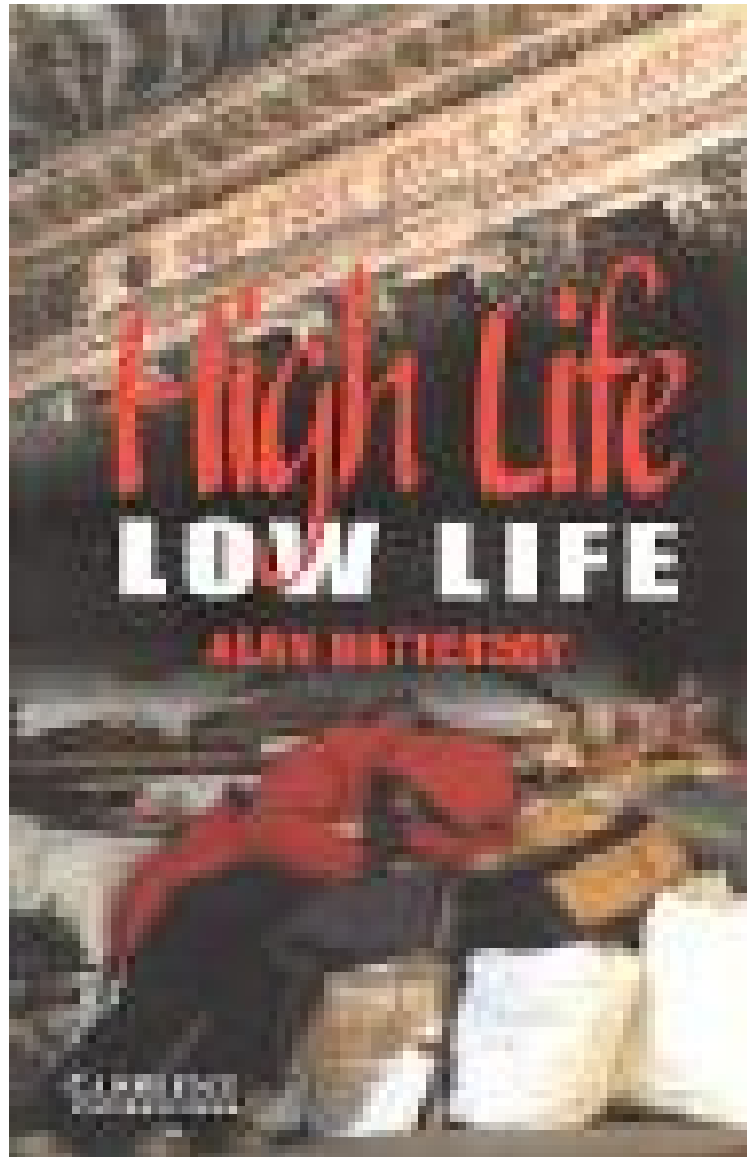


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**Von Alan Battersby : High Life, Low Life Level 4 (Cambridge English Readers)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised High Life, Low Life Level 4 (Cambridge English Readers):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Book Review on "High Life, Low Life" by Alan BattersbyVon CattolicaBook review on High Life, Low Life by Alan

BattersbyThe book "High Life- Low Life" is a detective story which takes place in New York City (NYC). It is about people from the New York high and low life, that means, people from a high and low social background. What is special about the book is that there are two different story lines which come together in the end. The first story line is about Annie Clayton, a homeless woman living in the streets of New York and the other story line is about a rich lady called Mrs. Whittaker who lives in the luxurious Century Apartments on Park Avenue. The most important character who is involved into both stories and who finally brings together "high and life" is Nat Marley, a private investigator. Marley has to find out whether Mrs. Whittaker died of a heart attack or was murdered. And there is his homeless friend Annie who has got another problem: She wants Marley to find her missing son Jackie whom she has not seen for 20 years. Nothing seems to be right in the world of "the high and low life characters" . It is really interesting how high and low life came together and how Marley does his job as a private investigator. One surprise follows the other. You can follow Nat Marley through the streets of New York and you begin to like him because he always wants the best for everybody and is a really "good guy". But the story isn't like other detective stories. There isn't a lot of action, but you can learn a lot, for example that you can be "rich" without having much money because it's the family and the right kind of friends that count. You also learn about homeless people in NYC and how important it is to help them and of course you can learn a bit about some places, streets and buildings in NYC, though it is not that much. All in all, the book is okay. But it's not the best book we have ever read. Sometimes things are too simple or a little exaggerated. One reason is that it is too easy to find out who murdered Mrs. Whittaker. So better don't expect a creepy detective story. Another reason is that we didn't like the ending, it is a bit too short and things are far too easy. But if you want to know more about the book, just buy it. All in all, we can recommend the book to other classes.

