

# Hi-Lo Readers Buying Guide 2024

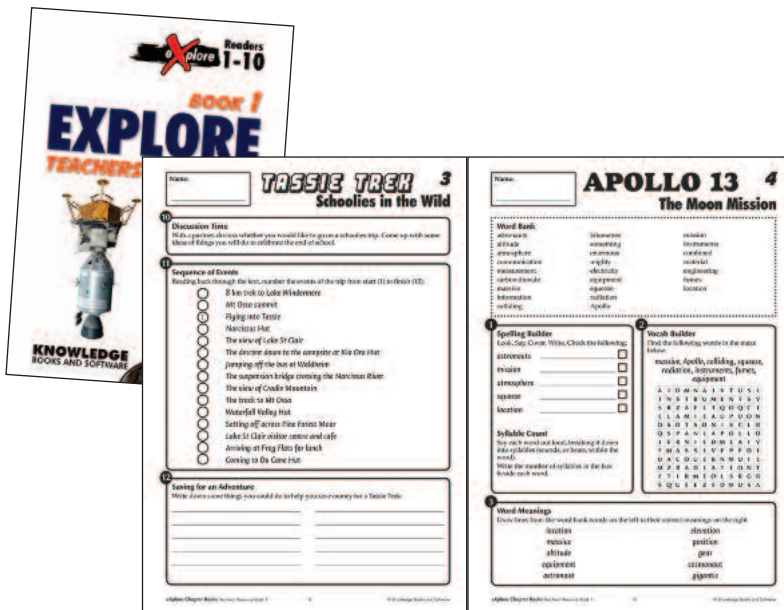
## EXPLORE HI-LO CHAPTER BOOKS SET 1

This series was developed by Australian authors for Australian readers. **eXplore Chapter Books Set 1** covers Reading Recovery levels 19-28 (approximately 6-7 years old), but the content is suitable for adolescents and adults. The sight words are introduced to be reviewed before reading. And after reading, there are extension exercises to improve reading and writing skills. You are all experiencing students with self-esteem and anxiety concerns in regard to success with reading. We are addressing this “epidemic” of perception of student failure with reading which can be addressed with the right content and directed help from the teacher.



The content is curriculum-based whether this be related to Australian history – for example, the Gold Rushes or Leichhardt – Indigenous perspectives, stories related to our Asian neighbours, and Sustainability. These books were designed to provide short sentences, using informal vernacular without slang or crude-talk, to assist fluency of reading across numerous pages. It is designed specifically for the student who is not practising their reading and is in serious danger of regression in competence. Reading frequency is well-researched as an obvious factor in improving fluency. These books may be “easy” or below some students’ level of competency, but practising is essential for fluency.

The **Teacher Guides** are comprehensive. They contain Before Reading exercises which address familiarity with the sight words, and After Reading exercises which extending into reading, writing, and comprehension. It is aimed at building word vocabulary, sight words, and writing practice exercises. It is unashamedly repetitive, to allow fluency with some of these difficult sight words. The exercises are extensive and allow plenty of variety for the students. This series can be used as Take Home Readers, Guided Readers for use in classrooms, and as library titles in the children and adolescent sections. Teachers can address specific topics to cover in the crowded curriculum using these books for general reference titles. For example, ANZAC Day, Indigenous perspectives, goal-setting, well-being classes, Australian history, explorers and many more examples.



Code	Set	Price	Qty
<b>eXplore HiLo Chapter Books Set 1</b>			
EXP1	Value Pack: 20 Readers	\$259.00	
EXP1TG	Teacher Guide Bundle: 20 Readers + 2 Teacher Guides	\$358.90	
EXP15	5 Complete Sets: 20 Readers × 5 Sets	\$1,295.00	
EXP15TG	5 Complete Sets + Teacher Guide: 20 Readers × 5 Sets + 2 Teacher Guides	\$1,394.90	
<b>eXplore HiLo Chapter Books Set 2</b>			
<b>HARDCOVERS - NEW FOR 2024!</b>			
EXP2	Value Pack: 20 Readers	\$459.00	
EXP2TG	Teacher Guide Bundle: 20 Readers + 2 Teacher Guides	\$508.95	
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**Set 1: 20 levelled Hi-Lo readers  
plus 2 Teachers' Resource Guides**

