



3-4 Booklist by Title - Full

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 |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|------|---------------|--|
| 9404 | 100 Australian poems for children Griffith, Kathryn & Scott-Mitchell, Claire (eds) & Rogers, Gregory (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781740517751 | From emus to magic puddings, this feast of Australian poems for children is fresh and familiar. Written by grown-ups and kids, with beautiful illustrations, it reveals what is special about growing up in Australia. |
| 660416 | 100 ways to fly Taylor, Michelle | University of Queensland Press | 2019 | 9780702262500 | In 100 Ways to Fly you'll find a poem for every mood - poems to make you laugh, feel silly or to twist your tongue, to make you courageous enough for a new adventure or to help you soar. |
| 1168017 | 18,000 holes in the universe: Dragonfire Wallace, Adam & Foley, Lisa & Hart, James (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9781460764824 | Twins Noah and Jordie discover a letter from their long-lost Grandpa Galileo and know they, with the help of their friends, need to rescue him, and soon! But they didn't count on being sucked through a magical mini-golf hole into another world, full of fire-breathing dragons. It's a race against time! Will they save Grandpa? Will they be trapped in this crazy world? Will they be burnt to a crisp or eaten by vicious dragons? Beware! If you keep reading, you might get sucked into the most incredible golf course in the universe too ... |
| 1209739 | 18,000 holes in the universe: Snack attack Wallace, Adam & Foley, Lisa & Hart, James (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2024 | 9781460764831 | Norah, Jordie and the Golf Squad mates are on a mission to locate and rescue Grandpa Galileo. In this second book in the series, the group is once again sucked into a hole in the golf course and exposed to a new world filled with unexpected challenges. |

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| 537 | 27th annual African hippopotamus race Lurie, Morris | Puffin Australia | 1985 | 9780140309911 | Go behind the scenes as eight year old Edward, the hippopotamus, trains for the greatest swimming marathon of all. |
| 18410 | 4F for freaks Hobbs, Leigh | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741140910 | 4F pride themselves on frightening teachers out of the classroom. It seems that they have met their match with Miss Corker who has a few tricks of her own up her sleeves. |
| 9581 | 500 hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, The Seuss, Dr | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1989 | 9780394844848 | Bartholomew is selling cranberries when the king passes by. A big cry is heard, 'Hats off to the King', which Bartholomew does but he still has a hat on his head. A very funny story about Batholomew's hats. |
| 35571 | A is for Australian Animals Lessac, Frane | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781925381009 | Australia is full of the most amazing animals on the planet! What animal has 6 thumbs? What animal produces square poo? What animal is made of 95 per cent water and is highly venomous? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this factastic tour of Australian animals. |
| 821830 | A-Z of Australian bush creatures, An Mollard, Myke | Woodslane Press | 2022 | 9781925868685 | This unique A-Z book truly captures the range and diversity of our unique and wondrous Australian wildlife. Exploring common names, aboriginal names, Latin names and from every corner of Australia, the book includes over 400 native animals, from sea creatures and insects, to amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. The book highlights the endangered, sometimes the extinct and the rare beauty of Australia and its islands and territories. Fully indexed, this book invites and engages kids (and kid-adults) of all ages to find, discover and learn all the animal names and compare their different types. Originally assisted by leading biologists, author Myke has ensured the illustrations are anatomically correct as well as vibrant and enchanting. As a bonus, you can find one human in the book doing what Myke loves best as a recreational pursuit. |
| 7350 | ABC book of lullabies, The Various | ABC Books | 2008 | 9780733323621 | An enchanting collection of lullabies, chosen and illustrated by well-known Australian artists. They use collage, pen and ink, gouache, chalk, charcoal, pencil and watercolour to present a varied, visual experience of the lullabies. |
| 846250 | ABC kids guide to loving the planet, The Crupi, Jaclyn & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | ABC Books | 2022 | 9780733341045 | Our planet is precious. It's where we live, learn, work and play. This charming picture book is a gentle introduction to caring for the world around us. The simple, engaging text and beautiful illustrations explore ideas like planting veggie gardens and recycling, to show the ways every person, no matter how big or small, can make a difference. |

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| 6010 | ABC of Australian animals Morcombe, Irene | Working Title Press | 2000 | 9781876288068 | Organised alphabetically, the beautiful, full page photographs and short but excellent texts in this book provide a wealth of information about Australian animals. |
| 9499 | ABC of Australian birds Morcombe, Irene | Working Title Press | 2000 | 9781876288129 | Organised alphabetically, the beautiful, full page photographs and short but excellent texts in this book provide a wealth of information about Australian birds. |
| 9520 | Abel's moon Hughes, Shirley | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780099265351 | Abel Grable's work takes him into remote jungles with only the moon to guide the way. His children love to hear about his moonlit adventures when he's back home. When he's away, the children use his desk as a moon machine for their own adventures. |
| 9454 | Aboriginal peoples of Australia Bartlett, Anne | Times Editions | 2000 | 9789812320650 | Indigenous and non-indigenous writers work in collaboration with indigenous people to present a vast amount of information about the Aboriginal peoples of Australia. Provides information on each author. |
| 15202 | About this little devil and this little fella Barunga, Albert & Mueche, Stephen & Dowling, Julie (ill) | Magabala Books | 1999 | 9781875641420 | This greedy little fella just can't stop eating honey and won't go home with his mother. The grumpy little devil is nearby chopping wood to make a fire to cook his dinner. But first, he has to catch it. |
| 11338 | Accidental princess, The Storer, Jen & Masciullo, Lucia (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2011 | 9780670074969 | Matilda's sister, Iris, has a precious possession, an old penny passed on to her by Great Grandfather Parnell. After a fight, Matilda hides the penny in a lilac hedge in the garden. When she goes to retrieve it, the penny is gone. Two sets of glittering emerald eyes are watching Matilda and when she reaches further into the hedge, she sets off a tale of the penny that is more than it seems. |
| 18538 | Across the dark sea Orr, Wendy | National Museum of Australia Press | 2006 | 9781876944452 | Trung and his father are separated from his mother and sister while escaping from Vietnam to Australia. The story traces their dangerous journey and the difficulties they face as refugees assimilating into Australian society. While they want desperately to be reunited, they did not want Trung's mother and sister to travel to Australia on a leaky boat. |
| 47238 | Action Tank Barry, Mike | Mike Barry Was Here | 2017 | 9780648054900 | Once upon a time there was a boy who opened his eyes...and noticed something. He was lost. So begins the first adventure of Action Tank. The boy soon discovers he is not the only one on this strange planet on which he has woken, and while some creatures are helpful and friendly, others are not. All the boy knows is he is late home for his carbonara dinner! Join the adventure as the boy braves the dreaded Snowgers Cave and a two million degree lake with his new friend, a talking horse man, as he attempts to find his way home for dinner. |

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| 763405 | Action Tank book 2 Barry, Mike | Mike Barry Was Here | 2020 | 9780648054924 | A boy races across the Solar System, piloting a beat-up spaceship and accompanied by his fascinating new friends. Forced to crash land on Neptune, he's soon dodging lightning cannons, racing hovercrafts, and trying to outsmart a bunch of super aggressive guys with buckets on their heads, all in the hope of making it back to Earth in time for his Mum's spaghetti carbonara. |
| 29707 | Ada's violin: The story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay Hood, Susan & Wern Comport, Sally (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2016 | 9781481430951 | Ada Rios grew up in Cateura, a small town in Paraguay built on a landfill. Her family were recyclers of trash. With little money, Ada's dream to play the violin was never possible. When music teacher, Favio Chavez, arrived, he wanted to give the children something special. He made instruments out of materials found in the trash, a crazy idea that would leave Ada and her town forever changed. Now, The Recycled Orchestra plays around the world, spreading their message of hope and innovation. Based on a true story. |
| 5947 | Adelaide's secret world Hurst, Elise | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743313350 | In the midst of the city, Adelaide leads a quiet life. At night, she listens to the song of the stars. During the day, she watches over the others that are like her - the still ones, the quiet ones, and those who dance and dream alone. Little does Adelaide know that her secret world will soon be transformed into something unexpected and full of joy. |
| 552 | Advance Australia fair McCormick, Peter Dodds & Flowers, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2002 | 9780207185991 | Australian's all, let us rejoice... Our national anthem, beautifully illustrated. |
| 24410 | Adventures of a late-night swearer, The Hilton, Nette & Jellet, Tom (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2008 | 9780702236525 | Speedy Simpson is the absolute best at everything. But, Bebe La Mouche has a special talent with words that is going to take some beating. When Speedy stumbles upon a secret word, he is sure it will impress Bebe and his classmates. But, he soon discovers that there is more than one way to be the best. |
| 2771 | Adventures of Alfie Onion, The French, Vivian & Kissi, Marta (ill) | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781406363104 | Alfie Onion has just set off on a great adventure but only to carry his brother's luggage. It's his older brother, Magnifico Onion, who's destined to make his family's fortune. But, when it turns out that Magnifico isn't half the hero he's cracked up to be, it falls to Alfie to save the day, with a little help from his loyal dog, a talking horse and a couple of meddling magpies. |
| 569241 | Adventures of Jellybean, The Condon, Bill & Bates, Dianne | University of Queensland Press | 2018 | 9780702260001 | Rory and Trang are best friends who share many interests, including the desire to get a pet goat. When their parents agree and Jellybean moves into Rory's backyard, mayhem ensues. This sweet story includes a community of very special people who all want the boys to be successful in raising their unusual pet. And Jellybean has a big surprise in store for them all. |

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| 4446 | Adventures of Miss Petitfour, The Michaels, Anne & Block, Emma (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781408868041 | Miss Petitfour enjoys having adventures that are just the right size. She's an expert at baking and eating fancy iced cakes, and her favourite mode of travel is par avion. On windy days, she takes her sixteen cats out for an airing. Join Miss Petitfour and her equally eccentric felines on five magical outings. |
| 8922 | Adventures of Pete paddock-basher, The Heffernan, John | Scholastic Australia | 1999 | 9781876289263 | Once Pete was a brand new car with flash tyres, sparkling chrome and more shine than the sun. Now he is a worn-out old farm car, a paddock-basher. Life on the farm can still be fun, but Pete dreams of greater things. |
| | Adventures of Riley series Lumry, Amanda & Hurwitz, Laura (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 4447 | Adventures of Zack Proton and the red giant, The Anderson, Brian & Holgate, Doug (ill) | Aladdin Publishing | 2006 | 9781416913641 | Intergalactic hero, Zack Proton, and Omega Chimp risk life and limb to save the universe from the evil Big Large. Find out how banana skins come in handy. |
| 15201 | Aesop's fables Watson, Carol (reteller) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2003 | 9780746054086 | Some of Aesop's best-loved stories are retold simply in this easy-to-read, language-rich and delightfully illustrated book. The hare, tortoise, crow, ant, dove, fox, stork, mouse, dog and lion, all have lessons to teach us. |
| 660401 | Africa, amazing Africa: Country by country Atinuke & Feddag, Mouni (ill) | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406376586 | Discover the amazing diversity of the African continent in this celebration of all 55 countries on the African continent! The beautifully-written text captures Africa's unique mix of the modern and the traditional, as she explores its geography, its peoples, its animals, its history, its resources and its cultural diversity. |
| 49311 | Against the odds Hof, Marjolijn & Prins, Johanna H (trans) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742375083 | Kiki's father is a doctor who travels to faraway war zones. She always worries about him and, to calm her, Kiki's mother explains her father's likelihood of return in terms of odds. When her father goes missing, Kiki decides she has to try and improve the odds of her father coming home, the only way she can. |
| 9411 | Alan the alien Hall, Penny | Koala Books | 2002 | 9780864614179 | A boy arrives on Clark's doorstep and says he is an exchange student but there is something not quite right. Alan Alyian is weird and he's full of surprises. |

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| 660692 | Albatross, The Pickworth, Bruce & Robertson, Lorraine (ill) | Bullawai Books | 2020 | 9780994611840 | On Macquarie Island, in the Southern Ocean far below Tasmania, the sea-birds throng; petrels, penguins, shearwaters, skuas. But rarest of all, the Wandering Albatross, wondrous master of the sky and sea. Yet there is blood and death in the water, and for one priceless breeding pair, the dangers gather. |
| 9610 | Albert Ironstain Condon, Bill | Koala Books | 2003 | 9780864615022 | Albert Ironstain invents a great robot, Elvis, to be his identical twin but this invention turns out to be a very mixed blessing. Elvis is inclined to misunderstand commands with hilarious results and starts to develop a will of his own. |
| | Alby and the cat series Various | | | | 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. |
| 580 | Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day Viorst, Judith & Cruz, Ray (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 1986 | 9780207153174 | Alexander woke up with chewing gum in his hair. When he got out of bed, he tripped on his skateboard and then dropped his jumper in the sink while the water was running. He knew it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. |
| 12725 | Alexander who used to be rich last Sunday Viorst, Judith & Cruz, Ray (ill) | Aladdin Publishing | 2005 | 9780689711992 | Alexander's grandparents give him a dollar. He contemplates his new found wealth and how he will spend it. |
| 15062 | Alfie wins a prize Hughes, Shirley | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780370328249 | With all the nostalgia of a country fair, Alfie comes up with a winning painting and helps the losers to cope with their disappointment. |
| 71921 | Alfie's search for destiny Hardy, David | Magabala Books | 2013 | 9781922142115 | Confused about his destiny, Alfie sets off across the country to ask the animals for their advice, before returning home to discover the answer. |
| 995863 | Alice's Shoe Thorndyke, Julie & Harrison, Jennifer (ill) | MidnightSun Publishing | 2023 | 9781922858139 | A country child, Alice ran barefoot. On smooth waxed floorboards, over dusty clay in the yard, through icy water in the creek... she refused to wear shoes. After losing her sight and hearing through illness, Alice slowly made her way back to life and became the first deafblind person in Australia to be educated. Her hated shoe was Alice's first connection with the world of language as she learnt to sign. |

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| | Alice-Miranda series Various | | | | 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. |
| 24903 | Alien Zoo...and you! The Beck, Adrian & McKenzie, Heath | Affirm Press | 2018 | 9781925475630 | Twins Ben and Jen inherit a secret alien zoo from their late grandfather. But, on their first day as alien zoo keepers they discover the zoo is in need of repairs, creatures are out of their cages, there's a VIP group on their way for a visit and the supercomputer is mucking up. |
| 1669 | Aliens are coming, The McNaughton, Colin | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406306453 | They come from planets near and far, some big, some small, some quite bizarre. Moving at the speed of light and looking for a fight, the aliens are coming to Earth to conquer the human race. |
| 1078937 | Alight: A story of fire and nature Lloyd, Sam & Metcalfe, Samantha (ill) | CSIRO | 2023 | 9781486315444 | Alight shares the story of Australian native plants and animals during a planned fire. This is a fabulous story and resource for any child, who will learn how new flowers and seed capsules grow, and the challenges little animals face in the bush. It includes factual information, a lovely story to engage the reader and stunning illustrations that capture the beauty of the Australian environment. |
| 9515 | All aboard the toy train Bradman, Tony (comp) & Cunliffe, Ian (ill) | Hodder & Stoughton | 2001 | 9780750233170 | Poetry, playfully illustrated by Ian Cunliffe, that explores the joys and disappointments of toys - what children want as gifts, what they receive, what they grow tired of and what they break. |
| 846169 | All about dragons Quinn, Izzy & Kister, Kristina (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2021 | 9781760509576 | Dig deep into the world of dragons and discover all there is to know about these formidable fire-breathing beasts. Why are dragons so hard to find? What do they eat? When do they sleep? How far can they fly? And is it safe to get close to them? In this follow-up to the bestselling All About Mermaids and All About Fairies, you'll learn everything you ever wanted to know about these captivating creatures. |
| 785428 | All about fairies Quinn, Izzy & Magisson, Helene (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2020 | 9781760506971 | Flit through the fascinating world of fairies and discover everything there is to know about these fabulous creatures. |
| 5631 | All about Korea: Stories, songs, crafts and games for kids Bowler, Ann Martin & Barg, Soosoonam (ill) | Tuttle Publishing | 2011 | 9780804849388 | All About Korea is a great book for teaching children the finer aspects of Korean culture, their way of life and etiquette. This book includes favourite games, special holiday times and after school activities that are unique to Korea. |

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| 660117 | All about mermaids Quinn, Izzy & Stankovic, Vlad (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2019 | 9781760504151 | Dive into the world of mermaids and discover everything there is to know about the ocean's most mysterious creatures. From where they are found to how they sleep, from what they eat to how they raise their young, All About Mermaids is overflowing with fascinating facts that are sure to enchant and enlighten readers. |
| 15292 | All dressed up Campbell, Margaret & Pignataro, Anna (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407825 | Gilly does not want to wear a frilly pink dress and be the flower girl at her cousin's wedding. Things just go from bad to worse, but, when your heart's in the right place and you give things your best shot, you can be a star in the most surprising ways. |
| 21221 | All new must have orange 430, The Speechley, Michael | Penguin | 2018 | 9780143788973 | Harvey owned a heap of stuff, but could always use more. The Orange 430 was the latest and the greatest. Harvey wasn't sure what it did, but he had to have it! |
| 22436 | All set for the big wet Foot, Mandy | Hachette Children's Books | 2011 | 9780734411969 | The ants come scurrying one by one. Quickly, they're followed by swooping barn owls, trundling wombats, jumping kangaroos, striding prolgas and other favourite Australian animals, all in their race to get to the ark before the flood. |
| 20811 | All the way to WA: Our search for Uncle Kev Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781741758856 | Uncle Kev is lost. He's looking for the rare Bearded Night Parrot and we're trying to find him. Join us on a trip across the Nullabor and all over Western Australia. |
| 67084 | Allie Finkle's rules for girls: moving day Cabot, Meg | MacMillan | 2008 | 9780330453752 | Allie Finkle doesn't want to leave her pretty, pink bedroom in her lovely modern home and all her school friends to go and live a long way away in a creepy old house with a zombie in the attic. Fortunately, the rules she makes to live by, as well as being practical and very funny, also help her to make the best of things. |
| 35489 | Alpha quest Whatley, Bruce & Smith, Rosie (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2007 | 9781741690590 | Join the Alpha quest, a journey in search of treasure. Everyone is desperate to find the riches - Eagle and Emu, the Goldfish in Gliders, the Knight, the Pirate Pig, even the Violent Viking. But, only you can find the hidden pieces of the key to unlock the treasure. |
| 880712 | Amanda Commander: The pinky promise Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill) | Wombat Books | 2022 | 9781761110788 | When every girl in Year Three gets an invitation to Eve's birthday party except Amanda, Amanda makes a plan, with the help of the Dolphin Squad, to win herself an invitation before the week is through. It's operation invitation! Amanda tries everything to make Eve like her and get an invitation to the party, until she finally learns it's more important to be kind, not for what you can get but because of who you are. |
| 903305 | Amanda Commander: The yellow dress (ill) Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi | Wombat Books | 2022 | 9781761110795 | When the Dolphin Squad finds out Eve has the exact same yellow dress as Amanda and is planning to wear it to the School Disco, Amanda and her friends need to find a way to change Eve's mind. |

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| 15131 | Amazing Australian mammals Silkstone, Barry | Heinemann | 2004 | 9781740701358 | One of the Amazing Australian series. An information book with interesting, simply presented facts and detailed photos of various Australian mammals. Maps, fact files and a glossary of words enhance the text. |
| 782043 | Amazing Australian road trip, An Hosking, Jackie & Vamos, Lesley (ill) | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781760650766 | Come on an amazing Aussie road trip with our family as we go on a quest to find a scenic spot to have a picnic and wish aunty a happy 60th birthday. We will discover many amazing sites as we travel around Australia. Will Aunty choose your favourite spot and have the best birthday ever? |
| 570736 | Amazing Australian women Freeman, Pamela & Beer, Sophie (ill) | Lothian Books | 2018 | 9780734418456 | In this book you'll meet twelve amazing Australian women who have changed the world, in small ways and large. Some of them are world famous, like Annette Kellerman and Nellie Melba. Some of them are famous in Australia, like Mary Reibey and Edith Cowan. And all of them deserve to be famous, and admired. They represent the warriors, artists, business owners, scientists, singers, politicians, actors, athletes, adventurers, activists and innovators of Australia. |
| 4269 | Amazing Australians in their flying machines Mason, Prue & Mason, Kerry & Jellet, Tom (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781922244635 | Amazing Australians in Their Flying Machines tells the stories of ten brave Australians who changed the face of aviation forever. These include Charles Kingsford Smith, John Flynn and Nancy Bird- the youngest licensed woman pilot. Up until these pioneers changed aviation in Australia, it could take days, weeks, or months, for everyday Australians to get to their destination in the early 20th Century. |
| 804789 | Amazing case of Dr Ward, The Kerin, Jackie & Suwannakit, Tull (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2021 | 9781925804706 | When you peel a banana, or bite into a pear, when you smell a rose, pop a fuchsia bud or scrape your knee climbing an old pine tree, do you ever wonder how those plants came to this country? Read the amazing case of Dr Ward to be awed by the science and troubles of the past. |
| 700418 | Amazing discoveries of 100 brilliant scientists, The Wheatley, Abigail & Dupond, Leonard (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2020 | 9781474950800 | From atoms to Xrays and from the Big Bang to the Internet, brilliant breakthroughs by successful scientists have changed the world again and again. Dip inside this intriguing book to read the stories of 100 scientists and their amazing discoveries! |
| 21519 | Amazing Fleadini, The Miesen, Christina | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305866 | The Flea Circus is the best show that Matt has ever seen. He is really excited when the circus superstar, the Amazing Fleadini, wants to stay at his place. But, his guest isn't quite the fun that Matt expects him to be. |
| 855857 | Amazing meals of Martha Maloney, The Wild, Margaret & Wild, Dan & Rawlins, Donna (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781921529238 | Martha Maloney loves food, especially interesting food. Come with Martha as she wanders through the museum on a school excursion and dines with many different historical characters - King Henry VIII, Marie Antoinette, Empereor Claudias, the last Chinese Emperor... |

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| 9508 | Ambulance officer Warbrick, Sarah | Harcourt Education Australia | 1999 | 9781863916424 | An exploration of the role of ambulance officers in our community. Bright, photographic illustrations and simple clear text show the ambulance officer performing a range of typical work tasks. |
| 21242 | Ammuchi Puchi, The Manivannan, Sharanya & Canzi, Nerina (ill) | Lantana Publishing | 2016 | 9781911373025 | Aditya and Anjali love listening to their grandmother's stories, especially the scary one about a ghost in the tree. The night their grandmother dies her stories lose their meaning until something happens that is more mysterious and magical than any story. Could their grandmother still be with them? |
| 11902 | Amy and the Wilpena flood Bouma, Claudia | Wombat Books | 2013 | 9781921632358 | Amy and her friends take an exciting time travel adventure with the help of a rainbow necklace. After finding a map of South Australia with a mysterious location, the necklace takes them to Wilpena Pound in the early 1900s. Here they meet Jessie Hill, whose family is threatened by a disastrous flood. The girls learn about courage and the value of true friendship. |
| 36587 | Ancient Greek adventure Royston, Angela | A & C Black | 2010 | 9781408126950 | Through the eyes of a young Egyptian slave, discover what life was like in Ancient Greece during the Great Dionysian Festival. |
| 57774 | And Tango makes three Richardson, Justin & Parnell, Peter | Simon & Schuster | 2005 | 9780689878459 | At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns to sit on an abandoned egg until it hatches. |
| | Anders series Mackay, Gregory | | | | 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. |
| | Andy Roid series Arena, Felice | | | | 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. |
| 14326 | Andy Shane and the very bossy Dolores Starbuckle Richard Jacobson, Jennifer & Carter, Abby (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2006 | 9780763630447 | Andy Shane doesn't like school or Dolores Starbuckle in particular. She is the class know-it-all who bosses him around. Luckily Andy has a very wise and understanding grandmother who teaches Dolores a lesson. |
| 27818 | Andy Web: Artist Coote, Maree | Melbournestyle | 2017 | 9780992491758 | Andy Web studied Art at the National Gallery. It was his dream to exhibit there one day. How will he ever achieve his dream? Join Andy, the original artist-in-residence, as he gets up close and personal with the great masters to learn all he can about art. |

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| 795641 | Anemone is not the enemy McGregor, Anna | Scribe Publications | 2020 | 9781922310118 | Anemone lives alone in the rock pool. The tide comes in and the tide goes out. All Anemone wants is a friend, but friends are hard to make when you accidentally sting everyone who comes near you. Perhaps Clownfish has a solution to the problem ... |
| 627 | Angelo Macaulay, David | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842708422 | High above the rooftops of Rome, Angelo begins his work restoring the facade of a once glorious church. When he finds an injured pigeon, Angelo nurses it back to health and they become good friends. Angelo is worried about what will happen to the pigeon when he dies and comes up with a plan to make sure the pigeon is safe. |
| 1019788 | Animal a day, An Smith, Miranda | Farshore | 2023 | 9780008534295 | Travel through the incredible ecosystems and habitats of our beautiful planet, and meet some of the most fascinating animals that call them home. Dive into the oceans to find whales and giant squid, journey across the icy poles with penguins and polar bears, race across the African savanna with lions and wildebeest - and so much more. |
| 51909 | Animal babies Mack, Lorrie & Smith, Penny | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405352666 | Wherever they live, baby animals do many of the same things that human babies do. They play, eat, sleep and find adventure. From the biggest baby animals to the smallest, you'll find out how long different animals stay with their parents, how they find food and the sorts of things they do. |
| | Animal Rescue series French, Jackie | | | | 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. |
| 640 | Animalia Base, Graeme | Puffin Australia | 1990 | 9780140541120 | This stunning book of illustrations from A to Z has hidden puzzles and ideas that fascinate all ages. |
| 9533 | Animals scare me stiff Cole, Babette | Red Fox | 2003 | 9780099404972 | Tom is very scared of animals. He imagines being eaten by a dog, squeezed to death by a snake, spiders crawling up his nose and birds pecking off his ears. But, Tom has the scariest secret weapon of all. |
| 8791 | Animals: on the world's rare and endangered species Fleming, Garry | Brolly Books | 2006 | 9781877035753 | Many of the world's beautiful animals are now in danger of extinction. In this book Garry Fleming captures the unique beauty of some of these animals and provides information about the animals and their plight. |
| 6804 | Annie's snails Wolfer, Dianne | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781921720635 | Annie loves her pet snails. They have adventures together and she makes them a special home in an ice-cream container, where they should be very happy. |

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| 112264 | Antarctic close-up Edwards, Hazel & Parkee, Meegan (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2007 | 9781876944544 | John finds himself caught up in an Antarctic adventure that happened in 1911 when he travels back in time using one of his inventions. A chance to discover the Antarctic through the writing of someone who has been there. |
| 29426 | Anton can do magic Konnecke, Ole | Gecko Press | 2010 | 9781877467639 | Anton has a magic hat. A real one. He wants to do some magic and make things disappear. Anton tries to make a tree vanish but it's too big. But, when he is successful in making someone disappear, Anton desperately wants him to come back. |
| 18850 | Any questions Gay, Marie-Louise | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781760113179 | An author and some very curious children, with lots of questions, collaborate to write and illustrate a story. The kids become part of the story and let their imaginations run wild, becoming inspired to create tales of their own. Find out how brilliant ideas creep up on you when you least expect it and how words sometimes float out of nowhere, asking to be written. |
| 7706 | Anzac puppy, The Millett, Peter & Bowles, Trish | Scholastic New Zealand | 2014 | 9781775430971 | Freda was the loyal, good-luck mascot of a brave young soldier, battling explosions on the Western Front. |
| 4158 | Anzac tree, The Booth, Christina | Omnibus Books | 2017 | 9781760154226 | In 1916, two brothers planted two trees on their farm. They then headed far away to France to fight in the Great War. The Anzac tree tells the story of a century of Australian generations who went to war, and the story of those who were left behind. |
| 17116 | Aphrodite Alexandra Bouras, Gillian & Pignataro, Anna (ill) | | 2007 | 9780734409966 | Aphrodite Alexandra is named after both her grandmothers who grew up in different countries and don't want anything to do with each other at all. Aphrodite Alexandra visits both grandmothers often and loves the stories they tell her about their childhoods. She realises they both have more in common than they think. |
| 61213 | April Underhill, tooth fairy Graham, Bob | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781406321555 | April and Esme Underhill have never collected a tooth before. Mum and Dad have always done it but, tonight, it's their turn. So, equipped with a bag, a coin and a mobile phone, the sisters head for Daniel Dangerfield's house, and a very unusual first tooth visit. |
| 9571 | Arabella Orr, Wendy & Gamble, Kim (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2000 | 9780207199042 | Matthew and his grandfather sail to his grandfather's island. They discover the love that can exist between a child and his grandfather, the beauty and ferocity of the sea and the joy and exhilaration of sailing, even in a wheelchair. |
| 15132 | Are we there yet Lester, Alison | Penguin | 2004 | 9780670880676 | Join Grace and her family on their adventurous and, sometimes, funny expedition around Australia. A warm, heartfelt story based on an actual journey undertaken by the award-winning author and illustrator, Alison Lester. |

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| 9951 | Are you an art sleuth DiGiovanni Evans, Brooke | Quarto Group | 2016 | 9781631591310 | Have a close look at twenty-one famous paintings and discover how each artist uses colour, techniques and secrets to delight you. Be an art sleuth and find items and details in each painting that, at first glance, might not be so obvious. |
| 15727 | Aristotle King-Smith, Dick & Graham, Bob (ill) | Walker Books | 2004 | 9780744566802 | Delightful story of a young kitten who becomes a witch's cat and goes through most of his nine lives being rescued by his kind witch, Bella Donna. |
| 670 | Ark in the park Orr, Wendy & Millard, Kerry (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 1994 | 9780207176333 | The delightful story of Sophie, a lonely girl living in a big city, and her three secret wishes. Two of the wishes seem impossible but the third is, perhaps, not so impossible. |
| 671 | Ark of dreams, The Whitmore, Andrew | Black Dog Books | 2001 | 9781876372033 | After falling from a boat, Tom and Alice, find themselves on board the Golden Ship, an ark carrying mythical creatures such as unicorns, griffins and basilisks. The ship is sailed by friendly but suspicious elves and a dwarf until it is sabotaged. |
| 803547 | Arlo & Pips: King of the birds Gravel, Alise | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2020 | 9780062982223 | Arlo has a big brain and a collection of shiny things. Pip is his new pal. Moving to the city sure can be hectic for a crow. Even one as smart as Arlo! Everywhere you turn-noisy humans, lots of litter and lots of competition for French fries! Fortunately, Arlo meets Pip-who joins him on his awesome adventures (and reminds him when he is bragging too much). |
| 9564 | Arno the garbo Crew, Gary & Smith, Craig | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734401748 | An off-the-wall picture book about Arno who lives in the middle of his family's junkyard making him unpopular, mostly because of the smell. But, when Arno brings an exciting invention to school made from recycled garbage, the situation changes. |
| 751174 | Around Australia in 30 places Manners, Rochelle & Various (ill) | Wombat Books | 2020 | 9781925563757 | Starting in Brisbane, Wombat travels Australia, telling readers what makes the location special. Wombat slops on some sunscreen to visit the beaches of the Gold Coast. He spots a roo at Taronga Zoo and gets out his cricket bat to play at Adelaide Oval. |
| 833193 | Around the globe with Gramps Eldridge-Alfonzetti, Carolyn & Lawrence, Teresa (ill) | Celapene Press | 2018 | 9781925572155 | Lucy is about to start high-school. She has a cool new friend, Briony, and feels she's outgrown the school holiday 'Overseas Adventure Days' she shares with her grandfather, a retired geography teacher. When Lucy asks to spend those days with Briony, instead of doing geography research and international craft and cookery with Gramps, her mother refuses and reveals a poignant reason. However, when an emergency threatens more than just Lucy's Fridays with Gramps, she reflects on all they've shared, and what is most important in her life. |

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| 96002 | Art & Max Wiesner, David | Koala Books | 2010 | 9780864619297 | Max and Arthur are friends who share an interest in painting. Arthur is an accomplished painter while Max is a beginner. Max's first attempt at using a paintbrush sends the two friends on a whirlwind trip through various artistic media, which turn out to have unexpected pitfalls. Although Max is inexperienced, his energy and enthusiasm bring the adventure to its triumphant conclusion. |
| 13160 | Arthur Graham, Amanda | Era Publications | 1984 | 9780947212124 | Arthur is a lone dog in Mrs Humber's pet shop and, each day, he attempts to copy the attributes and antics of the popular pets like the rabbits, snakes, fish, cats and frogs so that he will be purchased. Meanwhile, Melanie and her grandfather have been attracted to the shaggy dog who knows lots of tricks. |
| 778 | Arthur's dream boat Dunbar, Polly | Walker Books | 2012 | 9781406344622 | Arthur has an amazing dream about a pink and green boat with a striped mast. He can't wait to tell his family about it. But when he tries, no one (not even the dog) is interested in listening. In fact, they don't even notice when the very same boat gradually appears on his head, growing larger and larger by the minute. |
| 15333 | Artists Powell, Jillian | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2000 | 9780750225984 | Interesting facts about the lives and paintings of six famous artists including Monet, Picasso, da Vinci, Rembrandt, van Gogh and Turner. |
| 571292 | Arty Farty Marty: The paint smashin' kraken Baker, Dale | Bonnier Publishing Australia | 2018 | 9781760681173 | Arty Farty Marty loves to surf and paint! Join Marty as he tries his tentacles at painting in the styles of seven of the world's most famous artists. |
| 660123 | Ask Hercules Quick Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760296827 | The box of magic tricks in the shop window was expensive and Hercules Quick did not have enough money in his piggy bank to buy it. What he needed was a job. Hercules certainly had plenty of neighbours who needed his help from babysitting to singing and even finding lost ping pong balls. He even got a bonus in the form of a tadpole named Sylvie. Despite all of his hard work, Hercules still did not have enough money but he realised that real magic doesn't need to come out of a box of magic tricks! |

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| 1133430 | Astrochimp Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2024 | 9780008649555 | <p>Chump the chimpanzee was always being silly. He would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make rude noises from BOTH ENDS... - pick his nose with his little toe... - eat the skins of bananas, hurling out the tasty part inside. <p>NASA's scientists thought he'd be the PERFECT chimp to send into space. Little did Chump know that he had been selected for a deadly-dangerous mission. If a chimp could orbit Earth, then chances were a human could too.</p> <p>With Chump the chimp at the controls of a spacecraft, what could possibly go wrong? As it turned out, EVERYTHING.</p> <p>Blast off with Chump, and encounter dog space pirates, evil insects, and the silliest chimpanzee who ever lived in this wildly funny space opera, fully illustrated in fantastic colour.</p> |
| 871658 | Astronaughties: Moon Mayhem Cranna, Andrew | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760653378 | <p>Imagine 101 years into the future. The moon has been transformed into the ultimate super cool intergalactic amusement park. The Astronaughties get a chance to visit Luna Park before it officially opens. But when they arrive, they discover their parents, who designed the park, are missing. Now their mission is to find them, defeat the baddies and free a trapped alien. Hold on tight. This is a wild rocket ride.</p> |
| 669552 | Astronaut's cat, The Riddle, Tohby | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760524944 | <p>The astronaut's cat is an indoor cat, and that is very good news, because outside is no place for any living thing. The cat can still be curious about the rocky, dusty, hot and cold, and very unusual land outside the window, including the big blue ball which appears each day.</p> |
| 9484 | Astronaut: living in space Hayden, Kate | Penguin | 2002 | 9780751362619 | <p>This book explains what it is really like being an astronaut and what the job involves.</p> |
| | Astrosaurs series Cole, Steve | | | | <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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| 7569 | At my door Fitzpatrick, Deb | Fremantle Press | 2015 | 9781925162707 | Deliveries usually come in a van, as heavy boxes or oddly-shaped bags. They do not come late, on a school night. When Poppy's dad opens the front door to find a small, very distressed child, clinging to a green blanket, the family tries their hardest to do the right thing. They look after the baby while the authorities search for her family. Although Mei's stay is brief, her impact on the family is long-lasting. |
| 15133 | At the beach: postcards from Crabby Spit Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741147049 | It's summer and time to head to Crabby Spit. I've been crabspotting, riding my bike, surfing and swimming, and looking at stars. With a bit of luck, I'll be having fish and chips for dinner. The only problem is my things keep disappearing. |
| 574289 | At the end of Holyrood Lane Powell, Dimity & Johnston, Nicky (ill) | EK Books | 2018 | 9781925335767 | Life at the end of Holyrood Lane is filled with sunshine and butterflies. Except when it storms. Storms make Flick's world dark, and make her feel smaller than she really is. To escape their fury, Flick runs and hides. But the storms keep coming back. It's time for Flick to try something she has never done before, so she can banish fear and welcome back sunshine. |
| | Audrey series Harris, Christine & James, Ann (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Aussie Heroes series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Aussie kids series Various | | | | 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. |
| 1041359 | Aussie native plants A-Z Farrell, Joey & Gibson, Jocelyn (ill) | Boolarong Press | 2023 | 9781922643551 | A peaceful journey through the alphabet, looking at some common and not so common native Australian plants. With beautiful illustrations and information about First Nations people, this is an engaging and educational read. |

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| 6887 | Aussie night before Christmas, An Morrison, Yvonne & Niland, Kilmeny (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865046532 | Christmas in the middle of an Australian summer means Santa has to find new ways to deliver his presents. |
| 9465 | Aussiemaze Bowring, Jane & Rossell, Judith | Koala Books | 2001 | 9780864613394 | A unique book that presents descriptions of ten Australian animals, including their behaviours, habitats and predators, in a maze format that shows their natural environment. |
| 12404 | Australia at the beach Fatchen, Max & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1999 | 9781862913936 | A funny, rhyming story about a family and their friends celebrating Australia Day at the beach. |
| 6094 | Australia illustrated McCartney, Tania | EK Books | 2018 | 9781925335880 | This is a small slice of Australia as you've never seen it before. Spend time looking and find out what makes Australia so great. |
| 21142 | Australia's most deadly McGee, Karen | Australian Geographic Education | 2014 | 9781742455877 | When it comes to deadly animals, Australia hits the jackpot. You might be surprised to discover that there are three creatures whose danger factor is higher than sharks or the funnel-web spider. The animals have been given a deadly factor out of ten and the higher the score, the more deadly the animal. |
| 3466 | Australian animal atlas, The Cronin, Leonard & Westmacott, Marion (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760294144 | Come on a journey into the world of Australia's wildlife, exploring all the different habitats, from parched deserts to lush rainforests. Discover the mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and insects that live there. Search for the animals hidden in each habitat scene. Find out about the fish that walks; the sixth sense of the platypus; the deadly venom of the desert death adder; the strange table manners of the sea star. This environmental atlas of Australian animals, by an expert team, is full of fascinating facts and superb illustrations. |
| 846236 | Australian backyard birdies Geppert, Andy | Hachette Australia | 2021 | 9780734420695 | This is a common pigeon. Common because it's almost identical to every other pigeon. You'll sometimes see a white one. That's because it's just had a bath. I made that last bit up. If you would like to learn more VERY REAL facts like this about some of Australia's most common backyard birds, this is the book for you. I mean, who doesn't want to know what bok, bok, bok means in chicken? Or how often a budgerigar poops? A handy first field guide packed full of fascinating facts (some of them are even true) about Australia's most common backyard birds. |
| | Australian bushrangers series Smith, Jane | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 832990 | Australian climate change book, The Marsden, Polly & Nixon, Chris (ill) | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734420831 | Climate change. What is it and how does it affect us here in Australia? The world is part of a balancing act to ensure its ecosystems can work together to survive. But the climate is changing too quickly. What can we do to help? There are many ways that we can help, even small steps can make a difference. Read what it is all about in this interesting book that explains all the hard stuff and tells us how we can help. |
| 12904 | Australian kids through the years McCartney, Tania & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | National Library of Australia | 2015 | 9780642278593 | Many thousands of years ago, the first people arrived in Australia and made this land their home. When Europeans arrived in the late 1700s, things changed forever. Now, Australia is home to children of many cultures and backgrounds, whose lives have changed over time. Enjoy spotting what has stayed the same and what is different in clothing, housing, activities, food and games. |
| | Ava adds series Dubosarsky, Ursula & White, Annie (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Ava Anne Appleton series Harmer, Wendy & Edmonds, Andrea (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 4973 | Axel & Beast: The grabbem getaway Bott, Adrian. C. & Isaac, Andy (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2016 | 9781760127800 | Axel is a 12 year old boy who loves video games. His life is turned upside down when one day a huge robot breaks into his garage. The robot is BEAST and he is running away from Grabbem Industries who want him to destroy the environment. Axel and BEAST go on the run and, helped by Agent Omega, try to keep BEAST safe. |
| 2825 | Baabwaa & Wooliam Elliott, David & Sweet, Melissa (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2017 | 9780763660741 | Baabwaa is a sheep who loves to knit. Wooliam is a sheep who loves to read. It sounds boring but they like it. But one day, they decide they could do with a bit of an adventure, so they set off for a walk around the field. Just then, quite unexpectedly, a third sheep shows up. A funny-looking sheep who might just be that wolf in sheep's clothing Wooliam has read about. |

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| | Bab Sharkey and the animal mummies series Hansen, Andrew & Roberts, Jessica (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 1975 | Baby pie McRae, Tom & Ward, Nick (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842708248 | When three little trolls, Oink, Boink and Moink, go out hunting for a baby for their baby pie, they are in for a big surprise. |
| 1133437 | Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's birthday (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill) | Graphix | 2023 | 9781338762587 | It's Karen's birthday. She is even going to have two parties- one at Daddy's house and one at Mummy's house. But what Karen really wants for her birthday is one big party and to celebrate this special day with her whole family together. Can she make this birthday wish come true? |
| 1133417 | Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's kittycat club (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill) | Graphix | 2021 | 9781761122255 | Karen's best friend Hannie just got an adorable new kitten. Their neighbour Amanda has a cat too, and Karen has grumpy old Boo Boo. Now that they all have cats, Karen comes up with a great idea. She wants to start a KittyCat Club. But what will the club do, and will anyone want to hire them? And what will happen when Nancy wants to join but doesn't have a cat? Friendship issues abound and are realistically presented in this delightful graphic novel. |
| 1133384 | Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's roller skates (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill) | Graphix | 2020 | 9781338356144 | It's going to be a great weekend! Karen has new roller skates and is a very good skater. She's looking forward to trying some new tricks. But, Karen falls down and has to go to the hospital. Her wrist is broken! She is determined to get everyone to sign her cast plus someone famous. It isn't going to be easy but she won't give up. |
| 1133425 | Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's school picture (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill) | Graphix | 2022 | 9781761203978 | Karen has to get glasses. She doesn't want them, especially because school pictures are going to be taken soon. Yicky Ricky starts calling her names and makes fun of her. If she doesn't wear the glasses she feels sick and can't see but how can she deal with the bully? Life in school can be tricky. |
| 1133320 | Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's witch (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill) | Graphix | 2020 | 9781338315196 | Karen Brewer lives next door to Mrs. Porter, who wears long robes and has wild grey hair. Mrs. Porter has a black cat named Midnight and always seems to be working in her garden. Karen isn't supposed to spy on her neighbour, but she is determined to prove that Mrs. Porter is a witch. Will she be brave enough to meet the witch and send her away for good? |

