

Newcomers & immigrants community hub

Welcome to the neighbourhood! City Library is here to help you find the resources and information you need to transition to Canada. Librarians can assist with finding multilingual books and ebooks, connect you with settlement resources or join a conversation circle to practice conversational English.

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Multilingual collections

The library has a growing collection of multilingual titles, reflective of the most-spoken languages on the North Shore. [Browse our multilingual collections.](#)

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[Get online test prep help for the IELTS exam](#), including practice exams, advice, hints and tips

Listen to native speakers while learning a new language with [Mango Languages](#)

Resources for immigrants & newcomers

Library programs for immigrants and newcomers

NVCL offers many programs for immigrants and newcomers. You can practise English conversation in friendly small groups with an experienced facilitator. You can also learn about specific topics like Canadian cooking, or get employment mentoring or skills development. We can also help you prepare for the Canadian Citizenship test. [Check the calendar for upcoming dates.](#)

ELL & ESL books

The library's catalogue includes a vast selection of English language learning (ELL) and English as a second language (ESL) resources. The ELL collection is on the third floor. [Browse the catalogue.](#)

NewToBC

NewToBC is a library settlement initiative that connects immigrants, newcomers and refugees with essential settlement information, public libraries and other service providers. [Visit the NewToBC website.](#)

NSIIP

The North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership (NSIIP) is a coalition of community agencies and institutions focused on improving the settlement outcomes of new immigrants. [Visit the NSIIP website](#)

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Impact North Shore

Impact North Shore is a for-purpose, social impact organization creating opportunities for success for im/migrants and newcomers. [Visit the INS website.](#)

ISSofBC

ISSofBC provides free services to newcomers, including refugees, to welcome and support them settle in communities, learn English and find work in British Columbia. [Visit the ISSofBC website.](#)

Programs and events for immigrants and newcomers

Immigrants and newcomers

[English corner \(virtual\) — May 2025](#)

Friday, May 2, 2025, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

[Go to event](#)

Immigrants and newcomers

[Beginner English Corner \(in-person\)](#)

Friday, May 2, 2025, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

[Go to event](#)

Immigrants and newcomers

[English conversation circles for community connections](#)

Monday, May 5, 2025, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

[Go to event](#)

Immigrants and newcomers

[English conversation circles for the workplace](#)

Monday, May 5, 2025, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

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Immigrants and newcomers

[Immigrant seniors learning circle \(beginner/basic level\)](#)

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

[Go to event](#)

Immigrants and newcomers

[English Corner \(in-person\)](#)

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

[Go to event](#)

Immigrants and newcomers

[English conversation circles for community connections](#)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

[Go to event](#)

Immigrants and newcomers

[English conversation circles for the workplace](#)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

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Immigrants and newcomers

[English corner \(virtual\) — May 2025](#)

Friday, May 9, 2025, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

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Immigrants and newcomers

[Beginner English Corner \(in-person\)](#)

Friday, May 9, 2025, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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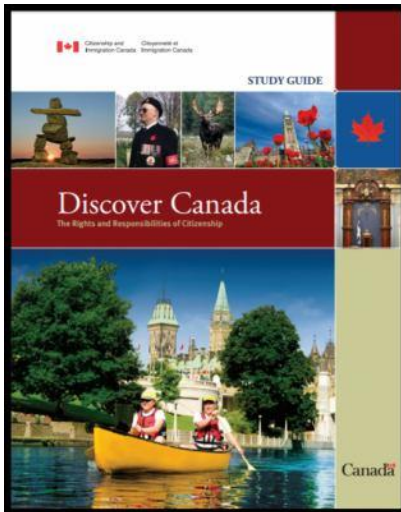
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Read, watch, listen

Specially curated selections from our librarians

Regularly updated lists of books, magazines and movies organized by theme. These include physical items you can borrow from the library and digital items you can enjoy on your devices at home or on the go. Click on a book to learn more or choose your preferred format.

