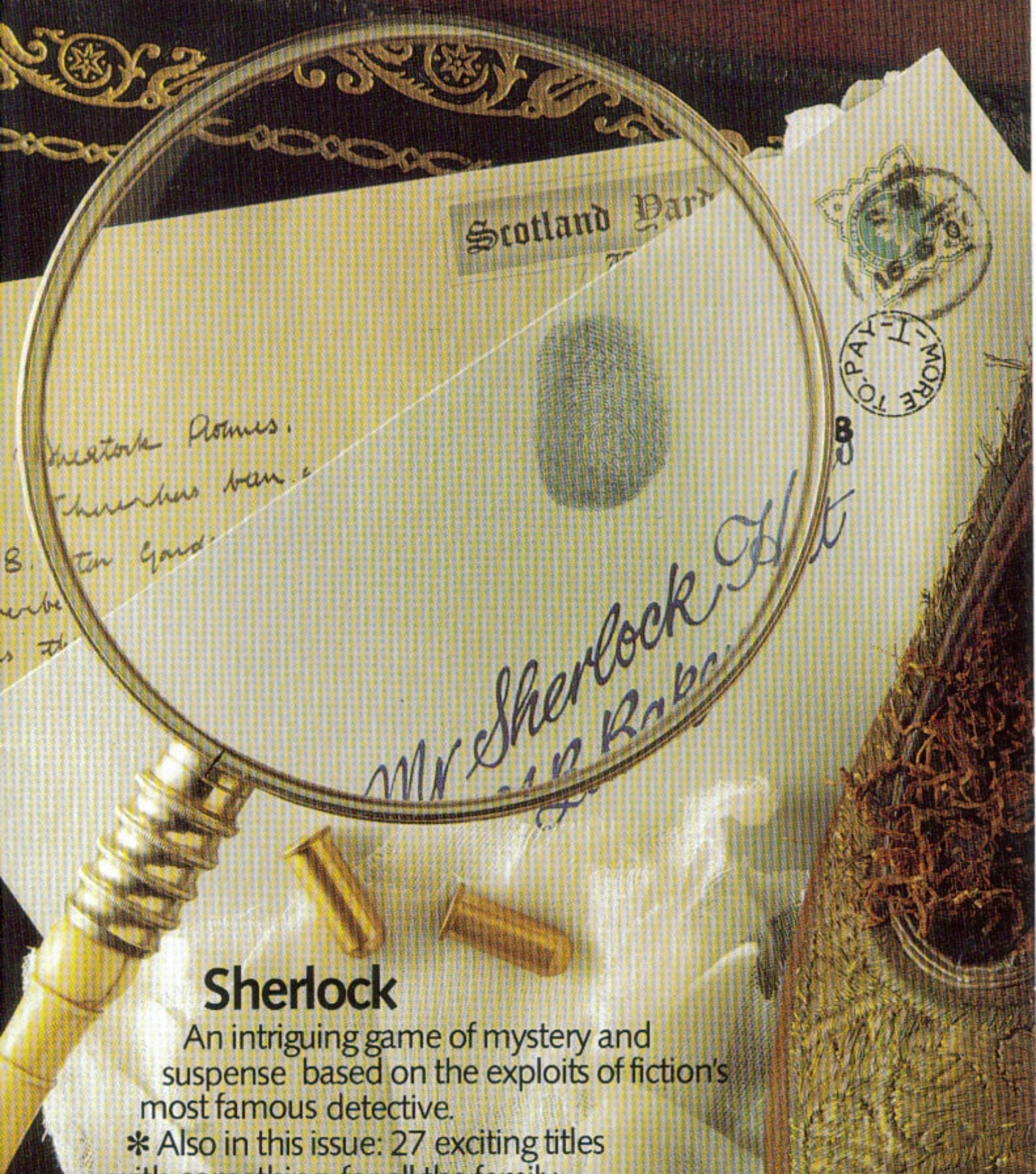


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# SOFTLINE

The Official Sinclair Spectrum Software Club Magazine.

No. 2



## Sherlock

An intriguing game of mystery and suspense based on the exploits of fiction's most famous detective.