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| 1133393 | Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's worst day (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill) | Graphix | 2021 | 9781338356182 | Karen is having a terrible day. Her new jeans are missing, there's no prize in the Crunch-O's box and Boo-Boo the cat won't play with her. She even gets punished and sent to her room! Karen tries everything to make her day better, but nothing is going right, and her bad luck just won't go away. Will this be the worst day ever? |
| 885990 | Backyard buddies Geppert, Andy | Lothian Books | 2022 | 9780734421470 | A somewhat factual introduction to the happy, crawly, wriggly, buzzy, fluttery critters that call your backyard home. |
| 9387 | Bad bears and good bears Impey, Rose (reteller) & Lamont, Priscilla (ill) | Orchard Books | 2000 | 9781860399725 | Two traditional tales from Europe and North America retold in simple language. |
| 582893 | Bad Nana: Older not wiser Henn, Sophy | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780008268053 | My name is Jeanie and I am nearly 8. I have 3 grandmothers and one of them is called Bad Nana. She is a little bit naughty, definitely embarrassing and whenever she is around there is trouble, BIG trouble. |
| 1068353 | Bad seed presents, The: The good, the bad, and the spooky John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780062954541 | Halloween is the Bad Seed's favorite holiday of the year. But what's a seed to do when he can't find a show-stopping costume for the big night? Postpone trick-or-treating for everyone, of course! Can he get a costume together in time? Or will this seed return to his baaaaaaaaad ways? |
| 1012399 | Bad seed, The John, Jory and Oswald, Pete (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2017 | 9780062467768 | He has a bad temper, bad manners, and a bad attitude. He's been bad since he can remember! This seed cuts in line every time, stares at everybody and never listens. But what happens when one mischievous little seed changes his mind about himself, and decides that he wants to be - happy? |
| 18437 | Badly drawn dog Dodson, Emma | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340878071 | Badly drawn dog believes he's too scribbly and smudgy, and seeks out an artist to redraw him. But, each new drawing of him is not quite right. A delightful book about appearances and beauty being in the eye of the beholder. |
| 4795 | Bag and a bird, A Allen, Pamela | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780143783909 | One day, a long time ago when I lived in Kirribilli, Sydney, I packed a lunch and set out to walk to the Botanic Gardens. I crossed the Harbour Bridge then climbed down to Circular Quay. I walked beside the sea wall, past the Botanic gardens. And this is what I saw. |

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| 859766 | Bailey Finch takes a stand Laguna, Ingrid | Text Publishing Co | 2021 | 9781922330994 | Bailey Finch has been through a lot. When her beloved dog Sheba gets sick from swimming in the local creek, Bailey knows she has to step up. It's not easy to be brave or strong when your Mum has died and your Dad is not there for you, but Bailey has a new friend who will help her make everything better. |
| 11129 | Bajirriga the turtle Fourmile, Trevor & Fourmile, Lillian (ill) | Black Ink Press | 2006 | 9781863340205 | Foolish Bajirriga, an Aboriginal boy, fails to cooperate with his community, preferring to go to the beach and swim while they gather food. Ignoring his parents' advice to come out of the water, he begins to transform into a turtle. |
| 4361 | Ballerina dreams: true story, A DePrince, Michaela & DePrince, Elaine & Okstad, Ella (ill) | Faber & Faber | 2017 | 9780571329731 | Do you want to be a ballerina when you grow up? This story of determination and big dreams reminds us that we can all achieve the things we set our mind to. |
| 18395 | Ballet class, The Geras, Adele & McNicholas, Shelagh (ill) | Orchard Books | 2004 | 9781843624134 | Tilly, a young ballerina, is preparing and practising for a big ballet concert. Gorgeous illustrations. |
| 614 | Ballroom bonanza Rycroft, Nina | Working Title Press | 2009 | 9781876288938 | The most amazing dance contest you will ever see including affluent alpacas, groovy goats and impetuous impalas. The donkeys demonstrate the disco, flamingos do the flamenco and hippos perform the hip-hop. When the band's instruments are hidden, you will have to help find them so that the competition can continue. Beautifully crafted rhyme with exquisite illustrations with mystery and monkey business. |
| 9556 | Baloney, Henry P Scieszka, Jon & Smith, Lane | Viking Children's | 2001 | 9780670892488 | A rollicking picture book about not so alien Henry, who late for school, spins an increasingly fantastic and complicated explanation to his sceptical teacher. |
| 764 | Bamboozled Legge, David | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781865045658 | A girl visits her Grandfather's house. Grandpa pours tea from a watering can and a kangaroos washes the dishes. Lots more funny jokes and odd events happen. |
| 757706 | Barnabus project, The Fan, Eric & Fan, Terry | Quarto Group | 2020 | 9780711249448 | Barnabus lives in a secret lab beneath a toy store which is trying to create perfect pets through genetic engineering. What happens to the creations which are not considered perfect? Barnabus and his friends may not be perfect but their loyalty is second to none. |
| 1138117 | Basketball legends: Ben Simmons Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill) | Albert Street Books | 2024 | 9781761181276 | Did you know that Ben Simmons was born in Melbourne, and was picked FIRST OVERALL in the NBA draft? Did you know he is a triple-double machine, and the first Australian to ever win Rookie of the Year? Did you know that Ben loves animals and playing video games? Ben is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about him. |

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| 74181 | Bat and the crocodile, The Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Dolomyu, Jack (teller) | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046273 | This story comes from the Aboriginal people at Warmun (Turkey Creek) in Western Australia. It was told in the Kija language. Describes why bats now live in caves because of the killing of a fellow creature. |
| 789 | Batter up Clark, Sherryl & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141308470 | Hayley wants to know why her best friend, Spit, has suddenly dumped her. What she discovers is very strange, stranger than she could have imagined. |
| 768137 | Be your own man Sanders, Jessica & Cathro, Robbie (ill) | Five Mile Press | 2020 | 9781922385062 | If you have ever felt that you should act in a certain way or do certain things, just because you are a boy, this book is for you. It will encourage you to accept the way you are and to accept others too. Everyone is unique and that is to be celebrated. |
| 1023671 | Beach song Moriarty, Ros & Campbell, Samantha | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761180248 | A day at the seashore can be full of surprise, wonder and excitement. You can leap through the waves like a dolphin. Glide through the water like a fish. Soar along the sand with seagulls. |
| 11037 | Beachmaster, The Liddell, Carmel & Potter, Bruce (ill) | Reed Publishing | 2006 | 9781869484286 | A bull seal loses his dominion as beachmaster over his section of beach and takes on a nearby car park, falling for a Morris Minor car. Whimsical story set in New Zealand, with lots of factual information about seals and their habits. |
| 844135 | Beak & Ally: Unlikely friends Feuti, Norm | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780063021587 | Beak moves into Ally's neighbourhood. Ally isn't looking for a new friend but Beak is very persistent. When it comes down to it, Ally realises that it is important to be a good person and maybe that means he does have a friend after all. |
| | Bear Grylls Adventures series Grylls, Bear & McCann, Emma (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9562 | Bear tale, A Ingpen, Robert | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780734400796 | Join Ted on a humorous trip exploring the slumps of bears and the wisdom of owls. |
| 5419 | Bear with the sword, The Cali, Davide & Foli, Gianluca (ill) | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9780980607048 | Bear has a powerful sword, which he uses to cut down a whole forest. His home is flooded soon afterwards and he is so angry he wants to find who is responsible, with an unexpected result. |
| 18646 | Beastly nights Pyle, Elizabeth | Fremantle Press | 2006 | 9781920731823 | Jessica's family support her over several nights of scary nightmares, when she meets huge monsters and learns to overcome her fears. |
| 846 | Beauty and the beast Morpurgo, Michael & Schauer, Loretta (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007513406 | A timeless story celebrating the triumph of love and the message that true beauty comes from within. |

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| 782508 | Bee detectives Ryan-Rendall, Vanessa & Quinlan, Brenna (ill) | CSIRO | 2021 | 9781486313396 | When Olivia and Hamish see a smoky haze coming from their local park, they're ready to spring into action But it's not a fire - it's a nest of Australian stingless bees that needs their help. Join Olivia and Hamish as they learn about the bees in our backyards. From Blue-banded and Teddy Bear to Carpenter and Leaf-cutter bees, our two budding Bee Detectives discover how our native bees live, what they like to eat and the important work they do to pollinate plants. Explore the wonders of Australia's native bees - and be inspired to become a Bee Detective, too. It's a real buzz |
| 1019897 | Beehive, The Daley, Megan & Hamilton, Max | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760655228 | Willow loves bees and can't wait until she has her very own hive. Native stingless bees are an important part of Australian wildlife and kids just like Willow can help to ensure they stay a happy and healthy part of our environment. |
| 9504 | Beginnings to Federation: the shortest history of Australia, volume 1 Simpson, Judith | Simon & Schuster | 2000 | 9780864179791 | Nearly fifty million years crammed into forty pages. A brief description of prehistoric Australia, the history of Aboriginal peoples and thirty milestones in white Australian history up to the opening of the first Federal Parliament. |
| 649019 | Being you is enough Langley, Josh | Big Sky Publishing | 2016 | 9781925275827 | The perfect antidote for the pressures of being a kid in this day and age. This book will inspire kids be themselves and stand up tall. |
| 785417 | Bella and the voyaging house McKinlay, Meg | Fremantle Press | 2021 | 9781760990695 | Bella's house likes to travel, setting sail across the ocean while everyone sleeps. Bella's parents don't mind as long as the house is home by daylight. One night, Bella has a wonderful idea for her grandfather's birthday. She wants to find a figurine he made of her grandmother, which was lost overboard in an accident. Bella and the house go in search of it, but things don't quite go according to plan... |
| 6977 | Bella and the wandering house McKinlay, Meg | Fremantle Press | 2015 | 9781925162301 | One morning, Bella is very surprised to discover her house has moved in the night. Not a lot, just a little and, every time it stops, it's near water. Initially, her parents are too busy to notice until they wake up to find their house on the banks of a lake. Night after night, the house moves and the family wakes to a new location. Bella must try to solve the mystery. |
| 7811 | Belvedere dreaming Ryan, Kate & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2002 | 9780143500438 | Belvedere, the koala, dreams of visiting the city. He gathers all the essential items for taking such a long journey. Now, all Belvedere needs is a travelling companion. |

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| 8954 | Ben & Gracie's art adventure Wilson, Mark | Lothian Books | 2011 | 9780734411426 | When Ben and Gracie visit the art gallery, a gold coin transports them into the paintings of artist Frederick McCubbin. They venture back in time, meeting and travelling with new settlers to Australia. Ben and Gracie see the difficulties faced in the harsh Australian bush environment. As they venture deeper into the forest, the pair lose their way as night falls. |
| | Ben and Tim's magical misadventures series Forsyth, Kate & Vane, Mitch (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 587901 | Ben Braver and the incredible exploding kid Emerson, Marcus | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760631697 | Even though Ben saved the school from total destruction last year, he feels like a fake. He still hasn't managed to find out his superpower and he is finding it harder to keep it a secret. However, with a well-meaning fan-club, scheming school bullies and nightmares about worm-eaters, Ben's got his hands full making sure no-one finds out the truth. |
| 751100 | Beneath the trees Burne, Cristy | Fremantle Press | 2021 | 9781760990411 | Cam and Sophie feel like they've been travelling forever to get to the rainforest to see a platypus. But with the rain pouring down and the river turning wild they can't see a thing. Until suddenly a platypus appears right below them, and it needs help. But when their rescue goes horribly wrong, it's not just the platypus that needs saving. |
| 819 | Bermuda triangle Donkin, Andrew | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751362664 | A collection of scary, true stories about the mysterious vanishings of planes and ships in an area of the ocean known as the Bermuda Triangle. Lots of interesting fact-finding with difficult vocabulary explained. |
| 822 | Bernice knows best Dann, Max & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9780340622087 | Hugh is a walking, talking disaster without any friends, until he meets Bernice. Her specialty is accident-prone boys but Hugh is a challenge even for Bernice. |
| 4460 | Bessie's war Bell, Krista & Elliot, Belinda (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2017 | 9781922081667 | Bessie is cross. Everyone else seems to have a role to play in the war effort and she wants to help too. But what can a young girl in Australia do to help the soldiers all the way over in Europe? |
| 6553 | Best friends Walker, Sue & Dawson, Janine (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781862915718 | Grace and Amy are best friends who share everything. When Amy starts playing with Lisa, Grace's stomach does flip flops because she doesn't want to share Amy with anyone else and she doesn't know what to do. |

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| 9457 | Best mates: six favourite stories Morpurgo, Michael | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2015 | 9780008118556 | If you love animals and good stories, then you will really enjoy this book of short stories about dogs, cats, horses, dolphins and whales. |
| 9926 | Bicycle, The Thompson, Colin & Blake, Quentin (ill) | ABC Books | 2011 | 9780733329876 | In 2008, the author, Colin Thompson, visited Cambodia with Save the Children. Struck by the way the humble bicycle is central to so many people lives, he was inspired to create this picture book. It features the illustrations of fourteen internationally acclaimed artists, and conveys the worth and promise of something as simple as a bicycle. |
| 19299 | Bicycling to the moon Parvela, Timo & Talvitie, Virpi (ill) | Gecko Press | 2016 | 9781776570324 | Two unlikely friends, Purdy the cat and Barker the dog, live together in a sky-blue house on top of a hill. Barker likes the garden. He only wants to dig, to scratch up the earth and turn it over. But, Purdy has big dreams. He wants to fly south with the birds, win the singing competition and be a Supercat. One day, Purdy decides that if he could just get a bicycle and ride it to the moon, he would be the happiest cat in the world, and never want anything else again. Ever. |
| 73759 | Big bad bunnies Katz, Danny & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143302285 | Sandra is scared of bunny rabbits. She's frightened of their nasty ears and evil bunny eyes. When the family visits the petting zoo with baby animals, Sandra hopes there won't be any bunnies there. |
| 850 | Big bazoohey, The Carey, Peter | University of Queensland Press | 1995 | 9780702228322 | Wearing his ""Sonic the Hedgehog"" pyjamas, Sam Kellow sleep-walks out of the hotel room where he is staying with his parents. Sam has the opportunity to win a big jackpot and save his family's finances in this hilarious, zany adventure. |
| 119996 | Big black dog Glicksman, Caroline | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781406302172 | Everyone may have been scared of Big Black Dog but Big Black Dog was scared of everything. Until, one day he has to be very brave. Find out if Big Black Dog will save his friend or if his fears win out. |
| 1019758 | Big cheese, The John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780063329508 | Find out how one hunk of cheddar learns that some things are better than always being the best. The Big Cheese will show you what really matters when you realise that winning isn't everything and being pleased for others victories can be as good as having them yourself. |
| 57744 | Big fat cow that goes kapow, The Griffiths, Andy | Pan MacMillan | 2008 | 9780330424158 | Inside this book, you can meet Dave, the brave, and discover where worms learn to squirm. But, beware, there is also an exploding cow. Very humorous and very, very short stories told in rhyme. |
| 43455 | Big fella rain Webber, Beryl & Martins, Fern (ill) | Magabala Books | 2017 | 9781925360639 | Way up north, lightning flashes, thunder rolls and frogs sing a chorus. Big fella rain is coming. |
| 15289 | Big Ned's bushwalk Laguna, Sofie & Cox, David | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407504 | Ned's athletic family are worried that he is too quiet. When they send him on a bushwalk and a storm breaks, it is Ned's quiet observation skills that save the day. |

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| 4850 | Big picture book outdoors Lacey, Minna & Stubbs, Rachel (ill) & Russell, John (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781409598732 | From fields and woodlands, rivers and ponds, to city parks and gardens, wherever you are, you can go outdoors and discover wildlife. The beautiful pictures in this book are full of all kinds of birds, butterflies and wild flowers to look out for. |
| 15290 | Big rain coming Germein, Katrina & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill) | Roland Harvey Books | 1999 | 9780949714664 | This book invokes both a feeling of listlessness and of expectation. The children in an Aboriginal camp in northern Australia are waiting. Uncle Stephen predicts the big wet is coming but, day after day, the hot, dry weather continues. |
| 1921 | Big red kangaroo Saxby, Claire & Byrne, Graham (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781921720420 | Far inland, where ocean is a dim memory, the sun floats on the waves of another bake-earth day. In the long shadows, a big red kangaroo licks his forearms and lets the early evening breeze wash over him. |
| 47646 | Big waves, The Caisley, Raewyn & Hurst, Elise (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143305729 | Sandy's beach holiday is perfect. The waves are just the right size and it's great being with her older brother, Marcus, and her Auntie Missy, both of whom are enthusiastic surfers. But, when Sandy is dumped by a big wave, it's a frightening experience and her holiday isn't quite so perfect anymore. |
| 15041 | Bilbies of Bliss, The Wild, Margaret & Young, Noela (ill) | ABC Books | 2005 | 9780733307683 | Matron runs the Bilbies' retirement home with an iron fist. New resident, Nina, challenges the unfair and unkind rules and the elderly bilbies get rid of the bullying matron. |
| 9766 | Bilby secrets Wignell, Edel & Jackson, Mark (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781921529320 | Through a combination of story and fact, find out about the relatively unknown life of the endangered bilby, from birth to adulthood, and the natural world which it inhabits. |
| 5437 | Bill Baillie: Life and adventures of a pet bilby Rowan, Ellis | National Library of Australia | 2018 | 9780642279200 | Welcome to the fascinating, exciting and sometimes frightening world of His Highness Bill Baillie of Goongarrie, the most adventurous and well-travelled bilby in Australia. Bill Baillie tells the story of a bold and inquisitive bilby, who lives with his owner and friend, Tabitha, and accompanies her when she goes to interesting places to paint wildflowers. Bill is a bold, curious, lovable character and gets up to a little mischief and a lot of excitement. |
| | Billie B Brown & Billie B Mystery series Rippin, Sally & Fukuoka, Aki (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 25256 | Billy and the Minpins Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780141377506 | Billy's mum says he must never go out through the garden gate and explore the dark forest beyond. So, one day, that's exactly what he does! |

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| | Billy is a dragon series Falk, Nick & Flowers, Tony (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 5937 | Billy Slater presents: Banana kick Loughlin, Patrick & Slater, Billy & Ziersch, Nahum (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2014 | 9780857982667 | Junior is the youngest player for the West Hill Ravens. He is also the biggest. Everyone on the team starts to call him Cannonball because, when he makes a bust, he's virtually unstoppable. Even though Junior is helping his team score more tries than ever, no one seems to be able to see past his size. When team mentor, Billy Slater, sets the Ravens a challenge, Junior's bad feeling gets even worse. Will Billy be able to help Junior prove there is more to him than meets the eye? |
| 5943 | Billy Slater presents: Try time Loughlin, Patrick & Slater, Billy & Ziersch, Nahum (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2014 | 9780857982469 | Josh can play footy. He's fast and fleet-footed and a blur down the sideline. But there's one small problem. Every time he steps onto the field a stampede of elephant-sized butterflies invade his stomach and he fumbles the ball. Things get so bad Josh thinks about giving up football forever. That is, until NRL legend and Josh's hero, Billy Slater, turns up at training one day. |
| 868 | Billy the punk Carroll, Jessica | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780091829346 | Billy decides that he needs to look different, very different. He doesn't care that no-one much likes his spiky, coloured hair or his tatty, pinned clothes. Billy thinks he looks great. |
| 696552 | Bin chicken Temple, Kate & Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy, (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781743830048 | The ibis is known in cities for its ability to pull snacks out of deep bins and to snatch up dropped chips. Some people might find them dirty. Other birds think them shameful, but find out why the ibis holds its head high. |
| 1097619 | Bin Chicken and the Christmas Turkey Temple, Kate & Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy | Scholastic Australia | 2022 | 9781761202414 | Bah humbug! The city is buzzing, shoppers run this way and that, there's carols and lights and a Santa Claus hat! But if a bird is clever... if a bird is a smartie... a bird can still have a fabulous Christmas party! Ibis is in a flap and can't find any trash, but Bush Turkey knows exactly where to find a feast to gobble! |
| 872886 | Bin chicken flies again Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2022 | 9781761127939 | Where's all the garbage and delightful bin juice? This trash can is empty, I feel like a goose! That dirty truck is stealing my food! It's simply not on. How terribly rude! Ibis has a grand plan to take back her trash! But look out, she's got some very hungry competition... |

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| 1018588 | Bin Chicken's Eggcellent Easter Temple, Kate and Jol | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781761209383 | Following her beak, on long gangly legs, Ibis spies something shiny - glittering eggs! But there's kids on a hunt! And a bunny on the loose! 'Shoo, Bin Chicken! Scram, Garbage Goose!' It's Easter morning, and there are eggs everywhere. Ibis had better hop to it and get hunting! |
| | Bindi wildlife adventures series Irwin, Bindi and others | | | | 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. |
| 5490 | Bird to bird Saxby, Claire & Harris, Wayne (ill) | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781925381122 | This is the story of one bird, one seed and one tree. When a bird drops a seed to the floor of an English forest, who could imagine that it would be the start of a journey that continued across thousands of kilometres to Australia and into future generations. |
| 12094 | Birds build nests Winer, Yvonne & Oliver, Tony (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781876289355 | Where, how and why birds build nests written in charming verses filled with highly descriptive language and beautiful illustrations. |
| 5707 | Birds: questions and answers Collins, Fergus | Kingfisher | 2001 | 9780753405444 | Questions and answers about birds include information on bills and beaks, threats to birds and living with human changes to the environment. Colourful illustrations, fact boxes and captions are included. |
| 130871 | Birk the berserker Klein, Robin | Omnibus Books | 2007 | 9781862916814 | Birk the Berserker is a young Viking who cannot be fierce. Even his own mother finds him embarrassing. Forced to go raiding, Birk is captured by villagers who plan to execute him. Eventually, the peaceful Birk can turn his back on violence. |
| 9558 | Birth of the moon, The Hol, Coby | North South Books | 2000 | 9780735812499 | The sun gives the moon as a gift to the animals, but it makes the moon come and go to remind the animals to appreciate it. Exciting pictures of the moon and the sun. |
| 17958 | Bittangabee Tribe: an Aboriginal story from coastal New South Wales Cruse, Beryl (et al) & Austin, Jana (ill) | Aboriginal Studies Press | 2009 | 9780855756987 | Explores the story of a family living on the coast of south-east Australia who travel to the Australian Alps in the summer to meet with other tribes and feast on Bogong moths. At the end of the season they travel back to their home for lobster season. Includes references to Indigenous trading, Aboriginal lifestyle pre-colonisation, bush tucker, traditional language and boundary divisions and Indigenous seasons. |

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| 4413 | Bizarre dinosaurs: some very strange creatures and why we think they got that way Sloan, Christopher | National Geographic Society | 2008 | 9781426303302 | Meet a group of very strange creatures indeed. The characters include Masiakasaurus, a fierce beast whose mouth bristled with serrated, slightly hooked teeth; Deinocheirus with his ungainly long arms and huge triple claws; and Epedendrosaurus with a tiny body and pinky fingers as long as his arms. |
| 6777 | Blabbermouth: Oops, I've done it again! Perry, Chrissie & Petrovic, Pete | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760660956 | Blabbermouth = a person who talks too much = Amelie Anderson. Amelie is a blabbermouth. She's not a bad kid, she's just so bubbly that sometimes words fizz right out of her mouth! And then things go wrong. Terribly wrong. But she's determined to fix all that. It's time for a reputation make-over! |
| 643472 | Blabbermouth: Oops, I've told a little lie! Perry, Chrissie & Petrovic, Pete (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760663223 | Amelie is a notorious blabbermouth with two VERY BIG SECRETS: 1. She is the mysterious author of the school newsletters advice column. 2. Her uncles dog has an adorable litter of puppies! Amelie plans to surprise everyone at school by bringing in a puppy for show and tell. Maybe she'll even win over her snarky frenemy, Paris Sheridan! But keeping so many secrets is hard when you're a blabbermouth, and letters asking for her advice are coming thick and fast. Can Amelie keep it all together? |
| 11366 | Black dog Allen, Pamela | Puffin Australia | 1992 | 9780140543957 | Black dog and Christina live together in a little house near a forest. They have been best friends for a very long time. Then, suddenly, on a cold day in winter, everything begins to change. |
| 871 | Black fella white fella Murray, Neil | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9780980794892 | Black fella white fella doesn't matter what your colour - the message is clear, We are all brothers and sisters no matter where we are from in this world. |
| 15361 | Black skin, white cow Bernasconi, Pablo | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741660975 | The most coquettish cow on the farm decides that she no longer likes being black and white, but it's not easy for a cow to change her spots. |
| 57812 | Blast off Clark, Margaret | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143301851 | Adam wants to be an astronaut; it's all he ever thinks about. But, after a close encounter with Mad Marvin and his amazing space bubble, Adam changes his mind. |
| 534 | Blossom possum: the sky is falling down-under Newton, Gina & Niland, Kilmeny (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2006 | 9781865047942 | A retelling of Henny Penny, substituting Australian animals and the bush environment. The sky is falling and Blossom Possum gathers the bushland creatures to journey beyond the black stump in search of the Prime Minister. |
| 908 | Blue hair day Moloney, James | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141308258 | Sonya and Margo's grandmother hated her grey hair, but she loved blue. Sonya and Margo want to solve gran's problem. |
| 660674 | Boat of stars, A Connolly, Margaret & Prior, Natalie Jane | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780733337932 | A collection of poetry from some of Australia's most talented authors and illustrators. There are poems about bed time, baths, brothers and kabooms to enchant and entertain children and adults. |

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| 15363 | Boat, The Ward, Helen & Andrew, Ian (ill) | Koala Books | 2004 | 9780864616388 | On a hill near a village, an old man lives with a strange collection of unwanted animals. Mutual fear and distrust keep the villagers and the old man apart until a boat appears. |
| 580941 | Boats fast & slow Volant, Iris & Vogel, Jarom (ill) | Flying Eye Books | 2018 | 9781911171522 | From canoes to the modern cruise ships, man has long had an interest with exploring water. Hop aboard to discover the history and variety of boats from around the world and how they have been used through the years. |
| 1041340 | Bobtail's Friend: From the desert to the sea Collard-Spratt, Rhonda & Ferro, Jacki | Boolarong Press | 2022 | 9781922643339 | This Aboriginal Dreaming story is a beautiful book which teaches the importance of loving the skin you are in. Bobtail is looking for friends to play with, but gets bullied by the most beautiful creatures. After some more complications, Bobtail finds herself meeting a brand new friend in a land she doesn't belong. Who is bobtail's new friend? Will the bullies learn their lesson? Will bobtail find her way home? |
| 570806 | Bonkers about beetles Davey, Owen | Flying Eye Books | 2018 | 9781911171485 | Did you know that there are roughly 400,000 different species of beetles? These incredible creatures make up about 25% of all animals on our planet. Beetles are superbly adapted to life in various climates across the world, wherever trees and flowers are found. From the mighty Goliath beetle to the beautiful iridescent scarab beetle, this captivating and stunningly illustrated guide will teach you everything you need to know about these fascinating insects. |
| 4277 | Book Miles, David & Hoopes, Natalie (ill) | Familius | 2015 | 9781939629654 | In a world dazzled by the latest gadgets and mesmerized by Internet videos, the humble book seems like the most ordinary thing that could be. And, perhaps it is, until you learn to look closer and closer and closer. Suddenly, you're in a world that only you can imagine. |
| 3840 | Book of Australian & New Zealand reptiles, The Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2017 | 9781742034287 | This book is a photographic collection of Australian and New Zealand reptiles, along with a fact and information box. It covers species from all the major reptile groups, crocodiles and alligators, turtles and tortoises, snakes and lizards, and the tuataras. The quality and size of each photograph is very impressive, allowing the reader to marvel at the colour and detail of the reptiles. Many of the reptiles shown in this book are found nowhere else on earth, making it very unique. |

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| | Books for boys series Various | | | | Full of adventure and humour, these are not just for boys, but for all young readers who love aliens, heroes, football and go-karting! Yippee! Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 16419 | Boot thief, The Heffernan, John & Axelsen, Stephen | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734410009 | Boots are disappearing from the farm. Lucy and Jack try to discover who, or what, is the boot thief. |
| 1066723 | Boots: the story of an ordinary pair of Australian working boots ... and his family Pulsford, Elizabeth & Brennan, Krista | Wombat Books | 2024 | 9781761111037 | Boots was waiting... Waiting for his farmer. When he came, he served him well. With themes of love, loss, old age, hardship and resilience, and references to drought, flood, bushfire and war. A moving and relatable, lyrical, but simple story told by the shoes we wear, of the love and the paths one Australian cattle farmer trod. |
| 901899 | Bored: Frog's mystery twin Stanton, Matt | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780733342042 | My name is Frog and I started at a new school this year and I am trying to fit in. Sometimes you just have to be a little bit crazy right? It was a great plan but now Evie thinks I am completely nuts and Luisa has decided that I am the perfect person to make fun of. Milo is grumpy and I am about to tell everyone the whole story about my secret twin brother with the same name. True story. Sometimes when I am bored, I get myself into so much trouble ... |
| 846243 | Bored: Milo finds \$105 Stanton, Matt | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780733342035 | My name is Milo Kim and right now I am chasing \$105 as it flies down my street straight towards Evie Wilson's house. This could end in disaster. Rocco, Luisa and Zac must be laughing their heads off They're hiding behind a tree, watching. Who knows what is happening with Frog, the new guy from next door. He invented his own style of martial arts but he is not very good at it even though he made it up. Finding this much money should have been a good thing, but this is terrible. And to think it all started because I was bored. |

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| 96083 | Boris Monster scared of nothing Laguna, Sofie & Redlich, Ben (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781865044088 | Boris is so scary and so ugly he scares himself when he catches a glimpse of himself in a mirror. To be forced to stay in a room full of mirrors would be the worst fate he could imagine. When Boris takes up ballet, he must face his worst fears. |
| | Boris series Joyner, Andrew | | | | 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. |
| 34631 | Born to sing Morgan, Sally & Smith, Craig (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781742991511 | Maddie loves to sing and make up new songs. Her favourite is her humpback whale song, so she is very excited when her Mum and Grandma promise to take her to Shark Bay to see the whales. When they set off in their car and ratty old caravan, it looks like they might not get there at all. But, with some help along the way, Maddie's dream might still come true. |
| 846128 | Boss ladies of sport Marsden, Phillip | Hachette Children's Books | 2021 | 9780734421197 | From Australian sporting legends to international superstars, these women are at the top of their sporting games. Find out what inspires them and how they got to be the champions they are. |
| 5675 | Bouncing back: an eastern barred bandicoot story Cleave, Rohan & Tulloch, Coral (ill) | CSIRO | 2018 | 9781486308279 | How did the last Eastern Barred Bandicoot on the Australian mainland end up living in a rubbish tip? |
| 121898 | Bow-wow bugs a bug Newgarden, Mark & Cash, Megan Montague | Harcourt Children's Books | 2007 | 9780152058135 | Bow-wow may look like an average terrier, one that will face down every foe. However, there is one foe that Bow-Wow finds not only annoying but unusual. Bow-wow experiences the full gamut of emotions in this surreal, visual adventure. |
| 9416 | Box of chicks, A Moloney, James | Penguin | 2002 | 9780141313610 | Mervyn is entranced by the chicks as soon as he sees them at school, but he had not realised how many problems a box of chicks could cause. |
| 846187 | Boy and the elephant, The Blackwood, Freya | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781460759998 | The boy lives in a city, where everything is fast and loud. But amidst the bustle and the noise, the boy has a secret ... In the overgrown lot next to his apartment building, deep within the green, he has a friend. But one day progress arrives, bringing with it plans for something new, and the boy must find a way to save his friend before it's too late ... |

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| 46277 | Boy and the toy, The Hartnett, Sonya | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780670073627 | A father invents the best toy in the world to keep his son company while he goes away. In the beginning, the boy also thinks that the toy is wonderful, it can do anything. But, over time, the boy starts to wonder about the toy and begins to change his mind. |
| 567924 | Boy called Bat, A Arnold, Elana K & Santoso, Charles (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780062445834 | For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises -- some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mum, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But from the first meeting, he knows they belong together. And he's got one month to show his mum that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet. |
| | Boy vs beast series Park, Mac | | | | 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. |
| 8121 | Boy who cried wolf, The Ross, Tony | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842708330 | Whenever Harry is made to do something he doesn't like, he shouts 'Wolf' and everyone runs away. This means that Harry is left to do exactly what he wants. A retelling of a famous fable, with an unexpected ending. |
| 863383 | Boy who tried to shrink his name, The Parappukaran, Sandhya & Pereira, Michelle (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2021 | 9781760509361 | Not everyone has a name which is quick and easy to say, but a name is important and a name has a story. Zimdalamashkermishkada knows this more than many. Shortening his name would be easy for others, but something about that does not feel right. With a little confidence and a little patience, his name does not seem so |

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| 862624 | Boy with flowers in his hair, The Jarvis | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781536225228 | Everyone likes David, the boy with flowers in his hair. He's sweet and gentle, just like his colorful petals. David and his best friend have a great time together, finding the good puddles, making up songs, and running away from the bees. But one day David comes to school wearing a hat, and he is quiet. When he takes off the hat, his bright petals flutter down like butterflies. Now, where his flowers were looks twiggy and prickly, causing the other children to stay away. But David's best friend has an idea- a way to help David get his color back, wielding paintbrushes and plenty of love. Sensitively told and simply illustrated, Jarvis's story invites even the youngest children to talk about difficult subjects in an age-appropriate way- and feel inspired to support others when they face trying times. |
| 29589 | Brave little penguin Pignataro, Anna | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781741690835 | Little Penguin loves being with his dad. When Papa goes fishing, Little Penguin isn't happy but decides to be brave and have an adventure of his own. |
| 1185691 | Bravepaw and the heartstone of Alluria Wilkinson, L M & Naidu, Lavanya (ill) | Albert Street Books | 2024 | 9781761180552 | Over one hundred years since danger has come to the Plateau, home of Titch, a little mouse who imagines with her friends Huckleberry and Dollop that she is the legendary Bravepaw as she waves her wooden sword in a threatening manner. One day the unimaginable , unexpected came and she was chosen to follow the Prophecy. Can she really be brave? |
| 9478 | Bravest ever bear, The Ahlberg, Allan | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744578645 | A picture book about the bravest bear, the persistent penguin, opportunistic wolf, boastful bear and sly dragon. The problem is everyone wants to tell the story their own way. |
| 31866 | Bravo Waechter, P & Port, M; Spencer, S (trans) | Gecko Press | 2011 | 9781877467721 | Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Helena. Her life was almost perfect. Only one thing spoiled it. Helena's father couldn't speak normally. Everything he said came out in a roar and was way too loud. |
| 17484 | Brian the giant French, Vivian & Heap, Sue (ill) | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844289639 | Brian, the Giant, has made muffins but they keep disappearing. Brian needs to find out who is responsible for the thefts. |
| 3338 | Brief history of the island of Dipsquittie, A Martin, Carol Ann (aka Professor Walter Loder-Bull) | Omnibus Books | 2008 | 9781862917620 | A cautionary tale set on an imaginary island with monsters, heroes and interesting characters and events. What the islanders do to each other when they declare war on each other, involving custard and Christmas puddings among other things is one thing, but, once the real enemy is let loose, ordinary people do extraordinary things. |
| 13782 | Brilliant Billy does his bit Hutton, Simon & Glicksman, Caroline (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842708552 | Billy has been learning about World War II at school and, in particular, about rationing, allotments and how to make something out of nothing, including bananas out of parsnips. |

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| 4147 | Brown dog, The Inverarity, Gina & Holfeld, Greg (ill) | Working Title Press | 2017 | 9781921504747 | The brown dog often visits Henry on rainy, grey afternoons. Usually he doesn't hang around for long. But this time the brown dog decides to stay, and Henry needs to find a way to make him leave. |
| | Brownies series Plaisted, Caroline | | | | 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. |
| 72328 | Brucie saves Christmas Morrison, Yvonne & Pike, Michelle (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781741692266 | Brucie, the joey kangaroo, loves reading books and doing science reports. When a catastrophe occurs that will prevent Santa from delivering the presents, Brucie must use all his smarts to help Santa fly the ute on Christmas Eve. |
| 989 | Bugalugs bum thief, The Winton, Tim | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300847 | Skeeta Anderson woke up one morning to find that his bum was gone. And not only his bum, but the bum of every single person in the town of Bugalugs. |
| | Building blocks of science series Midthun, Joseph & Hiti, Samuel (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 2569 | Bully on the bus Apel, Kathryn | University of Queensland Press | 2014 | 9780702253287 | Each day Leroy, who's in grade one, and his older sister, Ruby, catch the bus to school. On every trip, DJ, an angry high school student, makes Leroy's life a misery through bullying, along with threats of what might happen if he tells anyone. Ruby encourages Leon to tell either his teacher or their parents, but Leroy resists. DJ's power is too strong. |
| 10309 | Bumblebee Wilson, J V & Kennaway, Adrienne (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847800084 | A bumblebee queen's life is a busy one. She pollinates plants, builds wax honey-pots and lays eggs to produce future queens, male drones and the workers who make honey and defend the colony. Sadly, bumblebee numbers are in dramatic decline. |
| 9358 | Burglar Bill Ahlberg, Janet & Allan | Puffin UK | 1999 | 9780140503012 | When Burglar Bill is burgled by Burglar Betty and finds a baby in a box, he changes his wicked ways. |
| 5837 | Bush and beyond: stories from country Mia, Tjalaminu & Lister, Jessica & Kickett-Tucker, Cheryl & Tucker, Jayon | Fremantle Press | 2018 | 9781925591132 | Grandparents are special. In these four short stories from Western Australia, four Aboriginal Australian writers have crafted stories featuring grandparents with their families. Fun, adventurous tales, featuring Noonga and Wongutha words, illustrations and local knowledge. |

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| 75199 | Bush concert, The Visser, Helga | Omnibus Books | 2011 | 9781862919150 | There has been a terrible drought and a multitude of Australian birds put on a gala concert to cheer themselves up. There is singing and dancing and magic tricks, but the final performance is the perfect end to a wonderful bush concert. Told in humorous rhyme. |
| 1013731 | Bush turkey Temple, Kate & Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781761124655 | The Bush Turkey, or Scrub Turkey as he is sometimes known is always busy and this one is building a best-ever nest. Find out what happens when this bird takes charge. Lots of fun is sure to follow. |
| 751046 | Bushfire book, The: how to be aware and prepare Marsden, Polly & Nixon, Chris (ill) | Lothian Books | 2020 | 9780734420077 | Australia is a big country with all sorts of weather and sometimes extreme weather, like bushfires. Bushfires can make a real mess of things. The air fills with smoke, the sky turns red and precious things burn. We don't need to be scared of bushfires, we just need to make sure we are ready for them. Learn about what causes bushfires, the clever people who keep an eye on them, and how to be prepared - not scared! |
| 574737 | Business pig Zuill, Andrea | Sterling Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781454926849 | Jasper would rather draw graphs than play in the mud. Can this cutie pig find someone to adopt him who means business, too? |
| 5320 | Busy life of Ernestine Buckmeister, The Ravin Lodding, Linda & Beaky, Suzanne (ill) | Flashlight Press | 2011 | 9780979974694 | Ernestine is in over her head. From Monday through to Sunday, Ernestine's week is packed with after-school lessons. She does tuba, knitting, sculpting, water ballet, yoga, yodelling and karate. Overwhelmed and exhausted, Ernestine decides to take matters into her own hands. |
| 9500 | Butterflies and other insects Morgan, Sally | Thameside Press | 2001 | 9781930643420 | The life span, mating behaviour, diet and self defence of butterflies and other insects, are revealed with amazing facts, relevant definitions and key terms. |
| 9543 | Butterflies fly Winer, Yvonne & Lloyd-Jones, Karen (ill) | Margaret Hamilton | 2000 | 9781876289010 | This beautifully illustrated poetry book accurately describes fifteen different species of butterfly. |
| 72124 | Butterflies in my stomach and other school hazards Bloch, Serge | Koala Books | 2008 | 9780864618924 | On his first day of school, a little boy struggles with missing his dog and the oddities of the English language. Perhaps he really will be in a big pickle on the bus. He doesn't want to open a can of worms but it is all a bit confusing. |
| 56138 | Butterfly's circus Goldstein, Nikki & Contreras, Melissa (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2010 | 9780733322594 | Butterfly is no ordinary girl. On the day she is born, jealous Romola casts a wicked spell that causes little Butterfly to grow wings. She is different from all the other children, but when the future of the circus is put in danger, Butterfly finds a way to save it from closing. |
| 1021 | Cabbage patch war, The Jennings, Paul | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140382433 | Chris is in the middle of a feud between her Dad and her neighbour. It is a very funny fight over a cabbage which turns into an out and out war. |
| 1209744 | Cafe at the edge of the woods, The Please, Mikey | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9780008639006 | Rene dreamed of fine cuisine, and so she saved up every bean then built a building beam by beam...the Cafe at the Edge of the Woods. |

