



7-9 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.

★ This title also appears on the 9plus booklist.

🕒 This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

PRC ID	Title/Author	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Annotations
950450	Play the game Weetman, Nova	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781760121754	Edie and Tess are best friends. Edie enjoys playing netball but also loves drama. Tess is obsessed with netball and with making it into the State representative team. But when Edie scores a role in the school play and makes it into the rep netball team she faces some difficult decisions which could cost her her friendship with Tess.
1233647	After Kenny, Padraig & McCarthy, Steve (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529517804	Ariel, lives in a settlement called New Horizon. His community is heavily controlled, with strict rules and a constant emphasis on obedience and loyalty. The residents are told that the world outside is dangerous, filled with threats like the Hollow Ones, which are emotionless, masked humanoids that once were people but now serve a mysterious power. Ariel is a loyal follower of the settlement's ideology until a tragic event forces him to flee. He embarks on a dangerous journey across a devastated landscape, where he meets other children who are also on the run.

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1286592	All better now Shusterman, Neal	Walker Books	2025	9781529517590	A new virus is spreading through a world still weary from the last pandemic. This virus is different. For the survivors of this deadly new virus, a new way of seeing the world and a soul unburdened by jealousies and selfishness. Survivors are treated with contempt or worse because happiness is bad for big business. Three characters from very different backgrounds find themselves on a collision course as the world is split between those aggressively seeking a cure and those willing to stop a cure at all cost.
1232868	Almost sunset Algarmi, Wahab	Walker Books	2025	9781761601088	Navigating a month of school and an upcoming soccer championship while fasting for Ramadan can be tough. Luckily Hassan has a winning combo of family, friends and faith and his goals in sight!
1141624	Anti-racism kit Kim, Jinyoung & Patawaran, Sabina	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761211171	Do you want to understand racism and racial justice in Australia? Then this book is for you. Created especially for Australian high school students, it covers three actionable, tangible areas for change - Self, School and Society.
962076	Australian dinosaurs and mega beasts Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2022	9781922800060	This book captures the range and diversity of the wondrous Australian wildlife from prehistory. The book includes over 70 animals that lived in Australia at various times during the Mesozoic and Cenozoic eras (i.e from 250 million years ago), from sea creatures to amphibians, dinosaurs, reptiles, birds and mammals. With meticulous attention to the environment and flora of each period, the book presents a succession of the huge animals that marched, flew and swam across our landscape, from the terrifying Daspletosaurus to the more sedentary Diprotodon.
1209930	Bear Lightfoot, Kiri	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991006936	Jasper Robinson-Woods is not okay - his name is too long, his mum has an annoying boyfriend, he never sees his dad, and he can't sleep because of a terrifying nightmare. Oh, and to top it off, his goldfish is dying. Jasper is overwhelmed with bad thoughts. Are they a sign of disaster to come? The only place he feels safe is in the tree in his front yard. But then the unimaginable happens: his nightmare comes to life and everything spirals out of control. Jasper decides it's finally time to face his nightmare.
1209856	Beasts and beauty: Dangerous tales Chainani, Soman & Iredale, Julia (ill)	4th Estate	2024	9780008224523	You might think you know these stories, but you are wrong. You don't know them at all. Twelve fairytales have been re-imagined with a modern twist - imagine if Red Riding Hood was the hunter, not the hunted. What if Sleeping Beauty was a Prince instead of a Princess? These twelve dangerous tales reveal truths full of triumph and warning and truths that explore life and death.

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1096784	Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 2 (older readers edition) Keenan, Catherine (ed) & Short, Richard (ed)	Sydney Story Factory	2024	9781922719119	Short, succinct prose writing by 16 to 20 year olds that are culturally rich, authentic anthems of youth searching their lives through people, places and events around them, conversations clicking between the now and then of lives and the world they know.
1023642	Birdy Kernot, Sharon	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790606	Following a traumatic incident, Maddy is now mute. She has moved to a remote farmhouse, with her mother and brother, to rest and recuperate. With the help of a therapist, Maddy sets herself small goals each day - journal, smile, walk outside - to build her confidence. She meets Alice, who is still waiting for her own daughter, Birdy, to return home, 45 years after she disappeared. Maddy also meets a new friend, Levi, and she is drawn into the mystery of Birdy's disappearance. Can Maddy learn to trust her new friends, let go of her guilt and shame, and learn to speak again? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1084283	Blood traitor, The Lynette, Noni	Penguin	2023	9781760897550	She'd failed them. All of them. And now she was paying the price. Kiva thought she knew what she wanted - revenge. But feelings change, people change . . . everything has changed. After what happened at the palace, Kiva is desperate to know if her friends and family are safe, and whether those she wronged can ever forgive her. But with the kingdoms closer to the brink of war than they've ever been, and Kiva far away from the conflict, more is at stake than her own broken heart. A fresh start will mean a perilous quest, forcing mortal enemies and uneasy allies together in a race against the clock to save not just Evalon, but all of Wenderall. With her loyalties now set, Kiva can no longer just survive - she must fight for what she believes in. For who she believes in. But with danger coming from every side, and the lives of everyone she loves at risk, does she have what it takes to stand, or will she fall? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1089029	Borderlands: Riding the slipstream Collins, Paul (ed) & Ryan, Anne (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2024	9781922696403	Borderlands- Riding te Slipstream is an anthology for readers young and old. It features over forty short stories and poems by some of Australia's best-loved authors, including Ursula Dubosarsky, Steven Herrick, Leigh Hobbs, Barry Jonsberg, Sophie Masson and Shaun Tan. Illustrated by quirky artist Anne Ryan, this unique collection spans a kaleidoscope of genres and themes.

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1019795	Britannica's encyclopedia infographica Pettie, Andrew & Quilty-Harper, Conrad & D'Efilippo, Valentina (ill)	Britanica Books	2024	9781913750459	1000's of Facts & Figures about Earth, space animals, the body, technology & more revealed in pictures.
1078767	🔴 Catch your death Guron, Ravena	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803705422	A classic whodunit thriller which follows three girls who are stuck at Bramble Estate during a snow storm and someone is poisoned. Devi, Lizzie and Jayne are trapped inside a house with a killer and must solve the mystery before it is too late! Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1262274	Concealed Gonzalez, Christina Diaz	Scholastic US	2021	9781338647204	Eva and her family are constantly on the run from a Mexican drug cartel. They are regularly moving locations, changing identities and always looking over their shoulders. The reasons for this are unclear to Eva. She just knows that her scientist father did something to make the cartel want him dead. One day, the people they are hiding from track them down, a life and death chase begins and Eva discovers there is a lot more to the story...
1100195	Courage be my friend: The Vivian Bullwinkel story Davis, Jenny	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993726	Based on the true story of Australian nurse, Sister Vivian Bullwinkel, who was the sole survivor of a massacre by Japanese troops after the fall of Singapore. Vivian was subsequently interned in a prisoner of war camp where she formed a friendship with a lonely teenager. Together they survived for over 3 years through starvation, sickness, ill-treatment and neglect and formed an unbreakable bond.
787944	🔴 Cousins, The McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2020	9780241376959	The Storys are the envy of their neighbours: owners of the largest property on their East Coast island, they are rich, beautiful, and close. Until it all falls apart. The four children are suddenly dropped by their mother with a single sentence: You know what you did. They never hear from her again. Years later, when 18-year-old cousins Aubrey, Milly and Jonah Story receive a mysterious invitation to spend the summer at their grandmother's resort, they have no choice but to follow their curiosity and meet the woman who's been such an enigma their entire lives. This entire family is built on secrets, right? It's the Story legacy. This summer, the teenagers are determined to discover the truth at the heart of their family. But some secrets are better left alone. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1103087	Cross my heart and never lie Dasnes, Nora	Farshore	2024	9781662640544	Tuva is in 7th grade and she is navigating friendships and pre-teen emotions. It is a coming of age graphic novel that explores friendships old and new!


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1344938	Danger Road Tait, A.L	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761646270	Everyone's talking about Corey Armstrong... Twenty-five years ago, on a dark winter's night, teenager Corey Armstrong was left to die by a hit and run driver on Danger Road. Now Corey's the subject of a podcast that's putting his hometown on the map, but with the series almost over, the case remains unsolved. When brothers Alex and Leo decide to try to find out what happened to Corey, they learn more about his world than they could have imagined. Everyone's talking about the popular footballer, but the question remains: did anyone really know him? As Alex and Leo sink deeper into the past, they uncover old secrets, ready to resurface, and realise that someone in town must know something which means someone they know might be the killer. Will bringing up the past jeopardise the brothers' own futures? And could bringing a cold case back to life prove fatal?
1209920	Darkest night, brightest star Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180385	Thirteen year old Morgan lives with his Dad and his older brother Mitch. He hasn't seen his Mum since she left when he was two. He spends his time practicing his soccer skills in order to meet his father's high expectations about what it is to be a man. Then Morgan becomes friends with Gray at school, gets injured in a game of soccer, finds his long-lost Mum and everything changes. Morgan must decide what kind of man he wants to be. A story that ultimately asks, How do you find your light when you're stuck in the dark?
1185783	Daughter of Auschwitz, The: The girl who lived to tell her story Friedman, Tova & Sumberac, Manuel (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9781526366658	The memoir of holocaust survivor Tova Friedman who was only 5 years old when she was sent to Auschwitz. She recounts her childhood experiences during World War Two - from living in a Jewish ghetto in Poland, to a Nazi labour camp and then to Auschwitz - Birkenau. A powerful story of resilience, survival and hope.

