



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
1153328	Adams, Victoria M House at the end of the sea, The	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839134234	After a family tragedy, Saffi has to move to her grandparents' spooky B&B by the sea. The walls change colour, a stranger's face appears in the mirror, and she hears eerie music at night. When a group of mysterious guests arrive at midnight, Saffi becomes enmeshed in her family's dar, magical secret...
1209827	Alcott, Dylan & Regan, Fiona & Ziersch, Nahum (ill) Game on	ABC Books	2024	9780733343209	Dylan, his bestie Hannah, and friends Yusuf and Gemma are all starting high school. How will each navigate the joys and challenges of this new environment? Will their friendship survive? And, at a time where EVERYTHING feels personal, will Dylan learn that not everything is about him?
896426	Alexander, Kwame Rebound	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780358494836	Hoop kings SOAR in kicks with wings. Game so sweet it's like bee stings. It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ. When he gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again?

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1174718	Almond, David & Stewart, Lizzy (ill) Puppet	Viking Children's	2024	9781406391619	Silvester is a retired puppet maker, but he makes one last puppet, as tall as a child. He held the puppet's arms out wide and wondered what strange kind of story Puppet might be in. New friends help Puppet discover the world and the joys of imagination.
1186202	Alston, B. B Amari and the Night Brothers	Egmont Childrens	2022	9780062975171	Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing older brother, Quinton, is alive. Not even when the police told her otherwise, or when she got in trouble for standing up to bullies who said he was gone for good. So when she discovers a ticking briefcase in his closet containing a nomination for a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive organisation holds the key to locating Quinton - if only she can wrap her head around the idea of magicians, fairies, aliens, and other supernatural creatures all being real. Now she must compete for a spot against kids who've known about magic their whole lives. No matter how hard she tries, Amari can't seem to escape their intense scrutiny and doubt. With an evil magician threatening the supernatural world, and her own classmates thinking she's an enemy, Amari has never felt more alone. But if she doesn't stick it out and pass the tryouts, she may never find out what happened to Quinton.
1209752	Anlauf, Lena & Konstantinov, Vitali (ill) & Yarbrough, Marshall (trans) Genius ears: a curious animal compendium	North South Books	2024	9780735845626	Ears can do much more than just pick up sound waves. In the animal kingdom, ears are sometimes an animal's strongest asset! For example, a fleeing black-tailed jackrabbit uses the position of its ears to help it confuse its pursuers and get away from danger. Some animals can close their ears to protect their bodies or use them to cool down or stay warm. Whether long, tuft, or goblin, ears can tell a lot about animals and their habits and habitats.
1209799	Baddiel, David & Loftis, Cory (ill) Small fry	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008621988	The story of one boy and his brilliant burgers. Benny Burns spends every weekend helping his dad by working at their burger van. He invents the best tasting burger ever but then the rival Bonkers Burger boss gets a whiff of his talents. Who makes the best burgers? A competition will decide.

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1209716	Barkla, Charlotte 11 Ruby road: 1925	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657956	<p>It is 1925 and Bert Mueller and his German-Australian family have moved from Ipswich to their new house at 11 Ruby Road. Bert's father has been deported to Germany after the Great War, and with Dad still absent, Bert is unsure about moving away. But the city means opportunity and jobs for his mother and older siblings. And for the grown-ups , it also means fun - dressing up, going out, and all that jazz. Bert loves jazz too, but he's too young for the clubs, and instead his time is spent at his new school where the kids play cricket, not music.</p> <p>But with the help of a Gramophone, Bert has a solution. He will start his own jazz club, and 11 Ruby Road has the perfect spot to host it. But as prejudice about Bert and his German family start to affect their new life, Bert has to find a way to save his jazz club and his family.</p>
1209892	Barton, Ashleigh How to sail to somewhere	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423627	<p>Release date: March 25, 2025</p> <p>Beatrice Glass - Bea - lives in a tiny fishing village that's sleepy all year until the summertime, when the tourists flock in and most of the locals leave. But summer is also when Bea's favourite person in the entire world, her fun and hilarious uncle, Byron, comes to stay.</p> <p>On their last day together the previous summer, Byron had given Bea an intriguing antique book containing a map of Somewhere, a mysterious island off the coast, and promised that next summer they'd sail to Somewhere together for their best adventure yet.</p> <p>That was last year. Now summer has arrived, but Byron hasn't. And now it looks like he never will.</p> <p>Are the book and Byron's disappearance linked? Byron has left some clues for Bea - a scavenger hunt of sorts designed to bring her and her new friend, Arabella, together and give Bea one last magical summer. Could Somewhere hold the key to both Bea's and Arabella's future?</p>
1209686	Bayly, Sami Illustrated encyclopaedia of extinct animals, The	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421395	<p>Find out how these species fit into the history of the animal kingdom and why they have become extinct or are under threat. Featuring detailed scientific illustrations and riveting facts about sixty amazing animals, including the Western black rhino, thylacine, dodo, South Island giant moa and Tapanuli orangutan, as well as megafauna such as the giant wombat-like diprotodon and the crocodile-like Quinkana.</p>

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1153333	Bell, Jennifer & Wyatt, David (ill) Magicalia: Race of wonders	Walker Books	2024	9781529506143	FEEL THE MAGIC. CONJURE THE IMPOSSIBLE. When her dad is kidnapped by a woman with a giant hamstoceros, Bitsy and best friend Kosh are swept into a secret world of ancient meteorites and strange beasts called magicores, each conjured using a different emotion. Using a powerful bestiary called Magicalia, the friends must quickly become conjurors themselves, before following a trail of clues that will take them from London to India to Paris, in a race to rescue Bitsy's dad from a mysterious villain...
1209906	Bigna, Sandy Little bones	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268878	Bones has a fascination with drawing animal skeletons and collecting small dead things. Her friends think she's weird and Bones is on her own after losing her brother in an accident. Her mum has gone too. When a tiny baby bird comes back to life Bones makes an unexpected friend. How can she let Bird go when she doesn't want to say goodbye?
1141346	Binks, Danielle Six summers of Tash and Leopold	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734421890	Leopold and Alytash - Leo and Tash - are neighbours who used to be best friends, but aren't anymore, for reasons that Leo doesn't entirely understand. But now it's the last week of Year Six and Tash is standing in Leo's front yard with a misdelivered letter - and a favour to ask. It's a request that will set off a chain of events in their little crescent in Noble Park, a suburb that is changing, and fast. In the process of solving an unfolding neighbourhood mystery and helping Ms Shepparson, a reclusive neighbour with a tragic past, Leo and Tash each have to confront fault-lines in their own recent histories and families. They will discover that friendships can grow and change, that bravery takes many forms, and that, most of all - whatever the future holds - friends and family are what matter.
1209819	Boucherat, Max Last life of Lori Mills, The	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008666484	Lori is old enough to stay home alone! She insists. She's almost twelve which means she's almost a teenager. When she gets her wish, she prepares for a night playing her favourite online game, but a dark force inside the game seems to know she is alone and begins to stalk her. She quickly realises that neither her game nor her own home is safe anymore.

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1077273	Bowie, Sarah Nina Peanut is amazing	Scholastic UK	2024	9780702329876	Nina Peanut creates amazing videos - so why is it only her nan and best friend Brian who watch them? Surely everyone should be interested in her SERIOUS and NOT-STUPID videos about potatoes with faces? Nina dreams about being as popular as class queen bee Megan Dunne, who films NOT AMAZING AT ALL content of her pampered dog, Princess Trixie Bell. So when Nina's stinky cat Les wanders into one of Megan's videos by accident, and goes viral, Nina and Les are suddenly internet famous! But is overnight stardom as wonderful as Nina always imagined it would be?
1209758	Brian, Rachel (Be smart about) Screen time!	Little Brown	2024	9780316575546	This book will help you stay in charge of who you are - on and off your device.
1162138	Brubaker Bradley, Kimberley Night War, The	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790637	In 1942 much of France is occupied by the Nazis. Separated from her parents, 12 year old Miri is Jewish and not safe. Entrusted with 2 year old Nora, the girls flee to a small village where Nuns will look after them if they pretend to be Catholic. Miri takes the chance to help others at great risk to herself. Can she forgive herself for those she couldn't save and will she be able to save Nora and herself?
1089077	Carter, Slade Helios book, The	MidnightSun Publishing	2024	9781922858412	Twins Hugo and Kitty are visiting rural Australia on holiday. They befriend their neighbour, Lucas, who has invented the Helios Book, a solar device that will transform global energy use. Desperate to escape those who seek to steal the Helios Book, the twins follow a fairy wren through a wombat burrow and find themselves in a new world. Will this world offer the twins the haven they so desperately need, or do new dangers await?
950163	Chainani, Soman & RaidesArt (ill) Fall of the school for good and evil	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008554606	Nolan Hawker has been training at The Peak, a secret spy school that dispatches elite operatives to protect the innocent. His first mission is to go undercover at Blu Xpanse, an oceanic lab where a brilliant geneticist is making super-sized cockroach-like creatures that may have the potential to save the world. But Nolan isn't the only one with a secret identity - a Swarm agent has also infiltrated Blu Xpanse and Nolan has only days to uncover their identity and stop their doomsday plan.

