

ENGAGING

BOYS *to Read*

The *PM* guide to inspiring boys to develop their literacy skills



PM

 **SCHOLASTIC**

The **PM Philosophy** is **success, enjoyment** and **understanding.**



BECOMING A BALANCED READER

Children are expected to become balanced readers. The three components of a balanced reader are decoding, fluency and phrasing, and comprehension. They must also do this on a wide range of text types.

Some children may be described as reluctant or disengaged readers, considering reading to be a joyless or unfulfilling experience. Often, this is the case for boys in the classroom. If a child's reading progress isn't monitored, "a boy's literacy skills may fail to develop ... or may slip back from adequate to poor" as they progress through primary school (Moloney 2002, p.17).

Selecting the right book for the right child is a challenging pursuit for any teacher. It is difficult to predict what a boy's reading interest might be, as reading for enjoyment is a very personal and individual choice.

What the **PM Collection** can offer you is the breadth of resources to capture children's interest, featuring age-appropriate and compelling topics that meet the three components needed to build a balanced reader. Importantly, all children need ongoing support and encouragement to foster their love of reading.

WHAT DO BOYS LIKE TO READ?

Based on current pedagogy, here is our guide to help you select the right book for your children.



THEME

Selecting a title by theme may help you find the right book. Stories that feature themes of action, adventure or suspense often appeal to boys. Also, value-based texts, focusing on personal identity or emotional engagement between characters in the narrative, can prove entertaining. These themes allow children to connect with books in a personal way.



BOOK DESIGN

Book design and layout are important factors when selecting books. Reluctant readers prefer books with colourful front covers and a clean layout. They also prefer easy-to-read fonts, appropriate to reading age and ability, and short chapters, giving a reader a sense of achievement when completed.



VISUAL LITERACY

Books with vibrant illustrations that connect to the text can offer extra support to a disengaged reader. The illustrations in **PM** texts provide high support and interest.



NON-FICTION

Boys in particular are typically drawn to non-fiction texts to ignite their curiosity to understand the world around them. Features including graphs, diagrams and maps resonate with their fascination of inquiry-based learning and adventure.

FAVOURITE PM CHARACTERS



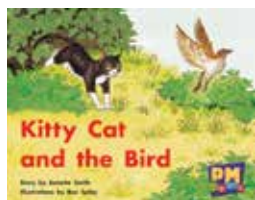
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Kitty Cat

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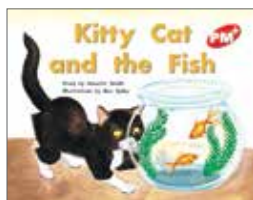
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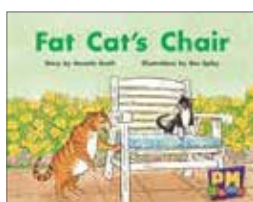
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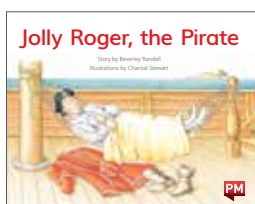
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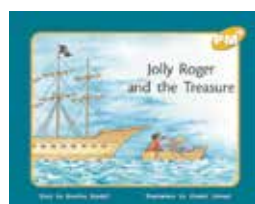
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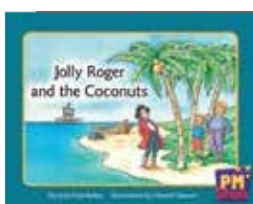
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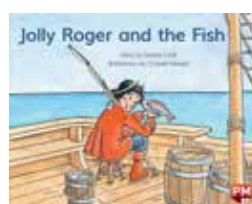
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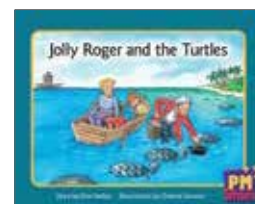
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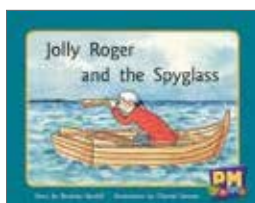
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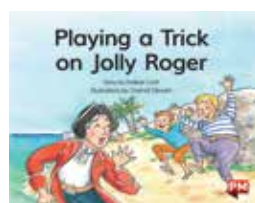
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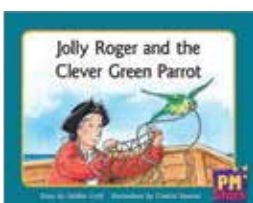
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Playing a Trick on Jolly Roger

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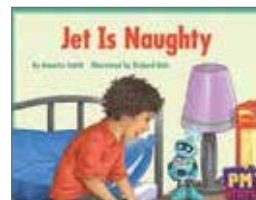
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Josh