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1080662	Deep is the fen Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066863	<p>Merry doesn't need a happily-ever-after. Her life in the charming, idyllic town of Candlecott is fine just as it is. Simple, happy, and with absolutely no magic. Magic only ever leads to trouble.</p> <p>But Merry's best friend, Teddy, is joining the Toadmen -- a secret society who specialize in backward thinking and suspiciously supernatural traditions --and Merry is determined to stop him. Even if it means teaming up with the person she hates most: her academic archnemesis, Caraway Boswell, an ice-cold snob who hides his true face under a glamour.</p> <p>An ancient Toad ritual is being held in the sinister Deeping Fen, and if Merry doesn't rescue Teddy before it's finished, she'll lose him forever. But the Toadmen have been keeping dangerous secrets, and so has Caraway. The farther Merry travels into Deeping Fen's foul waters, the more she wonders if she's truly come to save her friend... or if she's walking straight into a trap.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1209954	Dog trouble Varner, Kristin	First Second	2024	9781250225900	Ash is a good kid at heart. But his grades are slipping, and when he gets caught vandalizing an old building, it's the last straw. It's decided: Ash will spend some time away from the city, at his dad's place on Ferncliff Island. It's bad enough that Ash has no friends on the island (just an annoying little stepsister), but his parents are also making him do community service. He volunteers at the local animal shelter, even though he's not really a dog person.
1286620	Drift Harry, Pip	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423900	Fourteen-year-old Nate has just moved back to Australia and is finding it hard to navigate a new city, school and changed home life. His next-door neighbour, Luna, is dealing with her own issues: a viral video, friends who have dropped her, and a subsequent anxiety disorder. When a swarm of 20,000 bees unexpectedly settle in the walls of Nate's family's house, Nate and Luna come together to save the hive, befriending local beekeeper Tyler. Over the course of one summer, their loyalties will be tested and their lives will be forever changed.
1209957	Duel Bagley, Jessixa & Bagley, Aaron (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781534496545	Sixth grader Lucy is brand-new to middle school, and when her older sister GiGi - the undisputed queen bee of eighth grade - humiliates her in the cafeteria, Lucy snaps and challenges her to a fencing duel.

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1174839	Extraordinary disappointments of Leopold Berry, The Riggs, Ransom	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761181474	<p>There it was, beside a big brass lever: a coin slot. Pale blue light pulsed dimly within. Leopold refused to overthink it. Steadying the slight tremor in his hand, he lifted the token to the slot and let it drop plunging him and his best pal, Emmet, into a parallel world of weird familiarity and terrifying unreality.</p> <p>Ransome Riggs weaves the familiar with the peculiar in a stunning tale of loss, triumph, friendship, and magic, reminding everyone everywhere that when you're not the chosen one, sometimes you have to choose yourself.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1078521	Five dark fates Blake, Kendare	Quill Tree Books	2021	9780062686190	<p>While Arsinoe searches for a cure to Jules's legion curse, Mirabella abandons the rebel army for Katharine, but the dead queens urge caution in trusting her, and as allegiances switch, the fate of Fennbirn Island will be determined. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1304864	Foal in the wire, The Coburn, Robbie	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423603	<p>Sam, a teenager, lives on a farm with his mother and emotionally distant father, a horse trainer. Haunted by trauma and depression, struggling with school and disillusioned with his home life following the death of his older brother, Sam's life changes when he finds a wounded foal tangled in barbed wire in one of the paddocks at the edge of their property. In the course of rescuing and caring for the foal he becomes close with Julia, a troubled girl from the next property. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1289184	For she is wrath Varga, Emily	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781035055289	<p>Betrayed by her ex-lover and falsely imprisoned for a crime she didn't commit, Dania counts down the days until she can exact her revenge. When a fellow prisoner offers a chance at escape and the keys to a dangerous Jinn magic, Dania seizes the opportunity and, armed with a brand-new identity and all the power she could want, enacts a plan to bring down those who betrayed her and her family. But the one person standing in her way is the very man who signed her life away in the first place, and retribution becomes a complicated game of cat and mouse. Because sometimes betrayal isn't as simple as it seems and revenge certainly isn't as easy -- not when your heart is involved. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.</p>



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	Friday Barnes 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.
1174829	Fyrebirds Armstrong, Kate J	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066252	A stunning sequel to Nightbirds. No longer a secret, the Nightbirds have transformed into the very powerful Fyrebirds. Together they can perform magic that nobody has seen in centuries, but fate seems intent on keeping them apart. Everyone seems to wants to control them or destroy them - no girl with magic is safe. The Fyrebirds must find their way back together and overcome their differences for the greater good.
978866	Game over girl Naomi Gibson	Chicken House	2023	9781913322021	Lola's been selected to play a new virtual reality game, but she breaks the one rule: not to recreate people or places from real life. Soon she's skipping school to play. But Lolas secrets begin to surface inside her game; how is she going to play her way out of this?
850746	🔒 Gilded cage, The Noni, Lynette	Hodder & Stoughton	2021	9781529360431	Kiva Meridan is a survivor. She survived not only Zalindov prison, but also the deadly Trial by Ordeal. Now Kiva's purpose goes beyond survival to vengeance. For the past ten years, her only goal has been to reunite with her family and destroy the people responsible for ruining their lives. But now that she has escaped Zalindov, her mission has become more complicated than ever. As Kiva settles into her new life in the capital, she discovers she wasn't the only one who suffered while she was in Zalindov-her siblings and their beliefs have changed too. Soon it's not just her enemies she's keeping secrets from, but her own family as well. Outside the city walls, tensions are brewing from the rebels, along with whispers of a growing threat from the northern kingdoms. Kiva's allegiances are more important than ever, but she's beginning to question where they truly lie. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1329946	🌀 Goldens, The Wilson, Lauren	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008687526	Chloe has always dreamed of becoming a bestselling writer. Then she meets enigmatic influencer Clara Holland, and at last, Chloe has something to write about. They bond instantly, and Chloe moves into Claras mansion. But as Claras fame skyrockets, she starts behaving strangely, hosting increasingly wild parties, complete with bonfire rituals and moonlit river baptisms. Clara opens up her home to other girls desperate to live like her. The media call it a cult, and soon Chloe begins to hear unsettling rumours from Clara's past. After one spectacular party, a girl goes missing and the rumours take on a sinister new meaning. If Chloe cant escape Claras influence, she may be next... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
759605	🌀 Good girl's guide to murder, A Jackson, Holly	electric monkey	2019	9781405293181	Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1209900	Good kind of trouble, A Blurton, Brooke & Saward, Melanie	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460761496	Life is changing for Jamie. She used to worry about football and whether her first kiss would be with a boy or a girl. But when the new girl, Stella, arrives at school Jamie starts questioning more than just her love life. Suddenly, history class feels wrong. Why aren't they learning the full truth and why are First Nations voices missing from the curriculum? When Jamie finds the courage to challenge their teacher she is surprised when Stella stands with her. Together, they walk out in protest, sparking something bigger than either of them imagined. A story of friendship, love, football and finding your voice.
1209685	🌀 Grown-up's guide to picture books, The Cain Gray, Lara & Ide, Timothy (ill) & Carrington, Lorena (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2024	9781922858504	An A-Z guide to help you to level up your picture book knowledge. Discover the tricks about titles, the science of page layouts, the purpose of illustrations and why some books live on in our hearts and minds long after we've read them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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1329962	Grumpy darling Moody, Alexandra	electric monkey	2025	9780008762261	Paige has ticked off everything on her senior year bucket list except for one thing - she's never kissed anyone. And she thinks her best friend, Grayson Darling, is to blame. Grayson is the school hockey team's enforcer, and he's been scaring off any eligible bachelors. With time running out, Paige demands that Grayson stop defending her honour. Instead she asks him to become her dating coach, training her to win the guy of her dreams. But Grayson has plans of his own. He's been in love with Paige since they were kids. Perhaps coaching Paige will be his last chance to show her how good they'd be together.
1174864	 Heart of the world, The Kaufman, Amie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761067389	<p>When Selly and Leander began their treacherous voyage to the Isles of the Gods, the captain's daughter and the playboy prince were strangers. But amid talk of war and a deadly attack on their ship, the unthinkable happened.</p> <p>They fell in love.</p> <p>Leander's ritual at the island temple was meant to prevent a war between the gods. Instead, it nearly cost him his life, and drew the goddess Barrica back from exile. Now, as her Messenger, Leander is imbued with her deadly magic, and only Selly's presence can stop it from consuming him.</p> <p>But Barrica wasn't the only immortal roused from sleep. The God of Risk, Macean, was awakened by an enemy all thought dead, and across the sea he's calling for war.</p> <p>The fight to save their world will take Selly and Leander from the gilded ballroom of the royal palace to the hallowed halls of an ancient library. Battle lines will be drawn, and bonds will break.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1209798	Heartbreak is the national anthem Sheffield, Rob	Hachette Australia	2024	9780008652715	Dive into the world of Taylor Swift in this intimate, one of a kind look at her life, lore and legacy. Mega-stars like Taylor Swift don't come around often. She hasn't just shaped music and culture - she's redefined what it means to be an icon in the music industry. A book for both fans and sceptics, who may gain a new appreciation of the icon that is Taylor Swift.

