

**5 Resources to
help you
TEACH YOUR
CHILD TO READ
(when you
don't know
where to start)**



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WANT TO TEACH YOUR CHILD TO READ?

I did.

But learning to read is a complex skill. I worried I'd confuse my little learner, and cause more harm than good.

We'd already nailed the pre-reading skills; letters of the alphabet, how to hold a book and turn the pages the correct way etc.

What I needed was advice on how to make the leap from single letters to words.

These are the books I used to successfully teach my grandchildren to read.



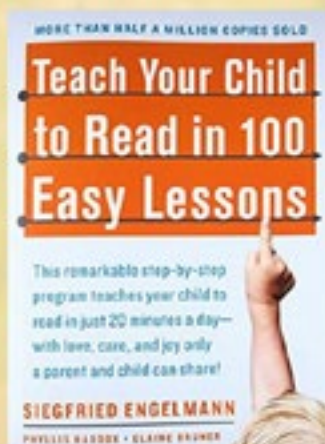
I hope these help you too.
Happy reading.

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Top Pick
no 1

"TEACH YOUR CHILD TO READ IN 100 EASY LESSONS"

by *Siegfried Engelmann*



This was the book I used most.

It's detailed instructions for parents were comprehensive and just what I needed.

It uses a combination of phonics and sight-words and even practises writing in the '20 minutes a day' lesson.

The pictures are basic and the 'stories' will never make classics, but by the time we reached lesson 75 both the children and I were confident enough in our reading/teaching skills to tackle other books.

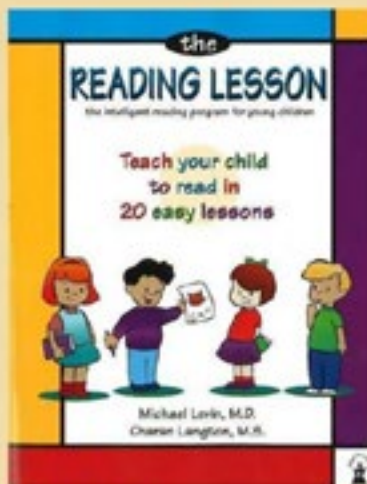
Note to UK parents: some words are American, eg mom, not mum, however, this didn't bother us and the method definitely works.

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Top Pick
no 2

"THE READING LESSON: TEACH YOUR CHILD TO READ IN 20 EASY LESSONS"



by Levin and Langton

This book has a slightly more child-friendly layout, even if the 'stories' are still rather uninspiring.

Again there are comprehensive instructions for parents and this book could certainly be used as the main teaching book, however, I used some of the exercises to supplement Top Pick no 1 if I felt the child needed extra practise, or just to change things up a bit.

Don't be fooled by the promise of 20 lessons, not 100. The lessons are more complex and take much longer to complete.

This book is definitely worth a look at.

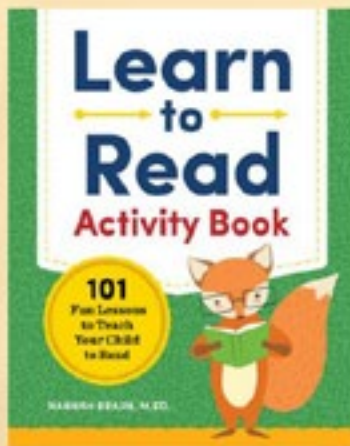
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Top Pick
no 3

"LEARN TO READ ACTIVITY BOOK"



by *Hannah Braun*

Learn to Read Activity
Book: 101 Fun Lessons to
Teach Your Child to Read

This is a much more child friendly book with lots of colourful illustrations.

Whilst there are lots of 'activity books' on the market, this one made my top five picks as it includes instructions for parents and carers. I'm not sure you could teach a child to read solely from activity books such as this one as they put the emphasis on doing the puzzles rather than actually reading, but it's a great way to practise sounds of letters and begin to blend them together into words.

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"MONTESSORI READING WORKBOOK: a learn to read activity book"

Top Pick
no 4



by *Julia Palmarola*

The Montessori method of teaching has some wonderful ideas that make learning memorable.

This activity book has a wealth of games and ideas to help your child have fun whilst learning.

There are instructions for parents on how to use the book according to Montessori principles and whilst I didn't find them detailed enough to be confident in teaching using this method, the ingenious ways of presenting the words and letters was invaluable if we were finding the main reader getting stale.

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**Top Pick
no 5**



"ALPHABLOCKS"

BBC CBeebies TV

No modern day learn-to-read programme would be complete without input from the television.

