



TopReaders

Books that foster a life long love of reading



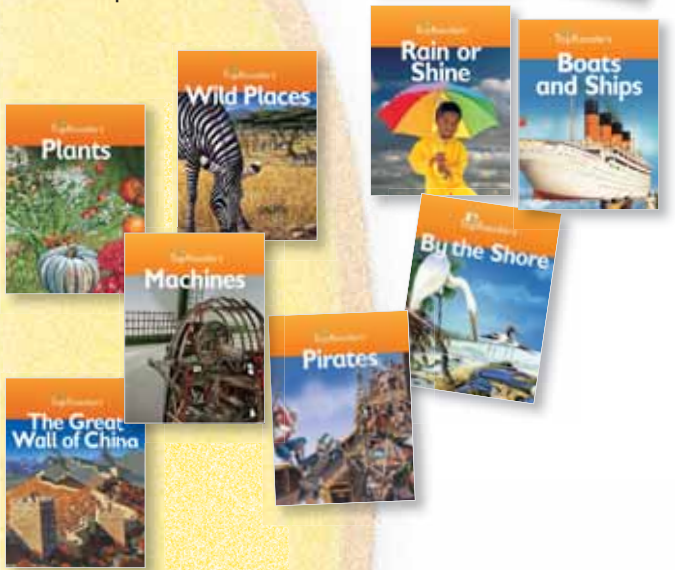
Stage 1

READY TO READ

Kindergarten-Grade 1

[12 titles]

These books are designed for children who are beginning to read. They feature a single, familiar topic and concept, single word labels, strong word-picture match and consistent placement of text.



Stage 2

I CAN READ!

Grades 1-2

[11 titles]

These books are for children who recognize familiar words with ease, and are developing a range of word attack skills. There are varied, simple sentence patterns, many familiar objects and actions, and illustrations that provide moderate to high support. Some specialized vocabulary is introduced in this stage.



TopReaders

Grades K-4

TopReaders is a series of beautifully designed, fact-filled books with full-color illustrations, intriguing diagrams, cross-sections and cutaways to support reading development. This is the ideal reading series to help children progress their reading skills enthusiastically. Children can progress through the series with pride in their growing literacy skills. Parents can read and enjoy the knowledge that they are helping them to develop their reading skills.

Cheetahs

Cheetahs are good runners. They are the fastest land animals in the world.

The cheetah's long tail helps it to stay steady when it runs.



Why are these good books for beginner readers?

- Carefully leveled and structured to ensure that it is lively and engaging
- Variety of topics that will interest and encourage young readers
- Prepared under the direction of specialist reading and education experts
- Curricula related topics with particular emphasis on geography and science
- High-interest themes, such as *Animal Action*, *Planet Earth* and *How the World Works*
- A variety of visual devices such as cross-sections, cutaways and diagrams
- Feature panels and questions allow children to decide what to read next
- The higher level books include access features such as indexes and glossaries
- Each book is beautifully crafted, with full-color illustrations and high-quality paper

Jungle Birds

Many birds live in the jungles of South America. Some have bright colours but they can be hard to see in the dappled sunlight.



books, richly illustrated with a wealth of accurate, full-color
 pages. All text has been carefully leveled to support children's
 beginning readers gain confidence while they practice
 through the series at their own speed, developing confidence
 and discuss the books with their children, confident in the
 reading skills while encouraging a lifelong love of reading and

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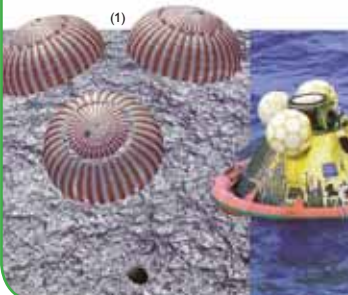


Splashdown!

The command module was the front section of an Apollo spacecraft. It was the only part to return to Earth. As it sped close to Earth, the command module released parachutes. It then splashed down gently in the ocean.

Fact File

After splashdown, astronauts sometimes were seasick as the command module bobbed about in the water.

The command module sinks towards the water (1). It is towed to the side of a US Navy ship (2). A crane lifts the command module onto the deck of the ship (3).

Readers?

and challenging but not daunting.
 readers.
 educational consultants.
 geography and history.
 and *Our Past*, are presented in text types such as recount/
 and process illustrations.
 which information they will read and consider first.
 indexes, glossaries, labels and captions.
 and photographs throughout.