\* Also in this issue: 27 exciting titles



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Welcome  
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**SOFTLINE**

## Our Selected Software Cassette of the issue: Sherlock

Dear Member,

Welcome to your second issue of SOFTLINE—the Official Sinclair Spectrum Software Club Magazine!

In this issue you'll find an even bigger range of software cassettes to choose from—all at a saving of at least 20% off the R.R.P.—plus some outstanding special offers too!

Our special SOFTWARE CASSETTE OF THE ISSUE is 'Sherlock'—a fascinating game of detection which takes you back to Victorian England, with the most well-known supersleuth of them all. As well as 'Sherlock' there are many other exciting new software cassettes featured—and in this issue there's also a Book Section.

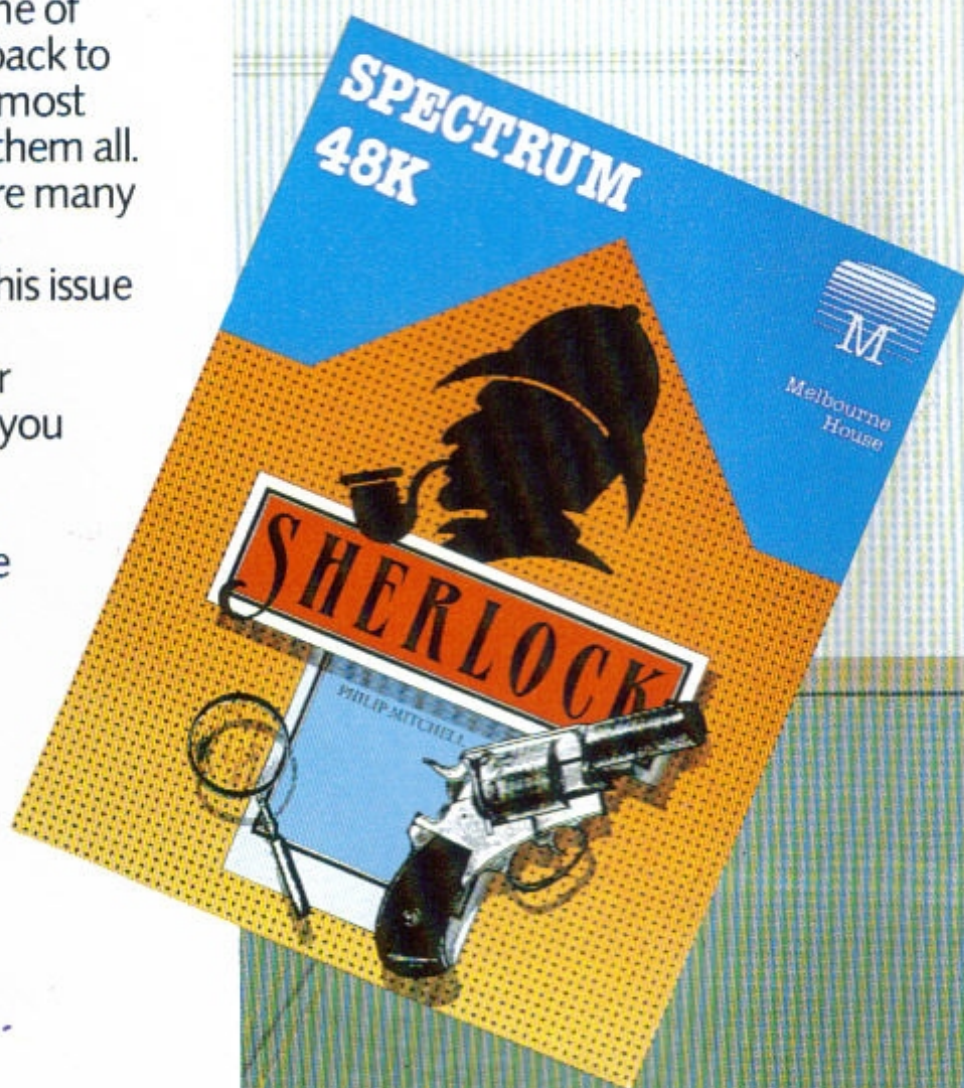
Whatever great offer—or indeed offers—you choose, you can be sure that you'll be making a great saving—and you'll be getting some of the most outstanding software cassettes available today, with many more to come. That's all part of your Club Membership.

