



## 5-6 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 ID	Author/Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Annotations
924190	Lloyd, Megan Wagner & Nutter, Michelle Mee (ill) Allergic	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761128523	At home Maggie is the odd one out. Her parents are preoccupied with the new baby they're expecting and her younger brothers are twins and always in their own world. Maggie thinks a new puppy is the answer but when she goes to select one on her birthday she breaks out in hives and rashes. She's severely allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet?
1078775	Abela, Deborah Kindness project, The	Penguin	2024	9781761340185	Ms Skye thinks kids can change the world with a Kindness Project. Nicolette wants to but how can she when Layla treats her like she's invisible and DJ picks on everything she says? Leaf thinks Nicolette can be a superhero. So maybe if they work together they just might do it.

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1016791	Armstrong, Sarah Magic awry	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781760508449	In this exciting sequel to Big Magic, Potts Travelling Circus is performing in Mullimba showgrounds when Tulsu notices her magic dip for a few seconds but the second time it happens she falls during a flying act. Mum tells her she is the Bringer and she must try to get to the Seat , the home of magic. Tulsu and her best friend Kit have 24 hours to fix magic. She has been practicing magic for 4 months and is 11 years old and faces the worst. Magic energy needs to be strong to travel between parallel universes and whoever is stripping the magic is very dangerous. Brave Tulsu loves her life in the circus and will endure great pain to save it and her friend.
1078058	Balen, Katya Birdsong	Barrington Stoke	2022	9781800900981	Annie has lived through a car accident but a damaged hand has left her musical dreams in tatters. Will she find the confidence to play again and to dare to dream of the healing powers of music? A new friend and a blackbird might make all the difference.
903234	Balen, Katya Light in everything	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526647405	Zofia and Tom could not be more different. While one is bold and seemingly fearless the other is shy and nervous. When their worlds are brought together they have to learn to trust and conquer their fears.
866313	Balfe, Abigail Different sort of normal, A	Puffin Australia	2021	9780241508794	The true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic, and the challenges she faced in the 'normal' world.
1010483	Bancks, Tristan Scar Town	Penguin	2023	9780143791812	A town submerged by a now leaking dam. What will emerge? Three inquisitive kids find more than they bargain for and have to make decisions that could affect more than just their own lives! Will and his friends were already dealing with BIG challenges but nothing has prepared them for the mysteries that lie ahead.
1052142	Barka, Charlotte 11 Ruby road: 1900	Walker Books	2024	9781760657949	Dorothy and her family have moved from their farm to the city and life is very different. She struggles at school and dreams of writing and acting. With the help of her new Ruby Road friends and with the support of her family, Dorothy discovers that she can follow her dreams and also find an ingenious way to help the local suffragists in their fight for women's right to vote!  Join Dorothy and her family at 11 Ruby Road in 1900, as Federation is dawning and a new century begins.
1019625	Barton, Ashleigh & Davis, Sarah (ill) Solomon macaroni and the vampire vacation	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266300	Solomon is traveling to Paris with his cousins and his Uncle Dracula. To help cheer up their Uncle Dracula, the mischievous cousins steal the Mona Lisa with the help of Mademoiselle Bon-Bon. But things don't go quite as planned.

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1017960	Bayly, Sami How we came to be: Creatures of camouflage and mimicry	Lothian Books	2023	9780734421371	<p>Discover the secrets behind some of the natural world's most unusual creatures of camouflage and mimicry. Find out about the chameleon who changes colour to communicate with its friends, the burrowing owl who copies the sound of a fiercer animal to protect itself from threats, and the harlequin filefish that has come to smell like coral to blend in with its surroundings.</p> <p>You'll be amazed by how these clever creatures use disguise and imitation to find food, send out warning signals and, most of all, avoid predators!</p>
1075174	Bell, Lucy & Leonardi, Lucy Food wise: A kid's guide to fighting food waste and saving the planet	Pantera Press	2023	9780648795353	<p>Do you know about half of all fruit and vegetables produced end up as waste, and each year, Australians throw away enough food to fill 17,000 jumbo jets? You can use Foodwise to find simple and delicious ways to stop our food from ending up in landfill. Packed with awesome activities, fun facts and 50 delicious recipes, Foodwise will help you become a food genius in no time - all while saving the planet! So come on, join a new generation of food-waste warriors, fighting to keep food on plates, in tummies and out of the bin!</p>
1019808	Benham-Yazdani, Ashley Cosmic wonder	Candlewick Press	2023	9781536223231	<p>When the comet looked down to the Earth, the humans gazed right back.</p> <p>Every seventy-six years or so, Halley's Comet passes the Earth on its orbit, catching snapshots of how the planet and the Earthlings that live there change over time. Even though the comet's path continually leads it back into the vast universe, it always looks forward to its return to Earth to see what humans will accomplish next.</p> <p>Told with wonder and striking illustrations, this story follows Halley's Comet as it traces the journey of human civilization over the thousands of years it has travelled the Earth.</p>

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1019831	Bergmoser, Gabriel Andromache between worlds	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460759103	Andromache Peters wants a normal life but this is almost impossible when your parents were famous adventurers who saved the world and nobody will let you forget it. Add to this the fact that her father has been missing for twelve of her fourteen years, her mother has retreated into her grief and Andromache has been expelled from yet another school. But when a mysterious stranger reveals to her that her father is not only still alive but trapped in a parallel world, Andromache is thrown into a daring journey across other universes to find and save the father she never knew. It's a journey so strange and dangerous that it will forever transform Andromache's life into anything but normal.
1019735	Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglas (ill) Last kids on earth and the monster dimension, The	Farshore	2023	9780008638115	Jack is an amazing zombie slaying master of cool with an awesome cosmic hand to prove it. He is reporting from the Apocalypse once again. Thrull, the Destructor of Worlds, has everything he needs to complete the Tower and bring back Rezzoch who wants to destroy the world. Jack and his friends are stronger than ever and travelling further than ever. Saving the world doesn't end at home. So hop in. Next stop is the <b>Monster Dimension</b> .
875694	Briggs, Adam & Moon, Kate & Sarra, Rachael (ill) Our Home, Our Heartbeat	Hardie Grant Egmont	2020	9781760504168	Adapted from Briggs' celebrated song 'The Children Came Back', Our Home, Our Heartbeat is a celebration of past and present Indigenous legends, as well as emerging generations, and at its heart honours the oldest continuous culture on earth.
944033	Bunting, Philip Democracy!	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211478	What you say (and how you say it) has the power to change the world. Democracy gives you that power. Democracy is people power. But does democracy really matter? How does it work? And what exactly is democracy, anyway?! Get set to speak up and learn how you can create positive change in your corner of the world.
876370	Bunting, Phillip Gentle genius of trees, The	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760975173	What could we clever humans ever learn from trees? Take an unashamedly anthropomorphic wander through the woods to learn a few life lessons from our foliaged friends. The Gentle Genius of Trees is a small forest of facts exploring the brilliance of trees, from photosynthesis, to symbiosis and the wood-wide web.

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846245	Carless, Victoria Gus and the starlight	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2022	9781460760642	Gus Able and her family are on the run, from her mum's ex-boyfriend and from desperate ghosts who want her mum's help. When they end up in a small town running an old drive-in movie theatre called the Starlight Gus hopes this is the fresh start they need. Despite living in a smelly old caravan, the Able family work hard to make the Starlight a success, but the current owner seems to be working against them. Gus wonders if this new town could be the forever home she's been wanting for so long.
1019622	Carless, Victoria Lani and the universe	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460763933	Lani Scrub has a plan: study hard and become a world-renowned scientist like her hero, Kit Galway, who wrote The Meaning of the Universe. The plan is ruined when Lani's mum decides to 'find herself' by joining a nature-loving community called Passing Waters. Lani should have known things were up when they got backyard chickens. At Passing Waters Lani fails every test thrown her way - despite coaching from nine-year-old nature kid Lentil and a chef/astronomer named Meadow. Turns out failing is hard, and what's worse is their tree change is making her question the meaning of the universe ...And when the community's future is threatened, will Lani Scrub pitch in to save the day?
1019706	Carter, Reece Lonely lighthouse of Elston-Fright, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761066795	Flip Little is extremely proud of his family history - the official lightkeepers of Elston-Fright; the lighthouse keepers. When the light is missing, it is up to Flip to restore the protection the lighthouse has always offered to the people of the town. But, the light is not the only thing that goes missing! There are mysteries and secrets to uncover, and magic and magical beings to combat. But will help come from the most unexpected place? Can Flip and his friends Corpse and Girl save their friend and restore the lost magic before it's too late?
886014	Chainani, Soman Rise of the School for Good and Evil	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780008508029	Together, they watch over the Endless Woods. Together, they choose the students for the School for Good and Evil. Together, they train them, teach them, prepare them for their fate. Then, something happens. Something that will change everything and everyone. Who will survive? Who will rule the school? The journey starts here. With magic, surprises and daring deeds at every turn, courage and loyalty will be put to the test, only to lead you to the very beginning of the adventures that are The School for Good and Evil.

