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Let's all go to the Big Apple! Come with us on our A-Z journey to one of the most exciting and fun cities in the world. Do you want to know what's the tallest building in New York? Or what New Yorkers like doing in their free time? Would you like to learn about the food people eat in New York ? Or which famous people are from this city? You can discover the answers to these questions and learn much more about the people, places and things in the city that never sleeps. Enjoy the book! Enjoy New York!

In this reader you'll find:

- Glossary of difficult words
- After-reading activities
- An audio recording of the book
- Stunning photos of New York

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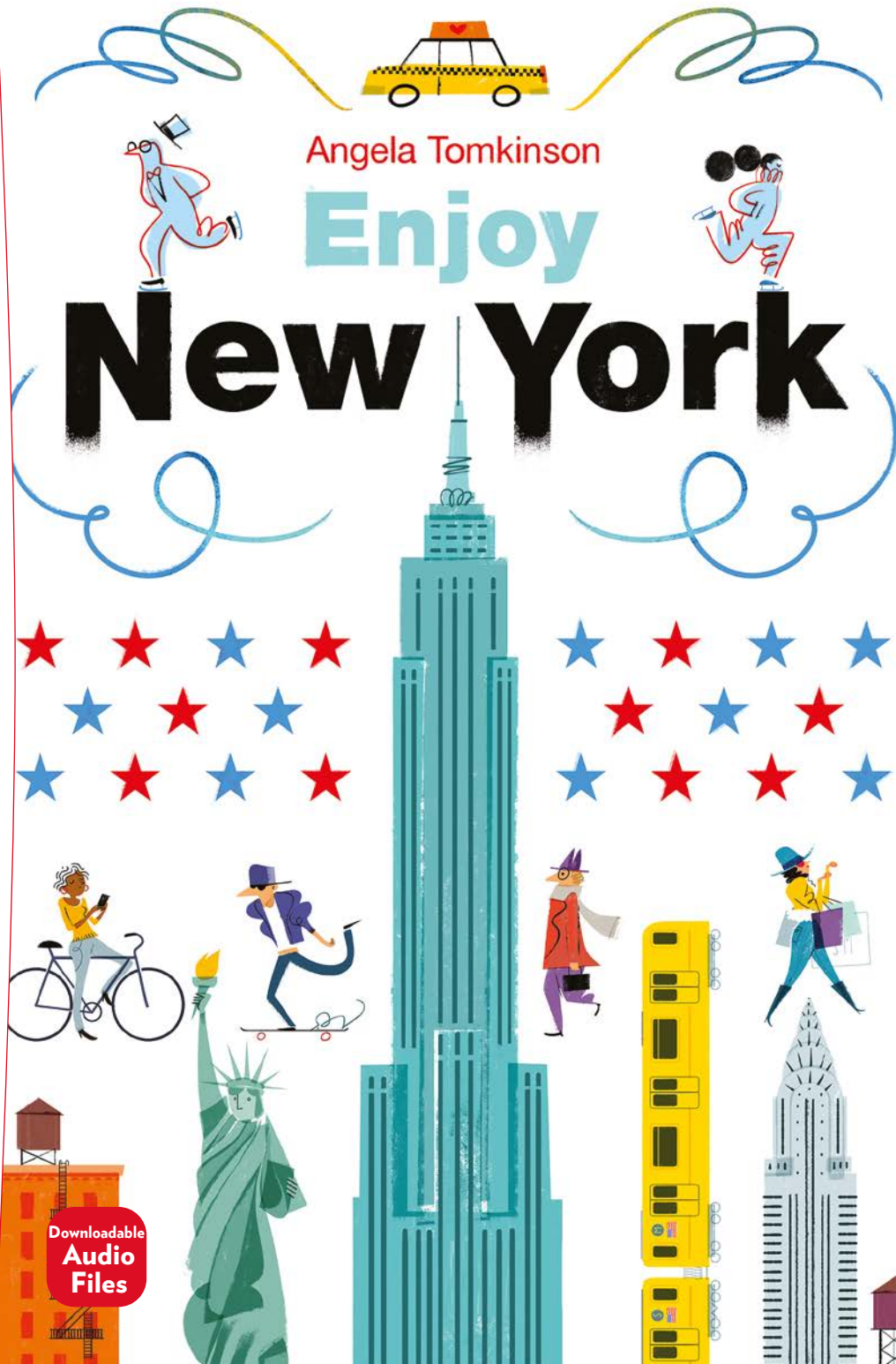
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Areas

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- ▶ 2 **New York is a very big city and about 8.4 million people live there. So where do all these people live and work in New York? Let's read about the five areas which are called 'boroughs' or 'districts'.**

Queens

In this borough you can visit the Queens Museum of Science, the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Socrates Sculpture Park, the Queens Botanical Gardens and The American Museum of the Moving Image. In 1939 the World Fair was here, in Flushing Meadows, which is now the home of the US Open Tennis Championships.

