



## 5-6 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 ID	Title/Author	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Annotations
1209758	(Be smart about) Screen time! Brian, Rachel	Little Brown	2024	9780316575546	This book will help you stay in charge of who you are - on and off your device.
1209875	113th assistant librarian, The Wilson, Stuart	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?
997696	300 minutes of mystery Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761200793	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?

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1209727	All the beautiful things Nannestad, Katrina & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780733343148	The Nazis want everyone to be the same. If you're different, you don't belong.  Not belonging is dangerous...  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.  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...
1096775	Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 1 Keenen, Cath (ed)	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.
1176958	Best witch in Paris, The Crozier, Lauren	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.
1209717	Charles Dickens' Great expectations: Abridged for younger readers Kennedy A.L. & Dickens, Charles & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill)	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?
1175450	Chronicles of a lizard nobody Ness, Patrick & Miller, Tim (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529517958	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.

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1082798	Code Name Kingfisher Kessler, Liz & Dean, David (ill)	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.
1078769	Deadlands, The: Survival Melki-Wegner, Skye	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.
1209749	Dictionary story, The Jeffers, Oliver & Winston, Sam (ill)	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.
950163	Fall of the school for good and evil Chainani, Soman & RaidesArt (ill)	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.
1209771	Fern's School for Wayward Fae: The graveyard gift CJ, Piper	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...
1209850	Football GOAT, the: Messi v Ronaldo Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth & Leydon, Dan (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529521023	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!

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1083092	Football superstars: Aguero rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	Welbeck Publishing	2021	9781783126316	Sergio Aguer 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	Football superstars: De Bruyne rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	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	Football superstars: Messi rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	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.
	Funny kid series Stanton, Matt				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.
1209827	Game on Alcott, Dylan & Regan, Fiona & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	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?
1209752	Genius ears: a curious animal compendium Anlauf, Lena & Konstantinov, Vitali (ill) & Yarbrough, Marshall (trans)	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.
1041323	Grandfather Emu Collard-Spratt, Rhonda & Ferro, Jacki	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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870595	Hedgewitch McKenna, Skye	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.
1089077	Helios book, The Carter, Slade	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?
1133231	Her Majesty's league of remarkable young ladies Stegert, Alison D.	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.
1108116	Heroes of Olympus : The mark of Athena Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2020	9780141335766	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!
1174884	Hi from outer space Katauskas, Fiona	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!
1153328	House at the end of the sea, The Adams, Victoria M	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 stanger'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...

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1209892	How to sail to somewhere Barton, Ashleigh	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>
1209731	Howzat Pat! Dare to bowl Hartley, David, Geddes, Serena & Cummins, Patrick	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Will I FIT IN at my new school?</li> <li>-How will I make new FRIENDS?</li> <li>-What's there to DO in the MOUNTAINS?!</li> <li>-MOST importantly - WHERE WILL I PLAY CRICKET?!!!</li> </ul> <p>If you want to know the answers to these questions, too - READ THIS BOOK!</p>
1209759	Into the ice: Reflections on Antarctica Lester, Alison & Tulloch, Coral	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781760526061	<p>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.</p>

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1138110	It's boba time for Pearl Li! Chen, Nicole	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...
1083344	It's the sound of the thing Clarke, Maxine Beneba	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.
1153331	Land of Lost Things, The: Adventures Unlimited Griffiths, Andy & Hope, Bill (ill)	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....
1096789	Life on us Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Ramiro, Xavi (ill)	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.
1079740	Magic's most wanted Whitesides, Tyler	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.

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1153333	Magicalia: Race of wonders Bell, Jennifer & Wyatt, David (ill)	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...
941486	Message through time, A Ciddor, Anna	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?
777925	Michaela Mason's big list of 22 worries Moses, Alexa	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.
1209724	Millicent Quibb school of etiquette for young ladies of mad science, The McKinnon, Kate & Ca'ceres, Alfredo (ill)	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?
1209699	Millie Mak the mender Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460763797	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.



