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A Note to Parents and Teachers

DK READERS is a compelling programme for beginning readers designed in conjunction with literacy experts, including Maureen Fernandes, B.Ed (Hons). Maureen has spent many years teaching literacy, both in the classroom and in a specialist in schools.

Beautiful illustrations and superb full-colour photographs combine with engaging, easy-to-read text to offer a fresh approach to each subject in the series.

Each DK READER is guaranteed to capture a child's interest while developing his or her reading skills, general knowledge and love of reading.

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Pre-level 1: Learning to read

Level 1: Beginning to read

Level 2: Beginning to read alone

Level 3: Reading alone

Level 4: Proficient readers

The 'normal' age at which a child begins to read can be anywhere from three to eight years old, so these levels are only a general guideline.

No matter which level you select, you can be sure that you are helping your child learn to read, then read to learn!





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A Queen's Diary





Written by Simon Beecroft



My name is Padmé Amidala.

I am the Queen of my planet.

Today I am going to start a diary.

I am going to start a diary because my life is very busy.

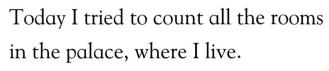
I do not want to forget anything.



My world

If people read this diary in the future, they might not know about my world. So I am going to explain interesting things about my world in these boxes.





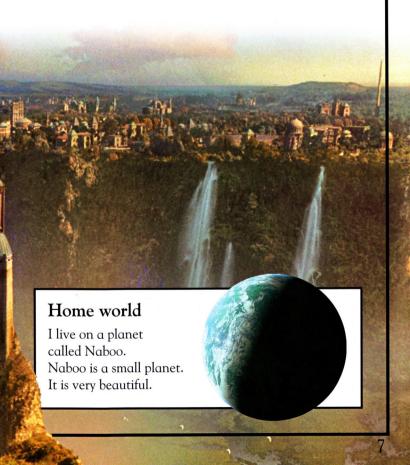
I quickly lost count.

My palace is so large I think I shall never be able to explore all of it.



I love to climb up to one of the highest rooms.

Then I gaze at the waterfalls that flow down the side of the mountain.





Today a lot of important people visited me.

When people meet me, some of them are surprised that I am so young.

I am just 14 years old.

All queens on my planet are young.

I am not even the youngest!

Even though I am not very old,





This morning I flew in a landspeeder. I love travelling fast in landspeeders. I flew around the city and looked at all the pretty buildings.

Lots of people waved at me.



My palace is in the biggest city on Naboo, but I have not always lived here.

I was born in a mountain village.



People of Naboo

The humans who live on my planet are called the Naboo. I am one of them. The Naboo live in cities and villages.





I was learning about the Gungans in my lessons today.

I learnt that the Gungans also live on my planet.

They live in underwater cities.

The Gungans can also live on land.

I would like to meet a Gungan.





Gungan

Naboo

Naboo natives

The Naboo and the Gungans do not often meet each other.
They are not enemies, but they are not friends either!

I often think about my parents and sisters.

I have many memories of growing up in my village.

When I was young, my teachers realised I was very clever. My teachers gave me extra training. Later, people decided to vote for me as Queen. It was the proudest day of my life!







I have handmaidens who look after me and help me dress.

They also protect me from danger.

My handmaidens are my friends, too. Eirtaé (pronounced AIR-TAY) and Rabé are two of my closest handmaidens.



Royal dress On my planet,

On my planet, kings and queens wear special clothes and make-up. They also wear their hair in special ways. Today I am going to visit a nearby planet in my special spaceship.

My spaceship is totally silver.





Spaceships

Naboo kings and queens fly silver spaceships. There is even a

There is even a throne in my ship!

It has large rooms inside.

No one has a spaceship like mine.

I am even learning to fly it.





Sometimes it is hard being Queen, because everyone knows me.
Sabé is my best friend and one of my handmaidens.



Sometimes Sabé dresses as me, and I dress as a handmaiden.

We have a secret way of talking in code when we are in disguise. A terrible thing has happened.