Yours sincerely,

*Roger Heywood.*

At last, the famous Victorian age detective from 221b Baker Street comes to your Spectrum screen!

Have your cloak, pipe and thinking cap at the ready for you are about to play Sherlock and start the fact crunching process of gathering clues and unravelling the mystery of a double murder.





You can cross examine your suspects and witnesses in everyday English, but the questions had better be calculated, because time is running short. Day turns to night, racing towards the inescapable deadline.

Luckily Dr. Watson is at your side to help collate information or gather clues.

If you can keep a close eye on your finances, transport, suspects and that all too critical clock, you just might arrive at the elementary answer.

This Software Cassette will be sent to you automatically in approximately two months time, unless you indicate otherwise on the order form.

**"This game is amazing, brilliant - a gem!"**  
(Software Today)

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Philip Mitchell and others for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Program includes a 20-page booklet.

Recommended Retail Price £14.95.  
**Club Price: £11.95.** Code 5400.





# Exciting New Arcade Game



## Sir Lancelot

Egads brave knight, it's Sir Lancelot!

Join one of the most colourful characters from the round table in an adventure that's bound to have you on the edge of your seat.

Sir Lancelot must explore twenty-four rooms of a castle to collect as many valuables as he can. He leaps about on platforms, up moving staircases and ladders. But out to stop him are stars, bouncing balls, birds, dogs, pacmen and—would you believe it—cooking pots with legs! But he does have some extra 'lives' that he can

use—if the going gets too tough!

- \* 24 screens, each more a test than the last.
- \* Up to 7 aliens per screen.
- \* Moving stairways.
- \* 100% machine code.

"Incredibly addictive—the best 16K game I have seen for a long time."—**CRASH Magazine.**

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound. Written by Melbourne House for a 16K RAM Spectrum.

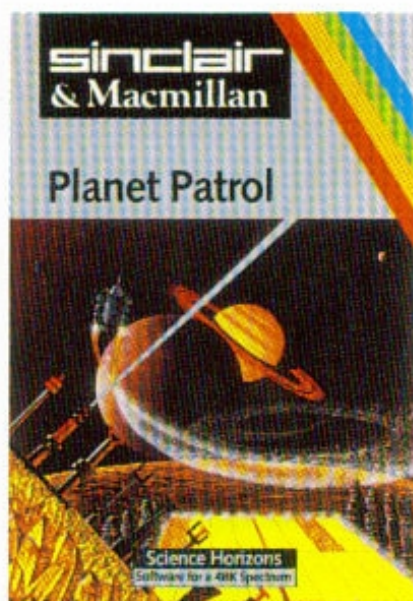
Recommended  
Retail Price £5.95

**Club  
Price £4.75**

Code: 5401



# Something for everyone



## Planet Patrol

You are about to lift-off into a space-age program based on inter planetary flight!

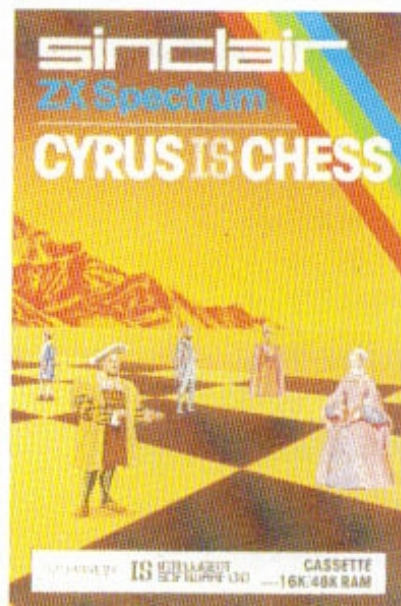
Your challenging mission is both to defend Earth, and to uncover the strategy behind an alien attack. On your flight screen you have a clear picture of the positions, relative size, mass and motion of the planets. And you can see how different gravitational pulls affect the weight of objects on planetary surfaces.

So carefully plan your flight through the solar system as you ferry vital defence or maintenance components to different planets!

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound. Written by Five Ways Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Boxed cassette with full documentation.

Recommended Retail Price: £7.95. **Club Price: £6.35.**  
Code: 4326.



