The Jolly Readers are entertaining stories with controlled vocabulary for new readers.

The Jolly Readers are designed for children who have learned to read and write with Jolly Phonics. There are three series: 'Inky Mouse and Friends', General Fiction and Nonfiction. In all three, the vocabulary is carefully controlled, so children can apply their new reading skills.

At the Yellow Level (the second level), most words are spelled regularly. In addition to the 42 letter sounds first taught in Jolly Phonics, oy is used for the /oe/ sound at the end of words like 'funny'. As a guide, light type is used for those few letters that should not be sounded out, such as the φ in 'lamb'. There are also several 'tricky' words, in which light type is not used, as children should learn them by sight. The tricky words introduced at the Yellow Level are shown at the end of each book.

The 'Inky Mouse and Friends' series brings back Inky, Snake and Bee, already familiar from Jolly Phonics.

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Zack had been given a present.
He was very proud of it.
He sat in the dark. He switched it on and off, on and off, on and off.

He went out and lit things up with it: a slug, a snail and some ants.
Then he went back to his room. “Come and look at this!” he shouted to Jess.

He lit up a cobweb. There was a cobweb pattern on the wall.
"Cool!" said Jess.
"Wait till you see this!" exclaimed Zack.

He pointed under the bed. Something went scuttling back into the gloom.
“Yuck! Disgusting!” said Jess and stood up. Zack was still looking under the bed.

“If it is dark the thing will come back,” muttered Zack. He clicked the switch off and waited.
Just then, there was a snorting sound next to him, and something wet brushed his cheek.

"Help!" he shouted. "A monster!"

Zack shot out from under the bed. Jess was giggling. She pointed to a tail sticking out from under the bed.
Rags had come to look under the bed too.

“Thank goodness it was you, Rags, and not a monster!” said Zack.