Did you know...?

In Queens you can visit Louis Armstrong's house. He was a jazz musician and played the trumpet*.

The Bronx

This is the place where hip hop was born. It's also home to the New York Yankees and you can watch their baseball matches in the Yankee Stadium.

Do you like playing or watching golf? Here, there's the Van Cortlandt golf course. It was built in 1895 and it's America's oldest golf course.

Did you know...?

You can visit the home of the American writer Edgar Allan Poe in the Bronx. He went to live at Poe Cottage in 1846 and wrote some of his most famous works there.

trumpet: 

a ride: 

sights: important things to see in a city

film director: a person who makes films



Brooklyn

You can arrive in Brooklyn by walking across the amazing Brooklyn Bridge. Here you can find the area called *DUMBO* (*Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass*). It's an important area for art and food. If you want to enjoy yourself in Brooklyn, then why not visit the Brooklyn Children's Museum or go to Coney Island to see the New York Aquarium or go on a ride* at the Coney Island Luna Park?

Did you know...?

Two important sports stars were born in Brooklyn – the boxer Mike Tyson and the basketball player Michael Jordan!

Staten Island

You can get there by going across one of four bridges, or taking the boat from Manhattan. We can often see Staten island in American films or TV series.

In fact, some of the parts of *War of the Worlds*, *The Astronaut's Wife*, *A Beautiful Mind* and *The Godfather* were made there.

Did you know...?

Staten Island is also the home of tennis. The first American National Tennis Championship was played there in 1880.

Manhattan

Manhattan is divided into three parts – Downtown, Midtown and Uptown. More people live in Manhattan than in the other four boroughs and many tourists visit this area. Here we can find many famous museums and sights* like the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Empire State Building, Wall Street, Times Square and Broadway.

Did you know...?

The American film director* Woody Allen made a film called *Manhattan* in 1979.



Buildings

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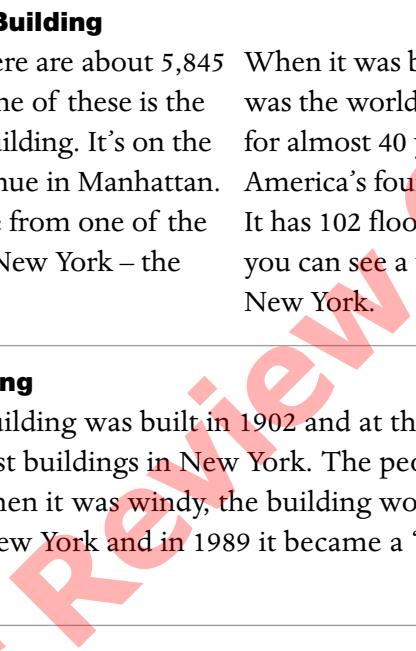
- ▶ 3 In New York you can find all kinds of buildings. Tall buildings, small buildings, old buildings, new buildings, beautiful buildings, ugly buildings... So many buildings!

Empire State Building

In New York there are about 5,845 skyscrapers*. One of these is the Empire State Building. It's on the famous 5th Avenue in Manhattan. It takes its name from one of the nicknames* of New York – the Empire State.

When it was built in 1931, it was the world's tallest building for almost 40 years and it's now America's fourth tallest building. It has 102 floors and from the top you can see a wonderful view of New York.

Flatiron Building

This unusual building was built in 1902 and at that time it was one of the tallest buildings in New York. The people of New York thought that when it was windy, the building would fall down. It's a symbol* of New York and in 1989 it became a 'National Historic Landmark*'.


One World Trade Center

This building was built where the World Trade Center stood until September 11th 2001.

It stands at 541.3 meters and it's the fourth tallest building in the world. It was built in 2006 and

finally opened on November 1st 2014. It has 104 floors and at the top there is the One World Observatory where you can see amazing views of New York.

skyscraper: a very tall building

nickname: when people give you an informal name

symbol: (here) when people think of this building, they think of New York

National Historic Landmark: a title given to places of historical importance



New York's narrowest building

You can find this little house at 75½ Bedford Street in Greenwich Village. It's only 3 meters wide and some very famous people have lived there, such as the actor Cary Grant. In August 2013 someone bought the house for \$3.25 million.