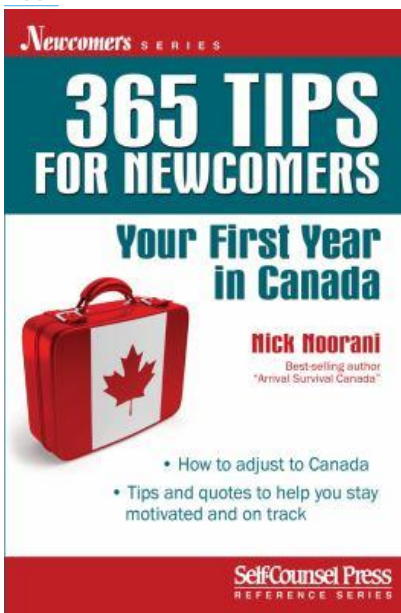
[Books for new immigrants](#) [ELL adult fiction](#) [ELL adult non-fiction](#)



[Discover Canada](#)

The Rights and Responsibilities of
Citizenship : Study Guide

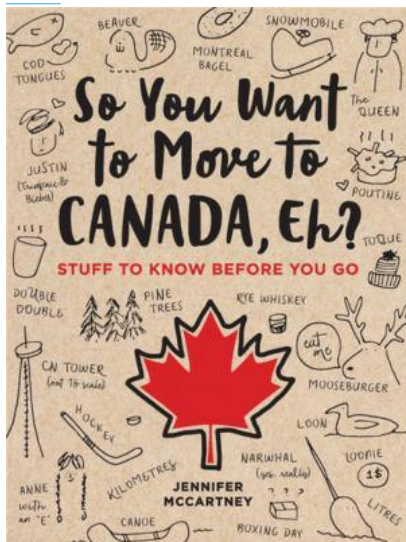
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[365 Tips for Newcomers](#)

Your First Year in Canada

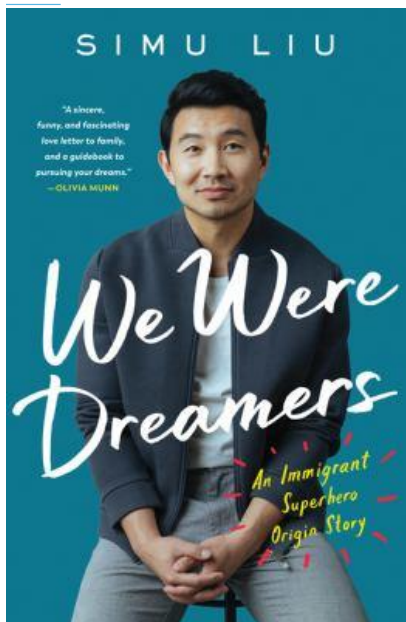
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[So You Want to Move to Canada, Eh?](#)

Stuff to Know Before You Go

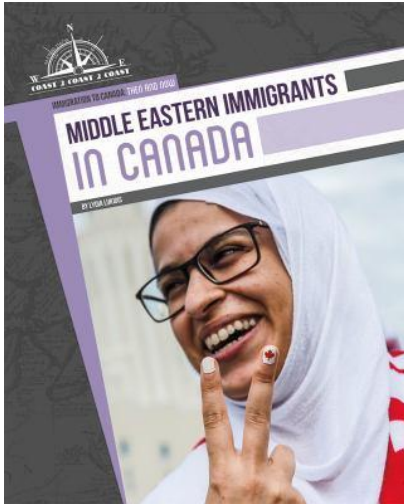
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[We Were Dreamers](#)

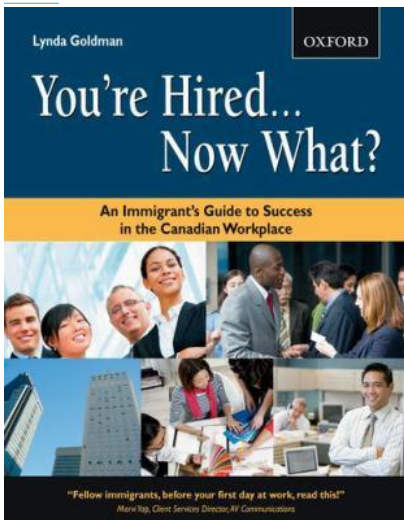
An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story