Reviewed by the class 8d from the Stadtgymnasium Detmold. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. reviews written by the students of 8G2 from Wiesmoor Von EN Year 11 gA (Gymn. Bad Nenndorf) The following four reviews of "High Life, Low Life" by Alan Battersby are written by the students of 8G2 from Wiesmoor after reading the book in their English class. The reviews reflect their different opinions and reactions to the book.

review number 1 High Life, Low Life - A Light Thriller Do you like reading books with a happy end but with a bit of suspense? If so, you will enjoy reading High Life, Low Life by Alan Battersby. It's a great detective story with some strange people in it. Private investigator Nat Marley tells us about his life as a detective. Together with his assistant Stella Delgado they solve difficult problems for their clients. It all seems like a normal boring day when a meeting with a homeless person changes everything. Then he receives a surprise letter from an old woman. So Marley has got a lot to do and has to talk to strange people. I enjoyed reading about Nat Marley's hobbies. Stella and Nat always argue about the heat of the summer. Nat solves the problem with his "beer-solution" but Stella has got other ideas. The genre is a thriller but I don't think it is a real thriller. It's just a detective story which isn't always thrilling. You could say its a "light" thriller. I can't tell you the end but I can tell you that there is a bit of a surprise in the end. When you read your first English book it is good and easy to understand. But you must continue reading because in the beginning it is a bit boring.

review number 2 High Life, Low Life - A Book that Makes you Yawn Are you looking for a book that helps you to fall asleep? Then you must read High Life, Low Life by Alan Battersby! A story with a boring beginning, a boring middle and a boring ending! High Life, Low Life is the story of Nat Marley, P.I., who helps his old homeless friend Annie Clayton after she has a heart attack. She is taken to hospital but the doctor isn't sure how long she has left to live. Then Mrs. Whittaker, an old rich widow, hears about Marley and wants to give him her inheritance, her children getting nothing at all. Then Mrs. Whittaker dies. But did she die a natural death? It is a very boring book that doesn't deserve to be called a thriller. It's usually very clear what happens next. Sometimes it's a bit funny, but usually it's very boring. I can't recommend this book because it is boring. But you can read it if you need some help to fall asleep.

review number 3 High Life, Low Life - Connecting Different Lives Murder, a natural death or maybe an accident? This is one of the main questions in the book High Life, Low Life by Alan Battersby. The book shows how different people leading different lives live: on the streets or in a luxury apartment ... Nat Marley helps a poor homeless woman and friend, Annie Clayton, when she has a heart attack. All the newspapers write about him. Because of the newspaper articles a rich widow named Mrs. Whittaker takes notice of him. She needs a lawyer. But when she sees Nat, she wants to give him all her inheritance because he looks like her dead husband. But there are more problems. For example Mrs. Whittaker's maid, Martha Bianchi. Back in hospital, Annie tells Nat about her last wish before she dies. Then somebody dies, but no one knows if it's a natural death or not. Will Nat find out if it's a murder, a natural death or an accident? Can Nat Marley make Annie's last wish come true? Will there be a happy end or will it all end in a nightmare? Find out for yourself!

review number 4 High life low life - A Boring Thriller Do you like boring thrillers? If so, High life Low life by Alan Battersby is a book you will want to read. This story is boring in the beginning, boring in the middle and boring in the end. The story is about the private investigator Nat Marley who saves an old homeless woman's life. She is taken to a hospital and asks Nat to find her lost son Jackie. After this incidence Nat's picture is in all the newspapers. The rich widow Mrs. Whittaker contacts him because he looks just like her dead husband Tom Whittaker. A few days later she dies and Nat has to do a job for Mrs. Whittaker's family. He has a suspicion that Mrs. Whittaker was killed. We do not recommend the book because we want to help people not to spend their money on this terrible book, just to be bored while reading it. You can spend your money on more

important things. Finally this book is terrible and not interesting and you cannot call it a thriller!

Kurzbeschreibung Modern, original fiction for learners of English. A story of jealousy, estrangement and murder. Private Investigator Nathan Marley is hired by a homeless woman to find her missing son. At the same time Marley embarks on a strange relationship with a rich eccentric widow. The poorest and richest of New York are brought together in this thriller from the American detective series. Pressestimmen 'What distinguishes the series from all the others is the zest and freshness of the text. Where the emphasis in other series is on plain and straightforward language, Cambridge English Reading texts typically use very modern expressions and the dialogue is faster moving. This has an impact on the quality of the audio cassettes, which make for very enjoyable listening.' David R. Hill, Survey : Readers, ELT Journal 'It was only a matter of time before a major ELT publisher set out to challenge the market dominance of Penguin Classics in the area of readers ... CUP have hit back admirably. With something for everyone in your classes, this series is well worth investing in. In fact, it's going to be a difficult act to follow by other publishers.' IATEFL Issues 'The series breaks new ground in two respects. The first is the light and informal style of writing. It is notoriously difficult to write fluent prose using restricted lexis and syntax. Part of the secret is to use word and grammar lists flexibly; but it requires flair and a good ear to produce prose and dialogue that read so well and give such a genuine flavour of modern idiom.' English Teaching Professional 'These were a very good read: exciting fast-moving stories at all levels, and a good mixture of subjects. Most touched on up-to-date themes, such as corruption, refugees, psychology, hunger, feminism, or ecology without being prosy, or moralising.' BaNina Vivanco, SATEFL Newsletter Vol 19 No 3 'This is a well presented, authentic looking series of readers that students should enjoy. They are graded into five levels, and the accompanying cassette will be useful, especially for pronunciation - audio versions are very popular with students.' Josephine Caruana, Network News, Issue 34

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