New York's oldest building

This very old building was built in 1652 and it's the oldest building in New York. It's in Brooklyn and was built by Dutch immigrants who came to live in the city. Now it's a museum where you can learn about life in the past and what it was like to live there.

'Fake' buildings

On the outside you could think that it's a normal house but behind the front wall there are no rooms or a family living there. Near the house there's the subway and behind it there's a tunnel that people can use if something goes wrong on the subway.

Did you know...?

New York is home to the United Nations. Its building is in Manhattan near the East River and has been there since 1952.



Culture

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- ▶ 4 **If you like art, museums, street art or other kinds of culture, then you'll find it all here in New York. Let's go on a cultural tour of the city!**

Art and museums

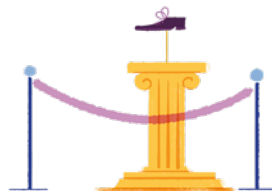
In New York there are some of the most famous and most important art museums in the world! Inside The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met) you can find works of art from every part of the world, paintings and sculptures* from important painters and modern art. The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) exhibits very important works of art from artists such as Cézanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso, Rousseau, Matisse. The Guggenheim Museum was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and it hosts special exhibitions of modern and contemporary art.

Do you know...?

One of New York's smallest museums is Mmuseumm. It is full of unusual objects, such as a shoe that somebody threw at the US President in 2008, and it is built inside a lift!

Do you know...?

In New York there's even a skyscraper museum! It isn't inside a skyscraper but it's related to skyscrapers.



sculpture:



secret: something that you don't tell anyone about

setting: the time and place of a film/book



Street art

If you like street art, then it's possible to go on a walking tour of the areas in the city that have walls and buildings full of graffiti and art. But it isn't possible to see all the street art in the city! In 2009 a group of 100 street artists started the Underbelly Project.

They painted for one night each in an old subway station that wasn't used anymore. It was a secret* and not many people knew about it. Now the entrance to the subway station is closed and the street art is left in the dark.

Literature

New York is home of the Beat Generation. They were a group of writers in the 1950s, who wrote about American culture after World War II. The most important writers of this period were Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs and Lucien Carr, who met each other while they were students at New York's Columbia University.

Do you know...?

One of Jack Kerouac's most famous books is *On The Road*. He wrote it in 1957 and it talks about his travels across America with his friends.

Comics

The American comic book was first invented in New York in the early 1930s. Many stories about superheroes used New York as their setting* such as Gotham City (Batman) and Metropolis (Superman). Marvel Comics were the first to use the real New York in their stories such as in *Spiderman* and *The Fantastic Four*.



Activity pages

Test your memory

- 1** How many boroughs are there in New York?
- 2** Which building in New York is the fourth tallest in the world?
- 3** Which museum of art opened in 1870 and is near Central Park?
- 4** What's the 'American Dream'?
- 5** What happens on the last Thursday of November in the USA?
- 6** What happens in the book *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*?
- 7** Can you remember five different ways to get around New York?
- 8** When did New Amsterdam become New York?
- 9** Who was the first person to pass through Ellis Island in 1892?
- 10** Can you name some jobs that New Yorkers do?
- 11** If you want to buy a teddy bear, a doll and a toy car which famous shop can you go to?
- 12** What's the name of New York's biggest train station?
- 13** Who was George Gershwin?
- 14** Do you remember five different nicknames for New York?
- 15** Why is Philadelphia an important city?
- 16** Which famous people were born in New York?
- 17** Can you remember any of the quotes about New York?
- 18** What are some of the things you can do in New York in your free time?
- 19** Who are the New York Yankees and the New York Mets?
- 20** What's Broadway famous for?
- 21** What can you find at 767 Third Avenue?
- 22** Can you name three places where you can get great views of New York?
- 23** What happens every morning at 9.30 at the New York Stock Exchange?
- 24** Where can you find the biggest Christmas tree in New York?
- 25** What did a German butcher start selling in Coney island in 1871?
- 26** Where can you find 6,000 animals in New York?

Wordsearch

- 2 Can you find fifteen words about New York in the word search?

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Writing

- 3 Send your friends a postcard from New York. Tell them about the city, what you're doing and what you've seen! (write about 50 words).

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