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[Middle Eastern Immigrants in Canada](#)

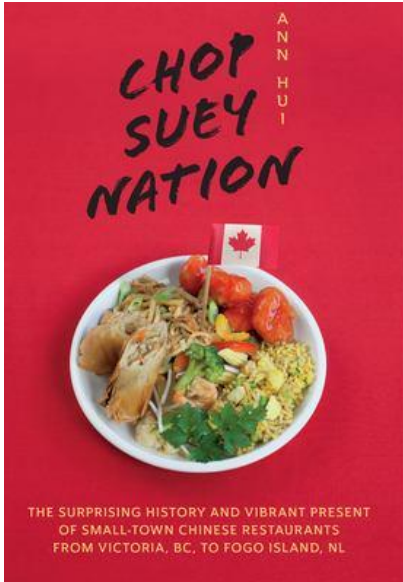
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[You're Hired-- Now What?](#)

**An Immigrant's Guide to Success
in the Canadian Workplace**

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[Chop Suey Nation](#)

**The Legion Cafe and Other Stories
From Canada's Chinese
Restaurants**

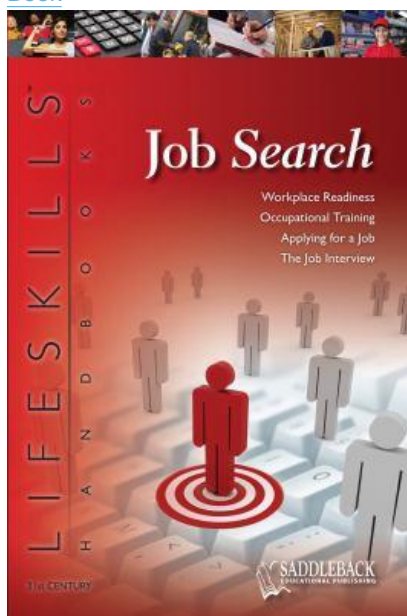
[Book Club Kit](#)



[The 2-hour Job Search](#)

**Using Technology to Get the Right
Job Faster**

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[Job Search](#)

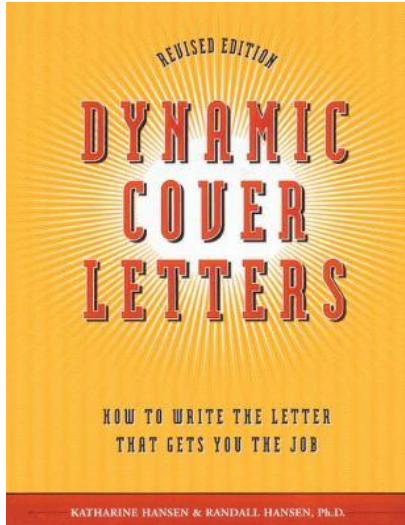
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[Learn to Drive Smart](#)

Your Guide to Driving Safely

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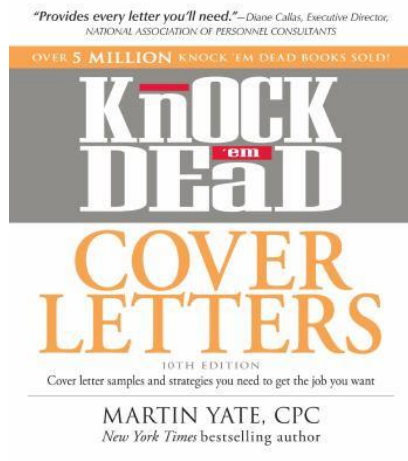


[Dynamic Cover Letters](#)

How to Write the Letter That Gets

You the Job

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[Knock 'em Dead Cover Letters](#)

