

K-2 Booklist by Title - 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	Title/Author	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Annotations
1D 1209818	31-and-a-half things to know as you grow McKinlay, Meg & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760658052	There are so many wonderful things to know as you grow.
871583	A in the rainforest, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2021		This is the story of the A. The A in the Rainforest is a fun Australian-themed phoneme story that teaches young readers about the vowel sound A and where they can find it in different words. Beautifully illustrated by Janie Frith, the rich colours and vibrant use of multi-media enhance the magical experience. The book is about the journey of a young Rainbow Bird from the rainforests of Tasmania to their counterparts in New South Wales. The first book from Judith and Janie, The Oo in Uluru, won a 2019 Book of the Year award from Speech Pathology Australia; this is their fourth book, the others being The EE in the Deep Blue Sea and The O in the Snow.
1110374	ABC Disability Rose, Sarah & Pascoe, Alley & Feiner, Rebecca (ill)	Lothian Books	2024		ABC Disability is a must-read gentle introduction to disability that is accessible to readers of all ages. Colourful illustrations and clear explanations help readers to understand the diversity of the human race and approach those in their community with empathy and kindness.

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1D 1209767	All about the brain Dabscheck, Dr. Gabriel & Siew, Kim (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2024	9781922610768	All About the Brain answers curious kids' questions about the brain. Want to know why the brain is the boss of your body? Read this book. Want to know which creatures have the biggest or smallest brains? Read this book.
1089022	Apart, together Booth Sweeny, Linda & Rutland, Ariel (ill)	HarperCollins US	2024	9780063264618	Apart, blue is blue and yellow is yellow but together they make green! Bold, playful art and a simple, poetic text bring to life the magic of everyday transformations.
1209689	Apples Not Orples Stephens, R. A. & Dougherty, Carmen (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111693	Two apples plus three oranges. Does that make five orples? NO! It's still two apples and three oranges. Join the band of animals for a counting and adding challenge. But don't get too mixed up! Ever wondered why you can't add things up that aren't the same? Because apples and oranges can't make orples! In this quirky counting book, readers will engage with all the different ways you can go WRONG in adding like terms
1209847	At the Bach Cowley, Joy & Tapper, Hilary Jean	Gecko Press	2024	9798765670248	A beautifully poetic portrait that captures the sights, smells, and movements of a day at the Bach.
1209789	Backyard games, The Nicholson, Alister & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180927	The Backyard Games are on today, bring your gear, come over and play. We've recreated the Olympics here in the yard, some events are easy but others are hard. Run like Cathy, cycle like Meares, and don't forget to celebrate with cheers!
1141358	Backyard tennis Merrison, Carl & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421548	A mum wants to share her love of tennis with her daughter, but they do not have a court. An improvised solution of a washing line strung between two chairs proves a worthy substitute. The picture book explores what happens when friends spy their game and ask to join in.
1209784	Bear's lost glasses Timmers, Leo	Gecko Press	2024	9781776575947	While searching for his glasses, Bear spies a number of creatures whom he has never seen before; there is even a spotty snake with a long neck resting on Giraffe's chair!
1209803	Becoming Bach Leonard, Tom	Roaring Book Press			For Johann Sebastian there was always music. His family had been musicians, or bachs as they were called in Germany, for two hundred years. As he grew, he saw patterns in everything. Patterns he would turn into melodies and song, eventually growing into one of the most important and celebrated musical composers of all time.
1209804	Bee makes tea Sims, Lesley & Blunt, Fred (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2013	9781409550501	A rhyming story about a bee's preparations for a tea party and the clever solutions deployed when things, inevitably, go slightly awry.

