

K-2 Booklist by Author - New

When using this booklist, please be aware of the need for guidance to ensure students select texts considered appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels.

PRC	Author/Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Annotations
ID 941976	Abdel-Fattah, Randa 11 words for Love	Lothian Books	2022		There are eleven words for love, and my family knows them all. A family flees their homeland to find safety in another country, carrying little more than a suitcase full of love. As their journey unfolds, they experience eleven of the different forms of love that are found in the Arabic language. The family shows, and are shown, kindness in their new home, and also remember the love they have for their homeland.
1073061	Archbold, Charlie & Conn, Michelle (ill) Raised by moths	MidnightSun Publishing	2023		Willow jumps on the Ferris Wheel and is amazed to see the boy surrounded by moths. As they go up to the sky, he explains why moths love him.
1019888	Ash, Romy & Jaryn, Blue As bright as a rainbow	Working Title Press	2024	9781922033062	There are so many ways to be yourself, and this book explores all of them.
903328	Ayoub, Sarah & Purnell, Mimi (ill) Nice and slow	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022		Our lives can become so busy that we forget to enjoy the time we have with family and friends. This picture book shows us how to slow down and enjoy a day without plans.

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ID 995922	Baldovino, Apsara & Falkner, Jennifer (ill) Lucky shack, The	Working Title Press	2023	9781922033154	A seaside shack surrounded by natural beauty is lovingly cared for by a fisherman, until one day everything changes. Unveiling a timeless message of hope, The Lucky Shack is a heartfelt and uplifting journey through the seasons and the cycle of life.
1096828	Bancroft, Bronwyn Our birds	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211195	Discover the birds of Australia through the evocative and intricately detailed artwork of best selling Bundjalung author-illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft.
923453	Barbarera, Dinalie Quiet time with my Seeya	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781250824271	Seeya (Grandfather) and I speak different languages but our love speaks volumes. Time with him is quiet time. Seeya and I like the same things, mostly. A lovely story on the bond between grandparent and child with sweet, cheeky mischief and tender insight.
1052175	Barton, Ashleigh & Fielden, Blithe (ill) Dinosaur in my pocket	Lothian Books	2024	9780734422668	James loves two things more than anything in the world: dinosaurs and miniatures. So when his class goes on an excursion to a museum and James finds a miniature dinosaur at the gift shop, he can't help himself: he takes the dinosaur. But as the day continues, James' guilt grows. And so does the dinosaur.
977816	Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek (ill) How do you say hello?	ABC Books	2023	9780733342196	How Do You Say Hello is a delightful and fun look at how we welcome each other, in languages the world over.
1019904	Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina (ill) How do you say I love you?	ABC Books	2022	9780733342172	In every country around the globe, we all have ways to show the people who mean the most to us what they ought to know. A heartwarming book that celebrates the many different ways we say 'I love you', in languages the world over.
923387	Bernstrom, Daniel & Mohammed, Jenin (ill) Song in the city	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780063011120	A young blind girl, filled with the sounds of her beloved city, shares a song with her grandmother that changes the two forever. After helping Grandma realize that the city makes music as beautiful as the sounds they hear in church on Sunday morning, the two sit down and take in all the sounds of the city together.
1019638	Biddulph, Rob Gigantic	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008413439	Gigantic is the smallest whale in the pod. But when his older brother, Titan, finds himself in trouble, Gigantic shows that you don't have to be big to be mighty. A powerful story about little fins and big hearts.
965832	Birthisel, Miranda & Challenger, Rebel (ill) Say freeze	Larrikin House	2023	9781922804341	Jodie loves a bit of mischief and will do anything to make people laugh, but has she gone too far this time? What happened when the wind changes, and will things change back?

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995879	Black, Kitty & Siuseppe, Poli (ill) If I were a lion	Wombat Books	2023	9781761110191	For all those children who wish that they were more like lions.
1078776	Blackall, Sophie If I was a horse	Hachette Australia	2023	9780734422712	If I was a horse, I would gallop all day. I could go anywhere I want
					If you were a horse, what would you do? Could you fit in your clothes? Would you give your little sister a ride? Would your brother even notice?
	Bluey & Amor, Rafferty (ill) Bluey series				Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1019916	Bluey & Amor, Rafferty (ill) Bluey: Trains	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761041105	Join Bluey on an adventure in her first fiction novel! As the Heelers play a game of Trains, what could possibly go wrong? Everything!
995890	Bone, Emily & Gaigalova, Katia (ill) Lots of things to know about weather	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803701349	Lots of things to know about weather. Discover incredible facts about weather events all over the world. Use the book title to see links online of weather videos and experiments.
916672	Boyce, Sharon J & Houghton, Suzanne (ill) There's a shark in my school	Larrikin House	2021	9781922503626	Seymour, my pet shark is bored at home in my pool. He wants to come to school with me, I think that's a brilliant idea. But not everyone does
917817	Brentos Australia from dawn to dusk	Affirm Press	2022	9781922806321	Wake up with kookaburras on Arakwal Country (Byron Bay), bask with wombats on wulinantikala (Cradle Mountain), watch black and red cockatoos flying over Anangu Country, scratch the Daintree Rainforest floor with cassowaries on Kuku Yalanji Country, and go to sleep as quokkas wake up on Whadjuk Noongar Country (Rottnest Island).
995888	Brown, Alison Amazing Dad	Farshore	2023	9780008555474	A cute and fun story about dads. Told from the child's perspective about their dad, this book uses each page to show a different type of dad. The book culminates in: no matter what kind of dad you have, there's always a perfect dad - which one is it? Can you guess who it is?
923440	Brown, Alison Amazing mum	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008555467	Amazing mums are all around. Some mums juggle, some mums snuggle. Some mums fuss and some drive a bus! But there's just one mum who gives the best hugs. Can you guess who it is?