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| 1022 | Cafe on Callisto, The French, Jackie | Koala Books | 2001 | 9780864613325 | An amusing story about a light-hearted journey through space and time, with a father and his daughter searching for the perfect planet. |
| 5188 | Can a skeleton have an x-ray Hughes-Odgers, Kyle | Fremantle Press | 2015 | 9781925162691 | From the practical to the philosophical, the interesting and big questions in this book are guaranteed to fire your imagination. |
| 17975 | Can you catch a mermaid Ray, Jane | Orchard Books | 2003 | 9781841212968 | Eliza befriends a mermaid named Freya and loves to play with her. When Freya loses her special mirror, she is unable to return to the sea. Eliza finds the mirror but hides it so Freya will stay with her. Eventually, she realises her mistake. |
| 15553 | Can you whistle, Johanna Stark, Ulf | Gecko Press | 2005 | 9781571430571 | Berra doesn't have a grandfather and Ulf suggests there are plenty of old men at the retirement home who would do as a grandfather. They go there to find a grandfather, ideally one who eats pig's trotters, invites you to tea and who can teach you to whistle. |
| 9940 | Captain Abdul's pirate school McNaughton, Colin | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844281381 | Adventure story about Maisy Pickles who is sent to pirate school. At the school, she uncovers a sinister plot and uses her pirate skills to try to avoid disaster. |
| 527 | Captain Gallant Alexander, Goldie & Hamill, Dion (ill) | MacMillan | 2005 | 9780732995973 | In his dreams, Guy becomes Captain Gallant, a hero with a devoted crew who have unusual powers. Answering a distress call, Gallant rushes to rescue stranded Martian children whose parents have been kidnapped. |
| 31009 | Captain Jimmy Cook discovers Third Grade Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Foye, Jon (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760291938 | Jimmy Cook believes he is related to Captain James Cook and has plans to become an explorer. He decides to start in Hawaii. But, first, Jimmy has to navigate Third Grade and win the Wheetblocks competition to get there. That means beating the world's most annoying person, Alice Toolie. |
| 4059 | Captain Jimmy Cook discovers X marks the spot Temple, Jol & Temple, Kate & Foye, Jon (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760291945 | Captain Jimmy Cook knows even the greatest explorers have problems. To start with, everyone in the school wants to help with the Secret Dinosaur Dig, so it's just a matter of time before Ms Fennel puts a stop to everything. And also, a large smelly cat is sitting in the dinosaur hole. But Jimmy has found a map of the school with a great big giant X on it. And everyone knows what that means- treasure! Is Captain Jimmy Cook about to make the discovery of a lifetime (again)? |
| 17993 | Captain Pepper's pets Grindley, Sally & Parkins, David (ill) | Kingfisher | 2004 | 9780753410424 | Captain Pepper wants a new pet. He wants to be famous so a boring old parrot just won't do. The Captain gets his pirate crew to find the perfect pet. When they bring him a python, Captain Pepper is delighted but it may not prove to be the perfect pet. |
| 124718 | Captain Pugwash Ryan, John | Frances Lincoln | 2007 | 9781845078218 | Captain Pugwash and cabin boy, Tom, spy a ship with a mound of treasure and set off in hot pursuit. They must beware of Cut-throat Jake and his crew. |

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| 18535 | Caravan kids Hathorn, Libby & Connor, Julie (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2006 | 9781876944445 | A family holiday in a caravan leads to an adventure for Sally and her family. Sally dreams of being a writer and so her Mum suggests she <u>make her own story about the trip.</u> |
| 751103 | Carbon-neutral adventures of the indefatigable EnviroTeens, The First Dog on the Moon | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760526122 | Together they are the EnviroTeens and they are going to get very angry, because ... Singleuse Plastic Brendan may have an evil plan to destroy all the world's turtles but there is something else going on. Climate change. The EnviroTeens will do anything to stop this terrible disaster. Can they save the whole world, they sure will give it their best. |
| 9477 | Cars, trains and motorcycles Oxlade, Chris | Watts Publishing Group | 2003 | 9780749647308 | The basic scientific theory behind land transport with information on wheels, engines, suspension and steering. Plans and instructions for a working model car are included. Diagrams and cutaway artwork reveal how cars, trains and motorcycles work. |
| 8088 | Casper Candlewacks in death by pigeon Brett, Ivan | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2011 | 9780007411559 | Most villages have an idiot, but Casper Candlewacks' village is full of them. So, being bright and the only boy with any sense makes poor Casper something of an outsider. When famous magician the Great Tiramisu curses the village, Casper's father is blamed and sentenced to death by pigeon. It's up to Casper and his best friend to find the magician, reverse the curse and save the day. |
| 13850 | Cassowary's egg, The Fleming, Garry | Brolly Books | 2006 | 9781877035081 | Carla, a very bossy cassowary, leaves her partner, Calvin, to look after their egg for twenty-one days. But, the egg gets stolen and Calvin must find a way to get it back before Carla returns. |
| 9428 | Castle diary: journal of a young page Platt, Richard & Riddell, Chris (ill) | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744582208 | The thirteenth century journal of eleven year old, Tobias Burgess. In 1285, Tobias was a page at the castle of his uncle, John Burgess, Baron of Strandborough. Colourful renderings of the castle, the hunt, a tournament and harvest time are included. |
| 2834 | Cat Dumbleton, Mike & Smith, Craig (ill) | Working Title Press | 2007 | 9781876288808 | Sometimes this adventurous cat is the victim and sometimes it is the victor. The story is told through the illustrations more than the words with lots of humour. A great book for reading the pictures. |
| 846241 | Cat & Cat adventures: The quest for snacks Yi, Susie | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780063083806 | When their owner goes to work, Squash and Ginny eat all the snacks in the house but still want more. Ginny can use magic to create unlimited snacks, but they need some crucial ingredients to finish the potion which sets both cats off on a big adventure. |
| 1089 | Cat chocolate Darling, Kate | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781862913776 | An amusing tale of chocolate and revenge. |

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| 88543 | Cat on the mat is flat, The Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2006 | 9780330422604 | Funny stories with silly pictures about a rat with a bat and a flat cat, also a duck with a truck that sucks up muck. A wonderful spoof on simple readers. |
| 18338 | Cat who got carried away, The Ahlberg, Allan & McEwen, Katharine (ill) | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844280988 | Gus and Gloria have a lot of running to do, Mrs Gaskitt hardly ever gets out of bed and something dreadful happens to Horace. A fast-paced family comedy. |
| 7586 | Cat with the coloured tail, The Mears, Gillian & Dabarera, Dinalie (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781922077400 | Mr Hooper and The Cat with the Coloured Tail travel through the countryside in their ice-cream van. They enjoy looking for heart shapes, and making people happy with their delicious moon-creams. But, a dark feeling is following the cat. Something is wrong. When the ice-cream van enters the forest, Mr Hooper and the cat realise the heart of the world is in danger. They must try and save it. |
| 14111 | Cat, the dog, Little Red, the exploding eggs, the wolf and Grandma's wardrobe, The Fox, Diane & Fox, Christyan | Words & pictures | 2014 | 9781910277003 | Cat starts reading to Dog, explaining that it's a story about a little girl who always wears a red cape with a hood. Dog loves stories about superheroes and wants to know her special power. When Cat advises that the little girl doesn't have any special powers and it's not that kind of a story, the fun begins. |
| 9493 | Caterpillars Watts, Barrie | Franklin Watts | 2003 | 9780749650001 | One of the Minibeasts series, describing the physical characteristics, behaviour and habitat of a variety of caterpillars. |
| 9490 | Caves Llewellyn, Claire | Heinemann | 2002 | 9781588109682 | An introduction to how sea and underground caves are made and the unusual rock formations and animal life that are found in them. |
| 53654 | Celebrate Hanukkah Heiligman, Deborah | National Geographic Society | 2008 | 9781426302930 | Find out about the history, meaning, symbols and celebration of Hanukkah, a special event in the Jewish calendar. Eye-catching photographs show Jewish children all over the world preparing for and celebrating this special time of year. |
| 855859 | Ceremony Goodes, Adam & Liang, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761065064 | A joyful celebration of family and culture, the Welcome to Our Country series introduces First Nations history to children. From Australian of the Year Adam Goodes, co-writer Ellie Laing, and Barkindji illustrator David Hardy. Welcome, children! Nangga! Nangga! Yakarti! Tonight will be our Ceremony. Our family gathers as the fire burns. The smoke rises up as we take it in turns . . . Then clapsticks tap - one, two, three - but a stick is missing! Where could it be? Joyful and full of fun, Ceremony invites you to celebrate the rich traditions of dance, family, community and caring for Country from the world's oldest continuous culture. |

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| 568097 | Chalk Boy Wild, Margaret & Ord, Mandy (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760630683 | Barnaby is a pavement artist. This morning he started drawing me, Chalk Boy. I have a head that can think, eyes that can see, ears that can hear and legs that can run. Best of all, I have a heart that can feel. Thank you, Barnaby. |
| 870885 | Champ, The Do, Anh & Atze, Dave (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760526870 | Summer loves sport. Her dream is to charge down the field towards an open goal, or soar through the air over the basket. But instead she always seems to be the last one picked. That is until the day her life changes forever... |
| | Champion Charlies series Beck, Adrian & Thomas, Adele K (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 1123 | Changes Browne, Anthony | Walker Books | 1997 | 9780744554281 | Joseph Kaye is beset by bizarre and threatening changes occurring around him, including the arrival of a new baby. |
| 7814 | Chantelle's cloak Marwood, Lorraine & Bell, Jocelyn (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143306382 | When Mum's new baby is born, Chantelle doesn't want to be a big sister. All she wants is a special, magical cloak so she can make herself invisible. |
| 18528 | Charlie Cook's favourite book Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill) | MacMillan | 2005 | 9781405034692 | A fun, entertaining stroll through eleven books woven into one. Charlie reads his favourite book, in which a character reads a favourite book, in which another character reads another favourite book. |
| 1134 | Charm school Fine, Anne | Corgi Books | 2000 | 9780440864004 | Robust, no nonsense Bonny has a healthy attitude to herself and others that enables her to survive a day at Charm School although she is involved in some hilarious episodes along the way. |
| 5604 | Chaucer the cat and the animal pilgrims Borlenghi, Patricia | Bloomsbury | 2002 | 9780747547907 | A group of pilgrims gather in Paris at Notre Dame. Their leader, Chaucer, the cat from London, suggests they pass the time by retelling stories from their countries of origin, including Australia, the West Indies, Africa, North America, China and India. |
| 4487 | Cherry pie princess, The French, Vivian & Kissi, Marta (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406368970 | Princess Peony has had a bad feeling that her father might be a tyrant. She doesn't want to believe it, but he has a nasty habit of throwing people in dungeons...There's a royal party coming up, and the king is in an even worse mood than usual. He flat out refuses to invite the wicked hag, which can mean only one thing: TROUBLE! |

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| 3909 | Chicken clicking Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2015 | 9781783440528 | One night, Chick hops into the farmer's house and has a little browse on his computer. Soon, she's bought a funny teapot, a frilly blouse, scooters for the sheep and a car for the cows. She just can't stop clicking. But, when she arranges to meet up with a friend she makes online, Chick discovers that all is not as it seems. |
| 28139 | Chicken dance Sauer, Tammi & Santat, Dan (ill) | Sterling Publishing Co | 2009 | 9781402753664 | Marge and Lola are two chickens on a mission. They must win the barnyard talent contest to win tickets to see the famous singer, Elvis Poultry. But, first, they have to summon up enough talent to score higher than those heckling ducks. |
| 1019837 | Chico the Schnauzer Brumfitt, Taryn & George, Levi (ill) | Penguin | 2024 | 9781761343988 | Chico the Schnauzer goes on the biggest playdate of his life, spending time with all his dog friends. There's Susie the Sausage Dog, Penelope the Poodle and Digby the Dalmatian, just to name a few. Chico is amazed to learn about all the things their bodies are good at. He may not be able to do all that they can, but Chico discovers all the incredible things his own body can do! |
| 15137 | Chidi only likes blue: an African book of colours Onyefulu, Ifeoma | Frances Lincoln | 1997 | 9780711211674 | Nneka's little brother, Chidi, is always saying his favourite colour is blue. Could it be that he just doesn't know any others? Nneka decides to teach him nine colours seen in their African village, from pink flowers to the yellow gari they eat. |
| 25924 | Child's garden, A: A story of hope Foreman, Michael | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406312072 | In a ruined village, torn apart by war, a barbed wire fence cuts off a little boy from the hills he loved to walk in. One day, after rain, he sees a tiny, green shoot breaking through the rubble. |
| 5309 | Chimp rescue: a true story French, Jess & McKenna, Virginia (intro) | Orion | 2016 | 9781510100541 | This is the story of Chinoise, the baby chimpanzee who was rescued by Born Free and their supporters in 2014. After spending her early life isolated and in captivity, Chinoise now lives in a special nursery for rescued primates where, at last, she has made friends and learned how to play. |
| 901577 | Chippy chasers: Chippy jackpot Cotton, Sam | Puffin Australia | 2022 | 9780143778547 | Stevo, Stanley and Tracey are cheeky seagulls who love hot chips. they become tired of having to steal and beg one chip at a time. One day, outside the best chip shop in Australia, they concoct a plan in the Sydney sunshine to convince the best chippy stealer in the world to help them get a whole serve of chips. They face danger and challenges in a hilarious quest to meet their ultimate goal. |
| 21228 | Chocolate factory ghost, The O'Connell, David & Powell, Claire (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781408887066 | Archie McBudge has just inherited a fortune, a huge house and a chocolate factory. But something suspicious is going on at the McBudge Confectionery Company. If Archie can't solve the mystery the factory will be shut down and his sweet fortune will be over. |

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| | Chook Chook series Chim, Wai & Lord, Aileen (ill) | | | | Heartfelt tales of love, loss, belonging, family, friendship, and the power of kindness set against the backdrop of rural China. Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| | Chook Doolan series Roy, James & Gifford, Lucinda (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 6218 | Christmas rose, The Blaxland, Wendy & Hennessy, Lucy (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781921720406 | The fields near Bethlehem are filled with joy when angels appear telling of the birth of a very special baby. Men are travelling to give the baby gifts, but Madelon has nothing, what could she possibly give him when she meets him. |
| 660768 | Christmasaurus, The Fletcher, Tom | Penguin | 2017 | 9780141373348 | Forget everything you thought you knew about the North Pole. This book will change how you think about Christmas. Get ready to meet: a boy called William Trundle, his dad Bob, an elf named Snozzletrump, the meanest girl in school named Brenda Payne, a nasty piece of work called the Hunter, a most unusual dinosaur and the real Santa. |
| 9555 | Chrysanthemum Henkes, Kevin | Hodder & Stoughton | 1998 | 9780340727942 | Chrysanthemum thinks that she has a perfect name, until she goes to school. Victoria says her name is a flower and only just fits on her badge. School gets worse until she meets the music teacher, Mrs Delphinium Twinkle, and suddenly blossoms. |
| 9395 | Church mice in action, The Oakley, Graham | Pan Macmillan London | 1997 | 9780333493366 | The Church Mice are involved in one of their madcap schemes to earn money by entering Sampson in cat shows. Unfortunately, Sampson gets kidnapped by a couple of criminals on a tandem bike and the mice have to go to his rescue. |
| 9396 | Church mice take a break, The Oakley, Graham | Hodder & Stoughton | 2000 | 9780340727881 | The church mice become stowaways but things go wrong when they find themselves stranded, alone, miles from home. The weather breaks and they almost give up hope of getting back until they find a fossil which holds the answer. |

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| 3096 | Cici: Truth in sight Doerrfeld, Cori & Page, Tyler (ill) | Graphic Universe | 2016 | 9781512411560 | Cici has a lot to figure out. She's learning how to make friends. She's learning how to be a better big sister. Oh, and she's learning how to use her fairy powers. Things look easy for Kendra, a popular girl at Cici's school. So when Cici finds Kendra's lost doll, she uses her magic to play a trick; change the doll and Kendra changes too. It's only a joke but the changes could last forever if Cici doesn't learn to see the best in people. |
| 7576 | Cinderfella Bates, Dianne & Viska, Peter (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2001 | 9780141312651 | Cinderfella from the Planet Jetsonia meets Princess Esmerelda of the Planet Earth and strange things happen. |
| | Cinders and Sparks series Kelk, Lindsey & Curnick, Pippa (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 8973 | Circus pony, The Lester, Alison & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741148879 | When Bonnie and Sam find a fabulous picture of a girl balancing on a horse, they decide to enter the local Talent Night with some trick riding of their own. They decide that Tricky and Bonnie will make the perfect team. When they find out that animals are not allowed in the talent night. it seems like the end of their dream. |
| 15305 | Clancy of the Overflow Paterson, A B (Banjo) & Niland, Kilmeny (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781865045276 | This classic Australian poem, more than a hundred years old, comes alive with fresh illustrations of the outback that Paterson loved so well. |
| 11560 | Clancy's long, long walk Gleeson, Libby | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302889 | Sam decides to walk to Steamers, a fantastic beach about six kilometres away from home. Sam's little brother, Clancy, wants to go too. Mum and Dad say it's too far and that Clancy isn't big enough. But, Clancy is very determined. |
| | Clarice Bean series Child, Lauren | | | | Spunky 12-year-old Clarice Bean Tuesday and her adventures at home and at school! Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | Claude the dog series Smith, Alex T | | | | <p>Claude is no ordinary dog - he leads an extraordinary life! He's a small, plump dog who wears a beret and a lovely red sweater. He has a best friend, Sir Bobblysock, a striped sock who is grubby and smells a bit like cheese. Come along on his adventures!</p> <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> |
| | Clementine Rose series Various | | | | <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> |
| 5789 | Cleo stories, The: A friend and a pet Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743315286 | <p>Cleo's best friend is away, her parents are busy and there's nothing to do but count raindrops or tidy her room. Just when she thinks that she'll never cheer up, Cleo has an idea. In the second story, Cleo longs for a pet but her mum and dad say no. Perhaps the answer is hidden somewhere unexpected. Two short stories about six year old Cleo.</p> |
| 1309 | Cleo stories, The: The necklace and the present Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743315279 | <p>Having a big imagination means you can always find a way to have fun. Two short stories about six year old Cleo.</p> |
| 20246 | Cleocatra's kushion Price, Robin | Mogzilla | 2014 | 9780954657604 | <p>The Emperor Nero believes that 'treasure is for spending'. With his gold almost gone, he sends a freed gladiator, Spartapuss, loyal servant to master Clawdius, on a secret mission in search of a treasure cavern at the source of the river Nile. The journey through the land of the 'Purramids' to the Kingdom of Kush is full of shocks, crocs and magic, courtesy of Cleocatra's Kushion. A rollicking tale with many puns taken from Roman History.</p> |

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| 586744 | Clever crow Bancroft, Bronwyn & Lawrence, Nina (ill) | Magabala Books | 2018 | 9781922142610 | Clever Crow is an endearing and witty tale that follows the exploits of a hungry and very clever crow. Crow searches in the bush for food but he can find none. It is only when he comes across people preparing for a ceremony that his luck changes. Crow spots a big turtle egg waiting to be cooked, and he cries out, 'Yummy, food for me!' But it is not an easy task stealing a turtle egg - even for a clever crow. Crow has to be more clever than he has ever been before! Children will love Bronwyn Bancroft's distinctive illustrations, and how the Djambarrpuynu language translation - Yolnu language from North East Arnhem Land - is woven into the design. |
| 1215 | Clever Trevor's stupendous inventions Weldon, Andrew | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141305110 | When he confiscates Trevor's power pants and tries to profit by them, the teacher becomes the target of Trevor's inventiveness, in this book about inventors and inventions. |
| 33112 | Click go the shears Ingpen, Robert (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2011 | 9780207180941 | The Australian song is probably the most wide spread and enduring of the old-time shearers' songs. The tune came from an American Civil War song, Ring the Bell, Watchman, and was written by Henry Lawson. The song was first published in written format in 1946 and versions don't seem to differ much. The version in this book is as sung by A L Lloyd in the 1950s. |
| 9293 | Click, clack, moo, cows that type Cronin, Doreen & Lewin, Betsy (ill) | Pocket Books | 2002 | 9780743461511 | Farmer Brown's cows are dissatisfied with conditions on the farm and use their typewriter to agitate for change. Much to Farmer Brown's annoyance, this spirit of rebellion is contagious, and other animals too begin to make demands. How will he respond? |
| 10110 | Cliffhanger Wilson, Jacqueline & Sharratt, Nick (ill) | Corgi Books | 2009 | 9780440868552 | From climbing and abseiling to canoeing and a crazy bucket race, the adventure holiday promises to be full of action. Tim has just one problem, he is hopeless at sports of any kind. He wonders how he will survive the horrors of an activity-packed week. |
| 9417 | Climbing Mount Sugarbin Harvey, Pam | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300199 | Nathan loves pistons, drive shafts and carburettors. He's entering Lightning Rager in the new section of the annual Mount Sugarbin Hill Climb Race. |
| 18076 | Clinton Gregory's secret Whately, Bruce | Harry N Abrams Inc | 2008 | 9780810993648 | Clinton Gregory has a secret. Actually, Clinton has at least seven secrets just from last week. Every night, when no-one else is looking, Clinton does extraordinary things. He befriends a dragon, teaches a stegosaurus a new trick and flies around the world on a plate of spaghetti. Look in the pictures for a clue to Clinton's next secret. |

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| 32650 | Cloud tea monkeys Peet, Mal & Graham, Elspeth & Wijngaard, Juan (ill) | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406300925 | Tashi lives in a tiny village below the tea plantations where her mother earns a living. One day, her mother falls ill and Tashi must pick tea to earn the money for a doctor. But, she is too small to reach the tender shoots and the cruel Overseer sends her away empty-handed. Tashi needs a miracle. |
| 750982 | Clue for Clara, A Tanner, Lian | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760877699 | Clara is not your average chicken. She wants to be a famous television detective. The only problem is this misfit hen needs a really big case for everyone to take her seriously. |
| 67129 | Coastal treasure hunter Spilsbury, Louise | A & C Black | 2010 | 9781408126936 | The coastline of any land is a treasure trove of marine creatures, plant life, rocks and crystals to be protected and enjoyed. Here you can see what to look for, how to prepare and protect yourself. Although some of the weblinks provided are located in the United Kingdom (looking at tides and weather for safe exploration), there are similar sites providing Australian information. |
| 1154 | Cockadoodle-doo Mr Sultana Morpurgo, Michael & Rayner, Shoo (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780007489985 | The Sultan is greedy and lazy and has no feelings for his subjects. Out hunting one day, one of his diamond buttons falls off his shirt and a poor woman's rooster finds it and wants to give it to the woman. However, the sultan's servants see and chase him, retrieving the diamond. The rooster embarks on a mission to get the diamond back for the poor woman. |
| 6526 | Cockroach cup, The Caraher, Kim | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9780091831523 | Everyone is looking for a top cockroach to win the Cockroach Cup. From the moment that Cool scuttles out into torchlight, he, or she, is obviously a champion. But, Cup Day brings more than a few surprises. |
| 93684 | Cocky who cried dingo, The Morrison, Yvonne & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2010 | 9781921541421 | Cocky is a cheeky trickster who loves nothing more than pulling pranks on the other birds. But, when Cocky's tricks get him into real trouble, he finally learns his lesson. An hilarious rhyming adaptation of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. |
| 751167 | Code name bananas Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2020 | 9780008454296 | "Imagine living in London in 1940. Bombs are raining down on the city. It is The Blitz. Germany is on a bombing campaign targeting big cities. Thousands of homes are destroyed. People are taking cover in bomb shelters. Two million children are evacuated to the country. But London Zoo remains open. Some animals are evacuated to keep them safe. Eric, whose great uncle works at the zoo, forms an extraordinary friendship with a huge gorilla called Gertrude. But when the zoo becomes dangerous, Eric goes on an adventure to rescue Gertrude and try to save her from a most unusual enemy." |

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| 30487 | Cold paws, warm heart Floyd, Madeleine | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406301908 | Far away in the land of snow and ice lives Cold Paws, a lonely polar bear. Cold Paws shivers and wonders why he always feels cold inside. But, when little Hannah from the village becomes his friend, the cold feeling inside begins to melt away. |
| 14911 | Collecting colour Dunstan, Kylie | Lothian Books | 2008 | 9780734410221 | Rose and her friend, Olive, love going bush in Arnhem Land to collect 'colour' and pandanus leaves for weaving baskets, bags and mats. |
| 12486 | Collector, The Hawke, Rosanne & Pignataro, Anna (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734406651 | When Uncle Max's best flying pigeons disappear, Luke's cat, Q, is blamed. Dad threatens to send Q away to the animal refuge for unwanted pets. Luke and Bree must solve the mystery perhaps with a little help from Q himself. |
| 1244 | Come back Gizmo Jennings, Paul | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140378450 | In the third book about the gizmo, a new set of characters become embroiled in hilarious, embarrassing scenes when lovesick Jimmy locks his pet dog in the car boot to win the affections of the snooty girl next door. The gizmo soon works its magic, with Jimmy soon living to regret his moment of selfishness. |
| 52249 | Come by chance Winch, Madeleine | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150845 | Bertha found an abandoned home in the middle of nowhere and fixed it up. She called her home, Come by chance, and that is what happened. All sorts of animals, sheep, kangaroos and a cat, came to her door during the cold winter. She took them all in and cared for them until summer. |
| 765889 | Coming home to Country Bancroft, Bronwyn | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2020 | 9781760501921 | Run to the creek, perch on a rock, slip into clear crystal water. An visual and lyrical depiction of coming home to country from acclaimed author and illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft. |
| 18553 | Convicted: the unwonderful world of kids, crims and other convict capers Clark, Anna & Crowley, Kate (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2006 | 9781920878603 | This book presents Australia's convict history in a fun way for young readers. There are plenty of pictures and amazing facts to show just how tough it was to be an early Australian convict. |
| 570819 | Cook and the King, The Donaldson, Julia & Cobb, Roberts, David (ill) | MacMillan | 2018 | 9781509813773 | There once was a very hungry king who needed a cook like anything...but the king is very fussy, and none of the cooks he tries can make a dish that tastes just right. Then the most unlikely of chefs comes along: the shuffling, shaking Wobbly Bob. He's scared of everything, from catching fish to digging for potatoes. But can he convince the hungry king to give him the job? |
| 846137 | Cookie Duff, Isabelle & Crispe, Susannah (ill) | EK Books | 2021 | 9781925820959 | Cookie loves lots of things like smelly smells, chewy things and Girl. Cookie and Girl play together and learn to make each other happy. |

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| 965843 | Cooking up a storm Dickson, John & Frittitta, Claudia (ill) | Vision Australia | 2023 | 9780645558418 | Craig Shanahan always dreamed of being a chef, but he was almost completely blind. Craig didn't let that stop him from following his dreams, cooking up a storm and opening his own cafe. |
| 11143 | Cool bananas Harris, Christine & Guthridge, Bettina (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733321108 | Claudia visits her Grandpa for the first time and finds he is an embarrassing surprise. She doesn't know how she will survive her holiday. |
| 1065496 | Cool bean presents, The: As cool as it gets John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780063045422 | When the Cool Bean picks the name of the coolest of the cool beans, Beanadette, out of a hat for the annual gift exchange, he's not feeling very merry or festive -- he's feeling pressure! Beanadette is definitely expecting the coolest present of all. Will the Cool Bean find the perfect gift in time for the party? |
| 860749 | Cool bean, The John, Jory and Oswald, Pete (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780062954527 | Everyone knows the cool beans. They're soooooo cool. And then there's the uncool has-bean . . . Always on the sidelines, one bean unsuccessfully tries everything he can to fit in with the crowd - until one day the cool beans show him how it's done. |
| 9529 | Copper tin cup, The Schaefer, Carole Lexa & Fellows, Stan | Walker Books | 2000 | 9780744556209 | The copper tin cup belongs to Sammy Carl. His initials are carved below the rim, it fits perfectly into his small hand and seems to have been made for him. But the cup was made many years ago for his great-aunt, Serena Carlotta. |
| 9536 | Corduroy Freeman, Don | Penguin | 1988 | 9780140501735 | Corduroy is a teddy bear who searches for his missing button because he believes that, if he is perfect, he will be loved and bought. |
| 959198 | Cosima Unfortunate steals a star Noakes, Laura & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2023 | 9780008579135 | Cosima, a resident of the Home for Unfortunate Girls, dreams of finding a real home and family. When she discovers that explorer Lord Francis Fitzroy plans to adopt her and her friends, they become suspicious and decide to steal his prized tiara, containing the legendary Star Diamond of India. As they prepare for the heist, Cosima uncovers a mysterious treasure map that could reveal the truth about her parents. This exciting adventure is filled with friendship, mystery, and daring escapades. |
| 1261 | Counting on Frank Clement, Rod | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1990 | 9780207173226 | Frank counts on everything. He is always calculating things like how many whales will fit in his house. His dad says, 'If you've got a brain, then use it', and Frank does. |
| 678277 | Crack up Faber, Jules | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781760783914 | Max Crack and his best friend Frankie are back with even more questordinary adventures! Armed with shiny new quest list, they are on a mission to find a meteorite, make a movie, solve a sisterly feud, eat truckloads of chocolate and set a world record. |

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| 1266 | Crackle Clark, Margaret | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141304137 | Earl wakes up one morning to find his hair sticking up like a toothbrush. He can't get it to stay down and he keeps on getting into trouble with everyone because of his weird appearance. Earl doesn't know what to do. |
| 849620 | Cranky chicken Battersby, Katherine | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734420954 | Meet Cranky Chicken, so many things make her cranky, "Why is the dirt so dirty?" Meet Speedy the worm, a happy fast worm. Two lonely creatures who just need that right friend. |
| 1000864 | Cranky chicken: party animals Battersby, Katherine | Lothian Books | 2022 | 9780734420985 | Cranky Chicken is super high on the crank-o-meter. How can speedy worm help? What adventures will they get up to now as it's Cranky Chicken's birthday? |
| 660484 | Crayons' Christmas, The Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2019 | 9780008180362 | 'Tis the season for all of us to write our Christmas wish lists. But everyone knows - even the Crayons - that the best presents are the ones that you give. |
| 846159 | Cricket, I just love it! Nicholson, Alister & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526801 | Cricket, I just love it. It really is the best. Batting, bowling, fielding, Twenty20 or a test. From classic catches to backyard matches, here is a joyful and heartfelt celebration of all things cricket. |
| 15433 | Croc on the loose Baldwin, Grace MacDonald | Word Weavers Press | 2004 | 9781877073137 | Crocodiles haven't been seen in Curlew Creek for years, so Sam is surprised and excited when his dog finds a baby croc. What is he going to do with it? His mum tells him to take it out of the bath, his dad tells him to put it back in the creek. |
| 9431 | Crossing of the Blue Mountains, The Boardman, Alan & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781863887076 | A history of the exploration of the Blue Mountains, with delightful illustrations. |
| 64671 | Crow and the waterhole Kwaymullina, Ambelin | Fremantle Press | 2007 | 9781863683036 | Crow is so lacking in self-esteem that she doesn't realise what a special crow she is. She wishes she could be more like the 'other' crows she sees. She flies off to seek her destiny and to discover that she is all these things and more. |
| 7918 | Crusher Kevin Matthews, Penny & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305637 | Charlie can't wait until his new house is finished being built. Then, his parents have said he can have a dog. Charlie imagines all sorts of dogs and names but he is surprised with the dog he eventually owns. |
| | Cryptic casebook of Coco Carlomagno series Dubosarsky, Ursula & Denton, Terry (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 1019708 | Cub and brown Wyatt, Edwina & Barrow, Evie (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760654641 | Cub loves exploring the Great Outdoors. As a Scout, he is prepared for anything. Anything, that is, except meeting a bear! When Cub meets Brown, a young bear who also loves nature and its wonders, he find that the outdoors, and the indoors, are full of surprises, adventures and friendship. |
| 2294 | Cubby house, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143303800 | Becky has great ideas for cubby houses but they never seem to work out. Midge has moved in next door and Becky gets her to help. But, Midge just sits quietly, waiting for the cubby to be ready. One day, Midge invites Becky to her house and, in the backyard, there is a beautiful cubby that looks like a real house. Becky is impressed but there is something more exciting out the window. |
| 5137 | Curiosity: The story of a mars rover Motum, Markus | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406374681 | Meet Curiosity, a Mars rover that has rolled across the deserts of the red planet searching for clues to one of science's greatest mysteries: has there ever been life on Mars? Discover the story behind the most ambitious Mars mission yet with Curiosity herself as your guide. Through stunning art and fascinating diagrams, the rover takes us on a journey from the laboratory to Mars, showing just how far human curiosity has led us, and how much further it might take us still... |
| 22487 | Curly and the Fent Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, A & Kwaymullina, B & Kwaymullina, E & Hill, Adam (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741662924 | The Fent is an animal that can only be seen by Curly and his enemy, Billy Green, the bully next door. After the baby Fent, Pook, appears in Curly's cupboard in the middle of the night, he gets blamed at school and at home for the trouble caused by Pook's mischief. When Curly and Billy are used to lure the Fent into a trap, the rescue has surprising results. |
| 43447 | Cursed first term of Zelda Stitch, The Greenberg, Nicki | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760294908 | Zelda Stitch is a witch, but not a very good one. She is hoping to make a better primary school teacher and tries to keep her magic a secret from the vice principal and some troublesome children. She discovers living and leading a double life is very hard and not helped at all by her disagreeable cat Barnaby. |
| 4811 | Cyclones and shadows: Stories from up north Dudgeon, Laura & Dudgeon, Pat & Dudgeon-Swift, Sabrina & Oxenham, Darlene | Fremantle Press | 2017 | 9781925164763 | From an awesome sports car to a terrifying cyclone, from magical creatures to a haunted mango tree, these tales from up north are an enjoyable collection of well-written short stories full of fun, adventure and magic. |

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| | D-bot Squad series Park, Mac | | | | A super-exciting series about DINOSAUR ROBOTS for first readers! 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. |
| | Daisy Dawson series Voake, Steve & Meserve, Jessica (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Daisy series Gray, Kes & Sharratt, Nick (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 144066 | Daisy Sunshine Gervay, Susanne & Culkin-Lawrence, Teresa (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2008 | 9781876944674 | It's 1975 and Daisy and her mum have just moved into the Grand Private Hotel belonging to Mr and Mrs Papadopolous. It's all new and strange but Nina, Old Dot, the Colonel and especially Rainbow Rose are there to help them make a new life for themselves. This is a time of great social change and Daisy's life opens up as she becomes involved in the movement for equal rights for women. |
| 9526 | Dan's grandpa Morgan, Sally & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill) | Fremantle Press | 1996 | 9781863681599 | Dan and his grandpa were the best of friends and shared many special times together. From his grandpa, Dan learnt about nature, the land and his Aboriginal culture. When grandpa dies, Dan misses him. Then grandpa's cocky disappears. |
| 1795 | Dance teacher, The Milne, Simon & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313312 | When Isabelle arrives at Miss Sylvie's dance studio to become a ballerina, she is told to be prepared to work hard. As the other young dancers switch to hip hop or drop out, Isabelle continues to practice, aiming to become a prima ballerina. |
| 9531 | Dancer, The Turkington, Nola & Daly, Niki (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2001 | 9780711215412 | A legend of the bringing of rain to the people of the Kalahari Desert in Africa. After thirteen months of drought, Bau is determined to find out how to make rain for her people. |

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| 886458 | Dancing with memories Yule, Sally & Martins, Professor Ralph & Beer, Maggie & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | ABC Books | 2022 | 9780733342578 | Meet Lucy. Lucy lives with dementia. She wishes she didn't, but she does. Her brain has changed, but she is still Lucy. Thank goodness she has a brain AND a heart. A moving and heartfelt picture book for young children and their families, to help them navigate the changes that come with living with Alzheimer's disease. |
| 903243 | Dangerous business of being Trilby Moffat, The Temple, Kate & Cooper, Christopher (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9780734420909 | After Trilby Moffat's mother falls victim to the dreaded Dream Sickness and Trilby unexpectedly becomes the Time Keeper, she has to survive a sinking canoe, a man in a top hat who will try to kill her (more than once), flee to an island where time does not exist, deal with rude cats, make new friends and eat lots of cake. But this will mean nothing if she can't find a lost treasure and return the Passage of Time to normal and save her mother. |
| 9524 | Daniel's secret Mattingley, Christobel & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781863885348 | Daniel has found an Aboriginal carving on the cliff face. He wants to share his secret but, as the youngest member of a busy family, he can't persuade anyone to accompany him. |
| | Danny Best series Storer, Jen & Vane, Mitch (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 47236 | Danny Blue's really excellent dream Landrak, Max | Hachette Children's Books | 2017 | 9780734417589 | Danny Blue lives in a world where everything is blue. And while there are many different shades and hues, everything is essentially the same. Until the night Danny sees something in a dream that is unlike anything else... |
| 9563 | Dare to be different: a celebration of freedom in association with Amnesty International Bergin, Elana (& others) | Bloomsbury | 1999 | 9780747540212 | A picture book of fairytales, folklore, Greek legends, Bible stories, poetry and contemporary short stories with strong themes of freedom and justice that reflect the purpose and work of Amnesty International. |
| 751006 | Daring Delly: Going for gold Dellavedova, Matthew & Ortega, Nathalie (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781743832028 | Delly's school is hosting an international basketball tournament. Teams are coming all the way from the USA and Japan to compete for the gold medal. But Delly's best mate, Sam, is down in the dumps. And when some players get injured, the teachers want to cancel everything! Luckily, Delly has a daring plan to save the tournament and get Sam's head back in the game. |

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| 659115 | Daring Delly: Team tryouts Dellavedova, Matthew | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781743831922 | Delly is super sporty, and mad about BASKETBALL! When tryouts are called for a NEW local basketball team, Delly and his mates are determined to make the cut. But with footy training, tennis and school, will Delly have time to practise basketball? ABSOLUTELY. Delly is as daring as he is determined and hell do whatever it takes! |
| 1394 | Dark, The Snicket, Lemony & Klassen, Jon (ill) | Orchard Books | 2013 | 9781408330029 | Lazlo is afraid of the dark, when tucked up in his bedroom at night. He wants to find out what this thing called 'the dark' is. |
| 4199 | Darkest dark, The Hadfield, Chris & Fan Brothers (ill) | MacMillan | 2016 | 9781509824090 | Chris love rockets and planets and pretending he's an astronaut in Space. Only one problem- at night, Chris is afraid of the dark. But when he watches the ground breaking Apollo 11 Moon Landing on TV it inspires him to follow his dreams and explore the darkest dark. Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut, Commander Chris Hadfield. |
| 1347 | David, the best model maker in the world Moloney, James | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141307442 | David was the best model maker in the world. But one day a strange man sends him a new challenge. He may be the best model maker but he still may not be able to build the strange ball in the picture. |
| 35126 | Day I remember, A Prodeeptha, Das | Frances Lincoln | 2015 | 9781847806017 | This is a day that Chintu will always remember. He's going to be Markundi, the boy who keeps the bridegroom, his uncle, company through the wedding preparations. Come and join in the celebrations, with dancing, fireworks and music. |
| 15129 | Day I turned ten, The Godwin, Jane | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143301097 | Jeremy is looking forward to his tenth birthday and has the day all planned out. But, with a very young brother in the family, things rarely go according to plan. |
| 112260 | Day I was history, The French, Jackie & Booth, Christina (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2007 | 9781876944551 | Like everyone else, Sam believed that cities don't burn. But one hot summer the fires came to Canberra with devastating results. Sam must fight to try to save his home not knowing if his would be one of the five hundred houses to be lost. |
| 7772 | Day no one was angry, The Tellegen, Toon & Boutavant, Marc (ill) | Gecko Press | 2015 | 9781927271605 | Twelve funny, philosophical short stories about angry animals. First comes the hyrax, angry at the sun for not being around when he wants it. Elephant is angry with himself for trying to climb a tree that he always falls out of. Beetle and earthworm try to outdo each other by being more angry than the other. Lobster sells all kinds of anger door-to-door. Then, one day, all anger disappears and the animals are worried. |
| 21245 | Day war came, The Davies, Nicola & Cobb, Rebecca (ill) | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406376326 | Imagine if war came to your town and destroyed everything you had known. Imagine you made a long journey to safety but were not welcomed and turned away. Imagine then how the gift of something small from one child could change your life. |

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| 12361 | Day with Dad, A Holmberg, Bo R | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406313840 | Tim waits with excitement for a train to bring his father, who lives in another town, to spend the entire day with him. They do all of their favourite things, until it is time for Dad to catch the train home. |
| 15437 | Days of the blackbird dePaola, Tomie | Penguin USA | 1997 | 9780399229299 | Gemma and her father, Duca Gennaro, live in a house with a bird-filled courtyard. All the birds sing but the duke's favourite is La Colomba. When the duke falls ill, La Colomba refuses to fly south, even though snow and fierce winds swirl. |
| 1366 | Dead funny Simons, Moya | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781862915466 | More of the hilarious adventures of Danny Thompson, his family and friends. |
| 37620 | Deadly diseases and curious cures Claybourne, Anna | A & C Black | 2010 | 9781408126929 | Life as a sailor in the 1700s was not an easy life. Here you will read about the common illnesses such as scurvy, of those who sailed long distances of exploration and trade, as well as the remedies of the day. Some are still common today such as the use of honey and ginger, but thankfully our dentists and surgeons have greatly improved. For readers who are not squeamish. |
| 5665 | Dear hound Murphy, Jill | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780141323459 | Alfie the deerhound is a large, grey puppy. He loves his owner, Charlie, and cheese, and he's very good at digging holes. But poor Alfie has got lost. He's scared of thunderstorms and being hungry and never seeing Charlie again. Meanwhile, Charlie and his mother are desperately trying to find Alfie, putting up posters and searching the area. |
| 16041 | Dear Max Grindley, Sally & Ross, Tony (ill) | Watts Publishing Group | 2005 | 9781843623830 | Max writes a letter to his favourite author. They become pen pals and share ideas they have for writing stories, about dealing with life's difficulties and making friends. |
| 54112 | Deep end, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143305279 | Becky can't go up a class at swimming lessons unless she can get over her fear of the deep end. Becky tackles all her problems cheerily, including understanding what her baby brother is saying. |
| 1019819 | Deep end: Real facts about the ocean, The Sheneman, Drew | HarperCollins US | 2023 | 9780063224551 | Have you ever wondered what lies at the bottom of the sea? Join Brownbeard the pirate and Alan the parrot as they explore the depths of the ocean, and tell you all about their discoveries. |
| 73594 | Deep sea exploration Spilsbury, Richard | A & C Black | 2010 | 9781408126912 | Take a trip to the bottom of the ocean to find out all the secrets of the deep. See underwater mountains thousands of metres high, shipwrecks frozen in time and fish that look like false teeth. |
| 50221 | Definitely no ducks McKinlay, Meg & Rudge, Leila (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781921977855 | Max, the class duck, is in trouble. The Antarctica display has been totally destroyed. Ripped. Torn. Chewed. And everyone knows Max is to blame. Or is he. Abby and Noah are determined to uncover the truth. If they can't, they will have to say goodbye to Max forever. |