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1D 1209760	Beginner's guide to choosing the perfect pet, A Rutstein, Ali & Doyle, Tommy (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761180903	Need advice about getting a pet? Consult this guide at your peril!
1052163		Walker Books	2024	9781760655099	Chant and clap, play and sing along to this fun-filled collection of classic nursery rhymes with an Australian twist.
1209790	Big gorilla: Book of opposites, A Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2024	9781529509588	A beautifully illustrated picture book about opposites. Some opposites are easy to identify, others are trickier. Are you ready to have a go?
1089004		Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760651770	Every life is made of hours, moments and feelings This story captures the memories of one lady, told through postcard images, illustrated with paint in a dreamy and flowing way. As you follow along her life of memories from baby to adult, you can't help but reflect and ponder the moments in your own life and realise how fast time can pass us by. A beautiful story with every read-through delivering a new discovery and moment to notice.
1209795	Book week bear Mather, Ruth H. & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761293047	Claire's costume was amazing she had fur and teeth and claws. Plus, there was the smell of fish coming from her jaws! Claire's bear costume has a lot of flair almost enough to give everyone a scare. But is it enough to win first prize in the Book Week parade?
1177334	Bowerbird blues Parker, Aura	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761205637	am a collector. Always looking, finding and keeping! Bowerbird loves blue. Magnificent colbalt. Brilliant, vibrant blue! But something is missing. What could it be?
1209874	Parker, Aura	Scholastic Australia		9781761521621	am a protector. Always watching, guarding and shielding. Bowerbird's nest is full. These fine eggs, whole and smooththe perfect three! But will they hatch?
1166493	Brightest Christmas star, The Motherway, Laura & Hudson, Deb (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734423085	A heartwarming look at the different ways in which families celebrate Christmas. Some families choose to decorate, others perform acts of kindness, while others enjoy spending time together at the beach. All these approaches are valid, and all register the joy, magic, and love that characterise this holiday.

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1089000	Brown bears Crumpton, Dr Nick & Larmour, Colleen (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529508727	Spring has arrived in Alaska, and a brown bear is waking up. She was alone when she fell asleep at the start of winter; now she is climbing out of her den with two cubs. Follow them as they discover how to survive in the wilderness, from climbing trees to catching salmon, as their mother teaches the cubs how to be bears. From zoologist Dr Nick Crumpton and with stunning art from Colleen Larmour, this is a gentle and fascinating introduction to brown bears.
1244439	Bush bubs Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760994471	So many joeys, puggles and pups. Let's discover our precious bush bubs.
1209684	Cheeky toddler alphabet, The Bell, Davina & Falkner, Jennifer (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734422101	The ABC of the joy, mayhem, and mindlessness of the toddler years.
1125083	Cheer up, blobfish! Murphy, Julie & Tribout, Rachel (ill)	Affirm Press	2024	9781922863966	The Festival of Fish celebrations have begun. Everyone is enjoying themselves except for Blobfish who appears a tad unimpressed. Will clownfish and friends be able to cheer up him?
1019886	Chloe's Lunar New Year LaMotte, Lily & Lee, Michelle (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063076518	It's almost Lunar New Year, and Chloe cant wait to celebrate! But first, Chloe and her family must prepare for the new year. They buy new shoes, lay out good-luck oranges in a bowl, decorate the red envelope, and make a crispy turnip cake. But, most importantly Chloe gets to spend time with her family.
1209836	Costa's garden Georgiadis, Costa & Quinlan, Brenna (ill)	ABC Books	2024	9780733343360	Put on your nature goggles and join Costa to discover the joy of nature.
1096866	Craft roach Burke, Rachel & Gray-Barnett, Daniel (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023	9781761211959	Craft Roach is an exuberant story about an artsy little bug who lives life a little differently.
1174755	Digger digs down Bell, Johanna & Bolliger,Huni Melissa (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702268656	Digger digs - down, deep and round and round. Along the way underground treasures are there to find, but Digger just keeps on digging. What will Digger discover? Will he be able to find his way back? A book full of energy, excitement and fun.
1125028	Doll box, The Kelly, Deborah & Bartel, Joanna (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539700	
1209783	Don't think of tigers Latimer, Alex	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839133268	You are in control. Imagine anything you like and it will appear on the next page. Oh just one tiny request: DO NOT THINK OF TIGERS!