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TD 784967	Buchanan, Colin & Williams, Simon Aussie Easter hat parade	Scholastic Australia	2023		Hey! Ho! What a show! Look at what we've made! As we go marching round and round. In the Easter Hat Parade! Join the Aussie animals as they create amazing hats for their very first Easter parade.
1038939	Cheng, Christopher & Snell, Danny (ill) Pollination: How does my garden grow?	CSIRO	2023	9781486313235	A child spends the day in their grandparent's garden, learning about the importance of bees, possums and birds in the ecosystem. With additional information about pollination in the back of the book, students can learn all about how our world needs these creatures and the important roles they play in food and plant production.
1047617	Cheong, Peter Every night at midnight	Simon & Schuster	2023		Every night at midnight, Felix turns into a wolf. His hands and feet become velvety paws and he grows a long, bushytail. Felix has the night-time world to himself. There's no one else like him. Felix isn't a wolf during the day, but it still feels like there's no one else like him. That's okay. Felix is just fine on his own. But after a chance encounter, this little lone wolf starts to wonder whether he might find his pack after all A tender and whimsical picture book about finding friendship in unexpected places.
995944	Chim, Wai & Chiu, Freda (ill) Last-Place Lin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023		Lin's excited about her first school sports day until she comes last. A reassuring celebration of the spirit to keep going from award-winning author Wai Chim and acclaimed illustrator Freda Chiu.
1019810	Clanton, Ben Greatest in the world, The	Farshore	2022		Rot is a mutant potato who wakes up feeling great, maybe even the greatest in the world! But that only makes Rot's brother Snot the grumpiest in the world. The only solution? An epic contest to prove who is the greatest once and for all, judged by the only impartial party they can find - their small fry little sister, Tot. But as the stakes get higher through the muddy potato sack race, sacred hot potato roll, and a hilarious laughing contest, their rivalry spirals out of control. Suddenly Rot's not feeling so spudtacular anymore. Will this tater trio ever be able to determine who the greatest in the world really is?
995867	Clarke, Maxine Beneba We know a place	Lothian Books	2023		Every Saturday, when the chores are done, two children set out on a journey to their local bookshop, a magical place where sneaky stories escape as you peep in the door and there's plentiful magic for each and for all. Monsters, giants, trolls and pirates ahoy! But what happens when some cheeky creatures follow the children home one day?

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ID 1019811	<i>y</i> , <i>y</i>	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326812	Christmas in the Australian bush is Puggle's favourite time of year. All the animals return to decorate the oldest tree, and to prepare for the big day. Every year, Puggle tries to help. But even though Puggle tries hardest, none of the special Christmas jobs seem to suit him.In despair, Puggle waddles off to his special place where he makes a Christmas wish on the first shooting starbut is it actually a shooting star? And what is stuck in the billabong? Can Puggle save Christmas and make his Christmas wish come true?
961902	Cosgrove, Matt Llamas in pyjamas	Koala Books	2021	9781760978457	Meet Dharma the Llama, she is a 'Baby Sitter extraordinaire', she cares for everyone. Will twins Tru and Tori challenge Dharma? They do not like to go to bed, can Dharma get them ready for bedtime?
1065820	Cummins, Lucy Ruth & Oswald, Pete (ill) Sleepy Sheepy	Walker Books	2024	9780593465912	Sleepy Sheepy is NOT sleepy. It might be bedtime, but he would rather do all the fun activities he can. Ma and Pa sheep try everything to get him to bed. A humorous read-aloud picture book for young audiences.
901483	Cunningham, Sophie & Tortop, Anil (ill) Flipper and finnegan: True story of how tiny jumpers saved little penguins, The	Albert Street Books	2022	9781761180071	Flipper and Finnegan are two penguins who love their Island home. One day when Flipper tries to join the evening penguin parade, she gets covered in oil and cannot swim. She loses Finnegan and is very worried. The community of Phillip Island/Millowl band together along with knitters from around Australia to help clean the penguins, keep the penguins warm and return them to the safety of their homes.
923443	Daddo, Andrew & King, Stephen Michael (ill) Grandma's guide to happiness	ABC Books	2023	9780733341304	My grandma says the funniest things. She says that you don't need much to be happy - not really. Grandma knows that its often the simplest things that make you happy, like splashing in a puddle or baking delicious cookies. Join grandma and grandchild on a joyful journey to discover the key to happiness.
903314	Daynes, Katie & Alvarez Miguens, Marta (ill) Very first questions and answers: What's inside me?	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474948203	Take a deep dive into your body and how it works. A lift-the-flap, very first questions, book that will answer questions such as: What gives me shape? How do I move? and What does blood do?
923439	Daynes, Katie & Hahessy, Roisin (ill) Can we really help the dolphins?	Usborne Publishing Ltd			A message in a bottle turns a seaside holiday into a worldwide campaign to save the ocean. Join six friends as they meet the dolphins and discover what's really going on under the sea.
1019891	Daynes, Katie & Sosa, Daniela (ill) What is love?	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803701943	What is love? Can I love lots of things? Does love last forever? And what actually is love?

