

AALP Additional Decodable Reader Recommendations

All About Reading comes with readers, so it's not necessary to add on outside readers unless you want to.

We don't know of another set of readers that will correlate exactly with All About Reading, so you may have to help your child with some words.

Here are some possibilities for reinforcement during and after AAR 1:

1. [*Bob Books*](#) Stages 1 & 2
2. [*Very First Readers*](#) by Usborne
3. [*Fun Tales*](#) by Sonlight
4. [*Christian Liberty Press readers*](#) *It Is Fun to Read* and *Pals and Pets*
5. [*American Language Series*](#) *Fun in the Sun* and *Scamp and Tramp* with AAR 1.
6. [*Now I'm Reading! Level 1*](#) titles by Nora Gaydos.
7. [*Dash into Reading*](#) Set 1 and Set 2 with help
8. [*Dandelion Launchers*](#) Stages 1 through 15 go along well with AAR 1. Higher stages don't follow the same order of teaching as *All About Reading*, however.
9. [*I See Sam Readers*](#) Sets 1 and 2 (also available online for free)
10. [*Miss Rhonda Readers*](#) Set 1 (Note, these include some two-syllable words and unfamiliar phonograms.)
11. [*Meg and Greg books*](#) All four books work with AAR 1. (Note, these include some two-syllable words and unfamiliar phonograms.)
12. [*Decodable Readers Australia*](#) Contains some words that may be unfamiliar to children outside Australia. It will be best to pre-teach them. Levels 1 and 2 would work well with AAR 1.
13. [*Primary Phonics*](#) Sets 1 and 1A
14. [*Reading Teacher*](#) This doesn't introduce phonograms in the same order, so a child will need to be near the end of AAR 1 to read most of the Unit 1 titles, but then can also read the first few of Unit 2 as well
15. [*Fun Phonics*](#) Books 1 through 13, although more sight words are used as you go along.
16. [*Emily Gibbons The Literacy Nest Decodable Reading Passages*](#) These are decodable stories without illustrations, so they may appeal to older, remedial students. Level 1 would work well with AAR 1.

17. [Progressive Phonics](#) All the “Beginner Phonics” books and the first four of the “Intermediate Phonics” books.
18. [We Read Phonics](#) Look for Level A and Level B books, but be aware that some of the A titles include a lot of sight words.
19. [We Both Read](#) These books are designed for the parent to read one page of more difficult text and the child reads the other page of easier text. Look for Level A and Level B books, but beware that some will work and others have phonics and sight words well beyond AAR 1.
20. [Emergent Readers](#) by Flyleaf Publishing. Books 1-30. Books 31-41 use concepts from higher levels. (Many are available free online for the 2024-2025 school year! <https://portal.flyleafpublishing.com/>)
21. [Express Readers Decodable Books](#) The books from Steps 1 through 3 go along well with AAR 1.
22. Core Knowledge Language Arts Kindergarten Units 6 through 9 are usually decodable after AAR 1, as is the Grade 1 Unit 1. Here are the links:
[Kindergarten Unit 6](#) | [Kindergarten Unit 7](#) | [Kindergarten Unit 8](#)
[Kindergarten Unit 9](#) | [Grade 1 Unit 1](#)
23. [A Pig, A Fox, and a Box](#), and [A Pig, A Fox and Stinky Socks](#). Funny, but do have a few words not taught in AAR 1. Some moms have found them accessible though.
24. [Julia Donaldson’s Songbirds](#) Stage 1. Stage 2 might work for some kids, but does have some things that AAR doesn’t introduce until later.
25. [S.P.I.R.E. Decodable Readers](#) Level 1 (A and B) will work with AAR 1 if you teach the wh phonogram. Some Level 2 books will work too, but others will be better with AAR 2.
26. [Primary Phonics Readers](#) Book 1.
27. [Simple Words Books](#) The Early Decodable Chapter Books series, titles *Stash the Trash*, *Fun in the Sun*, *Scrub the Hands*, and *Spring Mess*.
28. [Dog on a Log books](#) These are decodable chapter books. Pre-reader and Steps 1-4 books go with AAR 1.
29. [PAF Reading](#) These are decodable chapter books. The first two, “Pals” and “Fun in the Sun,” will work well with AAR 1.
30. [Moon Dog Series](#) Sets 1 and 2, as well as the Moon Dog Extras, work well with AAR 1. These books may be especially appealing to older, remedial students. (Note, higher sets follow a different sequence so they won’t work with *All About Reading*.)

Here are some ideas for additional reading that others have used during and after AAR 2:

