

Match the extracts and the titles. Which stories would you like to read?

“ Daniel saw a ship at anchor near the shore. A flag was flying from its mast – the flag of the royal navy. And Daniel knew that ship at once. It was called the Invincible. And it was the ship of Mad Jack, a captain of the King’s navy. Mad Jack was Daniel’s oldest and most bitter enemy. Three years earlier, he killed Daniel’s closest friend – with a sword in his back. Daniel looked through his telescope at the small port. He could see the ship’s boats in the harbour. Most of the crew were in the small town. They were enjoying a day on land, eating, drinking and relaxing. Then Daniel looked back to the sailing ship. He could see only three men on the deck. Two of them were sailors. The third was Captain Jack. ”

“ Gary watched as Matt gave the ball a powerful kick. It rose high into the air. A tall blond-haired boy from the Manning High team ran across the football pitch. He took control of the ball as it landed, but Gary was already there beside him. He raced past the blond player and caught the ball with his feet. There was a cry from the crowd.

‘Gary! Gary! Gary!’ they chanted.

The score was nil nil. There were just five minutes to go before the end of the match. Gary knew that every second counted.

From the edge of the pitch, Karen screamed, ‘Come on, Gary. Come on!’ ”

“ Ricky’s world changed completely on a cold Friday afternoon in November. It was only five to four but it was already getting dark. Ricky was walking home from school, his bag hanging over his shoulder. He wasn’t listening to his MP3 or chatting with friends. He was alone and he was doing calculations in his head – maths calculations. He was a bit of a mathematical genius and he loved solving problems. He didn’t need a calculator or a computer. He could do them in his head. But then he saw someone looking up and down the street. She seemed confused. But when she saw Ricky, she called out. And from that moment on, his life would never be the same again. ”

“ The boy’s name was Kimball O’Hara, but people called him Kim or ‘Little Friend of all the World’. He wasn’t like other British boys in India, he was more like his Indian friends from the bazar. His face was brown from the sun and he preferred speaking Urdu or Hindi to English. ”

“ Tom was mostly bored in the long, slow holiday. But the sleepy atmosphere changed when the murder trial began. It was the only thing that people talked about. It made Tom feel bad. He took Huck to a lonely place to talk to him. ‘Have you ever told anybody about it?’

‘Tom, if we tell somebody, Indian Joe will kill us.’ ”



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RICKY AND THE
AMERICAN GIRL



MARK TWAIN
THE ADVENTURES
OF
TOM SAWYER



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