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1209690	Dragon guest handbook Stampone, Jeanette & Heroanto, Novia (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111686	Uh Oh. A dragon has landed in your backyard and you don't speak a word of Dragon language. Don't panic. Simply read this handbook and you'll be ready to welcome your dragon visitor. Good luck.
871581	EE in the deep blue sea, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2020	9781925868401	This is the story of the ee. A curious sound as you can see. The Ee in the Deep Blue Sea is a fun Australian-themed phoneme story that teaches young readers about the vowel sound ee and where they can find it in different words. Beautifully illustrated by Janie Frith, the rich colours and vibrant use of multi-media enhance the magical experience. The book explores many undersea and reef environments and introduces children to twenty of the creatures that live there. The first book from Judith and Janie, the Oo in Uluru, won a 2019 Book of the Year award from Speech Pathology Australia.
1096839	Eighteen summers Harrison, Penny & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761212505	Let me tell you a tale of the stars and the sea, of adventures we'll have as you grow, wild and free. For the days may drift past, but the years will sail by, and we've just eighteen summers to share, you and I
	Elephant & Piggie series Willems, Mo				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.
1209745	Ethel the penguin Dubosarsky, Ursula & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180880	Ethel the penguin is fearless, independent, and a bit wild. How will her parents respond to her latest adventure?
1141364	Everything you ever wanted to know about the tooth fairy (and some things you didn't) Stewart, Briony	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421883	A jam packed guide to everything there is to know about the magical world of the tooth fairy.
1023716	Footprint Cummings, Phil & Soweol Han, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180323	You carry hope and future need with careful footprint, plant the seed. BreatheYes, breathe. Embark on a lyrical, meditative journey through nature's tapestry where every step you take leaves a legacy of wonder and protection for the natural world.

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1052158	Found Pascoe, Bruce & Ledden-Lewis, Charmaine (ill)	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936483	One small calf's journey to bravely find his family.
891432	Frank and Bert Naylor-Ballesteros, Chris	Nosy Crow Ltd	2022		Frank and Bert are besties, and love playing hide-and-seek together. Bert, however, is not very good at hiding so Frank wins every single time. Frank needs to decide which is more important: winning or being a good friend.
1209687	George the Wizard Armstrong, Tony & Sjaan Beukers, Emma (ill)	Lothian Books	2024		George the Wizard has the best life on top of his magical mountain, but he's missing one key thing: friends! An uplifting story about friendship and letting others see your true colours from the ever-popular Tony Armstrong, with incredible artwork by debut illustrator Emma Sjaan Beukers.
1019727	Giinagay gaagal, hello ocean Greenwood, Melissa	ABC Books	2023		Come on an adventure to the ocean, where you will listen and learn from Mother Earth. What amazing creatures will you see? What kind of games can you play before it's time to settle down for a yarn and some tea? A delightful day's journey of learning and fun. This First Nations story book is a beautiful read aloud for younger children and the illustrations are detailed and intricate, making the story come alive even more. Gumbaynggirr translation is included in the back.
1133520	Gorgeously me! Van Ness, Jonathan & Nair, Kamala (ill)	Walker Books	2024		Loving yourself, being gorgeous allows you to love others, need others and transform others. The vibe is doing it in so many different ways, such as playing together, joining in and being the best YOU. A simple recipe for growing up and getting around doubtful thoughts, just being with others to make gorgeously us.
1209931	Happy birthday, Little Wombat! Fuge, Charles	Walker Books	2025		Little Wombat's friends band together to help Little Wombat have an epic birthday celebration.
1209809	Hazel's treehouse Louise, Zanni & Watson, Judy (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd			Hazel has an amazing treehouse in the bush which she shares with her even more amazing animal friends. Imagination and friendship make sure there is always an adventure, but there also quiet times and pancake making.
1096840	Hello twigs: Look who's grumpy Mcdonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024		Stump has a big problem: he is SO GRUMPY! Because his favourite splinter is missing! How terrible. Can Stump's twiggy friends help him get rid of his grumpy, or will he be grumpy forever?

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ID 1096849	Hello twigs: Puddle party Mcdonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761212024	The twiggy friends are having a pool party. But Ziggy Twig is a brave explorer and is sure she can find something bigger, better and splashier for everyone to play in. That is, until she runs into a big, droolly DRAGON! Will our explorer find her way back to the twigs? Or is her latest adventure one splash too far?
1059108	Hello Twigs: Surprise! McDonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761211980	Red is a WILD TWIG who loves giving surprises. So when he jumps out and yells 'SURPRISE' at his friends, he expects them to laugh - but instead they are shocked and scared. Oh dear! Can Red stay wild AND find a better way to surprise his friends? We hope so! Go, Red, go!
1096855	Hello twigs: Time to paint Mcdonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761212017	Noodle isn't just a twig - she's an ARTIST too. And she knows exactly what she wants to paint. There's just one problem: the twigs have made red paint, green paint and yellow paint for her to use - but they can't find any BLUE. Noodle is dismayed - until she discovers that true artists can make up their own rules. Clever Noodle! She always works things out.
1209950	Hooray, hooray, it's library day! Grasso, Julie Anne & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024		The sun is up, today's the day. The little ones come, with smiles so wide and silky bags as big as them A lonely library book sits on the shelf, hoping for small hands to choose them Will today be the day they're whisked away for a reading adventure?
1052169	How to be invisible Bland, Nick	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460764060	When Bunny arrives at the park wearing Grandpa's hat, he thinks that he is invisible, but Bird can still see him. The more Bunny tries, the less invisible he seems. The best friends enjoy the hat even if it's not magical. But are they sure it's not a magical hat?
1209747	How to draw a dragon Talbot, Kate	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761180606	We all know what a dragon looks like, right? Maybe this hilarious story about imagination, creativity, and the strength of opinions can convince you that essential features of dragons are fire and roller skates!
1124756	How to move a zoo Simpson, Kate & Swan, Owen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180309	The true story of how at the beginning of the 20th century Jessie the elephant walked from Moore Park Zoo to her spacious new home in the Taronga Zoological Park.