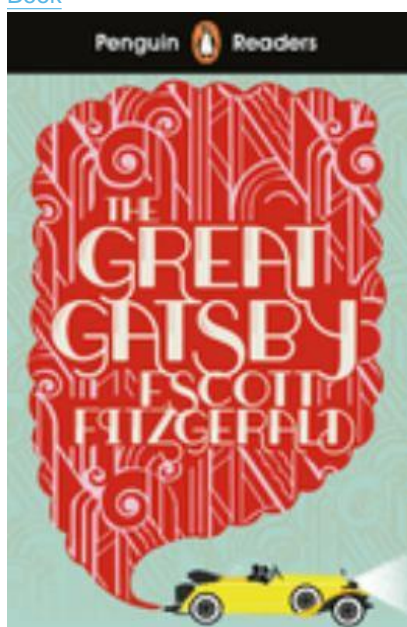
**Cover Letter Samples and
Strategies You Need to Get the Job
You Want**

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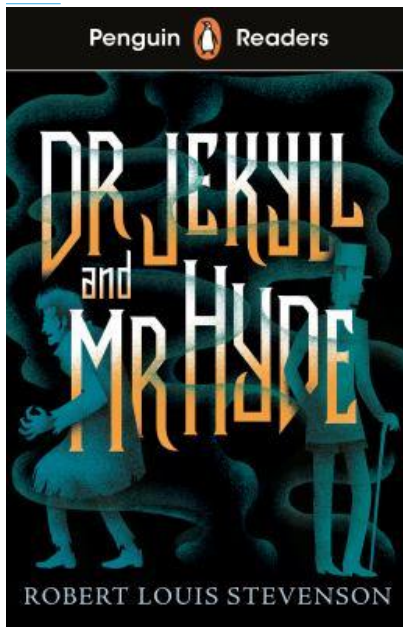
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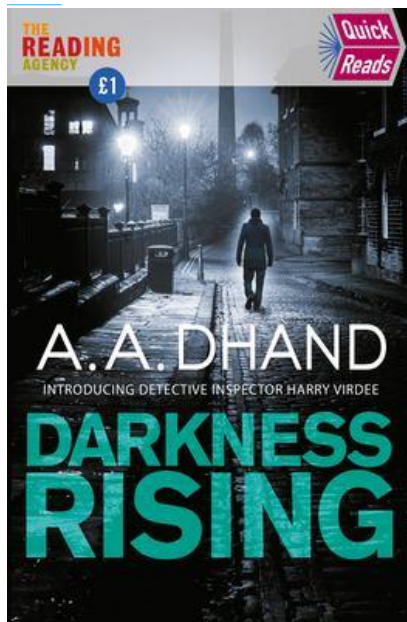
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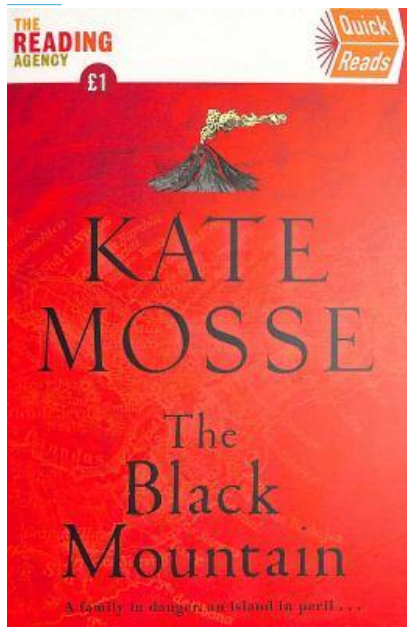
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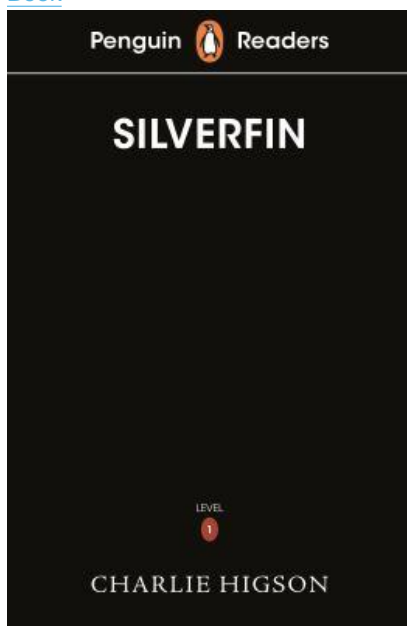
