

# Recommended Books for B11

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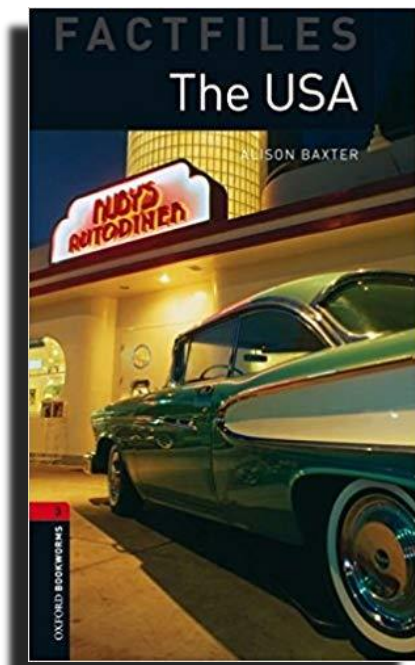


# The USA

by Alison Baxter

Oxford Bookworms Library Factfiles (level 3)

Genre: Nonfiction



What does America mean to you? Skyscrapers, President Kennedy, fast food, big cars, cowboys and Indians? But what about the mountains, the deserts and the vast lakes? And what exactly is an American?

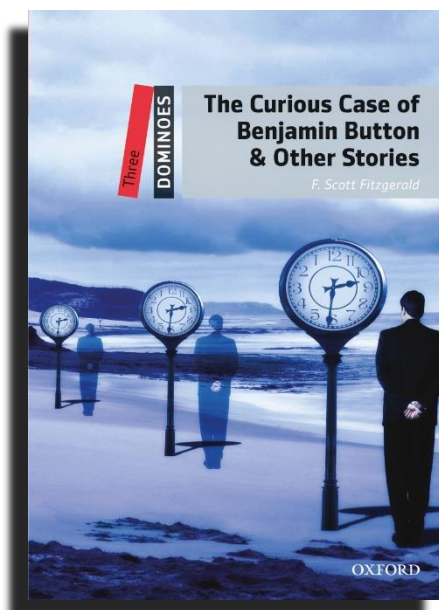
From the time before Columbus up to the present day, this book looks at the history of the USA and the many different people who live there.

# The Curious Case of Benjamin Button & Other Stories

by Francis Scott Fitzgerald

OUP Dominoes 3

Genre: Fiction, Short stories



What happens when a man lives his life backwards, or a family owns a diamond as big as the Ritz Hotel?

How can a boring girl become more popular, a careless young woman become more sensible, or a cut-glass bowl destroy a married woman's life?

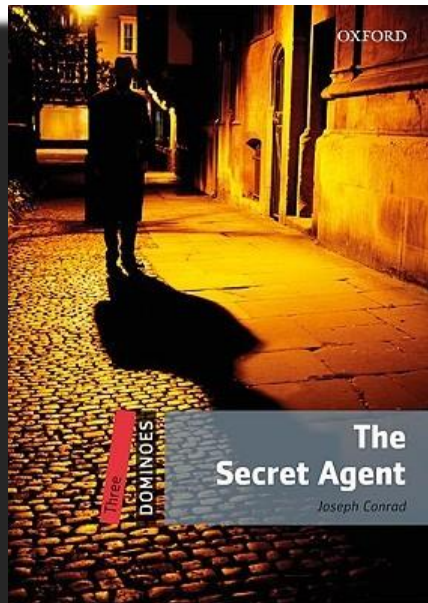
What does a young man do to save the girl that he likes from an evil ghost, or to forget old feelings for a woman when she marries another man?

