

## 13 Read and match.

My favourite book is *Robinson Crusoe*, which was written by English author Daniel Defoe in 1719.

The book is about a man called Robinson Crusoe, who goes on a long journey by sea. There is a big storm, the boat sinks and Robinson is shipwrecked on a desert island for 28 years. He makes a life for himself on the island by building a house and planting food. He meets a man who is called Friday and he teaches him English. In the end, he is rescued by a group of sailors and he and Friday go back to Europe.

I really like the story because it's so exciting that you can't put it down. Also, you really get to know the main character because the book is mainly about him. I would recommend this book to anybody who likes exciting stories with interesting characters.



By Jenny, 12 years old



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| 1 Daniel Defoe            | a wrote this book review.  |
| 2 Robinson Crusoe         | b is the author of <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> .                          |
| 3 Friday                  | c is the main character in the book who is shipwrecked on an island. |
| 4 Robinson builds a house | d is Robinson's friend on the island.                                |
| 5 Jenny                   | e and plants food.   |

## 14 Answer the questions.

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| 1 When was <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> written?<br>1719 | 2 How long is Robinson on the island for?                |
| 3 Who rescues him in the end?                      | 4 What two reasons does Jenny give for liking this book? |
| 5 Who would Jenny recommend this book to?          |  |

15 Have you read *Robinson Crusoe*?

If the answer is yes, then what did you think of it?

If the answer is no, has this book review made you want to read it?

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- 12 Listen and read. Which book is about an animal that someone wants to catch?

## Black Beauty

My favourite book is *Black Beauty*. It was written by Anna Sewell, who was an English author, in 1877. It's about a beautiful horse and it's told by Black Beauty, a horse that can talk.

The book is about his adventures throughout his life. Black Beauty used to live on a farm when he was younger. He ran and played with his friend Rob Roy. When he was older, he went to work in London. He pulled carriages which was a difficult job for him. He preferred to be on the farm.

I really like the story because I love horses! It teaches us to be kind to animals.

I'd recommend *Black Beauty* to anyone who enjoys reading about animals.



by Emily



## Moby Dick

*Moby Dick* is an excellent book written in 1851 by the American author Herman Melville. It's about a sea captain called Ahab who travels the oceans searching for Moby Dick, a whale that destroyed his boat and bit off his leg a long time ago. The captain wants to kill the whale.

Captain Ahab sets sail with 30 sailors, including Ishmael, who tells the story, on his boat *Pequod*. They have many adventures on their voyage and sometimes they catch other whales, but they don't find Moby Dick. Finally, they find the whale, but it is strong and it attacks the *Pequod* and kills Ahab and most of the sailors.

This story is full of adventure and it is very exciting. It teaches us that it isn't good to seek revenge.

I'd recommend *Moby Dick* to anyone who likes adventures about the sea.



by Carl

- 13 Read and answer *Black Beauty* or *Moby Dick*.

- 1 The book is set in England.
- 2 The book was written by an American author.
- 3 The main character wants revenge on an animal.
- 4 The main character didn't use to like his life in London.
- 5 The story is told by an animal.
- 6 The people in this book do a lot of travelling.
- 7 The book supports kindness to animals.
- 8 The book teaches us about something that it isn't good to do.

## HOME-SCHOOL LINK

Tell your family about your favourite book.