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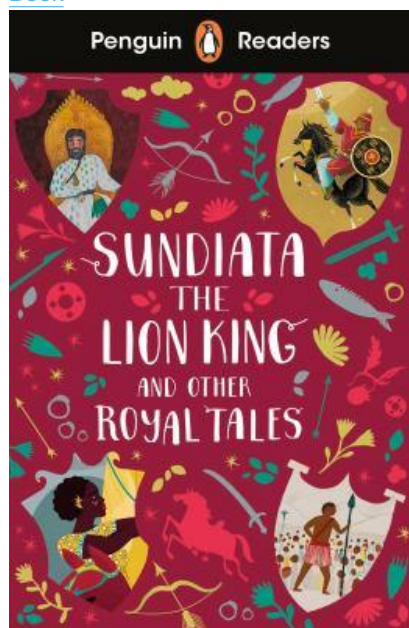
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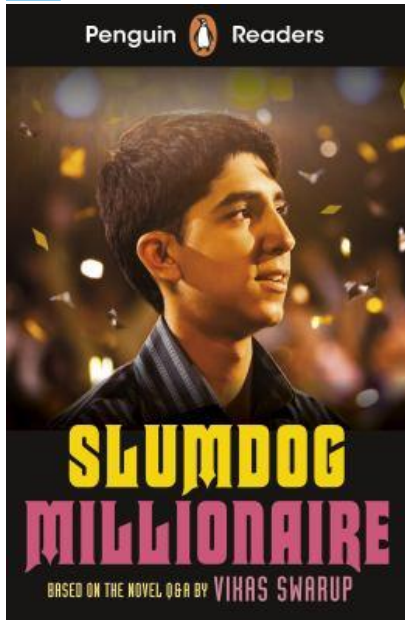
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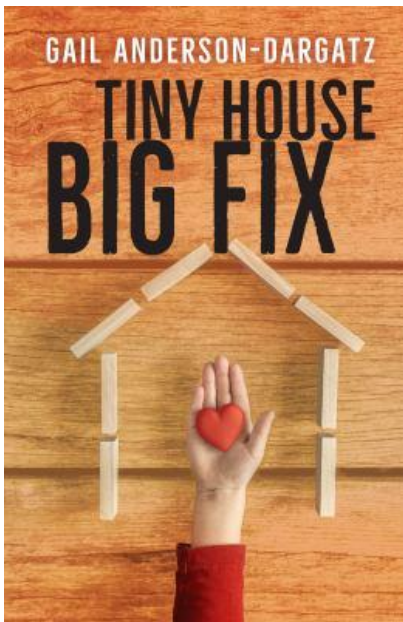
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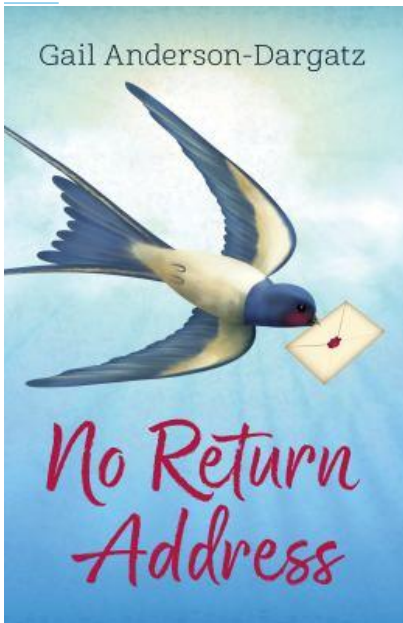
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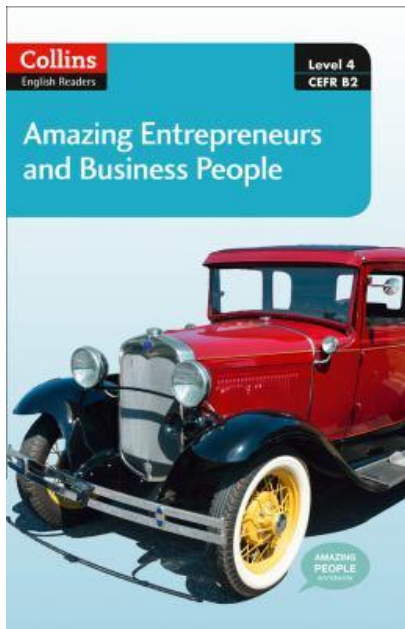