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1209742	Chanfreau, Sofi & Chanfreau, Amanda (ill) & Marshall, Julia (trans) Giraffe island	Gecko Press	2024	9781776575657	Vega lives on the magical Giraffe Island with her father and Grandad Hector. Vega sees things no one else can and extraordinary animals keep her company. Rabbits with four ears, horses as small as cats, beetles as big as guinea pigs, even frumbimbles and spoonlurks from her grandfather's garden. Vega has never met her mother and when she asks Dad and Hector, they reply in riddles. So Vega and her friend Nelson set off to find their own answers. Clues from Hector's garden and a pen pals' letter lead them across the sea. First stop, the circus.
1138110	Chen, Nicole It's boba time for Pearl Li!	Quill Tree Books	2024	9780063228627	A story about finding independence, friendship, standing up for what's important... Pearl Li loves to crochet cute dolls and hang out at her favourite tea shop, Boba Time. Its quirky owner, Aunty Cha, is the only adult Pearl can confide in about her artsy hobby - her family is tech-obsessed and has no time to care. Pearl finds out that Boba Time is in financial trouble and she bravely starts a business selling her crochet dolls to raise the money needed to save Aunty Cha's shop. Trouble is, it's harder than she thought it would be, and it means fights with family, friends and more issues along the way...
	Child, Lauren Clarice Bean series				Spunky 12-year-old Clarice Bean Tuesday and her adventures at home and at school! 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.
941486	Ciddor, Anna Message through time, A	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180125	When 11-year old Felix finds a message in a bottle during a family trip to France, he and his unwilling step-sister, Zoe, are flung back 1700 years to Ancient Roman times. They are offered sparrows for lunch and horse-spit as medicine, and that's just the beginning! Back in their own time, they discover they have accidentally brought a high-class and very demanding Roman girl with them. Can they get Petronia back to her time and themselves back to their time before time runs out?

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1209924	Ciddor, Anna Moonboy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180743	An engaging time slip novel featuring a present day girl who slips back in time to the exciting days of the first moon landing. Letty is almost 11 and is not happy about having to spend her school holidays with her Nan and visiting her Grandpa, who has dementia and lives in a nursing home. But when a boy named Keith pops up from nowhere in Letty's bedroom, accusing her of invading his room, Letty is astonished. But things become even stranger when she realises she is able to slip back and forth in time. As Keith and Letty share the thrill and excitement of the first astronauts landing on the moon, Letty realises her trips to the past have the power to change history. But what if something she says or does causes a disaster, or messes up the moon landing?
1209771	CJ, Piper Fern's School for Wayward Fae: The graveyard gift	Walker Books	2024	9781760659288	Rosemary Thorpe has always been a bit different. She has the uncanny and unfortunate ability to foresee people's deaths, which tend to land her in hot water. Well, not actual hot water... where it lands her is a place between worlds called Fern's School for Wayward Fae, where Rosemary learns that her powers come from being part fae. At Fern's school, Rosemary meets other who are part fae - including Trym, her banshee roommate whose screams can kill, and Essie, a djinn who grants wishes. But just as Rosemary settles in, a student vanishes in thin air. And it's up to all the kids to use their curious gifts to find their missing friend...
1083344	Clarke, Maxine Beneba It's the sound of the thing	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761212123	This collection revels in the joy of language and offers accessible, relatable, and exciting poems that shine light on the everyday realities of young people.
1023589	Clifford-Motopi, Anton To and Fro	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180378	Sam feels like he is a weird looking kid, because he is the only kid he knows who is white and has an afro. He lives with his mum and his dog in Brisbane. One day, a surprise visit causes him to start to question his heritage and who he is. Faced with racist grandmothers, annoying school mates and some big questions, Sam is on a quest to find out who he really is.
1041323	Collard-Spratt, Rhonda & Ferro, Jacki Grandfather Emu	Boolarong Press	2021	9781925877861	Poor old Grandfather Emu can hardly walk or see. Of all the bush animals, who will lead old Weitj to the creek for food and water? In this fun Aboriginal Dreaming story, children learn how Mother Yonga Kangaroo got her pouch, and the importance of taking the time to help.

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1250419	Collette, Katherine Too tall tales of Alma T. Best, the: The girl who cried bird	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460765401	The problem with Bird Day is that all everyone does is go birdwatching. Alma's not very interested in birds. But when she manages to see an extremely rare purple-bellied parrot, it's big news. She's practically, almost, nearly, entirely famous! The only problem is no one else saw the parrot ... And no one saw Alma see the parrot ... And no one has seen the parrot since. When some so-called 'experts' suggest Alma didn't see the bird at all, she's determined to prove them wrong, no matter what.
1125049	Cormick, Craig & Mullinder, Lauren (ill) Superheroes for a day	EK Books	2024	9781922539977	Max, Daniel, and Natalie may not be popular, but they do have some special abilities. Some might even call these superpowers! Although these abilities differentiate them from their classmates, they are just the key to restore access to the sports shed and save the school from a day of maths!
1176958	Crozier, Lauren Best witch in Paris, The	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790880	Luna swaps her moonstone ring for a boobook owl in the Lost forest while promising to keep the bird hidden. This is not easy when the fearsome Madame Valadon (the Best Witch in Paris) is missing her boobook owl and will do anything to find it. Could it be that Luna has Madame Valadon's boobook owl familiar? A familiar can only belong to one witch. Luna needs to solve the puzzle and avoid Madame Valadon's clutches. This is a magical adventure that will make any reader smile.
819137	Earle, Phil When the sky falls	Andersen Press Ltd	2021	9781839135729	It is 1941 and bombers control the skies. Joseph, sent to the city to live with Mrs F, must navigate his new circumstances, facing the challenges of school and helping at Mrs F's zoo head on. Will Joseph find the stability and connection that he so desperately craves? Will he win over the zoo's most famous resident, a giant silverback gorilla named Adonis? What will happen if the bombers inadvertently free Adonis from his cage? Will Joseph or Mrs F be brave enough to act?

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934175	Earle, Phil While the storm rages	Andersen Press Ltd	2022	9781839132056	It is September 1939 and war is imminent. As Noah's dad prepares to join the fight, Noah promises to keep their family dog safe. When the government issues an advisory that all pets be euthanised in readiness for the war, Noah decides not to comply. He and two other children embark upon a mission to save their pets, and as many other animals as they can.
1209826	Edwards, Helen Legend of the lighthouse moon	Roaring Book Press	2024	9781763526013	13-year-old Mona and her younger brother Albert live with their grandparents at a remote lighthouse on Kangaroo Island. Together, they keep the lighthouse operational. Mona has complicated feelings about her recent type 1 diabetes diagnosis. It is through her engagement with the local sea lions and learning about an ancient legend that she finds the inner strength to work through these feelings. Additionally, and unexpectedly, she also begins to unravel the mystery of her missing father.
1088077	Edwards, Helen Rebels of Mount Buffalo, The	Yellow Brick Books	2023	9780645218077	Last time Clara visited the Mount Buffalo Chalet she was part of a family of four. Now, in 1998, they are only three, each navigating the waves of grief that have followed the death of Clara's twin brother. Without her twin, Clara's identity is in a state of turmoil. Then, she meets a girl who lives near Mount Buffalo. Clara is surprised to discover that this girl is Guide Alice - a rebellious, gutsy, and adventurous girl who Clara knows from the history books as having spent her life leading people up and down the mountain. When Clara and Alice are confronted by danger, will Clara rediscover her courage? Will she find the strength to reclaim herself?
1209922	Fa'aoso, Aaron & Tucker, Michelle Scott & White, Lyn Spirit of the crocodile	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781743317099	Twelve year old Ezra lives on Saibai Island in the Torres Strait. He loves the island, his family and he also loves a dare. But when one of his dares goes wrong, Ezra realises he needs to make better choices and take responsibility for his actions. As climate disasters threaten Saibai and it's inhabitants, Ezra and his best friend Mason must draw on their courage to help the community survive a massive out-of-season storm.

