Biography

The true story of someone's life.

One of Hollywood's most successful actors, Tom Cruise has starred in numerous films since his debut in Risky Business. Read about his life and career, his major film roles, his involvement with Scientology and his marriages.

Martin Luther King had a dream. He wanted blacks and whites to live together happily. But in America in the 1950s and 1960s, all men were not equal. King led peaceful protests against the government and won changes for the blacks of America. But has King's dream really come true today?

We all know Daniel Radcliffe's face from the Harry Potter films. But how did he get the job? Did he always want to be an actor? And what did he do before Harry Potter? This is the story of Daniel's young life.

Michael Jordan, the Chicago Bulls' number 23, is very famous. And he can fly! Maybe he is the best basketball player of all time. But where did he come from? How did he start in basketball? Read about his life and about his love of basketball.

Pele is the number one player in the story of soccer. He won the World Cup three times with Brazil and the fans loved him. Today, Pele is famous in every country of the world. In 1950, he was a young boy with no shoes. This is his story.

In the 1930s Grey Owl was the most famous North American Indian in the world. He wanted to save his land, its forests and animals. He wanted to change the world. He also had a very strange secret. This book tells his true story.

Short Stories

A collection of more than one story in a book.

When a fisherman opens an old jar, a giant comes out. When a donkey opens its mouth, gold falls out. There is magic in these five fairy tales. Good people are often very unhappy – but in the end they have happy lives.

These are the stories of some of Shakespeare's most famous plays. We travel to Venice, Greece, Denmark and Rome, and meet many different people. There is a greedy money-lender, a fairy king and queen, some Roman politicians and a young prince who meets the ghost of his murdered father.

O. Henry’s stories are very famous. He writes about New York, Texas, Oklahoma, ... Money and love are often problems. But how is a story going to finish? You never know. Readers always remember his stories.

Are you brave enough to read four of Poe’s famous horror stories? Edgar Allan Poe wrote strange stories about terrible people and evil crimes. Don’t read this book late at night!

In these six stories, strange and frightening things happen. Dead people return as ghosts. One ghost returns to catch a murderer; another ghost brings bad luck and death; and another gives warning of danger. You may or may not believe in ghosts, but we all enjoy a good story.

Non Fiction

Books about real events

Britain is a small country but it has a long history. Two thousand years ago it was part of the Roman Empire. In the 1930s the British Empire was the biggest empire in world history. Read about the different countries of the United Kingdom – and the great men and women who have shaped the British nation.

The Amazon Rain Forest is the largest rain forest in the world. It is 10,000,000 years old and many different kinds of plants and animals live here. The forest is important for the world's weather and wildlife, but it is disappearing fast. Read this book and learn about this wonderful forest. What will its future be?

Up in the air! Down on the ground! Under the water! Extreme sports are new, exciting, and dangerous! Learn about extreme sports from aerial ballet to zorbing. Read about the crazy people who love extreme sports. Are extreme sports for you?

Most people around the world today know something about American life. The United States is a big country. Not all Americans are the same! In this book you will see the many faces of American life.

Detective Stories

A story about a crime and the person who finds out who did it.

Katrina Kirby is a detective. People call her 'K'. There has been a murder in a big country house. 'K' knows that one of five people murdered Sir Michael Gray. Who did it? How? Why? This is a detective story with a difference: 'K' needs your help with her case.

Who killed Charles McCarthy at Boscombe Pool? And why? Detective Lestrade from Scotland Yard thinks it was McCarthy's son, James. Things do not look good for James. But the famous English detective, Sherlock Holmes, sees things differently. His friend, Dr Watson, joins him and tells the story.

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.

In 1891, the great detective, Sherlock Holmes, disappeared in Switzerland while working on a dangerous case. Everyone thought that he was dead. But three years later, he returned to England. Holmes and his friend, Dr Watson, had many more adventures together. Three of his most interesting cases are in this book.

Science Fiction

Stories about the future, based on science.

2001: A Space Odyssey – a great film and a famous novel.
An object is found on the Moon. Who made it? Men travel into space to find out – a billion kilometers to the rings of Saturn. Something is waiting for them…

Be careful when you throw the Jumanji dice! What will happen? Nobody knows, but it will be dangerous. Two children find the game and start to play. Jungle animals and a man with a gun come out of the board. How can they stop them? They must finish the game.

The Time Traveler has built a time machine and has gone into the future. He expects to find a better world with. Instead, he finds that people have become weak, child-like creatures. They seem happy, but why are they so frightened of the dark? And who has taken his time machine? Will he ever be able to return to ...

The War of the Worlds is one of the most frightening science fiction novels ever written. When a spaceship falls from the sky and lands in southern England, few people are worried. But when strange creatures climb out and start killing, nobody is safe.