

# Jacob's Ladder

*Second Edition*

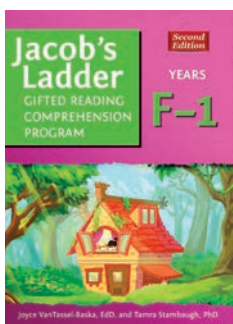
## GIFTED READING COMPREHENSION PROGRAM

The *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* targets reading comprehension skills in high-ability learners by moving students through an inquiry process from basic understanding to critical analyses of texts, using a field-tested method developed by the Center for Gifted Education at the College of William & Mary. Students will learn to comprehend and analyse any reading passage after completing the activities in *Jacob's Ladder*.

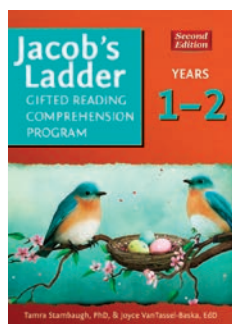
Research conducted by the Center for Gifted Education demonstrated that the *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* delivers results related to:

- ✓ improved reading comprehension
- ✓ increased critical thinking
- ✓ enhanced interest in reading.

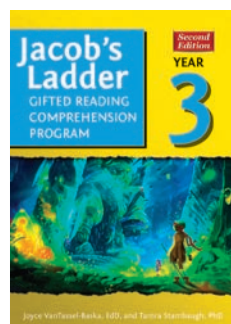
The new second editions of the *Jacob's Ladder: Gifted Reading Comprehension* series include various additions and enhancements to the successful first editions, notably new readings and ladders for student use, as well as many miscellaneous improvements.



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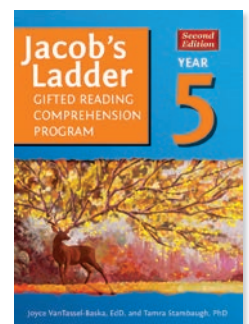
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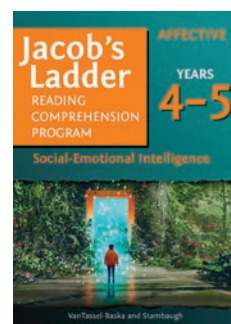
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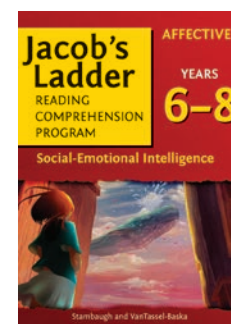
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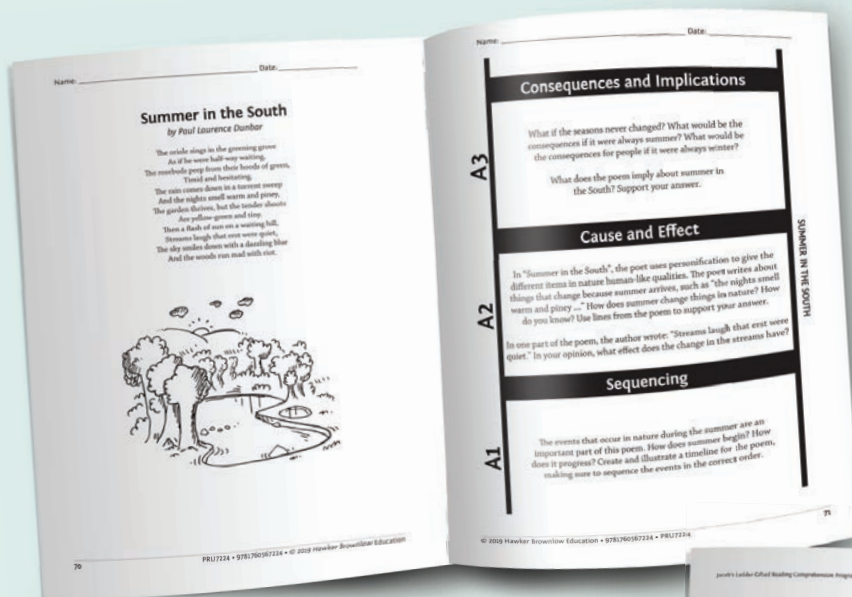
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# Goals and Objectives of Jacob's Ladder

Using skill ladders connected to short stories, poetry, essays and nonfiction, students move from lower-order, **concrete thinking skills to higher-order, critical thinking skills**. The ladders include multiple skills necessary for academic success, covering common English curricular goals such as **sequencing, determining cause and effect, classifying, inferencing** and **recognising main ideas**.

