



SRA/Open Court Reading **Leveled Readers Provide Practice and Insight**

Open Court Reading Classroom Library and **Bibliography trade books** provide **leveled readers** for reading practice and add background knowledge to the Thematic Learning Units for Grades K-6.

For each grade level, these **trade books** (or **leveled readers**) are specifically chosen to meet the different reading needs of all students in your class, including those students reading significantly below or above grade level. These **Leveled Readers** will add a new dimension of thought and deepen the concept of each unit theme.

Pre-Decodable and Decodable Books Provide Practice **Resulting in Fluent Reading of Anthologies and Leveled Readers**

Pre-Decodable Books, many words written in Rebus, offer Kindergarten students a successful format for practicing beginning reading skills. They also help children learn the conventions of print necessary for becoming comfortable with the act of reading.

Decodable Books allow students to practice the blending strategies and sounds introduced in the lessons that are necessary for figuring out unfamiliar words and reading fluently. Fluent readers are able to read words automatically so they can focus on comprehension, the true goal of reading.

Practice using **Pre-Decodable** and **Decodable** books, when paired with systematic instruction in phonemic awareness and phonics, provides students with the skills needed to successfully read the **authentic literature** found in the **Open Court Reading Anthologies, Classroom Libraries, and Bibliographies**.

Leveled Readers Provide Opportunity for Appropriate Practice

Using the **leveled readers**, students discover other dimensions of the unit themes by reading and discussing one or more of these award-winning trade books. **Leveled readers** found in the **Open Court Reading Classroom Libraries** are listed in the **Unit Overview**. Bibliographies are listed at the end of each unit of the **Open Court Reading Teacher Editions** at each grade level. A brief description of each book and tips for reading and discussing these books are provided.

For each grade level, the **Leveled Readers** are designated:

- **Easy**—trade book may be up to one year below grade level
- **Average**—trade book is basically on grade level
- **Advanced**—trade book may be up to one year above grade level



Open Court Reading

Classroom Libraries and Bibliographies
The Open Court Answer to Leveled Readers

Grade K

Classroom Library Book A

School - Unit 1 p. T6

Mouse Views: What the Class Pet Saw – Easy

School Bus: For the Buses, the Riders and the Watchers – Easy

School Days – Average

Bea and Mr. Jones – Advanced

Shadows - Unit 2 p. T6 Book B

Footprints and Shadows – Easy

I Have a Friend – Average

Nothing Sticks Like a Shadow – Advanced

What Makes Day and Night? – Advanced

Finding Friends - Unit 3 p. T6 Book C

My Friends – Easy

Poppleton Everyday – Average

Friends – Advanced

May I Bring a Friend? – Advanced

The Wind - Unit 4 p. T6 Book D

The Wind Blew – Easy

The Sun, the Wind,, and the Rain – Average

What Makes the Wind – Average

Millicent and the Wind – Advanced

Stick to It - Unit 5 p. T6 Book E

The Carrot Seed – Easy

Leo the Late Bloomer – Average

Liang and the Magic Paintbrush – Advanced

You'll Soon Grow into Them, Titch – Advanced

