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, θ is used for the /eə/ 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 θ 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.

Yellow Level  Inky Mouse and Friends  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
Bee is telling Phonic about Inky. Inky is not feeling well and Bee has sent her to bed.
Ding dong! Here is Snake. He has come to visit Inky. Bee looks at Snake and then at Snake’s spots, and will not let him in.

Bee peeps into the bedroom and sees Inky asleep. She looks again. Inky has big red spots.
“You have given Inky your spots!” Bee tells Snake. “She is not feeling well at all.”

“Er, Bee,” interrupts Phonic, “I think you had better look in the mirror.” “I have got spots too!” Bee cries.
Snake and Phonic send Bee to bed as well. Then Snake brings hot drinks for Inky and Bee.

Next morning, Doctor West visits the house to see Inky and Bee.
Snake tells Doctor West about the spots, and that Bee thinks she and Inky got them from him.

Doctor West looks at Inky and Bee, and then at Snake. They all have spots.
Snake has spots on his spots!
“I am glad I cannot get spots,” thinks Phonic.

Doctor West tells Bee and Inky that they did not get the spots from Snake, and that they will soon be better.
Inky’s and Bee’s spots will all vanish, but Snake will have some spots forever.

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, fall, hall, small, tall and wall.