

SYNTHETIC PHONICS READING BOOKS

Catch-up Readers Series Overview

Dandelion Catch-up Reader Books

Suitable for readers aged 8 - 14

The Catch-up Reader Series 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 have 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 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

Moon Dogs Series

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

The series is designed around a group of teenage friends who are in a band and offers short, humorous stories about their lives.

Set 1

This Set has one line of text to a page. The sounds of the alphabet are introduced gradually at CVC word level.



Moon Dog Set 1-
8 Books and Workbook

Set 2

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:

ch, sh, th, ck, ng,
qu and wh.

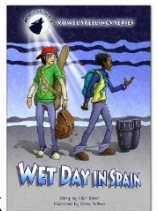


Moon Dog Set 2-
8 Books and Workbook

Set 3

This Set has three lines of text to a page. The series introduces two spellings for the following vowel sounds:

/ae/ /ee/ /oa/ /er/
/e/ /ow/ /oo/ /i/
/look/ /or/ /oy/ /ar/
/air/ and /ear/.



Moon Dog Set 3-
14 Books and Workbook

Magic Belt Series

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

Zac is 10 years old living with his Grandpa. After his Grandpa falls gravely ill, Zac seeks help from a wizard who offers Zac a cure. In return, Zac must go on a quest with his friend Finn to find ten magic gems. Will they find the magic gems in time to save his Grandpa?

This Series introduces:

- adjacent consonant; CVC, CVCC, CCVC and CCVC
- consonant digraphs; ch, tch, sh, th, ck, qu, ng, wh and le
- suffixes; –ed and –ing.

1 and 2 letter graphemes
2 syllable words



Magic Belt Series-
12 Books and Workbook

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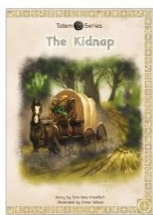
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Totem Series

Alba Series

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.

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?



Totem Series-
12 Books and Workbook

These parallel Series recaps and quickly progress through:

- adjacent consonants; CVC, CVCC, CCVC and CCVCC
- consonant digraphs; sh, ch, th, ck, ng, qu and wh

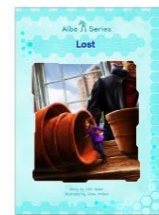
Alternate vowel spellings are introduced for the following vowel phonemes:

/ae/ /ee/ /oa/ /er/ /ow/ /ie/ /oo/

1, 2 and 3 letter graphemes

2 and 3 syllable words

Alba lives with her dad. Her dad is a scientist trying to save the world's apples 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.



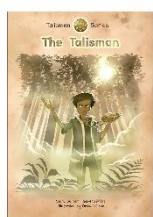
Alba Series-
12 Books and Workbook

Talisman 1 Series

Rescue Series

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

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.



Talisman 1 Series
10 Books and Workbook

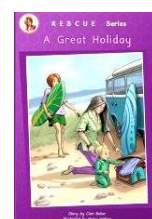
These parallel Series introduce alternate spellings for the following vowel phonemes:

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

1, 2, 3 and 4 letter graphemes

2 and 3 syllable words

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!



Rescue Series-
10 Books and Workbook

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Talisman 2 Series

Titan's Gauntlets

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 follow on from the Talisman 1 and Rescue Series and offers increasingly challenging texts for children who are coming to grips with the complex spellings in English.

Zac's adventures continue with the talisman given to him on his 13th birthday by his Grandpa. But somebody else wants Zac's talisman and its special powers and they will do anything to get it. Zac's life will never be the same again.



Talisman 2 Series-
10 Books and Workbook

These parallel Series introduces alternative spellings for the following vowel and consonant phonemes:

/ue/ /u/ /o/ /s/ /l/ /j/ /f/

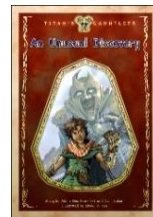
The following common Latin suffixes are introduced:

-ture, -tion, -tial, -cial and -sion

1 and 2 letter graphemes

2 and 3 syllable words

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.