# The Secret Agent

by J. Conrad

Dominoes Three, OUP

Genre: Classics



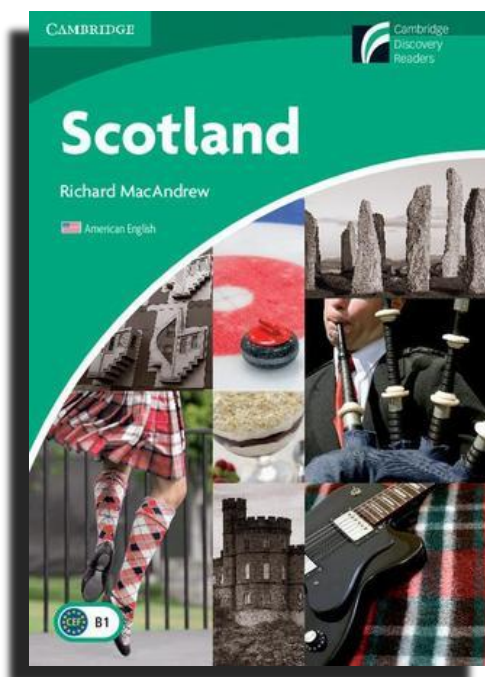
Adolf Verloc is a double agent, working for both the British police and a foreign country. He pretends to live a normal life, with his wife, Winnie, and has a shop in London, which, at night, becomes a meeting place for anarchists. One day Verloc is told to plant a bomb - but the plan goes terribly wrong. Does Verloc really love Winnie, or is she just part of his cover? Can Winnie ever forgive him? Who is Verloc really working for?

# Scotland

by R. MacAndrew

Cambridge University Press (level 3)

Genre: Culture, History & Society



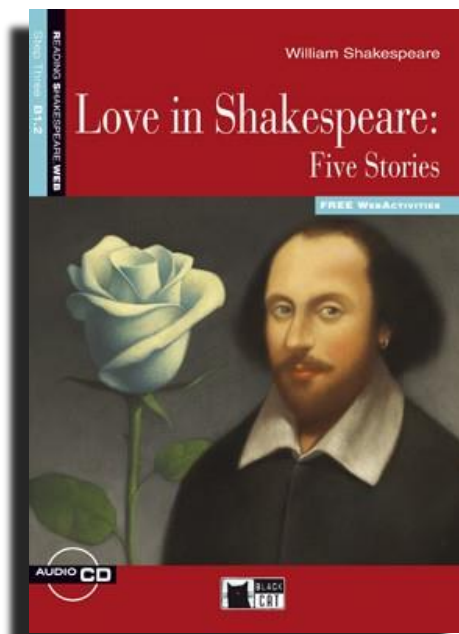
From the Highlands to its islands, from terrifying tales of history to its modern cities such as Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland has a fascinating story to tell. Explore the country through its fantastic festivals, innovative inventions, and much more.

# Love in Shakespeare: Five Stories

by William Shakespeare

Black Cat

Genre: Classics



## Love

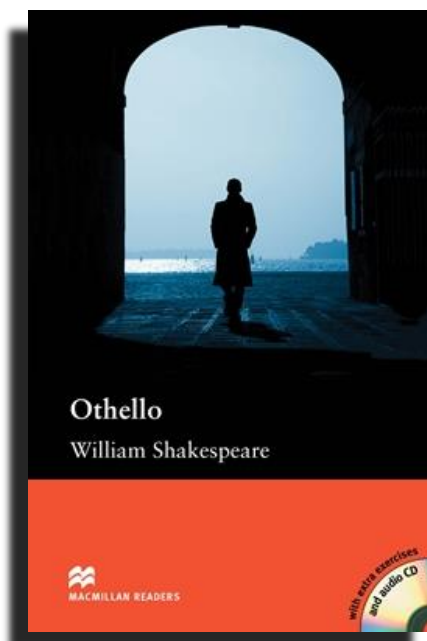
In *The Taming of the Shrew*, Katharina learns to love Petruchio only after she has learnt to be an obedient wife. Romeo and Juliet's love is destined to end in tragedy. In *Twelfth Night*, love is romantic but also painful, while in *Othello* love turns into jealousy. And in the final story, Antony and Cleopatra's passionate love has tragic consequences.

# Othello

by William Shakespeare

MacMillan

Genre: Classics



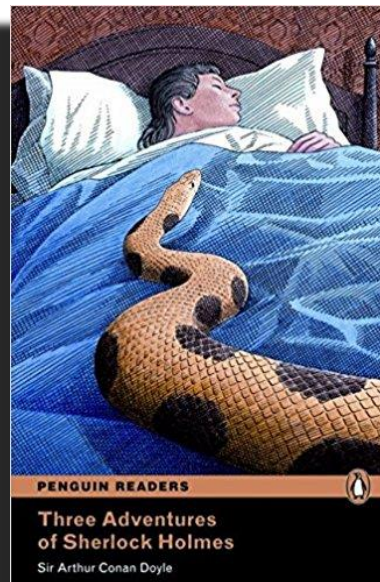
Othello is one of William Shakespeare's most famous tragic plays, and has been adapted for Intermediate level readers. The story is about Othello, the Moorish general of Venice, and what happens when he marries the beautiful daughter of a rich and powerful Venetian.