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1D 1209862	house, The Wilson, Michelle & Reece, P.J.	EK Books	2025		The Humdingles are a VERY large family - three generations share a small house. Life is squashy and noisy. Given an opportunity to live differently, would the family take it?
1233667	I am not the Easter Bunny! McBeth, T.L	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9780593528457	Everyone, look! It's the Easter Bunny! He says he's just a regular ol' fluffy white bunny, but he's got a vest and a bow tie and a big basket full of painted eggs and candy! He MUST be the Easter Bunny! Right? Step inside and find out for yourself! Is this the REAL Easter Bunny?
1209779	I am tree rex! Davey, Mo	Berbay Publishing	2024	9781922610669	Rex loves trees. One day, a tree disappears. Can Rex save the rest of the forest?
1262224	If I had a dragon Dawnay, Gabby	Thames & Hudson			There are many safe and normal pets to choose from, but sometimes it is fun to explore the idea of unlikely or even impossible pets. Polar bear, octopus, kangaroos would certainly be exciting, but how about a dragon?
1209912	Jolly swagman, The Nanayakkara, Bec & Haan, Kim de (ill)	Woodslane Press	2025	9781922800893	Will dreams of going waltzing Matilda with Ollie - the swagman who comes to shear at his family's station. But then Ollie disappears
1096850	Ladybirds do not go to day care Rutstein, Ali & Nill, Nina (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023	9781761213113	It's the first day of day care, but Ravi's dressed up as his favourite insect and he is quite certain that ladybirds do not go to day care. In fact, this ladybird would rather stay home and eat aphids. Can an anxious and unsure Ravi find the bravery he needs to take flight? A spirited, funny and empowering picture book to encourage even the most nervous of children to spread their wings and try something new.
1166482	Let's try again another day Barkla, Charlotte & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734422019	Learning and making mistakes is how all new things learnt begin. Stepping always starts unsteady, new skills come when we are ready. If you are young or getting older succeeding in learning comes with mistakes no matter who you are. You will feel happy, sad or even angry along the way but you can try again another day.
1209815	Lethal lizards Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2024	9781922777294	Join a variety and lizards and goannas in a creation story that celebrates difference and highlights the value of self-belief.
1124676	Listen, Hippo! Evans, Gabriel	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761341700	Billy is feeling sad. he wishes he had someone to talk to. He thinks what he needs is someone to listen. But his best friend, Hippo, believes he knows exactly what Billy needs.
1153343	Little Axel's axolotl MacIver, Juliette & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781760656195	Axel adores his axolotl and Harris lives a life of ease: warm and cosy and coddled. But Harris has a secret dream and is about to surprise everyone!