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ID 1019813	Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill) Crayons go back to school, The	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008560843	The crayons are getting ready to go back to school and each crayon has a subject they're looking forward to the most. They're also ready to meet new friends and let loose during their very favourite time of day art class. A hilarious back-to-school story featuring everyone's favourite school supplies!
995872	Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill) Crayons trick or treat, The	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780008560775	The Crayons are ready to celebrate Halloween. They want to go trick- or-treating, but they're not sure what to say. Purple Crayon teaches the rest of the box the magic words to say when they ring their neighbours' doorbells, but it doesn't always go according to plan.
1080153	deGennaro, Sue Bear and duck are friends	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781761210327	Bear and Duck are best friends, but they are very different. Duck likes to try new things, and Bear well, Bear likes not to. When Duck needs a friend for her dance class, Bear reluctantly agrees. Bear's big size causes problems at first, but he soon discovers that he might just be a very good dancer.
983448	Dettmann, Jessica & Minton & Jake A (ill) There's no such book	Hardie Grant Egmont	2022	9781760509743	t's the night before the Book Week parade and Ellie needs a costume. She and Mum raid their home but all Mum's suggestions fall flat. Ellie heads to bed with only Mum's promise that she'll find something somehow.
1052159	Dimos, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill) Mini and Milo: Elephants can't jump	Walker Books	2024	9781760656140	Mini's best friend, Milo, always gives the best birthday presents. But when Mini's birthday comes around, she is so cross about Milo's gift that she stops speaking to him and does everything she can to hide from him. But Mini soon finds out that sometimes what you avoid might be the answer you needed all along. Together they learn to deal with life's big and small problems.
1088993	Dockrill, Laura & Child, Lauren (ill) Grey	Walker Books		9781406389562	I don't feel sunshine yellow or balloon orange bright or treetop green. Nor new idea white or night sky black. I am grey to day. I just am. I am grey.
1080641	Duff, Isabelle & Crispe, Susannah (ill) Real cowgirl, The	EK Books	2024	9781922539687	Sal wants to be a real cowgirl. At home, Sal is brave and strong, wild and free, smart and kind. But at school, Sal feels anxious and small. Will she ever be a real cowgirl?

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1D 995984	Feiner, Beck & Feiner, Robin Two sides to every story	ABC Books	2023	9780733341618	Cats or dogs? Living in the city or the country? Going to the pool or the beach? Life presents lots of questions and lots of choices. For Oscar, there's no question or choice he won't twist, tumble, turn inside out and explore every which way. This book invites you to be a mental gymnast and look at both sides of the story!
1019903	Ferenchuk, Lisa & Pittock, Prue (ill) Two rabbits	Exisle Publishing	2024	9781922539656	What happens when best friends fight? What happens when you hurt someone by saying unkind words? And what is the best way to fix things? Little Grey rabbit and Little Brown Rabbit are about to find out in this touching story of friendship and forgiveness.
916669	Fitzgerald, Carla & Challenger, Rebel (ill) Keeping up with the Dachshunds	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503756	This funny story is about a dog who just can't keep up is about the difficulties in trying to fit in with the cool crowd.
916659	Freeman, Cathy & Vass, Carol & Harricks, Tannya (ill) Heartbeat of the land, The	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503848	As Cathy runs barefoot across the great ancient land, she listens to the heartbeat of the land - Ba Boom, Ba Boom, Ba Boom. But one day, Cathy hears a cry. The land is sick, it needs help. See how one small step can plant the seeds of change we need and then listen, and you too will hear the heartbeat of the land.
1019726	French, Jackie & Snell, Danny (ill) Turtle and the flood, The	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460715550	Myrtle the turtle knows everything about the waterhole where she lives. She can also sense the giant flood that is coming, long before other animals or humans. So, when she begins her long slow climb up the mountain, what will the others do?
1052179	Galatola, Jess & Barrand, Jenni (ill) Some families change	EK Books	2024	9781922539670	Families come in all shapes and sizes and sometimes they can change too. Sometimes people join our family and sometimes they leave, and sometimes changes can be hard to understand. But even when families change, there's one thing that never does. There are always people who love you.
1096870	Gallasch, Carrie & Heiduczek, Martina (ill) Wild and free	Little Hare Books	2024		Get up! Come on! Join the crew! We're off to play, like wild ones do! Join the children in Wild and Free as they discover the joys of the great outdoors. From climbing trees and crossing creeks to rolling down hills and watching bugs, readers will almost smell the fresh air as they pore over the pages
965820	George, Zoe & Vee, Dani & Lopez, Jesus (ill) Prank queen!	Larrikin House	2023	9781922804396	Mum is the Prank Queen, creating chaos with wild and whacky pranks but what happens when the Prank Queen gets a taste of her own medicine?

