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, ⁹ is used for the /ee/ 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 ½ 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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Yellow Level \( \text{Inky Mouse and Friends} \) \( \text{ISBN} \)
1. Phonic 1 903619 80 7
2. Hetty 1 903619 81 5
3. Zack’s Present 1 903619 82 3
4. Picnic 1 903619 83 1
5. Spots 1 903619 84 X
6. Looking for Snake 1 903619 85 8
Pack of six titles 1 903619 86 6
There are lots of hens on Moat Farm. Every morning Farmer Green feeds them with corn.
This is Hetty.  
She is sitting on her nest.  

From her nest she can see the sacks of corn in the barn.
She crosses to the barn and looks around. Ben and Neb are asleep in the sun.

Hetty starts to peck at some corn that has spilled out of a sack.
Molly the cat and her kitten, Tolly, are looking around the barnyard.

They stop at the barn and sniff. They can smell something interesting.
They pad into the barn and creep along. Tolly stops and sniffs at the sack of corn.

Then he pats the sack. In the sack, Hetty feels afraid. She sits as still as she can.
Just then, there is a scratching sound. Molly and Tolly look round, and see rats!

They dash to the corner of the barn and the rats run off.
Lucky Hetty slips quickly back to the hen house and her nest and eggs.

These are the tricky words introduced in Level 2.

- are
- come
- some
- you
- your
- said
- here
- there
- all
- they

Hint: Encourage children to identify new tricky words from the same word family. For example, if they know the word all, they can read ball, call, tall, half, small, tall and wall.