# Three Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Penguin Active Reading Level 4

Genre: Classics / Mystery



Sherlock Holmes is a great detective. There are few cases that he cannot solve. In these three stories we meet a young woman who is terrified of a mysterious speckled band, a family who think that five orange pips are a sign of death, and a banker who believes that his son is a thief. But are things really as they seem?

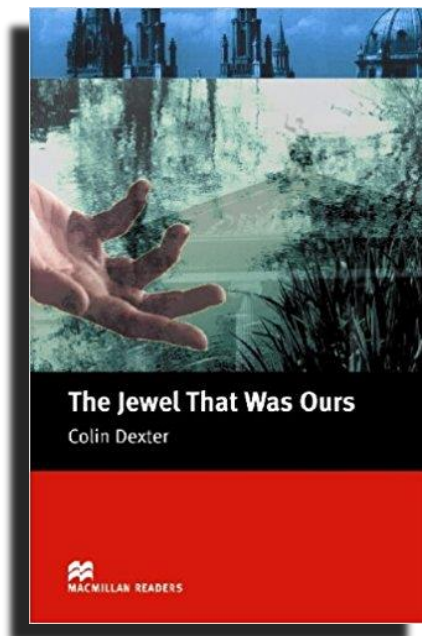


# The Jewel That Was Ours

by Colin Dexter

Macmillan Readers, Intermediate

Genre: Mystery



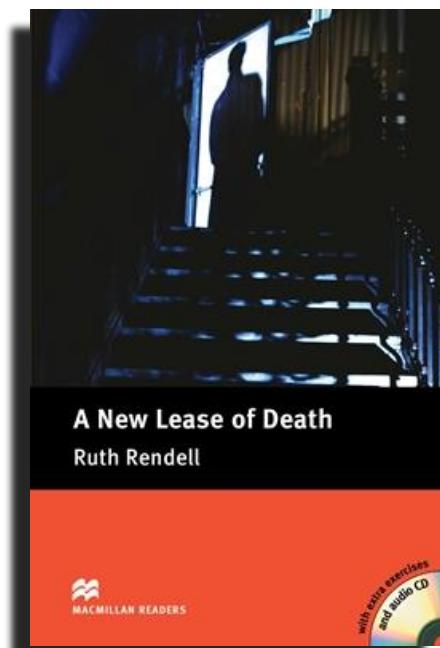
For Oxford, the arrival of twenty-seven American tourists is nothing out of the ordinary . . . until one of their number is found dead in Room 310 at the Randolph Hotel. It looks like a sudden - and tragic - accident. Only Chief Inspector Morse appears not to overlook the simultaneous theft of a jewel-encrusted antique from the victim's handbag . . . Then, two days later, a naked and battered corpse is dragged from the River Cherwell. A coincidence? Maybe. But this time Morse is determined to prove the link.

# A New Lease of Death

by Ruth Rendell

Macmillan Readers, Pre-intermediate

Genre: Mystery



'It was the first murder case I ever investigated on my own.' Wexford said angrily. 'There's no mystery. Herbert Arthur Painter killed his ninety-year-old employer by hitting her over the head with an axe. He did it for two hundred pounds.'

Chief Inspector Wexford was sure that the murder of an old lady had been carried out by her employee, Herbert Painter, and the courts agreed with him. But then Henry Archery, whose son is engaged to marry Painter's daughter, starts questioning the case ...