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46789	Chainani, Soman School for good and evil, The	HarperCollins US	2013	9780007492930	Every four years, two girls are kidnapped from the village of Gavaldon. Legend has it these lost children are sent to the School for Good and Evil, the fabled institution where they become fairytale heroes or villains.  Sophie, the most beautiful girl in town, has always dreamed of her place at the School for Good while her friend Agatha, with her dark disposition seems destined for the School for Evil. But when the two are kidnapped, they find their fortunes reversed...
1019686	Clayton, Dhonielle Memory thieves, The	Henry Holt & Co	2023	9781460762899	Magic school in the clouds is back in session. As second-year students, Ella, Brigit and Jason, are back to learn new magic but, whilst Ella's fame among Marvellers has skyrocketed ever since she helped thwart the diabolical scheme of the Ace of Anarchy, she and her Conjuror friends are still viewed with suspicion. Add to this, increased schoolwork, a mystery illness affecting the student body, and the dangerous secrets she uncovers about the Conjure architect who built the school, and Ella and her friends must race to save themselves and the Marvellian world before chaos breaks loose.
1019743	Clutterbuck, Charlotte Twin stars	MoshPit Publishers	2023	9781923065093	Thousands of years ago in Stone-age Scotland twin brother and sister, thrall-born, have dreams beyond the Custom of the Beaver Clan. Bhoid is a skilled hunter and Sulaire is a healer, but when Bhoid injures the Headman's son whilst protecting his sister, he is forced to flee, alone and defenseless. Separated for the first time in their lives, it will take all their skill and courage to survive apart. Will the twins ever see each other again?
1019748	Colfer, Eoin Juniper's Christmas	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008475543	Embark on a Christmas escapade with eleven-year-old Juniper Lane. In her quest for help, she turns to a mysterious woodsman in her local park, suspecting he might be none other than Santa himself. In an unexpected turn, Juniper finds herself exposed to the enchantment of the North Pole. Accompanied by a neighbor who has always believed in Santa, a young reindeer in training, and a cunning crime boss determined to steal Santa's magic, Juniper's journey unfolds with Eoin Colfer's characteristic enthusiasm and cheerfulness. With vibrant, festive illustrations, this enchanting tale is beautifully wrapped, promising to ignite the Christmas spirit within the entire family.  Celebrate the holiday season with a narrative filled with hope, magic, and the quest to rescue Santa Claus.

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1019628	Collins, Paul & McMullen, Sean This spells trouble	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696311	Winston is fourteen and apprenticed to the wizard Faramond. Winston's problem (well, one of them) is that he is much brighter than his master, bringing him to the attention of the evil High Sorceress, Yolantha. She needs Winston to help her secure the Imperium Key and access to a world of magical slaves. He wants to stop her and free the magical creatures already in his world. Can Winston and his companions thwart Yolantha's evil plans?
977698	Comer, Karen Sunshine on Vinegar Street	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180132	Freya has moved with her mother from a regional area to the inner city of Melbourne. She has left behind her two best friends, her basketball team and the world she loves the most. She is stuck and needs to develop resilience for a whole lot of issues that come her way: school, kids, netball, eleventh floor apartment and just being the new girl on the block. What is the connection between Freya and the illuminated skipping girl on the side of her building? Can Freya figure out how to belong on Vinegar Street?
1017956	Craft, Jerry School trip	Quill Tree Books	2023	9780062885531	Jordan's last days at Riverdale Academy will be spent on a school trip - to Paris! As an aspiring artist himself, Jordan can't wait to see all of the amazing art in the city of lights. Exotic food, a foreign language and a different culture are just some of the tricky things Jordan and his friends are navigating.
1019704	Dalton, Chloe & Siew, Kim (ill) A-Z of who I could be, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180422	"The A-Z of Who I Could Be" by Chloe Dalton and Kim Siew is an inspirational and beautifully illustrated picture book that showcases remarkable Australian athletes across 26 different sports. The book uses simple and engaging language to tell the stories of these elite athletes, and each story is accompanied by vibrant illustrations that bring the athletes' journeys to life, highlighting themes of perseverance, dedication, and success.
1089056	Daniels, Patricia & Belcha, Aaron (ill) How to teach grown-ups about climate change	Walker Books	2024	9781804660300	Lots to think about in this entertaining and meaningful guide. Time to have an informed talk to the adults about what we can do about Climate Change. This guide will enable youth to get the message across in a fun, truthful and questioning way that will convince the grown-ups with facts that even the scientists think are weird. Can they pass the test at the end? And who in Australia has heard of the extinction of the Bramble Cay melomys? While not the end of the world it cannot get worse and this book will teach you and your grown-up why.

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1066660	Darlison, Aleesah Grace the amazing	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111174	Grace Marshall is eleven years old. She is curious, creative and dreams of becoming a magician, Grace the Amazing. Her only friend is her art teacher, Pamela. When she discovers Pamela is dying, Grace is determined to find a miraculously magical cure and, along the way, she asks the big questions about life, love and friendship.
1078773	Davidson, Rose & Smith, Andy (ill) Science factopia!	Britanica Books	2024	9781804660249	Grab your safety goggles! Every STEM-tastic fact is connected in amazing and unpredictable ways. Follow a trail that zooms from facts about sharks eyes to facts about mini motorcycles, and from facts about chemistry to facts about koalas. And there isn't one trail through these super science facts. Sometimes your path branches, and you can choose to teleport to a completely different (but still connected) part of the book. Where will your curiosity take you?
1019846	Daynes, Katie & de Sousa, Ashe & Drachkovska, Oksana (ill) Lift-the-flap questions and answers about refugees	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803709987	Have you ever wondered - why new people arrive in your school, town or community? What it might feel like for them? How life might be better for them? A refugee can answer these questions and as you read through this book you develop an understanding of how to help them and learn about the sudden, difficult, frightening and tiring situations they have experienced through the beautiful details and cleverly designed illustrations by Ukrainian artist Oksana Drachkovska.
877965	Deeves, Pauline & Wilson, Brent (ill) Get me out of here! Foolish and fearless convict escapes	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526993	Meet the convicts behind Australia's most rascally, dastardly prison escapes. Gifted geniuses or total goofballs? You be the judge!  Featuring Moondyne Joe, Mary Bryant, and a guy who put on a kangaroo skin and hopped away (literally), this fun and engaging collection brings Australia's early colonial past to life.
1066675	DiCamillo, Kate Ferris	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760659240	Ferris Wilkey's summer is full of surprises. Her little sister, Pinky, has vowed to become an outlaw. Uncle Ted has left Aunt Shirley and is painting a mural in the basement. Ferris' grandmother Cherisse sees a ghost who has wild, impractical, illuminating plans. How can Ferris satisfy a ghost with Pinky terrorising the town, Uncle Ted sending her to spy on her aunt and her father battling an invasion of cheeky racoons?
1019719	DiCamillo, Kate & Morstad, Julie (ill) Puppets of Spelhorst: A Norendy tale, The	Walker Books	2023	9781536216752	Spelhorst, an old and lonely sea captain, encounters a puppet which resembles a loved one from his past. He unexpectedly purchases the set of puppets and puts a story in motion just as his own story is about to end. The puppets change hands and have unexpected adventures as they wonder just when their story will begin.



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977705	Do, Anh & Baez, Marcelo (ill) E-boy5: Superhuman army	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761065668	Somewhere deep in the ocean lies the key to superhuman strength. Ethan's powers will be put to the ultimate test when he, Penny and Gemini find themselves in a desperate race to reach the mythical power source before Agent Ferris and his army of androids. Will they make it in time to seize the Grapes of Atlantis?
	Do, Anh & Baez, Marcelo (ill) Rise of the Mythix series				Any five 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 of the screen.
	Do, Anh & Creagh, Lachlan (ill) Wolf girl series				Any five 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 of the screen.
1019709	Earle, Phil Until the road ends	Andersen Press Ltd	2023	9781839133169	When Peggy rescues a stray dog from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins. Nothing but the looming war can part them. Peggy is evacuated to safety and Beau is left behind in London, where he becomes an unexpected war hero. Night after night, as bombs rain down and lives are destroyed, Beau searches the ruins, rescuing countless survivors. But then tragedy strikes and Beau sets off on an incredible journey to find his beloved Peggy.
864220	Farr, David Book of Stolen Dreams, The	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781665922579	Plunged into danger when they help their father steal a forbidden book, Rachel and Robert are forced to go on the run. To save their father from prison, they must discover the truth about The Book of Stolen Dreams. But the cruel and powerful President Malstain knows its secret and will stop at nothing to snatch the book's magic for himself. The hunt is on.
995900	Firth, Alex & Martin, Jerome & James, Alice et al. 100 things to know about the unknown	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803705286	A colorful information book filled with 100 fascinating and mind-blowing facts. Scientists and historians have discovered a lot about our past, our future and how the world works, but SO MUCH remains unknown.