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1019880	Farr, David Secret of the blood-red key, The	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2024	9781801311090	After saving the land from the evil dictator Malstain, Rachel has found herself a Keeper of the Key. An honour bestowed on some to guard the Hinterland using the magic held in the key to stop any who would exploit it's borders. Not knowing how to use it Rachel swears she will not refuse the key when it calls. When Elsa , a young innocent girl, goes missing, the key does call and Rachel finds herself on another adventure, but this time it may not end so well.
1209849	Fielding, Yvette & Shaw, Hannah (ill) Most haunted castles	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839134838	Discover the spooky histories of real-life places in this chilling non-fiction series. Ghost hunter Yvette Fielding has been investigating spooky places for over 20 years. This time she is uncovering the ghostly histories of Britain's castles. From Oxford Castle to Bamburgh, these castles are filled with hauntings and spooky histories, brought to life by Yvette and the Most Haunted team's investigations. Dare to discover poltergeist and paranormal activity including the ghost of Anne Boleyn, dastardly poisoners and even Vlad the Impaler!
1209846	First Dog on the Moon Revenge of the toxic space potato	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066771	Letitia, Binky and Worried Norman are no ordinary teens. They are the superheroes better known as the Indefatigable EnviroTeens! Unluckily they have been space snorkelled - sucked up by giant tubes, teleported through the galaxy, stripped of their powers and squeezed out on...Mars?! Forced to join the Great Snorkel Manufactory, the three teenagers overhear the evil Baron Kartuffelpoffen's plan to snorkel up all of Earth's water. It really sucks! Can their trusty sidekicks, Stuart the wobbegong and Beverly the sourdough starter, come to the rescue?
1096816	Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Melrose, Katie (ill) Sensational sharks	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761211706	Dive into the fascinating world of our most fearsome deep-sea predators. Discover little-known facts about sharks: learn about how they hunt and what they eat, how many teeth they have, how they move, the weirdest-looking sharks, and find out if they're scared of people.
1096789	Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Ramiro, Xavi (ill) Life on us	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761211744	An accessible and often funny accounting of the tens of thousands of species that live on and in the human body.

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1066733	Freeman, Pamela & Anelli, Liz (ill) Seed to sky: Life in the Daintree	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760653750	This is a Nature Storybook, every wonderful word inside is true. Discover the abundance of insects, butterflies, birds, lizards, snakes and wildlife that get to witness the magnificent Bull Kauri pine growing in the Daintree Rainforest and how over 200 years it grows to be the watchtower of the rainforest. Read this story and learn all about the beauty of the rainforest from the forest floor to the canopy. The adaptation of animals and plants evolving to deal with climate change over the past 130 million years of its life.
1209831	French, Jackie Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460763506	Tigg is orphaned, twelve-years-old, and the youngest bushranger on the Ballarat goldfields in 1859. When a robbery goes awry Tigg must go on the run, disguised as one of the thousands of Chinese men and boys who brave perilous conditions on the road from Robe in South Australia to the goldfields in Victoria. The danger does not abate. In fact, it multiplies. Who has offered an large reward for Tigg's capture? Should Henry Lau be considered a friend or an enemy? Can Tigg solve the mystery necessary to guarantee safety?
1209807	French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) Plague	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781743834824	Grass and wheat-lands spread to the horizon, and so did we, with too few ibis to control us. We could rage across the land. We ate the grass, the leaves, the wheat ...Plague explores the impact of human decisions on the delicate food chains that exist, through the eyes of the locusts themselves.
754441	Frenkel, Deborah & Snell, Danny (ill) Truck Cat, The	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761215766	Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away for both of them. Yacoub drives his truck to make a living, learning the landscape of a new country along the way, and longing for connection. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other and, in doing so, might find more than they expected. The official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2025, to be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand! This book is on the 5-6 booklist for 2025 only, and will return to the 3-4 booklist in 2026.

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1023651	Gale, Emily & Wheetman, Nova Outlaw girls	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790231	Kate and Ruby have a lot in common - they both live in the Victorian high country, both are daring and prepared to break the rules and both love riding horses. They could be friends, but they live more than 140 years apart. While Kate is secretly taking supplies to her brother Ned Kelly, galloping through the mountains, she is mysteriously carried through time and finds herself in 2022 where she meets Ruby. When Ruby travels back to 1878 with Kate she gets roped in to helping the Kelly Gang from being found. But Ruby knows that disaster is looming. Is it possible to change history?
1133720	Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill) Wylah the Koorie warrior: Protectors	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180798	Wylah is finally the Koorie Warrior, but her troubles are far from over! Her family and people are still prisoners of the cruel Dragon Army, and animals and children are disappearing. Faced with new responsibilities and a dangerous new adversary, can Wylah rise to the challenge and become the leader and protector her people need?
1234004	Greenwood, Mark Dragon's treasure, The	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993948	In 1931, four children make a remarkable discovery on a remote beach. But this is only one of many astonishing finds in the same area: silver coins, treasure mystery chests, strange objects and an unidentified skeleton. What mysteries are yet to be revealed?
1210807	Greenwood, Mark Vanishing, The	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993962	In 1978, a young pilot vanishes during a routine flight over a notorious stretch of water. His radio transmission to airport control is one of the most bizarre ever recorded. What did Frederick Valentich encounter? Where did he disappear to? Can the truth be found?
1153331	Griffiths, Andy & Hope, Bill (ill) Land of Lost Things, The: Adventures Unlimited	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761268267	Hey, you - yes, YOU! Remember the time we went to the Land of Lost Things to look for my lucky rabbit's foot and then we got lost too? That was one of our most exciting, surprising and knuckle-headed adventures ever. What? You don't remember? Well, have I got a story for you! It all started like this....

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1209882	Guerrero, Tanya Adrift	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2022	9780374389659	Two cousins; Coral & Isa... Although the two can barely stand the thought of being apart while Coral's family goes on a sea voyage, things take a turn for the worst when the boat capsizes and Coral's family is lost at sea. Coral, who washes up alone on an island, fights to survive while Isa, at home on Pebble Island, remains hopeful that her cousin is still alive. The experience in a most difficult time is agonising and vastly different for both cousins as they wonder if they will they ever be reunited? This is an insightful and heartfelt book that balances a strong representation of Filipino culture with a heartfelt message about how it is okay to not be okay.
959178	Hallbeck, Chris Pebble and Wren	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780358541288	Pebble must leave his forest home and live with humans to unlock his true monster skills. He finds Wren who loves scary things and is happy to help him. They quickly become the best of friends. But can Pebble figure out his new powers? If he can't, he will have to go back home and leave Wren and the human world behind.
1288273	Hamza, Nina Sam(ira)'s worst (best) summer	Quill Tree Books	2024	9780063024946	Samira knows this is going to be the worst summer ever. Her best friend, Kiera, ditched her for the cool girls. Her parents and older sister are taking a trip to India, so Sammy is staring down endless weeks spent with Imran, her little brother, and her Umma. To top it all off - literally! - her house gets TP'd. The TP'ing upsets Imran, who is convinced that they're being targeted because they're the only brown family on the block. When Sammy attempts to solve the problem, she creates a bigger mess instead. But she also meets new girl Alice, who is determined to figure out who was behind the TP'ing. Suddenly, Sammy's "boring" summer is full of clue-finding hunts, garage band practices, and getting to know her neighbours like never before. But when Kiera starts stealing Alice away, Sammy must decide if she wants to stand up for herself. One thing is certain: This summer is either going to be the worst (or maybe the best) of Samira's life.