Ladder A	Ladder B	Ladder C	Ladder D	Ladder E	Ladder F
A1: Sequencing	B1: Details	C1: Literary Elements	D1: Paraphrasing	E1: Understanding Emotion	F1: Planning & Goal Setting
A2: Cause & Effect	B2: Classifications	C2: Inference	D2: Summarising	E2: Expressing Emotion	F2: Monitoring & Assessing
A3: Consequences & Implications	B3: Generalisations	C3: Main Idea, Theme or Concept	D3: Creative Synthesis	E3: Using Emotion	F3: Reflecting

Each book in the *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* comprehensively engages with the **Language, Literature** and **Literacy** strands of the **Australian Curriculum: English**, as well as touching upon aspects of **Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics** and **Science** instruction in nonfiction passages across the series. Through completing the activities in *Jacob's Ladder*, students will learn to comprehend and analyse any reading passage, and demonstrate improvement in reading comprehension and critical thinking skills, as well as an increased interest in reading.

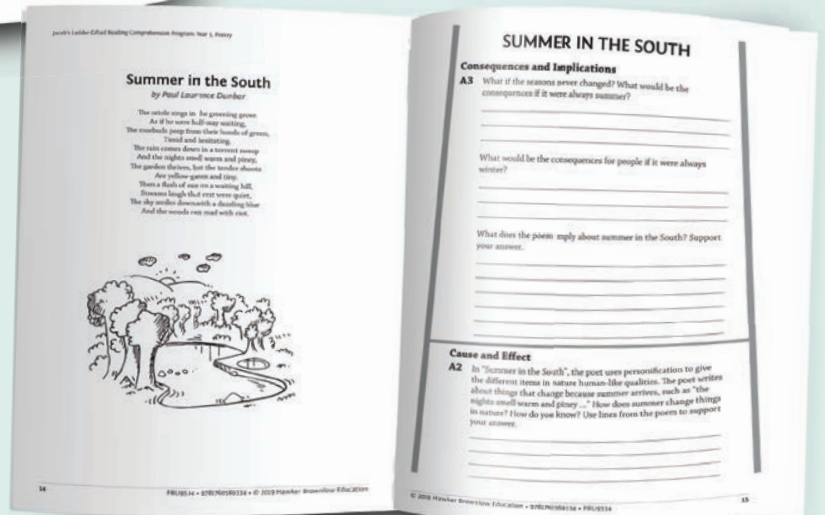


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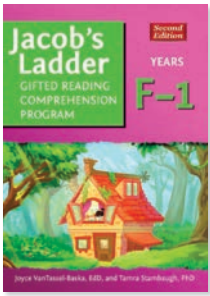
The *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* provides teachers with an explanation of the nature and substance of supplementary tasks in reading comprehension. At the same time, these tasks will move students through an inquiry process from basic reading comprehension to more critical analysis of various texts. Also included are an overview of the goals and objectives of the *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* tasks and suggestions for implementation, giving every teacher of gifted learners the tools needed to promote successful reading comprehension.

## STUDENT WORKBOOKS

Designed to complement the *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* for Years 3–5, the student workbooks provide a matching resource for students to record their answers to each exercise. This allows the teacher to keep all of the student's work for the chapters in Part II of the program together for ease of collection, reading and marking. Corresponding to the activities, students read high-interest passages, then complete skill ladders connected to the readings. All of the books include high-interest readings, ladders to increase reading skill development and easy-to-implement instructions.



# Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program Second Edition



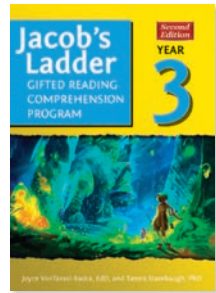
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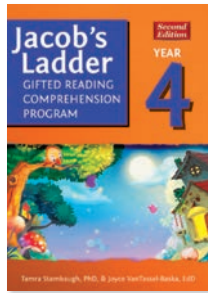
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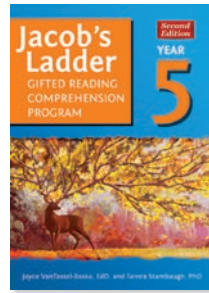
Each book in the *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* provides teachers with an explanation of the nature of supplementary tasks that scaffold reading comprehension, and includes an overview of the goals and objectives of the tasks and suggestions for implementation.



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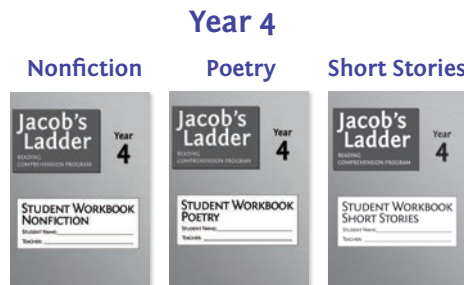
*Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program Student Workbooks* are available for **Years 3-5**. The workbooks correspond to the chapters in Part II – **Short Stories**, **Poetry** and **Nonfiction** – for each of these year levels. They provide a space for students to complete the exercises outlined in the program. Each Student Workbook can be purchased either individually or as a set of five.

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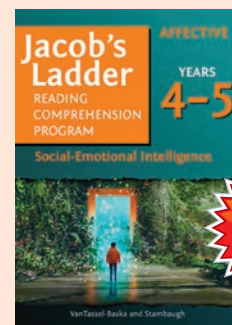
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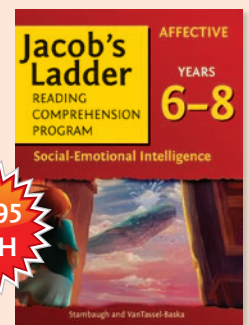
The *Affective Jacob's Ladder Reading Comprehension Program* focuses specifically on supporting advanced students' social-emotional needs through the discussion of reading selections.

The books include high-interest readings, poems, and connections to videos and songs that integrate reading comprehension and analysis skills with affective and social-emotional needs. Students are asked to apply themes, character or real-life experiences, and lessons from texts to their own lives. New ladders were specially designed for this series and derived from relevant theories about **empathy**, **risk** and **resilience**, **achievement motivation**, and **mindsets** and practices for cultivating talent.

These guides provide teachers with an explanation of the nature and substance of the theoretical constructs for each ladder. Also included are an overview of the goals and objectives of each ladder and suggestions for how to implement the ladders in the classroom in a way that supports students' academic and social-emotional needs at the same time.



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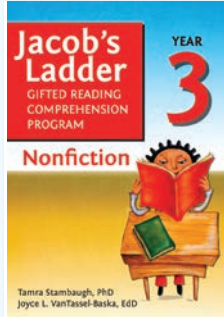
# NONFICTION YEARS 3, 4 & 5

Each of the three books in the *Jacob's Ladder Reading Comprehension Program: Nonfiction* as with the main series, comprehensively engages with the Language, Literature and Literacy strands of the Australian Curriculum: English, and features sections comprising selected reading passages on **Humanities** and **Social Sciences, The Arts, Mathematics** and **Science instruction**.

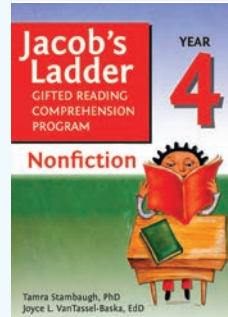
Students completing the **Nonfiction series** will be able to comprehend and analyse any nonfiction reading passage after completing the activities in these books. Using skill ladders connected to individual readings related to essays, articles, comparison documents, infographics and other nonfiction texts, students move from lower-order, concrete thinking skills to higher-order, critical thinking skills. All of the books, geared to increasing year levels, include high-interest and accelerated readings, ladders to increase reading skill development and easy-to-implement instructions.



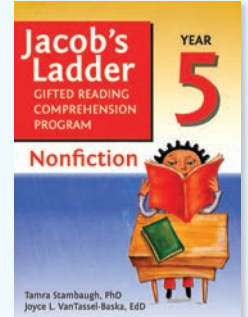
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