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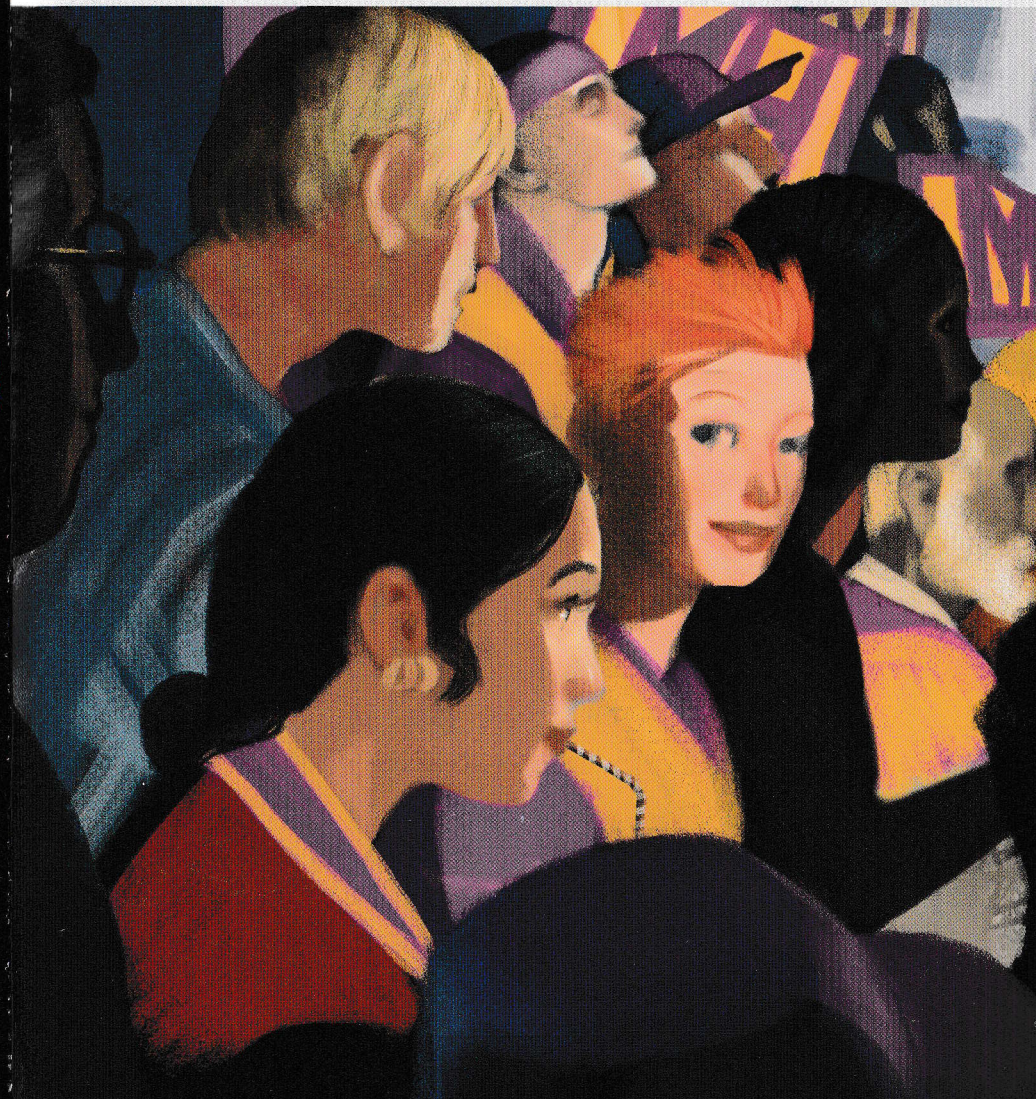
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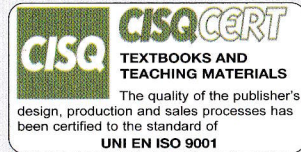
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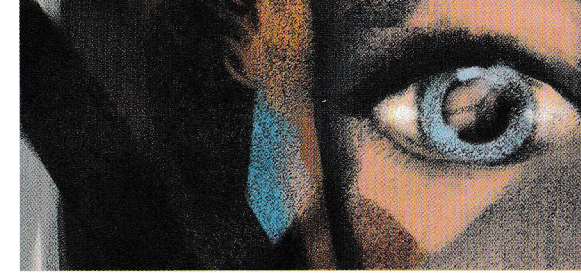
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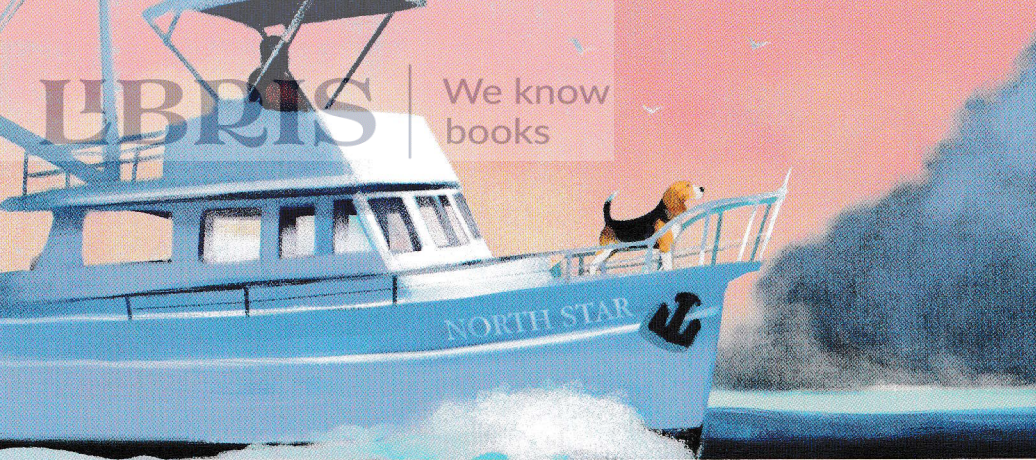