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| 6449 | Deliverance of the dancing bears, The Stanley, Elizabeth | University of Western Australia Press | 1994 | 9781875560370 | Appalled by the sight of a beautiful bear condemned to a life of cruelty and deprivation, old Yusuf spends all his hard-earned savings to release the bear. |
| 924 | Detective Donut and the wild goose chase Whatley, Bruce | HarperCollins Australia | 1999 | 9780064435536 | Detective Donut tries to solve a mysterious case involving a masked goose, a museum statue and a missing person. |
| 13406 | Detective Gordon: A complicated case Nilsson, Ulf & Spee, Gitte (ill) | Gecko Press | 2016 | 9781776570652 | There is something going on in the forest. The animals are troubled and unhappy. But, no one dares make a statement to the police. Detective Gordon and police assistant Buffy have a new case to investigate. |
| 4725 | Detective Gordon: The first case Nilsson, Ulf & Spee, Gitte (ill) | Gecko Press | 2015 | 9781927271506 | Someone is stealing nuts from the forest and it's up to Detective Gordon to catch the thief. Unfortunately, solving this crime means standing in the snow for a long time. If only he had an assistant, someone small, fast, and clever, to help solve this terrible case. Then Detective Gordon would be able to go back to doing what he does best, thinking, eating cakes, drinking tea and stamping important papers. |
| 89024 | Diary of a killer cat, The Fine, Anne & Cox, Steve (ill) | Puffin UK | 2011 | 9780141335773 | Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird, and then a mouse, into the house. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about. Soft-hearted Ellie must get her beloved pet to change his wild ways before the next victim arrives through the cat-flap, and Tuffy ends up in even deeper trouble. |
| 903327 | Diary of a rescued wombat French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2022 | 9781460761823 | She is small. She is scared. She is lost. She is a baby wombat who needs a home. She is Mothball, a wombat destined to become famous. This is the (almost) true story of one small wombat who learnt how to train her humans - and inspired the internationally bestselling picture book Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley. |
| | Diary of a series Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9363 | Diary of a wombat French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2002 | 9780207199950 | This wombat leads a very busy and demanding life. She wrestles unknown creatures, runs her own digging business and most difficult of all - trains her humans. |
| 574278 | Digby & Claude Allen, Emma & Sommerville, Hannah (ill) | NLA Publishing | 2018 | 9780642279279 | Digby's street is soon going to look different - old houses are going to be demolished and new apartments will be built. Digby loves Main Street but he isn't sure he wants it to change. With plans of his own and a new friend, Claude, Digby explores what it really means to belong. |

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| 25726 | Dinner detectives: A fearsome beast and a dumpling feast Stening, Yves & Buchanan, Nigel (ill) | Publish Creative Books | 2017 | 9780648008705 | It's Chinese New Year, a time for feasting. But children beware, a hungry beast is looking for you! Join Dinner Detectives Clementine and Aksel in their first adventure, travelling back in time and around the world to uncover magical stories behind the food we eat every day. |
| 24898 | Dinner detectives: A tangled tale of tagliatelle Stening, Yves | Publish Creative Books | 2018 | 9780648008712 | Sophia, the new girl next door, likes football. Shes also a super sleuth of pasta! Join our intrepid trio as they travel from Rome to a fabled renaissance meeting with the feared Mongol emperor, Kublai Khan, and uncover the ancient origins of pasta. Celebrate with Sophia's Dad's delicious Tagliatelle al Ragu - yum! Find his easy-to-follow recipe inside. |
| 903273 | Dinosaur a day, A Smith, Miranda & Wren, Jenny (ill) & Calle, Juan (ill) & Le, Xuan (ill) & Rambaldi, Max (ill) & Baum | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780755501793 | Discover an extraordinary dinosaur every day of the year. Immerse yourself in this unforgettable year-long encounter with the most astonishing creatures to ever walk the earth. From ferocious Tyrannosaurus to the gentle Titanosaurus, you'll find familiar and lesser-known names, alongside newly discovered species, all brought to life with stunning illustrations and fascinating facts. |
| | Dinosaur Cove series Stone, Rex & Spoor, Mike (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 5601 | Dinosaur discovery: Lost creatures of the Cretaceous Western Australia Museum | Western Australian Museum | 2017 | 9781925040326 | Dinosaurs ruled the world in the Cretaceous period, 66 million years ago. The world during the Cretaceous period was a time when mammals were confined to a life in the shadows of dinosaurs. It was the abrupt end of this time period that saw everything change. This book, with its fantastic illustrations, provides a contemporary insight into the life and death of these amazing creatures that once walked the earth. |
| 1442 | Dinosaur encore Mullins, Patricia | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865048031 | A simple, flip book that has lots of interesting dinosaur facts for you to test yourself. Perhaps you know which dinosaur was smaller than a Dalmatian dog or most like the modern day ostrich but, if you don't, you can find out by reading this book. Panoramic pictures of collage artwork add to the joy of learning more about the shape and size of dinosaurs. |
| 27097 | Dinosaur hunt Catrow, David | Orchard Books | 2009 | 9780545057486 | Max, the spaniel, is not just any dog. Join Max as he undertakes an expedition searching for dinosaurs. You will be amazed at what he finds. |

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| 6281 | Dirt bikes Orr, Wendy | HarperCollins Australia | 1996 | 9780207188046 | Christmas is coming up and the some of the children are waiting desperately as there are only three dirtbikes in their group and their own homemade track is waiting for them. |
| 902461 | Dirt by sea Wagner, Michael & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Penguin Random House Australia | 2022 | 9781760894061 | Daisy lives in inland Australia with her dad and her grandparents. It's home, and she loves the red dirt land around her. But when her dad realises that she's never seen the beach and thinks the Australian anthem is about a country 'dirt by sea', he sets off to show her the ocean in a once-in-a-lifetime father-daughter trip along the Australian coast, inspired by the first holiday he took with Daisy's mum. Along the way they will learn about Australia and much, much more . . . |
| 12687 | Dirt experiment, The Glover, Richard & Gordon, Gus (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780733616204 | An amusing story about a family who divides their house in two - one side for the clean and tidy mum and daughter and the other for the dirty dad and son. Some coarse language in context. |
| 9516 | Dirty beasts Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2002 | 9780140568233 | Full of fanciful exaggerations, a collection of poems about wicked beasts with wicked habits. Meet the poor toad that jumps to France at his own peril, the pig who ponders on the meaning of life and the anteater that gets the wrong end of the stick. |
| 6598 | DK guide to weather Allaby, Michael | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751328561 | A breathtaking collection of colour photographs and images in large format, depicting weather from the 1930s to the present. |
| 4449 | Do not lick this book Ben-Barak, Idan & Frost, Julian | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760293055 | Min is microbe. She is small. Very small. In fact so small that you'd need to look through a microscope to see her. Or you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure to amazing places she's never seen before- like the icy glaciers of your tooth or the twisted, tangled jungle that is your shirt. The perfect book for anyone who wants to take a closer look at the world. |
| 804788 | Do something for someone else Kirby, Loll & Imamura, Yas (ill) | Magic Cat Publishing | 2021 | 9781913520137 | Meet kids just like you whose small acts of kindness are changing the lives of others. Learn about the work they do and discover how the future of our world starts here ... with you. |
| 21153 | Do you know about science? Dodd, Emily | Dorling Kindersley | 2018 | 9780241318690 | Over 200 intriguing science questions - answered. This is the ideal science encyclopedia to help budding Einsteins ages 6 and up with their school and homework projects - as well as for parents who need to answer those tricky science questions. |
| 9690 | Doctor Frankenstein's other monster Gray, Nigel & Smith, Craig (ill) | CSI-Books | 2012 | 9780987366801 | Doctor Frankenstein has created a new monster but unfortunately he has little control over him when Frank Junior decides to explore his new world. As he searches for a playmate, Frank Junior is totally unaware of the havoc he is creating as he outwits the police and army. Finally he meets someone who looks past his appearance and is happy to play. |

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| 587646 | Dodo made me do it, The Simmons, Jo & Dempsey, Sheena (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781408877777 | Danny spends every summer in the small seaside town of Kinoussie with his Gran. Danny is determined to find some sort of adventure in the sleepy town, he just can't imagine where. The only person on this island not twice Danny's age or older is the science enthusiast, Susie. After convincing Susie to borrow a boat and visit a nearby island, Danny finds unexpected adventure in the form of real life dodo. While Danny is first enthusiastic about his discovery, he realises just how hard it is to keep his secret from the village, protect the dodo from its own bumbling bad luck, and figure out how this adventure ends. |
| 16082 | Dog boy Larkin, John & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2004 | 9780733618352 | Harry Highpants hates corned beef with white sauce but he is not allowed to leave the table until he finishes his meal. Harry is very thin so his parents serve it to him every night so that he will become big and strong. Harry needs to find a way to cope. |
| 31447 | Dog emergency, The Morgan, Sally & Smith, Craig (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781742991351 | When Dillon and his brother, Ryan, find a cattle dog in town that has hurt his leg, they decide to take him to the nursing station for first aid. They know Mum won't take him in because she is still upset about losing the family dog, Buster. The stray dog needs an operation and the boys try to earn the money to pay for it. When it looks as if they can claim him for themselves, the owner returns. |
| 992281 | Dog squad, The: The newshound Vulliamy, Clara | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2023 | 9780008565336 | Eva has always wanted to be a journalist, so when she comes across Wafer, a stray dog near her home she might have just discovered her first story. Will she find Wafer's owner? Does she really want to solve the mystery, because won't that mean she has to give Wafer back? |
| 1019890 | Dog squad, The: The race Vulliamy, Clara | HarperCollins Australia | 2024 | 9780008565398 | Eva wants to help her new dog, Wafer, make friends. So she takes him to the local whippet races. Soon enough she realises that someone must be cheating. She and the rest of the Dog Squad think they might have found the next story for their very own newspaper. But can they crack the case? |
| 1082898 | Dog squad, The: The show Vulliamy, Clara | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2024 | 9780008565473 | After a fierce storm wrecks the roof of a dog shelter Happy Tails, Eva manages to include all her class in a curious petscapade to raise funds to repair it. A surprisingly fun event but not without frustration, the Wags and Whiskers Dog Talent Show raises the roof at the local school but not without a few problems to solve on the way. The Dog Squad a team of phenomenal reporters have saved the day and everyone was part of the success. |

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| 1467 | Dog tales Rodda, Emily | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781862914810 | All sorts of interesting and unusual things happen in Dolan Street, and the dogs are always at the centre of them. A very funny and warm dog tale where the roles of the dogs and people are cleverly reversed. |
| 15367 | Dolphin boy Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2004 | 9781842703205 | The fishing village is a poor and sad place until the day Jim rescues Smile, the dolphin. The friendships between the children, the fishermen and the dolphin lead to happier times for the whole village. |
| 9483 | Dolphins Giles, Bridget | Grolier Education | 2001 | 9780717295890 | Describes the physical characteristics, life cycle, behaviour, and habitat of dolphins, marine mammals that can swim faster than forty kilometres per hour. |
| 33727 | Don't be Horrid Henry Simon, Francesca | Orion | 2008 | 9781842556726 | Henry's baby brother can do no wrong, even when he kicks Henry or breaks his toys. Finally Henry works out what to do. |
| | Dotty Detective series Vulliamy, Clara | | | | 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. |
| | Double trouble series Regan, Fiona & Shea, Louis (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 15306 | Dougal's deep-sea diary Bartram, Simon | The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741245981 | Dougal's job is boring but he loves deep-sea diving. When Dougal goes to spend a week underwater, his diary tells of the many wonderful creatures he sees and his adventures. Dougal needs a change from his boring old job. |
| 1502 | Down in the dump with Dinsmore Mahy, Margaret | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141302133 | Dinsmore's teacher doesn't think the dump is an appropriate place for him to be researching his school project even though he finds all sorts of fascinating things there. He even begins to look like he belongs in a dump. |
| 916602 | Down in the dumps: A very trashy Christmas Hargis, Wes | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780062910202 | Nana had never heard of Christmas. When she's told of the one magical night of the year when Santa Clause delivers toys to good girls and boys, she writes him a letter. But when Santa arrives with gifts and his sleigh is mistaken for garbage, Nana and her friends must find a way to save Christmas for everyone. |

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| 916608 | Down in the dumps: The mystery box Hargis, Wes | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780062910127 | Nana loves living at the dump and welcomes every new piece of trash with a happy hello. But when a Teddy Tedd Ted doll arrives still wrapped in his gift box, how will Nana and her friends help him find his way home? |
| 916561 | Down in the dumps: Trash vs trucks Hargis, Wes | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780062910165 | Oh, no! In Trash vs. Trucks, the second book in the Down in the Dumps series, the trucks are planning to move Nana's beautiful home at the Westerfield Waste Transfer and Recycling Center. And to a trash barge of all places, too! Nana isn't about to give up her beloved dump without a fight, but she'll need a plan first. Will Nana and her trash friends be able to save their home and stop the trucks from taking apart everything they've worked so hard to build. |
| 9542 | Drac and the gremlin Baillie, Allan | Penguin | 1991 | 9780140541427 | Two stories told side by side. Drac is fighting the evil Gremlin and children are acting out the fantasy in the garden. |
| 9418 | Dracula tooth McAllister, Peter | Puffin Australia | 2003 | 9780143300403 | Ryan likes being called Dracula Tooth especially if it means he can protect himself against the school bully. He likes it, that is, until he gets a late-night visit from Fangface and his gang. |
| 870075 | Dragon girls: Azmina the gold glitter dragon Mara, Maddy & Damiao, Thais (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781761123252 | Azmina, Willa, and Naomi are thrilled to learn they're Glitter Dragon Girls. Summoned to the Magic Forest by its magnificent ruler, the Tree Queen, the girls quickly find out their dragon-selves have unbelievable abilities. They can soar above the treetops, breathe glitter-y bursts of fire, and roar loud enough to shake the ground. With this newfound magic comes a big responsibility, however. As Dragon Girls, they are sworn protectors of the forest and must help keep it safe from the troublesome Shadow Sprites, who are determined to take the forest's magic for their own." |
| 15335 | Dragon machine, The Ward, Helen & Anderson, Wayne (ill) | Koala Books | 2003 | 9780864614766 | Unseen, ignored and overlooked, the dragons went unnoticed, just like George, until he was gone. |
| 6227 | Dragon quest Baillie, Allan | Scholastic Australia | 1996 | 9781863881203 | When he embarks upon a search for the last dragon, a young boy travels through a fantasy landscape, full of mysterious creatures. |

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| 1019873 | Dragon towers Bird, Pip & O'Connell, David (ill) | Farshore | 2024 | 9780008641863 | Take to the skies and join Dragon Towers the school where everyone has their own dragon best friend! Ten-year-old Theo LOVES dragons - he knows every dragon type, has every dragon book there is and has even made his own Dragon Rider jacket. So, when he gets his letter inviting him to dragon school it's a dragon-y dream come true. At Dragon Towers every child is paired with their very own dragon best friend, and every dragon has their own special magic power, from fire-breathing to going invisible and even making slime. Theo can't wait to find out what type of dragon he has. But when he meets his dragon Wanda, she doesn't seem to have any powers at all... |
| 21610 | Drake the dragonboy Schultz, Rebecca | JoJo Publishing | 2013 | 9780987497093 | Drake Dramco's father, head of Thermodynamics in Dragonland, has invented a shield called a force field to protect the dragonfolk from the terrifying Quintas. When Drake's father is kidnapped, Drake, Juniper, and Ronan fly off to find him. He has been taken to a city across the wasteland through the force field. After exhaustive preparations, the young dragonfolk set out into the unknown. |
| 9560 | Dream of bunyips dancing, A Hurst, Elise | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780734403360 | LuLu wants to see the legendary bunyips and her quest takes her to the creek at the end of her garden. But she doesn't know what bunyips look like. |
| 2984 | Dreaming tree, The Oliver, Jo | New Frontier Publishing | 2016 | 9781925059489 | Through free-verse and rhyming poems, celebrate the joy and freedom of being a child in the Australian landscape. |
| 9455 | Dreaming, The Yavu-Kama-Harathunian, Cheri | Aboriginal Nations | 1997 | 9780646327631 | Through these stories of the Dreaming, we learn the best way to act in certain situations and what can happen if we don't. |
| 15308 | Dreamstone Smith, Helene | Fremantle Press | 2005 | 9781920731632 | Lucy is unhappy on her first holiday with her dad since her parents split up. When a strange being called Sharni comes from outer space, Lucy's dreams come true. |
| 751030 | Dry to dry: The seasons of Kakadu Freeman, Pamela & Anelli, Liz (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760650285 | In the tropical wetlands and escarpments of Kakadu National Park, the seasons move from dry to wet to dry again. Those seasons have shaped the astonishing variety of plants, animals, birds, insects ... migratory birds by the thousands, grasshoppers and owls, lizards and turtles, fruit bats and spear grass. And, gliding past them all in the rivers and waterholes, the long, sinuous shapes of crocodiles ... |

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| 8357 | Duck for a day McKinlay, Meg & Rudge, Leila (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781921529283 | Abby's class has a duck named Max who waddles and quacks and makes your feet all warm with his feathery breathing. A duck you might get to take home, just overnight, if you can make everything absolutely perfect. Abby can do it. She is sure she can. The problem is, everyone else wants to take Max home, too. |
| 3994 | Duck gets a job Ross, Sonny | The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760405359 | My name is Duck and I would like a job. My friends work in the city and never stop talking about it. So, any job please. Yours sincerely, Duck. |
| 2829 | Duck's stuck Mewburn, Kyle | Scholastic New Zealand | 2008 | 9781869438265 | Greedy duck sticks his head where he shouldn't and it gets stuck. Now his only hope is that rat can get him out. A cautionary tale. |
| 9501 | Ducks and other birds Morgan, Sally | Thameside Press | 2001 | 9781930643444 | The life span, mating behaviour, diet and self defence of ducks, and other birds, with amazing facts, relevant definitions and key terms included. |
| 1063788 | Ducky the spy: Expect the unexpected Avery, Sean E. | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760657369 | A thief on the farm. A goat kidnapped by a gang of cats. A giant chicken. Ducky the Spy and Donny "The Distraction" Donkey are on the case. |
| 9576 | Dugong meadow, The Mairou, Naomi | Trapdoor Press | 2002 | 9780958098205 | The tranquil seagrass meadow seems a safe place for gentle Dugong and his aquatic undersea friends to play until one day a trawler with its scoop net appears. |
| 1539 | Dulcie and Dud and the really cool club Martin, Carol Ann & Dawson, Janine (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781862915121 | When stuck-up Portia Pratt starts a club and doesn't invite Dulcie and Doug to join, they decide to start one of their own. But, sometimes, trying to do really cool things can backfire. |
| 659249 | Dumazi the big yellow lion Khoza, Valanga & Ottley, Matt (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781742994116 | On her way to the waterhole, Dumazi finds a big yellow lion caught in a trap. Please save my life and set me free, he begs. But Dumazi knows that lions roaming free eat little Zulu girls like her... |
| 1542 | Dunbi the owl Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Utemorra, Daisy (teller) | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046266 | Based on the story told by Daisy Utemorra of the Worora people to children living in Derby, Western Australia. One of a series of Aboriginal stories about animals and birds. Dunbi the owl is discovered in a tree by some children who soon learn the consequences of mistreating him. |
| 1549 | Each beach Rubinstein, Gillian | Box Press | 1998 | 9781876233051 | Eccentric and lovable characters search for the best ice cream, with funny tongue twisting rhymes. |
| 872823 | Each orange had 8 slices Giganti, Paul & Crews, Donald (ill) | Greenwillow | 1999 | 9780688139858 | If each orange has 8 slices and each slice has 2 seeds, how many seeds are there in all? You'll have fun whether you multiply, add or count your way through the math puzzles hiding in the world all around you. |
| 1147 | Eagle, crow and emu Milroy, Gladys & Milroy, Jill (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2016 | 9781925163711 | Three stories, mostly about about birds. Birds who can't fly and snakes who can. Mistakes to be made and problems to be solved. Great enemies and even greater friends. |

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| 9494 | Earthworms Llewellyn, Claire & Watts, Barrie | Watts Publishing Group | 2002 | 9780531146514 | One of the Minibeasts series, describing the physical characteristics, behaviour and habitat of the earthworm. |
| 1019710 | Eat my dust! McMullin, Neridah & Masciullo, Lucia (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760654191 | In 1928 girls don't drive cars, let alone race them. Until two fearless and intrepid best friends make history, racing across Australia and beating the land speed record... with Barney the dog in tow. The amazing true story of Jean Robertson and Kathleen Howell who helped map Australia. |
| 24966 | Ebi's boat Saxby, Claire & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2006 | 9781921136955 | Ebi has a passion for boats and builds a fantasy world around them. When he meets an old, ex-sailor who lives next door, the two share Ebi's fantasy world in a host of imaginary ways. |
| | Eco rangers series Lemon-Scott, Candice & Aska (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 1558 | Eddy and the demon bowler Carroll, Jane | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781862914513 | Eddy hates playing cricket and he will do anything to get out of it. When there is a game of cricket coming up, he tries all sorts of things with hilarious results. |
| 4543 | Edie Amelia and the monkey shoe mystery Lee, Sophie & Oxlade, Jonathon (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2009 | 9780330424189 | Edie Amelia Sparks is a neat girl with very messy parents. While checking that her party outfit for her ninth birthday is in order, she discovers that one of her most treasured possessions is missing. As Edie Amelia sets out to solve the mystery, there is lots of fun as she chases a trail that involves her father, a piece of purple paper, a shadowy tall man, exotic settings and lots of food. |
| 28237 | Edie Amelia and the Runcible River fever Lee, Sophie & Oxlade, Jonathon (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2011 | 9780330425940 | A mysterious illness, with very strange symptoms, is spreading through Runcible, throwing the townsfolk into a panic. Edie Amelia Sparks, nine year old detective extraordinaire, sets out to investigate. With her new best friend, Cheesy Chompster, and Mr Pants, her French bulldog, Edie begins the hunt for a cure and encounters some rather unusual things along the way. |
| 22471 | Edwina: the dinosaur who didn't know she was extinct Willems, Mo | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406312294 | Edwina is anything but extinct, just ask those people who enjoy her choc-chip cookies. But, Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie thinks it is time everyone, including Edwina, learnt how extinct dinosaurs are. |
| 895458 | Egg Atkins, Clare & Vial, Harrison (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2022 | 9780702265594 | When something strange washes up on the eggs' island, they are scared. It looks like them but its not. Most of them want the egg to go back to where it came from, but one is not afraid. Can their friendship overcome the fear and prejudice? |

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| 15630 | Egg is quiet, An Aston, Dianna & Long, Sylvia | Chronicle Books | 2006 | 9780811844284 | A beautifully illustrated, sophisticated and fascinating look at all sorts of eggs. American spelling and imperial measurement do not detract from the attractiveness of language, ideas and pictures. |
| 30304 | Egyptian diary: journal of a young scribe Platt, Richard & Parkins, David (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406330625 | The year is 1465 BC and Nakht's family is moving from their village to Memphis, where his father has just become an important scribe. With Nakht, we explore this bustling Egyptian city, visiting the craftsmen's workshops and the shipyards, watching a burial ritual, and learning how the land is farmed, and how houses are built. Most thrilling of all, he witnesses a tomb robbery in the pyramids and meets the King of Egypt. |
| 846209 | Einstein the penguin Rangeley, Iona & Tazzyman, David (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2023 | 9780008475994 | When the Stewarts spend a sunny, frosty December day at London Zoo, they're enchanted by one small penguin. At the delight of young Imogen and Arthur, Mrs Stewart insists the penguin must come and stay with them whenever he likes. But not one Stewart expects the penguin to turn up at their door that evening, rucksack labelled Einstein on his back... |
| 1019749 | Einstein the penguin: The case of the fishy detective Rangeley, Iona & Tazzyman, David (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780008476038 | Imogen and Arthur have been missing Einstein since he moved back to Australia. So when an encounter throws up an opportunity for the penguin to return to London, they jump at the chance. Then Einstein and his friend, Isaac, find themselves kidnapped! It's time for Imogen and Arthur to turn detective again... |
| 1209741 | Einstein the penguin: The case of the polar poachers Rangeley, Iona & Tazzyman, David (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9780008476076 | When Imogen and Arthur learn that penguins in the wild have begun to go missing, they know they have to help - and they suspect that old enemies might be to blame. It's time for Imogen and Arthur to turn detective once more. And of course, they need the assistance of their most unique feathered friend: Einstein. |
| | EJ12 girl hero and EJ spy school series Various | | | | 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. |
| 35610 | Elephant, The Carnavas, Peter | University of Queensland Press | 2017 | 9780702259616 | Olive's father has a sadness so big that she imagines it as an enormous elephant following him around. Every day Olive sees the elephant, and every day she wishes it would go. With the help of Grandad and her best friend, Arthur, Olive sets out to chase the elephant away. |

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| 7557 | Elephants have wings Gervay, Susanne & Pignataro, Anna (ill) | Flying Elephants Media | 2014 | 9781925000399 | Nestled in the wings of a mystical, white elephant, two children embark on a great journey of discovery. They fly across the universe, seeing its beauty then conflict, to discover there is a pathway to the humanity in all of us. The parable of the blind men and the elephant is told in Buddhism, Sufism, Hinduism, Jainism and studied in philosophy universally. |
| 1209753 | Ella and the amazing frog orchestra Polimeni, Cassy & Breeze, Hykie (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2024 | 9781760802899 | "Did you know frogs can find their way home? It's called a 'homing instinct' ... no matter where they are, they know where they belong. I think I know how frogs feel." Eight year-old Ella hates her new house until she discovers a secret pond in her neighbours yard filled with an orchestra of frogs! When the pond is under threat from renovations, can Ella must find a way to save the frogs before it's too late? |
| | Ella diaries series Various | | | | 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. |
| 22704 | Ellie, engineer Pearce, Jackson | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781681195193 | Ellie wants to be an engineer when she is older. She has her own workshop, tool belt and notepad for keeping track of her sketches and completed projects. Her best friend Kit has a birthday approaching and Ellie always engineers and builds Kit's gifts. So this year Ellie decides to build a really special project as a gift. |
| 571293 | Emerald the green turtle's tale Darlison, Aleesah | Wild Eyed Press | 2018 | 9780648161103 | Emerald the Green Turtle hatches from her egg and, with her many sisters, makes her perilous journey to the beckoning sea. An Endangered Species Wildlife Book. |
| 893 | Emily and the big bad bunyip French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2008 | 9780732286927 | It's Christmas day in Shaggy Gully. The kangaroos are bouncy, the echidnas are prickly and the bats and possums are just hanging about. Only the bunyip is gloomy and Emily Emu is determined to make him smile for Christmas. |
| 31885 | Emperor's kingdom, The: penguins on ice Kirkwood, Roger | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031262 | Join the Emperor Penguins in Antarctica and experience a year in the life of these amazing creatures. Find out how the baby penguins stay snug and warm on their dads' feet, how they are fed and how the colony huddles together during the freezing winter. |
| 9538 | Emperor's watchmaker, The Sissay, Lemn & Newey, Gail (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2000 | 9780747547556 | A poetry collection that is a curious compilation of regal, traditional and everyday living themes in a wide range of poetry forms. |

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| 1598 | Enchanted wood, The Blyton, Enid | Egmont Childrens | 2002 | 9780749748005 | The cousins have many adventures in the strange lands at the top of the magic faraway tree, with all their unusual friends who live in the tree. |
| 7414 | Enigma: a magical mystery Base, Graeme | Penguin Books Australia | 2008 | 9780810972452 | Young Bertie Badger loves to visit his grandpa and friends at the retirement home for elderly magicians. One day, he arrives to find all the magic props have vanished. Bertie will have to solve the mystery before the magic show can start. Maybe you can help him. |
| 7759 | Enoch the emu Winch, Gordon | Childersset Publishers | 2006 | 9780949130044 | Enoch the emu thinks it will be very easy being a house husband. He is not so sure once his partner, Wilhemina, leaves him to look after the eggs. By the time the story finishes only the joy of fatherhood can make up for his ordeal. |
| 1607 | Enormous crocodile, The Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2002 | 9780140568226 | The Enormous Crocodile is incredibly greedy. He plans to guzzle as many children as he can for his lunch. Luckily, he's not very clever and the other animals in the jungle are determined to spoil his wicked schemes. |
| 130979 | Eric and Einstein Heffernan, John & Snellgrove, Alex (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2007 | 9780330423175 | At home, Eric's parents are always busy and at school, he is always in trouble. When Eric meets Einstein, a genius mouse who has escaped the clutches of a mad scientist, Eric's life begins to turn around. But, the mad scientist is on their trail. |
| | Ernie & Maud series Watts, Frances & Watson, Judy (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9566 | Ernie dances to the didgeridoo Lester, Alison | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780618104420 | Ernie is going to live in the Australian Outback for a year. He is going to write a postcard during each season. Lots of lovely pictures and fun. |
| 11607 | Escape from the forbidden planet Grasso, Julie Anne | Cane River Pecan Co | 2012 | 9780987372505 | Caramel Cinnamon thought the worst day of her life was the day her grandparent's the King and Queen of the Elves of Cardamom went missing. She was wrong. The day she spills sticky toffee syrup onto her father's computer, that's when her worst nightmare begins. Suddenly she finds herself marooned on a forbidden planet by an evil clone, with a very sticky secret. |
| 1613 | Esio Trot Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2001 | 9780141311333 | A shy man, Mr Hoppy, wants to win Mrs Silver's affection. He only has courage for polite conversation as she tends her pet tortoise, Alfie, on the balcony below. When he learns that her dearest wish is for Alfie to grow, he hatches a plan. |

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| 9425 | Eureka gold Farrer, Vashti | Otto Books, www.vashtifarrer.com | 1996 | 9780646274706 | Will and his family head for Ballarat to find gold. They face heat, dust and flies in summer; rain, mud and cold in winter. Along with other diggers and a young man with a strange past, the events of the Eureka Stockade change them forever. |
| 9429 | Eureka Stockade Boardman, Alan & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781863887083 | An historic account of the Eureka Stockade, with humorous illustrations. |
| 46375 | Evangeline, the wish keeper's helper Alderson, Maggie & Fletcher, Claire (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2011 | 9780670075355 | Evangeline, the toy elephant, lies under the bed all day, waiting and waiting for something to happen. If only she could be useful somewhere. One morning, a broom sweeps her out onto the bedroom floor. |
| 1617 | Even bigger whoppers Simons, Moya | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141308425 | Natasha, the new girl at school, insists she's a Russian princess. She insists her life is in great danger. Her new friends don't know if this is true or the biggest whopper ever. |
| 14963 | Even my ears are smiling Rosen, Michael & Cole, Babette (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9781408802977 | Have some ear-tickling fun with this modern treasure trove of poetry, featuring classic favourites, some brand new ones and lots of tongue twisters. |
| 1078772 | Everyone starts small Scanlon, Liz Garton & Ramsey, Dominique (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2024 | 9781536226157 | Everything starts small, in seed or rock or rocky bed. But in the natural world, everything is connected. As Water gathers in strength from a tumbling creek to a roaring river, it quenches Tree's thirst and helps it grow and stretch towards the sky. As the Sun's rays grow stronger, so too do the sprouts, fruits and insects of the forest. Even Fire sometimes creates a fresh start for the next generation of living things. |
| 660679 | Evie and Pog take off McCartney, Tania | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781460757932 | High in a tree house live two very best friends. One is a girl and one is a dog. And everyone knows them as Evie and Pog. Evie is six years old and Pog is a pug. They are very different but they both love to have fun! Join them for three happy adventures, with lots of cake, glitter - and more cake! |
| 689002 | Evie and Pog: Party perfect McCartney, Tania | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2020 | 9781460757956 | High in a tree house live two best friends. One is a girl and one is a dog. And everyone knows them as Evie and Pog. Evie is six and likes reading and baking and rolling in daisies. Pig is a pug and he likes to drink tea and read the paper. Join them on their many adventures as they look for fun things to do. |
| 4762 | Exploring soils: A hidden world underground Grover, Samantha & Heisler, Camille (ill) | CSIRO | 2017 | 9781486305001 | Have you ever wondered what happens in the earth underneath us? James has, and he wants to learn more about soil. In Exploring Soils: A Hidden World Underground, James discovers that soil is not just dirt for digging in. He explores how plants and animals live in soil, how soils are formed, how they differ, and the many ways that soil is essential in our lives. |

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| 1096825 | Extraordinary elephants Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Melrose, Katie (ill) | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2024 | 9781761211713 | This fascinating non-fiction book on elephants contains a variety of interesting facts on Earth's most intelligent giants. You will learn about their excellent memory, their adorable sense of humour, why they walk on their tippy toes, and how many times a day they poo. |
| 4018 | Eye to eye Base, Graeme | Penguin Books Australia | 2015 | 9780670078592 | Imagine you could soar high in the sky with an eagle or dive into the deep with a majestic blue whale. Come eye to eye with some of nature's most impressive creatures. |
| 1630 | Eyes in the dark Dale, Kim | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734401991 | Poetry, printed in large white font on glossy black pages, describes a variety of Australia's nocturnal birds and animals, all of whom have eyes that stare out of the dark pages. |
| 14219 | Eyes in the night Ramage, Jan & Peterson, Laura (ill) | University of Western Australia Press | 2004 | 9781920694258 | In a suburban backyard that borders the bush, the night is dark and a storm is coming. Peter leaves the comfort of his house to check his pets and is just in time to save a young owl from the clutches of a feral cat. |
| 15337 | Eyes of gray wolf, The London, Jonathan & Van Zyle, Jon | Chronicle Books | 2004 | 9780811841412 | Gray Wolf loses his mate and finds a new one during a winter of survival. |
| 803461 | Eyes that kiss in the corners Ho, Joanna & Ho, Dung (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2021 | 9780062915627 | A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future. Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment. |
| 855831 | Eyes that speak to the stars Ho, Joanna & Ho, Dung (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780063057753 | A young boy comes to recognize his own power and ability to change the future. When a friend at school creates a hurtful drawing, the boy turns to his family for comfort. He realizes that his eyes rise to the skies and speak to the stars, shine like sunlit rays, and glimpse trails of light from those who came before- in fact, his eyes are like his father's, his agong's, and his little brother's, and they are visionary. Inspired by the men in his family, he recognizes his own power and strength from within. This extraordinary picture book redefines what it means to be truly you. |
| 1124719 | Eyes that weave the world's wonders Ho, Joanna & Kleinrock, Liz & Ho, Dung (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9780063057777 | A young adoptee notices that her eyes look different from her parents'. She realizes that though her eyes may not match her adoptive parents', the profound love her family shares connects them. |

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| 1209762 | F1 legends: Daniel Ricciardo Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill) | Albert Street Books | 2024 | 9781761181351 | This book will tell you why Daniel Ricciardo is an F1 Legend. |
| 41647 | Fabish, the horse that saved a bushfire McMullin, Neridah & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925266863 | Fabish was a handsome, grey racehorse who always tried his hardest. When he retired, Fabish took care of the flighty yearlings, showing them what was expected of a racehorse. One hot summer day, a wild wind blew up and Fabish smelled smoke. Fire was coming, fast. When the trainer opened the gate, Fabish and the yearlings galloped away. The fire raged through the night as the trainer battled to save the racehorses. The next morning, there were no signs of Fabish or the young horses. Based on a true story during the Black Saturday fires. |
| 14426 | Face to face with grizzlies Sartore, Joel | National Geographic Society | 2009 | 9781426304743 | Find out lots of fascinating information about the magnificent brown bears of North America, and why it is so important to preserve them and their habitat. Includes stunning photographs, a glossary, and book and website references so you can discover even more. |
| 49269 | Fair dinkum war, The Cox, David | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743310625 | A look at life in Australia through the eyes of a primary school boy during World War II. The excitement of seeing the American soldiers and tanks, the concept of black-outs, bomb shelters and ration coupons are explained. |
| 12189 | Fair, brown and trembling: an Irish Cinderella story Daly, Jude | Frances Lincoln | 2000 | 9780711214637 | A lively retelling of an Irish folk tale in the Cinderella tradition. The book is peppered with curious names and whimsical illustrations featuring the costumes of fifteenth century Ireland. |
| 4957 | Fairy dancers, The Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | ABC Books | 2015 | 9780733333576 | Every Saturday, with a hop, a skip and a magical twirl, Mia, Emma and Grace turn into fairy dancers. |
| 1209719 | Fairy tale fan club, The: legendary letters collected by C.C. Cecily Ayoade, Richard & Roberts, David (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529500769 | Want to know the truth about your favourite fairy tale characters? Want to understand how they understand their own stories? If so, this collection of letters and responses is a must-read! |
| 9383 | Fairy tales Doherty, Berlie & Ray, Jane (ill) | Walker Books | 2000 | 9780744561159 | A beautiful collection of twelve, well-known classic fairytales from a wide range of cultures. |
| 751005 | Fairy tales gone bad: Zombierella Coelho, Joseph & Hartas, Freya (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406389661 | A yellow moon hangs in a satin sky the night Cinderella, barefoot and in hand-me-downs, slips at the top of the stairs and dies. But not for long. The Shadow of Death arrives to breathe life back into her bones and, for three nights only, Cinderella goes forth as Zombierella. |

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| 6519 | Fairy's wings, The Rubinstein, Gillian & Smith, Craig (ill) | Penguin | 1998 | 9780140389555 | When Tania finds a tiny pair of wings hanging on the clothesline, she is sure that they belong to a fairy that must be looking for them. |
| 15554 | Fairytale news Hawkins, Colin & Jacqui | Candlewick Press | 2004 | 9780763621667 | Modern retelling of the fairytales. Read all about it in The fairytale news that Jack delivers. Find out how Jack's paper run gets a very interesting customer. |
| 581455 | Fairytales for feisty girls McFarlane, Susannah | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760523541 | Feisty typically describes one who is relatively small, lively, determined and courageous. Girls can rescue themselves - just watch Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and Thumbelina use their talents and brains to problem-solve their way out of some tricky situations. |
| 1125013 | Family disasters: Crash landing Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781761122729 | There's a reason families usually live together to contain the horror and not inflict it on others. A family holiday is a really, really bad idea! After a super embarrassing situation at school, Jakob decides the only way to escape the ridicule is to leave the country on a family holiday. But with a cheapskate worry-wart for a dad and an obnoxiously loud optimist for a mum, fresh humiliation is around every corner. Even worse, the weirdest girl at school is coming along for the ride and won't let Jakob out of her sight. Jakob thinks he has hit rock-bottom. Little does he know there is always further to fall in a family holiday disaster! |
| 1174978 | Family disasters: Road rage Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9781760269364 | There's a reason families usually live together - to contain the horror and not inflict it on others. A family holiday is a really, really bad idea! After escaping an erupting volcanic island only to have their cruise ship intercepted by a cyclone, Jakob thought surely his family's holiday troubles were over. But washed up on the far north coast of Australia, they are still thousands of kilometres from home. There's plenty more disaster in store as they make their way south, including landslides, breakdowns, pest infections, floods and more. Nothing so far has prepared Jakob for a horrendous family road trip! |

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| 1019864 | Family disasters: Storm warning Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781761122736 | There's a reason families usually live together - to contain the horror and not inflict it on others. A family holiday is a really, really bad idea! After getting stranded on a deserted island and then escaping an erupting volcano, Jakob thought his holiday troubles were over. Now onboard the luxury cruise ship that rescued them, Jakob and his family are ready to relax. But they haven't factored in water slide blockages, wardrobe malfunctions, hypnotism mishaps, sea sickness and much worse. Little does Jakob know there are stormy waters ahead in this next family holiday disaster! |
| | Famous artists (Anholt) series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Fancy Nancy series O'Connor, Jane & Preiss Glasser, Robin (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9565 | Fancy that: short stories and poems for children Segura, Elaine | Seaview Press | 2001 | 9781740081535 | Stories and poems about children, nature and animals from the author who lives in a small village surrounded by the Royal National Park. Included are tales about Ben, the Galah, and the ferry that still travels between Bundeena and Cronulla. |
| 1649 | Fantastic Mr Fox Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2001 | 9780141311289 | Boggis, Bunce and Bean are just about the nastiest and meanest three farmers you could meet, and they hate Mr Fox. They are determined to get him. They lie in wait outside his hole but Mr Fox has other plans to outwit the terrible trio. |
| 919026 | Farmhouse Blackall, Sophie | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9780734421654 | Over a hill, at the end of a road, by a glittering stream that twists and turns, stands a house with twelve children who eat and sleep and work and play, who get into trouble, and argue and dream, who milk the cows and fish in the stream - a farmhouse where they are growing up, waiting to see what the future might bring. |

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| | Fart monster and me series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Fartboy series Wallace, Adam & Hart, James (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 7042 | FARThER Baker-Smith, Grahame | Templar Publishing | 2010 | 9781848771260 | A father has a dream of flying. He makes beautiful wings of paper and feathers, but never quite manages to fly. When he isn't preoccupied with his dream of flight and air, he scoops his son up and they play along the beach. He always returns to his dream until the day he is called up to war, never to return. His son decides to make his dream come true. |
| 6524 | Fast Grandma Clark, Margaret & Smith, Craig (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305705 | Evie and Matthew's grandma isn't like other people's grandmas. Their grandma is very active and does everything fast, so fast that they have trouble keeping up with her. Then, they discover Grandma's secret. |
| 26648 | Father Koala's fairy tales Richards, Kel & Singleton, Glen (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865048383 | Join Father Koala as he reads some Aussie fairytales to the young koalas in Gumleaf Lodge. Jack climbs the choko vine, the princess meets the cane toad, the Kangaroos Gruff outwits the bunyip under the bridge and Little Red Riding Hood is almost eaten by the dingo. |
| 1204 | Father Koala's nursery rhymes Richards, Kel & Singleton, Glen (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865048390 | Join Father Koala and his little mates as they romp through a selection of Aussie nursery rhymes. Little Miss Golden works on her Holden, Black Swan swims in an old billabong, Jack and Jill check boundary fences, Swaggie puts the billy on and we all have tea. |
| 1672 | Fearless Thompson, Colin & Davis, Sarah (ill) | ABC Books | 2009 | 9780733320255 | When a baby is born, it's difficult to know whether it will grow up to be big or small or brave or scared of the dark and spiders. So, sometimes, babies get the wrong name. It's the same with dogs. When a new little puppy is named Fearless, it seems a good name for him. Except that Fearless isn't. |
| 3566 | Fearless in love Thompson, Colin & Davis, Sarah (ill) | ABC Books | 2012 | 9780733329517 | The only thing Fearless can remember his mother telling him is that life is much nicer if you love everyone. For Fearless, the act of loving things equates to devouring them, and loving everyone is much more complicated than he had imagined. |

