

Level 6 (D)





The Best of Times? (Human Interest)

Chee Seng, a 16-year-old Malaysian boy, has to grow up fast as he lives through the best and the worst of times. He suffers heartbreak as his parents' marriage falls apart and experiences the joys and heartache of first love.



Deadly Harvest (Murder Mystery)

Chief Inspector Jane Honeywell is a city detective who wonders why she has moved to a sleepy country town because nothing ever happens in Pilton. Then the rural peace and quiet is suddenly disturbed by a horrible murder. When Jane starts the dangerous pursuit of the killer, she discovers a more terrible plan in operation.



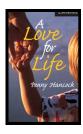
Frozen Pizza and Other Slices of Life (Human Interest)

These highly enjoyable stories offer eight slices of life in England today. The themes covered include: British eating habits; the media; inner-city problems; immigration; football hooliganism; student life; leisure activities; and, the countryside. Well-observed, lively and amusing, these stories provide a fascinating picture of the country at the start of a new century.



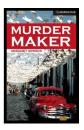
He Knows Too Much (Human Interest)

An English company executive in India is dismissed after he tries to uncover corruption within his company. He returns to England where his life falls apart and his marriage breaks up. He then sets out on a one-man search for the truth behind his dismissal. He turns to the rich mystery and beauty of India, and is finally forced to choose between love and revenge.



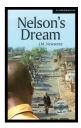
A Love for Life (Thriller)

In Cambridge, Fanella bravely faces the challenge of adopting a child alone after her partner leaves her. Fanella and five-year-old Ellie get off to a rocky start, but Fanella patiently steers their relationship on to more solid ground. Meanwhile, her relationship with Rod, Ellie's teacher, and a married man, is a little more complicated.



Murder Maker (Thriller)

After being jilted by her lover, Carla is devastated and intends to seek revenge. She joins a self-help group for people in similar situations, and there she meets three women who have been betrayed or abandoned by their husbands. Carla decides to rehearse her revenge on these men and starts by buying a ticket to Cuba.



Nelson's Dream (Human Interest)

Nelson Mbizi returns to southern Africa after studying in Britain. He is going to work in his father's hotel. In a different part of the city, a poor mother dies, leaving her children alone. Nelson's desire to help them coincides with the arrival of Viki, a TV presenter. The story unfolds against a background of HIV/AIDS and government corruption on the one hand, and great humor and wonderful music on the other. A life-affirming story dealing with one of the greatest challenges of our age.



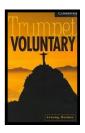
Solo Saxophone (Human Interest)

In the early 1990s, Katy, a young reporter, arrives in Sarajevo, a city under siege, and receives conflicting advice from two colleagues. "Of all the wars I've been in," a news cameraman tells her, "this is the one where it's not possible to 'be objective'. You can't be objective about what's going on here." "This is not my war or your war," an Italian journalist explains. "We just report what we see, but we stay outside it. We can't get too involved. We mustn't get too near." However, Katy does get too near...



This Time It's Personal (Murder Mystery)

Crime becomes personal for New York private investigator Nathan Marley as he tries to prove the innocence of murder suspect, José, who is a member of his assistant Stella's family. As unidentified bodies are washed up on a beach, the search for proof takes him into the heart of the New York Russian-American community. Marley must work quickly to save José and find the real criminals.



Trumpet Voluntary (Thriller)

A musician disappears, leaving only a strange e-mail message. Her husband, in a desperate search to find her, revisits their shared past and has to face up to some unpleasant realities before trying to rebuild his life. His journey of discovery takes us across the world to Poland and Rio de Janeiro and deep into the human heart.



The Way Home (Short Stories)

This book has eight short stories -- eight journeys which change lives forever: a New York fashion buyer returns to her English home; a successful author meets an old friend; a reporter travels to an execution; a lorry driver gives an escaped prisoner a lift; a taxi driver picks up 'Bruce Lee'; a man's love for a tram driver leads him to follow her; and, four strangers meet at a motel for the first and last time.