

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

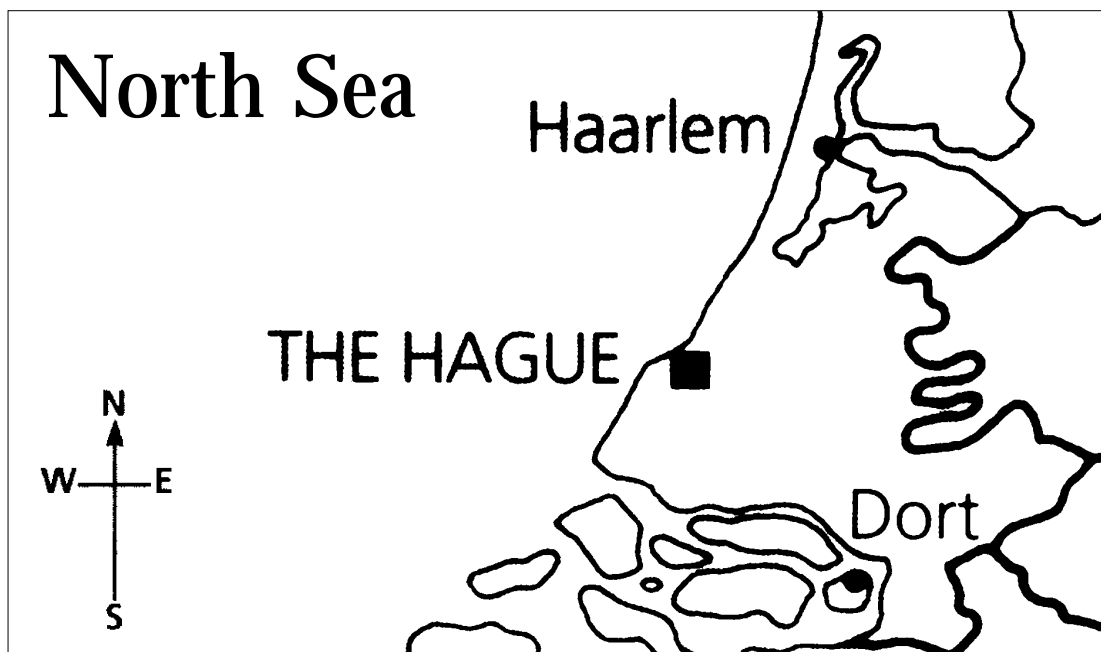
Murder in the Street

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?

