

Dandelion Catch-up Reader Books Overview

So you have students in higher year levels that are struggling to read? It's not too late, we can teach reading to anyone at any age; the challenge is to provide suitable, age-appropriate texts, that are engaging, yet allow for going back to basics.

The Catch-up Reader Series, suitable for readers aged 8 – 14, are designed for older readers who are struggling with reading. The purpose of these Series is to fill in the missing gaps in phonic skills and knowledge that are preventing the pupils from making progress and becoming fluent readers.

The Series has been designed to introduce the English Phonic Code in small sequential steps. Special features to engage students have been incorporated into the Readers, including:

- ✓ Age-appropriate illustrations and a storyline involving quests and missions in chapter book format
- ✓ Each Reader has reading practice and vocabulary pages to develop receptive and expressive language
- ✓ Multi-syllable words split to assist the reader on each page
- ✓ Reader-friendly text, using a special font designed for dyslexia on a cream background
- ✓ Comprehensive workbooks supporting each set of Readers include pre and post-reading activities

The books are available through the SPELD SA shop <https://snipurl.im/UNlaS>

If your school would like to know more or to see the readers, please phone 8431 1655 or email info@speld-sa.org.au



Moon Dogs Series



Reading skills are developed through a step-by-step progression which allows practice and consolidation at each level. Each book contains a six-page, fully illustrated story plus reading practice, vocabulary, comprehension questions and a game.

Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
<p>This Set has one line of text to a page. The sounds of the alphabet are introduced gradually at CVC word level.</p> <p>Moon Dog Set 1 - 8 Books and Workbook</p>	<p>This Set has two or three lines of text to a page. Text begins at CVC level and introduces adjacent consonants and the consonant digraphs:</p> <p>ch, sh, th, ck, ng, qu and wh.</p> <p>Moon Dog Set 2 - 8 Books and Workbook</p>	<p>This Set has three lines of text to a page. The series introduces two spellings for the following vowel sounds:</p> <p>/ael/ leel/ loal/ ler/ /el/ lowl/ lool/ (moon) lil/ /ool/ (book) lorl/ loyl/ larl/ /airl/ and /earl/.</p> <p>Moon Dog Set 3 - 14 Books and Workbook</p>



Magic Belt Series

12 Books and Intro Workbook and Workbook



That Dog

12 Books and Workbook

Aimed at pupils with prior knowledge of the sound and letters of the alphabet.

<p><i>When 10 year-old Zak's grandfather falls ill Zak must go on a quest to find 10 magical gems to help cure him.</i></p>						<p>These Series introduce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adjacent consonant; CVC, CVCC, CCVC and CCVCC • consonant digraphs; ch, tch, sh, th, ck, qu, ng, wh and le • suffixes; -ed and -ing. • 1 and 2 letter graphemes • 2 syllable words 						<p><i>Ben has always wanted a dog. One day a scruffy stray follows him home. Will he get to keep him?</i></p>					
Magic Belt and That Dog Series						12 Full-colour pages in each book											
	Bk1	Bk2	Bk3	Bk4	Bk5	Bk6	Bk7	Bk8	Bk9	Bk10	Bk11	Bk12					
Sound						/ch/	/sh/	/th/	/ck/ /kw/	/ng/	/wh/	/l/					
Spelling	cvc cvcc	cvcc	cvcc	ccvc -ed	ccvcc	ch tch	sh	th	ck qu	ng	wh -ing	le					



Totem Series

12 Books and Workbook



Alba Series

12 Books and Workbook

Aimed at pupils able to read a simple text at CVC level and who know most of the consonant digraphs but have poor knowledge of vowel digraphs.

<p><i>Zac is 11 years old living with his Grandpa. In the hills, he daily tends his sheep with his shepherd's staff but he is bored with the job. One day while tending his sheep, two men kidnap him and his adventures begin. Along the way, he makes new friends and his staff acquires special powers. Will he survive and see his Grandpa again?</i></p>						<p>These parallel Series recap and quickly progress through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adjacent consonants; CVC, CVCC, CCVC and CCVCC • consonant digraphs; sh, ch, th, ck, ng, qu and wh • Alternate vowel spellings are introduced for the following vowel phonemes: /ae/ /ee/ /oa/ /er/ /ow/ /ie/ /oo/ (moon) • 1, 2 and 3 letter graphemes • 2 and 3 syllable words 						<p><i>Alba lives with her dad. Her dad is a scientist trying to save the world's apple trees as a superbug is destroying all the trees. He has hidden the world's last apple pip in their city flat. Max from the lab tries to steal the pip. Alba escapes with it but Max shrinks Alba to 10cm tall. She must now cross the city with Max following to reach her dad at his lab to deliver the pip safely.</i></p>					
Totem Series and Alba Series						12 Full-colour pages in each book											
	Bk1	Bk2	Bk3	Bk4	Bk5	Bk6	Bk7	Bk8	Bk9	Bk10	Bk11	Bk12					
Sound				/sh/ /ch/ /th/	/k/ /ng/ /kw/ /wh/	/ae/	/ee/	/oa/	/er/	/ow/	/ie/	/oo/					
Spelling	cvc cvcc	cvc cvcc ccvc	cvc cvcc ccvcc	sh ch th	ck ng qu wh	ai ay a_e a	ee ea e y ey	o_e ow oa o	er ir ur	ow ou	igh i_e y i	oo ew u_e u					



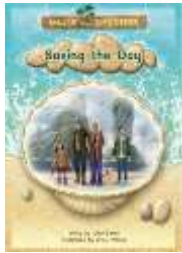
Talisman 1 Series

10 Books and Workbook



Rescue Series

10 Books and Workbook



Island Adventure Series

10 Books

Aimed at pupils with poor knowledge of the phonic code and alternative spellings for vowel sounds.