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1209731	Hartley, David, Geddes, Serena & Cummins, Patrick Howzat Pat! Dare to bowl	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9781460764688	<p>I'm Pat Cummins and I love playing cricket. I love it so much that I sleep with my bat!</p> <p>There's BIG NEWS in my family - we're moving from the coast all the way to the mountains and I'm NOT HAPPY about it. I have LOTS of questions, like ...</p> <p>-Will I FIT IN at my new school? -How will I make new FRIENDS? -What's there to DO in the MOUNTAINS?! -MOST importantly - WHERE WILL I PLAY CRICKET?!!!</p> <p>If you want to know the answers to these questions, too - READ THIS BOOK!</p>
1076338	Hastings, Natasha & Smith, Alex T (ill) Miraculous sweetmakers, The: The frost fair	Hachette Children's Books	2023	9780008496067	The Great Frost of 1683 has London in its grip. Thomasina sells sweets on the frozen Thames, and soon hears of rumours of the Other Frost Fair that appears there at night. It is said that if you find the Fair, Father Winter himself will grant you a wish. Thomasina has an impossible wish: the return of her twin brother, Arthur. Thomasina and her new friend Anne soon discover that the Other Frost Fair is not fair at all, and that some wishes never come for free.
997696	Heath, Jack 300 minutes of mystery	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761200793	<p>10 stories. 10 mysterious situations. 10 brave kids. 30 minutes of clues. Mercer stole a secret message. What happens when the spies find out? Hamzi is trapped in a maze. Why is his brother trying to kill him? Charlene's room escape game suddenly turns deadly. Can she figure out why?</p>
27925	Heath, Jack Scream: The human flytrap	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760152086	Josh lives in Axe Falls - a town of mysterious disappearances, terrifying visions and unusual events. When his family moves into a spooky old house, and his strange neighbour tells him to GET OUT, he thinks his life is weird enough. But when his best friend's science experiment goes horribly wrong and he finds himself running for his life, Josh starts to wonder what's really going on in Axe Falls and if anyone will survive long enough to find out!

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1119030	Howell, A.M Secret of the treasure keepers, The	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474991117	In 1948 London is beset by fog and life is hard. The one bright spot for Ruth is the thought of her mum getting a job at the British Museum. They both love archaeology and when Ruth takes a phone call suggesting that buried treasure might be buried on a farm, it seems like all of their hopes and dreams could finally come true. This is a thrilling story of buried secrets, bravery and friendship, inspired by real life events after the Second World War.
1209740	Hub, Ulrich & Muhle, Jorg (ill) One wise sheep	Gecko Press	2024	9781776575954	Tonight the sheep can't sleep. The pasture is floodlit by a strange new star and their shepherds have disappeared. They've probably been kidnapped by a UFO. Or perhaps they've gone to see the child lying in a manger that everyone's talking about. The sheep decide to go too. What a surprise the shepherds will get, seeing their sheep turn up after such a long hike! But many pitfalls await an unruly flock in search of good tidings on their first night hike.
916540	Jackson, Linda Williams Sky full of stars, A	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780358667209	Thirteen-year-old Rose Lee Carter has chosen to live in Mississippi, even as racial tensions mount. Caught between those who want change by meeting violence with violence and those who believe in peaceful protest, Rose doesn't see a way forward. But when she decides to help Aunt Ruthie start her own business, Rose begins to understand how she can make a difference. Life might be easier in the North but Mississippi is her home and that's worth fighting for. Set in 1955, this novel seamlessly blends a fictional portrait of a young African American girl and the factual events from a pivotal era in American history.
1209697	James, Anna Chronicles of Whetherwhy: The Age of Enchantment	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008611583	In Whetherwhy, everyone possesses magic tied to the changing seasons, but only a rare few are Enchanters, born with the ability to control all four seasons. When 13 year old Juniper learns she is an Enchanter, she is invited to study at Thistledown Academy. Her twin brother, Rafferty, determined not to be left behind, follows her to the city of Stormgrove where he begins an apprenticeship at a bookbindery.
1209749	Jeffers, Oliver & Winston, Sam (ill) Dictionary story, The	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781406395471	The dictionary is not like other books. Her story is not clear like those of the books around her. The dictionary has all the words used by all those other books, but as she brings these words to life things do not come together clearly or calmly.

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1153334	Johnson, Mitch Toxic	Orion	2024	9781510111929	Hidden in the heart of the rainforest is an amazing frog that holds the key to staying young forever. Beautiful billionaire Anura Hegarty says she wants to save the rainforest ... she's lying. Jessica and Renata are determined to protect the frog from Anura's toxic plans. Dodging blow darts, poachers and giant snakes has them running for their lives, as danger and betrayal lurk around every corner. Can they protect the frog? Can they make it out alive?
1174884	Katauskas, Fiona Hi from outer space	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761069260	Alex wants to win the National Young Cartoonist Competition. She's got the talent, but what should she draw? Along comes Hi, an alien from the planet Wendy. Hi is also working on a project: he has three days to learn about Earth's leaders for his Earth Studies class. Hi's Earthly visits sets in motion a chain of extraordinary events, including a viral TikTok, a shoe-shop haunting and an astronomically wild rock concert!
1096775	Keenan, Cath (ed) Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 1	Sydney Story Factory	2021	9780648996064	The best of Story Factory Volume 1 showcases an amazing collection of prose by young writers through their participation in writing workshops which continued through the Covid-19 pandemic in Australia. Skillfully written personal and funny perspectives and ideas of what it means to write to an audience getting across what they think and feel.
1096782	Keenan, Catherine (ed) & Short, Richard (ed) Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 2 (younger readers edition)	Sydney Story Factory	2022	9781922719102	Thoughtful, warm, insightful, interesting and funny these stories come together to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Story Factory. From talking flowers, superheroes from the neighbourhood and the Museum of COVID-19, these young authors have created and edited their own words about things their audience may like and enjoy reading, from dream to grandmother's museum.
1209717	Kennedy A.L. & Dickens, Charles & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill) Charles Dickens' Great expectations: Abridged for younger readers	Walker Books	2024	9781529501926	Pip spends his formative years haunted by a brief and scary encounter with an escaped convict. As an adult, he unexpectedly comes into a fortune and sets about becoming the kind of gentleman that can woo the stunning but cold Estella. What does Pip lose in his pursuit of great expectations? What, if anything, will make him finally rediscover himself?
1133512	Kenny, Padraig Stitch	Walker Books	2024	9781529517781	Stitch and his friend Henry Oaf were brought to life by the genius Professor Hardacre. But when the Professor's wicked nephew takes over the laboratory, Stitch and Henry must escape - and make their way in a world that may only ever see them as monsters.

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1082798	Kessler, Liz & Dean, David (ill) Code Name Kingfisher	Simon & Schuster	2024	9781398512511	Liv is trying to research her family tree but her grandmother isn't interested in helping. Delving into the past brings up an amazing war-time story of bravery, betrayal and daring defiance. Who was Code Name Kingfisher and how did children become spies in Nazi occupied Holland? Liv is about to find out.
1286203	Korman, Gordon Superteacher Project, The	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063032798	Oliver Zahn thinks school rules are made to be broken. Especially stupid rules. A new teacher appears at Brightling Middle School and something strange is afoot. Everyone thinks Mr Aidact is unreal. Oliver has to find out what is going on..
1209936	Lai, Remy Chickenpox	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781250863294	When Abbey's friend Monica gets chicken pox and then it comes to her family and they are to stay at home for two weeks her life is upended. How can she possibly retain her friendship if she has to play games and distract her brothers and sisters from scratching and fighting amongst themselves. She was the big sister, the responsible one and it was not what a 12 year old Abbey wishes for. But through it all she realises something good is happening through the spots and itches. But being cut off from friends was difficult. Hilarious and funny you really will not want to stop reading this.
1209759	Lester, Alison & Tulloch, Coral Into the ice: Reflections on Antarctica	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781760526061	Go on an extraordinary journey with Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch, two of Australia's most celebrated creators, as they share their reflections on Antarctica: sketches, writing, paintings, journal entries, their own and others'. This is a book for explorers and dreamers of all ages, and for anyone who wants to be inspired by the wonder of Antarctica.
877886	Lewis, Leigh & Gomez Woolley, Sara (ill) Pirate queens: Dauntless women who dared to rule the high seas	National Geographic Society	2022	9781426371950	You have heard about all the Pirate Kings but have you heard about the Pirate Queens. They are bold, adventurous and formidable.
1209734	Mabey, Claire Raven's eye runaways, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781991006820	Three friends and a one-eyed raven find themselves up against the rulers who restrict the gifts of writing and reading to an elite few. They must go on a wild and unpredictable rescue mission. Who and what will they meet along their way? And what is the terrible truth behind everything they think they know about their world?