[Tiny House, Big Fix](#)

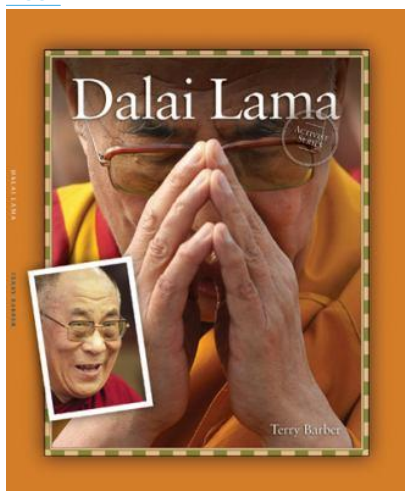
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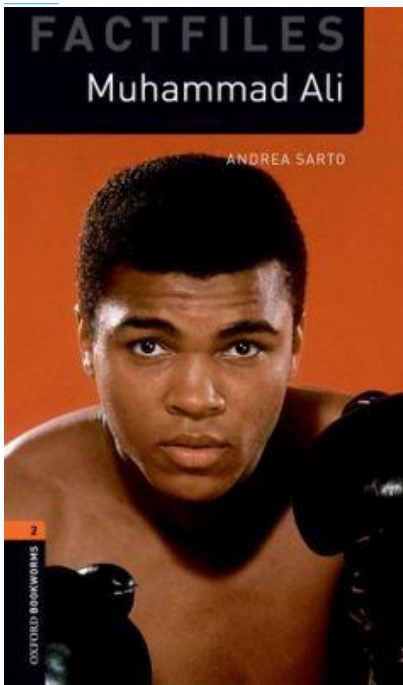
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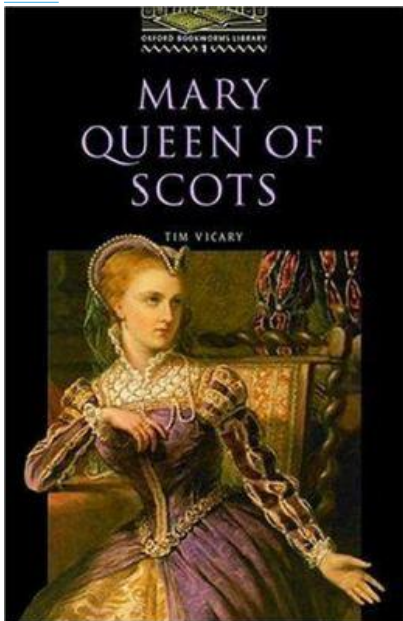
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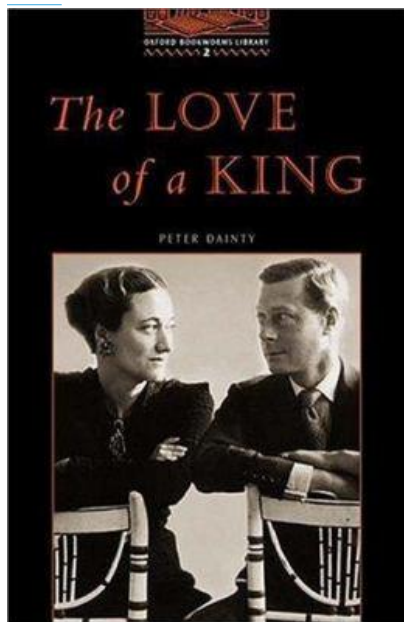
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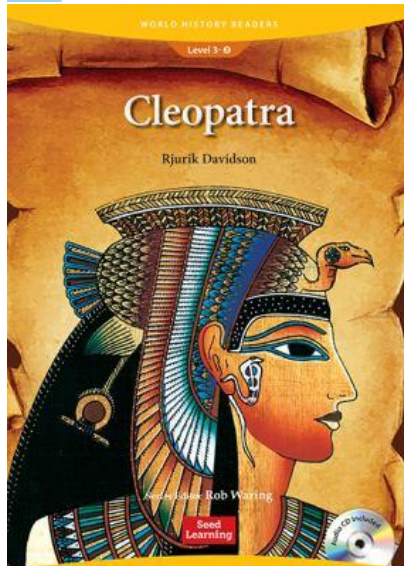
