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All children have a great ambition to read to themselves...

and a sense of achievement when they can do so. The read it yourself series has been devised to satisfy their ambition. Since many children learn from the Ladybird Key Words Reading Scheme, these stories have been based to a large extent on the Key Words List, and the tales chosen are those with which children are likely to be familiar.

The series can of course be used as supplementary reading for any reading scheme. The Elves and the Shoemaker is intended for children reading up to Book 2c of the Ladybird Reading Scheme. The following words are additional to the vocabulary used at that level - shoemaker, wife, his, money, leather, cuts, out, shoes, bed, make, morning, work, sees, did, sells, more, who, us, hide, elves, help, clothes, lot, of, happy

A list of other titles at the same level will be found on the back cover.
Here is the shoemaker.
This is the shoemaker’s wife.
The shoemaker and his wife have no money.
The shoemaker is in his shop.
He has some leather.
He cuts out some shoes.
The shoemaker says,
I want
to go to bed.
I can make the shoes
in the morning.
In the morning the shoemaker comes to work in his shop.
He sees some shoes.
He says to his wife, Did you make the shoes?
No, says his wife.
The shoemaker sells the shoes.
He has some money for more leather.
I can make some more shoes, he says.
The shoemaker cuts out some more shoes.
He and his wife go to bed.
In the morning the shoemaker comes into his shop to make the shoes.
Look, says the shoemaker. Did you make the shoes? No, says his wife.
The shoemaker sells the shoes.
He has some money for more leather.
The shoemaker says,
I want to see
who makes the shoes
for us.
We can hide
and see who comes.
The shoemaker cuts out some shoes. He and his wife hide. They look to see who comes.
Some elves come into the shop.
The elves work and the shoemaker and his wife look.
The elves make the shoes.
The elves go home.
The shoemaker and his wife come out to see the shoes.
The shoemaker says,
The elves help us.
They make shoes for us.
I want to help the elves.
Yes, says his wife. We can help. We can make some clothes for the elves.
The shoemaker and his wife work and work. They make clothes and shoes for the elves.
Here are the clothes and the shoes.
The shoemaker and his wife go and hide.
The elves come into the shop.
Look, they say.
Here are some clothes for us.
The elves like the clothes.
They have fun in the shop.
The elves go home.
They are happy.
The shoemaker and his wife have a lot of money and they are happy.