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1132915	🔴 Hearts still beating Archer, Brooke	Putnam	2024	9780593698327	<p>Mara is dead - mostly. Infected with a virus that broke the world and turned her into a monster, Mara awakens in a facility to learn a treatment has been found. No longer a Tick, Mara is placed in an experimental relocation program. But she's sent to live with the best friend she hasn't seen since the world ended. Since their first and only kiss.</p> <p>Rory is alive - barely. And her nightmares are as vicious as the Ticks that infected Mara and permanently injured Rory. Even after the Island - one of the surviving communities - rebuilds itself, Rory fears a tick attack from the mainland at any time. But the Ticks that show up are treated, almost normal - not quite themselves but no longer raging monsters - and among them is the first girl Rory ever loved. And never expected to see alive.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1259632	★ Hey, Zazou! Thompson, Tony	Ford Street Publishing	2025	9781922696410	<p>Charlie Martin has three problems. He cannot stand another day of school and would rather be a musician, the Nazis have occupied his city, and he seems to have fallen in love with someone who may be more than he can handle. This is Paris during World War II; Gestapo agents, resistance fighters and the proto-punk Zazou gang who regularly battle it out with German soldiers in illegal dancehalls. When Charlie meets Eddie, a young Zazou who plays sax, they decide to start a band. For Charlie, his dreams seem to be coming true, but nothing is ever as it appears in the occupied city. Something big is brewing and 15-year-old Charlie might be at the centre of it.</p>
	Horrible histories series Deary, Terry & Brown, Martin (ill)				<p>Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.</p>


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1232870	★ How to be normal Crawford, Ange	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760659752	Astrid is about to start her last year at high school. And her first. When her dad loses his job, Astrid's homeschooling comes to an end. Until now, she has lived within the confines of a tightly controlled, contracted world where there's no room for anything, except following her father's rules and pretending that everything is normal. As Astrid, and her mum, tentatively expand their world, they struggle to break free of their ingrained wariness and self-doubt. But with hope, new friends, and the strength of a promise, Astrid has a chance to find out what she wants, who she loves, and who she really is. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209901	I am not Jessica Chen Liang, Ann	HQ	2025	9781038900388	Jenna Chen and Jessica Chen are cousins. Jessica is smart and beautiful, She is perfect in every way that Jenna is not. When Jessica is accepted into Harvard and Jenna is not, Jenna makes a desperate wish on a shooting star to become her cousin, literally. She finds herself in Jessica's body, but with her own thoughts and soul intact. Suddenly she gets the life and approval she's always dreamt of. But she must decide if trading everything she loves - her artistic talent, her home, even her crush - to be Jessica is worth it?
1026284	★ I hope this doesn't find you Liang, Ann	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761049811	<p>Sadie Wen is perfect on paper: school captain, valedictorian, and a "pleasure to have in class." It's not easy, but she channels all her frustrations into her email drafts. She'd never send them of course - she'd rather die than hurt anyone's feelings - but it's a relief to let loose on her power-hungry English teacher or a freeloading classmate taking credit for Sadie's work.</p> <p>All her most vehemently worded emails are directed at her infuriating cocaptain, Julius Gong, whose arrogance and competitive streak have irked Sadie since they were kids.</p> <p>Sadie doesn't have to hold back in her emails, because nobody will ever read them... that is, until they're accidentally sent out.</p> <p>It's her worst nightmare - now everyone at school knows what she really thinks of them, and they're not afraid to tell her what they really think of her either. But amidst the chaos, there's one person growing to appreciate the "real" Sadie - Julius, the only boy she's sworn to hate...</p>

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1339552	Identikill Alexander, K.R	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761720314	Chelsea knows that her sister is dead. But she also knows that Angelica never really went away. Ever since that tragic day, Angelica has been around. Talking to her. Listening to her. Being her truest friend. No one else can see Angelica, and Chelsea has learned to lie about her existence, because nobody else would believe it. It's their secret... until Chelsea makes a new friend and Angelica becomes jealous. Jealous enough to hurt someone. Chelsea's biggest secret has become her biggest fear.
1209755	 Inferno's Heir Wang, Tiffany	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444980608	Teia is an outcast princess in her own kingdom. She has survived several assassination attempts all by her half brother. Teia must fight for her rights before her brother is crowned king! Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
977767	 Inkflower Zail, Suzy	Walker Books	2023	9781760653736	Inspired by a true story. I shouldn't be kissing Adam Winter but it's my best chance of forgetting. When I kiss him, I'm not a girl whose father is dying; I'm just a girl, kissing a boy. Lisa's father has six months to live. And a story to tell about a boy sent to Auschwitz. A boy who lost everything and started again. A story he has kept hidden - until now. But Lisa doesn't want to hear it, because she has secrets too. No one at school knows she is Jewish or that her dad is sick. Not even her boyfriend. But that's all about to change ... And so is she. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1096544	Into the mouth of the wolf Gough, Erin	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781760507558	Dear Iris, If all goes well I will be in touch by this evening. If you hear nothing, contact Glassy Bay International Travellers' Hostel and ask after me. Use our real names. Your Mama xxx Missing people. Mysterious deaths. A growing attraction between two girls caught up in the search for the truth. Somehow, they're all connected. But in order to find out how - and in order to even meet each other - Iris and Lena will have to go into the mouth of the wolf...




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1217606	Into the wild Lawrence, Hayley	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761522116	There are places in the world so remote, that if you get lost, you may never be found. Olive, Ted, Knox, Birdie and Silas enter a challenge to survive in the wild, without technology. Their stage? The majestic Blue Mountains. Working as a team, they must read maps, build fires, camp and trek through the most dangerous of terrain, in subzero temperatures. But when the teenagers are split over a decision to climb a dangerous rock, disaster strikes. And in their quest for survival, one of them makes an unforgivable choice. With catastrophic consequences. Nobody is blameless. And they may not all make it home. But those who do, may never forgive each other.
1174896	Is my phone reading my mind? Agnew, Dr. Matt & Thomson, Hana Kinoshita (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180446	When you think of artificial intelligence, you might imagine a walking, talking robot..or you might think of a giant computer that wants to take over the world. But the reality is that AI is a brilliant human invention found in nearly every modern device from our computers to our cars. Find out more and about the pros and cons of an AI world.
1209772	Just another story: Graphic migration account, A Saade, Ernesto	Graphic Universe	2024	9798765623367	When Carlos was nineteen years old, his mother decided to leave her life in El Salvador for a new start in the United States. Carlos joined her on the journey north and during their trip through Mexico and into the US, they experienced many risks and fears. This stirring and thoughtful graphic work goes beyond headlines and statistics to provide a powerful individual account of migration. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.


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1124926	🌸Katie goes to KL Tan, Su-May	Penguin Books Australia	2023	9789815127812	<p>16 year old Katie, finds out her dead mother is not dead after all and her father has been lying to her since she was 7.</p> <p>This story begins its journey in Australia, where Katie immigrated with her father when she was four. She travels to modern day Kuala Lumpur (KL) for her grandmother's death. This is where the adventures and contentions begin when Katie's quest to reconnect with her mother and discover her roots against a backdrop of rising political tension between the Chinese and the Malays. When Katie discovers that her mother is Malay, she finds herself caught between her Chinese cousins and her mother's conservative Muslim community, the Wira group. As Katie bonds with her cousins through KL's underground music scene, she is forced to define her loyalties. Which community should she support and where does she belong?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209700	Keeper of the archives Stringer, Lynne	Rhiza Press	2024	9781761111563	<p>After their home in Sendirian City burns to cinders, Eden gets a job working in the government's archives to try and support her family and protect them from her abusive, alcoholic father. But the city is threatened by crime boss Kore and his henchman Izrod who is targeting government employees. Is anywhere safe for Eden and her family and what does the future hold for the city itself?</p>
1337859	Kick flip vol. 1 Lapinski, L.D & Hanning, Logan (ill)	Hachette Australia	2025	9781510112537	<p>At school, Elliot gets bullied for being 'different to other girls' whereas at the skate park, everyone welcomes Elliot - presuming they're male - but neither label feels right. As Eliot's love of skateboarding and friendships grow, their worlds collide at a sports expo where the school netball team and skate crew are competing. Can Elliot find the courage to share what they've learned about non-binary identity? Will best friend Jess or the skateboarding crew accept Elliot for who they are? And what about Ryan, the skater who Elliot has been feeling increasingly close to?</p>


