

Chapter 2



PM Guided Reading



PM Guided Reading books are designed to be used in small-group guided reading as well as independent reading in the classroom. All **PM Guided Reading** books adhere to the principle that students develop literacy through success, enjoyment and understanding.

PM Guided Reading books are finely levelled, with a gradually increasing level of difficulty that allows students to experience success with each book.

PM fiction books, from emergent to advanced levels, all contain a satisfying story arc containing a problem and a resolution, and are about characters whose experiences students can relate to their own lives. This allows students to use the story's internal logic and their own experiences to predict intelligently, self-correct and understand the story.

PM non-fiction books are written about subjects of interest to students at each reading level, and are presented logically, with careful research and accuracy. All of these elements contribute to students' enjoyment in reading.

PM Guided Reading books have been published under a number of different series names, but all are designed for guided reading. Since 2014, new guided reading books have all been published under the series name **PM Guided Reading**.

PM eCollection

Many **PM Guided Reading** books have also been published digitally as part of the **PM eCollection**. The **PM eCollection** app has been specifically designed for guided and independent reading. Students can access books to read on iPads and computers in the classroom and at home, while teachers can easily manage each student's digital bookshelf, and track and assess their progress. Among other features, each digital book includes audio narration and recording functionality, both of which can be enabled or disabled by the teacher. The **PM eCollection** includes books from Magenta through Sapphire levels.

PM Guided Reading Levelling

The **PM Guided Reading** books are finely levelled using a range of levelling considerations, including the gradual introduction and reinforcement of PM high-frequency words, the amount of text on a page, the length and complexity of sentences, spelling conventions, subject matter and the conceptual difficulty of each book.



Magenta

Magenta books (levels 1–2) are designed for students in the emergent literacy stage. Magenta books use careful text–illustration agreement, simple and predictable sentence structure, and familiar settings and experiences to build basic reading skills and concepts.

Magenta guided reading titles include:

35

books in
PM Guided
Reading

30

books in
PM Starters

10

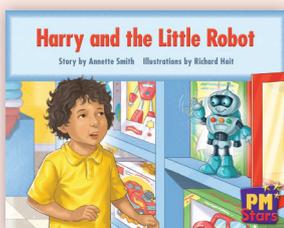
books in
PM Gems

10

books in
PM Photo
Stories

26

books in
PM+



Red

Red books (levels 3–5) are designed for students who have learned to recognise a small pool of high-frequency words and have mastered basic reading concepts.

Red guided reading titles include:

30

books in
PM Guided
Reading

18

books in
PM Stars

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books in
PM Gems

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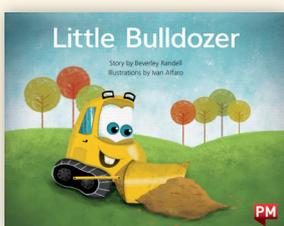
books in
PM Photo
Stories

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books in
PM Science
Facts

36

books in
PM+



Yellow

Yellow books (levels 6–8) have multiple sentences on most pages of text. The stories are a little more complex, though care is still taken to support text with illustrations that are clear and unambiguous as well as engaging.

Yellow guided reading titles include:

30

books in
PM Guided
Reading

18

books in
PM Stars

10

books in
PM Gems

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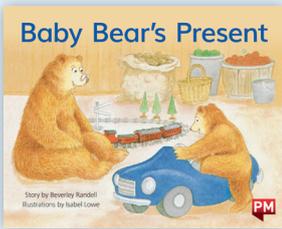
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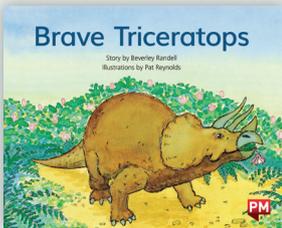


Blue

Blue books (levels 9–11) introduce greater sentence complexity. Blue non-fiction books begin to cover topics outside the immediate circle of home and school, such as visiting medical professionals, and exploring the natural world.

Blue guided reading titles include:

30 books in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	18 books in <i>PM Stars</i>	10 books in <i>PM Gems</i>	10 books in <i>PM Photo Stories</i>	10 books in <i>PM Science Facts</i>	36 books in <i>PM+</i>
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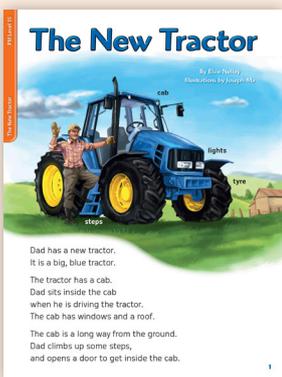


Green

Green books (levels 12–14) feature greater word complexity, including compound words. Scientific concepts of interest to children, such as seasons, dinosaurs and floods, are introduced in both the non-fiction and fiction titles. From Green level onwards, engaging reader cards are available as well as books.