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1D 1051107	Little treasure Gosper, Chanelle & Goldsmith, Jennifer (ill)	Lothian Books	2023	9780734421494	A sweet and gentle book that celebrates the bond of mother and daughter. Together the explore a deserted beach and revel in the joy of collecting treasure, only to discover that the best treasure is not something that can be stored in a bucket or held in a hand.
1209944	Lobsters can't knit Courtney, Karla & John Frith, Nicholas (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2024	9781763571808	To guard against the cold of the ocean, Lobster needs a jumper. Lobster wants to knit a jumper of his own, but his big claws make it impossible. How can Lobster and his sea creature friends solve this problem?
1209863	Meerkat mayhem Fox, Mem & Horacek, Judy	Puffin Australia	2024	9780143777687	After eating a large meal Meerkat finds himself stuck in his burrow. Will his animals friends rally to the rescue?
1209886	Meet the mubbles Pichon, Liz	MacMillan	2025	9781035068326	Something ODD has landed on the Isle of Smile. But WHAT is it? (Good question.) Can the Mubbles solves the mystery in time before the colour disappears from their world forever?
1209748	Mini and Milo: The last plum Dimos, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760656171	Mini the elephant wants to win the annual cooking competition. Unfortunately, she has insufficient plums to bake her prize-winning plum pie. Milo the rabbit declines to give his only plum to Mini; he has been waiting a long time for it to ripen and he does not wish to share. Will Mini find the final plum needed to bake her plum pie, or will she find something else - something more special - instead?
1209688	Mosaic, The Kelly, Deborah & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539731	When mum's vase breaks, everything changes. Dad moves out, Nan moves in, and Frankie's world feels a little bit broken, too. That is, until Nan has an idea.
	Mr McGee series Allen, Pamela				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.
1259264	My body, my brain Gills, Nicki Esler & Daniels, Inge (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761524622	Have you ever been a chatterbox, with lots of things to say? Or has it seemed that your voice has left and gone on holiday? Have you spent the day high-swinging, spinning, tumbling, giving chase? Or snuggled in a blanket in a quiet, cosy place? We're all important, not for what we can or cannot do, but because each child is precious. And every brain is too! A fun and engaging introduction to neurodiversity for all young readers.
1209887	My mum is a bird Cui, Angie & Barrow, Evie (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268632	Today is Parents' and Carers' Day at school. I don't want to bring anyone, but my mum is coming anyway. She is a bird. A delightfully absurd and touching story about celebrating differences and loving your family feathers and all.

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1D 1209933	My mum is the best McPickle, Nic & Doyle, Tommy (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181160	A funny and loving celebration of mothers everywhere!
1153635		EK Books	2024		Nobody likes Monday, and the complaint letters are piling up. People dread the start of the week and waking up early. Monday tries hard to change to be more like the other days, until one day she notices a colourful envelope Readers will love this warm-hearted adventure about learning to celebrate our individual talents and strengths.
1096856	Nothing alike Moor, Zewlan & Cheong, Peter (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023		Reuben and his best friend think it's impossible to tell Esme and Eunwoo apart! They both have the same dark hair, are both short, and they even wear the same school uniform. Except that once Reuben starts to think about it, of course he knows who is who. But the girls have a surprise in store for him. He and his best friend look more like than they realise!
871584	O in the snow, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2021		What words contain the O sound?
1061458	Oh, olive! Cho, Lian	HarperCollins US	2023		Olive's parents are professional artists who always paint prim, proper, perfect shapes, and they want Olive to follow in their footsteps. But Olive wants to paint differently; she likes to splatter and splash colour across her work and never paints perfect shapes, or any shapes at all. What will happen when Olive and her bright paints reach her parents' pristine art gallery?
	Ollie and Bea series Treml, Renee				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.
1209691	On the Hunt for Santa Gibbes, Lesley & Michael King, Stephen (ill)	Working Title Press	2024		Three friends, Cat, Hare and Pig, head off on a snowy, Christmas adventure.
871585	OO in Uluru, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2020		This is the story of the OO. An amusing sound for all of you! Learn about the vowel sound OO and where you can find it in different words as you explore Australia's Red Centre.
1096821	Our bugs Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2023		Discover the bugs of Australia through the evocative and intricately detailed artwork of best selling Bundjalung author-illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft.