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1D 892367	Germein, Katrina & Foot, Mandy Bev and Kev	Little Book Press	2023	9780645027051	Bev is the tallest animal on the plains and Kev is one of the smallest. They're an unlikely pair, but could this be the beginning of a beautiful friendship?
					A heart-warming tale about learning to love yourself and the value of a true friend.
993003	Germein, Katrina & Snell, Danny (ill)	Angus & Robertson	2023	9781460761649	Shortlisted for the 2023 CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award. One little duck went out one day, over the hills and far away.
	One little duck	(HarperCollins)			Mother Duck said 'Moo Moo Moo,' and Cow said, 'Wait! Now I'm coming too.'
					Mother Duck has forgotten how to quack! Every day she tries a new barnyard call, and every night Little Duck returns with a new farm friend.
996000	Gianferrari, Maria & Oswald, Pete (ill) Being a cat: A tail of curiosity	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780063067929	Join a child and their cat as they embrace their curiosity: wandering, exploring, and discovering all day long. Also includes fascinating facts about cat behavior at the back of the book.
1080152	Godwin, Jane & Denton, Terry (ill) Can you teach a fish to climb a tree?	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781760508661	So can a fish climb a tree? Can a horse drive a car? Can a baby bake a cake?
790532	Godwin, Jane & Lester, Alison Sing me the summer	Affirm Press	2020	9781925972924	And if they can't, what wonderful things can they do? Splash into summer with this glorious love letter to the seasons.
864105	Godwin, Jane & Reiseger, Jane (ill) One blue shoe	Affirm Press	2021	9781925870558	A bright and joyful exploration of counting and number concepts as readers search for a missing blue shoe. Numbers 1 to 10 are introduced using rhyme as readers are encouraged to count familiar objects, then further extended with the exploration of addition and subtraction.
1080149	Goodwin, Caz & Kruger, Pip (ill) Grace and Mr Milligan	Marshall Cavendish International	2023	9789815009811	Grace lives next door to old Mr Milligan and his goat Charlie. They are the best of friends. But when Mr Milligan's beloved goat dies, everything changes. Will Grace be able to help her friend overcome his sadness? Grace and Mr Milligan is a heart-warming story of grief, love and the healing power of friendship.
1019715	Graham, Bob Concrete garden, The	Walker Books	2023		The children spilled out like sweets from a box into the sunshine. Amanda brought a box of chalks. Someone drew a butterflies, a balloon, a caterpillar, and someone else drew a bumble bee passing by. Soon a beautiful exotic garden spread out across the concrete

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1D 1019834	Graham, Brooke & Tatlow-Lord, Robin (ill) Nova's missing masterpiece	EK Books	2024	9781922539373	When Nova realizes the artwork she created for Dad's birthday present is missing, her tummy flip flops and her heart ker-thumps. She and her dog, Harley, turn the house upside down, searching absolutely everywhere, but the missing masterpiece is nowhere to be found. Nova loses her temper but Harley remains calm and content. Can Nova learn from her dog, calm herself down and find her Dad's present in time for his birthday party?
1038937	Gullan, David; Houghton, Suzanne Life in a hollow	CSIRO			Have you ever wondered how a hollow in a tree forms, who might call it nome? From tiny ants all the way to birds and possums, this story shows how important a little hole in a tree can be the Australian ecosystem.
1107464	Harris, Tim & McKinnon, Heidi (ill) This is my book	Puffin Australia	2024	9780143777489	This is MY Book declare the left AND the right page of this hilarious story of what REALLY happens inside a book.
774435	Harrison, Penny & Davey, Sharon (ill) Best mum, The	New Frontier Publishing	2021	9781922326225	Katie's mums are great at sewing, Jai's mum disco-dances and Huy's mum is an athlete. Mums around the world can do all kinds of things. And my mum? My mum tries her best. But there is one special thing that make all mums the best mums! Why is your mum the best?
1096874	Harrison, Penny & Sommerville, Hannah (ill) Little things, The	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211263	The joy in watching clouds for hours, finding life between the flowers. Secrets written in a book, treasures tucked inside a nook A tender-hearted celebration of the comfort and place to be found in life's simplest moments.
1019693	Harvey, Jacqueline & Scott, Kate Isobel Daring tale of Gloria the great, The	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761043284	Gloria the Great is not like the rest of her brood. She gets in your face, and she runs her own race. But then one day POOF! She disappears without a trace. The other chooks in the brood then decide she was not so bad because they miss her and her antics. They feel guilty for being mean sometimes. Will Gloria be found? Gloria is a one-of-a-kind chicken. Laugh along at Gloria's antics in this quirky tale that celebrates individuality.

