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A new series of Readers (Book 1 through Book 4), entitled 'Sounds Travel Too' by Dr. Sonia Machanick. This series is of especial interest, as it has been written, illustrated and published in South Africa, and the topics are interesting and familiar, and the contents have been scientifically graded for South African conditions.

It is especially noteworthy that, although this series of books is intended for standard use in primary schools, it is in fact a dual-purpose series, as it is also especially designed for use in the remedial teaching of reading and spelling.

Whilst the approach is predominantly phonic, 'sight' words are by no manner of means neglected and are introduced at regular intervals.

I must say that I like the series very much. The books are sufficiently robust to stand up to considerable wear and tear; the paper is of excellent quality; the print bold and legible and the illustrations bright, clear and relevant.

The price of each book is R1.20 (plus postage) and they can be obtained from:—

Meditor (Proprietary) Limited,
'Japari',
50A, Seventh Avenue,
Parktown North, Johannesburg.
Telephone enquiries: 42-9380/42-7085.

A series of four books entitled 'Remedial Reading', general editor, Harry H. Hall. Book 1 is entitled 'Shall We Begin' (written by Beryl Plum) and is graded for children with reading ages of between 5 and 7 years. It is of especialy interest to remedial teachers to note that the author says that 'it can also be regarded as a "confidence builder" for an older child with a reading age of nearer 8 years.

Book 2 is entitled 'What Shall We Do?' (written by Rosemary Burrow) and is designed for children between 5 and 7 years. It is of special interest

Book 3 is entitled 'Where Shall We Go?' (written by Dorothy Rose) and is designed for children of reading ages between 8 and 10 years.

Finally, Book 4 is entitled 'What Sound Is It' (writen by Ellen Walters) and is designed for children with reading ages of 10 years and over.

The series is obtainable from:—

The College Press,
Shepperton House,
94, Cameron Street,
Salisbury, Rhodesia.

This is a series that I highly recommend to all teachers, particularly to remedial teachers.

It is interesting and imaginative and has been very thoughtfully and imaginatively designed.

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