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Synopsis

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5. 'Mrs Badgery' - Wilkie Collins
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9. 'The Tell-Tale Heart' - Edgar Allan Poe
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15. 'One Crowded Hour' - Arthur Conan Doyle
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17. 'The Masque of the Red Death' - Edgar Allan Poe

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25. 'Kew Gardens' - Virginia Woolf
26. 'The District Doctor' - Ivan Turgenev
27. 'Happiness' - Guy De Maupassant
28. 'A Blunder' - Anton Chekhov
29. 'The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky' - Stephen Crane
30. 'In a Far-Off World' - Olive Schreiner
31. 'The Cook's Wedding' - Anton Chekhov
32. 'The Recruit' - Honore de Balzac
33. 'The Nightingale and the Rose' - Oscar Wilde
34. 'Pyramus and Thisbe' - Ovid
35. 'Aunt Hetty on Matrimony' - Fanny Fern
36. 'A Country Cottage' - Anton Chekhov
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38. 'The Statue of Limitations' - Ernest Dowson
39. 'The Dilettante' - Edith Wharton

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