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ID 1124702	Harvey, Jacqueline & Scott, Kate Isobel (ill) Kevin the sheep	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761048951	Kev is a sheep, not like all the rest. While he spends all his time trying to 'find himself' he learns so many wonderful new talents. Luckily for the herd, one of these new talents comes in handy one night. If Kevin becomes a hero, does this mean he is now accepted as part of the herd? A hilarious picture book for young and old with a powerful message about how being unusual or different is not always a bad thing.
903361	Hu, Ying-Hwa Ten blocks to the big wok	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266072	Mia and Uncle Eddie walk ten blocks to their favourite restaurant. Mia counts all the fascinating things that she sees on her walk one giant panda two lion statues three toy turtles. But how many dumplings will she get for grandma?
846140	John, Jory & Smith, Lane (ill) Cat problems	Walker Books	2021	9781529506136	Are you here to give me treats? Or scratch my neck? Or dish up some wet food and neck scratches and dry food and more treats and back scratches? Did I mention that I'm a cat? If I'm honest I'm a bit stressed out. Like, I have to take a nap right now, and then I'll need a cat bath, and this is all building up to another nap. This being a cat thing is exhausting. Seriously. You think you've got it bad? Try walking a mile in my paws someday. Sigh.
903392	Jones, Naomi & Jones, James (ill) Odd fish, the	Farshore	2022	9780755504428	There's a strange new fish that has lost its family. Octopus's tentacles are tangled and Turtle has a tummy ache. Can Little Fish help her friends? And can you spot what's wrong with the ocean?
1019878	Kelly, Deborah & Goodman, Jenni (ill) Little horses	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111310	Beneath the waters of a calm bay, seahorses hide from predators, feed on shrimp and raise their young in gardens of sponge, coral, and grass. But when a storm destroys their habitat, they are left with nothing to eat and nowhere to hide. That is, until a Marine Biologist comes up with a clever invention to provide them with shelter and food while the natural environment recovers. The little horses have a new home where they can thrive! Soon, tiny horses are swimming and the hotel is overgrown with coral and grass. Inspired by true events and including information about seahorses and the Seahorse Hotels Project, Little Horses is a conservation success story certain to inspire children to love and care for the natural world."

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ID 995914		HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780358525936	Everyone yawns, but no one knows why. Find out some funny and fascinating facts about yawning.
903056	King, Stephen Michael Koala Ark	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781761128257	Through the smoke, in a tiny battered boat, Koala sets out to rescue the billabong friends.
1017855		Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761067648	Walking along the beach, Ruby finds a strange creature on the shore. She takes it home, feeds it and makes a bed of straw for it in her cubby but a cubby is no place for a creature from the sea. Ruby must draw on all her resources to help the creature find their way home - and perhaps, along the way, she might just find an unexpected friendship.
916662	Lewis, Millie & Bazykina, Maria (ill) Mr Price's pet emporium	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503657	Looking for the perfect pet? Don't be tricked by Mr Price - his Pet Emporium is not all it's made out to be
1010419		Hardie Grant Egmont	2023		Meet Orla, Pearl, Mig, Boo and Oops - they are the Monsties! Mig has lost Bunny somewhere in Scaryland, which is a big problem because Mig can't sleep without her! Can the Monsties work together to find Bunny?
916637	Marshallsay, Rebecca & Duck, Vaughan (ill) Facing the wave	Larrikin House	2022		Jude would love to join in the fun of surfing with his family but is scared. Will he be able to overcome his fears and try join in with his family? A great book for anyone who has been afraid to try something new.
1019641	In my garden	ABC Books			In our gardens are where we belong. Planting, watching, growing, dreaming. In our gardens something out of nothing comes. Join children from around the world as they share their gardens, from blossoming flowers in Japan to the waterside of Malawi, the frozen landscape of Iceland to the bush tracks of Australia. These are the places they love and the places they belong.
943607	McBratney, Sam & Jeram, Anita (ill) Will you be my friend?	Walker Books	2020	9781406351606	Little Nutbrown Hare has gone exploring on his own. Off he hops along the path until he reaches Cloudy Mountain. What a surprise he finds there in the heather! It's Tipps, a snow hare, and she has a question for him: Will you be my friend?