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1105017	Our flag, our story: The Torres Strait Islander Flag Namok Jnr, Bernard & Mayo, Thomas & Mordey, Tori-Jay	Magabala Books	2024	9781922613509	Flags are symbols of identity, pride, and difference. Join Bernard Namok Junior as he explains the elements of the Torres Strait Islander flag designed by his father.
1209711	Over or under? Harry, Pip & Tapper, Hilary Jean (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421807	Maisie's dad is teaching her about the ocean. She quickly learns to jump over big waves, but finds it trickier to know when to dive under the bigger ones. Will she be able to muster up the courage to give it a try?
1125089	Pancakes for plum Tan, Rae	Lothian Books	2024	9780734422491	Plum worries she's not good at anything. Big Brother is good at climbing trees and Second Brother is good at painting, but when Plum tries to join them, she discovers climbing and painting aren't really for her. Then she hears piano notes for the first time and her heart flips over like a pancake on a hot pan. Could playing the piano be the thing that's truly meant for her? Pancakes for Plum is a gentle, whimsical celebration of self-discovery, beautifully illustrated by remarkable new author-illustrator Rae Tan.
1209774	Pau: The Last Song of the Kaua'i 'o'o Piedra, Tony & Joy, Mackenzie	Candlewick Press	2024	9781536219494	This book takes you on a journey way back in time. If you listen closely you will hear the sound of the 'o'o bird. Over time, that song grows fainter and fainter until it disappears completely. The 'o'o bird is no more; it is pau (lost forever). What has happened to the o'o' bird? Why did its journey end?
1097641	Penguin oh Penguin Milroy, Gladys & Milroy, Helen	Magabala Books	2023	9781875641697	Can Penguin make it back to its family?
1019902	Pidge's poppies Andrews, Jan & Ide, Timothy (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2024	9781922696380	Pidge's Poppies brings to light the message of hope with the symbol of the red poppy in a curious, delightful way when two pigeons tell a story about building a nest in the Australian War Memorial from cloth poppies strewn among the name plates of those who fought the war and lost their lives doing so. Pidge's remembering of how important carrier pigeons were in communication is both factual and comforting when the nest is complete.
	Princess in black series Hale, Shannon & Hale, Dean & Pham, LeUyen (ill)				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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1D 1096800	Recipe for magic potion, A Henseleit, Jack & Horne, Natasja (ill)	Bright Light Books	2024	9781761211881	To make a magic potion, you will need these things: A friend (or two or three) A bucket or a pot Or a hole And ingredients.
	Scholastic question & answer series Rippin, Sally & Kennett, Chris (ill)				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.
	School of monsters series Rippin, Sally & Kennett, Chris (ill)				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.
944267	Sea Country Cameron, Aunty Patsy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill)	Magabala Books	2021	9781925936032	My people are proud, strong people. We are the decendants of Mannalargenna of the Pairrebeene Trawlwoolway clan, We grew up on Flinder's Island in eastern Bass Strait. The bush and the beach were our playground. We were free there to hear Country speak to us. Sea Country will give you everything you need, if you watch and listen.
1209937	Searching for treasure Bell, Johanna & Long, Emma (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180682	This story celebrates the joy and wonder of a walk along the beach.
1153640	Shadow play Forsyth, Kate & Street, Rosalie (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781925563740	Minnie May is plagued by fear; her shadow follows her everywhere, she cannot shake its dark and menacing presence. An encounter with Ziggy heralds a shift in perspective, encouraging Minnie May to think about her shadow anew.
1209750	Sleepy sheepy and the sheepover Cummins, Lucy Ruth & Oswald, Pete (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760658953	It's time for Sleepy Sheepy's very first sleepover. But when it's time for bed, Sleepy Sheep cannot sleep. His blankets scratch and his PJ's don't match.
1231533	Speedy sloth meets her match, The Young, Rebecca & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia			Spike was a sloth, and yes she was slow. But, unlike the others, she wanted to go! Then Spike meets Dash, just what she needs - someone to play with who goes at her speed! A joyful story about finding friends in unexpected places.
1240904	Spiro McGregor, Anna	Scribble Press	2024	9781761381010	A hilarious tale of one spider's determined search for a decent meal from award winning author and illustrator Anna McGregor.

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1D 1096844	oStay for dinner Parappukkaran, Sandhya & Pereira, Michelle (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023		Reshma loves dinnertime with her family. They eat with their hands not just finger food type-eating, but hands-on squishy eating. But, when she's invited to stay for dinner at her friends' houses, she finds out that they all eat in different ways and worries about what they will think when they have dinner at her house.
1208957	Super snake Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2024		Dhurraluwi guuma-li - come together! Wantima - Rise up! Woorri - Share! This is the refrain of the Super Snake as he locates the water that communities need to survive, and as he teaches us the value of sharing bur resources.
1101133	Super speedy sloth, The Young, Rebecca & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023		Ever since she was small, Spike wished she could be a super speedy sloth on a great rescue spree. The other sloths said it just wasn't right out Spike was read to show them her might. A joyful and inspiring zero to hero story.
1209948	Tala learns to Siva Netane, Kealani & Ho, Dung (ill)	Orchard Books	2024	9781338859317	Fala adores watching Aunty Sina's taualuga, a traditional Samoan dance. Aunty Sina's hands and feet roll and glide seemingly effortlessly. When Tala decides to learn how to siva, she discovers that achieving Aunty Sina's flow and rhythm is anything but effortless! Will Tala find her rhythm and muster the courage to perform at her grandmother's birthday celebration?
1089012	Three dresses Gibson, Wanda	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702266355	Author-illustrator Wanda Gibson grew up on Hope Vale Mission in Far North Queensland. Her novel revisits the family's annual break from the Mission, and celebrates connection to family and place, as well as the loy in simple things such as a young girl's three dresses.
1063353	Time to rest Carty, Jack & Carty, Natasha	Scholastic Australia	2024		The sun is sinking low, my darling, the birds are in their nests. And you have spent the day exploring, so now it's time to rest. A beautiful and timeless Australian lullaby story.
1171888	Too many acorns Crispe, Susannah	EK Books	2024	9781922539748	Patrick finds an acorn. It is small and warm and smooth and something inside him begins to grow. He starts collecting acorns, a few at first and then a few more until the acorns are everywhere, but Patrick can't stop. What will happen when there are more acorns than space?