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750973	Macdibble, Bren Across the risen sea	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526054	Neoma and Jag and their small community are 'living gentle lives' on high ground surrounded by the risen sea that has caused widespread devastation. When strangers from the Valley of the Sun arrive unannounced, the friends find themselves drawn into a web of secrecy and lies that endangers the way of life of their entire community. Soon daring, loyal Neoma must set off on a solo mission across the risen sea, determined to rescue her best friend and find the truth that will save her village.
	Mason, Prue & White, Lyn (ill) Through my eyes series				Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series.
1199013	Master, Maryam & Hicks, Astred (ill) Laughter is the best ending	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761560132	Zee is a loner. She likes to read Oscar Wilde and watch documentaries all day which, according to her parents, is not normal for 13 year olds. So they decide to send her on a five-day holiday camp, hoping she'll make at least one friend. Now, Zee would rather take a bath in Tabasco sauce than attend a camp called Youth Fusion. But with influencer Tiffanee and super-nerds Jonah and Moses, she soon finds herself in the middle of a hair-raising mystery, hurling her into some fierce detective work and bringing her face to face with the notorious Old Bat Viv.
1185511	McGeachin, Jess South with the seabirds	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761068645	Mary Gillham was a naturalist who went all around the world studying nature. The one place she wanted to go - the sub-Antarctic - was however, off limits. However, with determination she was allowed to go and embarked on an adventure with 3 other female scientists to discover the beauty of Macquarie Island.
870595	McKenna, Skye Hedgewitch	Welbeck Publishing	2023	9781801300681	Cassie Morgan is at boarding school and hates it. She is ignored or bullied by both staff and students, but she stays because of a promise she made to her mother, her only family, and whom she hasn't seen for 7 years. Suddenly, Cassie finds out that she has a relative in the small town of Hedgely, who is a witch. Cassie sets off to Hedgely to discover herself, become a witch and find her mother.

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983575	McKenna, Skye Woodwitch	Welbeck Publishing	2023	9781801301091	Cassie has settled into life in Hedgely when, out of the blue, her troubled cousin, Sebastian, comes to stay for Hallowe'en. Sneering and scornful, Sebastian trails after Cassie and her friends, interfering with their coven projects and belittling the dangers of the faery world. But Cassie, Rue and Tabitha have bigger problems - as the nights grow longer, a dark shadow creeps out of the Hedge and villagers start behaving strangely, possessed with the desire to find a mysterious object. When the Hedgewitch is called away, the girls decide to investigate and discover that whoever is controlling the villagers is seeking a faery relic: an ancient and dangerous weapon, hidden somewhere in the village. Their magical training will be put to the test as they venture deeper into the Hedge and race to find the faery treasure before it falls into the hands of the Erl King.
1209714	McKenna, Skye, Tomislav, Tomic (ill) Seawitch	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781801301282	Seawitch continues the adventures of Cassie and her friends and in Cassie's development as a witch. A call for help from Sebastian sends them to Cornwall to investigate an intriguing mystery. They find the Erl King continuing in his plots to cross over from Faery, and the Seawitch incapable of stopping him. What can Cassie and her friends do to stop him? And what will Cassie discover about her mother? Join them in this magical adventure to find out.
1202391	McKerrow, Joel & Bryant, Wayne (ill) Urban legend hunters: The dreaded Mr. Snipe	Larrikin House	2024	9781922804716	There is something sinister stirring in the town of Shadow Grove. Something that requires the talent, training and dedication of professional urban legend (aka monster) hunters. It's a shame we don't have any of those... Meet storyteller Jeremy who loves telling tales that will make your blood curdle, fearless Samantha Small and Bad Boris, who may be anything but bad! This is not a fairytale. This is a hair-raising, spine-tingling, heart-pounding, hilarious adventure that is sure to scare the snot right out of you. Think you're brave enough? Why don't you take a seat around the campfire so you can hear the urban legend about the terrifying tale of THE DREADED MR SNIPE. Perfect for readers who love adventure, fun and spooky stories all mashed into one big poetic mystery!
1209724	McKinnon, Kate & Ca'ceres, Alfredo (ill) Millicent Quibb school of etiquette for young ladies of mad science, The	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008710682	Gertrude, Eugenia, and Dee-Dee simply don't belong - not in their town, their adopted family, or their etiquette school. A mysterious invitation from the infamous Millicent Quibb holds the potential to change everything. Will they experience belonging? Will they practice mad science? What life changing adventures lie ahead?

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1078769	Melki-Wegner, Skye Deadlands, The: Survival	Walker Books	2024	9781529518597	After destroying the Carrion Kingdom's stronghold, Eleri and his fellow exiles have thwarted the carnivore's invasion for now. But the enemy is regrouping, preparing for an even more fearsome war- one that could annihilate the surviving dinosaur kingdoms. Knowing their cunning foes will seek vengeance, the exiles must risk their lives to warn the war-torn herds and convince them to stand together for the future of Cretacea.
886016	Mollard, Myke Australia's endangered bush creatures	Woodslane Press	2022	9781925868876	Australia has some of the richest ecosystems in the world. Sadly, it also has one of the highest extinction rates. This is a comprehensive look at our endangered species.
1092485	Mollard, Myke Australian backyard birds	Woodslane Press	2023	9781922800237	Australian Backyard Birds explores the secret life of our colourful, characterful Australian birds.
1212133	Mollard, Myke Australian outback birds	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800718	Australian Outback Birds explores the secret lives of our wild and unique Australian birds. The wonderment of these stunning creatures, delivered with an engaging cinematic punch, will excite the imaginations of children for life, and fully engage any adult with a love of birds.
1212158	Mollard, Myke Myke Mollard's mini to maxi: Australian creatures from microscopic to monstrous	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800664	Through Myke Mollard's rich visual storytelling, Mini to Maxi explores the scale of our natural world. From the microscopic to the monstrous it is delivered with engaging cinematic punch, exciting any child's imagination and fully engaging anyone with a love of nature and science.
1209925	Mollard, Myke What's that? Australian birds	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800626	From barking blue-winged kookaburras, elegant emus and gallant galahs, lyrical lyrebirds and musical magpies to silky satin bowerbirds- Australia is home to many incredible feathered friends. But more than 200 of them are threatened with extinction! Discover why wild nature is our most precious resource. And listen to what nature is telling us.
1209921	🕒 Mollard, Myke What's that? Australian frogs, toads, and newts	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800640	From precious pobblebonks to terrific turtle frogs and colourful corroboree frogs, Australia has 240 known species of native amphibians, and they are all frogs. Plus two introduced species: conniving cane toads and smooth newts. Discover why wild nature is our most precious resource. And listen to what nature is telling us.
1209923	🕒 Mollard, Myke What's that? Australian mammals	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800565	From engineering echidnas to boisterous bandicoots, quirky quolls, threatened thylacines, diligent dingos, whopping whales and distinctive dugongs-discover why wild nature is our most precious resource. Australia has the highest rate of mammal extinction in the world. listen to what nature is telling us.