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Josh and Scruffy

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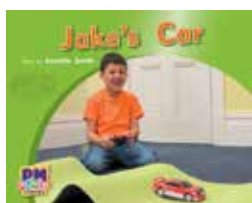


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Jake's Plane

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The Long Bike Ride

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Zac



Zac's train set

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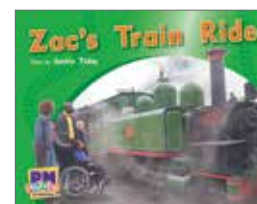
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Little Chimp



Little Chimp

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Here Comes Little Chimp

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Little Chimp and Big Chimp

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Little Chimp is Brave

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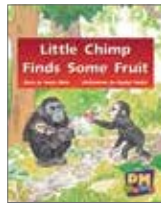
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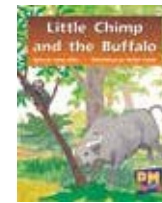
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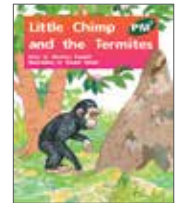
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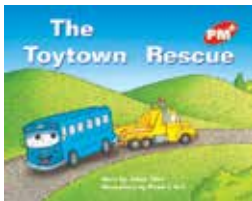
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Toytown Vehicles



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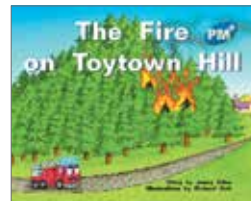
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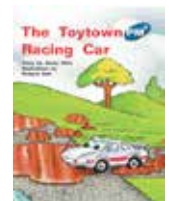
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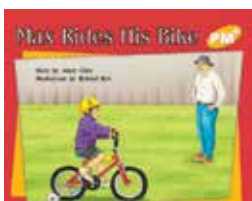
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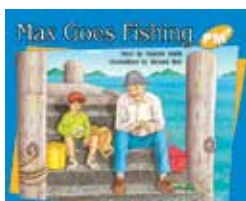
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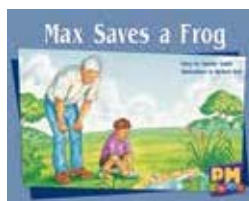
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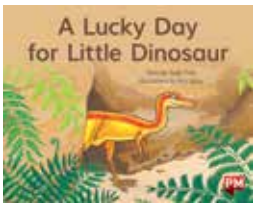
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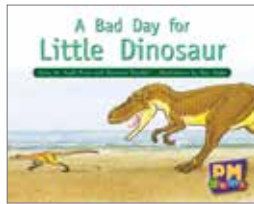
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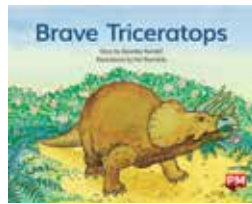
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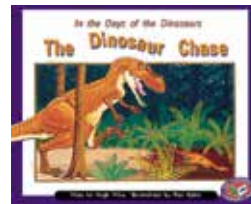
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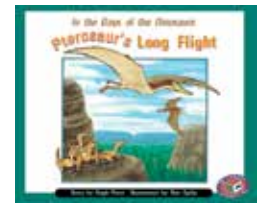
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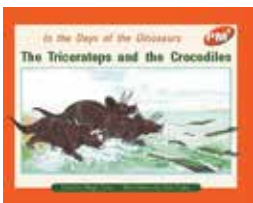
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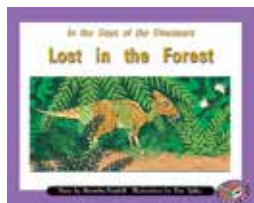
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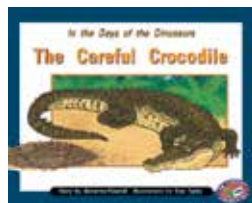
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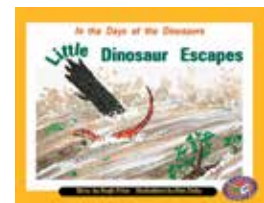
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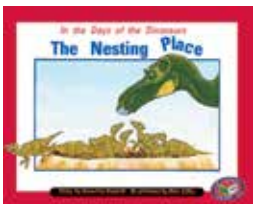
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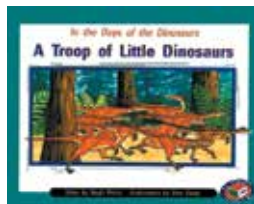
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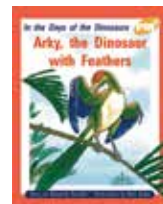
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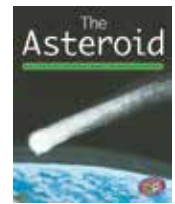
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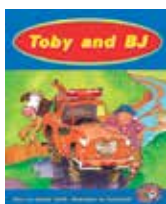
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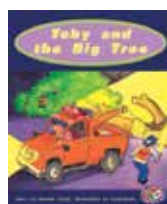
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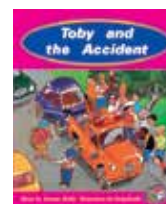
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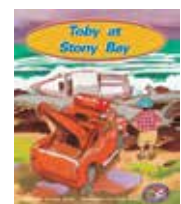
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Animals