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977575	Fraser, Rebecca Sea glass	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781761111075	Cailin's holiday plans are ruined when she and her mum go to stay with her eccentric grandfather at Whitefoam Cove. She barely knows him and reminders of her father are everywhere. Then, just when Cailin and her grandfather are really connecting, disaster strikes.
959188	French, Jackie Ming & Hilde lead a revolution	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460763445	Ming Qong is convinced that girls have changed history throughout the world. She has faced danger and adventure when Herstory sent her to the past to witness girls' bravery in the incredible feats left out of 'histories'. Now Ming asks Herstory for another time travelling quest. Ming finds herself in relative luxury, heading to an unknown destination on a ship carrying royal Saxon sheep, travelling with the girls who care for them.  What do female shepherds have to do with history? Is it even possible for sheep to be royal? As Ming knows only too well, change is never easy. So how can one girl and a sheep change the world?
1110613	French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) Tornado	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760264895	From the award-winning creators of Flood, Fire, Cyclone, Drought, Pandemic, Earthquake and Plague. I was born of twisting air, touching ground and spinning there. Do not laugh, just feed me thunder, I will soar and roar and plunder ...
909576	Frenkel, Deborah & Bartkowiak, Ingrid (ill) Naturopolis	Storytorch Press	2022	9780645191530	Look closer, look with care and you may find a forest.... Among the steel and stone canyons of the city, nature flourishes in tiny, tenacious ways.
916634	Garnish, Jodie Spectaculars, The	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781801312547	When three figures arrive at Harper's window in a flying canoe, they inform her that she is a Spectacular - a magical performer, gifted with special powers from the stars. Harper is thrilled to be part of the Spectaculars' travelling theatre and boarding school but, before long, she and her new friends are plunged into great danger that threatens everything and everyone they love.

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1076914	Gleitzman, Morris Tweet	Penguin	2024	9781761343742	<p>Clyde, a budgie who has grown up with his human family Jay, Poppa, mum &amp; dad. Clyde's bird-brain view of humans and the world has a humorous perspective, but also covers some serious matters with an approach that is not too heavy.</p> <p>The world is facing some major problems and birds have a message to share. Gathering in greater and greater numbers is finally beginning to get humankind's attention. A silent protest has begun and Clyde is to be a key part of it. Will the humans listen and pay attention to the millions of birds trying to warn against about climate change and protect our planet?</p> <p>Maybe Jay's missing parents can help unravel the mystery? But where are they? Will Clyde and his best friend (human brother) Jay manage to get the government and world leaders to listen?</p> <p>Funny, emotional, birdy, lots of birds.</p>
1019825	Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill) Life song, A	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761047640	<p>When you are born, you make up a song It doesn't rhyme, and it isn't long A song of everything you hold dear It's your own tune, it's loud and clear</p> <p>And your whole world is in it..."</p>
1019828	Gold, Hannah Finding Bear	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008582029	<p>Since returning home from her adventures in the Arctic, April has really struggled to fit in. Her mind and her heart are back in the ice and snow with her unlikely polar bear companion. She remains bound to Bear despite the distance. When April finds out that when an animal resembling Bear is shot, she must return and make sure her friend is safe. The Arctic, however, is no safe place for anyone.</p>
1019766	Goodes, Adam & Laing, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill) Walk with us	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761065071	<p>Harvey and Mum are heading to their favourite park for a walk on Cammeraygal land.</p> <p>Time to awaken the ancestors,' says Uncle Boris. 'Every time we sing or acknowledge Country, the ancestors are listening.'</p> <p>What do you know about the Country where you live?</p> <p>Inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, Walk With Us is an invitation to go on a journey of learning and appreciation - with family, with friends, and with our nation - together.</p>

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1153323	Gordon, Kate My brother, Finch	Simon & Schuster	2024	9780645869347	How does a family move on when a member suddenly disappears? Can they? Finch and Wren are less than a year apart and they have a strong bond even if Wren sometimes resents her brother for always being the centre of attention. Three years later, Wren is about to start high school but the loss of her brother and the mystery surrounding his disappearance still occupies so much of her time and thoughts. Fortunately, Wren meets a new and mysterious girl in high school who Wren must learn to trust with her family's sad story and her own intense grief if they can be good friends.
977754	Gordon, Kate Temora and the wordsnatcher	Wombat Books	2023	9781761110122	Temora Murphy doesn't fit in with other girls or with her mother, until a birthday wish brings escape through magical books that appear at the bottom of her garden. On her twelfth birthday she makes another wish that transports her to an another world. Inhabitants of this world have long been waiting for her and they appreciate her arrival. When other apprentices catch a magical disease it seems a monster thought long dead could be responsible. Temora realises she must face the darkness to save everyone.
903298	Gordon, Kate Xavier in the meantime	Yellow Brick Books	2022	9780645218091	Xavier knows he has depression. But he also knows he has friends and family who support him. When Xavier thinks of a way to support kids like him he knows he will need lots of help to make his plan succeed. Life is full of challenges and Xavier, with the help of his best friend Astor, knows he can make a difference!
903341	Gordon, Kate & Brennan, Krista (ill) Amira's magpie	Wombat Books	2021	9781925563986	Amira has a magpie. He is the most beautiful, strangest of creatures. Amira imagines her magpie flying across the world, to visit the family she left behind when she escaped her homeland. And as she flies, she flies with him and she is free. Amira's Magpie is a story of friendship, family and escape; of bravery and resilience in the face of hardship. It is the story of hope we find in small happinesses, even when it seems like all hope is lost.
977252	Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill) Wylah the Koorie warrior: Custodians	Fremantle Press	2023	9781761180040	Wylah has already accomplished the unbelievable feat of uniting the five Guardians, but her journey is far from over. Together with her megafauna friends, she must travel through the treacherous and forbidden Valley of the Spirits to face off against the Dragon Army.  Can Wylah defeat the perils that lay ahead and become the ultimate Koorie Warrior?

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1019712	Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill) Our country: Where history happened	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760653576	History is out there. In every corner of Australia, the past is waiting to be discovered. Find it in ancient rock art and a haunted convict prison. Explore a cave that echoes with the spirit of resistance. Search for a tree blazed with a fateful message. Visit the site where a legend was born. Our country is calling.
	Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill) The treehouse series				Join Andy and Terry's incredible, ever-expanding treehouse 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.
1019914	Grossman, Lev Golden swift, The	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526647641	It's been a year since Kate and Tom became conductors on the Great Intercontinental Railway, and life has changed completely! Delivering animal passengers to their rightful habitats using their very own secret steam train, The Silver Arrow, is exciting and magical and fulfilling.  Until one day a new and mysterious train almost rams them off the track! Its name? The Golden Swift. Kate catches a glimpse of the conductors. They're children, like them, and they're dropping animals off at all the wrong stations! Kate is determined to catch up with their rivals and confront them. Her actions will lead to an adventure bigger than she could have dreamed of, racing through the highlands of Western Scotland, diving down deep into the oceans on a magical submarine, meeting a talking tortoise, and finding out about a whole new way to offer endangered animals safe and lasting homes.
769305	Grossman, Lev Silver Arrow, The	Bloomsbury	2020	9781526629418	When Kate is given a colossal steam train for her birthday, she can't believe her luck. After 11 years of waiting, adventure has finally found her! Soon the silver arrow is whisking Kate and her brother Tom to a magical station with passengers standing ready to board. From the porcupine to the pangolin each one is rare wonderful. But these animals have been waiting a very long time. Can Kate deliver them home before it's too late?