## CYRUS IS CHESS

This program should match every level of chess playing skill.

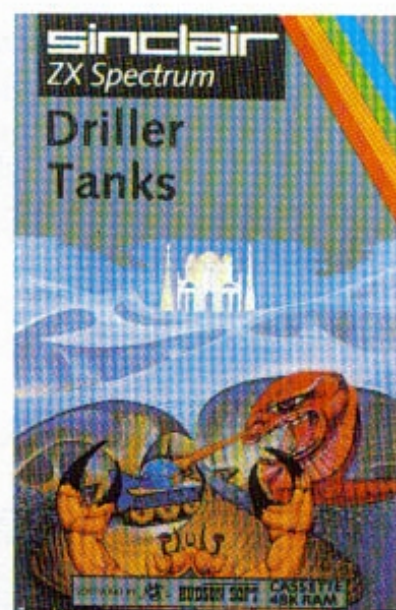
There are 8 skill levels to choose from, with quick cursor movement of pieces and 'replay' and 'take-back' facilities—in case you've analysed a move and had second thoughts!

The program offers much more than a programmed opponent. There's an extensive library of chess opening moves to learn—simple or complex, you can even use the program as a chess board to play a game with a friend.

Full-colour high resolution graphics. Written by Intelligent Software, the chess specialists, for a 16K or 48K RAM Spectrum.

Boxed cassette with full documentation.

Recommended Retail Price: £9.95. **Club Price: £7.95.**  
Code: 4023.



## Driller Tanks

The Summer Palace is under attack! The fire-breathing Mammuts and the Skorks are on the rampage trying to reach the palace by an underground route.

Only the Driller Tanks can stop them—and they're under your control.

You must prevent the Mammuts and Skorks from reaching the surface. Drill yourself a space then prepare to freeze the monsters—but don't get too close—or your tanks will be destroyed!

Full-colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Hudson Soft for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £5.95. **Club Price: £4.75.**  
Code 4032.





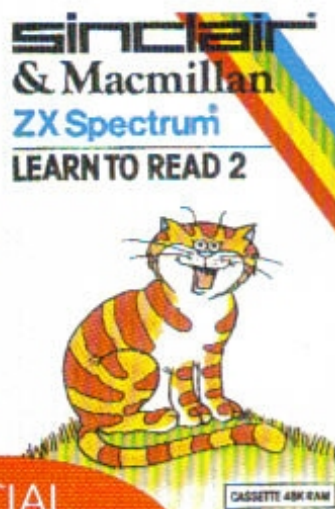
# Education

**5 great ways to learn to read—All for one great discount club price of only £15.95.**

**The Learn to Read Series** derived from Macmillan Education's best-selling primary school reading scheme, Gay Way. The software offers a unique opportunity for parents as well as teachers to share in the child's first reading experience. It is supplied complete with comprehensive supporting documentation.

## Learn to Read 1

Help your child take the first steps in reading. This program helps to develop skills central to the reading process—letter recognition, sight vocabulary, early spelling and memory. Your Child will love the animal characters like Meg the hen and Deb the rat. You'll receive immense satisfaction from watching their learning skills grow.



## Learn to Read 2

This program is in four parts. Each of which reinforces and extends fundamental reading skills. Vocabulary is gradually built up as new words such as 'red', 'green' and 'bus' are introduced. In addition, Learn to Read 2 features an attractive 'reward' system enabling children to see their achievements grow.

**SPECIAL  
BARGAIN OFFER  
SAVE £23.80.**



## Learn to Read 3

Learn to Read 3 builds on the child's progress so far. It features four lively colourful activities.

**Names** introduces further vocabulary.

**Kim** provides logical thinking and recall.

**Spell** helps the child to choose between words which sound similar.

**Card** develops memory skills—all great fun ways to learn.



## Learn to Read 4

Now—the alphabet program in the Series. Your child is given plenty of practice in working with the alphabet—matching vital letters to words and pictures and spotting missing letters. This is a popular colourful program which your child will want to return to again and again.



## Learn to Read 5

Teaching positional language is often difficult to understand and remember. The program demonstrates the meaning of words and phrases and then goes on to test your child's understanding with two lively games.

