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The human mind is a dark, bottomless pit, and sometimes it works in strange and frightening ways. That sound in the night... is it a door banging in the wind, or a murdered man knocking inside his coffin? The face in the mirror... is it yours, or the face of someone standing behind you, who is never there when you turn round? These famous short stories by Edgar Allan Poe, that master of horror, explore the dark world of the imagination, where the dead live and speak, where fear lies in every shadow of the mind...

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Ryo Suzuki says

Publisher: OXFORD BOOKWORMS LIBRARY, Level 3

Time: 10/19=60 minutes, 10/21=45 minutes

7-word summary: dark-mysterious-dead-cat-black-imagination-eye

Discussin Questions:

1. Have you ever had a bad dream related to death?

Well, I've had that dream once or twice. I was murdered by someone. It was so scared!

2. Have you ever seen a strange cat? I mean it has a special color or things like that.

Yes, I've seen it on TV. It has a peculiar color. It was devided two colors accurately!

It is amazing.

Yuka Sugiura says

1. 11/21=30m,11/22=60m,11/24=30m

2. Oxford level3

3. sound

similar

hide

hung

cat

castle

eye

4. There are 5 horror stories in this book. Every story is scary and its picture made me more scared! My favorite story is about a man who named William Wilson. He was worried about one thing since he was a boy. One of his classmates looked like him at all. William couldn't win anything to that boy. That boy seemed to know everything about William. Even after graduated, every time William thought about evil things, that men was appearing and whispering something. Who was he?? He was really strange!

5. I like some phrases which express fear.

"At once -I do not why- a strange feeling of deep gloom came down on me and covered me like a blanket." I think I cannot imagine fear from blanket, but I like this expression.

Naohiro Hotta says

1. Edgar Allan Poe; Oxford Bookworms Library; Level 3

2. 6/1 = 30 mintes 6/2 = 60 minutes

3. terrible, awful, strange, separated, human, darkness, unhappiness

4. "One morning I woke, found a rope and calmly tied it round Pluto(the name of the main character's cat)'s

neck. Then I hung the poor animal from a tree and left it there to die. I cried as I did this terrible thing." Actually, I was impressed with these awful passages because mainly I thought two things through reading this part of whole texts. First, in my case I couldn't believe and forgive the man because I really like several kinds of animals, especially dogs and cats. In this part of the book, the main character really likes animals in fact, however, after marrying his wife, his life was changing gradually. For example he drunk too much and shout at his wife many times. I thought his wife always had a hard time with him because she might have some pressures. In my case, I will marry my current girlfriend in the future if I have capacity to breed her and our children. However the most noticeable thing will be that I will be accostomed to being married my wife in the future. Now often I drive my girlfriend mad because of my careless saying or acts. I want to pay attention to those things. Secondly, I never regret what I have done like this part of the story because sometimes it might be returned forever in my age. That's why we're already adults and have to have our responsibilities to everything that we do. In a society, to say extremely, we can never fail to do something or work tasks. That's why we have to consider and review my plan many times before it is performed.

5. Actually in this book, there are five separated terrible and awful stories. All stories are really scared to readers. That's why in the introduction of this book, it is said, "Don't read them alone!" If I image that I read this book at midnight alone, maybe I will stop reading it on the way. You know "Yonimo-Kimyouna-Monogatari" in Japanese called "Strange stories"? On a TV program in Japan in spring, summer, autum and winter, it is broadcasted every season. This book is really similar to the TV program.

Keiko Kawashima says

1. Oxford Bookworms library, level 3
 2. 5/3 = 60minutes, The Secret Garden; 5/5 = 50 minutes, Tales Of Mystery And Imagination
 3. mind, dark, Usher, black cat, red death, imagination, gallows
 4. a. I find it difficult , here in my prison, to write the word. It was the shape of the GALLOWS! Yes, those horrible wooden posts from which they hang men by a rope around the neck!
b. I don't like it because I don't like blood-curdling story actually. I shudder at the mere image of that.
 5. I read it alone at night, so I felt shivers down my spine. I can't read this any more, so I will change books.
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Namiko says

I finally embarked on famous stories written by a famous writer - Edgar Allan Poe!!!

There are five short stories in this book. All plots are familiar, because, I think, many comtemporary writers are affected by him.

Most of all the main characters are crazy do cruel or brutal things, like taking out his pet cat's eyeball. And in the end they are all crazy enough to tell the truth.

The Fall of the House of Usher

The Black Cat

The masque of the Red Death

William Wilson (this plot is similar to the story written by Takashi Atoda)

The Tell-Tale Heart

Sayaka Moriyama says

@period date&time

7/14 60min, 7/15 60min

@7 word summary

killed cat payed back man with horror

@discussion question

Have you ever made some violences on animals?

@my discussion question answer

Yes, I have. When I was young, there were a lot of kinds of animals in my house because my family like animals so much. And we had a dog named Bell. He actually is my sister's one, so he were not got much train. Because of that, I often hit him, also even when it was no needed. I think I was cruel about animal.

@what I think about this book

There are 5 stories, so I used second one for 7-word-summary. Anyway, these stories were interesting. I don't like horror movies, but I could enjoy horror stories by reading. If these stories became a movie, I think I will not be able to watch them. Especially second one, there were many scenes with bloods. It will be gross. I don't wanna see any piece of a body.

Ethelred (Souris de la Bibliothèque) says

Malheureusement, je n'ai pas vraiment « accroché » aux différentes narrations. Pourtant, elles respectent le style de l'auteur et sont très faciles à lire mais je m'attendais à plus. Elles ne m'ont tout simplement pas fait ressentir la peur, le doute ou l'angoisse auquel on s'attend en ouvrant du E. Allan Poe.

Lien : <https://sourisdelabibliotheque.blogspot...>

Haruka Hasegawa says

1.oxford level 3

2.6/1-35minutes, 6/3-50minutes

3.love, black cat, drink, kill, wall, alive

4.a I had put the horrible thing into the wall, alive, with my wife!

B. This passage is in the end of the story. Actually the man who is the main character killed his black cat, Pluto and his wife because he was angry and he hid his wife's dead body into the wall. But finally they were found in the wall, alive!! It's a big mystery.

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The book has fantastic tales , you will not get bored when you read it , and it is type of books that you could take only one tale in each session.

Chiaki Kinpara says

1, Oxford level3

2, 7/6 95min

3, dark, illness, sister, dead, storm, book, sound

4a, There, outside the door, dressed in the white clothes of the dead, stood the tall figure of the Lady Madeleine of Usher.

4b, I was frightened by this scene because I think she must have been dead but she stood there.

5, There are 5 scary stories and I wrote the review of first one. I think the main character is very kind because he spent all the time with Roderick. He is his friend but he hadn't seen for many years.

In the first page, there is a sentence " Don't read them alone!" You may should follow it.
