



Oxford Reading Club

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Read Your Way To Better English!

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“Read your way to better English” školski je projekt koji se provodi koristeći digitalnu knjižnicu Oxford Reading Club s više od 700 naslova e-knjiga. Cilj ovog školskog projekta je potaknuti učenike na čitanje na stranom jeziku, razviti kod učenika naviku čitanja, kao i ljubav prema čitanju. Učenici osnovnih i srednjih škola te njihovi profesori engleskog jezika imaju priliku koristiti novu, digitalnu knjižnicu Oxford Reading Club i sudjelovati na interaktivnim i korisnim radionicama čiji je cilj promicanje čitalačke pismenosti kod mladih. Čitalačka je pismenost temelj za uspjeh u svim predmetnim područjima, preduvjet aktivnom životu i izravno je povezana s cjeloživotnim učenjem. Sudjelovanjem u projektu ulažemo u budućnost naših školaraca.

LITTLE WOMEN

by Louisa May Alcott



WHEN AND WHERE DOES THE STORY TAKE PLACE?

- The story takes place during the Civil War in the USA.



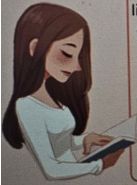
MAIN CHARACTERS:

- four sisters:
 1. Meg – kind, responsible, loving, mothers her sisters (since she is the oldest)
 2. Jo – persistent, hardworking, stubborn, always looking for a way to help her family, doesn't want to become a typical lady everybody wants her to be
 3. Beth – shy, quiet, people-pleaser, has a really kind heart, likes music and plays the piano
 4. Amy – spoiled, tends to have fits of temper, but tries to improve herself, creative
- Laurie – girls' neighbor, smart, charming



A SUMMARY OF THE PLOT


Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy are four sisters living an average life with their mom during the Civil War in America. Their father is serving in the army. During a New Year's party, Jo meets Laurie, their shy, but wealthy neighbor. The rest of the storyline is about the adventures, ups and downs the girls and Laurie go through, ending with Amy deciding to marry Mr. Brooke and their father happily coming home.



- Although the March family is fictional, the characters - including the four sisters whose stories have captivated generations of girls - are heavily based on Louisa May Alcott's real - life family. Get acquainted (or reacquainted) with the Marches and the Alcotts, two families with big hearts and incredible stories

- *Little Women* is a coming-of-age novel written by American novelist Louisa May Alcott, originally published in two volumes in 1868. and 1869.


MY FAVORITE SENTENCES (AND WHY)



1. *"Let's each get her something and not get anything for ourselves," said Beth.* - It shows how unselfish Beth is, willing to give away all her Christmas money for her mom.
2. *Jo reached the bend, and for a moment she stood still, a strange feeling in her heart. Something made her turn around...* - It shows that, even though Jo was furious at Amy, she still turned around to make sure she's okay when she thought she could be in danger.
3. *It was then that Meg realized how rich she had been in the things that really mattered - love, peace, good health.* - Meg used to believe that you need to possess material things to be rich, but learnt that that's not true when her sister got really ill and a chance of losing her appeared.
4. *"I get angry nearly every day of my life, Jo," said Mrs March, "but I've learned not to show it. I've learned to stop myself saying the angry words that come to my lips, and you must try to do the same, my dear."* - We all find ourselves saying some things we're not proud of while we're angry and I believe that we should always remember Mrs March's advice and not always show our anger, but rather redirect that anger towards something useful.

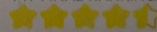
OVERALL OPINION

At first, I wasn't sure if I was going to like this story because I'm not a fan of old fashioned novels, but I found it really interesting, comforting and easy to read. I especially liked the relationship between Jo and Laurie and found it most amusing. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes classics or wants to learn to like them, to anyone who would like to read a gentle and encouraging story with a touch of romance.



Made by Nina Škare

MY FINAL RANKING



GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

JONATHAN SWIFT



When and where does the story take place?

The story takes place during the 18th century in England, Liliput and Brobdingang.



The theme of the work:

This story is about Gulliver's travels and his experience in other countries, but actually through that the writer is trying to show us how bad our world can be and that we can solve things on other ways.

Main character and about him:

The main character is Gulliver. He loves travelling and he can't live without it. He loves his wife and children and everytime he goes somewhere he encourages them that

- commitment to something greater than oneself, self respect, but with humbleness

- Gulliver experiences different conflicts. In the first, he has to make a dubious peace with the Lilliputians

My favourite characters:

I liked Gulliver but except him I also liked some other characters from the book.

I liked the king who was against wars and he declined to know the details of the gunpowder that Gulliver offered to tell him.

I also liked the court dignitary because he helped and warned Gulliver of the king's plans.



A summary of the plot:

The book Gulliver's Travels is an adventure novel about his journey to the land of the dwarfs and the land of the giants. In one he felt superior and in the other he saw how small he was compared to others. He also tells us about how he managed to leave both countries and return to his family in England.



Overall opinion:

I really liked the book. It had adventures and it was interesting to read even though at first I didn't think so. It was instructive and it had a strong message. I enjoyed reading it, but still I think it could get us a little bit more intrigued so I would give it 4/5.

~Stories from the Five Towns~

About the author:

Arnold Bennett was born in 1867 in Hanley, Staffordshire, which was the Hanbridge of his famous 'Five Towns'. His father was a solicitor who wanted his son to be a solicitor too. But when Bennett was 21, he went to London and worked in an office while he was trying to become a writer. He wrote some stories for magazines, and in 1893 he got a job on a famous magazine for women. His first book was *A man from the North* (1898).

by Arnold
Bennett

- On the afternoon of 24th December, when Sir Jeeb came home to Sneyd Castle, his wife was packing suitcases. The Dairs were going to their son's house for Christmas. Their son John had a new wife and a new baby, and he wanted to spend Christmas in his new home with all the family.

