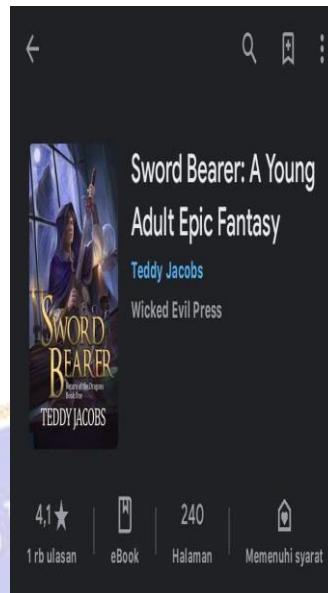
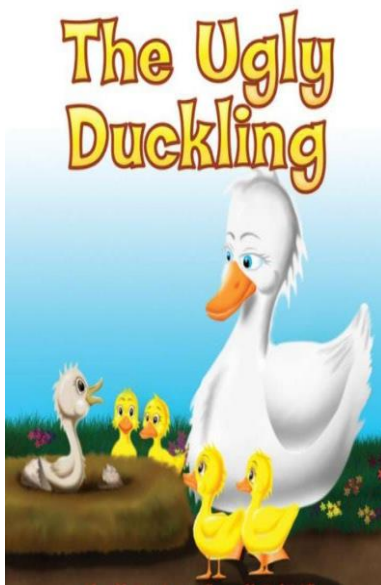
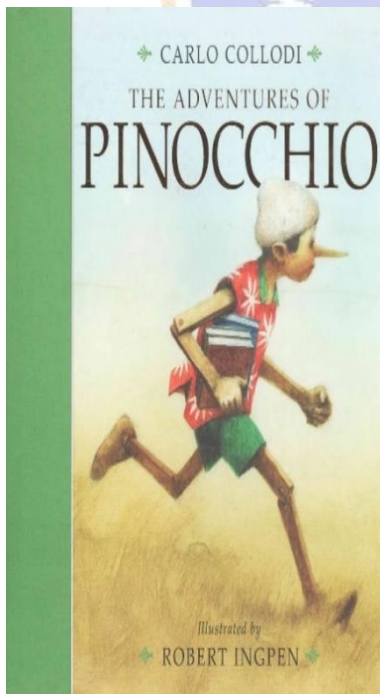


## Appendix 1. Students' Reading Materials



### 11. The Lion and the Mouse

Once upon a time, a mouse got too close to a lion. The lion started to eat the mouse. "Spare me!" cried the mouse, "And someday I will repay your kindness." The lion let the mouse go, although he couldn't imagine how such a tiny creature could ever help him. One day, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. He roared in misery. The little mouse came to his rescue and gnawed through the ropes holding the lion.



### The Donkey In Lion's Skin

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Long ago there was a donkey who stayed near the village. Everybody used to think that he was weak and useless. Once, he was roaming all around the forest. Suddenly, he found a lion's hide. Just then, he had an amazing idea. He thought to fool the other animals and people by wearing the lion's hide. So, he took the lion's skin and covered himself with it.

He started to walk around in the forest wearing the lion's hide so that he could look like an actual lion. All the animals who saw him got scared and started running away from him. This assured him that his plan was working. Then he paid a visit to the village where he lived. All the villagers were scared of him. The donkey was enjoying all this and he roamed around freely without any fear. He was very happy because now he didn't need to be scared of anybody.

However, one day, as the wind blew strongly, the lion's hide that he was wearing flew off. The donkey's biggest secret was out. "This is a donkey! And we thought it was a lion," said the angry villagers. They chased the donkey out of their village but he surely had the last laugh.

Cucumbers Gold



Long time ago in the island of Java, Indonesia, lived a couple of farmers. They had married for some years but they had no children. So they prayed to a monster called Beta Ijo to give them children. Beta Ijo was a ferocious and powerful monster. He granted their wish on one condition. When their children had grown up, they had to sacrifice them to Beta Ijo. He liked eating fresh meat of human being. The farmers agreed to his condition. Several months later the wife was pregnant.

She gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. They named her Timan Emas. The farmers were happy. Timan Emas was very healthy and a very smart girl. She was also very diligent. When she was a teenager Beta Ijo came to their house. Timan Emas was frightened so she ran away to hide. The farmers then told Beta Ijo that Timan Emas was still a child. They asked him to postpone. Beta Ijo agreed. He promised to come again. The following year Beta Ijo came again. But again and again their parents said that Timan Emas was still a child.

When the third time Beta Ijo came their parents had prepared something for him. They gave Timan Emas several bamboo canisters, seeds of cucumbers, dressing and salt.

"Timan, take these things"

"What are these things?"

"These are your weapons. Beta Ijo will chase you. He will eat you alive. So run as fast as you can. And if he will catch you open this to the ground. Now go!"



**THE MOONSTONE.**

**Prologue.**

**THE STORMING OF SERINGAPATAM (1799):**  
(Extracted from a Family Paper.)

I.

I ADDRESS these lines—written in India—to my relatives in England.

My object is to explain the motive which has induced me to refuse the right hand of friendship to my cousin, John Heronville. The reserve which I have hitherto maintained in this matter has been misinterpreted by members of my family whose good opinion I can not consent to forfeit. I request them to suspend their decision until they have read my narrative. And I declare, on my word of honor, that what I am now about to write is, strictly and literally, the truth.

The private difference between my cousin and me took its rise in a great public event in which we were both concerned—the storming of Seringapatam, under General Baird, on the 4th of May, 1799.

In order that the circumstances may be clearly understood, I must revert for a moment to the period before the assault, and to the stories current in our camp of the treasure in jewels and gold stored up in the Palace of Seringapatam.

II.

One of the wildest of these stories related to a Yellow Diamond—a famous gem in the native annals of India. The earliest known traditions describe the stone as having been set in the forehead of the four-handed Indian god who typifies the Moon. Partly from its peculiar color, partly from a superstition which represented it as partaking of the nature of the deity whom it adorned, and growing and less-