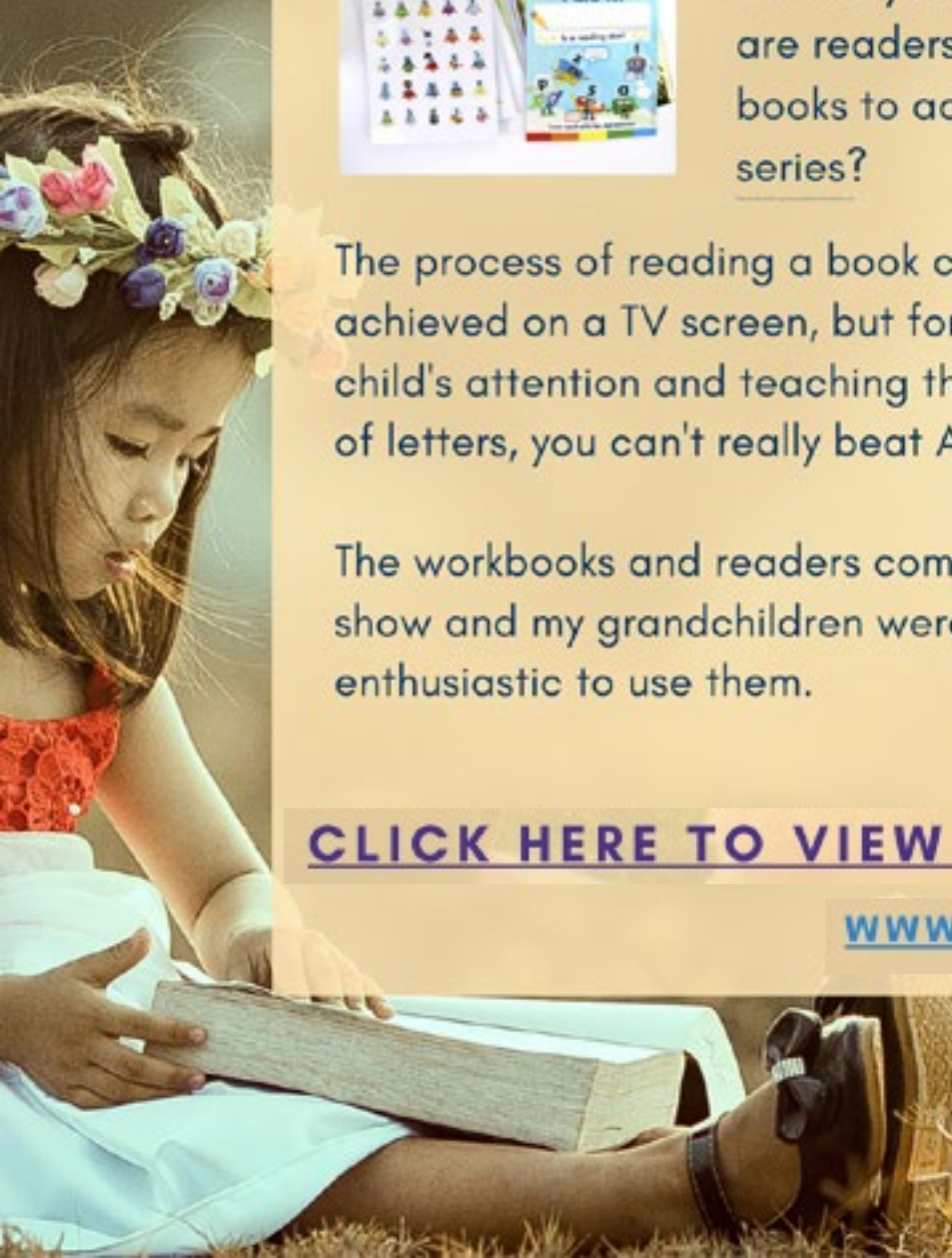
But did you know there are readers and activity books to accompany the series?

The process of reading a book can never be achieved on a TV screen, but for holding a child's attention and teaching them the sounds of letters, you can't really beat Alphablocks.

The workbooks and readers compliment the TV show and my grandchildren were always enthusiastic to use them.

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Check out the series of fun books for beginner readers

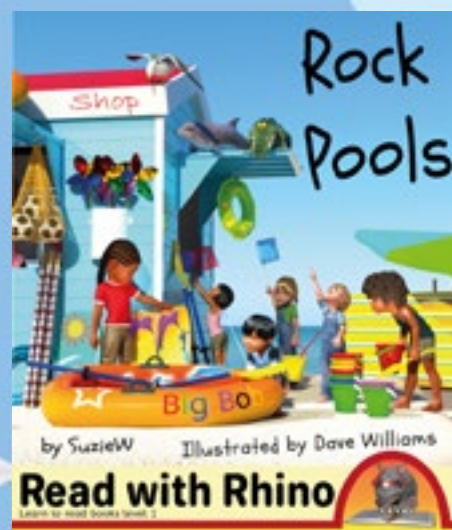
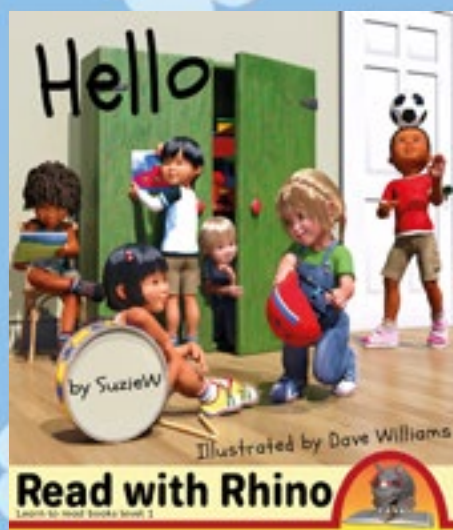
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