Titan's Gauntlets Series
10 Books and Workbooks

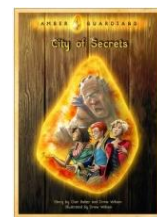
Amber Guardians

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 have been carefully written to motivate older readers and build reading stamina.

A chance discovery of an ancient necklace in an old bazaar soon leads Finn and his friends on an incredible quest.

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-
10 Books and Workbook

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Summary – Catch-up Phonic Reader

These series and their accompanying workbooks complement any synthetic phonics teaching programme.

Assessment Recommendations

Refer to SPELD NSW's website for downloadable student assessment pages and teacher/ parent pages for recommendations for which Series is appropriate for the student.



The phonic structure of the Dandelion Phonic Readers

Magic Belt 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	CCVC C	ch tch	sh	th	ck qu	ng	wh -ing	le
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 qu ng wh	ai a_e ay a	ee y ea ey e	o_e oa ow o	er ir ur	ow ou	igh y i_e i	oo u_e ew u
Talisman 1 Series and Rescue 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 a_e ai ea a ey	ee ie ea e_e y ei e	ow oa oe o_e o	er ir ur or ear	ow ou oi oy	oo ew ue ou u_e u	igh ie i_e i y	or au ore ar a al aw ough awe	air are ear ere eir	ar a al au ear		
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 a o o u ou	s c ss ce se st sc	l al ll ol le el il	j dge g dj ge	f ff gh ph	-ture	-tion -sion -tian -cian -ssion	-cial -tious -tial -cious -ious	-sion		
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 c ss ce se	l le ll al	j g ge	f ff ph	-ture	-tion	-tial -cial	-sion		

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Amber Guardians Series				26 Full-colour pages in each book	
Book/ Workbook Chapter	Concept	Books		Workbook	
		Teaching Focus	Morphemes	Teaching Focus	Morphemes
Bk1	Suffixes	Plurals Past/ Present Tense	-s -es -ed -ing	Plurals Past/ Present Tense	-s -es -ed -ing
Bk2	Suffixes	Enhance or change meanings	-ful -less -ness -er -est -ly -en -ish -y -able -ible	Enhance or change meanings	-ful -less -ness -er -est -ly -en -ish -y -able -ible
Bk3	Prefixes	Means no or wrong	un- in- im- il- ir- mis- dis-	Means no or wrong	un- in- im- il- ir- mis- dis-
Bk4	Prefixes	Relates to time	re- pre-	Relates to time or mean 'again'	re- pre- post- ante- anti-
Bk5	Prefixes	Relates to number	uni- tri- quad-	Relates to number and quantity	uni- bi- tri- quad- dec- cent- multi-
Bk6	Prefixes	Relates to prepositions	super-	Relates to prepositions	sub- super- trans- inter- ex-
Bk7	Prefixes	Relates to size	magna- mini- micro-	Relates to size	magna-/magni- mega- min-/mini- micro-
Bk8	Root Words	Relates to parts of the body & life	cap man spec viv	Relates to parts of the body & life	cap/ capit man bio spec ped viv/vit mort
Bk9	Root Words	Relates to memory	mem	Relates to speaking, writing and memory	dict graph mem scrib/ script
Bk10	Root Words	Relates to actions	ject tract struct	Relates to actions	ject tract port struct labour fact form



Talisman Card Games

20 beautifully-illustrated playing card games that offer practice and consolidation for catch-up readers. Linked to the two Talismans quest series, these card games will enthuse and delight older, struggling readers as they learn to read. Boxes 1 to 10 starting at CVC word level and introduce consonant digraphs and alternative spellings for vowel sounds. Boxes 11 to 20 introduces more alternative spellings for consonants and vowels.

