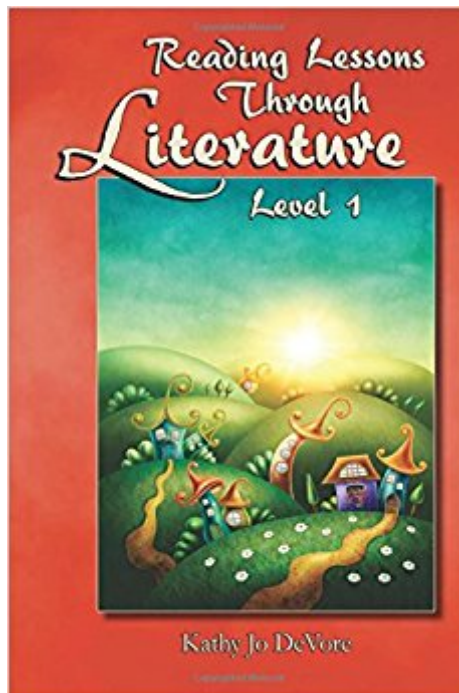




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# Reading Lessons Through Literature Level 1



## Synopsis

Reading Lessons Through Literature is a pick-up and go Orton phonogram reading program organized around the stories in The Elson Readers. Like other Orton phonogram programs, it focuses on teaching reading through spelling. First children learn the basic phonograms. Then they begin writing their spelling words, analyzing them, and reading them for practice. And finally, they begin to read stories which include the words they've learned. RLTL teaches 75 basic phonograms. In Level 1, the spelling lists are organized around the stories in The Elson Readers Primer. Level 1 includes instructional material, the spelling lists, and The Elson Readers Primer, so there are no additional readers to purchase. In the Primer, multi-letter phonograms are underlined and multi-syllable words are separated between syllables to help the beginning reader. An optional PDF Phonogram Workbook is available at [Lulu.com](http://Lulu.com).

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## Customer Reviews

Wonderful! I love that it's scripted. I love that the text is clean and clear. I love that she almost holds your hand - however - having been homeschooling the classical method for many years, I was concerned that the Charlotte Mason approach would be too slow or boring for my kiddos. Just the opposite- they bring me the book and say "time to read !" My kids know I have little patience for "Twaddle" - I'm pretty strict about sticking to the classics. I couldn't write a more perfect grammar/English/reading program!! Be sure to consider the workbook - it's clesn and easy to follow. If you are familiar with Explode The Code, it's very similar to this in its appearance, and we love it !! I think this is finally "the one!"

This program is helping to build fluency in my emerging reader. We've tried several phonics program and this is the one we will stick with for the long haul, along with progressive phonics. It's very simple and streamlined, covers spelling, reading practice, and writing all in one book, we love it.

This book is a love/hate for me. Working through the phonograms is repetitive and somewhat boring, but at the same time has been effective. We tweaked the rhythm of the lessons, oftentimes not practicing them to the full extent of what is recommended, but figuring out what worked for us. However, once we got through the phonograms and on to the spelling lists and stories, I've really enjoyed it. It's simple and my daughter is starting to read really, really well. It's effective and fairly uncomplicated and while I didn't do things exactly as the author suggests, it's easy to find a way that works for each student.

Not what I was expecting. Priced too high for content in my opinion.

I've been using this with my emergent reader (newly 7) for about 5 months. Previous to this, she was stuck reading only CVC words (cat, bat etc) and a few sight words she learned in public K. We tried another (quite expensive) scripted program for about 6 months and she made no progress at all. I picked this up after learning about the method of spelling to read and gave it a shot. This has been such a blessing for us! My daughter is math minded. She needs to understand the process of reading and decoding words. She needs to know why letters make many sounds and what patterns there are in writing. There are no bells and whistles or cutesy characters. It's simply spelling lists and learning phonograms and readers all in one affordable book. While we learned the first 200 words I didn't ask my daughter to read anything else for that entire month or so. She "hates" reading so she was happy for the break. When we were ready for the first reader, she beamed with joy, "I can read Mommy!" Because she knew every word. And it wasn't some rather dull BOB book about a cat that sat. There was also no distracting pictures that encourage her to guess. Dictations are fun in our house and rather quickly she was spouting back the rules and picking out phonograms before I even said them. She can now attack new words as we've added outside reading back in, "Oh that's a silent E because English words don't end in v," or "The y says the e sound since that word has more than one syllable." One would think it's harder for them to grasp it this way with all this to remember, but it's brilliant and easy. I look forward to continuing in all the levels!

I homeschool my kids (9, 5, and 3). My five year old told me she wants to learn how to read so I've been researching and researching and we've tried a few different methods (which we found very boring). We're still working through this one and she's not reading yet, but she's enjoying it. This book starts out teaching the child the sounds of the letters (you can teach the names if you want as well) with a letter on each page (no need to buy flashcards!). I like that Mrs. DeVore recommends to keep moving forward, even if the child does not remember the sounds. We review them every single lesson and they've started sticking. Heck, my youngest asks to do it too! He thinks it's great fun to do lessons with his sister. Mrs. DeVore has a workbook called Handwriting Lessons Through Literature Handwriting for Beginners that can be used with this book or any other program. It has pages to review phonograms, practice identifying the sounds, writing the letters, and matching/differentiating letters. My girl loves it. We haven't gotten to the second part of the program, where they're supposed to spell the words. We're not using this to teach my girl how to write her letters, as I don't think she's quite ready for that, though she's more than happy to attempt them. I'm probably going to use the rest of the book differently than what the author says. As a teacher, there's no prep required before each lesson, besides getting out the book and workbook with a pencil (if you use the workbook) and starting. Of course you should read the introduction as it has many helpful tips and recommendations. You don't have to buy the workbook in order to use this book, but I think it's a great addition. Lessons take us maybe 10 minutes with the workbook. Overall, this is the first program we've used that hasn't bored us to tears or given lots of busywork. I highly recommend getting the workbook, Handwriting Lessons Through Literature Handwriting for Beginners, in addition to this book (it looks as though you can only get it from her website). So far so good.

Clear, easy to understand and implement. Includes all 75 phonogram sounds, spelling lists, and reader. Students learn sounds, and words before they apply them in reading the text. Reader is an old school text reformatted into syllables, enjoyable stories, only one picture per story, not distracting.

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