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, ŋ is used for the /ŋ/ 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 ɒ 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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This is Phonic.
It was a sunny morning. Bee, Snake and Inky had gone to the park.

In a corner of Inky’s house was Phonic. It was dark in the corner.
Inky, Snake and Bee ran in. Inky went to get some drinks.

“Did you see that juggler in the park?” said Snake.
“Yes,” said Bee.
“He was fantastic!” exclaimed Inky.
"We did have a splendid morning," said Bee.
"Yes," agreed Snake and Inky.

"Well, I am glad you had fun," said Phonic. "I see you did not worry about me. I have been stuck here on this desk," he complained.
“We are sorry, Phonic!” cried Bee. “But you cannot come out with us. You need to be plugged in.”

“Yes,” agreed Phonic, looking sad. “Hmmmm... I think I have a plan,” muttered Inky, and scampered off.
Soon she was back with a big, flat, black box.

“This is a laptop,” she said to Phonic. “Load yourself onto a disk.”

Then she loaded Phonic’s disk onto the laptop, and...

...there was Phonic, up on the screen!
“Phonic can come with us on our next outing,” said Inky. “Brilliant!” cried Snake and Bee.