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1209918	Mollard, Myke What's that? Australian reptiles	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800572	From flamboyant frilled lizards to burly blue-tongues, sun-loving skinks, menacing mulga snakes and turtles that breathe through their bums- Australia has more reptiles than any other continent! Discover why wild nature is our most precious resource. And listen to what nature is telling us.
1209888	Morancy, Joalda & Cushley, Aaron (ill) How to survive on the moon: Lunar lessons from a rocket scientist	St Martin's	2025	9781916745001	How do you stay alive in a place where everything is trying to kill you? In this book, Rocket Scientist Joalda Morancy teaches you how to dodge deadly radiation, escape choking clouds of moon dust, and grow essential food so you don't starve. You'll also learn how to live in underground lava tubes and even have a go at using a giant space catapult.
777925	Moses, Alexa Michaela Mason's big list of 22 worries	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781743838754	I've been making lists ever since I could write. It relaxes me. By writing my worries down, I feel as if I'm removing them from my mind and leaving them on the paper. My secret worry list is the big boss of lists. Right now, there are 23 worries on it. New school. New Town. 23 worries.
1083092	Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill) Football superstars: Aguero rules	Welbeck Publishing	2021	9781783126316	Sergio Aguero is a star from Argentina who first made it big in Brazil as a goal kicker. His coach when he made his first team debut said he was humble even in success. He is an awesome football player and the best striker in the world in 2021. This is about Kun as he was known and he is so very good.
1083094	Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill) Football superstars: De Bruyne rules	Welbeck Publishing	2021	9781783126330	Kevin De Bruyne had a football plan at the age of 11 and proved that he was a future star when he shot goals and went on to join a Golden Generation of brilliant Belgium players. He was a top scorer and eventually signed up to a London club Chelsea and play premier league where he rules with many honours and awards!
1083095	Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill) Football superstars: Messi rules	Welbeck Publishing	2023	9781783129232	Discover how Lionel Messi from Argentina created a world famous career and see why Messi Rules! In this informative graphic account impress your friends with knowledge of his nickname the Flea when he went to play in Barcelona at age 13.

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1209727	Nannestad, Katrina & Heiduczek, Martina (ill) All the beautiful things	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780733343148	<p>The Nazis want everyone to be the same. If you're different, you don't belong.</p> <p>Not belonging is dangerous...</p> <p>Anna's little sister, Eva, is frail and needs time to learn new things. She has a huge heart and a gift for loving, but Hitler doesn't value such riches. And so she's hidden away. Safe for now, but with the threat of discovery always near.</p> <p>Anna does her best to bring joy and light to Eva's small life with stories, trinkets and treasures from the outside world. But soon, more children need hiding. Risks are taken - by Anna, by her best friend Udo, by a Nazi seamstress and feisty Brunhilde. Until Anna wonders if any of them will make it through the war...</p>
1175450	Ness, Patrick & Miller, Tim (ill) Chronicles of a lizard nobody	Walker Books	2024	9781529517958	<p>Zeke's assumption that his role as Hall Monitor will be boring could not be more wrong. Pelicarnassus - fellow student, bully, and aspiring supervillain - is holding a grudge which quickly escalates. How will Zeke respond? Will he rise to the challenge of saving the school - and possibly the world - from a power-hungry pelican? A truly bonkers, must-read tale of friendship, courage, and craziness.</p>
1209850	Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth & Leydon, Dan (ill) Football GOAT, The: Messi v Ronaldo	Walker Books	2024	9781529521023	<p>Messi or Ronaldo: Who is the greatest football player of all-time? Compare all the latest data, listen to the arguments and then decide which of these footballing legends is the GOAT!</p>
1209794	Parr, Lesley & Dean, David (ill) When the war came home	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526621009	<p>The First World War has ended but it hasn't gone away. Natty has to move to a new village and meets two young soldiers who are suffering from the effects of war. Meanwhile her own troubles involve her mother and a life that keeps getting derailed by her outspoken behaviour. Merry learns that some things are worth fighting for.</p>
1262284	Parsons, Sandy Salty	Faraway Nearby Ink	2024	9780987615770	<p>Dara is starting at a new school and is determined to be popular but it seems Josh her new assignment partner is going to make being popular very difficult. Dara loves to use fancy words so at least their assignment on Ned Kelly's death mask should be interesting. That is until the death mask goes missing from the museum and Josh is convinced the new art teacher Ms Isoba is the thief. As Josh hunts for clues he discovers Ms Isoba isn't the only one hiding Secrets.</p>

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1209708	Plozza, Shivaun Summer of Shipwrecks	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702268373	<p>When Sid sets off on her annual summer holiday to the Shipwreck Coast, she's desperate for some familiarity after a year of unwanted change. Two weeks with her best friend, Lou, is exactly what she needs. They can continue their search for the millions of dollars' worth of riches that disappeared in a tragic shipwreck over a hundred years ago.</p> <p>But Lou has brought along her popular new school friend, Hailey, who's more interested in boys than treasure hunting. So while Lou is busy chasing Hailey's approval, Sid is left scrambling to catch up, wondering when everything changed. Can Sid protect her heart from getting shipwrecked, too?</p>
1209699	Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill) Millie Mak the mender	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460763797	<p>Millie Mak has a superpower. She can make handy and beautiful things from items she finds at home. In story one, Millie is visiting the Aged Care Home where her mother works. She decides to make hats for the residents to cheer them up. When the whole school decides to join in, Millie finds she needs to be more than just a mender of things, but a mender of friendships too. In the second story, Millie finds her skills recognised by a TV show. As Millie and her friends get ready for the recording, they have to work out how to stay true to themselves. Look in the back to find patterns for some of the projects in the book and make them yourself.</p>
1108116	Riordan, Rick Heroes of Olympus : The mark of Athena	Puffin Australia	2020	9780141335766	<p>It was the first time they had sat down together- just the seven of them. The Prophecy of the Seven was unfolding at last. The giants would be waiting. Gaia was rising. And unless they succeeded in this quest the world would be destroyed. The old score had to be settled to bring the god's two natures into harmony. They have to work together or Gaia will destroy us. Leo is the helmsmen of the Argo II, the entire ship a weapon hovering above the Pomerian Line!</p>

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23897	Riordan, Rick Heroes of Olympus: Son of Neptune, The	Hyperion Books	2012	9780141335735	<p>Percy is confused. When he awoke after his long sleep, he didn't know much more than his name. His brain-fuzz is lingering. Somehow Percy managed to make it to the camp for half-bloods, despite the fact that he had to continually kill monsters that, annoyingly, would not stay dead. But the camp doesn't ring any bells with him.</p> <p>Hazel is supposed to be dead. When she lived before, she didn't do a very good job of it. When the Voice took over her mother and commanded Hazel to use her "gift" for an evil purpose, Hazel couldn't say no. Now, because of her mistake, the future of the world is at risk.</p> <p>Frank is a klutz. His grandmother claims he is descended from ancient heroes, but he doesn't see it. He doesn't even know who his father is. He keeps hoping Apollo will claim him, because the only thing he is good at is archery. His big and bulky physique makes him feel like a clumsy ox, especially in front of Hazel, his closest friend at camp.</p>
	Riordan, Rick Percy Jackson series				Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to ten 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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1108788	Riordan, Rick Trials of Apollo, The: Burning maze, The	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241534267	<p>The formerly glorious god Apollo, cast down to earth in punishment by Zeus, is now an awkward mortal teenager named Lester Papadopoulos. In order to regain his place on Mount Olympus, Lester must restore five Oracles that have gone dark. But he has to achieve this impossible task without having any godly powers and while being duty-bound to a confounding young daughter of Demeter named Meg. Thanks a lot, Dad.</p> <p>With the help of some demigod friends, Lester managed to survive his first two trials, one at Camp Half-Blood, and one in Indianapolis, where Meg received the Dark Prophecy. The words she uttered while seated on the Throne of Memory revealed that an evil triumvirate of Roman emperors plans to attack Camp Jupiter. While Leo flies ahead on Festus to warn the Roman camp, Lester and Meg must go through the Labyrinth to find the third emperor - and an Oracle who speaks in word puzzles - somewhere in the American Southwest.</p>
1133516	Riordan, Rick Trials of apollo, The: Dark prophecy, The	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241377550	<p>Zeus has punished his son Apollo - god of the sun, music, archery, poetry, and more - by casting him down to earth in the form of a gawky, acne-covered sixteen-year-old mortal named Lester. The only way Apollo can reclaim his rightful place on Mount Olympus is by restoring several Oracles that have gone dark. What is affecting the Oracles, and how can Apollo/Lester do anything about them without his powers? After experiencing a series of dangerous - and frankly, humiliating - trials at Camp Half-Blood, Lester must now leave the relative safety of the demigod training ground and embark on a hair-raising journey across North America. Fortunately, what he lacks in godly graces he's gaining in new friendships - with heroes who will be very familiar to fans of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians and Heroes of Olympus series. Come along for what promises to be a harrowing, hilarious, and haiku-filled ride.</p>