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1151645	Minecraft ironsword academy: Ready set respawn Zane Huett, Caleb & Batson, Alan & Hill, Chris	Farshore	2024	9780008666330	After a storm Woodsword 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.
1076338	Miraculous sweetmakers, The: The frost fair Hastings, Natasha & Smith, Alex T (ill)	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.
1209849	Most haunted castles Fielding, Yvette & Shaw, Hannah (ill)	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!
1122600	Mystery of the forever weekend, The Thompson, Lisa	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.
	Nanny Piggins series Spratt, R A				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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1162138	Night War, The Brubaker Bradley, Kimberley	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?
1077273	Nina Peanut is amazing Bowie, Sarah	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?
813627	Otilie Colter and the withering world Williams, Rhiannon	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 Whistler 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?
1023651	Outlaw girls Gale, Emily & Wheetman, Nova	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?
959178	Pebble and Wren Hallbeck, Chris	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.

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877886	Pirate queens: Dauntless women who dared to rule the high seas Lewis, Leigh & Gomez Woolley, Sara (ill)	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.
1209807	Plague French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	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.
1174718	Puppet Almond, David & Stewart, Lizzy (ill)	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.
1133742	Queen of dogs Weatherstone, Jen	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...

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1088077	Rebels of Mount Buffalo, The Edwards, Helen	Yellow Brick Books	2023	9780645218077	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>When Clara and Alice are confronted by danger, will Clara rediscover her courage? Will she find the strength to reclaim herself?</p>
896426	Rebound Alexander, Kwame	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780358494836	<p>Hoop kings SOAR in kicks with wings. Game so sweet it's like bee stings.</p> <p>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?</p>
1209846	Revenge of the toxic space potato First Dog on the Moon	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066771	<p>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?</p>
1153340	Scientists in the wild: Antarctica Scales, Helen & Hendry, Kate & D'hipolito, Romolo (ill)	Flying Eye Books	2024	9781838741228	<p>Join a team of scientists as they explore one of the most remote and fragile environments on Earth - Antarctica.</p>

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27925	Scream: The human flytrap Heath, Jack	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!
1209714	Seawitch McKenna, Skye, Tomislav, Tomic (ill)	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.
1174711	Secret garden rewilded, The Simmons, Anthea	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.
1019880	Secret of the blood-red key, The Farr, David	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.

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1066733	Seed to sky: Life in the Daintree Freeman, Pamela & Anelli, Liz (ill)	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.
1096816	Sensational sharks Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Melrose, Katie (ill)	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.
1209776	Shakespeare's first folio: All the plays (Children's edition) Shakespeare, William & Chouhan, Dr. Anjna & Sutton, Emily	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.
1133450	Shiny misfits Zayid, Maysoon & Amin, Shadia (ill)	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.

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1141346	Six summers of Tash and Leopold Binks, Danielle	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734421890	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
867794	Skandar and the unicorn thief Steadman, A.F.	Simon & Schuster	2022	9781398502734	<p>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!</p>
	Sky dragon series Do, Anh & Hart, James				<p>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.</p>
916540	Sky full of stars, A Jackson, Linda Williams	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780358667209	<p>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.</p>
1209799	Small fry Baddiel, David & Loftis, Cory (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008621988	<p>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.</p>

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1193371	Stickboy Young, Rebecca & Ottley, Matt	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781742994468	Stickboy lived in wind and dust, where ancient rock loomed like waves waiting to break...
1133512	Stitch Kenny, Padraig	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.
1209708	Summer of Shipwrecks Plozza, Shivaun	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702268373	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.  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?
	Through my eyes series Mason, Prue & White, Lyn (ill)				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.
1153334	Toxic Johnson, Mitch	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?



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1108788	Trials of Apollo, The: Burning maze, The Riordan, Rick	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	Trials of Apollo, The: Dark prophecy, The Riordan, Rick	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	Trials of apollo, The: Hidden oracle, The Riordan, Rick	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	Trials of Apollo, The: Tower of nero, The Riordan, Rick	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	Trials of Apollo, The: Tyrant's tomb, The Riordan, Rick	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>
754441	Truck Cat, The Frenkel, Deborah & Snell, Danny (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761215766	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
819137	When the sky falls Earle, Phil	Andersen Press Ltd	2021	9781839135729	<p>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?</p>

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1209794	When the war came home Parr, Lesley & Dean, David (ill)	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526621009	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.
934175	While the storm rages Earle, Phil	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.
	Wolf girl series Various				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.
983575	Woodwitch McKenna, Skye	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.
1133720	Wylah the Koorie warrior: Protectors Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill)	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?