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Spinning Cocoons

After they hatch from eggs, young silkworms feed on mulberry leaves. Then they spin their cocoons.



People gathered mulberry leaves to feed to silkworms. Women rinsed the cocoons in hot water to loosen the thread.

Making Silk

Silk is made from the thread silkworms spin to make their cocoons. Women in ancient China wove this thread to make silk cloth. People in other places did not learn to make silk until much later. Traders sold silk for very high prices.

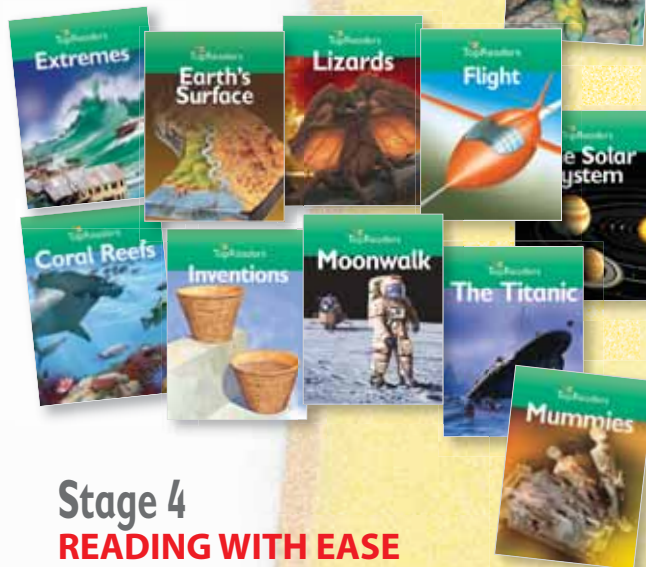


Stage 3 READING BY MYSELF

Grades 2–3

[13 titles]

These books are for children who are reading independently and require only moderate assistance when challenged by vocabulary, concept or content. The sentences are longer and more varied, as is the vocabulary. There continues to be illustrative support and a greater use of access features such as diagrams, captions, glossary and index. The concepts are more advanced than in the previous two stages.



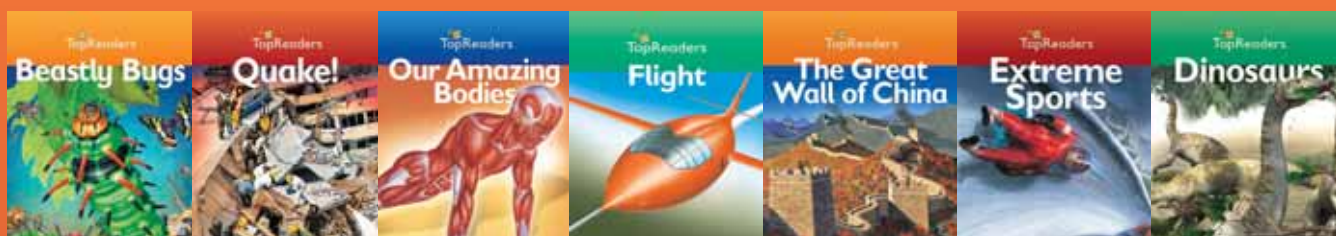
Stage 4 READING WITH EASE

Grades 3–4

[14 titles]

These books are designed for increasingly proficient readers who are reading with confidence. Vocabulary is more challenging and specialized, illustrations provide less support, and more complex diagrams, maps and charts are used. The concepts become more abstract and technical. These are the perfect introduction to reference books.





TopReaders are organized into four developmental stages which reflect children's gradual and ongoing literacy attainment. The books in each stage offer both supportive and challenging features as children's reading competency progresses.

- **Vocabulary** Words that are familiar in the early stages give way to those that are less common, more academic and more abstract. Multi-syllabic words increase as the stages progress.
- **Sentence Complexity** Simple, predictable language in the early stages moves toward more complex sentence patterns in the later stages. Sentence length also increases as the stages progress.
- **Text Density** The amount of text per page and the length of the paragraphs increase as the books become more challenging. Easier, less conceptually difficult topics include less text than the more abstract topics.
- **Conceptual Difficulty** Ideas are developed progressively. Greater prior knowledge is assumed at the higher stages, which require the reader to analyze the text and read critically.

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