

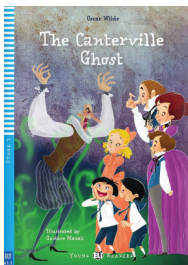


Language Learner Literature Awards Finalists 2013

Every year, the Extensive Reading Foundation recognizes the best new works of language learner literature in English. From books published in 2012, the ERF judges have selected fourteen titles of particular merit – the finalists. From these fourteen, the ERF will select one winner in each of five categories, taking into account the votes and comments of students and teachers of English worldwide.

All finalist books can be ordered online from the independent CIBC: www.eflbooks.co.uk/reader_finalists.php. If you or your students read any of the books and feel that they are worthy of the LLL Award, vote for them via the '2013 LLL Finalist Feedback' link on the ERF main page: www.erfoundation.org/erf/. Voting closes on June 30, 2013. The winning books will be announced in September 2013.

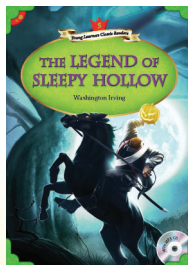
★★★★★ Young learners ★★★★★



The Canterville Ghost

By Oscar Wilde
Retold by Jane Cadwallader
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali
ELI Readers
ISBN: 978-88-536-0769-0

Judges' comment: Beautifully illustrated, fast-moving story of the Otis family and Sir Simon, the ghost. Do they just see past each other?



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

By Washington Irving
Retold by Casey Malarcher
Illustrated by Fabio Leone
Compass Publishing
ISBN: 978-1-59966-678-5

Judges' comment: Innovation and classic story-telling are mixed seamlessly in this story. The book includes wonderful illustrations and a playlet for a class performance.

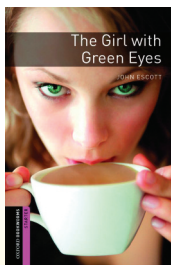


White Fang

By Jack London
Retold by Jane Cadwallader
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali
ELI Readers
ISBN: 978-88-536-0771-3

Judges' comment: Well-managed retelling of a classic story of love, respect, and loyalty between people and animals. We promise you'll keep turning the pages quickly.

★★★★★ Adolescent and Adult: Beginner ★★★★★



The Girl with Green Eyes

By John Escott
Illustrated by Dylan Gibson
Oxford Bookworms
ISBN: 978-0-19-479434-3

Judges' comment: Who is the girl with the green eyes? Why is she so interested in Greg? And is the man in the hotel really her stepfather? Find out when you read this story. Boy meets girl – with a difference!



The Little Match Girl

By Hans Christian Andersen
Retold by Bill Bowler
Illustrated by Monica Armino
Oxford Dominoes
ISBN: 978-0-19-424940-9

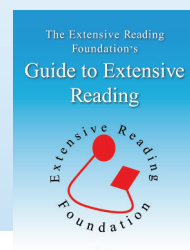
Judges' comment: The little match girl lives in a big city. Her family is very poor, and the little match girl is very cold, and very, very hungry. What will happen to her? This famous story is more than 100 years old. It is told here in simple words with beautiful pictures.



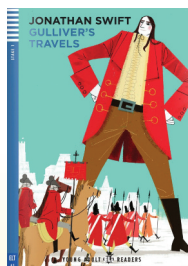
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www.erfoundation.org

You can also download a free Guide to Extensive Reading http://erfoundation.org/ERF_Guide.pdf



★★★★★ Adolescent and Adult: Elementary ★★★★★



Gulliver's Travels

By Jonathan Swift

Retold by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan

Illustrated by Simone Massoni

ELI Readers

ISBN: 978-88-536-0787-4

Judges' comment: An excellent retelling of this classic, with good clarity and language control. Including several of Gulliver's journeys, it goes much farther than some other 'simple' versions in familiarizing readers with the thrust of Swift's social commentary.



Les Misérables

By Victor Hugo

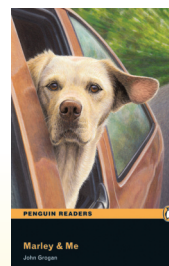
Retold by Jennifer Bassett

Illustrated by Giorgio Bacchin

Oxford Bookworms

ISBN: 978-0-19-479440-4

Judges' comment: Loosely based on Victor Hugo's novel, this well-written retelling is an excellent way to get to know this great story. We became involved in the story, caring about the characters, and the set-the-stage sections help the reader catch up on important events.



Marley & Me

By John Grogan

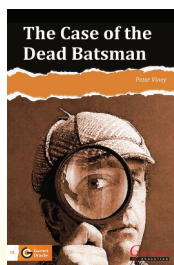
Retold by Anne Collins

Pearson Education/Penguin Readers

ISBN: 978-1-40-826376-1

Judges' comment: A simply told, true story about a dog by his owner brings the reader through years of shared experiences to gain a feeling for Marley, his family, and the bond that develops between them. Dog lovers, especially, will love this story and lose track of time as they read page after page.

★★★★★ Adolescent and Adult: Intermediate ★★★★★



The Case of the Dead Batsman

By Peter Viney

Illustrated by Kay Dixey

Garnet Oracle Readers

ISBN: 978-1-90757-521-1

Judges' comment: You may think, 'Oh, not another Sherlock story!'... But this is extremely well-written, with a masterly control of the language, an interesting plot, and good illustrations that help the reader. It is accessible, without patronizing the reader.



The Green Room

By Robert Campbell

Illustrated by Valentina Russello

Helbling Fiction

ISBN: 978-3-85272-327-3

Judges' comment: This is a sort of 'classical' story about adolescents' conflicts and the growing up process. What makes it different is the clever way in which the author interweaves the main plot with the plot of the play-within-the-story.



Owl Hall

By Robert Campbell, from an original idea by Robert Campbell & Lindsay Clandfield

Illustrated by Simon Williams

Macmillan Readers

ISBN: 978-0-230-42283-4

Judges' comment: This is a very well-constructed story with a quite elaborate plot that develops in a very intelligent way. It builds on the tension and adds a couple of good twists that keep you hooked to the end.

★★★★★ Adolescent and Adult: Upper-Intermediate and Advanced ★★★★★



Manhunt

By Richard MacAndrew

Cambridge English Readers

ISBN: 987-01-107-62455-1

Judges' comment: This original murder mystery, set in a rural community, is a compelling read. It moves back and forth between the voices of the criminal and the police, and draws the reader into the narrative. Clear, vivid language enables the reader to participate in the problem-solving of the detectives as they unravel the mystery.



One Day

By David Nicholls

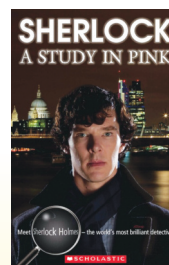
Retold by Fiona Mackenzie

writing as F. H. Cornish

Macmillan Readers

ISBN: 978-0-230-42235-3

Judges' comment: This successful retelling has accessible language and good illustrations. It propels the reader through a series of moments in a complicated 20-year romance, in which Dexter and Emma are revealed – sometimes together, sometimes not.



Sherlock: A Study in Pink

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Adapted by Steven Moffat and

retold by Paul Shipton

Scholastic Readers

ISBN: 978-1-906-86193-3

Judges' comment: Based on a TV script adaptation of Conan Doyle's 1887 novel, *A Study in Scarlet*, this captures the atmosphere of the original novel wonderfully. It uses easy English to build a sense of excitement and mystery that pulls the reader into the story.