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1D 903388	McCartney, Tania Dorrie	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460760109	In the land of long, white clouds and snowy peaks, a little girl is born. Her name is Dorothy, but her family calls her Dorrie. When Dorrie moves to a land of flat red deserts and squeaky beaches, a koala appears in a gumtree outside her window. This lovable larrikin brings a bundle of mischief and changes Dorrie's life forever.
					From the award-winning creator of Mamie, Dorrie celebrates the beloved and talented Dorothy Wall, and her treasured Australian icon, Blinky Bill."
1019870	McDonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill) Hello twigs: Let's find treasure	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781761212000	Ziggy is on a treasure hunt but she's not sure what treasure is. With her twiggy friends, she sets out on a treasure hunt but the treasure she finds is unexpected. Let's say hello to Ziggy. Let's say HELLO TWIGS!
1019823	McGurk, R.M. & Szmidt, Aleksandra (ill) Dinosaur did it, The	Five Mile Press	2023	9781922943743	Imogen is messy. She simply can't help it so it's clearly not her fault! In fact, when Dad discovers all her mess Imogen tells him The dinosaur did it! Will Imogen's imaginary friend take the blame for her mischief and mess? Or will they both discover that it's much better to be honest?
1019882	McKelvey, Katrina & Hudson, Deb (ill) My heart	EK Books	2024	9781922539571	Celebrate a journey of memories and emotions in this tribute to mothers everywhere.
877385	McKinnon, Heidi We found a cat	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761121005	Look! We found a cat. It has whiskers and a long tail, it has to be a catdoesn't it?
965818	McLennan, Alison & Mullinder, Lauren (ill) Birdie lights up the world	EK Books	2023	9781922539489	Birdie the penguin has a very important job. Every night, her beautiful singing makes the moon rise and the stars shine. But one evening she is too sick to sing. What will happen to the night sky now?
1019716	McMullin, Neridah & Tomkins, Michael (ill) Shearer	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760653163	Jack Howe had hands the size of tennis racquets, legs like tree trunks and wrists made of steel. And in Queensland, in 1892, he set a hand blade shearing record that has never been beaten! An astounding true story, about the greatest shearer in the world!"
1138106	McPickle, Nic & Doyle, Tommy (ill) My dad is the best	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761180507	A book that celebrates dads of all varieties. Are there funny sayings that your dad has, or things he does that are amusing? Then this is the book for you.

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1D 1019757	Meeker, Linda & Eide, Sandra (ill) What's in a dumpling, Grandma?	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781400244225	Grey loves food and today Grandma, Ngoai, is teaching him how to cook one of his favourite dishes, banh loc, which is a Vietnamese dumpling. Join Grey and his cousin Mila as Ngoai passes down this family recipe and her memories of sharing this special meal with family. This delicious story will leave your mouth watering and your heart full as you celebrate the joy of sharing family traditions. A Grandmother's love in every dumpling.
965924	Merrison, Carl & Campbell, Samantha (ill) Backyard footy	Lothian Books	2023	9780734421517	Backyard footy is fun on your own but even more fun with others. As the children kick and hand pass their way between backyards, they pick up more and more players and have more and more fun.
903390	Milroy, Helen Bush birds	Fremantle Press	2023	9781760992422	Little birds, big birds, all different kinds. How many bush birds can you find?
902457	Milroy, Helen Owl and star	Fremantle Press	2022	9781760992156	The sparkle of the stars was important to Owl. He watched as they greeted him at dusk and at dawn would fall asleep to their gentle light. Owl was worried after his favourite little star didn't come out one night. He went searching far and wide for his little friend. Where could Little Star be?
1019714	Mino, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill) Mini and Milo: The big flappy ears	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760656164	Mini's ears are bigger than big and huger than huge but she has a problem. They aren't very good at listening. When Mini misses out on the excursion, she realises that maybe her ears aren't the problem after all. It's not the size or shape of your ears that count, but using them!
1119409	Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue & Davison, Cheryl (ill) Country	Wild Dog Books	2024	9781742036779	Country is all around us and includes us. It is all the living things which we can see, feel, smell, hear and taste. Country also shows us how to be and guides us in taking care of it and ourselves.
1019812	Murray, Liz & Serageldine, Walid (ill) Gus	Berbay Publishing	2024	9781922610645	Edward and Gus don't just share a bond, they share the same birthday. Every year they spend their birthday together. So when one year Edward does not show up for their shared celebration, Gus knows exactly what to do. Find Edward.
1096838	Nill, Nina We're moving away	Bright Light Books			In this picture book, a family has to move from one country to another. It is exciting and scary at the same time. Join them as they decide what to take, what to leave and how to make the new house feel like a home.
923380	O'Callaghan, Joanne & Song, Kori (ill) Found in Sydney	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526245	From Bondi Beach to the Opera House, there's so much to explore in spectacular Sydney! Join this colourful counting adventure across one of the world's most beautiful cities.