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1017873	Hawke, Rosanne & White, Lyn (ed) Alex: Through my eyes	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760877002	Thirteen-year-old Alex lives on a drought-affected property in South Australia with his mum, his dad, his kelpie dog Tangi and colt Jago. For years it hasn't rained enough for them to put a crop in. And while all the farmers in the area are suffering, Alex's dad is struggling more than most. As the drought stretches on, Alex helps his mum with the farm work while longing for the father he once knew.  When Bonnie moves in on the neighbouring property with her camel-training family, even feral dogs and a missing classmate cannot stop the newfound friends' passion to make a difference to the environment and their community. Will Alex's dad recover - and will the rains ever return?
917732	Heath, Jack 10 Minutes of Danger	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760978792	20 stories. 20 dangerous situations. 20 brave kids. 10 minutes to escape. Dodi is in the blast radius of an asteroid on a collision course with Earth. Gary is stuck up a tree with a giant tsunami wave fast approaching. Tatum is climbing a caldera when an earthquake makes the volcano erupt.
1019868	Heiss, Anita & Campbell, Samantha (ill) Bidhi Galang: Big rain	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781761105258	Told from the point of view of Wagadhaany, a Wiradyuri girl who loved dancing, this is the story of the Great Flood of Gundagai in 1852. Wiradyuri heroes, Yarri and Jacky Jacky paddled bark canoes through raging floodwaters, risking their own lives to save countless others. Learn history through Wiradyuri language and marvel at the beautiful illustrations in this book.
	Helliar, Peter & Vamos, Lesley (ill) Frankie Fish 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.
1019853	Hibbs, Emily & Chan, Jason (ill) Hilda's world: A guide to Trolberg, the wilderness and beyond	Flying Eye Books	2023	9781913123239	Join Hilda whilst she discovers the world of the fantasy land, Trolberg! Explore the city, wilderness and much more. Includes maps, top tips of things to do whilst visiting Trolberg!
995977	Hood, Susan & Dawson, Greg Alias Anna	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780063083905	The inspiring true story of two jewish girls Zhanna and Frina who are from Ukraine during World War 2. A story about courage, talent and persistence to escape war and the power of music to help overcome the challenges through difficult times.

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1082884	Hopkins, Megan Starminster	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008626891	Astrid has lived in the rhubarb shed all her life. Her mother explains that it's dangerous outside. When a stranger with wings unlocks the door, Astrid is taken to London Overhead, a secret city in the sky for the Librae, winged folk. Astrid is also Librae, and will soon grow wings of her own. But soon she hears rumours of missing children, and realises that her mother may have been right about the dangers awaiting all along.
	Hunter, Erin Warriors 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.
871798	Jackson, Sharna High-Rise Mystery	Knights of	2023	9781999642518	Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in The Tri: the high-rise buildings which is home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case, armed with their curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway.
1019851	Jackson, Sharna Mic drop: A high rise mystery	Knopf Publishing Group	2024	9781913311032	Nic and Norva are back to solve the mystery death of pop star Trojkat. Can they solve the mystery before the police? Fast paced and full of twists and turns!
802043	Jamieson, Victoria Roller girl	Penguin	2015	9780141378992	One night Astrid and her best friend taken out on a surprise excursion with Astrid's mother. They expect a very boring night but instead Astrid discovers a love of roller derby. The only problem is Astrid's best friend does not share this interest. Their differences begin to pile up and push them apart. Astrid's summer vacation is full of big challenges but she finds new strengths and new toughness along the way.
923384	Jenkins, Steve & Page, Robin (il) Animal toolkit, The	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780358244448	What do apes, birds and crabs have in common? They all use tools in clever ways. Find out why dolphins use sponges or how the corolla spider uses seven small quartz rocks to detect prey. Can you guess what a raptor does with a burning stick, or how a bear makes use of a rock? The Animal Toolkit is filled with fascinating facts about these and other clever creatures.

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1019697	Johnston, Alexander & Dreise, Gregg Footy tail, A	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180316	<p>Inspired by the South Sydney Rabbitohs, written by NRL star Alex Johnston and illustrated by celebrated First Nations artist Gregg Dreise, this rhyming picture book about an underdog team of bunnies who are up against the stronger teams of animals is a wonderful story of unity, togetherness, resilience and teamwork.</p> <p>A fluffle of Bunnies play at the park. They sprint and they tackle from dawn until dark, They always train hard, but it's never enough . . . the other teams are just bigger and stronger. It's tough!</p> <p>Join AJ and his teammates, Cody and Latrell, and the Bunnies on their triumphant footy journey from being the competition underdogs to unlikely winners, with a little help from some friends - especially a wise and confident Crow!</p>
1019791	Jones, Gareth P & Forshaw, Louise (ill) Solve your own mystery: The Transylvanian express	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760656591	<p>Private Detective Mr Solstaag and his assistant Klaus have been asked by a mystery client to board a train at Haventry underground station taking its passengers to visit Count Fledermaus's castle. One of the passengers disappears... and the trains conductor Mr Rubrick asks the detective to solve the case. A classic 'Who done It?' story to enjoy solving with a surprising end to this hearty horror.</p>
777701	Jonsberg, Barry H is for Happiness	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760527402	<p>Introducing Candice Phee: twelve years old, hilariously honest and a little... odd. But she has a big heart, the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to ensure everyone is happy. So she sets about trying to 'fix' all the problems of all the people (and pets) in her life.</p>
1019703	Jurevicius, Nathan Scarygirl: The origin story	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761069277	<p>Abandoned on a remote beach, Scarygirl doesn't know who she is or where she's come from. Blister, a kind and intelligent giant octopus, wants to keep her safe, but Scarygirl needs answers. Who is the strange man haunting her dreams? Will Bunniguru help her unlock the mysteries of her past? Can she trust the wily forest dwellers? Her journey takes her to the edge, and beyond...</p>



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903382	Kamaleddine, Samera Sideways orbit of Evie Hart, The	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460762653	<p>Evie Hart likes rules. A lot. But as she embarks on her very last year of primary school, it feels like all the rules around her are being broken.</p> <p>When Evie's class starts learning about the Earth's place in the universe, it makes Evie think about her own place in the world and where she belongs. Which has her more worried than ever.</p> <p>When your mum writes a horoscope page for a living, it's hard not to think about what the future holds. Especially when she and the only dad Evie has ever known are acting like they're on different planets.</p> <p>But the more Evie learns about the sky and the stars, the more she learns that changes in the world can't always be controlled. And maybe that's not a bad thing.</p>
1019776	Khan, Hiba Noor Safiyyah's war	Walker Books	2023	9781839133138	<p>War comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes for ever.</p> <p>Her best friend's family have fled, and the bombing makes her afraid to leave the mosque where she lives. But when her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run the dangerous errands around the city.</p> <p>It's not long before hundreds of persecuted Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can Safiyyah find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under Paris and lead the Jews to safety?</p>
1023600	King, Rachael Grimmelings, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781991006646	<p>Be careful what you wish for ... The same evening Josh Undehill went missing, the black horse appeared on the hill above the house. Ella knows that words are powerful. So she should have known better than to utter a wish and a curse on the same day. Who is Gus, the boy with the impish grin, who seems to appear in answer to her wish? What does the black horse want? And what of her grandmother's warning of creatures that dwell in the lake?</p>
	Kinney, Jeff Diary of a wimpy kid series				<p>+++++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.</p>

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1019869	Klassen, Jon Skull, The	Walker Books	2023	9781529509571	Otilla is on the run from something unnamed but formidable. The night is cold and dark, but just as she begins to lose her resolve a very large and very old house appears in the forest. The house appears abandoned except for a skull offering shelter but maybe not safety.
916559	Laguna, Sofie & McBride, Marc (ill) Glow, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761066825	Megan is obsessed with drawing fantastical creatures, and she shares her drawings with her best friend Li who writes stories to go with the pictures. When everyone in town, except the two girls, is immobilised by a strange glow coming from their devices, Megan and Li, have to overcome their fear and work together in a desperate battle to against the sinister monster that has ensnared everyone else around them.
992547	Lai, Remy Ghost book	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761065477	July Chen sees ghosts. But her dad insists ghosts aren't real. So she pretends they don't exist. Which is incredibly difficult now as it's Hungry Ghost month, when the Gates of the Underworld open and dangerous ghosts run amok in the living world. When July saves a boy ghost from being devoured by a Hungry Ghost, he becomes her first ever friend. Except William is not a ghost. He's a wandering soul wavering between life and death. As the new friends embark on an adventure to return William to his body, they unearth a ghastly truth -f or William to live, July must die.
982313	Lake, Nick & Gravett, Emily (ill) Locked out Lily	Simon & Schuster	2021	9781471194849	Lily requires regular hospital trips to treat a body which is failing her. This frustrates her greatly and also fuels her worry that the baby her mum is about to have will be easier to love and push Lily to the shadows. It is these shadows in her family home where Lily encounters the monstrous replacement parents who have a terrible plan for Lily. It is with great surprise that Lily discovers several animal companions to help her defeat the monsters in the shadows.
1078779	Lamond, Margrete & Jager, Mateja (ill) Paper-Flower girl	Dirt Lane Press	2023	9780645352399	A paper-flower girl finds herself unable to survive unless she works for a giant who enforces his own conditions and design for her skills. By her gentle nature she finds a way to respond to escaping the situation she is in through a deceit that brings her success.

