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| <p>Picture Squirrels</p> <p>These books are created to support parents with reading difficulties who want to share books with their children</p> | Barrington Stoke | AR book levels: 1.2 - 3.5 | Under 5's |
| <p>Little Gems</p> <p>Varied, high-quality stories that are ideal to help your young readers. First Chapter books.</p> | Barrington Stoke | AR book levels: 3 – 4.8 | 5-8 years |
| <p>Primary Fiction Books</p> <p>Short stories which progress to longer stories</p> <p>High quality children's authors and illustrators.</p> <p>Double spaced lines of text</p> | Barrington Stoke | Reading age 6+ AR book levels: 3 – 5.3 | 8-12 years |
| <p>Secondary Fiction</p> <p>Hi Lo readers for secondary pupils for struggling and reluctant readers.</p> | Barrington Stoke | Reading age 6+ AR book levels: 2.9– 5.5 | 11+ |
| <p>Dandelion Readers</p> <p>These books are for beginner readers aimed at children aged 4-7. Parallel sets of books introduce the sounds of the alphabet, adjacent consonants and consonant digraphs, and vowel digraphs.</p> | Phonic Books | Reading age 4+ AR book levels: 1.0- | 4 - 7 years |
| <p>Catch Up Readers</p> <p>Age appropriate, decodable, synthetic phonic reading books for older, struggling readers. There are nine series of levelled reading within the range. Beginning with the Moon Dog series (which is aimed at pupil in the early stages of reading) to the Amber Guardians this comprehensive range of books aims to bridge the gap between structured and mainstream reading. With a higher ratio of text to illustration, this series allows the reader to make the important step towards understanding meaning purely from text.</p> | Phonic Books | A set of 10 series of books ranging from Reading age 4+ (Moon Dog series) to 8+ (Amber Guardians). | 8 years + |

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| <p>Project X Hero Academy</p> <p>Fully decodable books aligned to Letters and Sounds Sets to turn your children into reading superheroes.</p> <p>78 fiction titles cover Reception to Year 2</p> | Oxford University Press | Book bands Red – Lime + | 4 - 7 years |
| <p>Project X Origins</p> <p>This series supports reading from Reception–Year 6. It includes 273 Reading books in clusters of 5 covering fiction and non-fiction.</p> | Ransom Press | Book bands Red – Dark Red Oxford level 1 - 20 | 4-12+ years |
| <p>Boffin Boy</p> <p>The ‘manga’ style is popular with reluctant and struggling readers. These books are designed with clear fonts, lower case text, speech bubbles and captions to make them accessible to students with a lower reading age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comic format to engage reluctant readers • Simple layouts and carefully levelled texts. | Ransom Press | Reading Age: 6 - 7 years AR book levels: 1.6 - 2.8 | Interest Age: 7 - 12 Years Old |
| <p>Pig Collection</p> <p>The PIG Collection includes eighteen reading books in the PIG series plus accompanying workbooks for the books in Set 1 and Set 2. A total of 4 workbooks. Each workbook provides worksheets for 3 of the PIG reading books. There are no workbooks available for PIG set 3 titles.</p> <p>The ‘Pig’ reading series offers friendly, fast-paced and funny stories in first-person diary format.</p> | Ransom Press | Reading Age: 7 - 12 Years old AR Book Level: 3.3 - 4.4 | Interest Age: 8 - 14 years |
| <p>3,2,1 Go!</p> <p>A series of first-person, second-by-second accounts of sports, stunts and missions. Now in new larger format editions</p> | Ransom Press | 3, 2, 1 Go! Reading Age: 6 - 7 years AR book levels: 2.8 - 3.1 | Interest Age: 8 - 14 years |

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| <p>Shades 2.0</p> <p>This series offers fast-paced, shorter novels (just 64 pages each) for older readers who may find longer books too daunting but who still want the excitement of a great story told with pace and style.</p> <p>There are 76 books available in this series.</p> | Ransom Press | Shades 2.0 Reading Age: 8 - 10 years AR book levels: 2.2 - 5.2 | Interest Age: 12+ years |
| <p>Rapid Readers</p> <p>Rapid Reading is a collection of over 112 levelled fiction and non-fiction books, and eBooks, covering a variety of topics and themes.</p> <p>Rapid is made up of: Teacher toolkit - teaching guides and assessment resources. Readers and eBooks - levelled readers and eBooks. Online pupil world - interactive eBooks, a personalised homepage and rewards.</p> <p>Starter Level A to 6B</p> <p>Each book contains two different texts - fiction and non-fiction - around a single theme</p> <p>Rapid Stages 7-9 combine fiction, short play scripts, poems and non-fiction in each book, built-in support for comprehension</p> | Pearson | Starter Level A to 6B Reading Age: 5- 8 years 5 months Levels 7-9 Reading Age: 8- 10 | Interest Age: 7+ years Age 11+ |
| <p>Alien Detective Agency</p> <p>Format: Book Collection 10 titles in series 1. Also available series 2</p> <p>Funny, exciting adventure stories to engage reluctant readers. This pack includes 1 copy of each Alien Detective Agency I reader.</p> | Badger Learning | Reading Age: 8–9 Accelerated Reader Book Level: 3.0 - 3.6 | Interest Age: 9 – 14 |
| <p>WOW! Facts - Readers Packs</p> <p>WOW! Facts is a non-fiction collection that is made up of six sets of ten books, which gradually ascend from reading age seven, all the way up to ten.</p> | Badger Learning | Reading Age: 7-10 Accelerated Reader Book Level: 4.6 - 3.6 | Interest Age: 9 – 14 |

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| <p>Classical Comics</p> <p>Graphic novels and teaching resources to encourage reading and literacy in schools.</p> <p>Texts are available in 3 versions to suit reading ability.</p> | Classical Comics | Reading Age: 7+ | Interest Age: 9-12 |
| <p>Dekko Comics</p> <p>Dekko Comics are designed to help support learning, especially for students who have Dyslexia, Autism and ADHD.</p> <p>The comics cover a range of subject areas such as English, Maths, Science and PSHE and are aimed at 9-12-year olds. Topics such as time are covered in a fun story format, helping to make difficult concepts easier to understand.</p> | Dekko Comics | Reading Age: 7+ | Interest Age: 9-12 |

Websites

- [Love Reading 4 Kids](#)
- [The Dyslexia Shop](#)
- [Pandora Books](#)
- [Oxford Owl](#)
- [Book trust](#)