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ID 1078778	Parker, Danny & Teou, Tamlyn (ill) Chicken called hope, A	Dirt Lane Press	2023	9780648899686	Hope is a chicken who relies on hope to survive. The trouble is, she's the captain of the ship Courage, and she needs more than hope to survive on the high seas. Written by award-winning Danny Parker and illustrated by Tamlyn Teow, A Chicken Called Hope is a delightful fable about care and resilience.
1019761	Parry-Valentine, Jessica & Parry-Valentine, Stephen & Spink, Ashlee (ill) Hunter on holiday: A big trip around Europe	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761046926	Fly away with Hunter as she explores icy fjords and ancient cities; majestic mountains and sunny town squares. A wonderful adventure awaits!
965817	Patterson, Dannika & Lynch, Davilyn (ill) Heavy	Wombat Books	2023	9781761111020	At the wild animal rescue center run by her family of incredibly strong women, Nina watches as her older female relatives piggyback polar bears and carry boa constrictors. Every day, they pick up more and more. The trouble is, they never put anything down! Seeing her family struggle, Nina is determined to find a way to show them that just because they can carry heavy things around all the time, doesn't mean they have to. Will Nina's inventions help lighten their loads?
1019645	Persson, Klara & Ramel, Charlotte & Smalley (ill), Nichola (trans) Mine!: A story of not sharing	Berbay Publishing	2023	9781922610676	Nico is coming over to play, but Sally does not want him to touch her toy squirrel. Or her train. And definitely not her favourite refrigerator. Sally's mum tells her to put the things she does not want to share in the wardrobe. It turns out that there are lots of things Sally does not want to share, including her mum. This funny book shows how complicated hiding all the things you do not want to share can be. In the end, it just might be easier to try sharing. Maybe.
995873	Pham Krans, Angela & Bui, Thi (ill) Finding Papa	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780063060968	Walking along the beach, Ruby finds a strange creature on the shore. She takes it home, feeds it and makes a bed of straw for it in her cubby but a cubby is no place for a creature from the sea. Ruby must draw on all her resources to help the creature find their way home - and perhaps, along the way, she might just find an unexpected friendship.
1019698	Rawsthorne, Hayley & Stewart, Briony These little feet	Albert Street Books	2023	9781761069017	These little feet, so tiny and new. The places they'll go, the dances they'll do. The mountains they'll climb, the dreams they'll pursue. These little feet, so tiny and new. A joyous celebration of love, hope and dreams for the future.

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1096810	Rippin, Sally & Kennett, Chris (ill) Wheels and springs and moving things	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761211584	Frank's dad is a farmer, Jess's brother drives a garage truck, and Jack's mum is a firefighter. In this exciting deep-dive into the world of monsters and beyond, discover the different jobs monsters do all day and the incredible vehicles they drive
1023709	Robinson, Ian Hayward & Shanks, Matt Most amazing thing, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180118	What is the most amazing thing?', asks Henry. 'Life', says his sister. The mind', says his brother. 'The universe', says his father. Henry can see these things are amazing, but are they the most amazing things? A story with a message about different ways to find wonder in the world.
1070406	Rowe, Andrea & Sommerville, Hannah (ill) Sunday skating	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211232	Clancy's friends skate through the quiet Sunday streets, while Clancy feels self-conscious, and embarrassed, that he's just a beginner. His board stays tucked under his arm; his feet stay firmly on the ground. But his friends aren't giving up on him and Clancy realises the only way forward is to step on his board and try even if he might fall.
1019642	Ruiz Johnson, Mariana & Harvey, Rosalind (trans) Most delicious soup and other stories, The	Berbay Publishing	2023	9781922610683	Welcome to the Villa Verda, where there's always something happening and new friends to meet. This vibrant community is bursting with stories to share. Come along for five little adventures!
1019647	Sampson, Juliet. M & Ryan, Anne (ill) Follow the rainbow	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696335	Ruby wonders what is at the end of the rainbow. Who will help her solve the mystery? Will it be Tavish, Scarecrow, Metal Man or Lion?
871677	Saxby, Claire & Hamilton, Max (ill) Tasmanian devil	Walker Books	2022	9781760652418	A whiskered snout appears in the mouth of a wombat burrow. This is the Tasmanian Devil, join her as we watch her 2 imps grow.
855860	Saxby, Claire & Racklyeft, Jess (ill) Whisper on the wind	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd			that carries the whisper from Ren's dream. This is the sailor, long at sea, who catches it.
16063	Seuss, Dr Did I ever tell you how lucky you are?	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008592240	A madcap misadventure that roams from the Kavern of Krock to a forest in France, Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are? is the perfect tale for readers today and a helpful reminder that there is always someone worse off than ourselves!

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1D 995934	Severgnini, Sandra Meet Mim	EK Books	2023	9781922539557	Dive down to the world of the sandy seabed and meet one of the ocean's masters of disguise! Is it a jellyfish? Is it a sea star? Is it perhaps a sting ray? Can you guess which creature it is that can change colour, shape and even skin texture in so many amazing ways?"
1122175	Sewankambo, Yvonne & Chiu, Freda (ill) Good hair	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760655709	Birugi does NOT like doing her hair. Her father describes different hair types to her, and points out all the different people in her life and how each one has different hair, in the hope of convincing her what good hair really looks like.
916648	Smith, Emily S & Olczyk, Peter (ill) Kora Kerplunk's travelling tongue	Larrikin House	2021	9781922503206	Kora Kerplunk is a real wild child who likes to lick disgusting stuff. One day, her poor tongue gets fed up and runs away. It travels all around the world, tasting delicious cuisines and trying brand new flavours, while Kora struggles with her new tongue-free life. Will Kora be able to change her gross ways and convince her tongue to come back home?
1019640	Stephen, Byll & Stephen, Beth & Howe, Simon (ill) Christmas days in the sunshine	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780733342745	Every year in December Christmas lights go up in this neighborhood. The children wait up until it is darker to see the moonlight. They also say goodbye to their school friends until the next year and enjoy their holidays. This book is a celebration of summer and the joys of an Australian Christmas.
965883	Stephen, Byll & Stephen, Beth & Howe, Simon (ill) How brave I can be	ABC Audio - Enterprises	2023	9780733342721	
903337	Stephen, Byll & Stephen, Beth & Howe, Simon (III) Sleep through the night	ABC Books	2022	9780733342707	Some species sleep wherever they choose to roam, but human beings sleep the very best when they are home.
995959	Stevenson, Paula & Hale, Jenny Buster follows his nose	Exisle Publishing	2023	9780648964070	Tilly and Buster are the best of friends. They do everything together. When Tilly gets lost, Buster will keep her safe.
1019700	Stewart, Briony Gymnastica fantastica!	Hachette Australia	2023	9780734421852	Prepare to be amazed as Gymnastica Fantastica attempts new physical skills and puts on wonderfully imperfect shows for whoever will watch!
916661	Stradling, Jan & Robaard Breathe in and out	ABC Books			Big Ted is having one of those days His feelings are dark and stormy. Luckily, his friends are around to help him remember to breathe in and out. Soon he'll feel like his happy self again."
995980	Stradling, Jan & Robaard, Jedda Beginnings and endings	ABC Books	2023	9780733342400	Little Ted is sad when his goldfish Swish dies. Now his friends are on the way to help him remember the good times and that life is full of beginning and endings.