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| 7219 | Fearless sons & daughter Thompson, Colin & Davis, Sarah (ill) | ABC Books | 2015 | 9780733330872 | Fearless and Primrose are now parents to five lively puppies. Fearless must work out how to be a father and teach them everything he knows. But, not everything goes to plan. |
| 9652 | Fearsome five, The Erlbruch, Wolf | Gecko Press | 2009 | 9781877467226 | Toad, Rat, Bat, Hyena and Spider are anything but beautiful but the ugly outcasts learn that beauty comes in many guises. |
| 44447 | Feathers for Phoebe Clement, Rod | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2010 | 9780732289195 | Phoebe doesn't want to be ordinary. She wants to turn heads and be noticed. She wants to be fabulous. But, when Phoebe seeks the help of the outrageous and beautiful Zelda, her transformation leads to some unexpected results. |
| | Felicity wishes series Thomson, Emma & Bailey, Helen | | | | 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. |
| 965866 | Festivals! Bingham, Jane & Cabassa, Mariona (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781803702902 | Are you ready to experience the wonderful world of festivals? Jump straight into this book and learn about the cultural and vibrant festivals celebrated all around the world. |
| 15013 | Fierce little woman and the wicked pirate, The Cowley, Joy & Davis, Sarah (ill) | Gecko Press | 2011 | 9781877467417 | The fierce little woman lived in a house at the end of a jetty. She knitted socks, played bagpipes, fished and swam. Sometimes, she was lonely. One stormy day, a wicked pirate came to her house on the jetty and tap-tapped on her window. |
| 3093 | Filicudi friends Santamaria, Lynell & Taylor, Deane (ill) | Blake Education Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741646245 | Basil and his dad go to the Italian island of Filicudi to visit their family. Basil meets his cousins and learns some Italian words. He also learns about Italian life and his family history. Basil even learns about his own special gifts. |
| 48198 | Filth licker, The Burne, Cristy & Siku (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847801364 | Continues the story of Miku's fight against the Takeshita Demons, with a terrifying array of new demons to overcome. Miku is going to school camp in the forest, with her friend Cait and the rest of her class. It should be fun but Miku has premonitions of danger. When Oscar goes down with a festering rash and a rushing wind blows out the bonfire, she's sure something bad is going on. |
| 12897 | Fiona the pig Hobbs, Leigh | Penguin | 2004 | 9780670040971 | Fiona's parents wonder why she can't be more like them, that is, more like a pig. Fiona loves ballet, being clean and having tea parties with her dollies. Fiona's parents are desperate to find a solution to this baffling behaviour. |
| 751124 | Fire wombat, The French, Jackie & Snell, Danny (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781460759332 | As the flames of a bushfire approaches, one small wombat shelters with other animals in her burrow all throughout a fire-eaten night. This forms the beginning of their courageous journey to safety and survival. |

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| 9509 | Firefighter Warbrick, Sarah | Harcourt Education Australia | 1999 | 9781863916905 | An exploration of the role of firefighters in our community. Bright, photographic illustrations and simple clear text show the firefighters performing a range of typical work tasks. |
| 9517 | Firewords: a book of wordplay poems Foster, John (ed) & Hughes, Rian (ill) | Oxford University Press | 2000 | 9780192762443 | An anthology of riddles, limericks, rhymes, short humorous poems and tongue twisters that are a mixture of old and new. |
| 31129 | First book of the sea, A Davies, Nicola | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406368956 | From the dust cover, end pages and secret illustrations on the front and back covers, whatever you love about the ocean this book of poetry will have it. The gorgeous illustrations will transport you from harbours and ships, to joyful days at the seaside, and the fascinating world below the waves. These poems use beautiful imagery to explore the mood of the sea. There is a large surprise to find in the centre. |
| 18373 | First fairy tales Mayo, Margaret (reteller) & Young, Selina (ill) | Orchard Books | 2004 | 9781843624004 | The retelling of eight popular fairy tales, with colourful illustrations, including Jack and the Beanstalk, The Princess and the Pea, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves and Puss in Boots to name just a few. |
| 1699 | First friend Mattingley, Christobel & Smith, Craig (ill) | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141308944 | When Kerry gets lost in the labyrinth of corridors on her first day at the new school, a big black dog comes to the rescue. This dog becomes her first friend, helping her to overcome feelings of loneliness and confusion. |
| 12037 | First morning: poems about time Siegen-Smith, Nikki & Manna, Giovanni (ill) | Barefoot books | 2001 | 9781841483368 | Twenty-four poems delightfully inspire readers to consider the passage of time across days, months, or millennia. Some of the poems are for the very young and others for more sophisticated readers. |
| 12331 | Fish for breakfast Cresp, Gael & Pignataro, Anna | University of Western Australia Press | 2002 | 9781876615048 | In possum hat and gumboots, Rebecca collects bait for her first fishing lesson, until a short-sighted sea-eagle spies her. Suddenly, she is carried away. Brave, resourceful Rebecca must help the sea-eagle and still get home in time for breakfast. |
| | Fish kid series Howarth, Kylie | | | | 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. |
| 7299 | Five minutes peace Murphy, Jill | Putnam | 1986 | 9780399213540 | All Mrs Large wants is five minutes of peace, but chaos follows her all the way from the kitchen to the bath and back again. |
| 9405 | Fixing the tiger Hall, Penny | Koala Books | 2000 | 9780864612762 | What can you do when your little brother is too scared to sleep in his own bed and he keeps wetting yours? Scotty enlists Aunt Kris and together they fix both problems. |

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| | Fizz the police dog series Gibbes, Lesley & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 869 | Flabby Cat and Slobby Dog Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842708514 | Flabby Cat and Slobby Dog are very lazy and spend most of their time eating and sleeping. Each day when they wake up, they are more uncomfortable because the sofa keeps growing smaller. Or, so they believe. |
| 10501 | Flapper, VC Wilson, Mark | Hachette Children's Books | 2017 | 9780734416759 | Flapper is an Australian carrier pigeon during World War II. Sent off to war in the Pacific, Flapper is deep in the jungle on Manus Island, on patrol, when he has to evade enemy fire and deliver the message that will save the soldiers to whom Flapper has been assigned. |
| | Flat Stanley series Brown, Jeff & Nash, Scott (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9549 | Florizella and the giant Gregory, Philippa | Walker Books | 2000 | 9780744572582 | Never one to sit prettily around the palace, waiting for her prince to come, Princess Florizella is always on the lookout for adventure. In this story, she sorts out a mountainous giant who is trampling down crops and houses. |
| 4299 | Flotsam Wiesner, David | Clarion Books | 2006 | 9780618194575 | A boy finds a box brownie at the beach. Inside are the photos of all the people who have found this camera in the past and the marine scenes they shot before leaving the camera behind. He can choose to do the same or keep the camera. |
| 1019734 | Fluff: Bullies beware! Stanton, Matt | ABC Books | 2023 | 9780733342080 | Gilbert's underpants are hanging on the school gate. He must get revenge on the bully who put them there, and who better to help him than a bunny with attitude. This is Fluff and Gilbert's answer to the bully. An hilarious story full of heart and packed with drones, wedgies, rockets and parmesan cheese. |
| 1096656 | Fluff: Mess up! Stanton, Matt | ABC Books | 2024 | 9781460714331 | Gilbert and Fluff have got themselves into an enormous mess! They have to clean up, but Gilbert would rather not got his hands dirty. What he needs is ... a bunny with a wild idea! |

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| 1209828 | Fluff: Unstoppable! Stanton, Matt | ABC Books | 2024 | 9780733342097 | Gilbert is determined to win the local surfing competition and he will do anything to make it happen. To be a real winner, maybe he needs... A BUNNY TO BEND THE RULES! |
| | Fly on the wall series Manning, Mick & Granstrom, Brita (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 17664 | Fly, kite, fly Winch, John | Little Hare Books | 2007 | 9781921049811 | A search for a red-tailed bird leads a young boy to meet with a famous artist. He finds not only what he is looking for but also a friend, in the great Leonardo da Vinci. |
| 9593 | Fly, Shadow, fly (the adventures of Dr Harry and Scarlet) Cooper, Dr Harry, Graham, Craig & Vane, Mitch (ill) | MacMillan | 2006 | 9781405037358 | The children's pet duck, Shadow, loves to chase people. When the family wants to move to the city they need to find a new home for Shadow. No-one seems to want him. Dr Harry works out why Shadow does it and finds him somewhere to live. |
| 844947 | Flying angel, The Bennett, Vicki & Suwannakit, Tull (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781743835517 | Inspired by the life of one remarkable nurse and the Australian "Flying Angels" who risked their lives to rescue and treat injured Australian soldiers during World War 2. |
| 29640 | Flying feet Bell, Krista | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143302063 | Henry loves running and jumping and twirling. He wants to find something special to do with all that energy. |
| 6878 | Flying high Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Smith, Craig (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781742990705 | Larni is going on a plane to visit her Gran up north. She is happy to be away from school because everyone there seems to be smarter than her. But, Granny shows Larni something she is really good at. |
| 1742 | Follow me Searle, Rick | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781865042763 | A boy finds a seedling growing on the roof. He saves it, cares for it and when it grows big enough, plants it out. One Christmas, a huge storm tears the family home apart. Now the grown fig tree provides sanctuary to the people that loved it. |
| 1017742 | Football fever: Gala day Darell, Kristin & Vamos, Lesley (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2023 | 9781761048098 | Following their success at the High Potential Pathways Program for Australias future football stars, the Under 11s Merridale Fever are set to finish their season on a high - if they can win their last game against rivals Newhurst FC, the one team they have never beaten. Will a huge storm that damages their clubhouse end their chances or will they find the motivation they need to be their best both on and off the field? |

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| 916542 | Football fever: Next level Darell, Kristin & Vamos, Lesley (ill) | Penguin | 2023 | 9781761048081 | It's time for the Under 11s Merridale Fever team to show their ball skills to some of Australia's biggest football stars when they attend camp at the National Academy of Ball Sports. Who will earn a spot in the Game of Stars? Kat and Crabbie find their that some of their toughest challenges take place off the field. Can they learn from their football heroes and take it to the next level when it counts? |
| 901448 | Football fever: The kick-off Darell, Kristin & Vamos, Lesley (ill) | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761048067 | It's a new season for the Under 11s Merridale Fever. Kyra's the star striker and can't wait to meet the team's new recruit, Sam, all the way from England. But Sam has a secret, he's never played on a mixed team, and it's shaking his confidence. Will advice from some very special football superstars help Kyra and Sam join forces so the team can kick off the season with a bang, or will it end in disaster before it even begins. |
| | Football high series Various | | | | 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. |
| 1209761 | Football legends: Mary Fowler Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill) | Albert Street Books | 2024 | 9781761181344 | This book will tell you all about why Mary Fowler is a Football Legend. |
| 1019885 | For 60,000 years Silva, Marlee & Paddick, Rhys (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9781760265274 | For 60,000 years, as sure as the sun rises and rests, our people have thrived and survived. |
| 774385 | Forgotten fairy tales of kindness and courage Sebag-Monefiore, Mary & Bloggs, Josy (ill) & others (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474989657 | Come on an adventure to magical worlds full of fairies, goblins, elves and flying carpets. There are enchanted rings, talking animals and changelings. These seven tales from long ago celebrate kindness, compassion and courage. Are you brave enough to come on the journey? |
| 774062 | Forgotten fairy tales: The daring princess Davidson, Susanna & Santelli, Alessandra (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474969796 | A twist on a traditional fairy tale a princess of colour who saves the prince. |
| 1765 | Fort Island Metzenthén, David & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill) | Puffin Australia | 1999 | 9780141301426 | While on a beach holiday, Patrick is delighted when Lou, the girl next door, teaches him to sail. When Lou's brother, stranded on an island, suffers a bad asthma attack, Lou and Patrick must risk sailing in bad weather to save him. |
| 1518 | Fox and fine feathers Oliver, Narelle | Omnibus Books | 2009 | 9781862918061 | The various birds of the forest floor, Lyrebird, Coucal, Pitta and Nightjar, have very different feather colours and sounds but they look out for danger and warn each other. When a hungry fox comes looking for food, only plain, dull Nightjar is watching. |

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| 29222 | Fox and the ghost king, The Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2017 | 9780008215804 | In a cosy den under a garden shed lives a family of foxes. They love to watch football (soccer) but their favourite team keeps losing and it seems like things will never look up. That is, until Daddy Fox finds the ghost of a king buried underneath a car park. A king who offers to grant him his greatest wish if he helps to set him free. For these football loving foxes, might everything be about to change? |
| 774374 | Fozia and the quest of Prince Zal Hawke, Rosanne | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263071 | Twelve year old Fozia has survived the worst flood in Pakistan's history. But her life will never be the same. As her parents are missing, Fozia now lives with a family in a new village. As she slowly rebuilds her life, she fears everything could fall apart if her secret is uncovered. To keep the memories of her family alive in her heart, Fozia tells her friends a fairytale about Prince Zal. He rides a magic carpet on a quest to find his little sister. He battles a leopard and dangerous fairies. But can he succeed if the truth behind Fozia's story is revealed? |
| 1771 | Fraidy cats Hall, Penny | Koala Books | 1999 | 9780864611574 | Everyone is afraid sometimes, even the toughest kid in the 'sports card collecting gang'. A great story about overcoming fears. |
| 1774 | Frank and the emergency joke Oswald, Debra & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141308432 | Frank, the class clown, can't laugh any more. His teacher told him to wipe the grin off his face just as the wind changed. Now his face will stay that way forever. |
| 16238 | Frank and the secret club Oswald, Debra & Martin, Matthew (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143301172 | Lewis and Frank decide to form a secret club with a special membership card, secret passwords that change every day and a secret code. At first, it's all great fun but, soon, everybody wants to join and Lewis and Frank find themselves in all sorts of trouble. |
| 6122 | Frank Frankie, The: the newspaper that helps people Jonach, Ingrid & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2007 | 9780330423267 | When ten year old Anne Googanstein, Frankie to her friends, meets a journalist, the sister of her mother's newish boyfriend, she decides to write and distribute her own newspaper. The Frank Frankie needs news and soon Frankie is in trouble for telling family secrets and spying on the neighbours, all in the name of journalism. |
| 1775 | Frank in time Clement, Rod | HarperCollins Australia | 1999 | 9780207198960 | The hero is now looking at history - by going back in time. A day in the local museum can be quite surprising! Frank encounters mummies, dinosaurs, Isaac Newton and some very interesting hair styles. |
| 23949 | Frank show, The Mackintosh, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780007364008 | If you had to stand up and talk, for one whole minute, about a member of your family, who would you pick? Everyone else chooses really cool people, Like Tom's Uncle Marlon who plays drums in a band, or Hannah's mum with her company car. But there's nothing cool about grandad Frank... or is there? |

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| 19676 | Frankencrayon Hall, Michael | HarperCollins US | 2016 | 9780062252111 | The costumes are made, the roles are cast and the pages are all set. But, then, disaster strikes. Someone has scribbled on the page. This picture book is cancelled. |
| 6962 | Frankie goes to France: the newspaper on the go Jonach, Ingrid & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2008 | 9780330424141 | Frankie is positively positive that she is going to Paris with her Mum and Greg Green on their honeymoon. All she has to do is learn French, get a suitcase and a passport. As if that isn't enough, she also has to organise the next issue of the Frankie Frank, save the library and deal with Great Aunt Marmalade who has arrived to organise the wedding and everything else. |
| 16521 | Freaks ahoy Hobbs, Leigh | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741149838 | In 4F for Freaks, gentle Miss Corker appeared to have been defeated by the terrible class and replaced by scary Miss Schnorkel. In this sequel, Miss Schnorkel's secret is out: she is Miss Corker in disguise. Once the news spreads around the class, it is game on to unmask the imposter. But armed with the Teacher's Handbook, Miss Schnorkel stays one step ahead. |
| 5832 | Freaks on the loose: the whole story Hobbs, Leigh | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760294311 | We dare you to join Miss Corker and 4F, the class without a yearning for learning. Now in one volume: 4F for Freaks & Freaks Ahoy! |
| 803492 | Freaky, funky fish: odd facts about fascinating fish Shumaker, Debra Kempf & Powell, Claire (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526733 | Shrinking, blinking, sliming, climbing - read about the FASCINATING WAYS some fish spend their days! |
| 1125069 | Freddie Spector, fact collector: Go for gold Barton, Ashleigh & Cheong, Peter (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2024 | 9780734422910 | Did you know that lawnmower racing is a sport? Or that Gentoo penguins can bodysurf? Freddie Spector, the world's greatest fact collector, knows these facts and many more. Freddie loves collecting facts and writing them on sticky notes that his mum and sister Henrietta keep finding in weird places. At the moment he is obsessed with facts about sport. When the medals for the school sports carnival go missing and the carnival is about to be cancelled, Freddie decides it's up to him to investigate and solve the mystery. It is a race against time - can Freddie save the day, and the carnival? |
| 1153117 | Freddie Spector, fact collector: Space cadet Barton, Ashleigh & Cheong, Peter (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2024 | 9780734422903 | Did you know a lightning bolt is five times hotter than the Sun? Or that slugs have four noses? Freddie Spector, the world's greatest fact collector, knows these facts and many more. Freddie loves collecting facts and writing them on sticky notes that his mum and sister Henrietta keep finding in weird places. At the moment he is obsessed with facts about space. So when a loud crashing noise wakes Freddie very early one morning and he spies a giant hole over the fence, he realises there can only be one explanation: a UFO has crash-landed in the neighbours' backyard. Freddie decides it's up to him to send the UFO back to space. But how? |

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| 43475 | Free diving Coffin, Lorrae & Houston, Bronwyn (ill) | Magabala Books | 2017 | 9781925360738 | Leaving his family and country behind, a young man joins a crew of a pearl lugger to gather valuable pearl shell. Free diving with no protective suit, he risks his life with every descent. |
| 7547 | Free to a good home Thompson, Colin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741663181 | The Smith children collect an old lady from the shops and bring her home. Nobody notifies the police that she is missing and Mr and Mrs Smith need to decide whether she will become their Granny. Smith also happens to be her last name. |
| 785434 | Friendly games, The Baillie, Kaye & Burrows, Fiona (ill) | MidnightSun Publishing | 2020 | 9781925227642 | In 1956, with the excitement and pride of his home town Melbourne hosting the Summer Olympic Games and the tensions around the world dominating the news, 8-year-old student John Wing wrote an urgent letter suggesting how to change the Closing Ceremony and bring all nations together as one. A remarkable feat to reflect the pride of his country and one of the friendliest places on earth. |
| 6847 | Friends of Emily Culpepper, The Coleridge, Ann | Penguin Putnam | 1987 | 9780949714459 | Emily is a witch of sorts. She loves talking to her friends so she miniaturises them into jars. That way she can talk to them whenever she wishes. |
| 22731 | Friends: Snake and Lizard Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill) | Gecko Press | 2009 | 9781877467257 | Snake is elegant, calm and a little self-centred, while Lizard is exuberant and irrepressible. Although they argue a lot, they remain the best of friends. In these daily adventures, they meet a frog without a croak, a nosy porcupine and even human beings. |
| 651908 | Friendship is like a seesaw Innes, Shona & Agocs, Irisz (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2019 | 9781760504892 | Friendships are a special thing, and it is great to have and be a good friend, but sometimes things go wrong. It is important to know how to get the balance back so that everyone is having fun. |
| 15371 | Frog alphabet book, The Pallotta, Jerry & Masiello, Ralph (ill) | Charlesbridge Publishing | 1990 | 9780881064629 | Find out about fascinating frogs from A-Z. An alphabet book of interesting creatures. |
| 1209829 | Frog squad: Bungle in the jungle Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Gordon, Shiloh | HarperCollins Australia | 2024 | 9781460764435 | The Frog Squad answer a distress call from Croakamo Island, aiming to find out who has been stealing plants from the jungle and disrupting the ecosystem of the island. Can they find out who is behind this and put a stop to their plot? |
| 1033025 | Frog squad: Dessert disaster Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Gordon, Shiloh | HarperCollins Australia | 2024 | 9781460764428 | These frogs don't just eat flies, they eat DANGER! Frog Squad comes to the rescue of a mega tanker in distress- and it's full of ice-cream! Will these brave rescue frogs be fast enough to stop Professor Cain and The Organisation of Amphibious Devious Scoundrels (TOADS) from controlling the global supply of ice-cream? |
| 617180 | From Dinosaurs to Diprotodons: Australia's amazing fossils Clode, Danielle | Museum Victoria | 2018 | 9781921833472 | Come on an Aussie fossil adventure and learn about bunyips, giant wombats and ten meter sharks. Explore plant and animal life in the prehistoric land down under. |

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| | Frooties series Rogers, Hilary & Lefers, Josh & Petrovic, Pete (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 4463 | Funny faces Norman, Mark Dr | Black Dog Books | 2014 | 9781922179968 | The faces of some animals may look funny to us, but their eyes, ears and noses are exactly what some animals need to survive. |
| 2939 | Funny families Norman, Mark | Black Dog Books | 2015 | 9781922179975 | If you think your family is funny, imagine being a baby alligator carried around in your mother's mouth. Or being a baby tiger shark and eating your brothers and sisters. |
| 1304 | Funny homes Norman, Mark | Black Dog Books | 2014 | 9781922179982 | Some animals live in funny places - prickly cactuses, dark caves, high treetops - strange places humans would not survive. |
| 21223 | Funny life of pets, The Campbell, James & Jones, Rob (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781408889947 | Learn how to use the best kind of emotional blackmail on your parents in order to get them to buy you the pet you NEED! Discover some of the rarest breeds of dog in the world (and some that are totally made up, like the Jack Russell Sprout) but remember - they're not just for Christmas. A dog's nose is more than 1,000 times more sensitive than our nose. That's why if you do a bottom burp in a dog's face it will go cross-eyed and fall over. Uncover top tips for feeding goldfish and avoiding a mini tsunami in your house, causing dinosaurs to evolve in your carpet. Whether you love pets, want a pet, or don't like pets at all but you like laughing so much that you end up rolling around on the floor - this is the perfect book for you. |
| 15813 | Funny lunch Catrow, David | Orchard Books | 2010 | 9780545057479 | Max is not just a dog, he's a great chef. So begins the hilarious story of one of the funniest dogs you'll ever meet. Max's customers are hungry. Tummies are growling. Then, comes the biggest lunch order ever, for 100 pizzas with the lot. Max is one clever chef who has the perfect solution. |
| 21213 | Funny thing happened to Simon Sidebottom, A Crumble, P & Rankine, Dean (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781743810385 | It's the final day of school holidays and the only thing Simon Sidebottom wants to do is enjoy his last hours of freedom. But Simon's mum has other plans, and they all involve shopping for school shoes with Simon's snotty-faced little sister. And then a funny thing happens... |

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| 11111 | Funny thing happened to Simon Sidebottom, A: Too cool for school Crumble, P & Rankine, Decan (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781743810392 | Simon Sidebottom is back in the second book in this series. He is still having a very bad day. It's the first day back at school and Simon finds himself in all sorts of embarrassing situations. Principal Fart-Smell, Simon's teacher Miss Giraffe and the creepy cleaner all seem to be colluding to make his day even worse. |
| 916534 | Furball: Spy cat Beck, Adrian | Larrikin House | 2022 | 9781922804006 | Despite being the world's most famous spy, Furball is happiest napping or snacking. But when he and his spy friends, Jade and Kit, visit a waterpark on their day off, they learn Furball's greatest enemy is using the park as a secret base! Can Furball and his friends stop them before they flood the city? Or will Furball get distracted by the snack bar? |
| 1904 | Furry creatures Twist, Clint | Andromeda Children's Books | 2005 | 9781861991294 | Discover how seals keep dry and zebras stay hidden. A chance to feel fur and learn more about it. |
| 5647 | Fuzz McFlops Furnari, Eva & Entrekin, Alison (trans) | Pushkin Press | 2015 | 9781782690757 | Fuzz McFlops is a reclusive yet creative rabbit. A great poet and writer, he has penned celebrated works, such as The Withered Carrot and Unhappy Easter. So, Fuzz is disgruntled when Charlotte Passe-Partout suggests that his writing could be enhanced by a touch of optimism. A flurry of correspondence ensues between the two rabbits, until Fuzz begins to wonder if Charlotte's positive approach might have some merit. |
| 1826 | Gabby's fair Klein, Robin | Omnibus Books | 1998 | 9781862913677 | Mum's busy working at the fair so Gabby has to spend the day with her older brother, Matt. Unfortunately, he controls the money and is very bossy and their tastes are very different. |
| | Game Day series Various | | | | 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. |
| 9414 | Game or not Fusillo, Archimede | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300106 | Belinda would like to play soccer but at her school only the boys play. She is very good but she's a girl. There must be something she can do to play her favourite sport. |
| 660799 | Game over, super rabbit boy! Flintham, Thomas | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781338034714 | Animal Town is in trouble! Meanie King Viking and his Robot Army are spreading No Fun across the land. Only Super Rabbit Boy can save the day! But first he must make it past sand traps, lave, and lots and lots of robots. Will Super Rabbit Boy reach the final level, or will it be GAME OVER? |

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| 941926 | Garden at the end of the world, The Polimeni, Cassy & Stewart, Briony (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2023 | 9780702265693 | At the end of the world is an island covered in ice. On the island is a mountain. Inside the mountain is a vault. And inside the vault there are millions of seeds. When Isla makes a special discovery, she and her botanist mother go on an adventure to this vault in Norway. Isla is going to leave her precious package there so children who have not been born yet can grow and eat the food we all enjoy. She is doing this so there will always be a garden at the end of the world waiting to be planted. " |
| 47267 | Garden of Lilies, A Rossell, Judith | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2017 | 9780733338229 | Children, listen and take heed, As this little book you read. Always do just as you should, And be obedient and good. Never headstrong, rude or proud, Or lazy, careless, wild or loud. All your evil ways amend, Or you will meet a dreadful end. |
| 965907 | Gargoyle, The Fraillon, Zana & Morgan Ross (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9780734421241 | He's old, this gargoyle. Very old. Older than me. Older than anyone. A moving story about a gargoyle who has been forced off his rooftop to make way for a new development in a barren cityscape, and the child who encounters him on an overcrowded train. |
| | Gargoylz series Burchett, Jan & Vogler, Sara & Noyes, Leighton (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 28008 | Garibaldi's biscuits Steadman, Ralph | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842708606 | Garibaldi's army defeats the French in a rather unusual battle and reclaims the land for Italy. Biscuits cooked for the occasion seal the peace. |
| 31016 | Gecko Huber, Raymond & Lovelock, Brian (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781925126556 | Welcome to the world of Gecko. He warms up on the sunbaked rocks in the evening before hunting for food. A cockroach makes a yummy snake. Watch out! A hawk is hunting! An exciting introduction to one of the most varied species of lizard on the planet. |

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| 750987 | Gemma Riley and the fashion fiasco Van Mil, Jules | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781760784201 | She has a ginger cat, a sewing tote and plenty of imagination. Can Gemma Riley catch a thief and save the fashion day? Fashion is in Gemma Riley's DNA. She lives with her grandmother Cara Bonafete, a famous fashion designer, and dreams of creating her own collection. But there's big trouble at the House of Bonafete. The release of the Spring Collection is looming, Cara has had an accident and someone is stealing their Top Secret designs. |
| 846081 | Genie and Teeny make a wish Lenton, Steven | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008408206 | Genie has been cast out of Genie World to land on Earth with a bump. He is searching for a home and as he settles into his teapot, he meets a dog called Teeny. They are kidnapped and a purple adventure begins but all they want is to find a home. |
| 5457 | Genius: the most astonishing inventions of all time Kespert, Deborah | Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780500650431 | Find out about the machines, technology and ideas that have changed our lives, shaken the world, and shaped our future. The book is arranged chronologically, detailing the 'big inventions', who made it, where, when, how and why. |
| 638669 | George and the great brain swappery Wilson, Cal & Davis, Sarah (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781742762760 | Hi, I'm George Pepperton. Some people think my family is a little odd. POSSIBLE REASONS PEOPLE THINK MY FAMILY IS ODD 1. Mum is an inventor extraordinaire. 2. I have a brother the size of a lemon. 3. That time we took Mum's BRAIN SWAPPING MACHINE on a school excursion to the zoo, and everyone's brains got swapped with WILD ANIMALS'... OK, maybe that is a little odd. I tell you though, being a PEPPERON is never boring! |
| 6782 | George and the great bum stampede Wilson, Cal & Davis, Sarah (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781742762753 | Hi, I'm George Pepperton. I love being a Pepperton, I love adventures and I love making lists. How to tell if you are a Pepperton 1. Your mum is an incredible inventor. 2. You have three older sisters, and a brother the size of a LEMON. 3. You already know how your family caused CHAOS at school... 4. And a HUMUNGOUS BUM STAMPEDE! If you are not a Pepperton and you don't know what happened...READ THIS BOOK TO FIND OUT! |
| 578086 | George's marvellous experiments Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780141375946 | A book of super awesome science experiments that can be done at home with household ingredients. Simple instructions and detailed illustrations make this an easy book to follow with fantastic results. |

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| 1858 | George's marvellous medicine Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Puffin UK | 2001 | 9780141311340 | George's grandma has some pretty odd views. She thinks caterpillars and slugs are delicious and she likes to crunch on beetles best of all. George can do nothing right in Grandma's eyes so, when it's time for her medicine, he avenges himself. |
| | Geronimo and Thea Stilton series Various | | | | 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. |
| 488 | Getting to know Ruben Plotnick Rosenbluth, Roz & Manning, Maurie J (ill) | Flashlight Press | 2005 | 9780972922555 | David is about to have the coolest kid from school at his house but he is afraid his unpredictable grandmother will cause a disaster. |
| 24291 | Ghost of Miss Annabel Spoon, The Blabey, Aaron | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780670074747 | No matter what hour, she lurked looking sour, be it midnight or mid-afternoon. Her dresses were shabby, her mood always crabby. Her name was Miss Annabel Spoon. The ghost of Miss Annabel Spoon haunts the people of Twee their every waking hour and they've had enough. But, one day, the brave and practical young Herbert Kettle has a most extraordinary idea. |
| 1895 | Giants Kelly, Mij & Maland, Nick (ill) | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2008 | 9780340893319 | Sweet Pea and Boogaloo are out in the forest when Sweet Pea asks if giants look just like them, only bigger. Boogaloo knows that they're entirely different. Sweet Pea asks if giants are kind but Boogaloo has his negative opinions here too. It takes an ill-advised kick for Boogaloo to realise that giants are just like me and you, only bigger. |
| 804707 | Giants' tea party, The French, Vlvian & Kissi, Marta (ill) | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406392586 | What happens when your Royal family have lost all their riches ... adventure. Join Prince Max as he journeys with a grumpy donkey as his companion to ask giants for help. Will he cross the Hungry Marshes safely? Will the giants help? What else could go wrong? |
| 21151 | Gift horse, The Siers, Sophie & White, Katharine (ill) | Millwood Press | 2018 | 9780473408558 | Since her mum died, Olivia hasn't felt right. Sometimes she can't breathe properly and she feels funny inside. When she is out on the farm with her dad and brother or tucked up under her blankets things don't seem so bad, but everywhere else she feels like she doesn't fit in. When Dad brings home a horse that's been through its own trauma, together Olivia and Amigo grow to trust each other and forge a path through their own grief and anger. |
| 5743 | Gift, The Hathorn, Libby | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780091837587 | All the kids in the town followed the Pied Piper into the mountain but one was left behind. This is the story of that child. |

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| 12664 | Gilbert Thompson, Colin & Mould, Chris (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405166 | Gilbert is a great, big scary-cat. You can't blame him as he was taken from his mother before his eyes were even open and spent his childhood inside a paper bag. He is frightened of just about everything, except paper bags. |
| 17143 | Gilbert goes outside Thompson, Colin & Mould, Chris (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734408761 | Gilbert is an inside cat who is determined not to go outside until his owner puts him out against his will. |
| 16011 | Gina the dancing queen Alo, Marisa | Windy Hollow Books | 2009 | 9781921136542 | Gina is a giraffe who desperately wants to dance but she always gets tangled up when she tries. With plenty of determination, Gina joins the Rhythms Dance School. |
| 6422 | Ginger Mattingley, Christobel | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140387896 | Hugo and Harriet love all their pets. But for Hugo, his rabbit, Ginger, is the best pet he's ever had. When Hugo returns from his holiday he has a very hard lesson to learn about life. |
| 17071 | Ginger McFlea will not clean her teeth Fox, Lee & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Lothian Books | 2010 | 9780734411297 | Ginger McFlea refuses to clean her teeth, no matter what any of her family says or does. A visit to the dentist and a call to the tooth fairy change her mind, with amazing results. |
| 1019765 | Giovanni Corocher, Crystal & Davis, Margeaux (ill) | Wombat Books | 2023 | 9781761111235 | In 1881, pioneering migrant families left Veneto, Italy, in search of a new life. They endured a perilous journey in search of a false paradise. Their remarkable tale of survival brought them to Australia. This is their story of finding 'home'. A voyage re-imagined, told through the eyes of a four-year-old boy." |
| 1901 | Giraffe and the pelly and me, The Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2002 | 9780140568196 | The Giraffe's magic neck can stretch to thirty feet long and the Pelican's enormous beak carries water like a bucket. Together, with a lively monkey, they are the Ladderless Window-Cleaning Company and never has cleaning windows been such fun. |
| 12169 | Giraffe who got in a knot, The Bush, John & Geraghty, Paul (ill) | Red Fox | 1999 | 9780099596202 | A giraffe struggles to undo a tight knot in his long neck but his efforts only make it worse. The other brilliantly illustrated, and not so helpful, animal characters add to the humour. |
| 855822 | Girl who could fix anything, The: Beatrice Shilling, World War II engineer Rockcliff, Mara & Duncan, Daniel (ill) | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781406399004 | Beatrice knew that as a girl she wouldn't be quite like other engineers - and she wasn't. She was better. Still, it took hard work and perseverance to persuade the Royal Aircraft Establishment to give her a chance. But when World War II broke out and British fighter pilots took to the skies in a desperate struggle for survival against Hitler's bombers, it was clearly time for new ideas. Could Beatrice solve an engine puzzle and help Britain win the war? |
| 35614 | Girl who fell into a book, The Lawrinson, Julia & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143301820 | Annie loves reading more than anything else. One day, when she is reading her favourite fairy book, something really amazing happens. |

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| 6255 | Girl who thought her mother was a mermaid, The Unsworth, Tania | Head of Zeus | 2018 | 9781788547796 | Stella's mum died when she was eight, and the more she wonders about who her mother was and what her life was like, the less things actually add up. Once she has convinced herself that her mother just might have been a mermaid, she starts to plan a way to find out for sure. And when her best friend laughs at her for admitting her theory, Stella knows there's no turning back. She is going to find out, one way or another. |
| 21014 | Glasshouse, The Collins, Paul & Thompson, Jo (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2010 | 9781921665042 | Clara's glasshouse world is perfect, growing perfect pumpkins in her pure and flawless home. A stranger arrives and the precious world begins to change. |
| 1242 | Glog Goodhart, Pippa & Maland, Nick (ill) | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406304053 | Glog's tribe have left without him and now he has to fend for himself, with help from new friends Echo, Shadow and Water Boy. |
| 5756 | Gloria's voice Lewis, Aura | Sterling Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781454926665 | Gloria Steinem is known as a leader of the feminist movement and a trailblazer who fights for equality for all people. This unofficial biography for young readers tells her story, from being a young girl with big dreams to her inspiring travels in India to the launch of Ms. (a magazine), which gave women a voice. Gloria's message of believing in yourself and following your dreams will inspire a whole new generation. |
| 1133721 | Glow Morgan, Ross | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781760655211 | In a rural metal scrap yard, a girl and her dog explore mountains of metal scrap together searching for treasures, kept on a shelf in her late grandfather's workshop. She discovers a mechanical key and mystically, magically, a little glowing object appears, floats up and beyond. The sparse, lyrical text speaks to memory, shared moments, and love beyond worlds. |
| 1133751 | Go girl!: Music mad! McAuley, Rowan & Lamden, Shannon (ill) | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2007 | 9781921288029 | Iris is so excited - she gets to spend the next four days playing her saxophone and making new friends! But Iris learns there is no sheet music you can follow when it comes to friendship. |
| 1133765 | Go girl!: Secret's out Perry, Chrissie & McDonald, Danielle (ill) | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2005 | 9781921417184 | When Casey tells Tamsin her biggest secret, she's sure it's safe with her best friend. But the next day, her secret's out! What sort of friend would do that? |
| 1133747 | Go girl!: The worst gymnast Kalkipsakis, Thalia & Oswald, Ash (ill) | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2005 | 9781920878573 | DREAM BIG! Gemma loves gymnastics. But she's just had the worst class EVER, and her coach isn't happy. Is Gemma's life as a gymnast over? Or will her clever plan keep her on the team? |
| 1133761 | Go girl: Back to school Badger, Meredith & Oswald, Ash (ill) | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2024 | 9781921098437 | Chloe's nervous about going back to school. She has to get used to a new teacher and harder, more challenging work. But she didn't expect to be the only student to find the new math so difficult. Is everyone else just much smarter than Chloe? |

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| 46435 | Goannas of no 1 Martin Place, The Steggall, Vicki & Snell, Danny (ill) | ABC Books | 2010 | 9780733324987 | Moreton lives happily with his Go-ma and Go-pa in the Botanic Gardens in Sydney. However, because of the increasing human population, Moreton's dad decides to search for a new family home, which must be up high, away from humans and in a sunny location. Moreton thinks his new home is perfect but he had not counted on the feral Pitt Street Cat. |
| 4009 | Goblin and the empty chair, The Fox, Mem & Dillon, Leo & Diane (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780670074211 | In a time long past, in a land far away, a family has suffered an unspeakable loss. Their lives are full of grief and hard work. But, a lonely goblin, a hermit from the world, has been watching. And he knows what to do to help them heal with acts of unnoticed kindness. Little does he know that he is being watched. |
| | Goblin series Kelleher, Victor | | | | 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. |
| 6968 | God is Macleod, Mark & Schell, Kirrily (ill) | ABC Books | 2009 | 9780733323805 | A book that helps to explain spirituality to the very young. It provides a general look at where God is in all the things that make up a young child's life such as friendship, love, play, family and nature. |
| 1989 | Going bush with Grandpa Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781742990262 | Pete and his Grandpa are heading off on a camping trip to prospect for gold. Maybe they will find enough gold so they can go on a big city holiday. But, first, Pete has to survive Grandpa's cooking. |
| 1944 | Goldfever D'Ath, Justin & Tonkin, Rachel (ill) | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141309392 | While playing with his dog, Austin finds a gold nugget at Goldmine Park. Later that day, he must play there in his Grand Final. The nugget is going to pose a real problem. |
| 922723 | Good egg presents, The: The great eggscapes! John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780062975676 | Shel (an egg) isn't a huge fan of group activities, especially when he's made to be 'it' for a game of hide-and-seek. Nevertheless, Shel doesn't want to let his friends down, so he reluctantly plays. But after a morning of hiding and seeking, somebody's still missing. Will the dozen eggs friends ever be reunited? |
| 1041344 | Good egg, The John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780062866004 | I bet you are wondering; how good can one egg really be? Well in this book you will find one good egg in a dozen. This one will water your plants, change your tyres and even paint your house. But what if being too good goes really wrong? |

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| 8810 | Good enough for a sheep station Cox, David | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743319031 | As a boy, the author, David Cox, lived on a sheep station in the dusty outback of Queensland. His lessons came in a brown envelope but, out of doors, his dad was his teacher. David learned the stockman's skills of breaking in and riding horses, mustering sheep and cattle, and how to survive the hardships of drought. When they were out riding, his father would tell interesting stories about old times and characters. |
| 51466 | Gorgon in the gully, The Marchetta, Melina | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143305613 | Beyond the basketball courts and classrooms of St Raph's is a gully where everything disappears forever. Danny has heard stories about a creature that lives down there. So, he wonders why he's volunteered to face the Gorgon when he's been petrified of everything all his life. He knows he can't do it alone. |
| 9970 | Gorilla suit, The Kelleher, Victor & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Penguin | 2002 | 9780143300175 | Amusing story of a boy in his gorilla suit who becomes confused with a real gorilla and gets swapped over for a day. |
| 6928 | Gorski's bitemare Favretto, Robert | Ford Street Publishing | 2019 | 9781925804164 | Gorski. the vampire bat is in a flap. Following a frightful event his fangs are shrinking and he faints at the sight of blood! Can he find a cure or will things go from bat to worst? |
| 3917 | Gracie and Josh Gervay, Susanne & Geddes, Serena (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2013 | 9781921665851 | Gracie and Josh are brother and sister who laugh, play and fight, but they also face a sad world where someone is sick and there are good days and bad days in their family. |
| 3448 | Grand, genius summer of Henry Hoobler, The Shanahan, Lisa | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760293017 | Henry Hoobler is a reluctant adventurer who is worried about his summer holiday camping at the beach: bugs, spiders, snakes, stingers, blue-ringed octopi and sharks. Worst of all, his family and friends are pushing him to ride his new silver bike - without training wheels. But when Henry meets Cassie, he discovers that courage is there to be found when you have a friend who is straight-up and true. |
| 28007 | Grandfather's war, My Harper, Glyn & Cooper, Jenny (ill) | Exisle Publishing | 2018 | 9781775592990 | Sarah loves spending time with her Grandpa, but she knows there is a part of his life that makes him sad. When he was a young man he fought in the Vietnam War. Sarah wants to find out more and her Grandpa shares a story of bravery and friendship, and what impact war has on everyone. |
| 25984 | Grandfather's wrinkles England, Kathryn & McFarland, Richard (ill) | Flashlight Press | 2007 | 9780972922593 | As Lucy's fingers trace each crease on her Grandad's lined face, she wants to know why Grandad's skin doesn't fit anymore. He tells her what joyful event caused each wrinkle to appear. |
| 623351 | Grandma Z Gray-Barnett, Daniel | Scribe Publications | 2018 | 9781925322156 | On an ordinary day, in an ordinary town, it was Albert's birthday. Albert's desire to have an out of the ordinary birthday turns into an extraordinary reality when Grandma Z roars into town on her motorcycle. |

