

Using **Meg and Greg** in the Library

**A Resource
for School
and Public
Libraries**

About the Series

Meg and Greg is a decodable chapter book series designed for ages 6–10, featuring dyslexia-friendly formatting and engaging stories for striving readers who've aged out of traditional phonics books. Each book is co-written by Elspeth Rae and Rowena Rae and published by Orca Book Publishers.

The books are structured for shared reading: one page in accessible plain text for a more confident reader (parent, teacher or peer), paired with a facing page of controlled, decodable text for the developing reader.

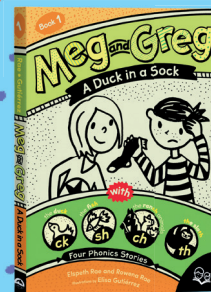
Why Decodables Matter

Decodable books:

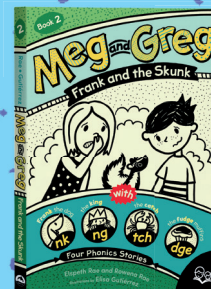
- Use specific, predictable phonics patterns
- Help readers practice decoding skills in connected text
- Support the transition from phonics instruction to fluent reading
- Build confidence by ensuring a high success rate

How Meg and Greg Supports Literacy

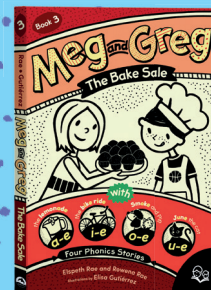
- **Shared Reading Format:** Encourages reading together without the developing reader feeling overwhelmed.
- **Structured Phonics Progression:** Each story focuses on specific sound-spelling patterns (e.g., consonant blends, digraphs, vowel teams).
- **Inclusive Design:** Larger font, generous spacing, cream-coloured paper and illustrations that aid comprehension.
- **Appealing Stories:** Mystery, adventure and humour to engage a broad range of readers.



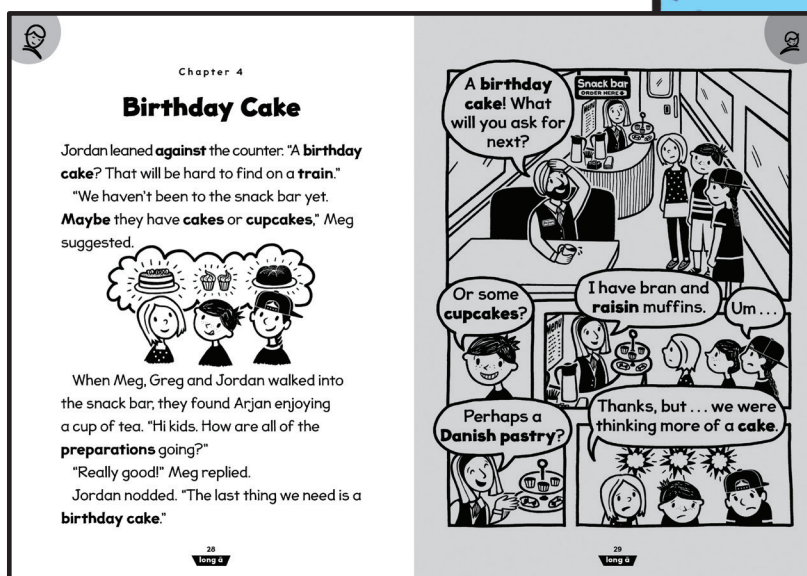
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Practical Ways to Use in the Library

1. Small-Group Reading Sessions

- Pair developing readers with a volunteer, peer mentor or staff member.
- Alternate pages: fluent reader takes plain text page, developing reader reads the decodable page.
- Pause to discuss the story and tricky words.

2. Family Literacy Programs

- Include the Meg and Greg series in take-home literacy kits.
- Offer “shared reading” workshops for parents and model the alternating page format.

3. One-on-One Reader Support

- Keep a set in the library’s “Reader Support” collection alongside other hi-lo and dyslexia-friendly titles.
- Use during homework help or tutoring sessions.

Practical Ways to Use in the Classroom

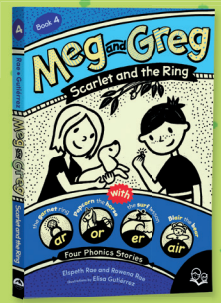
- **Literacy Centers:** One station for paired reading with Meg and Greg books.
- **Intervention Support:** Use in Tier 2 or Tier 3 small groups for focused phonics reinforcement.
- **Cross-Curricular Links:** Use themes to connect with social studies or science topics.

Practical Ways to Use in the Classroom

- Start by matching the story’s focus phonics pattern with the reader’s current skill level.
- Don’t over-correct. Let the reader attempt the word first, then give gentle support.
- Celebrate successes, even small ones.
- Use the series’ built-in glossary to preview or review tricky words.

More Resources:

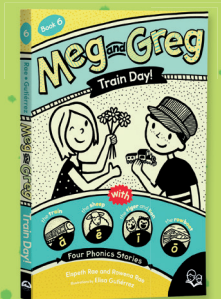
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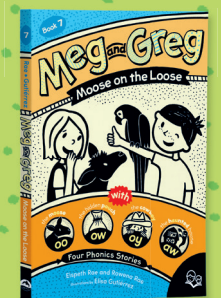
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