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1108779	Riordan, Rick Trials of apollo, The: Hidden oracle, The	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241377536	<p>How do you punish an immortal?</p> <p>By making him human.</p> <p>After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disorientated, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favour.</p> <p>But Apollo has many enemies - gods, monsters and mortals who would love to see the former Olympian permanently destroyed. Apollo needs help, and he can think of only one place to go... an enclave of modern demigods known as Camp Half-Blood.</p>
1133752	Riordan, Rick Trials of Apollo, The: Tower of nero, The	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241588086	<p>Will the Greek god Apollo, cast down to earth in the pathetic mortal form of a teenager named Lester Papadopoulos, finally regain his place on Mount Olympus?</p> <p>Lester's demigod friends at Camp Jupiter just helped him survive attacks from bloodthirsty ghouls, an evil Roman king and his army of the undead, and the lethal emperors Caligula and Commodus. Now the former god and his demigod master Meg must follow a prophecy uncovered by Ella the harpy. Lester's final challenge will be at the Tower of Nero, back in New York.</p> <p>Will Meg have a last showdown with her father?</p> <p>Will this helpless form of Apollo have to face his arch nemesis, Python?</p> <p>Who will be on hand at Camp Half-Blood to assist?</p>

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1133738	Riordan, Rick Trials of Apollo, The: Tyrant's tomb, The	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241534274	<p>Things are getting very bad, very fast, for Apollo...</p> <p>The former God Apollo is having a pretty rough time of it. Well, for one thing, he's been turned into a human and banished from Olympus. And he's called Lester. But being an awkward mortal teenager is the least of his worries right now.</p> <p>Though he and some of his friends have emerged from the Burning Maze, rescued the Oracle and lived to fight another day, they can't escape the tragedy that has befallen them, or the terrible trials still to face.</p> <p>So, with heavy heart, Apollo (OK, Lester) and Meg have a triumvirate still to defeat, oracles to rescue, and prophecies to decipher, so that the world may be saved, and Lester may ascend into the heavens to become Apollo once again.</p> <p>But, right now, Caligula is sailing to San Francisco to deal with Camp Jupiter personally, and they have to get there first. Failure would mean its destruction...</p>
1209735	Rodda, Emily Landovel: The poison taster	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761069758	Derry remembers nothing before his capture by the vicious sea raider Cram. Gifted with the ability to read, he has seen and knows things about the sinister El. Now that he's been rescued his challenges are just beginning. Coded journals, friends and foes. He will need to be strong and wise for the dangerous journey ahead. Part One of the Landovel Quest trilogy.
1209932	Rosen, Michael & Phillips, Benjamin (ill) One day: a true story of courage and survival in the Holocaust	Walker Books	2025	9781529515985	Eugene Handschuh was a Jewish member of the Resistance in occupied Paris. After he was captured by the Nazis, he was placed on a convoy to Auschwitz. Against all the odds, with the help of strangers and fellow members of the Resistance, Eugene and his father escaped the convoy and survived - when so many others did not. Former Poet Laureate Michael Rosen was inspired to tell this story after discovering his father's uncle and aunt were on the same convoy as Eugene, but never returned.
1261591	Rossell, Judith Midwatch, The	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761212369	Banished to the Midwatch Institute for Orphans, Runaways and Unwanted Girls, Maggie Fishbone is certain she is in for a life of drudgery. But, she quickly discovers that there's more to Midwatch than meets the eye....Maggie is thrust into adventures and mysteries that she must solve.

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1209852	Sattin, Samuel & Gurihiru (ill) Unico: Awakening	Scholastic US	2024	9781339036335	A brave young unicorn, Unico, finds himself in a new world, befriendng an abandoned cat Chloe. Can he find out how to use his powers to help his friend, and escape the clutches of the evil goddess Venus, who wants to kill him?
1153340	Scales, Helen & Hendry, Kate & D'hipolito, Romolo (ill) Scientists in the wild: Antarctica	Flying Eye Books	2024	9781838741228	Join a team of scientists as they explore one of the most remote and fragile environments on Earth - Antarctica.
768239	Scrivan, Maria Nat enough	Scholastic UK	2020	9780702300486	Making friends isn't easy, but losing them is even harder! Natalie has never felt that she's enough - athletic enough, stylish enough, or talented enough. And on the first day of middle school, Natalie discovers that things are worse than she thought - now she's not even cool enough for her best friend, Lily! As Natalie tries to get her best friend back, she learns more about her true self and natural talents. If Natalie can focus on who she is rather than who she isn't, then she just might realize she's more than enough, just the way she is.
1209776	Shakespeare, William & Chouhan, Dr. Anjna & Sutton, Emily Shakespeare's first folio: All the plays (Children's edition)	Walker Books	2024	9781529514421	The words in this book are Shakespeare's and have been adapted for young readers. The folio was published according to the true original copies seven years after Shakespeare's death in 1623. Beautiful illustrations are inspired by rare books and beautiful historic objects in the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's collection. Well known verses such as the witches, Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble, and Hamlet's eulogy, To be or not to be, that is the question, encourage performance of these classic works.
1174711	Simmons, Anthea Secret garden rewilded, The	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839134203	Spoilt rich-kid Mia's world is turned upside-down when she is orphaned and whisked away to Mis Tor Manor on the edge of Dartmoor to live with her uncle and cousin Christopher. Mia is appalled to find herself in the remote countryside, in a freezing, crumbling manor. Grieving and missing her old life, she takes an instant dislike to Christopher, who never leaves his bedroom due to illness. Yet little by little, Mia starts to discover the beauty of this wintry world, and befriends local boy Daniel, who loves animals and teaches her how to ride a Dartmoor pony. One day she discovers a hidden door, covered in brambles and ivy, which leads to a walled garden... A special, secret place which needs someone's care to bring it to life once again so nature can flourish.

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	Spratt, R A Nanny Piggins 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.
	Stanton, Matt Funny kid 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.
867794	Steadman, A.F. Skandar and the unicorn thief	Simon & Schuster	2022	9781398502734	Get ready for unlikely heroes, magic, secrets and ferocious unicorns. If you never felt that unicorns were made from rainbows, you are in luck - because ! Unicorns are not nice!
1133231	Stegert, Alison D. Her Majesty's league of remarkable young ladies	Chicken House	2023	9781915026095	An exciting adventure through a Victorian world of villains, plots and spies. Full of spectacular gadgets and inventions sure to make the mind boggle. Winifred Weatherby is a feisty girl-genius and inventor who must protect the Queen of England while saving her own father.
1209823	Stelzer, Cameron Aye spy	Daydream Press	2024	9780987461582	The city of towers. The city of spies. On the eve of the summer solstice, Dart and Anna are without a captain and without a plan. With a deadline to meet and the clock ticking down, they will need every trick up their sleeves just to stay in the game. But do they have what it takes to outsmart an entire city of spies?
1209824	Stelzer, Cameron Dust till dawn	Daydream Press	2024	9780987461599	The desert awaits ...When the full moon rises over the blood-red dunes, charioteers gather for the Desert Dash - a race of speed, strength and skill. But Dart and Anna have come to the Sea of Dust seeking so much more than victory. With danger at every turn and enemies out for revenge, can they survive until dawn in the thrilling conclusion to Platinum Pie Rats?
1209822	Stelzer, Cameron Isle of wonder	Daydream Press	2024	9780987461575	All's not well on the carousel. With erupting geysers, a deadly mirror maze and the electrifying Serpent's Fury roller coaster, the Isle of Wonder is not for the fainthearted. When rival apprentices, Dart and Anna, scramble ashore with the rest of their crew, they wonder just how many enemies an abandoned theme park can hold.