Each of the five software cassettes in this special bargain offer has full-colour high-resolution graphics and sound. Written by Fisher-Marriott Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Recommended Retail Price for all five: £39.75 (£7.95 each). But they can all be yours for £15.95—a saving of £23.80! Code: 4313B.



# Education

## Double Bargain

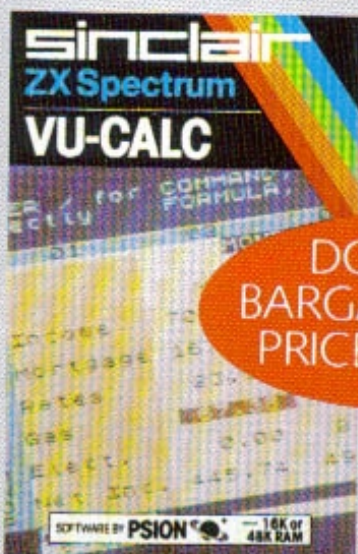
### VU-Calc

This immensely powerful program is ideal for financial analyses, budgets, statistics—in fact any application where you need complex problems solved fast! Full-colour high-resolution graphics.

Written by Psion for a 16K or 48K RAM Spectrum. Recommended Retail Price: £8.95 each.

**Double Bargain Club Price: £10.50.**

A saving of £7.40! Code: 5407.



### VU-File

(with Gazetteer)

A great way to take the strain off your paperwork. VU-File can store information easily, compactly and in word sequence. Each record kept

appears as one screen page. Gazetteer. This geographical dictionary lists essential information for every country in the World (48K RAM) or in Europe (16K RAM).



**DOUBLE BARGAIN CLUB PRICE: £10.50.**

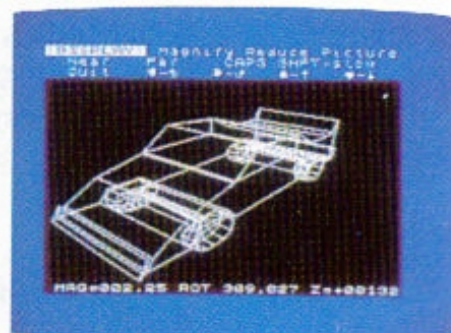
## VU-3D

One of the most absorbing programs you'll ever see on your ZX Spectrum!

With the computer keyboard you guide the on-screen cursor to outline any object you like—from a scale drawing of a car to your favourite cartoon character.

Magnify or reduce the image, add a percentage of depth, rotate your shape through any angle.

Touch another key—you're in 'Picture' mode.



Adds a third dimension to your Spectrum!

Full-colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Psion for a 48K RAM Spectrum.



# Arcade Games

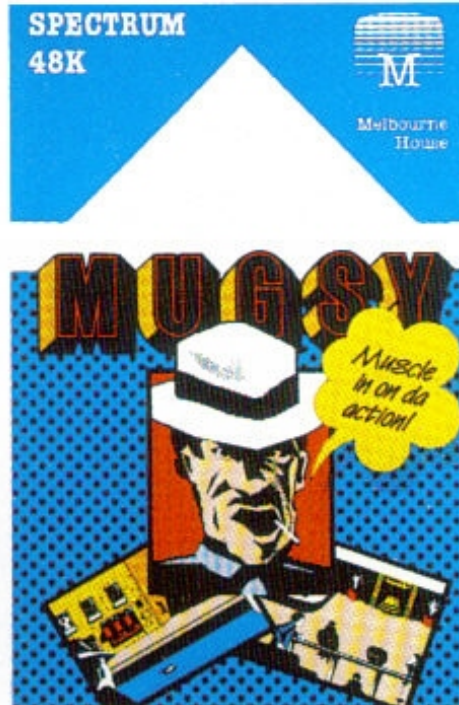
## Mugsy

"...knocks spots off anything that has so far been seen on the Spectrum"  
 –'Computer and Video Games'

You play the part of a gangland bigshot, and you're going to have to make some pretty big decisions! How much cash will you extort from your protection rackets? What should you set aside for bribery and machine guns? Each decision you make is portrayed in cartoon form – and the tension mounts as you see the result at the end of a 'year'!

With outstanding graphics, it's an offer for your Spectrum that you just can't refuse!