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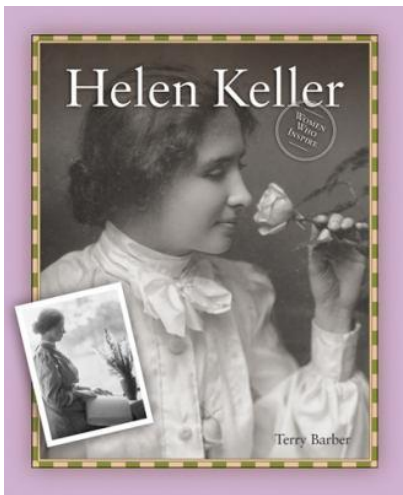
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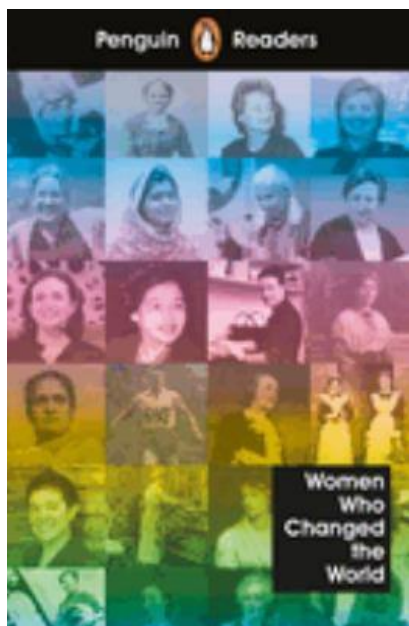
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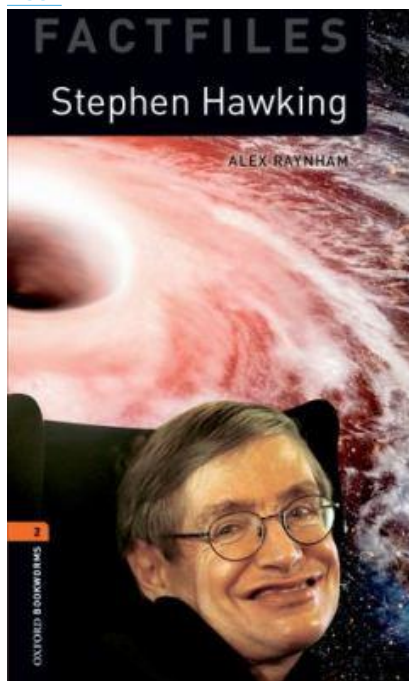
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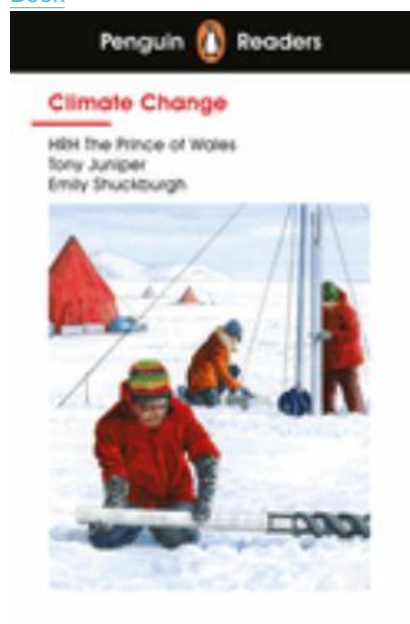
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