

CGA Reading Resources

Summer Term Reading Challenge

Nine Short Stories to Inspire, Excite and Challenge - all available for free online!

Read them to yourself or aloud to someone at home.

'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button', by F Scott Fitzgerald.
[Read it here.](#)

This short story follows the unusual life of Benjamin Button, who is born an old man and grows younger throughout his life.

F Scott Fitzgerald is a very famous American writer. He lived a wealthy and exciting life, and his writing explores the glamour of the jazz age in 1920s USA. His most famous book is 'The Great Gatsby'.



'Games at Twilight', by Anita Desai.
[Read it here.](#)

It's a hot, hot day and Ravi and his friends are playing hide and seek. Ravi is nervous but finds the perfect spot. Will his efforts lead to triumph?

Anita Desai is an Indian writer who has been writing short stories and novels since the 1960s. She's been nominated for the prestigious Booker Prize three times.



'The Darkness Out There', by Penelope Lively.
[Read it here.](#)

Sandra has volunteered to help at an old lady's house. It's near the spooky spot of Packer's End, where a German plane fell during WW2. In learning about the past, Sandra learns about the goodness of the people near her.

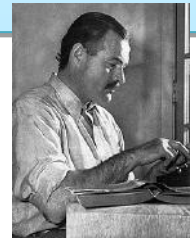
Penelope Lively writes for both adults and children. Her most famous novel 'Moon Tiger' won the Booker Prize in 1987.



'The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber', by Ernest Hemingway.
[Read it here.](#)

Francis Macomber is an unhappily married man. He goes on safari, determined to kill a lion to impress his wife... But who is the hunter and who is the hunted?

Hemingway is one of America's most celebrated authors. He wrote about masculinity, power and love, and won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954.



'The Flowers' by Alice Walker.
[Read it here.](#)

This story was written during the Civil Rights Movement in America, when many writers were fighting against racism and discrimination. Myop finds a man murdered violently, and it triggers her change from child to adult.

Alice Walker is a writer and social activist. Her work criticises injustice in society, especially violence against African Americans and women.



'A Cup of Tea' by Katherine Mansfield.
[Read it here.](#)

Rosemary is rich, outgoing and well-mannered. But she worries about her appearance. So when she brings a homeless girl home to look after, her husband knows just how to get rid of her...

Katherine Mansfield was born in New Zealand but moved to England as a young woman. She died aged 34, having written many popular short stories.



'Skin' by Roald Dahl.
[Read it here.](#)

What happens if you get a tattoo by a world-famous artist on your back? Be warned: this story might have a sinister ending...

Roald Dahl needs no introduction: his books, such as 'Matilda', 'The BFG' and 'Boy' have delighted readers all round the world. 'Skin' is taken from his collection of short stories for adults and young people.



'The Tell-Tale Heart' by Edgar Allan Poe.
[Read it here.](#)

An unstable narrator commits a terrible crime; he hears a never-ending heart-beat reminding him of his guilt.

Edgar Allan Poe is a famous short story writer and a master of suspense and the gothic genre.



'The Little Mermaid' by Hans Christian Anderson.
[Read it here.](#)

The famous story of a mermaid who falls in love with a human. The original story is much sadder than the Disney version.

Hans Christian Anderson is a Danish writer most famous for his world-famous fairy tales, including 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and 'The Snow Queen'.



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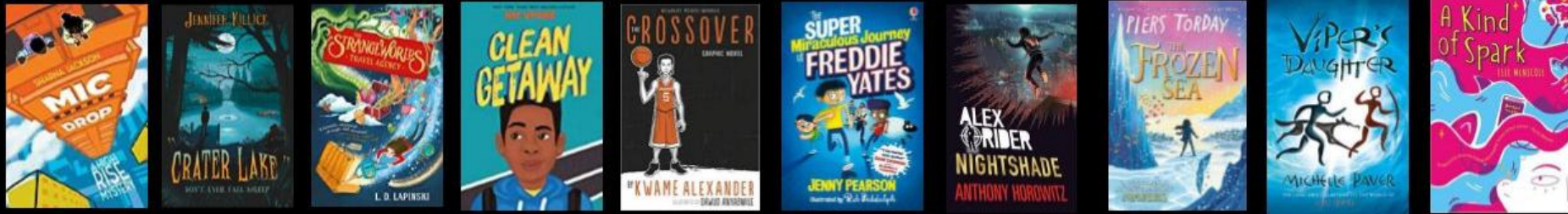
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- 1st **7C**- 3,164,026 words read
- 2nd **7N**- 1,928,857 words read
- 3rd **7L**- 1,775,297 words read
- 4th **7A**- 752,688 words read
- 5th **7T**- 490,176 words read
- 6th **7P**- 361,433 words read

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