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| 6898 | Grandma's week off McKinlay, Helen & Smith, Craig (ill) | ABC Books | 2003 | 9780733312120 | Grandma wakes up one Monday morning and decides to do something more exciting than make marmalade. An incredible week of adventure follows, culminating in a trip to the moon. |
| 6944 | Grandpa Norman, Lilith & Young, Noela (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781876289249 | Through Blake's eyes, Grandpa is revealed as a real pain in the neck. He took over Blake's room, left ash and tobacco everywhere and told boring stories. Grandpa was also really good at mending stuff and he could create wonders out of horseshoe nails. |
| 2314 | Grandpa Green Smith, Lane | Roaring Book Press | 2011 | 9781596436077 | Grandpa Green wasn't always a gardener. He was a farmboy, a kid with chickenpox, a soldier and, most of all, an artist. Follow Grandpa Green's great-grandson into the garden he created, a fantastic world where memories are handed down in the fanciful shapes of topiary trees, and imagination recreates things forgotten. |
| 5929 | Grandpa for sale Enderle, Dotti & Sansum, Vicki & Gentry, T Kyle (ill) | Flashlight Press | 2007 | 9780972922586 | While Lizzie is in charge of the antique shop and grandpa is sleeping on the Louis XVI sette, she has a customer. But, amongst other things, Mrs Bradley Larchmont, the Third, wants to buy grandpa and she doesn't like no for an answer. |
| 2004 | Grandpa's stories Tonkin, Rachel | Roland Harvey Books | 1996 | 9780949714442 | A young boy describes the times spent with his grandfather and the wonderful stories he shared. His grandfather is affected by Alzheimer's disease. The boy wants to remember his grandpa without the disease. |
| 23504 | Great art caper, The: Graphic novel Jamieson, Victoria | Papercutz | 2017 | 9781627791199 | Barry is a rabbit. While Sunflower and GW are rodents. They are all classroom pets at Daisy P Flugelhorn Elementary School with rich and busy social lives outside of school hours. Carina is a student at the school also. A student GW loves and wants to capture in an artwork. Classroom pet Harriet and all the minions have other ideas for GW and the school art show. GW and his friends will have many challenges to overcome. |
| | Great Australian yarns series Various | | | | 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. |
| 6505 | Great bear, The Gleeson, Libby & Greder, Armin (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781921529696 | Year after year, a dancing circus bear spends her days in a cage and her nights performing for a crowd. The bear longs for freedom. |

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| 1406 | Great cold, The Milroy, Gladys & Morgan, Sally (ed) | Fremantle Press | 2009 | 9781921361586 | Moon and Sun are fighting over their position in the sky. The earth is in danger of experiencing a cold so intense, it will kill everything on earth. Magpie is torn. She knows there is a good chance she will perish if she doesn't seek shelter with the other animals. But, she can't abandon her nest and her egg. |
| 886966 | Great food bank heist, The Rauf, Q. Onjali & Paganelli, Elisa (ill) | Barrington Stoke | 2021 | 9781781129623 | Thursday is the day when Nelson and his family head to the food bank to fill empty cupboards and an empty refrigerator. Even though Nelson's mum is a working nurse, it is hard to pay all the bills and still feed her family. The food bank seems an unlikely bank to rob, but someone is stealing from the food banks around town and it might be up to those who love the food bank the most to solve the mystery. |
| 570817 | Great lizard trek, The Bradshaw, Felicity & MacDonald, Norma (ill) | CSIRO | 2018 | 9781486308828 | Rocky, an ornate dragon, lives on the granite rocks in the southwest of Australia. His ancestors have lived in this hot environment for around 10 million years, and for more than 60,000 years, they have lived alongside Indigenous Australians. Rocky's habitat is under threat, and his desert relatives in the north are facing challenges due to rising temperatures. Using his knowledge of Indigenous culture and language, along with Western science, The Great Lizard Trek follows Rocky in his journey to see what the future may bring. |
| 9580 | Great piratical rumbustification, The Mahy, Margaret | Penguin NZ | 1981 | 9780140312614 | A very funny and exciting adventure about pirates. |
| 20899 | Great race, The O'Malley, Kevin | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9780802723574 | Lever Lapin is a world famous runner, living a celebrity lifestyle. Nate Tortoise is a simple fellow, who just wants to eat in peace at his favourite restaurant. Fed up with Lever's bragging and the intrusion into his life, Nate is overheard muttering that he could beat Lever in a race. So, the challenge is on. |
| 7224 | Great white man-eating shark, The Mahy, Margaret | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140554243 | Norvin, inspired by his own small, sharkish eyes and sharp, sharkish teeth, decides to impersonate a great white man-eating shark so he can have the sea to himself. His plan comes unstuck when a female shark takes a fancy to him. |
| 972886 | Great white shark Saxby, Claire & Lane, Cindy | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760653897 | In Great White Shark we follow a female shark on her way to warmer waters to give her pups the best chance of survival. Learn interesting facts about great white sharks as the story progresses. |
| 9586 | Greatest treasure of Charlemagne the King, The Wheatley, Nadia & Klein, Deborah | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781863886994 | Charlemagne can have whatever he desires, but nothing interests him. He values learning to read far more than the cavalcade of treasures presented for his interest. |

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| 1019899 | Green: The story of plant life on our planet Davies, Nicola & Sutton, Emily (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781406399998 | This tree doesn't look like it's doing much: it just stands there in the sunlight, BIG and GREEN. But this tree is hard at work, just like the many, many others that live all over our planet... Discover the secret world of plants in this fascinating new book from an award-winning team. |
| 571643 | Gregory and the grimbockle Schubert, Melanie | Nicola Bolton | 2017 | 9780991110933 | Gregory is disconnected from the people in his life, from his disagreeable sister to all the people who thinks it's funny to comment on the giant mole that has appeared beneath his nose. But that mole isn't actually a mole, and one night the Grimbockle appears from inside it. He is just one of the many strange little creatures called Bockles tending to the mysterious threads that connect all humans from one to the other. It is a very important job, and one that has long been carried out with incredible secrecy. That is before this one particular night and a most extraordinary turn of events. And so begins a most peculiar sort of adventure where Gregory learns all about the creatures called Bockles and the mysterious threads called exoodles that connect us all to one another. |
| 43481 | Greta Zargo and the death robots from outer space Harrold, A F & Todd-Stanton, Joe (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408869475 | Greta Zargo is the only person who can save planet Earth from death robots, although she doesn't know this. Imagine being allowed to live in your own house with no adults from the time you turn 8 because of a mix up in your parents will after they die. This is Greta Zargo's life. Greta wants to be an award-winning journalist. She tries to solve the case of the missing cakes when Death robots try to destroy earth after destroying many other planets in the universe. Will she be able to stop them? Will she find out who is taking the cakes? Read this hilarious laugh out loud book to find out. |
| 1209780 | Grimm's fairy tales Dieckmann, Sandra | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529505498 | Enter the enchanted world of fairy tales... |
| 886024 | Group hug Fackrell, Andy | Ford Street Publishing | 2022 | 9781922696007 | Race across Sumatra with a streak of tigers. Join a hippo float, a flamboyance of flamingos - or just cosy up with a passel of possums as you go on safari with Wilbur. Explore the animal kingdom and the world of collective nouns, with proceeds from this book supporting wildlife protection via the United Nations Development Programme. |
| 9467 | Growing up at Uluru Australia Breedon, Stan | Steve Parish Publishing Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9781740210478 | The life of the Anangu Aboriginal people is revealed in a picture book that focuses particularly on the children who live around Uluru in the Northern Territory. |

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| 13147 | Gruesome truth, The Gallate, Bernard | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780733616822 | Leo finds himself in all sorts of trouble when he invents a story about a hailstone. |
| 5175 | Guide dogs: from puppies to partners Lawrenson, Diana | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865082462 | The making of guide dogs in Australia, from the breeding of puppies. Beautiful photos show puppy raising, harness training, matching with a blind partner and their eventual careers. |
| 9488 | Guinea pig Head, Honor & Burton, Jane (phot) | Belitha Press | 2003 | 9781841383538 | Sensible advice on the care of a pet guinea pig with lots of information on guinea pigs in general, including their breeding and behaviour, social needs and health warnings. |
| 9754 | Guji-Guji Chen, Chih-Yuan | Gecko Press | 2006 | 9780958278706 | The delightful story of a very different, ugly duckling who learns to be very happy with who he is. |
| 23496 | Gumby: Graphic novel vol.1 Clokey, Art & Ruth | Pan MacMillan | 2017 | 9781629918211 | Nine short stories featuring the iconic 1950's claymation character and his friends. There's Pokey the horse, Prickle and Goo, as well as those scheming Blockheads. A comic book for all ages, this is one for Gumby fans or those new to comics. |
| | Gym Stars series Lawes, Jane | | | | 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. |
| 1209871 | Gymnastic diaries 1: Beam queen Godwin, Georgia & Sievking, Laura & Erb, Amanda (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9781760266486 | Georgia is 10 years old and loves gymnastics. She wants to be an international gymnastics star and this is her diary. Join Georgia as she chases her dreams! Georgia has started training in a new, Elite squad, and it is a whole new challenge for her. New friends, new coaches and new skills to learn! On top of that, she is competing in her first Team Comp, and the squad are relying on her beam routine. Will she fall off? Or will she become the new Beam Queen? |
| 517 | Hairy story, A Alexander, Goldie & Cammell, Sandra | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780732996031 | Unhappy with his short hair, Ben wishes for fast-growing hair. His hair grows so quickly with such unexpected results that everyone in the neighbourhood ends up wishing for it to return to normal. |
| 5785 | Hairy toes and scary bones Impey, Rose | Orchard Books | 2000 | 9781860399664 | Two traditional tales that combine humour and horror. |
| 8389 | Hairy-nosed wombats find a new home, The French, Jackie & deGennaro, Sue | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9780732295486 | Based on a true story in Queensland, a colony of wonderfully hairy-nosed wombats decide to move homes. But could there ever be another home to make them happy. |
| 82680 | Hamilton's handstand Hackett, Dave | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143504351 | Hamilton, the dog, is amazing. Holly says he can even do handstands. Everybody watches and everybody waits. |

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| 2077 | Hannah and the tomorrow room Gleeson, Libby | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141305127 | Tomorrow, Hannah can move out of the room she shares with her sisters and into a special place of her own. But things don't go as planned and someone else needs the room. She has to get it back. |
| 2078 | Hannah plus one Gleeson, Libby | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140380903 | When Hannah learns her mum is expecting another baby, she is convinced it will be another set of twins, leaving her as the odd one out. But Hannah has her pretend friend, Megan, to talk to and together they get into all sorts of mischief. |
| 8986 | Hansel and Gretel Browne, Anthony | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406318524 | A faithful retelling of this famous, dark fairytale but with unique, modern illustrations. |
| 5228 | Happy birthday to you, you belong in a zoo De Groat, Diane | HarperTrophy | 2007 | 9780060010294 | That meanie, Lewis, always teases Gilbert at school. When Gilbert receives an invitation to Lewis's birthday party, Gilbert goes, armed with a cheerful grin, a brightly wrapped package and a plan to get even for Lewis's rotten behaviour. But, this birthday has a much bigger surprise in store for Gilbert. |
| 16761 | Happy Birthday x 3 Gleeson, Libby & Cox, David (ill) | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406304282 | Being one of a set of triplets can be great fun, especially at birthday time. Three times the presents, three times the guests, three times the party food. Each sister goes searching for exactly the right present for the others. |
| 567915 | Happy poems McGough, Roger | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781509871377 | Elma Mitchell warns that poems should come with government warnings because words can seriously affect your heart. This is a collection of poems to make you happy. Poems that can be read aloud. Poems to be read silently. Poems to share with others. Poems to discover the world and joy others feel too. These poems have been collected and compiled by Roger McGough and feature famous writers from the past and new poets waiting for you to discover. From William Blake to A F Harrold. |
| 796 | Harry & Hopper Wild, Margaret & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2009 | 9781862917408 | A small boy named Harry and his pet dog, Hopper, have done everything together, ever since Hopper was a jumpy little puppy. But, when the unthinkable happens, Harry must learn to say goodbye to his mate. |
| 41356 | Harry Highpants Wilson, Tony & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2007 | 9781862916043 | People in the town have always worn their pants at different heights. Some wear them low, some a little high and, in Harry Highpants' case, very high. It hasn't been a problem until Roy Bland decides to stand for council and wants everyone to wear their pants the same, 'normal' way. The town is divided and into the battle comes Harry Highpants. |

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| 49929 | Harry Highpants and the salivating beast Larkin, John & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320675 | To most people, Harry Highfield is just an ordinary boy who wears his pants a little higher than you'd expect. During school holidays, however, Harry gets out his cape and becomes a superhero. When his brother loses his best cricket ball over the fence, Harry has a chance to use his superhero powers to retrieve it. |
| 6487 | Harry's secret Heiss, Anita | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781760152024 | Harry has a secret. He loves to draw and is very good at it. You wouldn't think it would be a problem but Harry's friend, Gav, thinks skateboarding, footy and fishing are cool, but art is definitely not. Harry really wants to enter the local art competition but he is worried what his friends will think and say. |
| 660696 | Hattie Nilsson, Frida & Wirsén, Stina (ill) | Gecko Press | 2020 | 9781776572717 | Hattie lives just outside of nowhere, right next door to no one at all. Her house is red and has its own name. There are jabbering ducks in the duck house and hens that wander and poop in her mother's flowerbeds. Hattie has a dog called Tacka and own stripy outdoor cats, Havana and Stick. Hattie has been waiting forever for school to start. She's looking forward to it so much, she might burst. |
| 15516 | Having fun at school Fisher, Taminya & Le, Thuy & Bell, Meiko | Indij Readers | 2003 | 9780975064009 | Members of the school population state their ways to have fun at school. A play version is also presented. |
| 751011 | Havoc! The untold magic of Cora Bell McRitchie, Rebecca & O'Connor, Sharon (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781460757659 | Cora Bell has discovered she is full of magic, powerful magic. When she loses her protection bracelet she struggles to control her powers, especially the dark magic she stole from a warlock. Can Cora find a way to fix her magic before it takes control of her and she becomes a havoc? |
| 7786 | Head kid Baddiel, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2018 | 9780008200534 | Bracket Wood is a strict school. Particularly under the lead of the new headmaster, Mr Carter. But when he swaps bodies with the naughtiest boy in the school Ryan Carter, a hilarious chain of events begins. With the naughtiest boy as Head Kid, the only question is, will Bracket Wood survive? |
| 15396 | Heart of the tiger Millard, Glenda & Chapman, Gaye (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046181 | A boy inherits a toy tiger who shares his experiences of a different world where there were trees. The boy comes to experience a new and vibrant world and learns about destruction of environments, aging, wisdom and new beginnings. |
| 18618 | Hello God Simons, Moya & Coutts, Lisa (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2007 | 9780732285340 | Every night before she falls asleep, Kate talks to God. She tells God about school, her friends and she asks lots of questions especially about Stephanie, her friend, who is seriously ill. When Kate doesn't get any sign of answers, she is ready to give up. But, then she finds her answers in a surprising place. |

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| 9511 | Hello new Agard, John | Orchard Books | 2000 | 9781841216218 | Voices from all over the world including English, Scottish, Caribbean, Hungarian and American, are represented in this lively poetry collection, all linked by the word 'new'. |
| 43466 | Hello Ruby: Journey inside the computer Liukas, Linda | Penguin Books Australia | 2017 | 9780143309147 | Do you know what is a computer, and what's inside? Join Ruby and Mouse for a playful adventure with craft and activities, discovering the parts, functions and names of most parts of a computer. Cute, fun and colourful. |
| 5423 | Hello, Sydney McKean, Megan | Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9780500500767 | Explore 15 of Sydney's most iconic locations with the help of six cheeky seagulls on this look-and-find adventure. From Taronga Zoo to Bondi Beach, there are delightful quirks of the city to spot on each page as well as fun facts to discover. |
| 4063 | Henrietta and the perfect night Murray, Martine | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760290245 | Five year old Henrietta is full of questions, sometimes confident and assertive, sometimes not quite as much. With a new baby about to join the family Henrietta is worried about being a good big sister. When the time comes it is not at all as she expected. Starting school is also not as easy as she thought, but throughout Henrietta's positive go-getter spirit shines through. |
| 15038 | Henrietta, there's no one better Murray, Martine | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741147186 | Henrietta talks about her life, her family, her pets, her best friend and her imaginative play. |
| 28355 | Herbert the brave sea dog Belton, Robyn | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781921529306 | Everybody loved Herbert, a small dog, but the person who loved him most was his owner, Tim. One day, Herbert set off on a boat trip with Tim's father but the short journey soon turned into the biggest adventure of Herbert's life. A true story of a remarkable dog's voyage at sea. |
| 9514 | Here come the heebie jeebies and other scary poems Bradman, Tony & Roberts, David (ill) | Hodder & Stoughton | 2000 | 9780750029339 | While not particularly frightening, the poems in this British anthology are delightfully appealing to children because they appear so distasteful to adults. Topics include being left out, making mistakes at school and those niggling night-time fears. |
| 2263 | Here in the garden Stewart, Briony | University of Queensland Press | 2014 | 9780702250101 | As the seasons change, a boy shares the magic of his garden with a special friend. |
| 56369 | Herman and Rosie Gordon, Gus | Penguin Books Australia | 2012 | 9780670076031 | This is a tale about a big city, hotdogs and music. It's a tale of ringing on rooftops and it's the tale of Herman and Rosie. |
| 5626 | Hermelin the detective mouse Grey, Mini | Jonathan Cape | 2014 | 9780857550231 | Hermelin is a special little mouse. He was born in a box of cheese and lives in an attic at 33 Offley Street. He can read books and type notes on his typewriter. Most importantly, Hermelin can solve mysteries and the people of Offley Street are in need of a detective. |

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| 587782 | Hero's guide to deadly dragons, A Cowell, Cressida | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2018 | 9780340950340 | It's Hiccup's birthday, but that's not going to keep him from getting into trouble. To save his dragon, Toothless, from being banished, Hiccup must sneak into the Meathead Public Library and steal the Viking's most sacred book. But the Vikings see books as a dangerous influence, and keep them locked up and under heavy guard. To save his friend, Hiccup must brave the Hairy Scary Librarian and his dreadful army of Meathead Warriors and face off against the formidable Driller-Dragons. Will he make it out and live to see his next birthday? |
| 1168029 | Hester Hitchins and the falling stars Norton, Catherine | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2024 | 9781460763179 | It's 1866 and Hester's father is lost at sea. Determined to find him, 11-year-old Hester wins a place at Addington's Nautical Navigation Academy where she will learn to navigate by the stars. But the academy is just for boys and no one seems to be in charge. The schoolmaster knows nothing of navigation, Lord Addington is obsessed with building the world's biggest telescope and Lady Addington believes that falling stars are the souls of the dead. Can Hester and her new friends, Pru and Nelson, set things right, and will she find her own place in the universe? |
| 10830 | Hey cat Arena, Felice | Penguin | 2008 | 9780670071753 | Mouse is sure that cat supports his daring and creative lifestyle. But all is not what it seems. A rollicking cat-and-mouse story with a twist or two in the tale. |
| | Hey Jack series Various | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 2174 | Hidden forest, The Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2000 | 9780688157609 | Striking collages, set above and below the water level off the coast of Tasmania, tell the story of Ben, a rather thoughtless boy, who sets out to catch as many fish as he can. Unexpectedly, Ben learns the value of marine life communities. |
| 3698 | Hide that horse Metzenthén, David & Hobbs, Leigh (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143304494 | Hiding a horse, even a very small one, isn't easy. Tim and Mr Conroy have to use all their wits to keep little Percy from being caught by horse-hating Ranger Dooley. |
| 18318 | High hopes on sea Wagner, Jenny & Rogers, Gregory (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2005 | 9780702235252 | Dad is an inventor but everything he makes goes wrong. Eventually, he invents something that works and is successful. |
| 9532 | Highway Wheatley, Nadia | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781862913066 | Dad's a truckie and he, mum and the kids are going on a very different holiday, a trip down the highway on an overnight run. The illustrations capture all the wonders of a child's journey of discovery. |

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| 39761 | Highway robbery Thompson, Kate | Bodley Head | 2008 | 9780370329574 | In England in the 1800s, a dark stranger leaves his magnificent horse, Black Bess, in the care of a boy he's never met. As dusk falls, the stranger has still not returned and the loyal boy has declined many offers to buy the animal. Then soldiers arrive, demanding to know where the horse's owner has gone. There's mischief in the air, but it isn't entirely clear who's causing it. |
| 804787 | Hike Oswald, Pete | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406394351 | In the cool and quiet early light of morning, a father and child wake up. Today they're going on a hike. Follow the duo into the mountains as they witness the magic of the wilderness, overcome challenges, and play a small role in the survival of the forest. By the time they return home, they feel alive - and closer than ever - as they document their hike and take their place in family history. |
| 3817 | Hilo: Boy who crashed to Earth, The Winick, Judd | Penguin | 2015 | 9780141376929 | When a strange boy in silver underwear falls from the sky D.J. and his friends think it is pretty cool to have a new kid at school that can do crazy things, even if he can't remember anything about where he came from. But when evil robots start appearing to destroy the earth, this new boy could become the most important or the most dangerous friend the gang has ever had. A graphic novel. |
| | History mysteries series Greenwood, Mark | | | | 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. |
| 9583 | Hobby for Mrs Arbuckle, A Smyth, Gwenda & James, Ann (ill) | Viking Children's | 1989 | 9780670823833 | Mrs Emmeline Arbuckle looks in the newspaper to find a new hobby with the help of her different pets. |
| 18533 | Hold-up heroes, The Bates, Dianne & Wright, Kathryn (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2006 | 9781876944384 | Polly and James overhear a gang of bushrangers plotting to kidnap the Governor. Before they can tell anyone, they discover their father will be driving the Governor's coach and fear he is helping the bushrangers. |
| 567901 | Hole, The Brown, Kerry & Masciullo, Lucia (ill) | ABC Books | 2018 | 9780733335235 | If you were walking through the woods and a hole you came upon, would you stop and take a look? Or simply carry on? |
| 2192 | Holly and the dream fixer Hayes, Rosemary & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780141300306 | Holly's family is set to spend their holidays at the caravan park again. Holly is outraged, wishing that she could have an exotic island summer holiday like her classmates. Xavier comes to her rescue but island bliss is hard to find. |

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| | Holly Webb's kittens & puppies series Various | | | | 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. |
| 833221 | Home Hendriks, Karen & Knatko, ALisa | Daisy Lane Publishing | 2021 | 9780648819301 | War ends, yet its dark shadow remains. A family is forced to flee their home. As they journey through hunger, long cold nights, and homelessness, a heart locket whispers words of hope. And a country that's far away calls for those that are no longer wanted. It offers new beginnings and a precious place, once more to call home. |
| 13049 | Home for gnomes Clark, Margaret & Gordon, Gus (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780143303336 | The gnomes have always lived in Miss Mackie's garden. She looks after them and the gnomes work hard to keep her big garden beautiful. When Miss Mackie falls ill and has to leave her home, the gnomes promise they will care for the garden and look after each other. But, when developers come to knock the house down, the gnomes realise Miss Mackie isn't coming back. |
| 8090 | Home in the sky Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744575859 | Light, a white pigeon, flies away and is lost in the city of New York. He is rescued by a young boy but Light must return to his real owner, Mike, to be free to fly. The story is illustrated with Jeannie Baker's beautiful collages. |
| 9507 | Home of the Kadimakara people Trezise, Percy | HarperCollins Australia | 2000 | 9780207198489 | A Dreaming story retold. Jadiana, his sister Lande and brother Jalmor are fishing when a storm blows their walpa out into Balanorga, the great lake. A gentler wind blows them on shore and they must journey back to their people, the Kadimakara. |
| 12427 | Home run Collins, Paul & Brecon, Connah | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405265 | One day, Robbie, who is always left out, gets his chance to join in and to hit a grand slam. The team is losing, so it can't hurt to let Robbie play. Robbie's difference, the reason for his rejection, is handled with subtlety. |
| 9899 | Home to mother Pilkington Garimara, Doris & Lyndon, Janice (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2006 | 9780702235467 | Three girls are taken from their mothers in the 1930s and are sent to a camp. They decide to escape and follow a rabbit-proof fence to find their way home. |
| 992543 | Honey and the valley of horses Orr, Wendy | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761068492 | Fleeing a sick world, a family happen upon an enchanted valley of horses. Unable to leave, they live in paradise for seven years. Then Dad falls desperately ill and Honey must test her courage and resourcefulness to get help. Can she find a way back to the outside world, if it's still there? Readers will long remember this rich and enchanting adventure. |

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| 2203 | Horrendo's curse Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865086033 | Horrendo reveals strategies for overcoming fear and adversity when he finds creative solutions to problems caused by pirates, vile villains and volcanoes. Horrendo champions those who are different and non-violent. |
| 2206 | Horrible Harriet Hobbs, Leigh | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9781865084398 | Horrible Harriet lives in the roof of the school. She is mean and nasty and the other children are scared of her. When Athol Egghead arrives in a hot-air balloon, he is her first friend. Horrible Harriet is one in a million, even that's one too many. |
| 849 | Horrible Harriet's inheritance: in her own words Hobbs, Leigh | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781741149852 | You may remember Horrible Harriet - she's wicked, wild and larger than life, and she invented Mr Chicken. Well Harriet is back to claim her inheritance and fill in the gaps in her impressive family tree along the way. These include queens, warriors and yes, a vampire too. Horrible Harriet is going on a journey of a lifetime. |
| 2208 | Horrible holiday, The Jinks, Catherine | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780141301839 | While his family appears to be going on a disastrous holiday, Kevin is having a good time, appreciating different things. |
| | Horrid Henry series Simon, Francesca | | | | 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. |
| 18358 | Horse girl Larkin, John | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780733617881 | Eight year old Rebecca eats, sleeps and loves horses and one day turns into one. A simple, humorous story of Rebecca at school as a horse. |
| 17469 | Horse mad Wolfer, Dianne | Fremantle Press | 2005 | 9781920731472 | What happens to a horse mad girl when she stops being horse mad? A story of Alice and her friends imagining they are horses on the school playground. |
| 9485 | Horse show Hayden, Kate | Dorling Kindersley | 2001 | 9780789473714 | As three children prepare for a show, readers are introduced to the horses at White Lane Farm, one of whom is a difficult horse to ride. Preparations, basic events and horse care are included. |
| | HotDog series Various | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 1209781 | Hotel Balzaar, The: A Norendy tale DiCamillo, Kate & Sarda, Julia (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529523782 | At the Hotel Balzaar, Marta's mother rises before the sun and instructs Marta to remain quiet and invisible - like a mouse. While her mother cleans rooms, Marta slips down the back staircase to the grand lobby to chat with the bellman and watch the endless turning of the grandfather clock. All the while, she dreams of the return of her soldier father. Then, one day, a mysterious countess with a parrot appears. She promises Marta seven stories, and as the stories unfold, Marta begins to wonder if they may hold the secret to her father's disappearance. |
| 587908 | Hotel Flamingo Milway, Alex | Piccadilly Press | 2019 | 9781848127753 | When young Anna inherits a dilapidated once-grand hotel from her Great Aunt Mathilde, she's determined to restore it to its former glory. But this is no ordinary hotel - all of her staff and guests are animals! Anna soon rises to the challenge. Whether it's a flamingo, a penguin or a hippo knocking at the door, Anna is ready to welcome them all - with the help of her trusty sidekicks T Bear the doorman, Squeak the friendly mouse elevator, and Lemmy the lemur receptionist ... As she soon finds out, though, running an animal hotel is no easy task. Can Anna make Hotel Flamingo a success once more? |
| 722870 | Hotel Flamingo: Holiday heatwave Milway, Alex | Bonnier Publishing Australia | 2019 | 9781848128057 | It's a blazing summer on Animal Boulevard and Hotel Flamingo is buzzing with excitement. The King and Queen Penguin are coming to stay. It's been a long time since the hotel had royal guests and there's a lot for Anna and her team to do. But looking after penguins in the middle of a heatwave is not easy task..... |
| 3301 | Hotel Strange: His royal majesty of the mushrooms Ferrier, Katherine & Ferrier, Florian | Graphic Universe | 2016 | 9781512411546 | When Kiki finds a crown in the woods, a group of mushroom people rushes to call him their ruler. Now the quirky residents of Hotel Strange have to find the real king before things get even crazier. |
| 5046 | How cities work Gulliver Hancock, James | Lonely Planet Publications | 2016 | 9781786570215 | From the cities to the skyscrapers- reveal the secret workings of the city. Lift the flaps to see what is inside buildings and unfold pages to find out what's going on above your head and under your feet. It's the city like you have never seen before. |
| 570814 | How did I get here? Bunting, Philip | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781742769684 | The (unauthorised) biography of you, and the story of all of us. Charting from the Big Bang to birth, Philip Bunting takes us on a journey back to the start of time (in about the time it takes to eat your breakfast!) A hilarious, and beautifully illustrated book, designed to raise more questions than it answers. |

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| | How does it work series Various | | | | 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. |
| 35551 | How does my home work? Butterworth, Chris & Gaggiotti, Lucia (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406363784 | Flick a switch...the light comes on. Press a button...the TV comes on. Turn the tap...clean water comes out. Take a drink from the fridge...it's cool and fresh. Just how do all these clever things happen in your home? Go on a fascinating journey, behind the walls and under the floor of this home to find out about the energy that makes it all work. |
| 574732 | How I came to be me Cai, Gao | Starfish Bay Publishers | 2018 | 9781760361051 | A baby describes their journey from conception via birth to their homecoming in this wonderful tribute to the miracle of birth. |
| 995988 | How it works: Light Hull, Sarah & McKean, Kaley | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781474998895 | What is light? Where does it come from? And how does it work? Lift the flaps to discover the extraordinary science of light, from dazzling rainbows to powerful lasers. |
| 3717 | How machines work: zoo break Macaulay, David | Dorling Kindersley | 2015 | 9781465440129 | Follow the mad antics of Sloth and his sidekick, Sengi, as they try to find their way out of the zoo, with the help of some machines. |
| 5032 | How many dinosaurs deep? Kitchin, Ben & Fieldhouse, Vicky (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2017 | 9781925059731 | Jim is not quite sure that he's ready to move from the baby pool to the middle-sized pool. Can a group of splashing dinosaurs help him face his fear? |
| 2262 | How the Finnegans saved the ship French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2001 | 9780207197499 | Based partly on historic fact, thirteen year old Mary travels by steamship with Mrs Finnegan and her six other children from Ireland to Australia in 1913. Lots of explanatory notes on Irish history, customs and recipes included in this book. |
| 73826 | How the kangaroos got their tails Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Lirrmiyarri, George (teller) | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046259 | Told by George Lirrmiyarri of the Kija people to children living in Warmun, Western Australia. One of a series of Aboriginal stories about animals and birds. A battle of wits, between a hills kangaroo and a plains kangaroo over some bush honey, leads to an interesting outcome. |
| 1065628 | How to be a friend Ayoub, Sarah & Purnell, Mimi (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2023 | 9781460763230 | Do you know what it takes to be a friend, someone on whom someone else depends? Just a few ingredients, tips and tricks, make the perfect friendship mix! A lyrical story with heartfelt ideas about what it means to be a good friend from the team that brought us The love That Grew. |

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| 5580 | How to be famous Shalev, Michal | Gecko Press | 2016 | 9781776570300 | A pigeon comes from a famous family. They have been famous for generations. But, he is particularly famous and he wants to tell you why. |
| 902462 | How to be... the new person Branford, Anna | EK Books | 2022 | 9781760655839 | Hazel Morrison has a secret habit that no one knows about. She makes pretend videos about her everyday things. When Hazel's family has to move, she has to cope with leaving her best friend and starting at a new school where she doesn't actually feel welcome. She manages to make a new friend, her elderly next door neighbour Veronica. But then Veronica has to move too. As Hazel settles in at school, she meets Laura. Together they create a real video. It is a how to guide for being the new person because everyone at some time, will meet one or be one. |
| 3535 | How to build a car Lacey, Saskia & Sodomka, Martin (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781633220409 | Eli's famous for dreaming big. Sometimes too big. But this time, the mouse has a plan-to build a real race car. If he can get his friends Phoebe and Hank to help, it might just work. And together, they can really go places. Through hard work and perseverance, the three friends learn all about car mechanics and teamwork as they work together to build a miniature racer. |
| 10777 | How to cross the road and not turn into a pizza Fine, Anne | Walker Books | 2002 | 9780744590340 | Simon and his class are being taught how to cross the road without ending up as flat as a pizza. This is an important thing to know. |
| 32388 | How to get rid of a vampire Erre, J.M & Lallemand, Clemence (ill) | Alma Books Ltd | 2017 | 9781846884221 | Zazie has begun writing in her new diary, filling it with all her thoughts and feelings about her friends, school and family, knowing that at least here she will not get into trouble for speaking her mind. School has become much harder work now that their regular teacher is away and the replacement is a particularly strict task master who just happens to bare a striking resemblance to the main character of the book Zazie is currently reading - Dracula. Zazie determines it is up to her to save the situation, using the advice contained within Dram Stoker's book. However not all goes according to plan, with one mishap after another. |

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| 751091 | How to make a bird McKinlay, Meg & Ottley, Matt (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781925381894 | From award-winning author Meg McKinlay and celebrated artist Matt Ottley comes a moving and visually stunning picture book that celebrates the transformative power of the creative process from inception through recognition to celebration and releasing into the world. We shadow the protagonist as she contemplates the blue print of an idea, collects the things that inspire from the natural world to shape a bird. And breathes life into it before letting it fly free. It shows how small things, combined with a little imagination and a steady heart, can transform into works of magic. |
| 802384 | How to make a pet monster: Flummox Wilkinson, Lili & Spence, Dustin (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760877392 | Have you ever wanted a pet monster? Artie and Willow find an ancient spell book which shows them how to make real monsters. They make Hodgepodge, who is a bit furry and a bit stinky. He is Artie's best friend. Willow wants to make a best friend too. Now that Artie knows that monsters are real, what if this new one is really dangerous? He is really worried. |
| 750977 | How to make a pet monster: Hodgepodge Wilkinson, Lili | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760877385 | Artie and new step-sister Willow discover a book of spells to create monsters in their attic. What follows is a combination of experiments (part disaster/part success), leading to monster creation with some new step-sibling bonding along the way. |
| 901550 | How to make a pet monster: Smidgen Wilkinson, Lili & Patrick, Alex (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761067433 | After their last monster creation bonded with the neighbour, Arabella-Rose, the Monster Club are set to try again with full intentions of making a monster for Willow. With the unexpected arrival of new friend Zayn and souffle making mayhem in the kitchen, will Willow get her monster or will an eggstrophy ruin everything? |
| 1124727 | How to measure the ocean Zahri, Inda Ahmad | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761180361 | Can you measure something as big as the ocean? What would you use? A bucket? A tape measure? A cup? What is hidden beneath the ocean? What is the depth? The volume? The area? This book is a mathematical gem for early readers, with vibrant and animated illustrations, which lead the reader to understand very simple mathematical concepts, while exploring the shallows and depth of our vast oceans. A book which will spark curiosity and wonder throughout. |
| 587783 | How to steal a dragon's sword Cowell, Cressida | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2011 | 9781444900941 | Viking Berk heir Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III and his dragon, Toothless are target of dragon rebellion -- filled with the meanest Razorwings, Tonguetwisters, and Vampire Ghouleaths. Only a King can save them, a champion with all of the King's Lost Things. Hiccup will have to outwit a witch, fight his arch-enemy, and beat back an army of bloodthirsty dragons with just one sword. |

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| 8831 | How Tom beat Captain Najork and his hired sportsmen Hoban, Russell | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780099432470 | Fearsome Aunt Fidget Wonkham-Strong is sick of Tom messing around so she organises Captain Najork and his sportsmen to play womble, muck and sneedball. Tom may not be able to defeat these formidable opponents. |
| 903252 | How we came to be: surprising sea creatures Bayly, Sami | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9780734421364 | Come with us on a deep dive through the ocean zones. Meet some of the most unusual creatures from the sea and hear their stories about how they have changed over millions of years to survive in the inky ocean depths. Why is the deepsea flounder as flat as a pancake and why are yeti crabs so hairy? |
| 2160 | How weird is that Evans, Gyan & Dawson, M S (ill) | Museagency | 2008 | 9780646493398 | A book about trying to describe the impossible, the highly improbable and the most likely to be extinct creature, rarely ever seen. |
| 2552 | Howzat Lefroy, Mike & Anelli, Liz | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781922077646 | Kids all over the world play cricket. Follow their game around the globe. |
| 18332 | Hubert Horatio Bartle Bobton-Trent Child, Lauren | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340877890 | A story about a likable child with rich parents who solves their problems when their money runs out. |
| 10125 | Hubert Horatio: How to raise your grown-ups Child, Lauren | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780008264086 | Hubert Horatio Bartle Bobton-Trent is an exceptionally responsible child. Unfortunately, his parents are exceptionally irresponsible. These stories explain how, through lots of wacky adventures, Hubert Horatio had to raise his parents rather than the other way around! |
| 36961 | Hunches in bunches Seuss, Dr | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2005 | 9780007198566 | Join the craziest creatures as they follow hunches in bunches. Ideal for beginning readers with lots of rhyme, rhythm and repetition. |
| 9569 | Hunt, The Oliver, Narelle | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9780850917079 | At twilight, the mother tawny frogmouth owl goes hunting, looking for food for her chicks. Each tasty morsel she spies seems to disappear. A moth looks like the tree bark, a cricket like a curled leaf and you need to look very carefully to find them. |
| 2286 | Hurry up, Alice Mattingley, Christobel & Johnson, Michael (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780141301563 | Alice is a dreamer. Everyone is always hurrying her along but, one day, she comes first by being last. |
| 12495 | Hyram and B Caswell, Brian & Ottley, Matt (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780733614422 | Hyram and B, two bears in a second-hand shop, have lived on The Shelf longer than any of the other toys. They sit quietly, hoping to be bought by the right person. When Catherine buys B, he wonders if he will ever see Hyram again. |
| 27745 | I am Henry Finch Deacon, Alexis & Schwarz, Viviane (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781406357134 | Henry Finch strives for greatness, gets it all a bit wrong, then makes it right again in a very surprising way and truly becomes great. Henry Finch is a total inspiration. |
| 4548 | I am Jazz Herthel, Jessica & Jennings, Jazz & McNicholas, Shelagh (ill) | Dial Books (Penguin) | 2014 | 9780803741072 | Jazz always knew she was different from other kids. She had a girl's brain and a boy's body. This is her story. Based on the real-life experience of co-author, Jazz Jennings. |

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| 642931 | I am so clever Ramos, Mario | Gecko Press | 2019 | 9781776572496 | One glorious day the wolf meets Red Riding Hood strolling through the woods. She looks a clever girl, but the wolf knows who is the cleverest. He has a plan to outwit her. But this little girl is not so easily duped. And the wolf finds unexpected hazards in wearing a frilly petticoat in the deep dark woods. |
| 5610 | I don't like poetry Seigal, Andrew & Piascik, Chris (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781472930033 | A collection of funny, weird and wacky poems especially for children who think they do not like poetry. There are poems about zombies, dogs, haircuts and grandpas beard, to list just a few. with many more to keep you laughing and rhyming throughout this collection. A fun way to enjoy poetry and learn about language without ever really having to admit it. |
| 1023733 | I don't want to read this book Greenfield, Max & Lowery, Mike (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9780593326060 | Why would I want to read this book? Words, sentences, and even worse, paragraphs fill up books. Ugh! So what's a reluctant reader to do? Actor Max Greenfield (New Girl) and New York Times bestselling illustrator Mike Lowery bring the energy and laugh-out-loud fun out for every child (and parent) who thinks they don't want to read a book. Joining the ranks of favorites like The Book With No Pictures and The Serious Goose, this clever and playful read-aloud breaks the fourth wall and will have all readers coming back for laughs again and again! |
| 8822 | I is for Israel Bar-Hillel, Gili & Das, Prodeepta (photo) | Frances Lincoln | 2016 | 9781847807083 | Through the letters of the alphabet, from A for Ahalan (hello, welcome) to D for the Dead Sea to S is for Shuk (market), this is a celebration of Israel, in all its diversity. Find out about Israel's rich heritage, its families and modern-day life. |
| 1186 | I love footy Zurbo, Matt | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781922081179 | When I touch a footy, I feel as big as a giant. When I run with a footy, it's like I'm as fast as a lion. I love footy. |
| 2307 | I want a pet Child, Lauren | Frances Lincoln | 2000 | 9780711213395 | I really want a pet, an octopus or even a boa constrictor. The trouble is, my family aren't keen on any of them. So I must try and find a pet that none of them will mind. |
| 12473 | I will not ever never eat a tomato Child, Lauren | Orchard Books | 2001 | 9781841216027 | Lola is a very fussy eater. She thinks that carrots are for rabbits and peas are too small and too green. Lola's older brother, Charlie, has a clever idea to get Lola to eat her vegetables. |
| 785438 | I would dangle the moon Moffatt, Amber | MidnightSun Publishing | 2019 | 9781925227529 | Have you ever wondered what you would do if you could reach up and pluck the moon from the sky? There are so many possibilities in life. This story explores how many options are available from just one simple thought. |