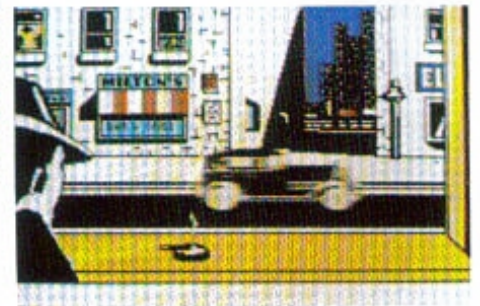
"Mugsy is definitely the Godfather of all strategy Games." –**Personal Computer Games.**



"It's graphics are 'state of art' for Spectrum users."

–**Micro Adventurer.**

Full-colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Melbourne House for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Recommended Retail Price: £6.95. **Club Price: £5.55.** Code: 5402.

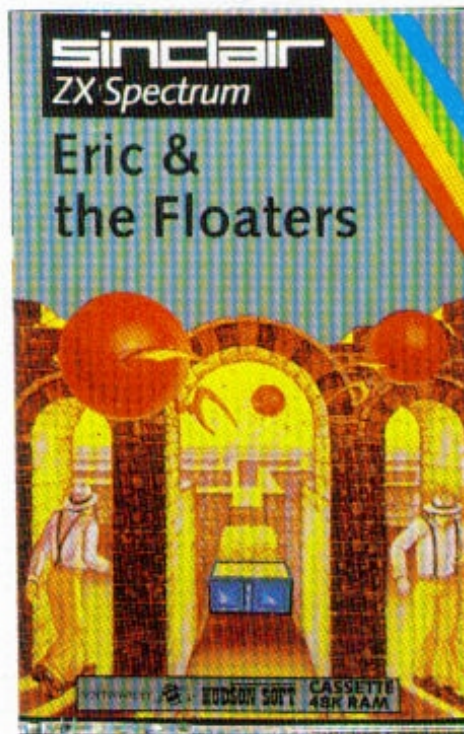


## Eric & the Floaters

With this program, you take the role of Eric – a colourful, dungaree-clad character.

You must move through the maze called Brick Lane, and destroy the Floaters. These are a balloon-like menace, and every so often, they get really angry and start hunting Eric!

Steer clear of the Floaters, then lay your trap. Eric carries an inexhaustible supply of time-bombs. If you've positioned your bombs well, the enemy



behind will be burst by the explosions. But don't stray into the blast yourself, or you'll lose a life!

The longer you survive, the more chance you'll have to gain extra points by retrieving items of treasure which appear from behind the walls of Brick Lane! Full-colour high-resolution graphics.

Written by Hudson Soft for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Recommended Retail Price: £5.95. **Club Price: £4.75.** Code 4033.



## Arcade Game Number Painter



Children love painting and what better way to learn basic arithmetic skills than with a coat of paint?!!!

Your child is in charge of a painter on a building site. A target number and a running total is displayed on the screen – your child has to make the two numbers match by painting out small boxes with numbers and  $\times$   $+$   $-$  or  $\div$  signs on them. Each time a number is painted out your child's total changes.

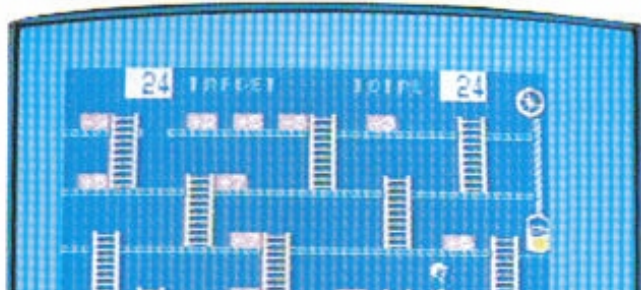
There are four different painters to choose from including the lazy Mr Plod and the amazing Mr Speedy. A game of skill, fun and if you're too slow – oops! Sticky paint everywhere!

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound.

Written by Psion for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £4.95.

**Club Price: £3.95.** Code: 4337.



## Adventure Game Hampstead



If you've always yearned for the high life of the upper classes – here's your golden opportunity to reach the pinnacle of social status...and look down on the rest of London from the lofty heights of Hampstead!

