

# AIM READERS

## LEVEL ONE READERS:

simple vocabulary with repetitive structures, easy to read



Titles	Cross-curricular links	Synopsis
<p><b>André et sa famille</b> <i>Auteur : Matt Maxwell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native Studies</li> <li>• New France</li> <li>• community</li> </ul>	<p>This story takes place in Québec in the early 18th century. A family of pioneers are settling into rural life. One day the family goes off into the woods to pick berries. Seven-year-old André gets separated from his older sister and his parents. A young Huron boy finds him and returns him to his thankful family.</p>
<p><b>Jean-Michel - Acrobate</b> <i>Auteur : Matt Maxwell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• family</li> <li>• poverty/social justice</li> <li>• sports/athletics</li> <li>• Caribbean francophone culture</li> </ul>	<p>Jean-Michel is a 12-year-old boy who lives in the slums of Cap-Haïtien in Haïti. This talented young fellow uses his acrobatic skills to earn money with which he buys his mother a birthday present.</p>
<p><b>L'aventure de Stéphanie</b> <i>Auteur : Matt Maxwell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• heroism</li> <li>• adventure</li> <li>• cultural aspects of a small northern town</li> <li>• life of the Voyageurs</li> <li>• river eco-systems</li> </ul>	<p>Stéphanie is an 11-year-old girl who is a resident of a small town in northern Quebec. The town folk decide to put on a Festival du Voyageur. Stéphanie becomes bored with the cultural activities – the singing and dancing, the costumes, the sugaring off – and wanders down to the riverside, where she gets in one of the Voyageurs' canoes. The canoe gets caught in the rapids; only the heroic actions of a young villager save the day. Stéphanie comes away from her adventure infinitely more appreciative of the community of which she is a part.</p>

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simple story lines, easy to read



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<p><b>Prince Veut-tout</b> <i>Auteure : Jacqueline Kelly</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responsible consumerism</li> <li>• space exploration</li> <li>• living a meaningful life</li> <li>• character education</li> </ul>	<p>Prince Albert has been brought up in the lap of luxury. The more material goods he has, the less satisfied he feels; because of his greedy nature, he becomes known as Prince Veut-Tout. One day, while speeding on his motorbike, he almost runs over an old man; this event triggers a sense of remorse in him and causes him to re-evaluate his life. One night, looking up at the stars, Prince Albert decides to become a space explorer. He heads off into the heavens in his spaceship. Years later, he returns to his home with his new-found alien friends.</p>
<p><b>Manigan le géant</b> <i>Auteure : Jacqueline Kelly</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental education : ecological awareness and sustainability practices</li> <li>• Character education</li> <li>• First Nation culture : the Mi'kmaq</li> </ul>	<p>Manigan is a gentle giant and steward of the Earth who uses his bounty to aid those in need. He helps a couple of people who unfortunately take advantage of his kindness and eat up his stores of food. When the giant becomes weak, the couple realize that they have to give back to the one who has given them so much– they nurture Manigan back to health. This tale, which evokes First Nations wisdom, is a parable that reminds us of the need to treat our world with respect, and not just as something to be viewed as a resource for human consumption.</p>
<p><b>Simon le grincheux</b> <i>Auteure : Jacqueline Kelly</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• heroism</li> <li>• extreme weather</li> <li>• social isolation</li> </ul>	<p>Simon is a somewhat peculiar boy who loves rain, snow, sleet and wind, and despises sunny, pleasant weather. One day he is swept up into the air by a ferocious hurricane. As he is flying through the sky, he notices a baby that has also been caught up in the wind. Risking his own safety, he rescues the child and returns him to his mother. He is heralded by the villagers as a hero. Simon le grincheux becomes Simon le généreux! <b>This book is written in verse.</b></p>

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JUNIOR HIGH READERS



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<p><b>En vacances</b> <i>Auteure : Wendy Maxwell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adolescent social interaction</li> <li>• the culture of Martinique</li> <li>• Caribbean rainforest ecosystem</li> </ul>	<p>Two teenagers, Marie and her friend Suzanne, are on a trip from their home in Montréal to Martinique during their holiday. A series of amusing events take place after Marie bumps into a young man named Pierre at the airport. Marie's initial reaction to Pierre is not very positive, nor does her second impression of him improve when he accidentally spills water on her during some turbulence on the plane. However, he redeems himself at the end of the story during a scuba-diving excursion.</p>
<p><b>Un beau jour</b> <i>Auteur : David Cameron</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• France and its cultural aspects</li> <li>• independence</li> </ul>	<p>Two teenagers, Marie and Pierre, met in the story En vacances ! during a trip to Martinique. We travel with them again through Europe in this story, Un beau jour. At the beginning of the story, Marie decides that she no longer wants to allow Pierre to make all the plans, and sets out on her own. The two decide to meet in Paris in a couple of days at the Arc de Triomphe. Unfortunately, neither Marie nor Pierre realizes that this day is not a good choice if you want to find someone in this location, as it is the celebration of Le jour de l'Armistice!</p>
<p><b>Rozène : la fille qui n'était pas contente</b> <i>Auteure : Wendy Maxwell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nations culture</li> <li>• social interaction</li> <li>• personal dreams</li> <li>• adventure</li> </ul>	<p>This is a traditional Iroquois story about a teenage girl named Rozène from the Iroquois nation. Rozène daydreams of meeting a tall, young man who will sweep her off her feet. Although her family wants her to marry Orenda, the young man from her village who loves her very much, Rozène wants more. One day, a strong, well-dressed young man arrives at her house and offers to take her away from the village. This is a story about decisions that young people must face as they grow up.</p>
<p><b>Ali et la pluie</b> <i>Auteur : David Cameron</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North African culture</li> <li>• humour</li> <li>• family</li> </ul>	<p>Ali lives in a North African village with his wife, Nadia. One day he decides to clean his water tank, a job that he has not done for ten years during which time his waistline has expanded considerably. His problems start when he has trouble fitting through the opening at the top of the tank; then he is attacked by mosquitoes and finally, when rain starts to fill the tank, he remembers that he does not know how to swim. Nadia has been practicing her dance routine during this time so has not heard his cries for help, but eventually she arrives and rescues him from drowning.</p>