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941502	Langeland, Dierdre & Mai, Sarah (ill) Cool code, The	Clarion Books	2022	9780358549314	<p>Zoey has been homeschooled her entire life. So when her parents announce it's time for her to attend the local school, she's terrified about how she'll cope.</p> <p>In an attempt to fit in, Zoey develops an app called the Cool Code with a cute llama avatar that will tell her everything from what to say to what to wear based on pop culture algorithms she's uploaded. But when the app gives her ridiculous advice, awkwardness and hilarity ensues. With a few upgrades and a bit of debugging from the coding club, the app actually works. Zoey becomes really popular... and gets her pulled in all kinds of directions, including away from her real friends.</p>
1019865	Lapinski, L.D. Artezans: The forgotten magic	Orion	2024	9781510113015	<p>Edward Crane has always feared he won't have any magic at all. Sure, he's part of a powerful magic Artezan family, but he's adopted. His twin sister, Elodie, isn't so worried, but then everything always seems to work out perfectly for her.</p> <p>So when Ed discovers he does have an Artezan power after all, he's relieved. And it's more than he ever could have imagined - in fact, it's a dream come true.</p> <p>But the problem with dreams is that sometimes they twist themselves into nightmares. And with Ed's new abilities growing by the day, there's a chance that this nightmare will become all too real.</p>
1019896	Larkin, John & Krebs, Chrissie (ill) How to avoid being eaten by sharks... and other advice	Walker Books	2024	9781760657451	<p>This hilarious guide will aim to give you answers to some of life's odd questions. Whether you've ever worried about being eaten by a shark or abducted by an alien this book will weigh up some of the evidence for or against.</p>
1089059	LaRocca, Rajani Red, white and whole	Quill Tree Books	2023	9780063047433	<p>Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. But Reha's parents don't understand why she's conflicted - they only notice when Reha doesn't meet their strict expectations. Reha feels disconnected from her mother, or Amma. Although their names are linked - Reha means "star" and Punam means "moon" - they are a universe apart.</p> <p>Then Reha finds out that her Amma is sick. Really sick.</p> <p>Reha, who dreams of becoming a doctor even though she can't stomach the sight of blood, is determined to make her Amma well again. She'll be the perfect daughter, if it means saving her Amma's life.</p>

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992541	Lawrence, David & Dignam, Cherie (ill) Ruby and the pen	EK Books	2023	9781922539380	Ruby and the Pen is the story of a 12-year-old, cartoon-drawing girl who buys a pen from a mysterious market stall. She soon learns that the pen has a magical power: whatever she draws, happens! Initially the pen protects Ruby from the meanest girls at her new school, but over time the pen's power becomes dangerous. Soon, Ruby has problems galore and one big question to be answered - should she fix all of her problems with the stroke of a pen?
1019894	Lawrence, Patrice & Bronte, Charlotte Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre: Abridged for younger readers	Walker Books	2024	9781529506624	A delightful retelling of the classic story Jane Eyre. The story follows orphan Jane and her courage to be brave throughout her time at the mysterious Thornfield Hall. Even when things are unexpected Jane shows resourceful to follow her vision to be loved and wanted.
1019893	Leonard, M.G. Feather	Walker Books	2024	9781529506112	On a school trip to the Royal Swan Natural History Museum, Ava finds herself at the centre of a hundreds of invaluable bird of paradise skins from the Alfred Wallace Collection have been stolen! When she discovers a large jet-black feather, she's sure it's a clue, but the police won't listen to her. Slipping away, she takes the case to the Twitchers in an investigation that leads them to the bizarre and sinister world of fly-fishing, and to a mysterious girl with a pet Raven called Caliban and a dangerous ring of thieves and smugglers
	Libenson, Terri Emmie & friends 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.
1021250	Lloyd, Christopher (Ed) & Ruffle, Mark & Tite, Jack (ill) Britannica all new children's encyclopaedia	Britanica Books	2020	9781912920471	Britannica's All New Children's Encyclopaedia is a treasure trove of information for people who love facts. With detailed colour illustrations, whether you are fascinated by ancient history, the outer reaches of space or sustainability, this encyclopaedia has something for you!
1078782	Lloyd, Fiona Being Jimmy Baxter	Puffin Australia	2023	9781760148515	It's not eggsactly easy being Jimmy Baxter 'cause: -The real Jimmy's hiding inside - Ned Kelly's giving him the evil eye - Mum's stopped going to work and stays in bed - There's no eggs in the fridge - or anything else. AND there's new jobs, bad-at-school brains and a whole lot of trouble called Duke. But then ... there's Mac.

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1089042	Louise, Zanni Cora seen and heard	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657666	Calling all year 5 & 6 students. This is the book for you! Cora, a quiet, shy, forgettable 12 year old whose family moves interstate. What a great opportunity to reinvent yourself. But is it? Should we all just be happy with the skin we are in?
1080658	MacDibble, Bren Apprentice witnesser, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180781	Lodyma Darsey is the Witnesser of Miracles who investigates miraculous events and spins them into stories she tells at the night markets. Orphan Bastienne Scull is her ... apprentice? Foster child? Basti isn't sure but is making herself real useful standing in for Lodyma's lost family. Because ten years ago, after her husband and elder son died of a sickness that continues to sweep the land, Lodyma sent her younger son to live with the isolated mountain men, and he hasn't been heard of since. Basti and Lodyma might not be a proper family, but neither of them have anybody else until, one day, news of a miracle reaches them and, when Lodyma and Basti investigate, what they discover will change their lives.
1019824	Marr, Shirley Countdown to yesterday	Penguin Random House Australia	2024	9781761340598	James' family is changing, and he doesn't like it. He wants to travel back in time and live in one of his favourite memories, but which one will he choose? How will he choose? And can his new friend Yan really build a time machine?  What would you do if you had six memories to go back to? How would you choose?
1019648	Martyn, Isolde & Ridgeway, Robyn & Hogan, Louise (ill) Country town	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696359	A wonderfully illustrated story of a fictional small country town in Australia. The book goes through from First Peoples' camp in the 1820s to Carols by Candlelight at the local showground. An excellent way to read the history of our nation.

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825622	McKean, Megan Seasons in the city	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420442	<p>Do you know springtime in Tokyo is cherry blossom season? Or that on the longest day of summer in Stockholm the sun stays up for 18 hours?</p> <p>Seasons divide the year and bring about changes in the world around us. Different seasons bring warm or cool weather; snow or extreme heat; wet, windy weeks or dry, dusty days; and even big weather events like super storms and twisting tornadoes.</p> <p>Throughout history people have welcomed new seasons with important rituals. Plenty of these traditions continue today, as the change in weather brings different occasions to celebrate and activities to enjoy all year round in many of the world's cities.</p> <p>Discover what different seasons look like in cities all around the world.</p>
885157	McKenzie, Nean Xenoflight	MidnightSun Publishing	2022	9780987226518	<p>A delightful adventure fantasy set in rural Australia which follows 13 year old Carla on a journey to find her estranged father who she has never met. The story is full of mythical creatures who Carla meets along the way and the more creatures she meets the more questions she has about her past.</p>
895460	McLachlan, Jenny Dead good detectives	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781405298155	<p>Twelve year old Sid Jones loves playing creepy games in the graveyard with her best friend Zen. She is not expecting to accidentally release a 300 year old pirate and his shouty ghost parrot from the dead. This leads Sid to the Halfway House, which is a mysterious inn full of lost souls trapped there by a sinister landlord. The ghosts need Sid's help to escape. But someone else is watching and they are not happy.</p>
902463	McMullin, Neridah & Hicks, Astred (ill) Evie and Rhino	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2022	9781760654207	<p>On a stormy night off the coast of southern Australia, a ship transporting a cargo of exotic animals tosses and turns in enormous seas. Rhino senses they are in grave danger...</p> <p>Not far away, ten-year-old Evie and her grandfather shelter in their crumbling, once-grand old home. They know too well how deadly storms can be. When all is calm, Evie treks over the dunes to the sea and makes a discovery that will change her life, and Rhino's, forever.</p> <p>Will the tragedies of their pasts finally be put to rest?</p>