1. [Christian Liberty Press readers](#) *A Time At Home* mainly uses concepts from AAR 2 (some 3)
2. [Sonlight](#) Grade 1 and 2 readers.
3. [Simple Words Books](#) The Decodable Chapter Books titles: *Fox Hunt*, *Sam is Stuck*, *The Last Task*, *The Gold of Black Rock Hill*, *Six Days at Camp with Lin and Jill*, *Six Days at Camp with Jack and Mac*, and *Back to the Past*
4. [Dog on a Log books](#) Step 5-8 books go with Level 2. Step 9-10 books may work with help.
5. [Dr. Seuss books](#) Note, many of these are very long (*Green Eggs and Ham* has over 70 pages), so at this stage, children may need to spread the book over two to three reading sessions.)
6. [Bob Books](#) Stages 3, 4, and 5 include concepts mainly from levels 2-3 of AAR.
7. [Decodable Books by Flyleaf Publishing](#). Reading Series One and much of Series Two will work with AAR 2. (Many are available free online for the 2024-2025 school year! <https://portal.flyleafpublishing.com/>)
8. [I See Sam Readers](#) Sets 3 and 4 will work pretty well with AAR 2 (also available online for free).
9. [Miss Rhonda Readers](#) Set 2
10. [American Language Series](#) books. The second two titles, *Soft and White* and *At the Farm* go along with AAR 2.
11. [Fun Phonics](#) might also be a possibility. Books 14, 15, and 16 include concepts mainly from Level 2.
12. [S.P.I.R.E. Decodable Readers](#) Level 2 and Level 3 (both A and B) books will work AAR 2.
13. [Primary Phonics Readers](#) Book 2.
14. [McGuffey Readers](#) were used for years from the mid-1800's into the early 1900's to teach reading. They are available online for free in the public domain.
15. [We Both Read](#) These books are designed for the parent to read one page of more difficult text and the child reads the other page of easier text. Look for Level B and Level C books, but beware that some will work and others have phonics and sight words beyond AAR 2.
16. [PAF Reading](#) These are decodable chapter books. The third, *Let's Go*, will work well with AAR 2.
17. Core Knowledge Language Arts Grade 1 Units will work well after AAR 2 for many students, although it does include more sight words and some phonograms not taught in AAR 2. Here are the links:
[Grade 1 Unit 1](#) | [Grade 1 Unit 2](#) | [Grade 1 Unit 3](#) | [Grade 1 Unit 4](#)
[Grade 1 Unit 5](#) | [Grade 1 Unit 6](#) | [Grade 1 Unit 7](#)
18. [Progressive Phonics](#) The "Intermediate Phonics" books, although Book 14 teaches some phonograms that aren't taught until AAR 3.
19. [Emily Gibbons The Literacy Nest Decodable Reading Passages](#) These are decodable stories without illustrations, so they may appeal to older, remedial students. Level 2 would work well with AAR 2, although it uses a couple of phonograms not taught in AAR 2.

20. [Reading Teacher](#) Unit 2 would work well with AAR 2, although it uses some phonograms not taught in AAR 2.
21. [Decodable Readers Australia](#) Contains some words that may be unfamiliar to children outside Australia, so it will be best to pre-teach them. Levels 3 and 4 would work well with AAR 2.
22. [Now I'm Reading! Level 2](#) titles by Nora Gaydos, although they use a couple of phonograms not taught in AAR 2.

Additional readers for during and after AAR 3:

Many children are ready to dive into beginner chapter books by the end of All About Reading Level 3 or even earlier in this level. Look for titles such as the *Boxcar Children* series, *Magic Treehouse* series, *My Father's Dragon* trilogy, *Mercy Watson* series, *Gooney Bird Greene* books, *A to Z Mysteries* chapter books, and so many others!

However, please be aware that there are still phonograms, skills, and words that students have not yet been introduced to by the end of AAR 3. Some children will do okay with such unknowns, but others will need help. To ensure your child does not start relying on word guessing, have your student continue reading aloud to you daily.

On the other hand, if your student would benefit from books that will be more of a transition from the *All About Reading* stories to chapter books, books with more pictures and fewer words per page, or would benefit from added confidence and stamina practice, check out:

1. [Sound Out Chapter Books](#) by High Noon Books.
2. [Mr. Putter and Tabby](#) series.
3. [Henry and Mudge](#) series, by the same author as the above Mr. Putter and Tabby series.
4. [Charley the Ranch Dog](#) series by The Pioneer Woman (these look so cute!).
5. [Sonlight](#) Grade 2 and 3 readers. Sonlight's reader sets are collections of wonderful book options chosen for a rich reading experience for each level.
6. [American Language Series](#) books. The final two titles, *On the Trail* and *Sounds of the Sea*, go well with AAR 3.
7. [Now I'm Reading! Levels 3 and 4](#) titles by Nora Gaydos. These should go very well after AAR 3, and possibly the more advanced "Independent Reading" Level as well.
8. [Decodable Books by Flyleaf Publishing](#). Reading Series Two and Three will work with AAR 3. (Many are available free online for the 2023-2024 school year! <https://portal.flyleafpublishing.com/>)
9. [Fun Phonics](#) Books 17, 18, and 19 will be very approachable during AAR 3.
10. [Christian Liberty Press reader](#) It Is a Joy To Learn (book 4) could be read after AAR 3, though it includes a few concepts from AAR 4.

Lastly, be sure to complete *All About Reading* Level 4 so your child will have complete instruction in reading. At the end of AAR 4, students have the phonics and word attack skills necessary to sound out high school-level words, though they may not know the meaning of all higher-level words yet. (Word attack skills include things like dividing words into syllables, making analogies to other words, sounding out the word with the accent on different word parts, recognizing affixes, etc.) Your child will confidently master challenging and complex words like magnificence, gourmet, epilogue, acquaintance, souvenir, horticulture, and many, many more.

After completing AAR 4, our recommendations are:

11. Check out our article, [What Happens after All About Reading?](#) for lots of ideas on what to do next.
12. Read-read-read! Get your students hooked on an age-appropriate series. Subscribe to kid-friendly [magazines](#), check out tons of books from the library, and have them read instructions for games they want to play.
13. Set a daily reading time for your students to read for 30 minutes. Choose books that interest your student, both fiction and non-fiction. You can also choose books that correlate to other things you are studying, such as historical fiction or Usborne books that cover science topics. Possible sources:
 - Literature-based curriculum such as *Sonlight* and *Build Your Library*
 - Resource books like *Honey for a Child's Heart*
 - [The 1000 Good Books List](#)
 - [IEW Book Recommendations](#)
 - Check out the [Chapter Book Reviews](#) on our Blog
14. Complete the All About Spelling program, which supports reading.

We hope this helps! Please email us at support@allaboutlearningpress.com if you have questions or need anything. We're happy to help!