

## BEGINNER LEVEL

### The Black Tulip by Alexandre Dumas

#### A Before Reading

- 1 Look at pages 4 to 7. Are these sentences True or False?

- (a) Alexandre Dumas came from The Netherlands.  
(b) ***The Black Tulip*** is a true story.

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- 2 Here are some chapter titles from this story. Make some guesses. Put the titles in the correct order.

Lovenstein Prison

The Truth at Last

Two Tulip-growers

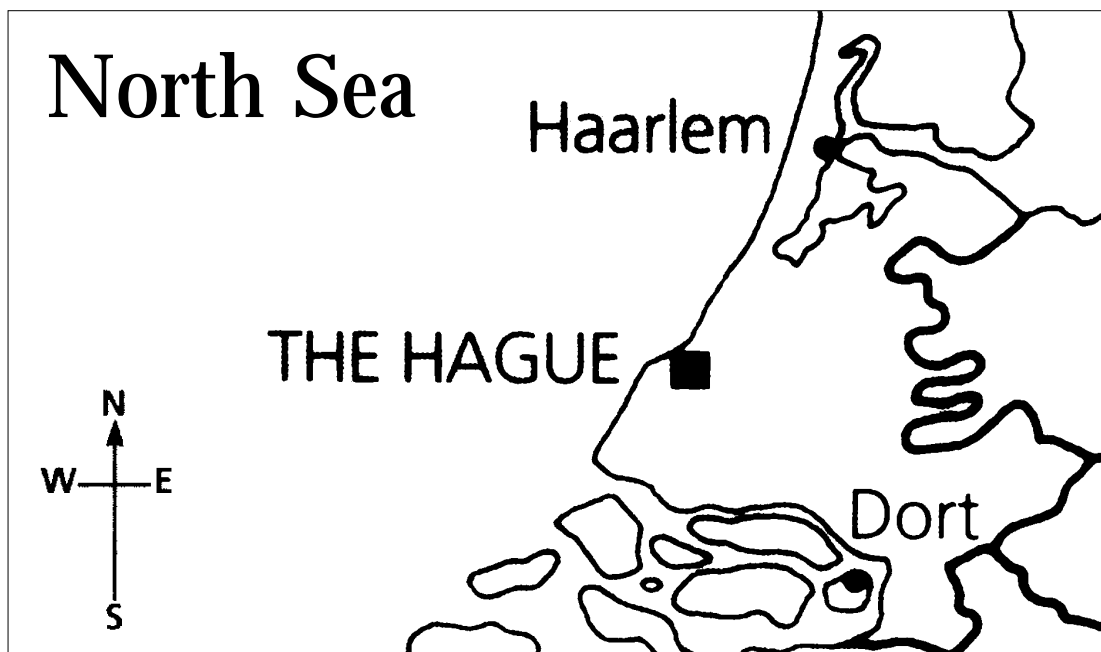
The Prize

Murder in the Street





- 3 Look at the back cover of this book. Look at pages 4 to 7. Now look at *The People in This Story* on page 8. Which names do you know?

#### B While Reading

- 4 Here is a part of the map from the Contents page.  
Where does each chapter happen? Mark the map after you have read each chapter.






5 Make notes about each of these characters. Fill in this chart.

	Appearance	Personality
 Cornelius Van Baerle  Rosa  Isaac Boxtel  Gryphus	a thin face	a bad-tempered man

6 Look at Chapter 5. What happened on 20th August 1672? Write a few notes.

7 What happened to the three tulip bulbs? Fill in the chart.

Bulb 1 	Bulb 2 	Bulb 3 

### C After Reading

8 There are several handwritten notes and letters in this book.

(a) Why is each note or letter important?

(b) Which note or letter is the most important? Why?

9 Which flowers are famous or special in your country? Are there stories about them?