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1066783	McNicol, Elle Like a charm	Penguin USA	2022	9780593649138	Edinburgh is a city filled with magical creatures. No one can see them... except Ramya Knox. As she is pulled into her family's world of secrets and spells, Ramya sets out to discover the truth about Hidden Folk with only three words of warning from her grandfather: Beware the Sirens.
1019783	McNicol, Elle & Wilson, Kay (ill) Kind of spark, A	Walker Books	2023	9781913311056	A Kind of Spark is a story about courage, friendship and what it means to be different. Bullied by her teacher and abandoned by her best friend, Addie lives every day knowing what it is like to be different. When she learns about the witch trials that happened in her hometown, she knows there is more to the story of these 'witches', just as there is more to her. Can she make the town see that being different is not something to be feared; can she challenge the way they see her?
1019684	McWilliams, Beverley Spies in the sky	Pantera Press	2023	9780645624533	Royal Blue is a royal racing pigeon from a long line of champions. Every morning he wakes and spends the day training, but there's a war growing and things are changing. One day the King himself comes to the loft and selects Blue for a special assignment. Blue needs to find the courage to leave his secure home to be a war pigeon and face dangers he never could have imagined, and will he survive to return to his family?
1019794	Melki-Wegner, Skye Deadlands, The: Hunted	Walker Books	2023	9781529516241	When the Fallen Star struck, some dinosaurs survived, but grew alert. They learnt to speak. To dream. To wage war. As the last dinosaur kingdoms continue to fight, Eleri, the disgraced son of a prince, is banished to the merciless Deadlands for saving an enemy soldier. To survive the dangers of the scorched desert he joins a herd of other young exile. But when Eleri and his fellow misfits discover the horrific truth behind the war, the unlikely heroes must do all they can to save their kingdom from a secret plot that could destroy them all.
944242	Mellor, Amelia Bookseller's apprentice, The	Affirm Press	2022	9781922400871	Loaded with tricks, riddles, magic and mayhem this race-against-time adventure is set in Melbourne in 1871. Twelve-year-old Billy Pyke has a talent for sorting things out, whether it's his chaotic family home or the busy book stall at Paddy's Market, where he works for Mr Cole. When his new friend Kezia warns him of a sinister magician called the Obscurosmith, Billy is shocked by her stories of magical deals gone horribly wrong. Then, on the night of the fire, Billy realises that if the Obscurosmith is to be stopped, he'll have to do it himself. The duel begins but, even with Kezia help, will Billy's magic be enough?

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797410	Messenger, Shannon Keeper of the Lost Cities	Simon & Schuster	2012	9781398524040	Sophie can hear people's thoughts. She knows it's strange, that is until she meets Fitz, who also reads minds. Before she knows it, Sophie is being transported to another world where she will be asked to leave everything she knows behind forever. Who is she and what powers does she possess that can save the people she loves?
885977	Middleton, Ant Mission total resilience	Farshore	2022	9780755503810	Ant Middleton shares his top tips and tricks for building resilience whilst providing practical exercises for important life lessons for young adults.
1048699	Miller, Kayla Break	Walker Books	2024	9781760655198	"Spring Break is full of possibilities...but not for Olive.  This year, Olive is leaving her friends and all of their exciting vacation plans behind to visit her dad at his new apartment in the city.  Goober is thrilled to spend a whole week with their father and has a long list of activities for their time together. Olive, on the other hand, still remembers the hurt of their dad moving halfway across the world. She would rather spend time with her friend Bree or scrolling through her new phone to keep up with everything she's missing back home than catch up with him.  As the week winds on, the normally easygoing Olive finds feelings of loneliness and resentment throwing her out of whack. Is there any hope of salvaging the visit-or will Olive's Spring Break be a Spring Bust?
857907	Miller, Kayla Clash	Walker Books	2022	9781760655174	Natasha is going to be one of the coolest kids in Year 6. Everyone wants to be her friend, including Olive. Olive tries her best but they always seem to clash, whats going on? Olive feels that her friends are starting to like Natasha more than her ... who could blame them, she is so cool. Olive is just well, Olive.



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903306	Miller, Kayla Crunch: Click graphic novel, A	Walker Books	2022	9781760655181	Olive is balancing the too-many things she wants to do with the too-few hours in the day to do them. When everything adds up, suddenly it's crunch time! It's no secret that Olive loves trying new things. Between taking guitar lessons, making a short film, joining Berry Scouts, and leading the charge on her school's dress code reform, Olive has her hands full! But she enjoys being busy, so staying on track with her jam-packed schedule should be no problem... right? As weeks fly by, it gets harder and harder for Olive to find time for her activities, never mind time for herself. Will she be able to accomplish her goals, or will all her sizzle turn to fizzle?
1017767	Millwood Hargrave, Kiran Geomancer: in the shadow of the wolf queen	Orion	2023	9781510107854	Ysolda has lived her life in the shadow of the wolf queen's tyrannical rule but, safe in her forest haven, she has never truly felt its threat.  Until one day when a mysterious earthquake shakes the land and her older sister Hari vanishes in its wake.  Accompanied by her loyal sea hawk, Nara, Ysolda embarks on a desperate rescue mission. But when she is forced to strike a bargain with the wolf queen herself, she soon finds herself embroiled in a quest for a magic more powerful - and more dangerous - than she could ever have imagined...
903281	Moore Ramee, Lisa Something to say	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780062836724	Something to say is a delightful fiction story about eleven year old Jenae set in high school. Jenae likes to be alone and is happy with that until Aubrey comes to her school. Will Jenae find her voice and overcome her fears of public speaking and stand up for what she believes in. This story highlights the importance of being a good friend and gaining confidence when you least expect it.
	Moriarty, Jaclyn & Canby, Kelly (ill) Kingdoms and Empires 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.

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849498	Moses, Alexa Michaela Mason's big list of camp worries	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781743838761	A heartwarming story about a year 5 student who suffers from major anxieties. She is about to embark on the stage 3 camp of a lifetime but could think of nothing worse. She has created a BIG LIST of all the reasons why she should not attend. If that isn't enough, there is a drought in their hometown and Michaela is desperately encouraging everyone to save water. What if it never rains again? What if the town runs out of water and they won't be able to shower or wash their hands anymore? What if there are spiders at camp? What if an escaped prisoner breaks into camp? There are so many what ifs in life - how is Michaela Mason ever going to relax and enjoy life? Making lists is one way to help Michaela deal with so many challenges.
1133396	Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill) Football superstars: Football rules the world	Welbeck Publishing	2023	9781783129768	From Lionel Messi's World Cup triumph and England's Lionesses EUROs glory, to the greatest goals and pioneering players, FOOTBALL RULES THE WORLD brings you the most incredible true stories from the biggest game on the planet!
1096796	Mulvey, Ella & Roebuck, John Batthew Aromascent and missing corpse flower	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761212635	Batthew has a nose for trouble, and when the world's smelliest flower goes missing, he and best friend Lavender are on the case! Sent as a seed by his parents before they vanished on a scent expedition, the Titan Arum is a link to his family and his past. Now Batthew and Lavender have just three days to locate the flower before it withers and dies - along with any clues to the whereabouts of his parents. Will they find the flower or will the scent be lost forever?
903378	Naidoo, Beverley Children of the Stone city	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780008471774	Adam, his sister Leila and their friend Zac live as Nons under the Permitted ruling class. But when Adam and Leila's father dies unexpectedly, their mother faces losing her permit to live in the Stone City and risks being sent back to where she was born, on the other side of the Wall. Before music loving Adam can implement his plan to save Mama, Zac is arrested for a bold prank that goes wrong, with repercussions for them all.
1017918	Nannestad, Katrina Silver linings	ABC Books	2023	9780733342257	Nettie Sweeney is the youngest in her family and wishes they had a Mum. When her new Mum finally arrives, it seems like the Sweeney family have it made. But tragedy strikes and nothing will ever be the same again: Nettie attempts to help fix things but will her actions lead to disaster?

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1038832	Nicodemou, Ada & Costain, Meredith & Geddes, Serens Mia Megastar	Penguin	2024	9781761342158	Mia Megastar is her story of a young Greek/Australian girl growing up above her family store. She has a huge extended family who love getting together with friends and food. Lots of food! Of course, her lunches are very different from everyone else's. She doesn't just have a simple white bread sandwich, but a large lunchbox full of pastries, figs, and assorted dips enough to share with everyone.
983001	Norton, Catherine Fortune maker, The	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460763155	Maud Mulligan is 12 years old and her life in the slums of London is going from bad to worse. Fortune telling is all the rage but Maud wonders if it's better not to know what's coming. When she is suddenly pulled into the car of a rich and commanding woman, Maud must use all of her wits, determination, new found friends and special gift to take hold of her own destiny.
890147	O'Grady, Paul Eddie Albert and the amazing animal gang: The curse of the smuggler's treasure	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780008446871	Eddie and best friend Flo are spending the Easter holidays on the Romney Marshes with Aunt Budge and all his animals - Butch the dog, Bunty the hamster and pirate goldfish Dan and Jake.  When the terrible Rancid Twins arrive in town, set on uncovering the secret mystery of the smugglers' treasure, Eddie and Flo are drawn into a thrilling new adventure. Eddie must use his ability to speak to animals to enlist the help of two elegant alpaca, a friendly sheep called Doris and a famous film-star rabbit to save the day and reveal a treasure of epic proportions.
1019284	Ogle, Rex & Valeza, Dave (ill) Four eyes	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781338574968	Sixth grade isn't as great as Rex thought it would be. He's the only kid who hasn't had a growth spurt, and the bullies won't let him forget it. His closest friend is unreliable, at best. And there's a cute girl in his class who he can't stop thinking about. With so much going on, everything is a blur - including Rex's vision! So when he discovers that he needs glasses, and his family can only afford the ugliest pair in the store, any hope Rex had of fitting in goes completely out of focus.
754441	Parker, Aura Bowerbird blues	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781760269609	I am a collector. Always looking, finding...and keeping! Bowerbird loves BLUE. Magnificent cobalt. Brilliant, vibrant blue! But something is missing. What could it be? The official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2024, to be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand! This book is on the 5-6 booklist for 2024 only, and will return to the K-2 booklist in 2025.