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1209821	Stelzer, Cameron Traitor's tail	Daydream Press	2024	9780987461568	Four new apprentices. Four weeks at sea. One enormous secret. When the good ship Apple Pie is captured by Tasmaniac Devils, sworn enemies Dart the Dragon Slayer and Anna Bravetail must put aside their differences to plan an escape. But will they abandon their ship with a mysterious box hidden aboard?
1019771	Tait, A. L. First summer of Callie McGee, The	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781760260163	In the last summer before high school Callie McGee is wondering who she really is and how she'll go at her new school. An annual family holiday will be the catalyst for finding her voice and being brave and solving a mystery along the way.
1288216	Tait, A. L. Willow Bright's secret plot	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761528361	After moving to the city from the country, Willow Bright feels like she's lost her mum all over again and landed on another planet. Her clothes are wrong, her taste in music is wrong, and even the food she eats is wrong. But when Willow spots a pattern in a series of puzzling accidents and mishaps, she forms an unlikely friendship and finds new purpose. Can Willow solve the mystery and find room to be herself along the way? Or will her plot to run home to the wide-open spaces and memories of her mum land Willow in even more trouble?
1209864	Taronga Conservation Society Australia Taronga big book of animals	Penguin	2024	9781761347467	Think you know animals? Bet you didn't know... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The most poisonous animal in the world is a frog? - Bilbies can turn over 20 tonnes of soil a year? - Tigers have spikes on their tongues? - Walruses can sing? - Echidna poo is glittery? <p>Explore these and hundreds more funny, surprising, and completely unexpected facts about creatures from all corners of the globe. This book is packed with charming, vibrant illustrations of over 140 creatures and their habitats, guaranteed to capture your imagination.</p>
1122600	Thompson, Lisa Mystery of the forever weekend, The	Scholastic Australia	2024	9780702322648	Life is changing for Cory and he doesn't like it or understand why. A school bully has decided to target Cory and this includes trying to move in on his best friend. He has concerns about his parents and he is struggling in school. All this paused when he finds himself caught in a time loop and his weekend never ends. This might be a case of careful what you wish for.

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984529	Thomson, Pari & Paganelli, Elisa (ill) Greenwild: The world behind the door	MacMillan	2023	9781035015733	Daisy Thistledown is on the run after escaping boarding school to find her missing mother. She is being chased through London by someone who doesn't want her to find out the truth. She stumbles through a hidden doorway into another world - the Greenwild, a place of botanical wonders and green magic. A place that holds the key to finding Daisy's mother; and someone wants to destroy it. Daisy must band together with a botanical genius, a boy who can talk to animals and a cat with an attitude. Together they will uncover the truth about who she really is, and seek to save Greenwild itself...
1209929	Tutt, Corey & Williams, Ben (ill) Caution! this book contains deadly reptiles	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181030	Corey Tutt a Kamilaroi man OAM of Yuin Country NSW and Ben Williams, Jangala/Jaburrah from Warlmanpa Country NT with the knowledge of many others have brought together this book about reptiles across 20 First Nations Country and language that you may not know about, are they endangered? Facts about Deadly Reptiles!
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1273538	Vee, Dani & Faber, Jules (ill) My pet croc	Larrikin House	2025	9781922804983	Felix Marigold is given an extraordinary pet to look after by his Aunt Opaline (who also happens to be a famous scientist), but it doesn't take him long to discover that Jupiter is a crocodile. With his best friend Autumn and her pet ferret, Felix sets out to save Jupiter and defeat the four evil Caitlins who might just ruin everything.
1112565	Watson, Andi Punycorn	Clarion Books	2023	9780358571995	A tiny unicorn - big on confidence, low on competence - finds himself 'on duty' when Sir Ogre unleashes his evil army on Carbuncle, the unicorn kingdom. Will Punycorn, thus named because he is a puny unicorn, rise to the challenge? Will his hastily assembled group of misfits be a help or a hinderance in the quest to save Carbuncle?

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1133742	Weatherstone, Jen Queen of dogs	Walker Books	2024	9781760658588	Maddy's family are talented and ambitious - sporting trophies, top grades, they collect them all. But Maddy would rather spend time with her best friend, her pug Gusto. When Gusto disappears... her world changes. Her search for Gusto reveals a surprising talent and Maddy can't believe her ears. She can understand everything the neighbourhood dogs are saying and suddenly Maddy becomes the go-to canine problem solver. But when more and more dogs go missing, Maddy finds herself with a much bigger problem... and she is going to need a lot of friends - two-legged and four-legged - to help her solve it...
1079740	Whitesides, Tyler Magic's most wanted	Harper	2022	9780062568380	Mason Mortimer Morrison has bad luck. His Dad is in jail and his grades are terrible. He does not think things could get worse, until two officers from some organisation called Magix show up to arrest him in fourth period. Mason knows he is innocent. He might have to rethink his belief that magic is not real. He might need to run for his life and stop up to save his family. Firstly, he will need to befriend a talking rabbit.
813627	Williams, Rhiannon Otilie Colter and the withering world	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761212192	Otilie and her friends are part of the Narrowway Hunt. Flying her Wingerslink her job is to make sure the Narrowway and it's people are safe from the dredretches and to try and stop the Withering Wood. But Whisler has other plans. Plans that would mean something far worse than the dredretches. But what exactly are those plans and why does Whistler need Otilie's friends to complete it?
1209960	Willis, Maggie Edkins Smaller sister	Roaring Book Press	2022	9781250767424	Lucy has always looked up to her big sister, Olivia. But then Livy starts to change, and Lucy discovers that her sister is struggling with an eating disorder. Now Lucy also has to navigate middle school, making new friends, and a mean classmate. In time, Livy and Lucy rebuild their relationship, and learn that a sister is one friend you can never leave behind.
1209834	Wilson, Anna Paddington in Peru: The Story of the Movie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008681807	This is the story of the third Paddington movie, Paddington in Peru! Paddington and the Browns are off to visit Aunt Lucy in Peru. When he arrives, however, all is not right - Aunt Lucy has vanished! Join Paddington and the Browns as they embark upon a quest in the jungle of Peru to find Aunt Lucy.
1226217	Wilson, Mark Elizabeth: The story of an Australian pioneer	Windy Hollow Books	2025	9781922998101	Elizabeth Macarthur was a true Australian pioneer. This book celebrates her life and achievements. In a society that was dominated by men, who thrived as a mother, businesswoman and farm manager. An inspirational Australian story.

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1209875	Wilson, Stuart 113th assistant librarian, The	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761342257	Oliver Wormwood hurries to the trade fair. He hopes to find his new life in a trade his father would be proud of but after a series of calamities Oliver is left with no prospects until he meets a mysterious man on the edge of the fair. The man was flustered, and late and before Oliver knew he found himself the 113th Assistant Librarian. But things don't go quite as planned. By the end of the first day he witnesses a death, is frozen by a book and meets a lot of cats. With the help of a strange girl called Oliver will he ever learn to protect the library and live longer than the 112 assistant librarians before him?
1193371	Young, Rebecca & Ottley, Matt Stickboy	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781742994468	Stickboy lived in wind and dust, where ancient rock loomed like waves waiting to break...
1151645	Zane Huett, Caleb & Batson, Alan & Hill, Chris Minecraft Ironsword Academy: Ready set respawn	Farshore	2024	9780008666330	After a storm Woodsworth Middle school was to be rebuilt and in the meantime students had to attend Ironsword Academy .The Head teacher Mr Ferris is going to pull the plug on the old server which the Minecraft gamers were worried would make things go wrong in their game. Eek is to journey through the game to the end in less than 5 days, will he let us help him and what do we need to get to the end, if the Evoker Kid is trapped in the game we need to protect him too.
1133450	Zayid, Maysoon & Amin, Shadia (ill) Shiny misfits	Graphix	2024	9781338139280	Bay Ann is a keen dancer who has won a school talent show. This graphic novel follows the perspective of a person with a disability in a inclusive story. Bay Ann sees her disability as a part of her and not a problem. The story is full of friendships, coming of age and a talking cat.