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1D 1209746	Tooth fairy and the crocodile, The Donaldson, Julia & Monks, Lydia (ill)	MacMillan	2024	9781447284437	Ruth Mary is a tooth fairy who is typically tasked with collecting teeth from beneath the pillows of sleeping children. In this book she is given a special assignment: collect teeth from sleeping animals! Will these animals help her when things start to go awry?
1185500	Waiting for Santa Cochran, Lucy & McKinnon, Heidi (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781760526719	Ren and Harry are taking letters to Santa. They want to bring Moloko (the cat) but mum says no. what happens when Moloko manages to sneak his way into a bag? Mayhem ensues. But can Moloko find Santa?
1153643	Walls Ingram, Tania & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111518	A Viking and a Knight are both convinced that they live on the best side of the book. When an argument ensues and each becomes suspicious of their neighbour, their solution is to build walls to keep them safe from the other side. But in their quest to build the better wall, will they fail to see the environmental dangers that threaten both sides of the book?
1209808	We live in a bus Petzold, Dave	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2024	9781760764647	Some families live in houses and some live in apartment buildings, but can a family live on a bus? Jump in and join the travels aboard Grace Joy Rufus Bean.
1171890	Welcome cookies, The Baillie, Kaye & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539502	Mabel loves her Friday visits to Miss Plum's Sugar Plum Cafe. How will she adapt when the cafe has a new owner and everything changes? A sweet story about the change and belonging.
1151644	What do you call your dad? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	ABC Books	2024	9780733343476	There's many ways dads present themselves to their children as their best selves. In this delightful worldly collection of ways to look at dads and what their children call them, is their endearing qualities spread across each colourful page and a message of love to accompany it.
995996	What my daddy loves Figueroa, Raissa	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780358588771	Some daddies love going outdoors and exploring the world. Some daddies love teaching their kids how to fix machines. Some daddies love learning and dreaming big dreams. But there's a special something - or someone - that daddies love best of all
1019887	When the fog rolls in Fong, Pam	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063136540	If you get lost in the fog, it can be hard to find your way out. You might stumble or be confused, or encounter the unexpected. But the closer you look, the more you will see, and the clearer the path will become. You can find your way. And the worlld is waiting for you.
1208571	Willow's Gumboots McWilliams, Beverley & Magisson, Helene (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2024	9781922858535	When Willow gets a new pair of gumboots, she wears them everywhere, until there is a problem with them. She wants to find a solution for her beloved footwear. In spring, the ever present garden she enjoys wearing her gumboots in when mum is gardening sets her mind thinking.

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1D 1041361	With a little sprinkle of courage Case, Jackie	Boolarong Press	2023		When Fen was born, her father gave her a special gift, knowing it would help her through any difficult times. However, just when she is about to face her biggest challenge, Fen loses her gift, and can't find it anywhere.
1153336	Wobbly bike, The McCallum, Darren & Smith, Craig (ill)	Walker Books	2024		How do you fix a wobbly bike? Could it be the tyres, the terrain, or maybe it might be a new rider? A joyful, multi-layered story, celebrating the unique culture of Australia's urban "top end", the precious roles of grandparents in families, the fact that kindness and encouragement, combined with practice, are the key to success, bound together with gentle humour because laughter is always the best medicine.
1174798	Yanga mother Leavy, Cheryl & Bassi, Christopher	University of Queensland Press	2024		Written in Kooma and English, this picture book explores the beauty and strength of family bonds.