But it's not going to be an easy climb. At the start of the game you're a nobody, but with skill – and a little cheating, social mixing, and being seen in the 'right' places – you start to climb the social ladder. Will you make it...? Will you be able to join the exclusive Hampstead set...

A new type of fun game with adventures awaiting around every corner!

Written by Leves/Jones for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Boxed cassette including a 16 page booklet.

Recommended Retail Price: £9.95.

**Club Price: £7.95.**

Code 5403.





# Educational Books

## Over the Spectrum

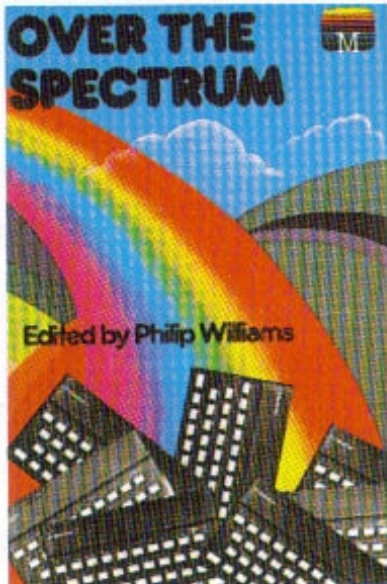
30 exciting, easy to enter programs designed specifically for the Spectrum.

"A collection of truly outstanding programs" – **Educational Computing**

"This book cannot be faulted"

– **Personal Computer World.**

Written by Philip Williams.  
Recommended Retail Price: £4.95. **Club Price: £3.95.**  
Code: 5404.



## Advanced Spectrum Machine Language

A collection of ready-made machine language routines which show how to achieve spectacular effects on the Spectrum. This book gives an insight into the Spectrum and into a professional's machine language programs.

Written by David Webb.  
Recommended Retail Price: £6.95. **Club Price: £5.55.**  
Code 5405.

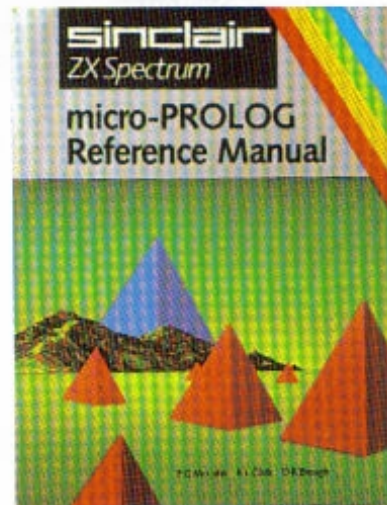


## M. Prolog Reference Manual

PROLOG is a computer language based on symbolic logic. This manual describes the micro-PROLOG system from the programmer's point of view. It describes the syntax of micro-PROLOG, the various built-in features and how to

interact with the system.

Written by F. G. McCabe, K. L. Clark, D. R. Bragh.  
Recommended Retail Price: £9.95. **Club Price: £7.95.**  
Code: 4700.

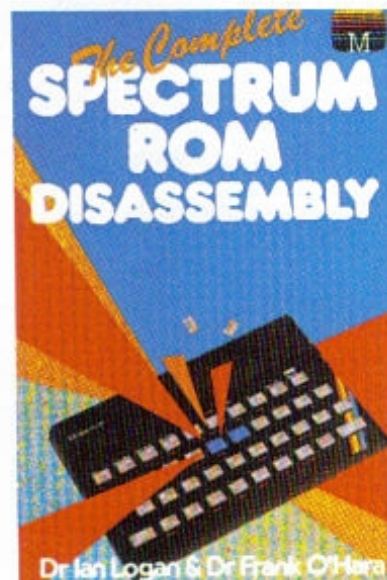


## The Complete Spectrum ROM Disassembly

For the serious programmer who wants to get right to the heart of the Spectrum 16K ROM.

"All the information one could possibly need is there" – **Computing Today.**

Written by Dr. Ian Logan and Dr. Frank O'Hara.  
Recommended Retail Price: £9.95. **Club Price: £7.95.**  
Code: 5406.





# Education

## MacMan's Magic Mirror



Here's a program that will help your child to discover the fascinating world of reflection with the help of MacMan's magic mirror.

