

READING

# WordUnited Let's Read series

A unique and simple series of paperback books for early and developing readers



## AT A GLANCE

- Uses a unique blending method for step-by-step reading
- Oversized and colour-coded text in a child-friendly font
- Example words for all the sounds and revision pages
- Teaching guidance included
- Vibrant, real-life images

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This is a wonderfully creative collection of eight child-friendly paperback books devoted to helping pupils develop their reading skills. The areas covered are simple phonics, stepped mini words, stepped bigger words, double-letter phonics, advanced phonics, split digraphs and silent letters.

Talk about a splash of colour – these really are like having a rainbow on every page. Vibrant tones are used strategically and purposefully to draw children's attention to a particular pattern or word feature, making each page very exciting and engaging.

The clever use of colour is set alongside superb real-life photographs which children will really identify with. Page after page, these photos are contemporary top-quality images that are so good you can almost touch them.

Never underestimate the power of typography on young eyes – if it isn't child-friendly then forget it. It's reassuring, therefore, that the font used in this series is clear, attractive and deliberately on the big side so it stands out and makes an impression. Together, this is a dynamic and stylish combination with pep, punch and pizzazz.

Colours, font and photos combine with rich, solid and linked content, carefully created for easy and effective learning. The content words are cleverly presented using colour codes and dot/line indicators that

really focus children's attention on letters, combinations and how to sound them out. Sandwiched between the pictured focus words are lots of revision pages and these provide excellent opportunities to pit-stop and practise. These pages don't include any images to enable you to assess the pupil's reading and learning.

On the inside of the cover page of each book you will find a specific language focus telling you what areas are covered. This is followed by some concise and informative guidance notes that provide useful ideas, prompts, recommendations and links to the WordUnited website where you can find further support and free resources.

It might be tempting to pitch these resources at very young readers but there is plenty of word challenge here, making them suitable for a range of learners.

A talk-rich, book-based environment is crucial to a child's development and this series is precisely the sort of starter collection that will get children involved and absorbed. They support the ability to understand words, use imagination and develop speech.

This is a highly accessible set of resources. You can purchase all eight books for just £37.99 which represents extremely good value for money.

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## VERDICT

- ✓ Helps children recognise letters and sounds
- ✓ Glossy, colourful and engaging content with high engagement appeal
- ✓ Boosts observational and communication skills
- ✓ Clear, bright and exceptional quality
- ✓ Perfect for capturing attention and maintaining it

## UPGRADE IF...

You are looking for a modern, multi-coloured, fun and easy introduction to reading that supports the EYFS and national curriculum.

Eight books, £37.99, 01782 698558, [wordunited.com](http://wordunited.com)