The burglary:

- Lady Dair did not like the portrait. Nobody in the Five Towns liked the portrait. But the portrait was by Cressage, the finest portrait painter in England.
- The people of the Five Towns often laughed at Sir Jee, but they also wanted to say thank you for the schools and hospitals. They decided to give him a portrait for a present.
- They wanted him to go to prison for five years or more. But Sir Jee did not agree. He said there was no proof that William Smith was a burglar.
- William Smith left the court a free man.

The Olympic Games

by Alex Raynham

- Every four years, the world's athletes meet for the Olympic Games
- In Greece, the Olympics Games were five days long.
- In Greece, the winner was given olive branches to put them around their head.
- Coubertin wanted young people to play more sport and he decided to organise a modern "Olympic Games"
- The Olympic Games logo consists of a blue, black, yellow, green and red circle going through an ancient Greek temple.
- The first Olympic Game was held in 776.
- The first Olympic Games were in Greece.
- This year, the Olympics Games will be held in Paris.
- The Olympic Games has 5 colors on the logo.
- 2 billion people watched an Olympic Game race.
- The Olympic Games have lots of contestants.
- The last Olympic Games were held in 2020 in Tokyo.
- When I was six years old I participated at London's Olympic games. I was the winner.
- All the kings of ancient Greece went to Olymp to watch Olympic Games.
- The most powerful Greek God was Zeus.

- A number of tribes considered the Yellowstone country sacred and used it as a vision-questing, prayer-making, and gift-bequeathing place
- Native American authors:
 - Louise Erdrich
 - Joy Harjo
 - Leslie Marmon Silko



• Stories from the Five Towns • by Arnold Bennett

THE BURGLARY >

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ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND

LEWIS CARROLL



Alice's adventures in wonderland by Lewis Carroll is an amazing book for children. Not all the scenes are real, but I really like because of that. Book starts by Alice sitting under the tree with her sister, she was very bored so she followed a rabbit to a strange rabbit hole. There is where the magic happened. She got this series of different stories from opening the magical door to playing croquet with the deck of cards. That's the story where she woke up from her dream.

My favourite scene is when Alice spotted a worm on a mushroom sucking a pipe. She was surprised and shocked of the fact that she was smaller than it. It was worth reading, I recommend it to everyone.

Illustrated by
Martin Cottam

Little Women

Retold by
John Escott

- Meg was sixteen and very pretty with large eyes and soft brown hair, and white hands.
- Fifteen-year-old Jo was very tall and thin.
- Mrs. March arrived home soon after.
- She took off her wet things and put on her warm slippers.
- Meg made tea, Jo brought wood for the fire, Beth was quite busy, and Amy gave orders.
- So the four girls decided that they would all try very hard to be good.
- They would never be cross, or easy, or selfish - and they would all help each other.
- They talked over their plan.

- Meg, the oldest, won't complain about her job or not having pretty dresses.
- She wouldn't forgive us if Beth - well, if anything happened.
- Later, when Jo appeared for tea, Amy begged her sister to forgive her.
- She and Laurie were just friends, but now that friendship felt damaged by the unkind gossip.
- The gossip made her angry, and she was glad when the party was over and she was alone in her bed.
- 'I ran to the shop and changed the little bottle of perfume for a big one,' said Amy.
- It was a sunny day and they had their picnic on a hill, under some trees.
- The servant came in at that moment.
- She said no more, but her face showed that she thought being a private teacher was little better than being a servant, and Meg's cheeks quickly became red.
- Next day, Jo wanted to get out of the house, so she packed up her skates and went next door to ask Laurie to take her skating.
- She never talked about Laurie's tutor, but she thought of him often and dreamed her dreams.
- Some days later, all four girls went on a picnic with Laurie and his tutor, Mr. Brooke, and some other young people.
- You must never repeat such gossip.
- He did not see her again until supper time, when she was drinking wine with two other boys.
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To sum it up

Oxford Reading Club is a splendid way of expanding your English vocabulary and enhancing your reading skills. In Oxford Reading Club I have read various amounts of different varieties of books for all ages. As I've stated earlier, there are books for everyone. Oxford Reading Club has some of the most entertaining books for children that help you understand the world and teach you about empathy, it helps lead them through their growth and helps them solve problems easier. Of course, children aren't the only ones who can enjoy a fun Oxford Reading Club experience, adults can also indulge in reading books more for their level. With Oxford Reading Club, you can read interesting new books without worrying about returning them on time and then pay a late fee, because it is all online. And even if you want to enjoy some books without reading, they have a command in almost every book where a voice reads to you, either British or American. If there's a certain sentence you need to remember, you can even highlight it or draw something on the side so later you can find something easier. Speaking of finding something easier, you can select a specific page you want to read and it takes you there immediately. Next to that command, you can see a dictionary command where you can search for a word and it gives you its definition. If you have difficulties reading the small letters, you can always change the page format so it can either show one or two pages. My first impression of the Oxford Reading Club was that it's a good way to relax and do reading assignments with ease. It has enlarged my lexicon and has made reading more delightful with its easy-access books and pages. With Oxford Reading Club, I can finally read compelling stories my local library doesn't own. I highly recommend the Oxford Reading Club for people who like delightful books, people who need to read for