Book	Title	RR Level
<b>eXplore Chapter Books Set 1</b>		
1	Mawson – Antarctic Explorer	19
2	Nepal Trek	22
3	Tassie Trek	24
4	Apollo 13	25
5	Gold Fever	22
6	Kon-Tiki	21
7	Spitfire	20
8	Kokoda	21
9	Australia's First People	24
10	Hunting and Fishing in Ancient Australia	22
11	Knights Through the Ages	25
12	Everest Climb	28
13	Shark Attack	19
14	Gladiators	19
15	Mars Mission	21
16	White Mouse	27
17	Samurai	23
18	Leichhardt	22
19	James Cook	24
20	Coral Reef	20



Knights needed many skills and expensive equipment and horses. They also had to be good fighters and horsemen.

To do well in a battle you had to have good gear. This gear included armour, swords, lances and other weapons. You needed to have archers to fire a lot of arrows as well as soldiers on foot. Horses had to be trained for battle. You also needed to train to make sure you were ready for the battles.

If they were successful in a battle, they could be given a house with land and workers. The knight was a soldier for the nobles and kings. Scan this code for a link to knights in battle.



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## EXPLORE HI-LO CHAPTER BOOKS SET 2

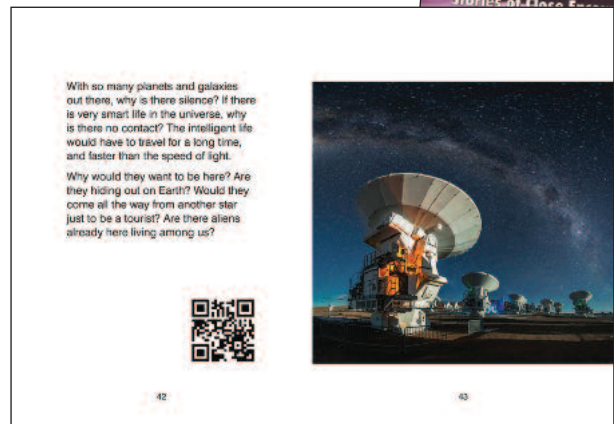
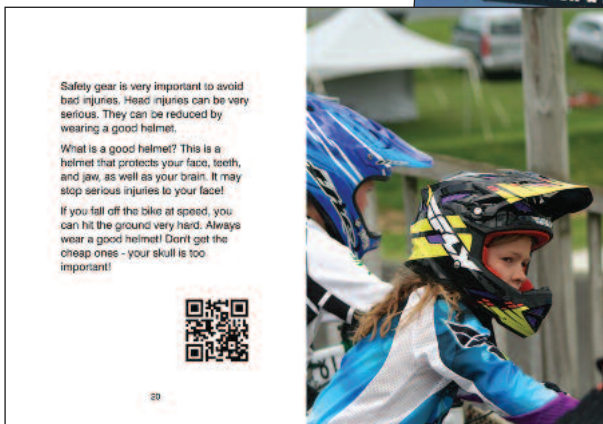
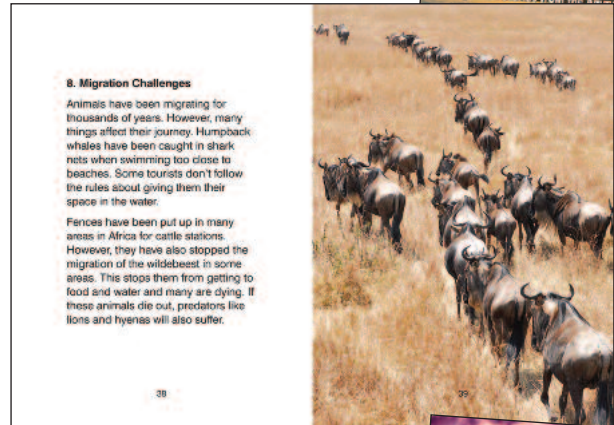
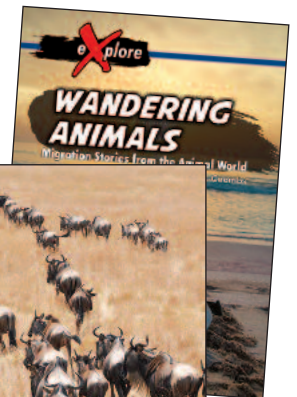
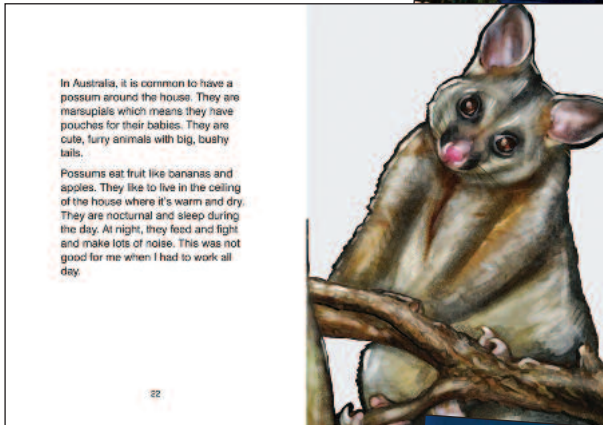
Many students in Australian schools struggle with their reading, but this can be addressed and rectified. These students do not enjoy reading and do not pick up books naturally. They consider it a chore, and may experience anxiety around the idea of reading. They need an informal, joyous style of writing that shows confidence in them completing a book, and one which is not formal or too difficult. If the level of text is easy, it means they go faster but at least they are practising their reading and engaging with books.

