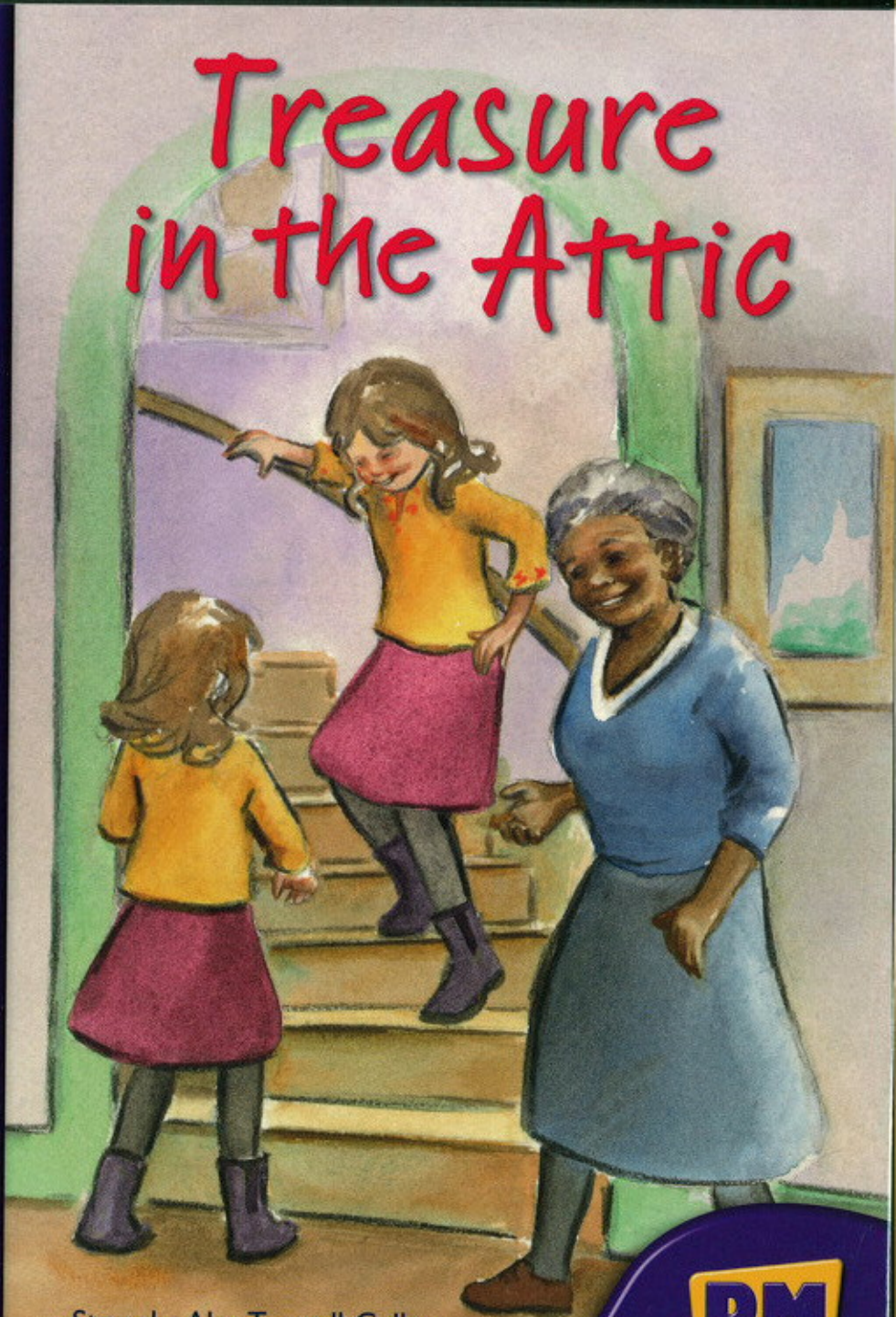
Treasure in the Attic



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Level 20

Running Words	Complete text	573
Reading Record	Pages 2–7	206

Key Teaching Points

- Reread *PM Early Chapters* Level 18 *The Twin Competition*. Talk about identical twins.
- Make sure the students understand what an attic is and what it is used for.
- Talk about the myths associated with pirate treasure.

Key Questions

- Who was Mrs Patterson? *(Literal)*
- What was the treasure in the attic? *(Literal)*
- Why do you think Mrs Patterson was the best teacher Mum ever had? *(Inferential)*
- Why do you think Mrs Patterson said that Mum was her star pupil? *(Inferential)*
- Explain what Abby meant by 'secret passageways'. *(Applied knowledge)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Discuss the meanings of these words: *disappointed, boring, annoying.*
- Find and expand the compound words in the story.
- Build lists of words that have the digraph *ph*; e.g. *photo, telephone.*

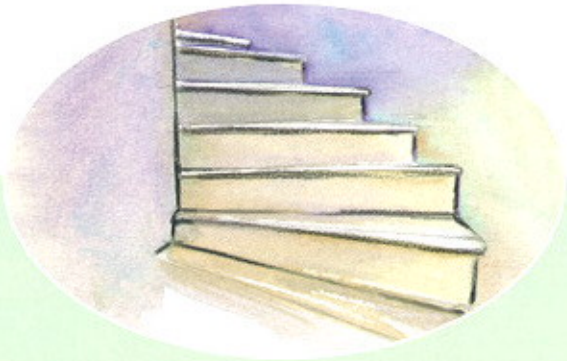
Links with other PM Books

PM Plus	Level 16	The Secret Cave
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Chapter 1

The Best Teacher



"Here we are at last,"
said Abby's and Zoe's mother.
They stopped outside a big, old house.
It was at the top of a hill
looking out over Pirates Bay.

"It's like a house from a story book," said Abby.

"Or a movie," said Zoe.

"And we're right on time," said Mum.
"We can't be late for Mrs Patterson."

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"But who is she?" asked Zoe.

"I was in her class at school," said Mum. "She was the best teacher I ever had."



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Mrs Patterson gave Mum a great big hug. "And you must be Abby and Zoe!" she said. "What is it like to be twins?"

"Most of the time it's fun," said Abby. "But it's annoying if people mistake me for Zoe."

"Or when they mistake me for Abby," said Zoe.

"Do you ever get muddled yourselves?" asked Mrs Patterson.

The twins laughed. "Oh, no!" they said.

"Even when we look at photos of us as babies, we can tell if it's Zoe or me," said Abby.

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Mrs Patterson looked hard at the twins.

"Can you tell who we are?" asked Abby.

"I think so," said Mrs Patterson.
"You're Abby. And you're Zoe."

