



## Beginning Readers! PHONICS & WORD BOOKS

**MMEDIA J 372.4 REA 2002 WIN MAC** – Reader Rabbit Learn to Read with Phonics - Learn to read one step at a time, from letters to sounds, to words and spelling, to reading simple stories, with this fun and interactive computer game.

**J 372.46 MYF 1999** - My First Phonics Book - An introduction to phonetic sounds, with pictures, poems, and riddles providing examples.

**DVD J 372.465 ALP 2003** – Alphabet Phonics & Fun - Learn alphabet **phonics**, upper & lower case recognition, first letter sounds, upper case letter writing, and basic reading and decoding skills.

**Heling, Kathryn** – Mouse Makes Words: A Phonics Reader - By dropping the first letter of a variety of words and adding a new letter, Mouse makes several rhyming words.

**Kido, Yukiko** – Stop Pop – Humorous illustrations and die-cut pages introduce short vowel sounds in this Flip-a-word book. Also check for these other titles in the **Flip-a-Word** series by Yukiko Kido: Pig Wig and Snake Cake.

**Ziefert, Harriet** – Quack Shack - Humorous illustrations and die-cut pages introduce short vowel sounds in this Flip-a-word book. Also check for these other titles in the **Flip-a-Word** series by Harriet Ziefert: Wet Pet and Snow Bow.

### PRE-LEVEL 1

**Simple text and supportive illustrations make these titles ideal for the very beginner reader; intended for those in preschool through Kindergarten.**

**Inches, Allison** – Just Like Dora! - Based on the TV series “Dora the Explorer,” Dora leads her friends on an expedition that ends at an ice cream party.

**Ricci, Christine** – Puppy Takes a Bath – Based on the TV series “Dora the Explorer,” join Dora as she helps a puppy get nice and clean.

**Rylant, Cynthia** – Puppy Mudge has a Snack – When Henry has a snack, his puppy Mudge wants one too!

**Weiss, Ellen** – Twins Take a Bath – Rhyming text describes the fun a set of twins has when they take their bath. If you enjoy this title, also check out Twins in the Park.

### LEVEL 1

**Short sentences and supportive illustrations make these titles ideal for beginning readers; intended for those in Kindergarten through first grade.**

**Brown, Marc** - Just Five More Minutes! - It's Mark's bedtime, but he begs his mom for "just five more minutes"! Part of the **We Both Read** series.

**Labatt, Mary** – Sam Goes Next Door – It’s one adventure after another for this adorable puppy! *If you enjoy this title, make sure to look for the others in the series!*

**McNamara, Margaret** – The First Day of School – After a fun summer, Michael is sad to learn his puppy cannot come to school with him. *If you enjoy this, make sure to check out the other titles in the **Robin Hill School** series.*

**Meister, Cari** – My Pony Jack at the Horse Show – Easy-to-read, rhyming text follows Lucy and her pony Jack as they compete in a horse show. *If you enjoy this title, make sure to check out the rest of titles in this series!*

**Moran, Alex** – Sam and Jack: Three Stories – Sam the mouse and Jack the cat overcome their differences and become friends.

**Nagel, Karen Berman** – Our Silly Garden – Unusual things sprout up in a garden in which silly things, like socks and a hairbrush, have been planted.

**Nimm, Suzanne** - Around the World! – Based on the TV series “Dora the Explorer,” Dora must deliver friendship bracelets around the world.

**O’Connor, Jane** – Fancy Nancy, Poison Ivy Expert – Nancy considers herself a poison ivy expert but learns a valuable lesson about the plant after picking a bouquet of wildflowers in her backyard. *If you enjoy this, check out the rest in the series!*

**Ross, Dev** – The Three Little Pigs – A humorous retelling of the classic story recounts the fatal episodes in the lives of two foolish pigs and how the third pig managed to avoid the same fate. Part of the **We Both Read** series.

**Scieszka, Jon** – Pete’s Party – The Trucktown Trucks follow road signs directing them to Pete’s party. *If you enjoy this, make sure to check out the rest of the series!*

**Weiss, Ellen** – Lucky Duck – A duck, oblivious to the dangers around him, experiences a day filled with near-misses until he slips on a banana peel.

**Willson, Sarah** – Diego Saves the Tree Frogs – Based on the TV series “Go Diego, Go!,” Diego rescues some baby tree frogs that are trapped inside a pyramid.

**Ziefert, Harriet** – Street Music – Rhyming text reveals the rhythms of a city street and how they sound like music.

## LEVEL 2

**Containing complex sentences and a few short chapters, these titles are great for the freshly independent reader; intended for those in first through second grade.**

**Arnold, Ted** – Hi! Fly Guy – When Buzz captures a fly to enter into the Amazing Pet Show, his parents and judges tell him that a fly can’t be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong! *If you enjoy this title, make sure to check out the rest of the series!*

**Beecroft, Simon** – Star Wars: R2D2 and Friends – Tales from R2D2’s life and facts about other robots in the Star Wars films.

**Figuerora, Acton** – I Am Spider-Man – Based on the Marvel comic books, get to know Spider-Man as he captures villains and saves the day! *If you enjoy this title, make sure to check out the others in the series!*

**Ruelle, Karen Gary** – Dear Tooth Fairy – When her tooth becomes loose, Emily excitedly writes the tooth fairy and tries to help the tooth fall out.

**Rylant, Cynthia** – Annie and Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday – Annie and her pet rabbit Snowball invite Henry and Mudge to a dress-up birthday party. *If you enjoy this, make sure to check out the rest in the series! Also, check out the **Henry and Mudge** series, also by Cynthia Rylant.*

**Thomas, Shelley Moore** – Good Night, Good Knight – A good knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble going to sleep. *If you enjoy this, make sure to check out the others in the series!*

**Van Leeuwen, Jean** – Amanda Pig, First Grader – Amanda is very excited about starting first grade where she soon begins to learn how to read. *If you enjoy this title, make sure to check out the others in the series!*

## LEVEL 3

**Longer chapters and slightly more complex vocabulary make these titles ideal for the independent reader; intended for those in second through third grade.**

**J 808.882 HEL 2004** (Helmer, Marilyn) – Funtime Riddles - An illustrated collection of riddles guaranteed to make you chuckle.

**Cazet, Denys** – Minnie and Moo and the Haunted Sweater – Minnie and Moo want to give the farmer a special gift for his birthday but something goes awry when Moo knits him a sweater. *If you enjoy this, make sure to check out the rest of the series!*

**Chaconas, Dori** – Cork and Fuzz: Finders Keepers – Although Cork the muskrat likes to find things and Fuzz the possum likes to keep things, the pair remain good friends. *If you enjoy this, make sure to check out the rest of the series!*

**Krensky, Stephen** – Lionel at School – Lionel’s many school-related adventures include a nervous back-to-school night and an experiment with time.