

## Who are South Pacific Press (SPP) and why have we developed *Speak Out Reader's Theatre*?

SPP provides teachers and students with cutting-edge, research-based and teacher-/student-friendly learning materials. SPP was founded by experienced NZ educators Neale Pitches (former CEO of Learning Media), Dr Sue Watson (specialising in education research) and Meryl-Lynn Pluck (developer of the Rainbow Reading Programme). SPP has developed *Speak Out* so that teachers in New Zealand can improve their students' reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, oral language, writing and social skills (including confidence). ***Speak Out is for all students.*** It will help struggling readers, and is especially tailored for mixed-ability groups. It has specific Aotearoa/New Zealand content. *Speak Out* is available in NZ from Rainbow Reading. Check out the comparison between *Speak Out* and Rainbow Reading in the Venn diagram below. We want to emphasise that *Speak Out* is a resource for **all students reading at different levels in Years 3–6**, whereas Rainbow Reading is an individualised intervention for students reading below expected levels of achievement.

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