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1154375	King of nothing Lessore, Nathanael	Hot Key Books	2024	9781471413247	<p>Anton and his friends are King of Year 9. They're used to ruling the school and Anton wears the crown. The other kids run away when he's about but that's the way he wants it - he's got a reputation to live up to after all.</p> <p>So when he gets into serious trouble at school, he doesn't really care, but his mum most definitely does. She decides it's time for Anton to make some new friends and join the Happy Campers, a local activity group. Anton would quite literally rather do anything else, especially when he finds out Matthew, the biggest loser in school, is also a member.</p> <p>But after Matthew unexpectedly saves Anton's life, Anton figures maybe this kid is worth a shot. As the boys strike up an unlikely friendship, Anton finds himself questioning everything he thought was important. Does he want ruling the school to be his crowning glory or should he set his sights on better things?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
2508	Kingdom by the sea, The Westall, Robert	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2009	9780007301416	<p>A sensitive and well-told story set in WW2 about a boy who's home is bombed by the Germans. Thinking his family is dead he runs away, and in what becomes a desperate journey of survival, Harry must use wisdom and instinct to survive.</p>

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1352194	 Lady's Knight Kaufman, Amie & Spooner, Meagan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761069284	<p>Gwen has spent the past several years manning the blacksmith's in place of her father, an open secret in the village in which she lives. A much more covert secret, however, is that she knows not only how to craft but also how to wield a sword, and an incognito stunt at the local jousting tournament manages to catch the eye of the wily Lady Isobelle.</p> <p>Isobelle has secret dreams too, but she's been promised in marriage to the winner of the whole stupid tournament, which means an end to any freedom or choices for her. Desperate to avoid this fate, when she connects the newcomer knight to the female smithy she saw earlier that day, she begins to hatch a scheme ...</p> <p>Petty knights. Backstabbing noblemen. A prison breakout. Cheesecake on a stick. One particularly large and angry dragon.</p> <p>Will our ladies survive the night? And can our knight save the day? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209855	Language of dragons, A Williamson, S.F	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008652296	<p>Set in London in 1923, in a class-based society where dragons and humans have co-existed since the Peace Agreement of 1866. Seventeen-year-old Vivien is intent on gaining an internship to study dragon languages. However, as protests erupt on the streets of London and Vivien's parents are suddenly arrested, Vivien finds herself in the middle of a civil war. So when she is offered a mysterious job in order to save her family, she grabs it, only to discover she has been recruited to uncover the secrets of a hidden dragon language. If she succeeds she will save her family. If she doesn't they will die. However, as she learns more about the society she lives in, Vivien must first decide which side she wants to fight for.</p>


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1089071	Last comics on earth: Too many villains! Brallier, Max & Pruett, Joshua & Cooper, Jay (ill) & Holgate, Douglas (ill)	Farshore	2024	9780008588274	<p>Jack, June, Quint, and Dirk have forgotten to write a promised sequel to their first Last Kids on earth Graphic Novel. While they hurriedly get to work, their superhero alter-egos make a startling discovery - supervillains do not come up with their own evil plans! Every supervillain scheme comes from the mind of a single, mysterious bad guy.</p> <p>Now, Jack, June, Quint, and Dirk's BIGGEST SEQUEL IN HISTORY has our superheroes in a mad-dash, puzzle-filled race across Apocalyptia to stop the BIGGEST EVIL PLAN IN HISTORY! How will they defeat the never-ending stream of villains and figure out who is behind the chaos? And will the sequel be finished in time? Join them and find out!</p>
1209800	Last kids on Earth, The: the graphic novel Brallier, Max & Churilla, Brian (ill)	Farshore	2024	9780008720292	<p>Jack is a 13 year old who is trying to survive the end of the world with zombie-monsters apocalypses. With the help from Jack and his mates you will be amazed by the adventure they will have!</p>
1096841	🔴 Liar's test Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790873	<p>Bell Silverleaf is a liar.</p> <p>It's how she's survived. it's how all Treesingers have survived since they were invaded by the Risen and their fickle gods. But now Bell is in the Queen's Test - she's one of seven girls competing in deadly challenges to determine who will rule for the next twenty-five years. If Bell wins, she'll have the power to help her people and take revenge on the Risen. But first she has to make it through the challenges alive.</p> <p>She doesn't know how much she's been lied to, or where she fits in a bigger story, a mystery stretching back generations. And she's facing much bigger dangers than the Queen's Test. She's up against the gods themselves.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1211974	Look on the bright side Williams, Lily & Schneemann, Karen	First Second	2023	9781250834102	<p>Old friends. New Loves. The future is looking bright.</p> <p>A new year of school is starting, and Brit finds herself struggling with feelings for a seemingly rude boy from class who might have a soft side. Meanwhile, Christine can't deny that she likes her best friend Abby...as more than just a friend. The only question is, does Abby have feelings for Christine, too? And will their feelings for each other mess things up in their friend group?</p> <p>Misunderstandings, betrayal, and jealousy are bound to get in the way.</p> <p>But hey! Look on the bright side: They're in this together. Always.</p>
1209866	 Lovely and the lost, The Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241763094	<p>Kira has a great respect for the family she has been adopted into who are skilful search and rescue workers. This is a story about the training and dedication of 4 teens Kira, Jude, Free and Ash, their dogs Silver and Saskia. Mum Cady Bennett gives her tender family the kind of strength and fearlessness that is needed to both deal with searches in the wilderness and the ultimate truths of rescue. Kira's past keeps being a mess, what happened when 11 years earlier as a little girl found in the wilderness, memories almost erased. A dramatic, tough and gritty story.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1151649	 Lover birds Egan, Leanne	Farshore	2024	9780008626570	<p>Isabel Williams moves to a new school and she meets Eloise. Isabel criticizes everything about Eloise but why does she make her pulse race? A uplifting story about acceptance and finding yourself and the power of friendship.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
846160	 Macbeth graphic novel Punter, Russell & Longo, Massimiliano (ill) & Forlini, Valentino (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474948128	<p>As a battle ends and a storm rages, three witches predict that Macbeth will become King of Scotland, and he decides to take fate into his own hands in an attempt to gain the throne. This graphic novel provides an excellent introduction to Shakespeare's play, using illustrations and simplified language. It maintains all of the mystery, drama and suspense of the original while bringing the play to life for new readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1244701	 Manslaughter Park Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2024	9780062889874	<p>Fanny Price, a talented but unwanted guest at Mansfield Park, relies on her uncle Sir Thomas' protection to avoid being cast out by her cruel relatives. When Sir Thomas dies in a suspicious accident, Fanny discovers evidence of murder, but revealing it could cost her everything. Pressured by her friend and secret love Edmund to stay quiet, Fanny chooses instead to seek justice.</p> <p>Her investigation pulls her into the Bertram family's shadowy art business and the dazzling world of London society, complicated further by the arrival of the charming Crawfords and their bold proposal. With unexpected help from Lizzie Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy, Fanny uncovers secrets that change everything, about the family, the murder, and herself.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1124599	Mawson in Antarctica: To the ends of the earth Grochowicz, Joanna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180590	<p>Mawson is seen undeniably for his leadership in this exciting and dramatic set of events that take place over a year when he and 18 others embark on a scientific expedition of observations measuring meteorological conditions mapping routes discovering new lands, learning valuable lessons for survival against the howling blasting winds of Cape Denison on the Antarctic continent. They are punished to within an inch of their lives. After months hunkered in their huts built as diligently as their ubiquitous penguins building their nests, until after a winter that nothing prepares them for sledging can begin. In 5 separate sledging parties they suffer blizzard and subzero temperatures forging into the unknown Magnetic south. Displaying skills of inventiveness, repurposing and rejigging, keeping safe and a sense of humour they face the ancient land whose willful and unpredictable character was determined long ago.</p>

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1165724	Medici heist Schneiderhan, Caitlin	Atom Publishing	2024	9780349125411	Welcome to Florence, 1517, a world of intrigue, opulence, secrets, and murder. The Medici family rules the city from their seat of wealth, but the people of Florence remember the few decades they spent as a Republic, free from the Medicis and their puppet Pope, Leo X. Sharp-witted seventeen-year-old con-woman Rosa Cellini has plans for the Pope and the Medicis - and, more specifically, the mountain of indulgence money they've been extorting from the people of Tuscany. To pull off the Renaissance's greatest robbery, she'll recruit a team of capable misfits. Old secrets resurface and tensions in the gang flare as the authorities draw closer and the Medicis' noose pulls tighter around Tuscany itself. What began as a robbery becomes a bid to save Florence from certain destruction - if Rosa and company don't destroy each other first.
903285	 Messy roots Gao, Laura	Balzer & Bray	2022	9780063067769	After spending her early years in Wuhan, China, riding water buffalos and devouring stinky tofu, Laura immigrates to Texas, where her hometown is as foreign as Mars - at least until 2020, when COVID-19 makes Wuhan a household name. Laura illustrates her coming-of-age as a girl who simply wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school, and figure out why girls make her heart flutter. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
	Minecraft series Lore, Danny				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.
1151565	Mirror of Beasts, The Bracken, Alexandra	Quercus Children's Books	2024	9781786541758	Tamsin must travel to the mysterious world of Avalon where she survives. Tamsin makes her way back into the mortal world however she discovers that she is cursed. Tamsin must break the curse before it breaks her.
1153332	Monster calls, A: The play Peck, Adam & Dowd, Siobhan & Ness, Patrick	Walker Books	2018	9781406387131	Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill. But tonight is different. Tonight when he wakes, there is a monster at his window. it wants something from Conor. It wants the truth.