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	Pastis, Stephan Timmy Failure 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.
977760	Plozza, Shivaun Meet me at the moon tree	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266171	Carina and her family have moved to a new home. She is determined to find a moon tree. She promised her father and she is determined to keep that promise.
903321	Povey, Clare Unexpected tale of the bad brothers, the	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474986502	Bastien Bonlivre is in trouble again. His sworn enemy, Olivier Odieux, has escaped jail and is out for revenge. Meanwhile, fires are burning in Paris and the people are uncertain. Bastien and his friends, Theo and Alice, set off on a daring adventure to find answers.
1019877	Prentice, Andy & Knight, Tom (ill) Goblin's revenge, The	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2024	9781803706467	The evil wizard Darkmoon is hunting down the last few rebels who dare to oppose him.... and the only one who can save them is YOU. In this magically illustrated adventure, every choice is yours, and your survival depends upon the decisions you make. Who to fight? Who to trust? In a book where nothing is as it seems, even the pictures hold secrets that must be unlooked.
959176	Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill) Millie Mak the maker	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460716090	Nine-year-old Millie Mak has discovered she has a superpower! Using everyday objects, Millie turns them into something beautiful. Through her creativity and clever thinking, Millie also deals with different friendships, tricky family challenges and learning about her world. There are detailed instructions at the back of the book so you can make the special objects Millie creates, and best of all, nothing needs to be bought!
1075805	Racklyeft, Jess Australia: Country of colour	Affirm Press	2023	9781922863881	With its vivid red dirt, big blue skies, wild green bushland and golden sandy beaches, Australia is a country of extraordinary colour.  Here is a celebration of the stunning plants and animals of this colourful country, from vibrant pink Flame Peas to startling blue Fairy Wrens, electric yellow Billy Buttons, glossy black Tasmanian Devils, and many more.  Come and take a closer look at nature's paintbox and the rainbow of life that lives in Australia, from one of our best-loved picture book creators.

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923455	Racklyeft, Jess Big cat	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761066580	Big Cat is mysterious. Big Cat is chaotic. Big Cat is lawless. Catherine is not. She likes things to be neat, tidy and orderly. But when the two meet, they discover they have more in common than they think and that sometimes the best adventures can be found in your own backyard.
902465	Rashford, Marcus & Anka, Carl You can do it	MacMillan	2022	9781035005598	Marcus Rashford the famous football player from England gives a empowering story of finding your identity and making a difference in the world. His powerful messages of being kind to yourself and others provides practical and empowering messages for young adults to be happy in their own skin.
36023	Riordan, Rick Heroes of Olympus, The: The lost hero	Puffin Australia	2010	9780141334011	Jason has a problem. He doesn't remember anything before waking up on a school bus holding hands with a girl. Apparently she's his girlfriend Piper, his best friend is a someone called Leo, and they're all students in the Wilderness School, a boarding school for "bad kids." Piper has a secret. Her father has been missing for three days, and her nightmares reveal that he's in terrible danger. Now her boyfriend doesn't recognize her, and when a freak storm and strange creatures attack during a school field trip, she, Jason, and Leo are whisked away to someplace called Camp Half-Blood. Leo has a way with tools. His new cabin at Camp Half-Blood is filled with them. What's troubling is the curse everyone keeps talking about, and that a camper's gone missing. Weirdest of all, his bunkmates insist they are all-including Leo-related to a god.
1019918	Roux, Madeleine & Probert, Tim (ill) Dungeon Academy: No humans allowed!	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780063039124	Welcome to Dungeon Academy, where monsters and creatures train for the dark world that awaits just beyond the dungeon walls! But Zellidora "Zelli" Stormclash is a bit... different. She's the one thing monsters and creatures of the Forgotten Realms fear the most: Zelli is a human! Knowing she'll never be accepted, Zelli's parents disguise her as a minotaur in hopes she'll blend with the academy's monstrous surroundings. Zelli does her work, keeps to herself, and becomes "invisible" to everyone. While in History of Horrible Humans class, Zelli learns of the great human adventurer, Allidora Steelstrike, who oddly resembles her. Could Zelli also be a Steelstrike? Seeking answers to her true lineage, Zelli embarks on a dangerous adventure.

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1019919	Roux, Madeleine & Probert, Tim (ill) Dungeon Academy: Tourney of Terror	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780063039148	Something BIG has come knocking on the gates of Dungeon Academy! The undefeated Waterdeep Dragons have arrived for the Tourney of Terror games, which happens every fifty years and features every monster's favorite sport: Goreball! The Dungeon Academy Flumphs are outnumbered, outsized, and outmonstered! But our hero, Zelli Stormclash (a forbidden human, secretly disguised as a minotaur), is no stranger to impossible odds. Just a few weeks ago, Zelli and her crew, the Danger Club, came face-to-face with a maniacal necromancer and his army of undead! If this wasn't enough to raise scales Zelli's reoccurring nightmare of a dark entity annihilating her world may be more than just a bad dream. Something sinister is lurking in the halls of the academy, and only Zelli seems to notice. But when Zelli uncovers a dark past hidden beneath Dungeon Academy, she unlocks something that will concern everyone at school, every dragon at Waterdeep, and everything within the Forgotten Realms.
1019782	Rushby, Allison & Marando, Bronte Rose (ill) Miss Penny Dreadful & the mermaid's locks	Walker Books	2023	9781760655747	Penny and her Aunt Harriet, a writer of penny dreadfuls for the newspapers, explore the mysterious Mermaid of the Thames. Meanwhile another cryptic postcard arrives from Penny's missing parents. Nothing is as it seems. Will she be able to piece together all the clues?
995916	Sanchez, Anita & Ford, Gilbert Rotten! Vultures, beetles, slime, and nature's other decomposers	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780358732884	From sharks and vultures feasting on animal carcasses to worms, maggots, and dung beetles devouring decaying plants, decomposition is happening everywhere. Decomposition isn't always ugly and disgusting. And, believe it or not, it isn't always smelly. So unplug your nose! Get ready to take a fascinating trip into the world of rotten.
1078774	Shakespeare, William & Stadtlander, Becca (ill) Bold and brave women from Shakespeare	Walker Books	2020	9781406394344	Stories of twelve of Shakespeare's courageous, strong-willed and determined characters, including Viola, Cleopatra, Portia, Lady Macbeth and Margaret of Anjou, are brought to life with Becca Stadtlander's rich and evocative illustrations.
903320	Sheneman, Drew Goldilocks zone, The	Harper	2021	9780062972361	What makes Earth so special? Join Goldilocks and her best friend, Baby Bear, on an interstellar adventure to learn all about our solar system in this informative, hilarious, and 100 percent factual nonfiction picture book.

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1013326	Shepard, Sara Penny draws a best friend	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922790248	Fifth grader and budding artist Penny Lowry has a multitude of worries - why does the cubby room always smell of farts? Why is my mum suddenly acting like she has a secret? And why has my best friend ditched me for the most popular (and meanest) girl in school? Penny chronicles these and other questions in a journal she writes to her dog, Cosmo. Find out how Penny deals with her worries because there's a lot to be worried about in fifth grade, and even more to laugh about!
1019790	Shepard, Sara Penny draws a school play	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922790408	Penny Lowry is back with more worries and more challenges - what if I don't want a part in the school play? Why do we have to move to a new house? Why does everything keep changing? It's scary moving to a new house, especially one with a strange new neighbour and a bedroom with weird creaky sounds. Even scarier is the school play where everyone has to have a part - even Penny! Change is hard, but lucky for Penny, she has Cosmo the dog and good friends by her side.
943507	Smith, Shaa Dunggiirr Brothers and the caring song of the whale, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526313	Welcome to Ngambaa Country on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. I am Aunty Shaa and this is the story of the Koala Brothers, the Dunggiirr Brothers. This is the story of our Country. We live the story of being saved by Dunggiirr and we do a ceremony to keep it alive. It is this story and memory we share with you in this book.
1019623	Snape, Emily Game on: Glitched	EK Books	2023	9781922539410	Discovering another app on their babysitter's phone, Liam sends the brothers travelling through time. Landing in earlier versions of their home town, they find themselves in the Stone Age, Roman times, the Middle Ages and prehistoric times with dinosaurs. To return to their own time , they're going to have to solve riddles whilst dodging woolly mammoths, jousting knights and every kind of disgusting bodily fluid you can think of. Can they survive the dangers, solve the riddles and get back before the phone battery dies, and they're stranded in another time forever?
1019793	Staff, PA Casander Darkbloom and the threads of power	Walker Books	2023	9781529506280	When Cas meets a girl named Warrior, he enters a magical world that is waiting for Cas to save it. But first, Cas must master his magical abilities at Wayward School.
941501	Stanton, Matt Bored: Evie dreams big	ABC Audio - Enterprises	2023	9780733342066	Evie lives on Turtle Place, and she's bored. She is making plans, actual plans, to build her own house. Only, it seems that everyone else that lives on Turtle Place has an opinion they'd like to share. Frog and Milo want to build something totally different. Mr Santos is grumpy, Mrs Katz is spying on her, her sister is the most annoying person in the world, and her parents don't believe in her. But she has a plan, and she dreams big.