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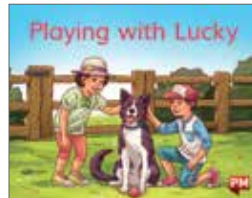
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Animal eggs

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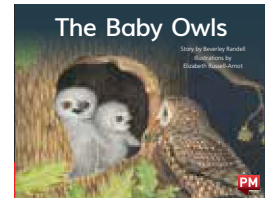
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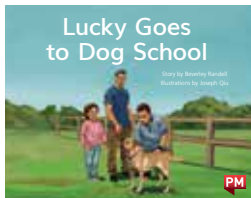
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Playing with Jip

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Lucky Goes to Dog School

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Small Animals That Hide

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Big Animals That Hide

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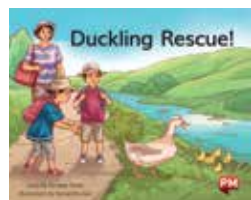
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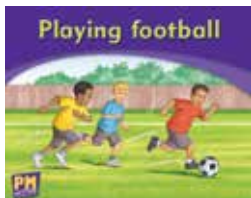
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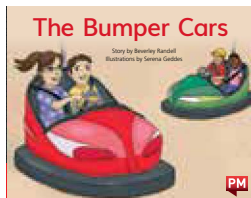
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Playing football

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The Race

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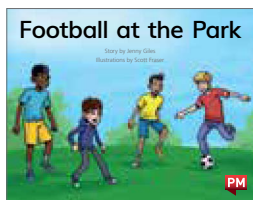
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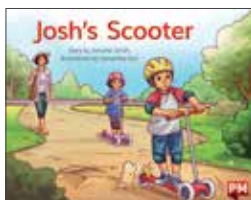
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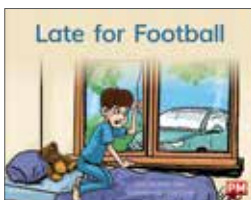
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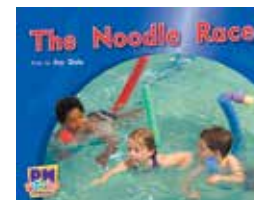
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Athletics

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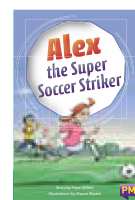
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Transport



The go-karts

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A road for my car

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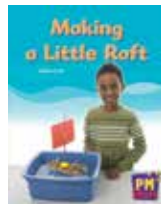
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Roads

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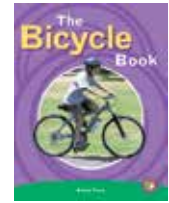
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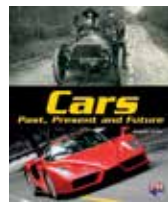
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Motorbikes

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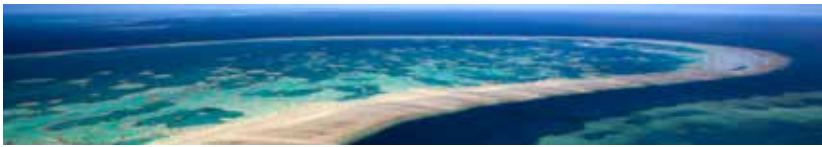
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Cars Past, Present and Future

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Living and Physical World



At the aquarium
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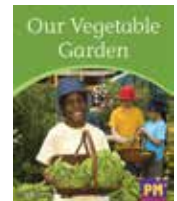
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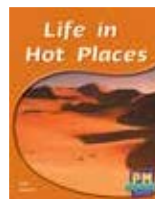
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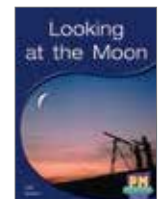
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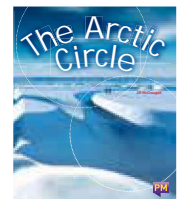
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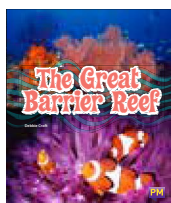
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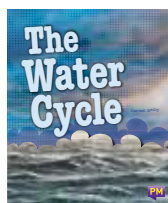
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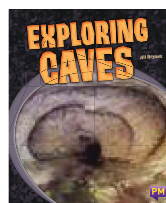
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