# Shake Hands Forever

by Ruth Rendell

Macmillan Readers Pre-intermediate

Genre: Mystery



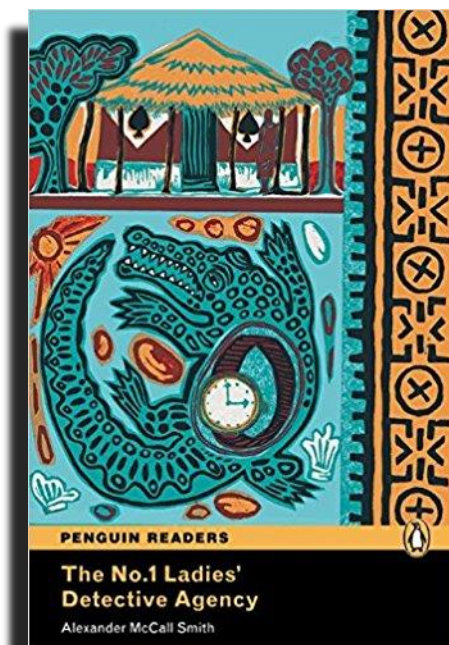
The murder of Angela Hathall was extremely well planned. The only clue left was a single fingerprint with an L-shaped scar. The detective in charge, Reg Wexford, suspects that Angela's husband Robert Hathall killed his wife. But one question troubles Wexford most of all. Who is the mysterious woman Wexford is sure Hathall is seeing? Does she have an L-shaped scar on her finger?

# The N<sup>o</sup> 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

by Alexander McCall-Smith

Penguin (Pre-Intermediate)

Genre: Mystery



Precious Ramotswe is a kind, warm-hearted and large African lady. She is also the only female private detective in Botswana. Her agency – the No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency – is the best in the country. With help of her secretary, Mma Makutsi, and her best friend, Mr JLB Matekoni, she solves a number of difficult problems. A missing husband, a missing finger and a missing child – she will solve these mysteries in her own special way.

# Cold Feet

by Rod Smith

Richmond Readers Pre-Intermediate

Genre: Mystery



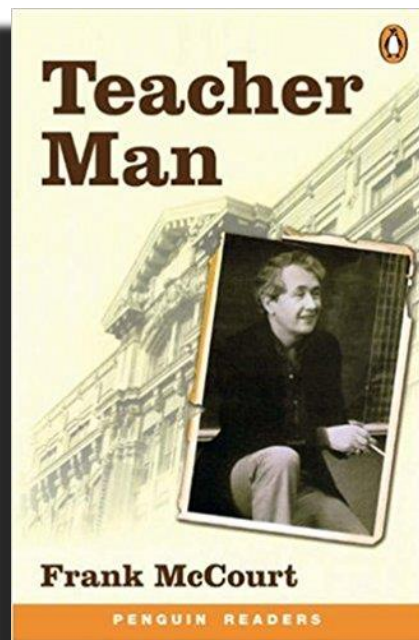
The city of Rosca is preparing for a presidential visit when the body of a young man is found near the American consulate. He is very well dressed, but there is something missing. Why isn't he wearing any shoes? It is Rymer's job to discover the man's identity. His investigation leads him to a theatre group with a very surprising final act.

# Teacher Man

by Frank McCourt

Penguin Readers (Intermediate)

Genre: Autobiography



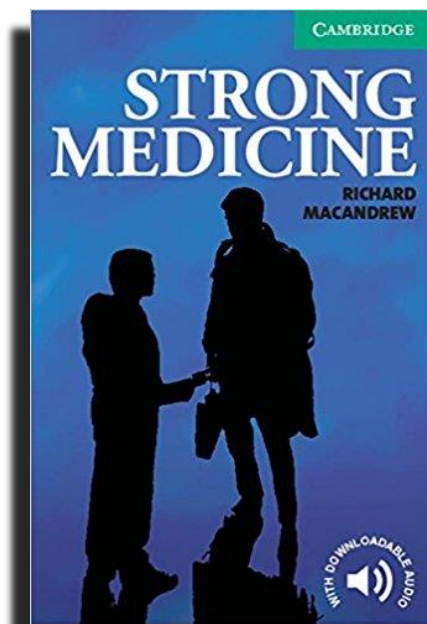
As a young man, Frank McCourt leaves Ireland and moves to New York. He works and studies hard, and soon becomes a teacher in a school where the students have no interest in learning. Many of them are impossible to teach, with terrible problems at home and school. McCourt is faced with students who nobody wants to teach. Some of his students think that he is a crazy, drunk, violent Irishman. A moving memoir written with wit and charm.

# Strong Medicine

by Richard MacAndrew

Cambridge Readers (Lower-Intermediate)

Genre: Mystery



Dr Mark Latto travels to California USA to learn about an alternative medical treatment from Deborah Spencer. But on arrival he finds that Deborah has died and the book she was writing about the treatment has vanished. The police don't suspect murder but Mark does.