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1D 1019820	Stradling, Jan & Robaard, Jedda (ill) Ready, set, big school	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780733342875	Maurice is getting ready to start big school. He's excited and a bit nervous too. His friends are with him to take this step, to make new friends and begin their learning together. They will face big and little challenges together.
983000	Tangey, Penny & Baldwin, Peter (ill) Granbad	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266232	My Grandad is a rebel. We call him Granbad. He doesn't believe in screen time limits or healthy snacks but he does believe in saving the planet. Good thing he is rule breaker.
995909	Thi Van, Muon & Love, Jessica I love you because I love you	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780062894595	I love you because you tell the best stories. Because I love you, my best story is you. Who do you love and why do you love them? This is a happy book about the people who we love in our lives. It looks at the big and small reasons we love the people we do.
923446	Tidball, Debra & Li, Arielle (ill) Anchored	EK Books	2023	9781922539496	Ship heads out to sea leaving Tug behind in port. Despite being oceans apart, they remain connected by love. This warm hug of a story will offer comfort to anyone who's ever felt a little lonely or uncertain.
871682	Timmers, Leo Elephant Island	Walker Books	2022	9781776574346	When Elephant is shipwrecked on a tiny island, who will rescue him? Does he need rescuing? When mouse and dog and a host of other animals arrive, they find that Elephant is happy on his tiny island and welcomes them to share it too.
1019898	Toering, Jodi & Harricks, Tannya Night watch	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760655310	Sunset beckons. Moon appears and tawny frogmouth stirs. She begins her nightly flight, watching over all the animals nestled down to sleep in the burrows and branches of the Australian bush.
1019854	Toht, Patricia & Karipidou, Maria Taxi, go!	Walker Books	2024	9781406385687	This taxi has lots of work to do. Such a busy day ahead. Join in on its busy day. Here we go. Cabs are resting in a line. Wake up, Taxi. Rise and shine! Fill the tank. Check the tyres. Roof light on-now for hire!
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903078	Vass, Coral & Johnston, Nicky (ill) Jorn's magnificent imagination	Exisle Publishing	2022	9781922539144	Jorn has an amazing imagination. He builds things with his orange peels from breakfast, with cardboard boxes and sheets and blankets. He used his ideas to create amazing things. Then one day he would use his ideas and imagination to design something truly magnificent.
916678	Vass, Coral & Szmidt, Aleksandra (ill) Whingeville	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503961	William loves to whinge. He whinges about everything, but when he is made King of Whingeville, a town of constant complainers, even he finds the moaning and groaning too much.
1017797	Vescio, Robert & Johnston, Nicky (ill) Nature's song	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326782	A little girl sets off on a quest to find an irresistible gift to help bring the outside in for her homebound brother. Nature's Song is an invitation to discover the wonders of nature. It looks at how nature creates and touches our lives for the better
974761	Walkinshaw, Heidi & Streich, Michel Some Fish Have Moustaches	Affirm Press	2023	9781922863256	There are big fish and small fish, round fish and long fish, and fish of all shapes and sizes. But did you know that there are also fish who havemoustaches? Celebrate all kinds of fish, and especially those with moustaches, in this fin-tastic picture book!
977819	Williams, Sophy & Scott, Gavin (ill) Feelings are wild	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180262	
1019816	Worthington, Michelle & Bennett, Zoe (ill) Ruby's repair cafe	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326805	Ruby loved to fix things rather than throwing them away. But when a shiny new department store opens next door, everyone buys new things and throws away the old. What will happen to Ruby's business and how can she stop the rubbish taking over her town?

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1D 916604	Worthington, Michelle & Johnston, Nicky (ill) Mama's chickens	EK Books	2023		Mama is not herself anymore. Sometimes she gets tired and sad but she always loves to look after her children and her chooks. Join Mama, Chooky LaLa and the other backyard chickens in this warmhearted exploration of what happens when memory fails but love goes on forever.