Green guided reading titles include:

30 books in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	20 cards in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	18 books in <i>PM Stars</i>	10 books in <i>PM Gems</i>	10 books in <i>PM Photo Stories</i>	10 books in <i>PM Science Facts</i>	36 books in <i>PM+</i>
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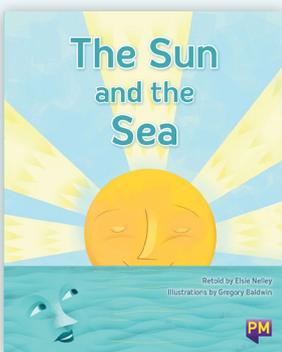


Orange

Orange titles (levels 15–16) are designed for students with a reading age of 6.5–7 years, and begin to transition students into a new phase of reading. Orange books are 16 pages, like earlier levels, but the majority are now portrait books, with less predictable designs, as a first step towards reading novels. Conventions such as glossaries and chapters are introduced in some books.

Orange guided reading titles include:

20 books in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	20 cards in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	6 books in <i>PM Early Chapters</i>	26 books in <i>PM+</i>	30 books in <i>PM Library</i>
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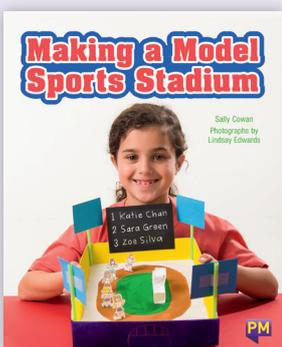


Turquoise

Turquoise titles (levels 17–18) are designed for students with a reading age of 7–7.5 years. Turquoise fiction and non-fiction titles feature exciting themes including danger and sports, to suit students' increasingly adventurous world views.

Turquoise guided reading titles include:

20 books in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	20 cards in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	6 books in <i>PM Early Chapters</i>	26 books in <i>PM+</i>	30 books in <i>PM Library</i>
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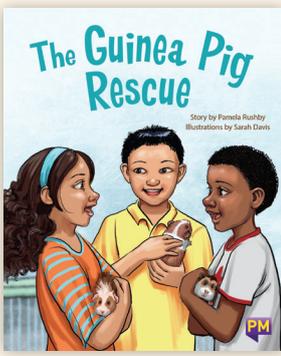


Purple

Purple titles (levels 19–20) are designed for students with a reading age of 7.5–8 years. Purple fiction books typically include chapters. By the end of Purple level, students will have encountered most of the high-frequency words in the English language.

Purple guided reading titles include:

20 books in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	20 cards in <i>PM Guided Reading</i>	6 books in <i>PM Early Chapters</i>	26 books in <i>PM+</i>	30 books in <i>PM Library</i>
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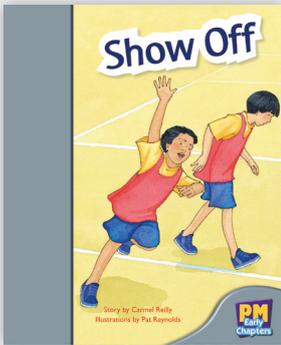


Gold

Gold titles (levels 21–22) are designed for students with a reading age of 8–8.5 years. Gold level introduces students to longer books – typically 24 pages – with many of the conventions of novels. They include longer sentences and more multisyllabic words. Gold non-fiction books include advanced non-fiction conventions such as indexes and captions.

Gold guided reading titles include:

20 books in PM Guided Reading	20 cards in PM Guided Reading	6 books in PM Early Chapters	26 books in PM+	30 books in PM Library
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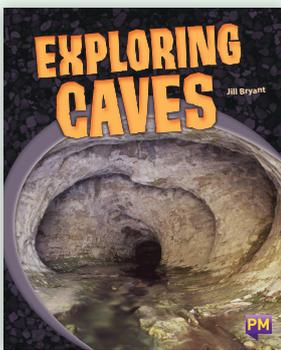


Silver

Silver titles (levels 23–24) are designed for students with a reading age of 8.5–9 years. Sentences with two or three clauses are common in Silver titles, and the story structures are more complex.

