers won a lot thanks to him. Everybody thought that he must



have killed the owner and hidden the horse, but Sherlock Holmes found the real murderer and it was the owner. He wanted to cheat to win a lot of money.

In my opinion, the story was good. There is a lot of suspense and with Sherlock Holmes, you can think according to your point of view. This story teaches us that cheating is a bad thing and that later you will be discovered. It is a thrilling and interesting story which takes you in the English moors.