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728149	🌀 Music from another world Talley, Robin	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781867202257	<p>It's summer 1977 and Tammy Larson can't be herself anywhere. Not at her strict Christian high school, not at her conservative Orange County church and certainly not at home. Tammy's only outlet is writing secret letters in her diary to activist Harvey Milk...until she's matched with a real-life pen pal who changes everything.</p> <p>Sharon Hawkins bonds with Tammy over punk music and carefully shared secrets, and soon their letters become the one place she can be honest. The rest of her life in San Francisco is full of lies. The kind she tells for others-like helping her brother hide the truth from their mom-and the kind she tells herself. But as antigay fervor in America reaches a frightening new pitch, Sharon and Tammy must rely on their long-distance friendship to discover their deeply personal truths, what they'll stand for... and who they'll rise against.</p> <p>Usually read by student sin years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1209730	My family and other suspects Emery, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781760529215	<p>"What happens when your closest family are the prime suspects in a murder mystery?</p> <p>Spending a weekend visiting her step-grandmother and hanging out with relatives at the family farm isn't 14 year-old Ruth's idea of fun, especially when there is no internet or phone reception, and there is the added complication of trying to suppress her crush on her sort-of-cousin 15 year-old Dylan. But when the sudden and suspicious death of step-grandmother GG keeps the extended family trapped at the farmhouse, it gives Ruth and Dylan a chance to solve the murder mystery themselves."</p>
1209872	New girl, The Calin, Cassandra	Graphix	2024	9781761527654	<p>Lia and her family are waiting to board a flight across the Atlantic, leaving behind family, friends and Romania - the only home Lia has ever known. But Lia's heartache is overshadowed by the discomfort of her first period. As if things weren't difficult enough! Now Lia is thrust into a world where everything is different: her home, her language and even her body. With so many changes happening at once, Lia struggles with her schoolwork, has trouble communicating with classmates and has no idea how to manage her unpleasant periods. Will she ever feel like herself again?</p>

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1124940	Nine girls Gregg, Stacy	Penguin NZ	2024	9781776958146	Set in New Zealand in the late 1970's to early 1980's, the main character Titch is 12 years old when her father goes bankrupt, causing her family to move from the predominantly white city suburb of Remuera to the small, predominantly Maori, town of Ngaruawahia, to be close to her mothers family. In Ngaruawahia Titch and her cousins hear about a stash of gold buried on their family land and they become determined to find it. Titch also meets an unusual creature who guides her through the stories of her ancestors. As Titch learns about her heritage she must navigate feeling like an outsider in her own world.
1228279	Normal women: Making history for 900 years Gregory, Philippa & Snell, Alexis (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780008725075	This book is a radical retelling of the story of Britain--not of the rise and fall of kings and the occasional queen, but of social and cultural change, powered by the determination, persistence and effectiveness of women, from 1066 to modern times.
1222296	 Not for the faint of heart Croucher, Lex	Bloomsbury	2024	9781526651846	<p>Mariel, a newly blooded and perpetually grumpy captain of the Merry Men, is desperate to live up to the legacy of her grandfather, the legendary Robin Hood. Clem, a too-perky backwoods healer known for her new-fangled cures, just wants to help people.</p> <p>When Mariel's ramshackle band of bandits kidnap Clem as retribution for her guardian helping the Sheriff of Nottingham, all seems to be going (sort of) to plan - until Jack Hartley, Mariel's father and Commander of the Merry Men, is captured in a deadly ambush. Determined to prove herself, Mariel sets out to get him back - with her annoyingly cheerful kidnappee in tow.</p> <p>But the wood is at war. Many believe the Merry Men are no longer on the right side of history.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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909088	Nothing more to tell McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2022	9780241473689	<p>Four years ago, Brynn left Saint Ambrose School following the shocking murder of her favourite teacher. The case was never solved, but she's sure that the three kids who found Mr Larkin's body know more than they're telling, especially her ex-best friend Tripp Talbot. He's definitely hiding something. On her return to Saint Ambrose, Brynn decides to investigate, but the further she dives into the past, the more secrets she finds. Someone got away with murder and now it is time to uncover the truth....</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1066669	On silver tides Bishop, Sylvia	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839133589	<p>Kelda and her family are silvermen, a hidden people who swim like fish and breathe through their skin. When Isla, Kelda's little sister, is born without these abilities, her life and the lives of her whole family is at risk and she must be protected from the suspicions of their community. When betrayal comes, Kelda and Isla escape on a desperate journey across Britian's waterways.</p>
1197190	Order of masks, The Bellchambers, Alina	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761560149	<p>In the cut throat Ravalian Court, alliances, seduction and magic are the key to survival. Circus performer Mira has spent her life on the run and is determined to secure her future by competing in the deadly Trials and winning a place in one of the three magical Royal Orders. Princess Scarlett is fighting to withstand her half-brothers' sinister ambitions and seize power. Mira is the opportunity she has been waiting to. Will Mira and Scarlett be able to navigate the world of magic, ambition and court intrigue - as co-conspirators or as rivals for the throne?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1174716	Oscar vs the grand old dude named York Curnow, Ross	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657819	<p>Oscar has more going on than a kid in year 7 should have to deal with. His neighbour is out to get him, the police don't believe him and at school he is in love with Tiffany, the most popular girl who does not know he is alive. Oscar hopes to win her affection by giving her a necklace that his grandfather left him, but this necklace may be more valuable than Oscar realizes. Tiffany will not be the only one interested in such a valuable necklace which may put Oscar and all his friends in danger. Life is definitely a challenge for this teenage boy.</p>


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1209880	Our infinite fates Steven, Laura	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241671108	Evelyn and Arden are star-crossed souls who have lived multiple lives. But in each life Arden hunts Evelyn and kills her before they reach their eighteenth birthdays. Evelyn doesn't know why he does this. But in her present life, Evelyn has something she needs to live for - her younger sister Gracie who is dying of leukemia. Evelyn needs to live long enough to donate her stem cells for Gracie. Can she convince Arden not to kill her, and figure out why she's being hunted so that she can break the curse once and for all? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
884072	Paradise on fire Rhodes, Parker Jewell	Orion	2021	9781510109858	Addy, a young Black girl goes on a wilderness camp to discover herself and to deal with past trauma. She comes face to face with challenges, getting to know herself better and facing the dangers brought on by climate change.
1153329	Perfect Guy Doesn't Exist, The Gonzales, Sophie	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444964653	When Ivy's parents go away for a week, she plans to binge-watch her favourite TV show. But her plans go awry when she wakes up to find the handsome main character of said TV show in her bedroom. Weston may be her soulmate on paper, but what about in real life? In order to deal with this turn of events, Ivy must somehow work with her ex-best friend Mack, and she starts to wonder if perhaps someone else was her soulmate all along...
1209698	Periodic tale, A Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9780733340345	The only child of Holocaust survivors who fled to Australia in 1950, Karl has always forged his own destiny in an idiosyncratic way. Before he became one of the world's favourite scientific storytellers, he ambled through a convoluted cacophony of a career. In Dr Karl's memoir, you will learn that it's okay to not take a linear path through life, and that by following our curiosities and our passions, we can bend the universe to our liking.
1263569	Plantabulous!: More A to Z of Australian plants Clowes, Catherine & Gyan, Rachel (ill)	CSIRO	2024	9781486317202	Did you know that there are plants that can survive fire? Plants with seed pods that explode, shooting seeds far and wide? Plants that can help clean up pollution? Or that Australia is home to the most 'venomous' plant in the world? This book presents 26 iconic and unique native plants for you to discover in your local park, bushland or even your own backyard.

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887077	Prison healer Noni, Lynette	Penguin	2024	9781760897512	<p>Seventeen-year-old Kiva Meridan has spent the last ten years fighting for survival in the notorious death prison, Zalindov, working as the prison healer.</p> <p>When the Rebel Queen is captured, Kiva is charged with keeping the terminally ill woman alive long enough for her to undergo the Trial by Ordeal: a series of elemental challenges against the torments of air, fire, water, and earth, assigned to only the most dangerous of criminals.</p> <p>Then a coded message from Kiva's family arrives, containing a single order: "Don't let her die. We are coming." Aware that the Trials will kill the sickly queen, Kiva risks her own life to volunteer in her place. If she succeeds, both she and the queen will be granted their freedom.</p> <p>With an incurable plague sweeping Zalindov, a mysterious new inmate fighting for Kiva's heart, and a prison rebellion brewing, Kiva can't escape the terrible feeling that her trials have only just begun.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.</p>
886256	Raiko's run Heffernan, John	Five Senses Publications	2022	9781760324438	<p>Previously published as "More than Gold"</p> <p>As thirteen year old Bosnian refugee, Raiko, trains with an Aboriginal mate, Jay, his Olympic dream quickly draws both the local doctor and soccer coach to his side.</p>
	Ranger's apprentice series Flanagan, John				<p>Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.</p>
1075159	Reappearance of Rachel Price, The Jackson, Holly	electric monkey	2024	9780008507268	<p>18-year-old Bel has lived her whole life in the shadow of her mother's mysterious disappearance. Sixteen years ago, Rachel Price vanished and young Bel was the only witness. Rachel is gone, presumed dead. The case is dragged up from the past when the Price family agrees to a true crime documentary. Bel can't wait for filming to end, for life to go back to normal. But then Rachel Price reappears, and life will never be normal again...</p> <p>Usually read by studwents in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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750997	Rebel gods Kostakis, Will	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734419262	Newbie gods Connor, Sally and Locky want to change the world, no biggie. When their first attempted miracle doesn't quite go to plan, they find themselves at odds with their families, the media and each other. To make matters worse, they're drawn into a centuries old conflict between the gods of Love and Fear that just might destroy the world they're striving to make better.
1125059	Return to sender Draper, Lauren	MacMillan	2024	9781761266515	Brodie was sent away from her town of Warwick, after being accused of stealing the town's magical 'Adder Stone'. She returns to strained friendships with Elliot and Levi, needing to face both the town and her former best friends. While living with her eccentric grandmother, Brodie learns about her Grandmother's job in the Dead Letter Office and is drawn into town mysteries once again. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209811	Returning Saunders, Kirli	Magabala Books	2023	9781922613707	Returning is a stunning work - a poetic and visual feast that takes you on Kirli's journey of rediscovering self, Country and Connection. Kirli's heartfelt experiences address large contemporary themes of decolonisation, self-determination, Identity, First Nations matriarchy, queerness, justice, love, liberation, and truth-telling. Each poem is accompanied by evocative and poignant artwork that was created in response to its poem and vitalises its meaning. Returning was developed with consultation and guidance from First Nations Elders, Custodians, academics and artists. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1081685	Robert runs Sweetman, Mariah	Magabala Books	2023	9781922613387	Two boys from the Ugarapul tribe of Green Tree Frog are focused on winning the mission's biggest race. Will the boys be strong enough to win the race?

