

WELCOME TO THE OXFORD BOOKWORMS LIBRARY

Why a new edition of Bookworms?

Bookworms graded readers began in 1988, and with the publication of the new edition in 2008, the Oxford Bookworms Library celebrates its twentieth anniversary.

Why a new edition? The core of Bookworms is the fiction library, more than 190 stories, and good stories do not die. They do not change with pedagogical fashion. They keep their power to hold a reader's attention, to delight, to engage, to intrigue, to entertain. But the world of extensive reading has changed . . .

What's changed in Extensive Reading?

In the last ten years, interest in extensive reading (ER) as a pedagogical activity has increased greatly. More and more teachers and learners understand the valuable role that graded reading materials can play in language learning. Here are just a few signs of the new ER times:

- There are now websites and online discussion groups for extensive reading, with teachers all over the world sharing and exchanging ideas. Try searching online for "extensive reading" and see what comes up.
- There is the Extensive Reading Foundation <www.erfoundation.org>, 'a not-for-profit, charitable organization whose purpose is to support and promote extensive reading'.
- There are now awards for the best graded readers each year – the Language Learner Literature Awards given by the ERF. Since 2004, when the awards began, Bookworms have had 3 award winners and 10 finalists.

2004: The Phantom of the Opera
Sally's Phone
Cry Freedom

2005: The Withered Arm
Love among the Haystacks **WINNER**
The Accidental Tourist

2006: Ned Kelly: A True Story

2007: Rabbit-Proof Fence **WINNER**
The Age of Innocence **WINNER**
Barchester Towers

Who are the Bookworms Team?

Jennifer Bassett

Series Editor, Oxford Bookworms Library

Author of more than 20 original and retold stories and LLL Award finalist & winner

Clare West

Series Editor, Bookworms Playscripts

Author of more than 30 classic adaptations and LLL Award finalist & winner

Christine Lindop

Series Editor, Bookworms Factfiles

Author of original stories, adaptations, and Factfiles, and LLL Award finalist

Mark Furr

Editor, Bookworms Club

and expert on Reading Circles

What's new in Bookworms?

The new edition brings all the elements of Bookworms together in one home – the Fiction Library, Starters, Factfiles, and Playscripts.

- All the books have **new covers**.
- Many fiction titles have **new illustrations**.
- Factfiles have **new text and new photos**.
- Playscripts have **new activities**.
- The Fiction Library has **new World Stories**.
- There are **additional resource materials**.

There are over 200 books in the Library, with new titles being added every year, and more than 140 titles with audio recordings (with American titles in American English). There is a choice of nine genres and text types:



Classics



Crime & Mystery



Factfiles **NEW text & photos**



Fantasy & Horror



Human Interest



Playscripts **NEW activities**



Thriller & Adventure



True Stories



World Stories **NEW**

See the Library Chart on the next page . . .