Humour can also be important, so anything relevant to the topics of these books that is humorous or ridiculous is also included.

You will also note the repetitive use of sight words, the informal nature of the content, and, lastly, the use of a central character on their own reaching for the inner strength to do something bigger than themselves. This is to inspire the students to "have another go" at school and at improving their literacy. I remember teaching some students who basically, at the age of 11-12, had given up and considered themselves failures who would never get anywhere in life. This was heart-breaking for me and their parents, but worse for those students who faced a less than fulfilled and happy life. We need to break that feeling step-by-step!

**eXplore Chapter Books Set 2** covers Reading Recovery levels 14-20 (approximately 6-7 years old), but the content is suitable for adolescents and adults.

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**Set 2: 20 levelled Hi-Lo readers plus 2 Teachers' Resource Guides**

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<b>eXplore Chapter Books Set 2 HARDCOVERS</b>		
21	The Roadhouse to Nowhere	17
22	Bushrangers! Captain Thunderbolt	19
23	Murphy, Care Dog	14
24	The Boy in Buchenwald	19
25	My Wild Farm	15
26	Clever Cats!	15
27	Inferno! The Nymboida Bushfires	16
28	Extreme Tassie Trekking!	17
29	Wandering Animals	19
30	The Loaded Dog	18
31	BMX Champ	14
32	Frankenstein	17
33	Messages in a Bottle	17
34	Whales	17
35	Buddy! Rat Terminator	18
36	Gulliver's Travels	18
37	Poppy, Police Dog	15
38	Dracula	14
39	Aliens - the Never Ending Story!	20
40	Crocs and Gators!	19



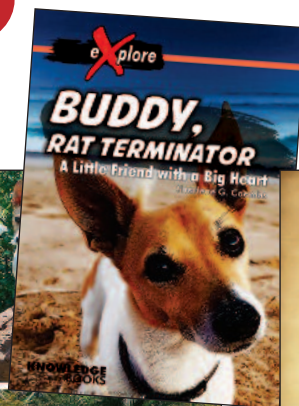
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Buddy has always been very active. He loves chasing the ball. Sometimes I have to hide the ball to make him have a rest.

He also chases the hose and loves to swim. He jumps in my sister's pool, even in winter! He comes out shivering but still goes back in.

Buddy has also learned a new trick. He dives for rocks in the water! He can dive a long way under the water to find a rock. He's such a clever little dog!




1. Shipwrecked

Lemuel Gulliver could not work in the new world. In 1699, to the East Indies. A bad storm pushed the ship broke apart.

Gulliver made it to a lifeboat with some other men. The lifeboat tipped over and Gulliver had to swim! He lost sight of the other men.

He let the water carry him. It carried him a long way.

Gulliver found solid sand beneath the water. He walked slowly to shore.



# Hi-Lo Readers Order Form

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