The program demonstrates the concept of mirrors. The mirror can be positioned to demonstrate four types of reflection. And the child's challenge is to duplicate the shapes created on one side of the mirror, with the pieces that MacMan carries.

Move MacMan to the correct image position and drop the pieces in – be QUICK, or the mirror cracks, the image changes and there's a new shape to try!

Boxed cassette with full documentation.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound. Written by Intelligent Software for 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £7.95.  
Club Price: £6.35. Code: 4335.

## MacMan in the Treasure Caves



Now your child can join MacMan in a fun-packed underground adventure. The object is to guide MacMan through a series of caves, and collect treasure by subtracting numbers which hang there.

All the while it is vital to outwit the menacing bat which is on the trail of MacMan.

There are five skill levels, built-in progress assessment and a 'help' sequence for children having difficulty.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound. Written by Intelligent Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Boxed cassette with full documentation.

Recommended Retail Price: £7.95.  
Club Price: £6.35.  
Code: 4334.

## Oil Strike



Here you can experience the thrill of striking oil in this exciting simulation program.

Oil strike allows you to carry out realistic seismic surveys on land or under the sea. Once you think you've found yourself a likely spot, you must decide whether or not to test drill. But before you can start to make plans for a wealthy future you have to offset the costs of the drilling operation.

From then on it's up to you to keep the oil gushing and the dollars rolling in.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound. Written by Five Ways Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Boxed cassette with full documentation.

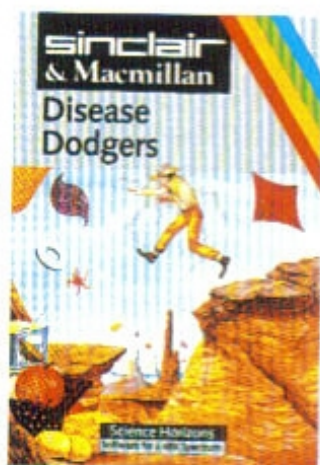
Recommended Retail Price: £7.95.  
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## Disease Dodgers

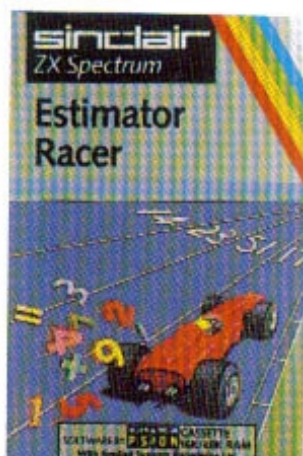
Your pulse will race as you attempt to keep the Dodger family alive and well on their travels around the world. Their health is affected by what and how much is eaten – just as in real life!

You'll dodge the onslaught of attacking germs while eating wisely and building up immunity.

Start by keeping Dad Dodger fit on a sprint across Europe, then, for a real challenge, take the baby for a toddle in the tropics – always staying alert for one of those nasty bugs!



## Estimator Racer



Children love this program. They're put in the hot seat of a formula racing car and whilst driving they can develop mental arithmetic skills!

Estimator Racer is a challenging arcade game which encourages children to estimate whether an answer to a sum is correct, almost correct, or obviously too large or small.

The child selects one of four formula cars (each represents a different level of difficulty), and moves

on to the racetrack where a number is displayed below each



# Languages



## Logo

Logo is an exciting, powerful programming language based on logic. It's so easy to learn and has proved highly successful in teaching young children to communicate with computers and think logically.

Each programming instruction you make with LOGO has a direct effect on the turtle—a cursor moves around the screen in response to the instruction you give it. As it moves, the turtle draws a line to show where it has been. You can change its position, alter its direction and then use it to create complex shapes, images or designs.

With LOGO, you're limited only by your own imagination.

LOGO comes with two comprehensive manuals. As well

as turtle graphics, colour, and sound. It has full list processing capabilities. It's also Microdrive-compatible, and can even control a robot, or floor turtle.

"The arrival of the Sinclair Version of Logo must be considered as the important event in the year as regards learning software."—**Sinclair User Annual 1985.**

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound. Written by LCSi/SOLI. for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Boxed cassette with full documentation.  
Recommended Retail Price: £39.95.  
**Club Price: £31.95—  
a saving of £8.00.**  
Code: 4405.