



9plus Booklist by Title - New

When using this booklist, please be aware of the need for guidance to ensure students select texts considered appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels.

PRC ID	Title/Author	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Annotations
1023642	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Birdy Kernot, Sharon	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790606	<p>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?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1084283	☉ Blood traitor, The Lynette, Noni	Penguin	2023	9781760897550	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1078767	☉ Catch your death Guron, Ravena	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803705422	<p>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!</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
787944	☉ Cousins, The McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2020	9780241376959	<p>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.</p>

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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>
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>

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1304864	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Foal in the wire, The Coburn, Robbie	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423603	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.
1289184	<input checked="" type="radio"/> For she is wrath Varga, Emily	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781035055289	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.
850746	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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.
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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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>
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>

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1259632	Hey, Zazou! Thompson, Tony	Ford Street Publishing	2025	9781922696410	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.
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 fathers 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.
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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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	<p>Inspired by a true story.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>But that's all about to change ... And so is she.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209772	🔍 Just another story: Graphic migration account, A Saade, Ernesto	Graphic Universe	2024	9798765623367	<p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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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>
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>

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1352194	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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>
1096841	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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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1209866	🕒 Lovely and the lost, The Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241763094	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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1151649	🕒 Lover birds Egan, Leanne	Farshore	2024	9780008626570	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. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
846160	🕒 Macbeth graphic novel Punter, Russell & Longo, Massimiliano (ill) & Forlini, Valentino (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474948128	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.
1244701	🕒 Manslaughter Park Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2024	9780062889874	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. 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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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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.
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>


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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 kidnapee 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>
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>
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.</p> <p>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>

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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.
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...
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>

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1075159	Reappearance of Rachel Price, The Jackson, Holly	electric monkey	2024	9780008507268	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... Usually read by studwents in years 9, 10, or above.
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.

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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>

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1209919	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Song of a blackbird Van Lieshout, Maria	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181795	<p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209896	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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>

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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>
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.

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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.

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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>
1285133	Watch me Mafi, Tahereh	electric monkey	2025	9780008718145	<p>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.</p>
1340235	When I was the greatest Reynolds, Jason & Girmay, Akhran (ill)	Faber & Faber	2022	9780571369645	<p>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.</p>

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1209720	When the world tips over Nelson, Jandy	Walker Books	2024	9781406363098	<p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1209768	Where the library hides Ibanez, Isabel	Hodder & Stoughton	2024	9781399722230	<p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209877	Worst perfect moment Plozza, Shivaun	Walker Books	2025	9781760659455	<p>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.</p>
1019844	You could be so pretty Bourne, Holly	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474966832	<p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1209791	🕒 You'll be the death of me McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2021	9780241473665	<p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
877874	🕒 Zyla & Kai Forest, Kristina	Atom Publishing	2022	9780349003795	<p>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?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>