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1019750	🌀 Rosewood hunt, The Reed, Mackenzie	HarperTeen	2023	9780063287624	<p>Lily Rosewood has lived with her grandmother since her dad's death a year ago. She and Gram have always been close. Gram's role as chair of their family's luxury coat business has inspired Lily's love of fashion, and Lily hopes to follow in Gram's footsteps one day.</p> <p>Then Gram dies suddenly, and Lily's world is upended. Gram's quarter of a billion dollar fortune is missing, and Lily has been banned from the manor she and Gram shared.</p> <p>But Gram has always loved games, and even in death, she still has a few tricks up her couture sleeve. When Lily and three other seemingly random teens get letters from Gram sending them on a treasure hunt around Rosetown, they hope the fortune will be the reward. But they're not the only ones hunting for Gram's treasure, and soon the hunt becomes more dangerous than they ever could have imagined</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1209858	🌀 Royal heirs academy Duga, Lindsey	Christy Ottavino Books	2025	9780316578660	<p>Titus, Alaric, Emmeline and Sadie are all vying to be the new ruler of Ashland. These four are summoned to Almus Terra Academy, a prestigious institution known for ruthless practices in grooming future leaders. Once there, King Leander Eldana reveals their royal lineage and announces a competition to determine the next heir. As the teens navigate alliances, betrayals, and personal demons, the line between friend and enemy is blurred as the four work towards their goal. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1124710	🌀 Sea of wolves, A Street, Sarah	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444967821	<p>The fifty year old treaty is in tatters and ships are washing up filled with dead bodies. Mersey Drake seeks to free her city from the clutches of a pirate called the Heartless King. Her plan fails when she is captured by the pirate crew. Mersey falls for the ship's cold blooded first mate, a girl called Golde, unaware that a wolf is getting ready to pounce. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1019848	Seven days Shaid, Rebeka	Walker Books	2024	9781529513967	<p>Noori has it all figured out. She may be only sixteen, but she knows a thing or two about life and its messy heartaches. Aamir is trying to escape a painful past. The last thing he needs is more complications. Yet after his world collides with Noori's, he can't forget her. Their lives are connected by invisible threads.</p>

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1227707	Shadow and tide Greenlaw, Rachel	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008642617	A magical bargain always comes at a cost. On Rosevear, Mira is plagued by nightmares. She is lost and untethered and then the watch strike, burning her home. The attack ignites a spark within her, and Mira knows its time to call in her bargain with Elijah, and tear down Captain Renshaw and the watch. But she must find allies to help her unlock her siren abilities, and the witches arent all on Miras side. In Coven Septern, Brielle has always believed in her work as a hunter, is proud to slay the monsters plaguing their world. Shes a trained weapon, a sharpened blade, a nocked arrow. She knows the blood she drains will be used for good, and yet her next assignment is a human girl. For in the eyes of the council, Mira is a monster, and monstrous creatures must be tamed...
1080643	Shadow world, The Randall, Caity & Ford, Craig & Perring, M.K. (ill)	Sassey Pty Ltd	2023	9781922851284	Sometimes when we do not know what we are looking at or dealing with, it can be overwhelming and potentially dangerous. We are here to help you navigate your way around this online world, arming you with your very own knowledge torch. This book is the creation of experts who share their experience and knowledge with you, so your world is less at risk of slipping into The Shadow World beyond your device screens.
1302647	Silverborn: The mystery of Morrigan Crow Townsend, Jessica	Lothian Books	2025	9780734421012	When Morrigan is invited into Nevermoor's wealthy Silver District, she discovers a world of extravagance and a family mystery she's eager to unravel. She could never imagine where it will lead: a white wedding, a golden dragon and a red pool of blood. Embroiled in suspicion and danger, Morrigan leaps headfirst into a murder investigation, while also grappling with her ever-growing Wundersmith powers. And although her friends are there to help, she fears that could change if they learn she's keeping a terrible secret of her own. As shadowy forces awaken in Nevermoor, can Morrigan find a killer and solve the mystery in her own past... before the clock strikes midnight?

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1106572	Sisters of sword and song Ross, Rebecca	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008699291	Evadne is finally going to be reunited with her older sister, Halcyon, who has been serving in the queen's army for eight long years. But when Halcyon unexpectedly appears a day early, Evadne knows something is gravely wrong. Halcyon has been charged with a heinous crime and though her life is spared, she has been sentenced to fifteen years of punishment -- five years of hard labour, five years of imprisonment and five years serving the house that she has wronged. Suspicious of the charges, as well as the details of the crime, Evadne volunteers to take part of her sister's terms. If there's a way to clear Halcyon's name, she'll find it. But as the sisters begin their sentences, they quickly learn that there are fates worse than death.
	Skulduggery Pleasant series Landy, Derek				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.
1209919	 Song of a blackbird Van Lieshout, Maria	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181795	Emma is a young student about to be drawn into what will become the biggest bank heist in European history: swapping 50 million guilders' worth of forged treasury bonds for real ones - right under the noses of the Nazis. Emma's life - and the lives of thousands, including a little girl named Hanna - hangs in the balance. Almost seventy years later, Annick discovers something surprising about her family. Her grandmother needs a bone marrow donor but none of her relatives is a match. In fact, they are not even related. Desperate to find a living blood relative, Annick dives into the past, aided by her grandmother's only childhood possession, five copper etchings, and the name of their maker: Emma Bergsma. In this stranger-than-fiction graphic novel, Maria van Lieshout weaves a tale about family, courage and the power of art. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1078784	Sound the gong He, Joan	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790682	All her life Zephyr has tried to rise above her humble origins as a no-name orphan. Now she is a god in a warrior's body , and she has never felt more powerless. Her lordess, Xin Ren, holds the Westlands, but her position is tenuous. In the north, the empress remains under Miasma's thumb. In the south, the alliance with Cicada is in pieces. Fate also seems to have a different plan in mind for the three kingdoms, but Zephyr has no intention of respecting it.

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1209701	Spirals and stars Gordon, Kate	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111709	Set in the nineties Spirals and Stars is a timeless story of friendship loss and gain, finding your place in the world, and finding the confidence to break free from expectations. Set on a backdrop of small town life, "nerd culture" and the big life moments and discoveries in our bodies and our souls, Spirals and Stars features a cast of diverse characters, a found family, a protagonist on the cusp of self-discovery, and a wealth of nineties era fun.
1209793	Spy academy: Doomsday Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761290480	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.
1209873	Squad, The Soontornvat, Christina & Cacao, Joanna (ill)	Graphix	2024	9781761640971	It's eighth grade and Christina and her besties, Megan and Leanne, are once again going through the brutal trials of cheerleading tryouts. This year, Christina feels more confident: She dresses in her own style and has amazing friends, even her first crush. But what if the girls don't all make the squad? Worse than that, Christina learns her parents' marriage is collapsing. Suddenly, her family, her future, and her identity seem in total freefall. Can she keep it together and still make her cheerleading dreams come true?
1209890	Steady for this Lessore, Nathanael	Hot Key Books	2023	9781471413223	Shaun (aka MC Growls) is ready to drop his best bars and smash the competition at Raptology. That way, he's convinced Tanisha, his crush, will finally give him a chance. But when a livestream practice goes epically wrong, Growls's dirty laundry is literally exposed. He's finally achieved his dreams of going viral, just not in a good way. Now Tanisha won't look at him, he's the joke of the school and there's no way he can show his face at the competition. Will he ever catch a break? Then a new girl on the block appears who might be just the friend Growls needs. Especially when she points out that Raptology could be the answer to his problems after all. It's MC Growls and he's ready for this. He's steady for this. It's comeback season and they call him comeback king for a reason.