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| 1766 | Ice, wind, rock Gouldthorpe, Peter | Lothian Books | 2013 | 9780734411556 | Douglas Mawson is a true Australian hero, and one of the great Antarctic explorers. He was the first man to reach the South Magnetic Pole, and led Australia's first Antarctic expedition. This is a story of adventure and survival, as Mawson faces enormous challenges and triumphs. |
| 10905 | Ida, always Levis, Caron & Santoso, Charles | Koala Books | 2017 | 9781742761909 | Gus lives in a big park in the middle of an even bigger city, and he spends his days with Ida. Ida is right there. Always. Then one sad day, Gus learns that Ida is very sick, and she isn't going to get better. The friends help each other face the difficult news with whispers, sniffles, cuddles, and even laughs. Slowly Gus realises that even after Ida is gone, she will still be with him- through the sounds of their city, and the memories that live in their favourite spots. |
| 12442 | If bees rode shiny bicycles Taylor, Michelle | University of Queensland Press | 2003 | 9780702233821 | A book of whimsical poems for children. |
| 603351 | If I were a zombie Inglis, Kate & Orchard, Eric (ill) | Nimbus Publishing LTD | 2019 | 9781771083560 | This hilarious picture book written by award-nominated Kate Inglis features two children trying to outdo one another in imagining what they could do if only they were a zombie, a ninja or a robot. With outrageously entertaining rhyming text and brilliant illustrations from artist Eric Orchard, this is sure to be a favourite with readers of all ages. |
| 18543 | If the shoe fits Bell, Krista & Smith, Craig (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780734408471 | Cassie loves to dance and dreams of becoming a famous dancer. Problem is, she's terrified of dancing in front of people. Open Day at her dance school looks like being the worst day ever but there are some surprises in store for Cassie. |
| 903350 | If the world were 100 animals Smith, Miranda & Cushley, Aaron (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780008524371 | What if the world were 100 animals? There are more than 20 billion, billion known animals all over the world. That is far too many to imagine them all together! Instead let's imagine 100 animals at a time. If there were 100 mammals in the wild, where would they live? If their were only 100 pets in the world, what would they be? This though provoking book reveals how varied the animals on our planet are, and it also highlights the problems they face. It's clear there won't be many left if we don't act now to help them to survive. But together we can find ways that will make a difference. |

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| 6056 | Iguana boy: Saves the world with a triple cheese pizza Bishop, James & Parekh, Rikin (ill) | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781444939347 | In a world when every kid develops a super power Dylan is anxiously waiting for his. Dylan's brother and sister have really awesome superpowers and sometimes use these on him. But when Dylan's superpower finally reveals itself he can't possibly admit that he can talk to iguanas. How can that superpower make a difference in the world? And he can only imagine how his brother and sister will react when they hear about it. But the world is not only made up of super heroes but also Supervillains. The superheroes have underestimated Celina Shufflebottom who has decided to use her superpower for evil instead of good. Her master plan is to kidnap all of the superheroes in London. Can Iguana Boy, Dylan, save the day? And what has a triple cheese pizza got to do with it? There is only one way to find out!!! |
| 6057 | Iguana boy: Vs the 30 second thief! Bishop, James & Parekh, Rikin (ill) | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781444939408 | He might have the lamest superpower ever but Dylan, AKA Iguana Boy, has proven himself worthy enough to be accepted into the superhero collective. Dylan is excited and his iguanas are hyper. Recipe for success, RIGHT? Iguana Boy and his team of iguanas eagerly await their orders to SAVE THE WORLD. But CEO of the Superhero Collective Ron Strongman doesn't have time for lowly superheroes. Dylan will have to find his own way to get to the top, or else he will be saving silly cats from trees FOREVER. When a new villain is causing chaos across London, Dylan can't believe his luck... this is his chance. Iguana Boy WILL bring Outatime Bandit to justice, in 30 seconds or less! |
| 2862 | Illustrated stories from India Baer, Sam (retell) & Firth, Rachel (retell) & Klauss, Anja (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2016 | 9781409596714 | This collection of short stories from India contains fearsome tigers, greedy elephants, stories of trickery and cunning, mighty gods and goddesses, and even a dancing goat. |
| 14325 | Ilsa's journey Wormald, Kimberley & Mortimore, Rosamund (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2006 | 9781921136986 | Ilsa and Alyssa are inseparable. Ilsa is a small labradoodle who is destined to be a guide dog. Alyssa is a young girl who is responsible for the first stage of Ilsa's training. In the end, Ilsa becomes a successful guide dog to the blind Connor but she still retains her affection for her old friend, Alyssa. |
| 40322 | Imagine a city Hurst, Elise | Omnibus Books | 2014 | 9781742990095 | Imagine a city where the world is your teacher and anything is possible. |
| 18328 | Imagine a day Thomson, Sarah L & Gonsalves, Rob (ill) | | 2005 | 9780689852190 | Beautiful illustrations that allow imagination to take the reader into new realms. |
| 18342 | Imagine a night Thomson, Sarah L & Gonsalves, Rob (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2003 | 9780689852183 | Stunningly imaginative paintings inspire imaginative readers. |

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| 2325 | Imp Baillie, Allan | Penguin | 2002 | 9780141314167 | Brian and his parents move into a spooky house, whose previous owner was obviously a witch, and, soon, strange things start to happen. After a frightening encounter in the cellar, Brian's cap manages to catch the culprit. |
| 86626 | Important things, The Carnavas, Peter | New Frontier Publishing | 2010 | 9781921042287 | Christopher and his mother live by themselves. In a clean-up, Christopher's mother packs up his father's things and takes them to the second-hand store. Mysteriously, the things reappear in their home. A sensitive look at the different ways of coping with the loss of a parent/spouse. |
| 6666 | In Flanders Fields Jorgensen, Norman & Harrison-Lever, Brian (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2002 | 9781863683692 | In Flanders fields, a young homesick World War I soldier risks his life to cross no-man's land and rescue a robin caught in the barbed wire. He hears the soldiers on the other side singing Christmas carols. |
| 2328 | In my backyard Hilton, Nette | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734401854 | Inner city life can be great with all the dazzling lights, noises, shapes and sounds. Fantastic pictures of the city. |
| 94273 | In the bush Anderson, L & Blackmore, E (adapt) & Kennedy, R (ill) | Indij Readers | 2003 | 9780975064030 | This simple text lists common animals and birds of the Australian bush, followed by the same text presented as a play. |
| 18343 | In the bush, our holiday at Wombat Flat Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741750843 | The family is on holidays at Wombat Flat where they enjoy a range of bushland holiday activities. |
| 78356 | In the city: our scrapbook of souvenirs Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741144130 | Penny's and Henry's accounts of their holiday in the big city is crammed full of Roland Harvey's quirky artwork and some interesting facts. Lots to find and discuss as each double page spread reveals what looks like a three dimensional map. |
| 641372 | In the shadow of an elephant Donaghey, Georgie & Severgnini, Sandra (ill) | Little Pink Dog Books | 2019 | 9780648256311 | One terrible night the ground rumbled and dark shapes appeared in the distance. A cracking sound tore through the air. Lualani's life was changed forever. 'Don't be afraid. I will look after you.' Jabari reached out his hand. A life-long friendship set on the edge of the African Savanna. |
| 9525 | In your dreams Morgan, Sally & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2003 | 9781863682015 | Susie is searching for the meanings behind her dreams and Gran, in her wisdom, gently guides her in the right direction, emphasising the importance of Aboriginal kinship. |
| 3783 | Incredible freedom machines, The Saunders, Kirli and Ottley, Matt (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781760275228 | Ever since she heard about them, a young girl has dreamt of having her very own incredible freedom machine - a machine that will allow her to break boundaries, explore the world and learn more about herself than she could have dreamed possible. It seems, however, the machines are not so easy to come by. Will she have the patience and perseverance to find her very own freedom machine? |
| 18530 | India the showstopper Argent, Kerry | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781865085968 | India is the star of the circus until Oswaldo the Magnificent comes in to change the style of the show. She falls from grace and becomes very naughty but learns the value of friends. |

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| 12774 | Insects Claybourne, Anna | Raintree | 2003 | 9781410900777 | Find out how the great diving beetle does it, the biggest insect in the world, where the louse loves to live and why African termites need a lot of spit. The reader can find all this information and more from this book. |
| 8104 | Instant tan, The Harlen, Jonathan & Jellet, Tom | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734409553 | Blake is jealous of his friend's tan. He decides to tan himself with a liquid he finds in Dad's garage. At first, Blake is happy with the result. |
| 1019713 | Interdimensional explorers Gregory, Lorraine & Lindley, Jo (ill) | Farshore | 2023 | 9780008508234 | Nothing exciting ever happens on eleven-year-old Danny's estate. That is until he falls through a locker in his grandad's workshop and finds himself in an Interdimensional Lost Property Office. Now Danny, best mate Modge and annoying cousin Inaaya find themselves whizzing around space returning lost treasures to inhabitants of far flung dimensions. But when they uncover a plot to destroy the entire multiverse, it looks like they may never make it back home. |
| 15401 | Irving the magician Riddle, Tohby | Penguin | 2005 | 9780670896493 | Irving finds a book in his aunt's apartment and wants to become a magician. He ends up creating a lot of magic. Illustrations move from dusty, sad tones to more vibrant, magical colours. |
| 871574 | Is there anyone better than Henrietta? Murray, Martine | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761067181 | Henrietta has a baby brother, two white mice, a chocolate coloured dog, a woolly mammoth, two long green socks with toes, one pickle eating best friend, a bathtub for sailing in and definitely a huge amount of discoveries to discover. If anyone tells you she make things up, you better believe them. |
| 8587 | Isabella's Garden Millard, Glenda & Cool, Rebecca (ill) | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150333 | From little things big things grow - look what happens to Isabella's garden with just the planting of one seed. |
| 13663 | Isador Brown's strangest adventure of all Dubosarsky, Ursula | Penguin | 2003 | 9780141309279 | Isador Brown's friend, Julie, is trying to find her lost parents and has many adventures along the way. |
| 29065 | Ish Reynolds, Peter H | Candlewick Press | 2004 | 9780763623449 | Drawing is what Ramon does. It's what makes him happy. But, in one split second, all that is changed. A single, reckless remark by his older brother, Leon, turns Ramon's once carefree expressions into joyless struggles. Luckily for Ramon, his younger sister, Marisol, sees the world differently. She opens his eyes to something far more valuable than getting things just right. |
| 18562 | Island, The Heffernan, John & Sheehan, Peter, (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865048130 | No-one in the tribe on an island of hard-working folk can see the beauty around them, until a blind boy makes them see. |
| 2350 | Islands in my garden Howes, Jim & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Penguin | 2002 | 9780143500520 | Come look in our backyard and meet the strange creatures. If you are careful you will see a place full of surprises. |

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| 41501 | It all starts with a seed: how food grows Bone, Emily & Elford, Sally (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474922456 | Did you know that some food needs the wind to grow? And some food grows in the dark? What food grows in water? And which nut isn't a nut at all, but a type of bean that grows underground? Find out the answers to these quirky questions and lots more about how all kinds of food grows in this awesome book! |
| 864751 | It fell from the sky Fan, Terry and Eric | Murdoch Books Australia | 2022 | 9780711270657 | A beautiful orb drops from the sky and sets all the insects in the garden to wonder. They begin to come up with ideas on what the object is and from where it came. When the crafty spider thinks he can use this wonderful object to his own benefit, he learns a valuable lesson. |
| 5682 | It might be an apple Yoshitake, Shinsuke | Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780500650486 | Follow a child's hilarious, wildly inventive train of thought through all the things an apple might be if it is not, in fact, an apple. Distrusting the apple's convincing appearance, the child's imagination spirals upwards and outwards into a magical, fantasy world. |
| 15504 | It wasn't me Bond, Michael & Stewart, Joel (ill) | Corgi Books | 2016 | 9780552573139 | Imagine swallowing a computer chip and becoming a living computer. Imagine almost burning down your school. Imagine being Harry Manners. He is a very unusual boy. His family don't understand him and his teachers wish he would stop daydreaming. But, Harry thinks he's doing just fine, as long as he has a stash of Max Masters comics to read and his imaginary pet pig, Monty, to take for a walk. |
| 18146 | It's a book Smith, Lane | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781921720147 | Monkey is reading a book but his friend wants to know what the book can do. It doesn't have a mouse or make loud noises like his computer. He wonders how you make the characters fight. |
| 4929 | It's a jungle in here Wide, Steve & Mackintosh, Michelle (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2009 | 9781921136429 | Only at Jimmy's house will you find a hippo in the bath and a monkey in the lounge room. |
| | Jack Russell, dog detective series Odgers, Darrel & Sally & Dawson, Janine (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | Jack Stalwart, secret agent series Singer Hunt, Elizabeth & Williamson, Brian (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 16767 | Jack's little party Graham, Bob | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406306644 | Jack's Mum isn't like other Mums and sometimes he feels embarrassed. But, when Jack brings his friend, Sam, home, Jack realises that being different can be fun. |
| 640254 | Jaclyn Hyde Bondor-Stone, Annabeth & White, Connor | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2019 | 9780062954626 | Jaclyn Hyde is always juggling a million different things. She always insists that everything is 100% absolutely perfect. But on one fateful Tuesday, all of her perfectly laid plans fall apart when she finds some 'Perfection Potion' in a dark and dusty laboratory and drinks it. The funny events that follow are similar to the classic story of 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Being 'perfect' will never be the same again. |
| | Jake and Pete series Rubinstein, Gillian | | | | 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. |
| | Jake series Spillman, Ken & Nixon, Chris (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 2373 | Jaleesa the emu Kerr, Nola & Brindle, Susannah & Charles, Craig (ill) | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141306315 | Jaleesa thinks something is waiting for her in the mysterious land at the back of her great-grandmother's house. This story within a story involves the spirits of the animals, and in particular, the emu. |
| 2374 | James and the giant peach Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2001 | 9780141311357 | James's aunts, Spiker and Sponge, are always calling him names. They beat him and starve him and make his life a misery. If only his parents hadn't been eaten by an angry rhinoceros. Then, one day, he begins the adventure of his dreams. |

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| 23258 | Jamie and Angus together Fine, Anne & Dale, Penny (ill) | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406313321 | Once best friends, always best friends. That's the way it is with Jamie and his toy Highland bull, Angus. In this collection of six stories, the pair tackles a lively playmate, get muddled by a pretend game and discover that playing isn't fun unless they are doing it together. |
| 7319 | Jamie Spy and the great cookie mystery Miesen, Christina | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143305149 | Mrs Spy's freshly baked cookies have gone and only crumbs are left behind. Secret agent, Jamie, is on a mission to see who has eaten them all. |
| 45508 | Jane and the magician Baynton, Martin | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406305289 | The king has foolishly banished his magician for not making a rain spell. The magician proves him wrong but, of course, he doesn't know when to stop. Jane and her dragon must sort out the problem but those rain clouds can be persistent. |
| 32246 | Jasper & Abby and the great Australia Day kerfuffle Rudd, Kevin & Muldoon, Rhys & Zapel, Carla (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781742373294 | It was a special day at the Prime Minister's Lodge. There was going to be a big party with people and yummy food from around Australia. Abby the dog and Jasper the cat were there. And, so was a scruffy, little dog, who promised to be on his best behaviour. |
| 992542 | Jawsome Timmis, R.J. | Albert Street Books | 2023 | 9781761068591 | By day, Finley and his bandmates are ordinary shark kids. But by night, they are secretly the super-famous rock band JAWSOME! But not everything is cruisy. Can JAWSOME get to the bottom of an ocean of shady shark-nanigans while keeping their secret identities watertight? With fabulous illustrations on every page, non-stop adventure and lots of laughs, Jawsome is perfect for emerging readers (and shark enthusiasts of all ages). |
| 1023608 | Jawsome: Licence to rock Timmis, R.J | Albert Street Books | 2024 | 9781761068607 | Finley, Hunter, Gilleon and Gnash are busy juggling their double lives as ordinary school sharks and as members of the sensational rock band, JAWSOME! But they soon find themselves deep in a sea of suspicious shark-nanigans. From stopping evil A.B.B.A. agents to unmasking a strange new band, JAWSOME will need to use all their rockstar skills to save Chumville. |
| 660661 | Jelly-boy Godwin, Nicole & Nielsen, Christopher (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651237 | Jellyfish has fallen for a different sort of boy. Her Jelly-Boy might seem big and strong and a good listener, but everyone else knows it's a plastic bag and that plastic bags do not belong in the sea. Jellyfish must learn the dangerous truth of her new friend. |
| 15119 | Jeremiah in the dark woods Ahlberg, Janet & Allan | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1999 | 9780141304960 | An adventure in the dark woods leads Jeremiah to meet many familiar characters from popular fairy tales. |

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| 66990 | Jerry Dubosarsky, Ursula & Mullins, Patricia (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780143303022 | Jerry, the big white horse that lives in a field near Martha's school, is old and cranky, and doesn't like being patted. But, in her dreams, Martha sees him quite differently. |
| 3151 | Jesse the elephant Allen, Scott & Nadin, Judy (ill) | Standard Publishing House | 2009 | 9781921638138 | Jesse, the elephant, must move from her temporary home in Moore Park to her permanent residence, an Indian palace, at the new Taronga Park Zoo. It is not easy moving an elephant, particularly with beautiful Sydney harbour in the way and especially before the Sydney Harbour Bridge was built. Perhaps, Ernest, the little tugboat, and his friend, Lindsay the punt ferry, can help. |
| | Jigsaw Jones series Various | | | | 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. |
| 14877 | Jim and the beanstalk Briggs, Raymond | Penguin Putnam | 1997 | 9780698115774 | Jim is now climbing the beanstalk, not Jack. He befriends the giant who is too old and sad to eat him. |
| 639330 | Jinxed!: The curious curse of Cora Bell McRitchie, Rebecca & O'Connor, Sharon (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2019 | 9781460757642 | Cora is eleven years old and missing one eye. She lives with an elderly lady named Dot in a room hidden behind a wall. In a crowded, industrial city, where everyone looks out for themselves, Cora and Dot hunt and sell rare and exotic things - apple seeds, silver forks, shoe polish. Until one day, Cora finds a few words scribbled on a piece of paper. She takes it home and says the words aloud. Then two plump, hairy fairies named Tick and Tock crash land in her path to warn her that she is in terrible danger. Cora has unknowingly summoned a sinister creature known as a Jinx. Jinxes eat magical beings and once they have a scent, they never forget it. But Cora isn't a magical being... is she? Quickly, Cora is thrown headfirst into a world filled with magic, necromancers, shape-shifters, enchantresses, fairies, nightwalkers, witches and giants. |
| 38880 | Joe's boat Caisley, Raewyn & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143304500 | Joe loves everything about the old house by the sea. But, most of all, he loves the little yellow boat that used to belong to Great-Uncle Alan. Joe can't wait to go fishing. |
| 9574 | John Brown, Rose and the midnight cat Wagner, Jenny & Brooks, Ron (ill) | Penguin | 1988 | 9780140503067 | John Brown is a big shaggy dog who loves Rose very much. Can John Brown cope with Rose's care for the outsider cat? A story about the possessiveness of love and letting go. |
| 9434 | John Eales: rugby facts and fun for kids Eales, John & Batchelor, Lindy | ABC Books | 2003 | 9780733312496 | Rugby activity book for young rugby fans is jam-packed with rugby facts galore, heaps of quizzes, games and word puzzles and engrossing information about the 2003 Rugby World Cup. |

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| 2383 | Joke machine. The McCall Smith, Alexander | Bloomsbury | 2006 | 9780747580508 | Jeffrey works in a junk shop on Saturdays. He finds a mysterious machine which, when he figures out how to make it work, turns out to be an hilarious joke-producing machine. |
| 17492 | Jolly Roger and the pirates of Captain Abdul McNaughton, Colin | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844286010 | Roger is kidnapped by pirates and is very happy about it. The pirates leave the boat to pay Roger's mum an unfriendly visit and when they don't return, it's up to Roger to rescue the pirates from his mum. |
| 9470 | Journey to the stars Clark, Stuart | Oxford University Press | 2000 | 9780199105762 | An eye-catching presentation of currently accepted understandings about the various entities which make up the universe. |
| 15100 | Jubela Kessler, Cristina & McAllister Stammen, JoEllen (ill) | Aladdin Publishing | 2004 | 9780689818950 | Based on a true story from Swaziland. After its mother is shot by poachers, a baby rhino must face the world on its own. The baby survives when it is adopted by an older female rhinoceros. |
| 1733 | Judy Moody & Stink: the holly joliday McDonald, Megan & Reynolds, Peter H. (Ill) | | 2008 | 9780763641139 | Judy Moody is making a list and checking it twice, but all her brother, Stink, wants this year is snow. It has not snowed on Christmas in Virginia in more than a hundred years, however, so what are the chances that that will change? Enter the new mailman, Mr. Jack Frost, who not only looks like a jolly old elf but also seems to know a lot about weather patterns, has a fondness for the cold, and works looooooong hours during the holiday season. Plus it is the best time of the year, when strange packages and lots of surprises are swirling around, so it might be possible that Stink might get his wish? |
| | Judy Moody series Various | | | | 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. |
| 751216 | Julian at the wedding Love, Jessica | Candlewick Press | 2020 | 9781536212389 | Julian and his abuela are going to a wedding. Better yet, Julian is in the wedding. Weddings have flowers and kissing and dancing and cake. And this wedding also has a new friend named Marisol. It's not long before Julian and Marisol set off for some magic and mischief of their own, and when things take an unexpected turn, the pair learns that everything is easier with a good friend by your side. |

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| 21203 | Julian is a mermaid Love, Jessica | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406380637 | While riding the subway home with his Nana one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train carriage. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Nana think about the mess he makes - and even more importantly - what will she think about how Julian sees himself? |
| | Juliet nearly a vet series Johnson, Rebecca & May, Kyla (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 1209884 | Jungle escape Luff, Nathan | Walker Books | 2025 | 9781760659257 | When Branson's parents announce a ski trip to Aspen, he's thrilled - until he learns he won't be going with them. Instead, Branson is being sent to an exclusive retreat in the Daintree Rainforest that promises poolside luxury, cuisine classes, and lessons in interior decoration. Not his idea of a holiday. But, when they arrive at the resort, Branson and the other kids learn they've been duped! The building is in ruins, the bathroom's covered in slime, and the pool is empty. It turns out the owners have lured the kids to Jungle Escape to work as free labour and restore the resort. Branson and his new friends need to find a way out of this hell hole and the Daintree Rainforest. Will they be able to escape this jungle, or will they end up as cassowary - or crocodile - lunch? |
| 1209722 | Junkyard fairies: Dig deep Wyatt, Edwina & O'Hara, Lauren (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760657048 | Fur, Tup and Nug are not your average fairies: they live at the bottom of the junkyard, and are messy, bossy, and not at all fond of vegetables. Join them on their adventures as they make magic and transform trash into treasure. |
| 660555 | Juno Jones, Word Ninja Gordon, Kate & Flett, Sandy (ill) | Yellow Brick Books | 2019 | 9780994557094 | Juno Jones loves her school, but the men in suits want to close it down. There is only one way to save it READ! But Juno hates reading, to save her school Juno Jones will need to become a word ninja! |

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| 2448 | Just another ordinary day Clement, Rod | HarperCollins Australia | 1997 | 9780207188398 | On an ordinary day for Amanda, but far from ordinary for the reader, the dinner table is on fire because the curry is too hot, the steps to her room are up a cliff, her pet cat is a lion and a tentacled, three-eyed girl is telling her news at school. |
| 9572 | Just dragon Stafford, Liliana & Power, Margaret | University of Western Australia Press | 2000 | 9781876268022 | The special relationship between a grandfather and granddaughter that includes kite flying, fishing, tales of a wooden boat with a dragon prow and a love of the sea. |
| 873255 | Just one bee Lamond, Margrete & Bertini, Anthony & Nielsen, Christopher (ill) | Dirt Lane Press | 2021 | 9780648899655 | All it takes is the will to make dreams come true. JUST ONE BEE is a story of hope, determination and never giving up: the story of One-bee and her dream to revert desolate wastes back to fields of flowers. But to change a desert to meadowland she needs to go it alone because when she comes across another bee, she discovers not only is he hoarding a single precious flower and a queen bee, but he refuses to believe positive change is possible. Other-bee does all he can to quash One-bee's dream. But One-bee's persistence, patience and optimism eventually prove Other-bee wrong, and she shows him how dreams can come true. |
| 36493 | Just one more Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill) | Gecko Press | 2011 | 9781877467868 | If you've ever wanted to know how to make a grumpysaurus happy or whether an ex-pirate can still drive the bus without his lucky feather, then you'll be able to answer these questions. Begin to read this book and one imaginative story just won't be enough. You'll want to read just one more. |
| 1048 | Just the right size: why big animals are big and little animals are little Davies, Nicola & Layton, Neal (ill) | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406304930 | Find out why there are no high-flying, wall-climbing, tall-building-leaping superheroes in real life. Find out what keeps big animals from engaging in astonishing feats of strength and agility, and yet why being tiny and all-powerful might have a downside. Discover the amazing true rules that control what bodies can and can't do. |
| 5621 | Just you wait De Kantzow, Megan & Smith, Craig (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781962915236 | Prince Roderick pulls a ribbon from Eleanor's hair on the first day of school and informs her that she has to do as he says. A fairytale with a difference and a humorous resolution to bullying. |
| 23500 | Kakieland katastrofe: Hotel Transylvania graphic novel Petrucha, Stefan & Gladfelter, Allen (ill) | Papercutz | 2017 | 9781629918082 | Greedy theme-park owner and neighbour, Stephen Cling is spreading rumors about monsters and destroying the reputation of Hotel Transylvania. Winning the trust of guests and saving the Hotel is a challenge these monsters will have to tackle. A story featuring the characters from Hotel Transylvania. |

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| 12895 | Kangaroo who couldn't stop, The Cox, Robert & Robins, Jim (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734406583 | Poor little Keith has a problem. Ever since he found his hop, he just can't stop. Keith's mother takes him to see Dr Leapyear who decides to try hop-nosis. Keith may never be able to stop his hopping. |
| 2465 | Karate star Caisley, Raewyn & Curtis, Neil (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780091838966 | This book is a mixture of karate, Hollywood and sorting out sibling differences. |
| 15033 | Kate, the cat and the moon Almond, David & Lambert, Stephen (ill) | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2004 | 9780340773864 | Kate wakes in the night to the sound of miaowing. Rising from her bed, she finds herself gradually and magically transformed into a cat. She joins other cats to go out into the night. |
| 774462 | Katha chest, The Chowdhury, Radhiah & Naidu, Lavanya (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760524326 | Six-year-old Asiya loves to go to Nanu's house. Best among all of Nanu's treasures is the big old chest filled with quilts that tell the stories of the women in Asiya's family. With gorgeous, fresh and beautifully colourful illustrations inspired by Bangladeshi katha quilts and traditional West Bengali pattachitra panel illustrations, The Katha Chest is a beautifully woven tale about the bonds of love, culture and memory. |
| | Keeper of the crystals series Black, Jess & Hulme, Celeste (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 2196 | Kelsey and the quest of the porcelain doll Hawke, Rosanne | University of Queensland Press | 2014 | 9780702253317 | Kelsey is in Pakistan and wants to go home. Mum and dad are busy helping flood victims and she misses her friends and her Nanna Rose. They talk via Skype but it's not the same. It makes Kelsey feel better when Nanna agrees to create a story just for her about a porcelain doll. Meanwhile, Kelsey is experiencing some unexpected adventures of her own in flooded Pakistan. |
| 129372 | Kestrel Svendsen, Mark & Woolman, Steven & Peterson, Laura (ill) | Lothian Books | 2006 | 9780734404909 | A boy gains some of his grandfather's wisdom as they work together to fulfil a dream. A poetic story of boat-building with intriguing illustrations that use interesting elements of design. |
| 16716 | Kev and Borax Orman, Lorraine & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143301431 | David is being bullied and he has had enough. When he wishes for a fairy godfather to help him, he gets Kev and Borax, who are not quite what he was expecting. David ends up solving his problems himself after surviving some dubious help. |

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| 32306 | Kicking goals with Goodesy and Magic Heiss, Anita & Goodes, Adam & O'Loughlin, Michael | Black Ink Press | 2016 | 9781863958530 | Australian Football League (AFL) legends, Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin, are blood brothers and great mates. They are also two of the best footballers ever to play for the Sydney Swans. Between them, they played over six hundred and fifty games, and kicked over nine hundred goals. Find out what Goodesy and Magic were like when they were kids, what kind of scrapes they got into at school, and what it was like to go from being normal teenagers to AFL superstars. |
| 9469 | Killer plants and how to grow them Cheers, Gordon | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140548013 | A fun approach to an unusual type of gardening. With attention to accuracy and detail, the book tells how plants trap their prey and how to grow carnivorous plants at home. |
| 1209703 | Kimberley kickers: Jy goes for gold Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Farrar, Jy & Campbell, Samantha (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2024 | 9781460765074 | A glimpse into the journey of Jy Farrar from a kid in outback Halls Creek to a professional Aussie Rules footy player. Learn about his upbringing, his experiences in boarding school, his relationship with his family, and his enduring love of footy. |
| 1019731 | Kimmi: Queen of the dingoes Parrett, Favel & Hicks, Astred (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2023 | 9780734422057 | Kimmi is part of an amazing dingo family, who care for one another. This family life becomes endangered when a farmer threatens them, and the family is torn apart. Kimmi's mother runs for days to find Kimmi again and share her knowledge that will one day make Kimmi queen of the dingoes. This is Kimmi's story. |
| 4242 | King and the sea, The Janisch, Heinz & Erlbruch, Wolf (ill) | Gecko Press | 2015 | 9781927271803 | A collection of very short but profound stories about a little king in a big world. His endeavours meet with varying degrees of success. The little king has much to learn and nature has much to teach him. Some lessons are droll, funny and ironic but all are profound. |
| 16682 | King and the seed, The Maddern, Eric & Hess, Paul (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847802071 | King Karnak is worried. He's getting old and has no heir to the throne. So, he decides to hold a rather unusual competition to find the next king. Knights and nobles flock to the palace, expecting to fight, but the king gives each of them a tiny seed to grow. Jack, the farmer's son, has come to watch and he takes a seed too. |
| 17026 | King Arthur and the mighty contest (Crazy Camelot capers) Mitton, Tony & Robins, Arthur (ill) | Orchard Books | 2004 | 9781841217147 | A rhyming language book which portrays, in simple terms, the story of King Arthur. |
| 647148 | King Leonard's teddy Swan, Phoebe | Child's Play International Ltd | 2019 | 9781786281838 | King Leonard is so rich that he can buy whatever he wants. Anything old or broken is thrown onto the growing pile of rubbish outside his castle. But one day something breaks that can't be replaced. And what's worse, King Leonard can't find anyone who knows how to fix it. |
| 15105 | King o' the cats Shepard, Aaron & Sorra, Kristin (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2004 | 9781689820820 | No-one believes Peter's wild stories about the odd cats in town. He is determined to find out what is going on. |

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| 1075166 | King of the world, The Clanton, Ben | Farshore | 2024 | 9780008646578 | Rot is ready for another adventure and this time he's going "Spudlunking!" But while Rot is excited to dig through the muck for treasure, all his friends seem to be more interested in their own plans. When Rot uncovers a shiny old crown, he's sure it'll change their minds. And it does... in a most unexpected way. When Rot wears it he feels powerful... He feels invincible... He feels like... the King of the World! And everyone has to do what the king says. But when Rot realizes he's the only one having fun in his kingdom, suddenly he wonders whether he might have let the crown go to his head... |
| 17499 | King's shopping, The Crebbin, June & Johnson Cadwell, Warwick (ill) | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844280902 | The King was at his counting house, counting his money. The Queen and the maid were going about their business too. Three stories based around the nursery rhyme, 'Sing a Song of Sixpence'. |
| 9498 | Kingdom of the sun: a book of the planets Mitton, Jacqueline & Balit, Christina | Koala Books | 2001 | 9780864613639 | A colourful picture book that introduces the world of the planets with a useful facts section at the end of the book. |
| 9385 | Kingfisher book of fairy tales, The French, Vivian | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744568974 | The classic fairytales retold using modern, colloquial language that is descriptive and interesting. |
| | Kingfisher young knowledge series Various | | | | 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. |
| 5615 | Kintaro's Adventures and other Japanese children's favourite stories Sakade, Florence & Hayashi, Yoshio (ill) | Tuttle Publishing | 2008 | 9780804850568 | Welcome to a fantastic world populated by singing turtles, boys who wrestle wolves, and a host of other beloved characters who have lived on for centuries in the traditional tales of Japan. Drawn from Japanese folklore passed down from generation to generation, the six enchanting stories collected in this volume have been lovingly retold for today's readers. Vibrantly illustrated and full of thrilling adventures, funny discoveries, and important lessons, they're sure to become story time favourites. |

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| 1019689 | Kip of the mountain Gourlay, Emma | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9781922033093 | Kip is desperate for a best friend. She has difficulty at school with bullies and the teacher is not too nice either. She gets 'gifted' a kitten like creature and names his Buffel. She loves him and will do anything for him. Buffel listens to Kip, which isn't something she gets a lot of. So, when Buffel gets kidnapped, Kip will do anything to get him back. Kip will have to use all her ingenuity and bravery to get Buffel home. Luckily she has made a new class friend, who helps her on the rescue mission. This story is an action-adventurous mystery, with a touch of magic, taking the reader from the mountains to the sea. Kip's unique and believable voice provides a solid scaffold for this zany world where armadillos can become car wheels, and squirrels do their own ironing. |
| | Kitten club series Mongredien, Sue | | | | 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. |
| 720725 | Kitty is not a cat: lights out! Black, Jess | Hachette Australia | 2020 | 9780734419750 | Some children hate going to bed, not Kitty. Kitty falls asleep every night curled up snug in a bed box. That is until one spooky night when the night-light goes out. |
| | Knights' tales series Deary, Terry & Flook, Helen (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9388 | Knock, knock, who's there Impey, Rose | Orchard Books | 2000 | 9781860399688 | Little Frisky Mouse finds room for everyone in his house until Rumbling-Bumbling Bear comes along. Someone has stolen Hare's house and Hare can't find anyone to help him get it back. A children's classic. |
| 17164 | Koala sees the world Winch, Gordon & Oliver, Tony (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2003 | 9780958146364 | Koala really wants to see the world and asks her friends where it is. Koala doesn't know if the world is Wombat's dark and gloomy burrow or the dangerous worlds of Crocodile, Python or maybe, of Man. |
| 21919 | Koalas Norman, Mark | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031309 | Koalas may look cute and cuddly but lots of things about them are strange. They have two thumbs per hand, they rarely need to drink water and can survive on poisonous leaves. |

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| 751029 | Kookaburra Saxby, Claire & Harricks, Tannya (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651060 | Kookaburra, her mate, and three children spend the day hunting for food, protecting their territory, and preparing for another nesting season. Spend the day learning about some of the habits of the laughing kookaburra and enjoying the beautiful oil paintings of life by the river. |
| 43417 | Kraken snores, The Landman, Tanya & Collins, Ross (ill) | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406307061 | The kraken, a giant squid from Norse mythology, is extremely tired and has swum from the warm waters of Bermuda to the colder waters of Britain for a long sleep. But, if it falls asleep beneath the British Isles, the bubbles from its snoring will thin the water and Britain and Europe will sink. Zeus needs William's help to wake the kraken before Europe disappears below the waves. |
| 9544 | Kuia and the spider, The Grace, Patricia | Penguin NZ | 1983 | 9780140503876 | In the corner of Kuia's kitchen lives a spider who makes webs while Kuia makes baskets and mats. They set out to prove which one is the best at weaving by letting the grandchildren decide. |
| | Kumiko series Stewart, Briony | | | | 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. |
| 1209732 | Kung fu roo: Enter the roo Do, Anh & Ley, Jeremy (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761069918 | Kai, Harry and Charley are best friends. They do everything together including entering the town's Kung Fu competition. They dream of using their kung fu skills to save the world. But disaster strikes when a train they were travelling in gets hit by a meteor. Strange things start to happen, and the friends find they can now transform into animals. Can the team use these new skills to fight crime and save the town after all? |
| 9468 | Kupi-kupi and the girl Burton, Daphne Punytjina | Magabala Books | 2000 | 9781875641536 | A traditional, oral story of the Areyonga community (text in English and Pitjantjatjara). A young girl who likes to chase the kupi-kupi (willy willy) is sucked up into one. She ends up captured by a wanampi (water snake). A daring rescue saves her. |
| 2528 | Lady Lollipop King-Smith, Dick & Barton, Jill (ill) | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744578720 | Lollipop is no ordinary pig. According to her young owner, Johnny Skinner, she's the cleverest pig in the kingdom. When people stare into her eyes, it seems to change them for the better. But even Lollipop struggles to win over the spoilt princess. |
| 918 | Laika the astronaut Davey, Owen | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743318935 | Laika is a stray dog on the streets, until she is chosen to be the first animal launched into space. If things go wrong, would she be lost or found. |

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| 640229 | Land of the Echidna people Trezise, Percy & Lavis, Mary (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2019 | 9781460756614 | Jadiana, Lande and Jalmor, children of the Kadimakara People, are lost - swept away from their home by a fierce storm. The children are now in the land of the Flying-fox people, a place filled with many brave warriors who are friends of the Kadimakara People, and home to the children's aunt, Kylie. But when Lande is bitten by a snake, it is fortunate that the children are reunited with their aunt as she helps to heal Lande's snake bite and prepare the children for the rest of their adventurous journey. |
| 9506 | Land of the snake people Trezise, Percy | HarperCollins Australia | 2001 | 9780207199066 | The story of the journey home of the three Kadimakara children continues, as they travel through the land of the Snake People with their new companion, Wongabel. |
| 669522 | Landing with wings Balla, Trace | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760296957 | Miri has been on the move with her mother. She is trying to fit in and find her way in a new land. It's time to move again, she is going to miss the place she has been calling home. She arrives in her new house and discovers a new community, a new home, a new school and finds her way in this wonderful new land. She loves the natural world around her and learns from her neighbours and friends about the land and its animals and the local people who have lived here for thousands of years. Will this be the place that she can finally call home? |
| 1019756 | Lankybox: Epic adventure! Lankybox & Lopez, Alex (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780008534257 | Adam and Justin from LankyBox have been kidnapped. The evil villain wants to destroy the internet. Can Foxy, Boxy and Rocky conquer their fears and successfully come to their rescue? |
| 5267 | Lara of Newtown McKimmie, Chris | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760112325 | When Misty's elderly owner can no longer look after her, she is taken to a cat shelter to, hopefully, find a new, loving home. Taken as a Christmas present for two children and renamed Nigella, Misty's wish seems to have been granted but an unfortunate incident with a budgie means another, new home must be found. |
| 2547 | Last clown, The Thompson, Colin & Gamble, Penelope | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780733608728 | An historical journey that starts from the time when circuses were a popular and common form of entertainment. Max, the last clown and Beryl, the aging elephant, no longer fit the expectations of modern audiences. |
| 11118 | Last king of Angkor Wat, The Base, Graeme | Penguin | 2014 | 9780670077151 | Tiger, Gibbon, Water Buffalo and Gecko are amongst the ruins of ancient Angkor Wat in Cambodia, wondering which of them would have made the best king. A mysterious visitor urges them to discover their true selves in a race to a distant hilltop. |

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| 12978 | Last polar bear, The George, Jean Craighead & Minor, Wendell (ill) | HarperCollins US | 2009 | 9780061240676 | Paddling through the Arctic Ocean in their kayaks, Tigluk and his aka, his grandmother, spot a polar bear cub on a faraway ice floe. He is all alone and has lost his mother. The world is warming and the ice is melting. Tigluk must save the polar bear. |
| 2002 | Last tree in the city Carnavas, Peter | New Frontier Publishing | 2010 | 9781921042218 | Edward's city is a place of concrete and cars, a world without colour. Every day, Edward takes himself to a part of the city that is different, to the last tree in the city. He is happy there until, one day, the tree is gone. Edward and his duck eventually figure out a unique way to make the city more beautiful than before. |
| 8003 | Last tree, The Wilson, Mark | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734409867 | A beautiful eucalyptus tree in an old-growth forest in south-eastern Australia has provided food and shelter for hundreds of years. As the forest begins to disappear, the old tree's existence is threatened. |
| 4552 | Last viking returns, The Jorgensen, Norman | Fremantle Press | 2014 | 9781925161151 | Josh is totally engrossed in Vikings, even changing his name to Knut. However even Vikings would have their hands full with his twin siblings who seem to cause mayhem wherever they go. A trip to Viking World theme park provides opportunities for the twins to be their Viking berserker best, and for Josh/Knut to prove more than a match for any dangers ahead. |
| 40989 | Last Viking, The Jorgensen, Norman | Fremantle Press | 2011 | 9781921888106 | Josh is to stay with Nan and Pop, and he's worried because the last visit wasn't a complete success. However, Pop's book about Vikings inspires Josh and he becomes Knut, making weapons and armoury from cardboard for himself and his lively dog, Wolverine. By channelling his inner Viking, Josh is able to outwit some local bullies. |
| 4820 | Leaf Dieckmann, Sandra | Flying Eye Books | 2017 | 9781911171317 | When a polar bear washes up on the edge of the wild wood, the other animals fear and avoid him. Then one day, they watch as he attempts something incredible... |
| 1135354 | League of llamas: Llama impossible Darlison, Aleesah | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9781760894184 | A train speeding out of control, a bold bank robbery and a dazzling diamond heist - trouble is afoot in New Llama City! Luckily, the League of Llamas' top agents, Phillipe and Lloyd, are on the case. And luckily for them, Mama Llama and agent Elloise Llamaresky are on their cases to make sure the job actually gets done. |
| 717688 | League of llamas: Rogue llama Darlison, Aleesah | Puffin Australia | 2021 | 9781760894207 | Determined to clear his name after being framed for a crime he didn't commit, Phillipe dons a disguise and goes on the hunt for the true criminal - one Rodrick Tailbiter. But the more Philippe investigates, the less the case makes sense and the more things start becoming suspiciously...smelly. |