Talisman Card Games Boxes 1 to 10

									
Box 1 CVC	Box 2 CVC CVCC CCVC CCVCC	Box 3 ch tch sh th	Box 4 ck ng qu wh	Box 5 ai ay a a-e ea	Box 6 ee e ea y e-e	Box 7 oa o ow oe o-e	Box 8 igh i y ie i-e	Box 9 oo ew ue u-e	Box 10 a-e e-e i-e o-e u-e

Talisman Card Games Boxes 11 to 20

									
Box 11 er ur ir or ear	Box 12 ow ou oi oy	Box 13 a aw au al	Box 14 air are ear ere	Box 15 ue ew u u-e	Box 16 s ss se c ce	Box 17 l ll al il le	Box 18 j g ge dge	Box 19 f ff gh ph	Box 20 ar a al au

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Catch-up Reader Series Workbooks

Each Catch-up Reader Series has an accompanying workbook correlating to the phonic focus within each book. Pre-reading activities include word building, blending, phoneme manipulation, reading and sorting activities. Follow-up activities after reading a book include: developing reading fluency, comprehension, spelling, writing and vocabulary. With each chapter reading games are included to motivate and engage students ensuring the targeted phonic skills are practiced and consolidated.

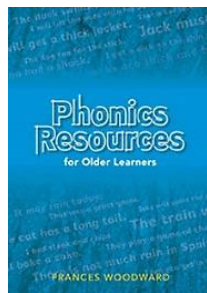
All activities are photocopiable. Instructions for every activity in the workbook are at the bottom of each page.

Examples of activities from the Catch-Up Workbooks

The image displays four sample pages from the Catch-up workbooks. The first page shows a 'Reading and spelling CVC words' activity with a list of words like 'mat', 'sin', 'tip', 'nap', 'sip', 'tan', 'nit', 'pin', and 'man'. The second page is a 'Writing' activity titled 'The trail - what is he like?' featuring a drawing of a bear and a trail. The third page is a 'Word matching' activity with a grid of words and a list of words to match. The fourth page is a 'Word matching' activity with a grid of words and a list of words to match.

Phonics Resources for Older Learner

This book contains photocopiable resources suitable for older children, adults and EAL/D learners. The worksheets follow the phonic progression presented in the Sounds-Write programme but would be useful to any teacher who is introducing phonics to their learners in a structured sequence.



One book of 236 pages

The image displays three sample pages from the Phonics Resources for Older Learners book. The first page is a 'Word matching' activity with a list of words and a grid of words to match. The second page is a 'Word matching' activity with a list of words and a grid of words to match. The third page is a 'Word matching' activity with a list of words and a grid of words to match.

Phonics Stories for Older Learners

This is a book of decodable stories and accompanying worksheets suitable for older children, adults and EAL/D learners. All the resources are photocopiable. The stories follow the phonic progression presented in the Sounds-Write programme but would be useful to any teacher who is introducing phonics to their learners in a structured sequence.



One book of 98 pages

The image displays three sample pages from the Phonics Stories for Older Learners book. The first page is a 'Reading' activity titled 'The Crisps' with a drawing of a boy and a bag of crisps. The second page is a 'Writing' activity titled 'Clara's Nightmare' with a drawing of a girl and a bed. The third page is a 'Writing' activity titled 'Clara's Nightmare' with a drawing of a girl and a bed.

Glossary:

CVC	An acronym for consonant vowel consonant words such as 'c-a-t'
Phoneme	The sounds in a word: e.g. 'cat' has three phonemes or sounds 'k' 'a' 't'
Grapheme	The letters representing a spoken sound, e.g. 'm' is a grapheme in the word 'mat' (one letter = one sound), 'sh' is a grapheme in 'ship' (two letters = one sound), 'igh' is a grapheme in 'night' (three letters = one sound), and 'eigh' is a grapheme in 'eight' (four letters = one sound)
//	Two diagonal lines with letters between are called virgules and are used to indicate a spoken sound, e.g. cat = /k/ /ə/ /t/