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1209704	Stepping sideways: Worlds of steampunk and dystopia Larkin, Emily (ed) & Stringer Lynne (ed)	Rhiza Press	2024	9781761111785	An anthology of twelve short stories from diverging worlds, some are steampunk and others dystopian, written by Australian authors. Be transported into complex worlds of fog and mist, dystopian civilisations, time travel, slavery, steam engines, airships, clockwork devices and very bad food.
903269	Strike the zither He, Joan	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781911231417	<p>The year is 414 of the Xin Dynasty, and chaos abounds. A puppet empress is on the throne. The realm has fractured into three factions and three warlordesses hoping to claim the continent for themselves.</p> <p>But Zephyr knows it's no contest.</p> <p>Orphaned at a young age, Zephyr took control of her fate by becoming the best strategist of the land and serving under Xin Ren, a warlordess whose loyalty to the empress is double-edged; while Ren's honor draws Zephyr to her cause, it also jeopardizes their survival in a war where one must betray or be betrayed. When Zephyr is forced to infiltrate an enemy camp to keep Ren's followers from being slaughtered, she encounters the enigmatic Crow, an opposing strategist who is finally her match. But there are more enemies than one - and not all of them are human.</p>
1209896	Such charming liars McManus, Karen M.	Penguin	2024	9780241676998	<p>For all of Kat's life, it's just been her and her mother, Jamie - except for the forty-eight hours when Jamie was married and Kat had a stepbrother, Liam. That all ended in an epic divorce, and Kat and Liam haven't spoken since.</p> <p>Now Jamie is a jewel thief trying to go straight, but she has one last job at billionaire Ross Sutherland's birthday party. And Kat has figured out a way to tag along. What Kat doesn't know, though, is that there are two surprise guests at the dazzling Sutherland compound that weekend. The last two people she wants to run into. Liam and his father - a serial scammer who has his sights set on Ross Sutherland's youngest daughter.</p> <p>Kat and Liam are on a collision course to disaster, and when a Sutherland dies, they realize they might actually be in the killer's crosshairs themselves. Somehow Kat and Liam are the new targets, and they can't trust anyone - except each other. Or can they?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1264381	★ Sunrise on the reaping Collins, Suzanne	Scholastic US	2025	9781761641176	<p>As the day dawns on the fiftieth annual Hunger Games, fear grips the districts of Panem. This year, in honour of the Quarter Quell, twice as many tributes will be taken from their homes. Back in District 12, Haymitch Abernathy is trying not to think too hard about his chances. All he cares about is making it through the day and being with the girl he loves.</p> <p>When Haymitch's name is called, he can feel all his dreams break. He's torn from his family and his love, shuttled to the Capitol with the three other District 12 tributes: a young friend who's nearly a sister to him, a compulsive oddsmaker, and the most stuck-up girl in town. As the Games begin, Haymitch understands he's been set up to fail. But there's something in him that wants to fight... and have that fight reverberate far beyond the deadly arena.</p>
1209764	☹ Sweetness between us, The Winifred Searle, Sarah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761181245	<p>Perley has been diagnosed with diabetes and is trying to get his head around sugar levels and insulin shots. Amandine, part of a respected vampire family, has been turned much younger than she expected after a near-fatal car accident. Bonding over hospital trips and new diets, the two teens form a fast friendship. And Amandine's ability to taste blood sugar levels is a helpful perk for Perley that also provides her an ethical source of sustenance (essential for a vegan-turned-vampire).</p> <p>But as the year passes, Perley and Amandine begin to realise that their coping strategies - and their blood-sipping-turned-romance - may not be as healthy as they first thought. Will they be able to get their lives back to normal? And when so much has changed, what does 'normal' even mean?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1153630	Tempus Imperium, The Paine, Juliet A.	Rhiza Press	2024	9781761111648	<p>When Charlie's grandmother dies in mysterious circumstances, Charlie inherits her beautiful watch, the Tempus Imperium. She also discovers the world of the Temporal Sinistrum, a secretive organisation of time-travellers. Their task is to maintain the historical timeline. Charlie never knew her grandmother was one of their agents, but now, in order to solve the mystery of her grandmothers death, she must follow in her footsteps on an adventure travelling through time - back to Australia of the 1960's and to the future post-apocalyptic wasteland that is Los Angeles in 2120.</p>

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1209802	Tested Cummins, Pat	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460764916	Tested is an exploration of the remarkable place where challenge, crisis and opportunity meet, and how it's only in the moments when we are tested that we discover what we are made of. From a charity leader to Australia's first female prime minister, a Test cricket great to a ground-breaking scientist, an Indigenous leader to a bestselling author and podcaster, Pat interviews eleven extraordinary people whose stories of challenge, adversity, perseverance and resilience - navigating moments of crisis and doubt, seizing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities and giving back - have inspired him. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1019861	That's not my name Lally, Megan	Sourcebooks Inc	2024	9781728270111	<p>A teen girl wakes up on the side of a road. She is battered and bruised, with no memory of who she is or how she got there. The police don't know where she came from until a frantic man arrives at the station. He says he is her father and he has her birth certificate and family photos to prove it. Her says her name is Mary....</p> <p>After a fight, Lola leaves her boyfriends car and storms off into the night. Drew never sees her again. The sheriff and Drew's friends are convinced that Drew murdered Lola, so he needs to find her. The longer Lola is missing, the more danger they are both in.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1209797	Thief of the heights Son, M & Yao, Robin (ill)	HarperAlley	2024	9780063067325	Lifelong friends Basem, Mustafa and Aarfah dream of using their inventing skills to transport them from the disease infested place where they live to the highest echelons of society. Their dream is to help all people of Muqadas but once they reach the upper tiers they discover there are dangerous and dark secrets- ones which will challenge their very beliefs and test their bonds of friendship.

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871536	✱ This all come back now: an anthology of First Nations speculative fiction Saunders, Mykaela (ed)	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265662	The first-ever anthology of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander speculative fiction - written, curated, edited and designed by blackfellas, for blackfellas and about blackfellas. In these stories, this all come back: all those things that have been taken from us, that we collectively mourn the loss of, or attempt to recover and revive, as well as those that we thought we'd gotten rid of, that are always returning to haunt and hound us. Some writers summon ancestral spirits from the past, while others look straight down the barrel of potential futures, which always end up curving back around to hold us from behind. Dazzling, imaginative and unsettling, This All Come Back Now centres and celebrates communities and culture. It's a love letter to kin and country, to memory and future-thinking. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209895	This tale is forbidden Crosby, Polly	Scholastic Australia	2024	9780702325601	Once upon a time Fairy tales were real and the women in them strong and powerful. The Authorities want you to forget those stories and the lives of the women in them. In fact they want you to forget that magic ever existed. Now the fairy tales depict weak women who rely on the protection of men, wear long tight dresses and always tie their hair back in tight braids. Nesta didn't grow up in the city and Nesta knows the truth. That truth makes her dangerous, but does she have what it takes to rescue her grandmother and bring down the authorities?
1209765	Thunderhead Beer, Sophie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180958	Thunderhead is awkward, obsessed with music, and prone to bad luck. Their favourite things are hanging with their best (only) friend, Moonflower, and listening to records. When Moonflower moves schools, Thunderhead must navigate the challenges of high school alone. This task is made all the more challenging because she also has a big secret. Thunderhead uses playlists and online diary entries to try to make sense of her changing world, and to find the courage to embrace her future.




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1075094	Time travelling with a tortoise Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008544775	<p>Exciting, funny, heartwarming, and mind-bendingly clever, Time Travelling with a Tortoise is the extraordinary, adventure-packed sequel to Ross Welford's beloved, bestselling debut, Time Travelling with a Hamster.</p> <p>Al Chaudhury travelled back in time to save his father's life.</p> <p>And it worked - Al's dad is alive again and life is back to the way it should be. At least, that's what Al thinks.</p> <p>Because when an accident nearly kills Al's beloved Grandpa Byron, and forces Al back in time again, this time he leaves someone behind, trapped in another dimension forever.</p> <p>And now Al is forced to travel through time once more, not just to rescue his friend from the past, but also to save his Grandpa Byron's life... and to make sure that there will be a future waiting for them all.</p> <p>It turns out time travel isn't as simple as Al thought.</p>
1209707	Too tall tales of Alma T. Best, the: Out of bounds Collette, Katherine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9781460765388	<p>Twelve years old and six feet tall Alma was about to venture into a new school after winning a scholarship to Holy Grace. The problem for Alma was not that she wore size 11 shoes but that she came from Shellsville and that students from Holy Grace did not like Shellsville. So Alma embarks on her very own plan to save face by her will to maintain a life, built out of her imagination like a house of cards. It was an adventure and a tricky game to follow till the end for her family and friends. The Mother's Day Stall assignment was getting closer as worse became worse.</p>
1169502	Tryout, The Soontornvat, Christina & Cacao, Joanna (ill)	Graphix	2022	9781338741261	<p>When cheerleading tryouts are announced, Christina and her best friend, Megan, literally jump at the chance to join the squad. As two of the only kids of colour in the school, they have always yearned to fit in - and the middle school cheerleaders are popular and accepted by everyone. But will the girls survive the terrifying tryouts, with their whole grade watching? And will their friendship withstand the pressures of competition?</p>