Silver guided reading titles include:

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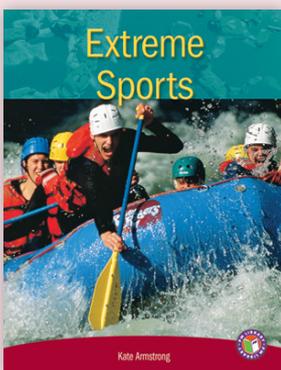


Emerald

Emerald titles (levels 25–26) are designed for students with a reading age of 9–10 years. The length of books typically increases to 32 pages, and fiction books are formatted like novels. Emerald titles cover a diverse range of topics and text types, as well as many different genres of fiction, including mystery and science fiction.

Emerald guided reading titles include:

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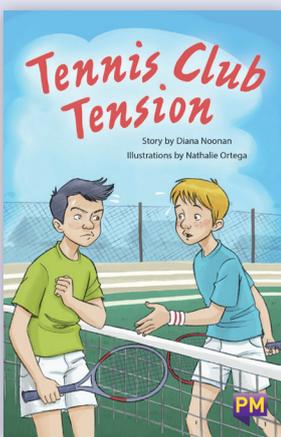


Ruby

Ruby titles (levels 27–28) are designed for students with a reading age of 10–11 years. The length of Ruby fiction typically increases to 48 pages. Ruby non-fiction titles explore fascinating real-world topics such as animal communication and working in extreme conditions, while the fiction titles feature sensitive family issues as well as exciting adventure stories.

Ruby guided reading titles include:

20 books in PM Guided Reading	10 cards in PM Guided Reading	12 books in PM Library Extras	18 books in PM+	18 books in PM Library
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Sapphire

Sapphire titles (levels 29–30) are designed for students with a reading age of 11–12 years. Some Sapphire books reach 64 pages in length. Sapphire fiction books are engagingly written stories ranging from exciting science fiction and historical fiction to relatable school experiences such as bullying.

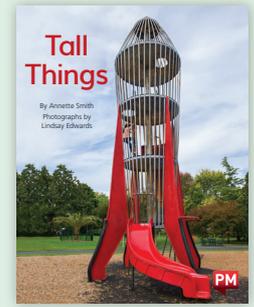
Sapphire guided reading titles include:

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PM Guided Reading Sub-series

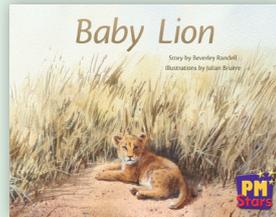
PM Guided Reading

- published from 2014 onwards
- books include teaching notes on the inside front cover
- colour levels from Red to Green include both new books and updated new editions of favourite *PM Library* books
- in addition to books, from Green level onwards the series includes box sets of 4-page or 6-page reader cards, each with comprehension questions for readers
- digital versions of all cards available on USB
- books and cards both include fiction and non-fiction
- books and cards both include all the standard text types



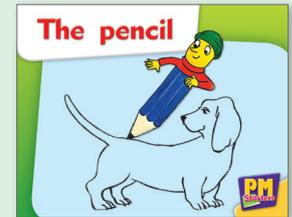
PM Stars

- published 2011
- fiction and non-fiction
- teaching notes on inside front covers
- additional teaching notes and activities on CD-ROM



PM Starters

- published 2008
- teaching notes on inside front covers



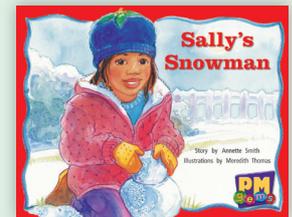
PM Early Chapters

- published 2008
- fiction
- teaching notes on inside front covers



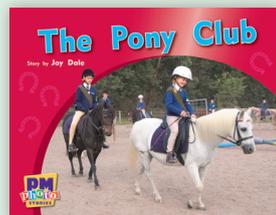
PM Gems

- published 2006
- fiction
- teaching notes on inside front covers



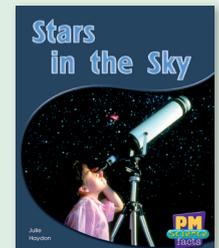
PM Photo Stories

- published 2006
- fiction
- teaching notes on inside front covers



PM Science Facts

- published 2006
- non-fiction
- teaching notes on inside front covers



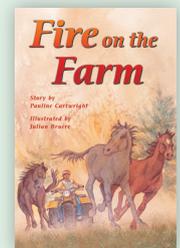
PM Library Extras

- published 2004–2005
- fiction and non-fiction
- teaching notes on inside front covers
- accompanied by teachers' guide books



PM+

- published 2000–2004
- fiction and non-fiction



PM Library

- published 1994–2002
- includes sub-series:
 - PM Story Books*
 - PM Non-fiction* (including *PM Animal Facts*)
 - PM Traditional Tales and Plays*