These parallel Series introduce alternate spellings for the following vowel phonemes:

/ae/ /ee/ /oe/ /er/ /ow/ /oi/ /oo/ /ie/ /or/ /air/ /ar/

1, 2, 3 and 4 letter graphemes

2 and 3 syllable words

Talisman 1

Zac lives with his Grandpa. On his 13th birthday, his Grandpa gave Zac a talisman with special powers. His Grandpa instructed him to never take it off as it will protect him and might even save his life one day.

But somebody else wants the talisman and will do anything to get it. Zac's life will never be the same again.

Rescue

It is a hot, sunny day. Erin is babysitting her baby brother. Her friend, Danny, skates over to see her. Neither of them knows this is the start of an epic adventure!

Island Adventure

Jack and his little sister, Snub, are visiting Gran and Grandpa on a remote Scottish island where they live. An accident brings them closer together, but a subsequent calamity is the beginning of an exciting quest.

Talisman 1, Rescue and Island Adventure Series

16 Full-colour pages in each book

	Bk1	Bk2	Bk3	Bk4	Bk5	Bk6	Bk7	Bk8	Bk9	Bk10
Sound	/ae/	/ee/	/oa/	/er/	/ow/ /oi/	/oo/	/ie/	/or/	/air/	/ar/
Spelling	ay ai a a_e ea ey	ee ea y e ie e_e ei	ow oa oe o_e o	er ir ur or ear	ow ou oi oy	oo ue u_e ew ou u	igh ie i_e i y	or ore a aw awe au ar al ough	air are ear ere eir	ar a al au ear



Titan's Gauntlets

10 Books and Workbook



Talisman 2 Series

10 Books and Workbook

Aimed at pupils who have gaps in their knowledge of the phonic code. Complex alternative spellings for vowel and consonant sounds and common Latin suffixes are introduced. The Series follows on from the Talisman 1 and Rescue Series and offer increasingly challenging texts for children who are coming to grips with the complex spellings in English.

<p><i>Finn is fishing in his boat in the ocean when a sudden violent storm destroys his boat. Before he knows what has happened he finds himself on a strange island talking to an even stranger bird. He discovers that he is the chosen one to stop the evil Winged One from destroying the world. With the help of a pair of magic gauntlets, Finn must awaken the dormant Titan to help save the world before it is too late.</i></p>	<p>These parallel Series introduce alternative spellings for the following vowel and consonant phonemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • /ue/ /u/ /o/ /s/ /l/ /j/ /f/ • The following common Latin suffixes are introduced: • -ture, -tion, -tial, -cial and -sion • 1 and 2 letter graphemes • 2 and 3 syllable words 	<p><i>Zac's adventures continue with the talisman given to him on his 13th birthday by his Grandpa.</i></p> <p><i>But somebody else wants Zac's talisman and its special powers and they will do anything to get it.</i></p> <p><i>Zac's life will never be the same again.</i></p>
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Titan's Gauntlets Series						16 Full-colour pages in each book				
	Bk1	Bk2	Bk3	Bk4	Bk5	Bk6	Bk7	Bk8	Bk9	Bk10
Sound	/ue/	/u/ /o/	/s/	/l/	/j/	/f/	/cher/	/shun/	/shul/	/zhun/
Spelling	u ue u_e	u o ou	s ss se c ce	l ll le al	j g ge	f ff ph	-ture	-tion	-tial -cial	-sion

Talisman 2 Series						12 Full-colour pages in each book				
	Bk1	Bk2	Bk3	Bk4	Bk5	Bk6	Bk7	Bk8	Bk9	Bk10
Sound	/ue/	/u/ /o/	/s/	/l/	/j/	/f/	/cher/	/shun/	/shul/ /shus/	/zhun/
Spelling	u_e ue ew u	ou o u a ou au	s ss se sc c ce st	l ll le il al ol el	j g ge dge dj	f ff gh ph	-ture	-tion -tian -sion -cian -ssion	-cial -tial -tious -cious -ious	-sion



Amber Guardians

10 Books and Workbook

The aim of this series is to assist the reader's transition from structured to mainstream reading by developing their comprehension purely from the text. Each book has 26 pages with a higher proportion of text to illustrations and has been carefully written to motivate older readers and build reading stamina.

Amber Guardians <i>A chance discovery of an ancient necklace in an old bazaar soon leads Finn and his friends on an incredible quest.</i>					This Series' focus is on English morphemes or the smallest units of meaning in a word. The morphemes in this Series include prefixes, suffixes, and root words and are grouped according to their function or meaning. Identifying morphemes and their meaning helps increase comprehension, reading, and spelling.				
Amber Guardians Series					26 Full-colour pages in each book				
Bk1	Bk2	Bk3	Bk4	Bk5	Bk6	Bk7	Bk8	Bk9	Bk10
suffixes	suffixes	prefixes	prefixes	prefixes	prefixes	prefixes	root words	root words	root words
-s -es -ed -ing	-ful -less -ness -er -est -ly -en -ish -y -able -ible	un- in- im- ir- il- dis- mis-	re- pre-	uni- tri- quad-	that relate to prepositions, such as 'super'	that relate to size, such as 'magna' 'mini' 'micro'	that relate to parts of the body and life, such as 'man' 'spec' 'viv'	that relate to memory, such as 'mem'	that relate to action, such as 'ject' 'tract' 'struct' 'labour' 'fact' 'form'