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1103079	Twelfth Knight Follmuth, Alexene Farol	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781250884893	Jack Orsino is Mr Popular at his Highschool and only got Student Body President because he's a sport hero. Viola Reyes is the one who does all the work and has a lot to be annoyed about. Vi escapes by playing Twelfth Knight - an online role playing game where she can hide her true identity and excel on her own terms. But when Jacks sporting career is collapsing Twelfth Knight will unite these warring teens, and Vi will be forced to decide who she wants to be and who she can trust. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209792	Two can keep a secret McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2019	9780141375656	Echo Ridge, a town near the Canadian border is not safe for teenage girls. In 1996, high school senior Sarah Corcoran vanished while walking home from the library. Then five years ago, homecoming queen Lacey Kilduff was found dead in the aptly named Murderland Halloween Park. Now the killer claims to be back. Echo Ridge is not a good place to be popular. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
588180	Two dark reigns Blake, Kendare	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509876495	Queen Katharine has waited her entire life to wear the crown. But now that she finally has it, the murmurs of dissent grow louder by the day. There's also the alarming issue of whether or not her sisters are actually dead - or if they're waiting in the wings to usurp the throne. Mirabella and Arsinoe are alive, but in hiding on the mainland and dealing with a nightmare of their own: being visited repeatedly by a specter they think might be the fabled Blue Queen. Jules, too, is in a strange place - in disguise. And her only confidants, a war-gifted girl named Emilia and her oracle friend Mathilde, are urging her to take on a role she can't imagine filling: a legion-cursed queen who will lead a rebel army to Katharine's doorstep. This is an uprising that the mysterious Blue Queen may have more to do with than anyone could have guessed - or expected. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
915992	Two degrees Gratz, Alan	Scholastic US	2022	9781338735673	As climate change threatens, more and more natural disasters are occurring around the world. Three groups of children are facing the problem of climate change and the disasters it causes. A wildfire in California, melting ice in the Canadian north and hurricanes in Florida. Through their experiences the children must find a way to make the adults make changes to save the Earth.

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1082880	Unexpected mess of it all, The Tozer, Gabrielle	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460761441	<p>Jamila Dakhoul wants to escape her life. Forget everything. Forget that her only friends are strangers on the internet. Forget that she's stuck in a caravan after a fire destroyed her family's house. Forget that Year 12 is a brutal hellhole where bullying is an Olympic sport. Forget Billy Radcliffe once and for all.</p> <p>But as Jamila tries to untangle the messy threads of her life on a weekend away with her family, it becomes clear that she can't outrun her past, no matter how hard she tries ...</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
925934	Upwelling, The Rose, Lystra	Lothian Books	2022	9780734420251	A young adult fantasy with three misfits, two warring spirits and one chance to save the world. When death threatens all life, can a short-sighted surfer, a laidback dolphin caller and a feisty language unweaver work together to salvage our future?
1289185	Wandering wild Noni, Lynette	Penguin	2025	9781761345470	<p>Zander Rune was the darling of Hollywood until he fell from glory and was labelled a problematic bad boy. His public image needs fixing-fast-or he'll lose the role of a lifetime, and all his dreams with it. Charlie Hart is a regular teenage girl who despises everything Zander represents. But thanks to her scheming best friend and an ill-timed social media competition, Charlie finds herself pretending to be Zander's biggest fan on a four-day reality TV adventure led by renowned survivalist Rykon Hawke. When their trip goes horribly wrong, Charlie and Zander are left stranded in the wilderness. No Rykon, no film crew, no rescue. The only way they'll survive is if they trust each other. But in order to do so, both will have to let go of the ghosts of their pasts, and just maybe find themselves-and one another-in the process.</p>

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1285133	🔒 Watch me Mafi, Tahereh	electric monkey	2025	9780008718145	James Anderson had a plan. Or half of one. He managed to do what his older brother, the famous Aaron Warner Anderson, never did: infiltrate Ark Island, the last refuge of The Reestablishment. No outsider has breached the stronghold of the authoritarian regime, but James is in. In a prison cell, sure, but as far as James is concerned, a win is a win. Its been ten years since the notorious duo Juliette Ferrars and Aaron Warner Anderson led a worldwide rebellion and established the New Republic of the West. But The Reestablishment is ready to make a devastating move, and they have the perfect assassin for the job. Rosabelle Wolff had a plan. She always has a plan. On Ark Island, where constant surveillance is packaged as security, even emotions must be experienced with caution. Her every movement is monitored and when shes given an order to kill, she never hesitates. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1340235	🔒 When I was the greatest Reynolds, Jason & Girmay, Akhram (ill)	Faber & Faber	2022	9780571369645	Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighbourhood known for guns and drugs. But he and his sister Jazz, and their neighbours Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party. One gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209720	🔒 When the world tips over Nelson, Jandy	Walker Books	2024	9781406363098	Meet the Fall family all living within short distances from each other, lives struggling with abandonment from father, yearning for love, betrayals and believing in magical circumstances that destiny unfolds for them. The Town, Paradise Springs in California amidst rich vineyards holds their histories to be discovered. The Accident, the histories, love stories and revelations are part of this family's world that tips over and for once it's joy and only joy that spills out.. Dizzy is 12 years old, Cassidy is struggling with her mum's desire for something lost, Miles is searching his feelings for Felix and Wynton needs them all. This is a family's love story. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1209768	Where the library hides Ibanez, Isabel	Hodder & Stoughton	2024	9781399722230	An impossible love. An enchanted legacy. A dangerous discovery. 1885 Egypt. Inez Olivera is still reeling from her cousin's murder and her mother's betrayal. So when Tio Ricardo issues an ultimatum about her inheritance, she's left with only one option to consider. Marriage to Whitford Hayes, her one time nemesis. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1175656	White noise Grimmer, Raelke	NewSouth Publishing	2024	9781760802851	Fifteen-year-old Emma is woken up by her dad's nightmares. Again. On Friday evenings they go running at East Point Reserve to escape. Escape the ripples of grief that still chase them three years after her mum's death; escape Emma's autism diagnosis; escape her dad's work as an emergency room doctor. At school, Emma has won a spot on the beach volleyball Sports Institute program. The spot that her best friend Summer desperately wanted. And Summer's family are moving away to the other side of town. Their friendship has kept Emma going since her mum's death but now things are changing between them -- and change isn't something Emma can outrun. Set in tropical Darwin, White Noise is an achingly true portrayal of girlhood, grief, and autism.
835531	Witch Boy, The Ostertag, Molly Knox	Scholastic US	2017	9781338089516	In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted . . . and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch. It will take the encouragement of a new friend, the non-magical and non-conforming Charlie, to convince Aster to try practicing his skills. And it will require even more courage to save his family . . . and be truly himself.
1209877	Worst perfect moment Plozza, Shivaun	Walker Books	2025	9781760659455	The story of sixteen-year-old Tegan Masters, who finds herself in the afterlife at the Marybelle Motor Lodge in New Jersey, USA. In her memory this is where she experienced the worst weekend of her life. But in this version of heaven, each person lives in a replica of their happiest memory. Tegan has to work on why she this place is her happily ever after. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1019844	 You could be so pretty Bourne, Holly	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474966832	Joni and Belle live their lives at opposing positions in a rebuilt society which claims to be passed all troubles around gender disparity. While one is dedicated to being Pretty and is focused almost solely on receiving validation from social media, the other is proudly Objectionable, a woman who wears no Mask, dresses for comfort and practicality, and who has her eyes open to the dire problems with The Doctrine. This feminist dystopia examines the various ways society manipulates women and meddles with their ideas of worth and possibilities. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1209791	 You'll be the death of me McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2021	9780241473665	Skipping school is fun - until someone gets murdered. Ivy, Mateo and Cal used to be close back in middle school. When Cal pulls into campus late for class and runs into Ivy and Mateo, the former friends decide to ditch school, just like old times. Whilst exploring downtown, the trio spot classmate Boney Mahoney acting suspiciously and follow him into an empty building, not expecting him to turn up dead and for them to be the main suspects. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1209842	Yours from the tower Nicholls, Sally	Andersen Press Ltd	2023	9781839133190	1896. Tirzah, Louisa and Polly are best friends who've left boarding school and gone back to very different lives. Polly is teaching in an orphanage. Louisa is looking for a rich husband at the parties of the London Season. And Tirzah is stuck acting as an unpaid companion to her grandmother. In a series of letters, they share their hopes, their frustrations, their dramas and their romances. Can these three very different young women find happiness?
877874	 Zyla & Kai Forest, Kristina	Atom Publishing	2022	9780349003795	While on a school trip to the Pocono Mountains, Zyla and Kai run away together, leaving their friends and family confused. As far as anyone knows, they've been broken up for months. And honestly? Their break-up hadn't surprised anyone. Zyla, a cynic about love, met Kai, a hopeless romantic, while working together at an amusement park the previous summer, and they couldn't have been more different. Alternating between the past and present, we see the love story unfold from Zyla and Kai's perspectives: how they first became the unlikeliest of friends over the summer, how they fell in love during the school year, and why they ultimately broke up. Or did they? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.