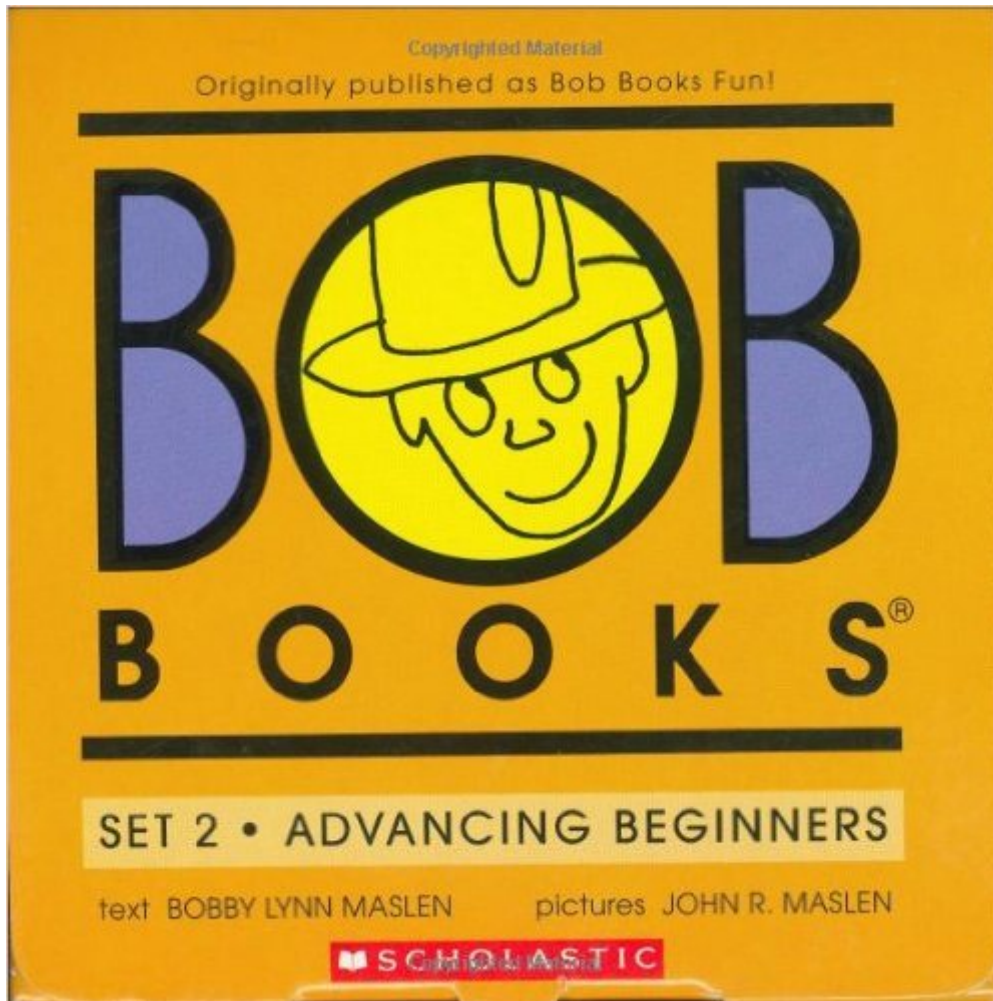


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Bob Books Set 2-Advancing Beginners



Synopsis

Bob Books Set 2-Advancing Beginners continues to build reading skills. Use of three-letter words and consistent vowel sounds in slightly longer stories build confidence. Children love the hilarious (and sometimes mischievous) stories and pictures. These twelve books, filled with fun, drama, and surprise keep interest high for even the youngest readers.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Let me preface this review with the fact that I love the Bob Books; I believe they are one of the best "learn to read" products on the market. My three star rating does not reflect the content of the Bob Books series. I had read that some people complained that these books were the small, older versions. I did not mind this, however considering the fact that my daughter was about to finish Set One and I wanted Set Two, I am quite disappointed that the first six books in this set are also in Set One! I wouldn't have paid this much for only six books. Upon further research it seems that there are some sets marked "Set Two" that aren't repetitive and this set is an older version. However there is no way to determine which you are getting, older or newer. Buyers, keep this in mind when ordering! **UPDATE** I have discovered if you have "Collection One" and have finished that (books 1-18) what you want next is called "Collection Two" (not set two). This will keep you from repeating those six books.

I give this only three stars, but not because there's anything wrong with it. It's just that, if your child is really ready to read, the first set will definitely give them the tools to do so. But once they grasp the "key to castle" of sounding out that that first set delivers, they may be ready for a bigger leap than this second set offers. We did the first set with our daughter, but then we never got more than a book or two into this one before she was picking up lots of other books we had around and checking easy readers out of the library, and completely lost interest in these. We definitely never considered any sets beyond this one. I'd recommend the first box, but then as soon as they grasp that they CAN read, if they are anything like my daughter, kids are going to want something with more of a story. I'd recommend the Max the Cat series readers, they have more of a story to each little book, but the same difficulty levels as the Bob books. They are listed on as Phonics Practice Readers: Series A, Set 1/10 Reader's Plus Teacher's Guide

I liked this set but unfortunately it contained many of the same books as the first set, which we already have. I think they could have done it a little differently. If I had it to do over again I would have either skipped this set or started off with this one and skipped the first one.

I am a Special Education teacher. I help children with learning disabilities (K-5) learn to read. I don't think there are words for how highly I want to recommend these books to parents and other educators. These books are PHONICS based and they are systematic and sequential. They help train a child's brain to see the patterns in the English language. Learning these patterns is how children learn to read. Other reviews have slammed these books for being boring and low interest. Are they the most exciting and engaging books ever? No, not really. Will they help your child/student learn to read? YES, they will. And the stories have enough content that I am able to monitor comprehension with questions such as "Who was this story about?", "Why did the fox try to hide when he saw the hen?", and "How do you think the animals felt when they saw the fox?". But most importantly, it is just such a thrill to see that expression of astonished pride on the child's face when they finish reading the book to you all by themselves. It's that bewildered sense of accomplishment that makes my students willing to take on new challenges and continue improving their reading skills.

If your child knows all his or her sounds of the basic 26 letters of the alphabet, your child can most likely read all of the books in this packet. These are small easy to read books. The picture add to the text but do not distract from the purpose of this book, reading. The stories are short and easy to

read. They are entertaining and usually have a bit of something off beat in them. My son was four when he began working on reading the bob books by himself. They gave him success in way that other books could not. He was able to sound out the simple words and read alone. Because there is only one line on the page, he did not get lost accidentally jumping from line to line. He particularly liked that they were not boring like the others my mother had- one vowel books (Up Pup, jump). Enjoy. Worth Every penny.

The Bob books are superior early reading books. They are gentle stories, using a tight, controlled vocabulary and delightfully simple line drawings for illustrations. I have used these books, for years, for independent reading for my first grade students and my own child as well. These wonderful, little books are appealing to young children, more so than any other books that I have seen. You and your young ones will love the Bob books!

We have been educating at home since 1993... and one of the first "Jewels" we discovered were the Bob books. It was hard to find beginner readers in the library that focused on all short-vowel sounds or that contained all three-letter words. These books quickly build self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment because they are short and easy to read. We have also purchased Bob books as gifts and are now purchasing them for our 5 and 3 year old daughters. They love them as much as the older children did... and now they offer several "levels" to grow into.

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