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CHAPTER ONE

Montego High School

Montego Bay is a beautiful tourist town on the east coast of Florida, near Miami Beach. The town was founded in the seventeenth century by the pirates of the Caribbean Sea, who were called “buccaneers”. Montego Bay became their home port, and there are still legends about hidden treasure there.

The new Montego Bay Wax¹ Museum opened recently. It is a big tourist attraction with wax statues of famous explorers, buccaneers, sea captains, slave merchants² and criminals.

Our story starts one Friday morning in October at the Martins’ home. Bill and Michelle Martin lived with their parents in a nice old house.

Bill was a tall boy of sixteen, with brown hair and blue eyes.

1. **Wax** : candles are made from this.
2. **slave merchants** : men who bought and sold slaves between the 16th and 19th centuries.



track 02

Montego High School

This was his third year at Montego High School. Science was his favorite subject and he wanted to become a biologist. Basketball was his sport and he was one of the best players on the school team.

His sister Michelle was a pretty girl of fifteen with short red hair and blue eyes. She loved all kinds of modern music and had a big collection of CDs. This was her second year at Montego High, and she was a member of the Journalism Club, which published the monthly school paper.

“Hurry up, Michelle! It’s late!” shouted Bill from the living room.

“I’m coming!” shouted Michelle from the top of the stairs. She ran down and took her backpack. “Bye, Mom! See you this afternoon.”

“Bye, Mom!” said Bill. “There’s basketball practice today. See you at dinner.”

“Enjoy your visit to the new museum!” said their mother. Their father worked at the airport and he was already at work.

Bill and Michelle met their good friend Nick Chan in front of the park. He was a tall Chinese-American of sixteen; he was a member of the basketball team too.

“Hi, guys!” said Nick smiling. “Let’s hope this visit to the new wax museum won’t be boring.”

“I know,” said Bill, “and we have to write a report about it for Mrs Jenkins.”

The students of the second and third year were visiting the new museum that morning. It was part of their local history course with the new history teacher, Mrs Jenkins. The old teacher, Mr O’Neill, disappeared mysteriously before the

Branson, our math teacher. Look at the small beard and the green eyes.”

“Ugh, Mr Branson and his math tests...,” said Bill.

“Hey, look at this slave merchant with the red bandana and the black patch ¹ over his eye,” said Michelle. “He’s got a strange tattoo on his arm. I didn’t know there were tattoos in those days.”

When they left the museum they saw a beagle ² outside the entrance. He wanted to get into the museum.

“I guess he can’t read the sign,” said Bill, pointing to the “Dogs not allowed” sign. His friends laughed as they walked to school.

After a long hour of history, it was time for lunch. The school cafeteria was always a noisy, fun place for the students. It was the best time of the day to meet with friends and chat.

Michelle always had lunch with her best friends Juanita and Susan. They usually talked about clothes and boys.

“Michelle, look, there’s Matt!” whispered ³ Susan.

“And he’s wearing a cool blue sweater,” whispered Juanita.

Mike Andersen was the handsome captain of the football team. He was seventeen and Michelle liked him.

She looked at him but he didn’t see her, so she started eating her lunch.

“Let’s talk about something else, girls!” she said, eating her sandwich.

1. patch :



2. beagle :



3. whispered : said very quietly.

Go back to the text

KET 1 Comprehension check

Are these sentences “Right” (A) or “Wrong” (B)? If there is not enough information to answer “Right” (A) or “Wrong” (B), choose “Doesn’t say” (C). There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 Montego Bay was founded by buccaneers at the end of the eighteenth century.
 A Right **B** Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 1 The Montego Wax Museum is a big tourist attraction that opened in September.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 2 Bill Martin and Nick Chan play basketball on the high school team.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 3 Mrs Jenkins is the new history teacher at Montego High.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 4 The Coast Guard could not find Mr O’Neil’s boat in the Bermuda Triangle.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 5 Sergeant Robert Walters says the O’Neil case is still open.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 6 The Montego Wax Museum was small and did not have any exhibits.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 7 Mr Branson was the oldest math teacher at Montego High.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 8 Michelle likes the captain of the football team.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say
- 9 She is having a salad for lunch.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t say