My planet has been invaded.

Enemy soldiers tried to capture me,
but I was saved by two Jedi Knights.

I had never met a Jedi before, but
I had heard about them.

They travel everywhere to help
people in need.



Droid soldiers

The enemy soldiers are machines called droids. Every droid soldier is armed and dangerous.

Now we are flying away from my planet to search for help for my people.





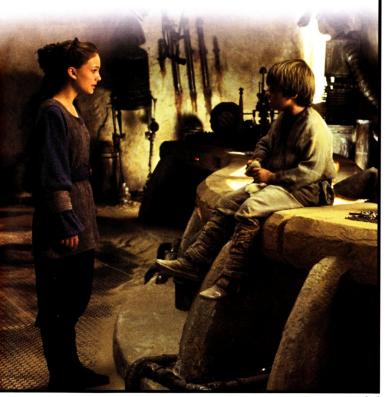


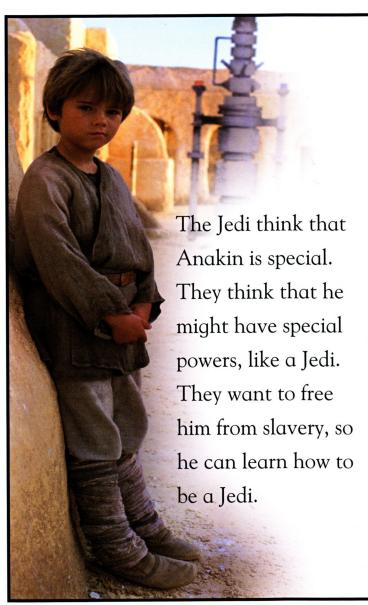
We have landed on a planet to repair the spaceship. The planet is rough and dry. We went to a local town. I went in disguise so no one would know I was a queen. I met a boy who is a slave. This means that someone owns him, and he is not free to ever leave his master.

This young boy is very special.

His name is Anakin and he told me
I looked like an angel.

I think we will be friends.





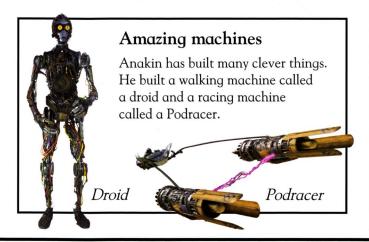


Amazing news! Anakin is free!

He won a dangerous race in his

Podracer to gain his freedom.

Now we can get help for my planet.





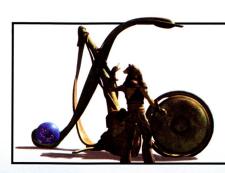
Today I became a fighter.

No one would help my people, so I had to help them myself.

I went with the Jedi to ask the Gungans for help.



Together we made an army and fought the enemy droid soldiers. The Gungans fought bravely, but many of them died.



Weapons

The Gungans use many weapons in battle, including giant catapults.





My planet is free!

Anakin helped us a lot.

He flew a spaceship straight into the invaders' spaceship and blew it up! Although it was really an accident,

when Anakin destroyed the ship the droids could no longer fight.

Now I'm sure Anakin

will be trained as a Jedi.

Perhaps we will

meet again....

Places I have visited



I visited a dangerous planet called Tatooine with the Jedi Qui-Gon Jinn. We went to a busy town.





When I was visiting Tatooine, I watched a fast sporting race called a Podrace.

A huge crowd gathered to watch the race.

I flew to the centre of the galaxy to visit the capital planet. One enormous city covers the entire planet.



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I have read this book

Date





Read all about the thoughts, secrets and feelings of Padmé, queen of the planet Naboo.

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FO READ	Beginning to read	 Simple sentences and limited vocabulary Picture glossary and simple index Adult participation helpful 	
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READING ALONE	Reading alone	More complex sentence structure Information boxes and alphabetical glossary Comprehensive index	
AOFICIENT.	Proficient readers	Rich vocabulary and challenging sentence structure Additional information and alphabetical glossary Comprehensive index	

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