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990355	Steffensen, Victor & Steffensen, Sandra (ill) Looking after Country with fire: Aboriginal burning knowledge with Uncle Kuu	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781741177824	For thousands of years, First Nations people have listened and responded to the land and made friends with fire, using this knowledge to encourage plants and seeds to flourish, and creating beautiful places for both animals and people to live.  Join Uncle Kuu as he takes us out on Country and explains cultural burning. Featuring stunning artwork by Sandra Steffensen, this is a powerful and timely story of understanding Australia's ecosystems through Indigenous fire management, and a respectful way forward for future generations to help manage our landscapes.
959170	Sussman, Tami So that happened... but maybe you already knew that	Walker Books	2023	9781760656010	As Nutty plans and prepares for her bat mitzvah, she is suddenly beset with many more challenges than she expected. Not only are her parents having money troubles, but her best friend no longer feels like a girl. Follow Nutty as she tries to keep her family and friendships from falling apart.
1039693	Sutherland, Tui T & Holmes, Mike (ill) Wings of fire graphic novel series: Winter turning	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781338730937	Daring mission... or deadly mistake. Winter has always been a disappointment to his royal IceWing family. Now he has a chance to save his sister, Icicle, from making a terrible mistake - if he can find her. Winter's new clawmates, Moon, Kinkajou and Qibli, insist on joining his dangerous journey. They don't understand that IceWings, the most superior of all dragon tribes, can fix their own problems. When their search leads the dragonets straight into Queen Scarlet's vicious talons, Winter is grateful to have some help. But even the bravest dragons can't follow him to the Ice Kingdom. There, he'll be alone to face the greatest threat of all: his own family.
941474	Tanner, Lian & Soweol Han, Sally (ill) Spellhound: A dragons of Hallow book	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180057	What do a minch-wiggin, a Queen, and a rather large magical pup have in common? They need to find the dragon that has turned their worlds upside-down... even if it means revealing all they want to keep hidden! A delightfully pleasing whimsical fantasy novel for readers who love Cressida Cowell or Katrina Nannestad.



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1019839	Tarshis, Lauren I survived the shark attacks of 1916: The graphic novel	Scholastic US	2021	9781769112845	Chet Roscow is finally feeling at home in Elm Hills, New Jersey. But Chet's summer is interrupted by shocking news. A great white shark has been attacking swimmers along the Jersey shore, not far from Elm Hills. So when Chet sees something in the creek, he's sure it's his imagination... until he comes face-to-face with a bloodthirsty shark!
1019841	Tarshis, Lauren I survived the sinking of the Titanic 1912: The graphic novel	Scholastic US	2021	9781761128448	George Calder must be the luckiest kid alive - he and his little sister, Phoebe, are sailing with their aunt on the Titanic, the greatest ship ever built! George can't resist exploring every inch of the incredible boat, even if it gets him into trouble. But one night while George is off exploring, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Soon the impossible is happening: The Titanic is sinking. George has always gotten out of trouble before. Can he survive this nightmare?
1019840	Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott I survived the sinking of the Titanic 1912	Scholastic US	2010	9780545206945	Ten-year-old George Calder can't believe his luck -- he and his little sister, Phoebe, are on the famous Titanic, crossing the ocean with their Aunt Daisy. The ship is full of exciting places to explore, but when George ventures into the first class storage cabin, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Suddenly, water is everywhere, and George's life changes forever.
37000	Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott (ill) I survived the Japanese tsunami, 2011	Scholastic US	2013	9780545459372	Ben has already suffered the loss of his Dad in a car accident, but a family trip to Japan holds even worse things for Ben, his Mum and brother - they arrive in time for the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The devastation is immense, will Ben find his family again? Ben learns important lessons about survival and hope. He comes to understand that the Japanese will to be strong and patient in the face of disasters will get them through this terrible time and help Ben himself to move forward.
10417	Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott (ill) I survived the shark attacks of 1916	Scholastic Australia	2010	9780545206952	Chet Roscow is ten and feeling lonely living with his Uncle Jerry in a new town. When news stories about shark attacks on the coast come out, everybody thinks it is a great joke. On the east coast of America in 1916 no one had heard of anyone being attacked by a shark before. Chet and some friends trick each other by pretending to be sharks. But when Chet is attacked by a real shark in the creek he has to find someone who believes him, before it is too late.

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1013107	Tedesco, James & McKenzie, Heath (ill) Red vs Blue	Pan MacMillan	2021	9781760982928	A new rugby league team has been created for Teddy and his mates, The Camden Blues. The only problem is they don't have enough players to fill it. Can Teddy and his friends form a team and gel together quickly enough to take on their Camden Red rivals?
959171	Thomas, Angie Nic Blake and the remarkables: The manifestor prophecy	Walker Books	2023	9781529516326	All Nic Blake wants for her twelfth birthday is for her dad to trust her enough to teach her how to use her Gift to become a Manifestor like him. But before she has a chance, she's faced with a shocking revelation. Nic and her two friends are thrown into a terrifying quest to find a powerful magical object and save her family.
1075644	Wadrill, Violet & Ngarnjal, Topsy Dodd & Leaman, Leah & Edwards, Cecelia & Algy, Cassandra et al. Tamarra: A Story of Termites on Gurindji Country	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781741178302	Tamarra: A Story of Termites on Gurindji Country is a fascinating, illustrated science book that takes kids inside the life of termites through storytelling from the Gurindji People. Did you know there are four types of termite poo? Or that a warm paste made from termite mound is used to strengthen a Gurindji baby's body and spirit? Or that spinifex (which termites eat) is one of the strongest plants in the world? Created as a collaboration between over 30 First Nations and non-Indigenous contributors, the story and artworks explore how termites and their mounds connect different parts of Country, from tiny Gurindji babies and their loving grandmothers, to spiky spinifex plants growing in the hot sun.
1019733	Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) Blunders, The	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008614393	The Blunders are the most blundersome family in the blundering history of blunderdom. They live in Blunder Hall. When the Blunders are about to lose their home, how will they come together to save it?
	Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) World's worst 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.
916551	Warber, Bernard & Hapka, Catherine Lyle, Lyle, crocodile: The junior novelization	Clarion Books	2022	9780358755432	When shy twelve-year-old Josh Primm finds a singing crocodile in the attic of his new home in New York City, he never expects to find moonlight adventures, friendship and so much fun! But not everyone in the neighborhood takes kindly to Lyle the crocodile, and Josh has to find his inner courage and show everyone that Lyle is extraordinary. Josh and his parents must fight to keep Lyle as part of their family.

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903240	Williams, Sean Honour among ghosts	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761065767	When Penny's father is arrested for thievery, she is convinced that he has been framed. But by whom? Together with the magistrate's son, a traveller and a magical scribe's apprentice, Penny soon uncovers more crimes - and it's always the rich being burgled and the poor being blamed. The town is in uproar, and a mysterious inspector arrives, but can they be trusted? How will this plucky foursome untangle the truth and put things right?
1019842	Wilson, Mark Caroline	Windy Hollow Books	2023	9781922081018	You may have heard the name of Caroline Chisholm but her devotion to the poor and needy is a part of Australian history that is not often told. 'Caroline' is an inspiring retelling of the life of one of Australia's most famous women. Her selfless devotion to people in need changed the lives of many for the better and she is an inspiring hero deserving of recognition.
989995	Wolfer, Dianne & Flowers, Tony (ill) Scout and the rescue dogs	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760655860	The summer holidays have finally arrived and Scout can't wait for her adventure in the big rig with Dad. They're on a mission to deliver donations of dog food to animal rescue shelters in rural Victoria and NSW in time for Christmas. But there are so many sad and lonely dogs at each shelter looking for a new home. Scout thinks she has a great idea to find the perfect owners for these pups. But with reports of bushfires in the area, it's not just the dogs who will need rescuing.
995975	Young, Caroline & Various (ill) Friendship survival guide	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803704616	If you are shy and have trouble making friends or seem to have trouble keeping them, this book is the book for you. This has lots of friendly advice to guide you through the ups and downs of friendship and how to navigate them.