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| 868748 | League of Llamas: The golden llama Darlison, Alleesah | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9781760894160 | The League of Llamas (LOL) are a group of secret llama agents and they're on a mission to save the world - if only Agent 0011 Phillipe Lamar could stop looking in the mirror at his luxurious fringe and Agent 0013 Lloyd Llamator could resist the temptation to eat everything in his path! There's also the thieving General Bottomburp to contend with and a mysterious lady llama in red. |
| 717670 | League of llamas: Undercover llamas Darlison, Aleesah | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9781760894191 | After failing to apprehend some dangerously peck-happy hens, the League of Llamas are going undercover! But these aren't any ordinary secret identities -- Phillipe, Lloyd and Elloise are joining Bruno Llamars as band members on the pop star's next tour! |
| 950220 | Leeva at last Pennypacker, Sara & Cordell, Matthew (ill) | Balzer & Bray | 2023 | 9780008606190 | What are people for? That is the burning question on the mind of Leeva Spayce Thornblossom. 'Fame!', says Leeva's mum, the mayor of Nutsmore. 'Money!', says her dad, the town treasurer. With the help of an orphaned badger, a risk averse boy in a hazmat suit and the town's librarians, Leeva sets off to discover her own answer. This sets off a chain of events that will change Nutsmore forever. |
| 12622 | Leeza van Breeza's best idea ever Miesen, Christina | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305996 | When Miss Cherry tells everyone that their class project is to run a business, in pairs, Leeza is very excited and, immediately, she plans to pair up with her best friend, Teena Rafanella. But, to her horror, Leeza finds that she has to be business buddies with nerdy, hypochondriac Joolie. |
| 66597 | Leeza Van Breeza's nail-biting idea Miesen, Christina | Penguin | 2008 | 9780143303220 | Leeza van Breeza desperately wants to win a trophy for something. But, there's a problem, she isn't especially good at anything. When her mother asks her if she wants to win the world record for biting her nails, Leeza decides how she can get recognition. But, this idea gets her into all sorts of trouble. |
| 18429 | Legend of Captain Crow's teeth, The Colfer, Eoin & McCoy, Glenn (ill) | Penguin | 2006 | 9780141381305 | Marty is a nine year old boy and his brother, Will, likes to tell him scary stories. An imaginative and funny tale. |
| 5146 | Legend of Moondyne Joe, The Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921720123 | In 1853, Joseph Johns was transported from Wales to the British colony in Western Australia. Prison for Joe was never an option and he escaped often, leading the troopers on wild chases through the Moondyne Hills of Western Australia. He became known as Moondyne Joe and soon had a well-deserved reputation as an incredible escape artist, with his love for freedom and his daring exploits. |

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| 43454 | Legend of rock paper scissors, The Daywalt, Drew & Rex, Adam (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2017 | 9780008252397 | I hope you are wearing your battle pants! You've played the game. Now read the legend of the three great warriors who started it all! Rock Paper Scissors! |
| 12454 | Legend of Spud Murphy, The Colfer, Eoin | Miramax Kids | 2004 | 9780786855018 | Grown-ups think she's the kindly, old librarian but kids know the truth. Spud Murphy is really a gas-powered, gun-toting tyrant. Now Will and his older brother, Marty, have been ordered to spend their summer vacation in Spud's library. |
| 6988 | Legend of the Golden Snail, The Base, Graeme | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780670073498 | Inspired by the tale of a magical Golden Snail banished to the ends of the earth by a Grand Enchanter, Wilbur sets out on a daring voyage to find the legendary snail and claim it as his own. Along the way, he encounters strange creatures and overcomes many challenges. What he finds is not quite what he imagined. |
| 653185 | Lemonade Jones and the great school fete Bell, Davina & Blair, Karen (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781925266740 | A haunted house. A giant rainbow slide. And delicious donuts from Clark Dark's dad's donut van. Lemonade Jones's school fete is going to be as sparkly and fun as a shook-up bottle of fizzy drink. Most exciting of all is the Year One Mum Band. Lemonade Jones has talked her mum into being the lead singer, and everyone knows that the lead singer is the star. This is going to be the greatest school fete ever! |
| 581431 | Lemonade Jones: The first day back and the zoo that comes to you Bell, Davina & Blair, Karen (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781925266733 | Lemonade Jones likes life to be loud and exciting. But it's hard when there are rules to follow. What happens when you forget the rules and do something wrong? Lemonade Jones often gets so excited she forgets the right thing to do. Will she learn from her mistakes? |
| 1019900 | Leo and Ralph Carnavas, Peter | University of Queensland Press | 2024 | 9780702266218 | Leo and Ralph have been best friends ever since Ralph flew down from one of Jupiter's moons. But now Leo is older, and mum and dad think it is time to say goodbye to Ralph. When the family moves to a small country town, they hope Leo might finally make a real friend. But someone like Ralph is hard to leave behind. A stellar story about space, starting over and the best friend you could ever imagine. |
| 27994 | Leo da Vinci vs the ice-cream domination league Pryor, Michael & Faber, Jules (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780857988379 | Ten year old Leo is a boy with a wild imagination who invents things. He spends each afternoon with his robot, Isaac, and his pet pig, Ragnar. Together, they form Fixit International Inc, which wards off super villains and sends them to super villain prison. With the help of his newly acquired friend, outgoing, enthusiastic Mina, they defeat the evil Ice-cream Domination League. |

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| | Let's go wild series Wilby, Sorrel & Pike, Michelle (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 43433 | Let's investigate with Nate: The solar system Ball, Nate & Hargis, Wes | HarperCollins Australia | 2017 | 9780062357427 | Ever look up at the sky and wonder how many planets there are? Or want to know how many Earths could fit within the Sun? Take a ride 3.6 billion miles away to answer these questions and more while exploring the solar system with Nate and his team of adventurous scientists! Walk on the moon, fly with satellite, gaze at the comets, and discover why Pluto isn't a planet anymore! |
| 43450 | Let's investigate with Nate: The water cycle Ball, Nate & Hargis, Wes | HarperCollins Australia | 2017 | 9780062357397 | Ever wonder where water comes from and where it goes? Or why sometimes it rains and sometimes it snows? Then join Nate Ball and his crack team of curious scientists as they shrink down smaller than a raindrop to see firsthand what the water cycle is all about. It's the learning adventure of a lifetime! |
| 43580 | Letters to Santa Daddo, Andrew & Pike, Michelle (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781741691252 | Santa is getting ready for his annual, big trip and animals from all over the world are writing to let him know what they hope to receive. Open the envelopes and read the letters from the furry, feathery and scaly writers. |
| 23248 | Life according to Dani Lagercrantz, Rose & Eriksson, Eva (ill) | Gecko Press | 2016 | 9781776570713 | It's Dani's first summer vacation and the best ever. She is staying on an island with her best friend, Ella. Dad is still in hospital but he calls every day, and Ella and Dani stay busy building huts, fishing, exploring and swimming. But, when Dad turns up with his nurse, the visit is not what anyone had imagined. |
| 9479 | Life cycle of a pumpkin Fridell, Ron & Walsh, Patricia | Heinemann | 2002 | 9780431084619 | An in-depth look at the life cycle of the familiar pumpkin with stages explained through simple text and stunning photography. An illustrated timeline on each page charts the lifespan of the pumpkin. |
| 9480 | Life cycle of a silkworm Fridell, Ron & Walsh, Patricia | Heinemann | 2002 | 9780431084633 | An in-depth look at the life cycle of the silkworm with stages explained through simple text and stunning photography. An illustrated timeline charts the stages of development of the silkworm. |
| 9481 | Life cycle of a spider Fridell, Ron & Walsh, Patricia | Heinemann | 2002 | 9780431084657 | An in-depth look at the life cycle of a spider with stages explained through simple text and stunning photography. An illustrated timeline on each page shows the development of the spider. |

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| | Life cycles series Callery, Sean | | | | 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. |
| 15147 | Life in a rockpool Pyers, Greg | Echidna Books | 2004 | 9781740707909 | A rockpool can be home for a whole community of living things. Find out how they survive and how they interact. Contains close-up photographs, illustrations and interesting facts. |
| 804786 | Life savers Nash, Eryl & Albero, Ana (ill) | Magic Cat Publishing | 2021 | 9781913520168 | Be inspired by real-life stories of people who work to keep communities safe around the world. From firefighters in the UK, to life guards in the Netherlands, these 'day in the life' stories are sure to spark a pathway for you to one day become an emergency service hero. |
| 995868 | Lifesize deadly animals Henn, Sophy | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2023 | 9780008534301 | Have you ever wondered how big the most deadly animals on earth were? Come on an adventure around the world and see how big some of the most deadly animals alive really are. Watch out for tiny poisonous frogs, giant black caiman, cute but deadly primates and so much more. |
| 916657 | Lift-the-flap Questions and answers about money Bryan, Lara & Tremblay, Marie-Eve (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781803702513 | Understanding money today is so much more than learning about notes and coins. Where does money come from? Why do I have to save? What happens if I click BUY NOW? Find answers to important money questions, and some silly ones too in this friendly and useful book. Packed with practical advice and fun facts, lift the flaps to discover how money works, what makes a good deal and how much it costs to fly to space. |
| 846248 | Lift-the-flap questions and answers about racism Akpojaro, Jordan & Evans, Ashley (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2022 | 9781474995825 | Racism is such a hard topic to talk about, but impossible to ignore. Discover the answers to some difficult questions by lifting the flaps. Then you can be part of the solution. |
| 751168 | Lightfall: The girl and the galdurian Probert, Tim | HarperCollins US | 2021 | 9780062990464 | Bea and Cad team up together to save the day. Bea is keen to find and save her grandfather - Pig Wizard. Cad is on a quest of his own, to find his long lost people, an ancient race of amphibious beings. Can they get their act together and save the world or has Irpa seen its last sunrise? |
| 9599 | Lighthouse secret, The Garnsworthy, Penny | Word Weavers Press | 2003 | 9781877073083 | Jake and Sam venture behind the locked wooden door of the lighthouse to discover an old man involved in strange experiments. Things do not go as expected and no-one believes them because the lighthouse appears deserted. |

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| 11511 | Lightning Jack Millard, Glenda & Mullins, Patricia (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2012 | 9781741693911 | At the muster in the park, Sam Tully eyed the brumbies. As they galloped by, he saw one that stood apart. A stallion, black as midnight, with a jagged blaze on his brow. Lightning Jack is a gallant horse, a midnight horse, a horse in every dream. |
| 9522 | Lili backstage Isadora, Rachel | Puffin UK | 1999 | 9780698117938 | Lili takes the reader on a behind-the-scenes tour of a ballet company preparing for an evening performance. |
| 5040 | Lilli-Pilli's sister Branford, Anna & Catchlove, Linda (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781921977589 | Lilli-Pilli's mum is having a baby and she thinks it will be a girl, but all the other animals think it will be a boy. Could Lilli-Pilli be wrong. |
| 2610 | Lily and the wizard wackoo Fitzpatrick, Judy & Hatcher, Don (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781862914377 | Princess Lily's magic is not quite accurate. Her spells produce snakes instead of cakes, so wizardly help is needed. Wackoo, the wizard, has his own plans but it is Lily's magic powers that rescue her sisters. |
| | Lily D V.A.P series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Lily the elf series Branford, Anna & Coutts, Lisa (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 36917 | Lily's wish Pyett, Barbara & Geddes, Serena (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2011 | 9781921042829 | Lily has a special Christmas wish but only one person can deliver it. So, she writes him a letter. After all, Christmas is all about magic. |
| 15117 | Limpopo lullaby Jolly, Jane & Huxley, Dee (ill) | Limelight Press | 2004 | 9780957935266 | It rains and rains and the Limpopo River bursts its banks. Josette is forced to shelter with her children in a huge tree near their village. They cling for their lives and, on the fourth day, a miracle happens. Based on a real incident in Mozambique. |
| 59765 | Lion and the mouse, The Pinkney, Jerry (ill) | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406327595 | A stunning, wordless version of one of Aesop's best-loved fables about a mouse who inadvertently disturbs a lion, who lets the mouse go, and is later himself freed by the mouse from a poacher's trap. Its wealth of visual detail provides huge scope for the pages to be turned and the story retold over and over again. |

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| 6836 | Lion in Paris, A Alemagna, Beatrice | Tate Publishing | 2014 | 9781849761710 | A lion has come to Paris to find a job, love and a future, having become bored with his African grasslands home. As he roams the rainy, grey streets, he becomes a little despondent at being ignored, no longer the king of all he sees. As the sun comes out, his spirits lift as the city shows him its sparkling best. |
| 2455 | Lisa absolutely loves art Norsa, Sophie | New Frontier Publishing | 2014 | 9781925059045 | Lisa's cat, Picasoo, gets lost within the paintings of an art gallery. Lisa traces his steps through the history of art, including Vincent van Gogh and Claude Monet. |
| | Little Ash series Various | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 35789 | Little ballet star Geras, Adele & McNicholas, Shelagh (ill) | Orchard Books | 2007 | 9781846166198 | It's Tilly's birthday and she is going to the theatre to see the ballet, Sleeping Beauty. It stars her Auntie Gina and Tilly is being taken backstage as a special treat. But, Auntie Gina has something even more exciting in store for Tilly. |
| 2352 | Little Blue Chapman, Gaye | Little Hare Books | 2008 | 9781921049989 | A young boy discovers what appears to be a little, blue girl in the woods. He plays with her all day and then takes her home to his grandmother who is surprisingly thrilled to have her returned. This beautiful picture book reveals the secret behind the little blue girl. |
| 2623 | Little blue parcel, The Spaulding, Norma & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1998 | 9781863888547 | The little blue parcel arrives at the house of the angry Mr Twistangle and his poor wife. A journey from isolation and unhappiness to warmth, togetherness, sharing and joy. |
| 1089009 | Little books of the little Brontes, The O'Leary, Sara & May Smith, Briony (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529518313 | The inspiring true tale of the young Bronte siblings who loved to make stories ,and who grew up to be among English literature's finest writers. The four motherless children of the Bronte family - Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne lived in a windswept house at the edge of the moors with their father. Hungry for stories, the Brontes devoured poetry and fables, history and novels. |
| 87481 | Little brainwaves investigate, The: Animals Bingham, Caroline & Swerling, Lisa (ill) & Lazar, Ralph (ill) | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405351799 | Take a spectacular journey through the world of animals, from how animal families protect, teach and feed their young to the climbing habits of an orang-utan. Packed with brilliant photography, wonderfully wacky illustrations and amazing facts, discover everything you ever wanted to know about animals. |

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| 46933 | Little dolphin Wilson, Mark | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781922081131 | When Little Dolphin is orphaned soon after birth, she is raised by other dolphins in the pod. As she grows she is taught to use the language of clicks and whistles that all dolphins use. When Little Dolphin learns that another dolphin is in danger, she has to use all her skills to try to save it. |
| 9548 | Little elephant's song Hanel, Wolfram | North South Books | 2000 | 9780735812987 | A cute little African elephant learns many tricks but cannot trumpet. He will need this to survive. His mother believes he will trumpet when he is ready. |
| | Little Else series Hunt, Julie & Norling, Beth (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 1251 | Little eskimo, The Cali, Davide & Quarello, Maurizio A.C (ill) | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9780987109958 | A young eskimo boy is asking the animals of the north about his future, will he become a great hunter. He asks the hare with big ears, the owl who can see from up high, and finishes with a great white moose in the middle of the great ice lake. |
| 1019723 | Little experts: Amazing bodies Ronx, Dr & Attzs, Ashton (ill) | Farshore | 2023 | 9780008520892 | From spongy brains to gooey guts, this book gives you lots of fascinating facts about the human body so you can learn cool stuff and wow your friends at the same time! Emergency doctor and TV presenter Dr Ronx leads this tour of the incredible human body. |
| 1019847 | Little experts: Marvellous vehicles May, James & Emans (ill) | Farshore | 2023 | 9780008520878 | Hit the road with James May to discover amazing human-powered vehicles- from bicycles and submarines to amphibious vehicles and even a helicopter. |
| 803577 | Little Gem and the mysterious letters Zobel, Anna | Penguin Books Australia | 2021 | 9781760896096 | Little Gem is settling into her life at Ellsworth Pining with the help of Ghost Henry and her other friends. Everyone is preparing for the Midsummer Festival and Little Gem is in charge of the special effects for the Midsummer Play. But when Little Gem's magic starts to go wrong and she receives several mysterious letters, Gem is worried that the festival is going to be a disaster! Will Little Gem be able to work out who is sending the letters and regain her confidence before opening night? |
| | Little genius series Lennard, Kate & Gulliksen, Eivind (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 846072 | Little monsters Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780008305741 | Howler just didn't fit in. He was not scary at all! That made him the odd one out when he began at Monster School. Then he finds some new friends and discovers that maybe being the odd one out could mean he was the coolest one of them all. |
| 660430 | Little Nic's big day Naitanui, Nic & Anaya, Fatima (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760876876 | Nic is nervous about his first day. of school.. but with the help of his mum and a whole class of new friends, it might just be the best day ever. |
| 9706 | Little old Mrs Pepperpot Proysen, Alf | Galaxy | 2002 | 9780754061991 | Waking up one morning to find you've shrunk to the size of a tiny pepperpot isn't an ordinary, everyday event for most people but, then, Mrs Pepperpot is a very extraordinary person. Mrs Pepperpot is very small but very feisty. |
| 5606 | Little One-Inch: Other Japanese children's favourite stories, And Sakade, Florence & Kurosaki, Yoshisuke (ill) | Tuttle Publishing | 2008 | 9780804850599 | This collection of ten short, easy to read Japanese folktales is filled with strange happenings and magic, thrilling adventures, funny discoveries, and valuable lessons. Through the pages ogres, dragons and gold magically appear. Good and bad do battle, some resorting to sneakiness, violence and deceit. |
| 1075175 | Little pago Briggs, Lauren | Boolarong Press | 2021 | 9781922643001 | Little Pago is a teeny tiny Sea Turtle who loves to swim and play with his friends all day but playing in the currents makes him so hungry. The problem is everything Little Pago tries to eat is not what it seems. Plastic Straws, balloons and plastic bags all pose a danger to Little Pago, so how can he know what is safe to eat? A lovely story about friendship and the importance of keeping our oceans clean. |
| | Little Paws series Black, Jess | | | | 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. |
| 17544 | Little penguin: the life of Eudyptula Minor Montano, Josie & Ottley, Matt (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407887 | Eudyptula Minor is a little penguin, born with one tooth to parents who loved him. He stayed in their nest for ten weeks before he left home. We get to see how similar little penguin's daily habits are to human behaviour. |
| | Little people, big dreams series Various | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | Little princesses series Chase, Katie | | | | 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. |
| 33186 | Little red fish, The Yoo, Taeun | Dial Books (Penguin) | 2007 | 9780803731455 | Jeje and his pet fish have an adventure in the library, where his grandfather works as a librarian. Beautiful illustrations take us into the wonderful world of being lost in a book and the ways a visit to the library can enrich our lives. |
| 22106 | Little refugee, The Do, Anh & Do, Suzanne & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742378329 | The author and his family nearly didn't make it to Australia. They escaped from war-torn Vietnam in an overcrowded boat, surviving a dangerous journey, with murderous pirates and terrifying storms. Life in suburban Australia was also hard for a small boy with no English and funny lunches. But, there was a loving extended family, lots of friends and always something to laugh about. |
| | Little Rockets series Various | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 67819 | Little tuatara, The Cunningham, Robin | HarperCollins NZ | 2007 | 9781869505448 | The tiny island off the coast of New Zealand where the little tuatara lives is a lonely windswept place. He makes friends with a petrel and they settle down and live in a burrow together. The petrel tells the tuatara about his ancient relatives the dinosaurs and the tuatara begins to realise how important he is. |
| 27465 | Littledog Germein, Katrina & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781741695526 | Sam and his sister have a surprise visitor at their holiday shack. They think he's cuddly and playful but Dad is not so sure. |
| | Littlest pirate series, The Clark, Sherryl & Jellett, Tom (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 8501 | Locked out Roberts, Renee & Maris, Sarah & Stewart, Tammie & Leffler, David (ill) | Indij Readers | 2003 | 9780975064108 | More of an after-school story than a school story. Three sisters believe they are locked out of home at three o'clock. A humorous look at a potentially disastrous dilemma. |
| 1209775 | Lockett & Wilde's dreadfully haunting mysteries: The ghosts of the manor Strange, Lucy & Smy, Pam (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529523249 | Matilda Lockett typically plays the role of Poor Dead Edna in her aunt's spooky show. It is only when she experiences a haunting at Beauchamp Manor that she learns that she has the gift - she can see ghosts! She can even converse with one, a ghost boy named Edgar Wilde. Will Matilda and Edgar's snooping be the key to solving the mystery at Beauchamp Manor? |
| 17639 | Lofty's mission Bell, Krista & Miller, David (ill) | Lothian Books | 2008 | 9780734409812 | When Harley's dad takes his young pigeon, Lofty, to donate for the war effort, Harley cries, sure that he will never see Lofty again. Lofty is trained by army officers to carry important messages and flies hundreds of miles carrying messages from the field back to headquarters. |
| | Lola's toy box series Parker, Danny & Shield, Guy (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 22417 | Lollylegs Freeman, Pamela & Nest James, Rhian (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921529078 | Laura's dad brings home a lamb to give to the school to raffle at the fete. Laura takes care of the lamb and calls him Lollylegs. At the end of the week, Laura can't bear to give the lamb away and determines to buy as many raffle tickets that she can. However, she has to work out how she can get enough money to buy lots of tickets. |
| 15122 | Long live Princess Smartypants Cole, Babette | Penguin | 2004 | 9780141380339 | Princess Smartypants decides it would be lovely to have a baby but, when a twist of fate delivers her just what she's been hoping for, she soon realises that babies can be an awful lot of trouble. |
| 30873 | Long live us Wignell, Edel & Allert, Peter (ill) | IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd) | 2011 | 9781921479465 | Once upon a time, a Greedy Troll lived under a bridge and he was very hungry. When he hears trip-trap, trip-trap, he discovers the Three Bears on a quest to capture Goldilocks and bring her to justice. They persuade the Troll to wait for their return. More fairytale Goodies arrive, all chasing Baddies to bring them back for punishment. |
| 9433 | Long, sticky walk, The Wignell, Edel | University of Western Australia Press | 2003 | 9781876268817 | A story of country life in the late 1800s. Emily and her family live on a small farm in rural New South Wales. In 1886, after a terrible flood, the children and Mama are stranded with Papa working far away. Mother must find a way out for all of them. |

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| 18397 | Long-Long's new year Gower, Catherine & Zhihong, He (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2005 | 9781845070786 | Long-Long rides to town for the first time to help Grandpa sell his cabbages. Disaster strikes but resourceful Long-Long makes sure Grandpa gets plenty of customers. Detailed illustrations are painted on traditional yellow rice paper. |
| | Longman animal lifestyles series Ballance, Alison | | | | 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. |
| | Longman world of amphibians and reptiles series Meadows, Graham & Vial, Claire | | | | 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. |
| | Longman world of animals series Meadows, Graham & Vial, Claire | | | | 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. |
| | Longman world of invertebrates series Meadows, Graham & Vial, Claire | | | | 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. |
| 12896 | Loni and the moon Takac, Esther & Pignataro, Anna (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734403452 | One night, Loni is awoken by the biggest, roundest, yellowest moon. He climbs up the moonbeam in his pyjamas, for the moon has something wonderful to tell him. Loni discovers different ways of seeing. |
| 885971 | Look inside a coral reef Lacey, Minna & Brewster, Sam (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2022 | 9781474998918 | Open the flaps and dive under the waves to see shimmering fish, turtles, and rays among the coral. But this magical world is in danger, and we need to save our coral reefs. |
| 4853 | Look inside how computers work Frith, Alex & Dickins, Rosie & King, Colin (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2016 | 9781409599043 | Find out what happens behind the screen, beneath the keyboard and inside the electronic 'brain' of a computer. Lift the flaps to find out. |

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| 751130 | Looking after our planet Daynes, Katie & Faccioli, Ilaria (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2020 | 9781474968942 | Our only home is Planet Earth. But there are signs that we are not looking after it very well. Discover the facts about what has been going on. Read and learn what we can do to make things better. |
| | Looking after your pet series Hibbert, Claire | | | | 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. |
| 29190 | Looking for yesterday Jay, Alison | Old Barn Books | 2017 | 9781910646212 | Boy doesn't see how tomorrow can be as good as yesterday and puts all his scientific knowledge to work to try to turn back time. Luckily, Grandad is on hand to show that every new day brings with it a chance of happiness. |
| 4810 | Looking up Murphy, Sally | Fremantle Press | 2017 | 9781925164572 | Pete is hoping for a telescope. There's nothing he wants more for his birthday. But when the mysterious card arrives in the mail, what Pete wants is turned totally upside down. |
| 1676 | Loongie the greedy crocodile Dann, Lucy & Kiefer & Houston, Bronwyn (ill) | Magabala Books | 2008 | 9781921248542 | Loongie is a saltwater crocodile who lives among the mangroves in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia. Loongie has no friends and no-one goes near the creek when he's around. |
| 2678 | Lorax, The Seuss, Dr | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2004 | 9780007173112 | Classic Dr Seuss rhyming book with an environmental message. The Lorax tries to warn the Once-ler of the dangers of destroying all of the truffula trees. |
| 18521 | Lord of the cranes Chen, Kerstin | North South Books | 2000 | 9780735816992 | Beautiful retelling of a Chinese tale. Tian, Lord of the Cranes, leaves his home on the top of the mountain to check whether people are being kind to one another. |
| 1052153 | Losing the plot Byrd, Annaleise | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781760656409 | Basil doesn't want to help his sporty neighbour with reading. When Terry brings over Fairytales by the Brothers Grimm neither of them realise just how real the fairytales will become when they find themselves transported into the world in the book! Killing witches and escaping faceless giants is only the start. |
| 2326 | Lost girl, The Kwaymullina, Ambelin & Tobin, Leanne (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781921529634 | The little girl has lost her way, wandering away from the Mothers, the Aunties and the Grandmothers. Find out which animal will show her the way home. |

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| 1019785 | Lost library, The Stead, Rebecca & Mass, Wendy | Text Publishing Co | 2023 | 9781922790477 | When Evan selects two books from the little free library that has appeared overnight, he doesn't suspect his life is about to change. He and his friend Rafe discover a connection between one of the books and the night, long ago, when the old library burned to the ground. The boys investigate the mystery but soon realise that no one in town is willing to talk about it. Told in turns by a cat, a ghost librarian and Evan himself, we discover that the truth will transform the town. |
| 8449 | Lost treasure, The Stradling, Jan & Allen, Cassandra (ill) | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781921529085 | Pirate Ruby and Pirate Hamish are searching for a pirate stranded on an island, but they both have different reasons to find Pirate Jack. |
| 903330 | Lots of things to know about space Cowan, Laura & Gonzalez, Alyssa (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2022 | 9781474997263 | With expert advice from the UK Space Agency, and astronomer Nick Howes, this book is a great starting point to begin your journey to the stars. You'll be amazed by what's out there ... |
| | Lottie Luna series Various | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| | Lottie Perkins series Nannestad, Katrina & Koji, Makoto (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 660050 | Louie and Snippy save the sea Dinnigan, Collette & Cowan, Grant (ill) | Berbay Publishing | 2019 | 9780648529101 | Louie and his trusty companion, Snippy the dog, dive into the ocean and are surrounded by brilliant coral reefs. But they soon discover that human rubbish - bottles, plastic straws and plastic bags - have trapped fish and other creatures. What will Louie be inspired to do? |
| 23902 | Louisa May Pickett's best show and tell ever Clement, Rod | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2008 | 9780207200281 | Louisa May Pickett has only one talent, and that's for Show and Tell. But, at her new school, she can't take a trick in spite of her highly imaginative presentations. In the end, Louisa May presents just herself, with amazing results. |
| 18558 | Louisa May Pickett: the most boring person in class Clement, Rod | HarperCollins Australia | 2005 | 9780207200298 | At her old school, Louisa May Pickett was voted 'The Most Interesting Person' three years in a row for her show and tell objects. But, at her new school, the kids have some very interesting items of their own to show. |

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| 855817 | Love that grew, The Ayoub, Sarah & Purnell, Mimi (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781460761113 | A mum warmly tells her children how her heart expands with each new child to her growing family and how her loves swells and overflows for each of them, always. |
| 6581 | Lovely beasts: the surprising truth Gardner, Kate & Smith, Heidi (ill) | HarperCollins US | 2018 | 9780062741615 | Spiders are creepy. Porcupines are scary. Bats are ugly. Or are they...? This captivating book invites you to learn more about awe-inspiring animals in the wild. After all, it's best not to judge a beast until you understand its full, lovely life. |
| 9523 | Lucky lad Leeson, Robert | Walker Books | 1999 | 9780744569070 | Lad is the hero of a hundred tales from many countries rolled into one. He is determined, quick-witted and brave, as well as lucky. His adventures are exciting and magical, and sometimes very funny. |
| 43473 | Lucy Cecil, Randy | Candlewick Press | 2016 | 9780763668082 | Lucy is a small dog without a home. She had one once, but she remembers it only in her dreams. Eleanor is a little girl who looks forward to feeding the stray dog that appears faithfully beneath her window each day. Eleanor's father is a juggler with stage fright. The overlapping stories of three delightful characters, offering a slightly different perspective each time, come together in a truly original, book for dog (and underdog) lovers of all ages. |
| 31235 | Lucy's cat and the rainbow birds Hill, Anthony & Tanner, Jane (ill) | Penguin | 2007 | 9780670029167 | Like many of us, Lucy has a problem keeping a domestic pet while protecting wildlife. She works hard to find a solution that works in her situation. I wonder if Lucy should do more to protect the beautiful rainbow birds. |
| 42441 | Lugalbanda: the boy who got caught up in a war Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406305340 | The land we now call Iraq is older than the Bible, the Koran or the Torah, and before the time of Roman and Greek myths and legends. Lugalbanda is on his way to war with his older brothers when he becomes separated. He meets the goddess, Inana, and the magical Anzu bird that give him special powers. He uses his new powers to help resolve the war peacefully and become a great ruler. |
| 15032 | Luke and Lulu Dawe, Bruce & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143301417 | A new pet dog creates problems for Luke. He has to take her to puppy school but she's still not ready to behave. |
| 131044 | Lulie the Iceberg Takamado HIH Princess & Aska, Warabe (ill) | Kodansha International | 1998 | 9781568362724 | Lulie, a young iceberg, eagerly awaits his turn to break off from the Greenland Ice Sheet and experience the world. One day, he gets his wish and heads off on a wonderful adventure, showcasing respect for the environment and caring for others. |
| 30843 | Lulu and the brontosaurus Viorst, Judith & Smith, Lane (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2010 | 9780857071477 | Lulu is used to getting exactly what she wants, every time. And, if she doesn't, Lulu screeches and screeches until her parents give in to her. However, Lulu's request for a pet brontosaurus for her birthday is beyond their means, and Lulu's desires are thwarted. When thirteen days of screeching fail to bring about the desired dinosaur, Lulu packs a suitcase and goes to find one herself. |

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| | Lulu Bell series Murrell, Belinda & Geddes, Serena (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9427 | Lulubelle and her bones Farrer, Vashti | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781865045795 | Lulubelle doesn't even know she's a dog. Then she meets Bones, rescues him from a life of slavery and together they run away to London. Life on the road isn't easy but Lulubelle and Bones find friends in the strangest places. |
| 20235 | Lyli meets the stone-muncher Eimann, Celine | IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd) | 2011 | 9781921479991 | Lyli lives in the distant planet of Motika, in a city surrounded by great crystal mountains. One day, her mother tells her about a great green stone-muncher who ate a path through the mountains. Lyli is curious and knows she should be afraid, but she sets out with her cat, Tyki, in search of the stone-muncher. |
| 58758 | Lyrebird Kerin, Jackie & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill) | Museum Victoria | 2012 | 9781921833045 | When Edith met a cheeky young lyrebird on her garden path, she could not guess that he would one day be known as 'A Miracle of the Dandenongs'. Soon, James the lyrebird was singing and dancing for Edith, mimicking the birdsongs and other sounds that echoed through the bush. Word of their friendship spread and people travelled from near and far to film and record James. But with people came change. |
| 1188 | Mabel and me Sperring, Mark & Warburton, Sarah (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007468362 | Mabel and Me discover what makes them the best of friends after a walk together and encounters with a ballerina and a French photographer. |
| 9554 | Mabel dancing Hest, Amy | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744578898 | Mabel is put to bed before the dancing party that her parents are having, but the music creeps up the stairs and before long Mabel is dancing too. |
| 36089 | Machino supremo Brian, Janeen & Carthew, Mark & Veeken, John (ill) | Celapene Press | 2009 | 9780980699401 | Machines clank, rattle, whine, whoosh, whiz, thump and grind. In these quirky poems, find your favourite machine and solve the puzzle with a clue in each illustration. |
| 1138113 | Mackenzie Arnold: Caught in the middle Black, Jess & McCaffery, Hannah (ill) | Penguin | 2024 | 9781761346859 | Mackenzie Arnold loves playing football with the Seaport Strikers. She's now the team's goalkeeper and is starting to like it. But when a classmate bets Macca that she can't keep a clean sheet against the Strikers' strongest competitors in the biggest game of the season, can she come through? A new friend and teammate from Argentina brings added skill to the team, but not everyone is happy. Can Macca bring the team together and stop the ball getting past her? |

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| 1138109 | Mackenzie Arnold: Finders keepers Black, Jess & McCaffery, Hannah (ill) | Penguin | 2024 | 9781761346835 | Mackenzie Arnold loves playing football with the Seaport Strikers. She also loves skating and hanging out with her friends. But when Macca is late for training one too many times, injures herself skating and has an unexpected run-in with a local resident, Coach questions her commitment to the team and benches her for a big game. When the strikers' goalie is too sick to play, Macca puts on the gloves and steps up. Will she be able to prove that football is something she's serious about? |
| 660404 | Madame Badobedah Dahl, Sophie & O'Hara, Lauren (ill) | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406384406 | Mabel lives with her parents in The Mermaid Hotel, by the sea. Mabel likes to keep an eye on the comings and goings of all the guests. Then one day a particularly in-ter-est-ing old lady comes to stay. There is something very suspicious about her, with her growly voice and her heavy trunks and her beady-eyed tortoise. And why does no one know her REAL name? There can only be one answer, Mabel decides ... this guest is a SUPERVILLAIN. But even supervillains have a soft side, and as an unlikely friendship grows between the pair, their fantastical exploits take them well beyond the corridors of their seaside home. |
| 9430 | Maddy in the middle Bone, Ian | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781862914452 | Maddy doesn't have a special place in her family. She's not the youngest, or the oldest, or the cutest. She's just quiet little Maddy, lost in the middle of her big, boisterous family. But, Silky the cat knows how special she is. |
| | Madeline series Various | | | | 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. |
| 17414 | Madeline the mermaid Fienberg, Anna & James, Ann (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781742372280 | Madeline, a friendly and caring mermaid, risks her life to stop an outbreak of magical war in the ocean's depths. |
| 9546 | Magic faraway tree, The Blyton, Enid | Hinkler Books | 2003 | 9781865159676 | The cousins have many adventures in the strange lands at the top of the magic faraway tree, with all their unusual friends who live in the tree. |
| 2741 | Magic finger, The Dahl, Roald | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2001 | 9780141311296 | When the girl next door gets really angry, she zaps people with her magic finger with alarming results. Her teacher grows whiskers and a tail and as for the Greggs. They'll never look at a duck in the same way again. |
| 53371 | Magic mirror, The Rippin, Sally | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734408617 | Jake sometimes gets scared so mum comes up with a play to help him. Mum's suggestion works for Jake and helps someone else with a problem, too. |

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| 18333 | Magic violin, The Kelleher, Victor & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143301813 | When Jimbo plays the violin, the noise is so terrible that the birds fly away and the people move away from the town. Eventually, the violin decides to take charge. |
| 18385 | Magician's boy, The Cooper, Susan | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340911105 | The boy has to polish the wands and catch the rabbits pulled out of the magician's hat. His favourite job is working the puppets. When one goes missing, he is transported to a another land where he has an adventure with familiar characters. |
| 3450 | Magnificent creatures: Animals on the move Wright, Anna | Faber & Faber | 2016 | 9780571330683 | We live in an amazing world, surrounded by magnificent creatures, great and small. They make this earth a magical place to live. |
| 2761 | Magnificent nose and other marvels, The Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9781864486667 | Wonderfully original and off-beat stories, cleverly linked by a spider, in which five children each show their talents. |
| 782157 | Main Abija / My Grandad Rogers, Karen | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526030 | A tribute to a much-loved grandfather, celebrating First Nations Australian culture, country and the circle of life. Told in Kriol and English. This book has the memories I had of my grandfather from when I was small until he left us. He taught me many things about culture and country. I'm happy to pass this story on to my family and to put it in this book.' |
| 11996 | Maisie Moo and Invisible Lucy McKimmie, Chris | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741751345 | Maisie's Dad is a truck driver and Maisie and her invisible friend, Lucy, wait patiently for Dad's return and his amazing stories. Maisie likes her dog and sleeping in. She helps her mother in their shop but doesn't like being an angel. When it seems that Dad and Christmas will never come, and Mum banishes Lucy, Maisie hides in her bedroom. |
| 51113 | Making friends Dahimene, Adelheid & Stollinger, Heide (ill) | Gecko Press | 2008 | 9781877467066 | Six farmyard acquaintances set out to make a new friend but that turns out to be a bit of a failure. Along the way, however, they do discover what real friendship is and where to find it. A beautiful picture book translated from the original German. |
| 871556 | Maku Wyatt, Meyne | Pan MacMillan | 2022 | 9781760987756 | Maku is a proud, young Indigenous Australian who is always on the move. He looks to his culture, family and the world around him for new and old ideas to put into his movie plan for his homework project. |
| 771597 | Mama Ocean Jolly, Jane & Heinrich, Sally (ill) | MidnightSun Publishing | 2020 | 9781925227659 | Mama Ocean had eyes that sparkled, like sunlight on the sea, and tresses which tumbled and trailed through the tides. But something is troubling Mama Ocean. Who will help her? |

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| 12778 | Mammals Claybourne, Anna | Watts | 2000 | 9780749639488 | Discover what mammals are, how they live, what they eat, why seals have fur, how dolphins send messages to each other and many more interesting facts. Excellent contents and index pages help you find all this information and more. |
| 2786 | Mammals Clutton-Brock, Juliet | Dorling Kindersley | 2002 | 9780751333749 | A well-presented guide to mammals that gives the scientific and generic name, size and occurrence of each species. Maps show where the mammals live and there are beautiful, colour photographs of their physical appearance. |
| 17493 | Man who wore all his clothes, The Ahlberg, Allan & McEwen, Katharine (ill) | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844281299 | One day, Mr Gaskitt puts on all his clothes, Mrs Gaskitt picks up a robber in her taxi, Gus and Gloria have trouble with a teacher, Horace, the cat, goes to a friend's house to watch TV and the car radio gets things wrong. |
| 6597 | Mang the wild orangutan van Loon, Joan | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734410023 | Mang, a beautiful old orangutan, remembers what life was like living in the lush rainforests of Borneo before he was captured and then sent to a zoo. |
| | Mango & Bambang series Faber, Polly & Vulliamy, Clara (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 2323 | Mangrove Kane, Glenda & Allen, Lisa (ill) | Penguin NZ | 2007 | 9780143502043 | A secluded area of mangroves and the water life the trees support are about to change forever. This book looks at the cost to nature of our modern culture. |
| 12582 | Map of dreams Shulevitz, Uri | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842707609 | When war devastates their country, a boy and his parents are forced to flee to another country. Food is scarce. When father goes to the bazaar to buy bread, he comes home with a map instead. The boy and his mother are furious because they are so hungry. |
| 687222 | March of the ants, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Riddle, Tohby (ill) | Book Trail Press | 2020 | 9780852295229 | What would you take on an adventure with you? The ants are preparing to march, and every ant packs something practical, but one ant chooses to take a book ... what good will that be on a long journey? Join Australian Children's Laureate Ursula Dubosarsky to find out! This story is also available to download from the ACLF website and you can read along with Ursula as she shares her story with us. https://www.childrenslaureate.org.au/read-with-ursula |

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| 846061 | Marcie Gill and the caravan park cat McInerney, Monica & Snell, Danny (ill) | Penguin | 2021 | 9781760894139 | Marcie's parents run a caravan park in the small seaside town of Snorkel Bay in South Australia. Three mysterious things happen to her. Her dad moved out. Her gran gave her an unusual Christmas present. George, her grandmother's cat has a secret. This is a summer holiday Marcie will never forget. Read about these adventures of Marcie-the girl whose favourite thing is asking questions. |
| 3172 | Marge and the great train rescue Fisher, Isla & Ceulemans, Eglantine (ill) | Piccadilly Press | 2017 | 9781848125940 | Marge is back and this time she's taking the Button family on a train journey. When Mum and Dad go out for a 'romantic' (i.e boring!) dinner, Marge takes the kids on an adventure of their own. Jakey's always longed to drive a train and with Marge around to turn ordinary life extraordinary, there's a good chance his wish might come true! |
| 3439 | Marge and the pirate baby Fisher, Isla & Ceulemans, Eglantine (ill) | Piccadilly Press | 2017 | 9781848125933 | Marge and the Pirate Baby is a collection of three short stories about the best babysitter ever. Marge has colourful hair and a knack for making everything fun but can she save the day from the pirate baby? |
| 15426 | Mark of the Wagarl, The Little, Lorna & Lyndon, Janice (ill) | Magabala Books | 2004 | 9781875641970 | The story tells of the travels and responsibilities of Wagarl, the big boss of all snakes, and how he keeps the waterways clean in Noongar country. |
| 751135 | Marlow Brown: Scientist in the making Fleming, Krista & Gardner, Marjory (ill) | Celapene Press | 2019 | 9781925572186 | Marlow Brown dreams of being a scientist, but when her chaotic home experiments drive Mum crazy, Marlow runs the risk of being banned from experimenting altogether. Surely there must be something she can do to keep on Mum's good side while still continuing her dream. |
| 871575 | Marmalade the orange panda Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780008305758 | One morning, deep in the forest, a beautiful baby panda was born. The panda was different to all the others, as he had dazzling orange fur. "I will call you Marmalade," his mummy whispered. Meet Marmalade, the little panda who goes on a big adventure as he sets off to explore the forest one day to find where he belongs. |
| 32833 | Marshall Armstrong is new to our school Mackintosh, David | HarperCollins Australia | 2011 | 9780007361410 | Marshall Armstrong is new to our school. He looks different to me. His ear looks like a shell, his laces are straight, not criss-crossed like mine, and his eyes are always looking at the blackboard. Marshall Armstrong definitely does not fit into our school. |

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| 751039 | Marshmallow Pie the cat superstar Vulliamy, Clara | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780008355852 | Meet Marshmallow Pie a big fluffy cat with an even bigger personality..... The rumours are true, I'm starring in a movie! Hollywood is very exciting. My human, Amelia, and I are spending every single day with my amazing new friend Madison, who's showing me all the fanciest places and teaching me all about being a star. This is the life! So why does Amelia seem so unsure.....? |
| 9503 | Martian rock Shields, Carol Diggory & Nash, Scott | Walker Books | 2000 | 9780744556322 | Rhyming text and bright illustrations help make this a lively investigation into the planets of our solar system. |
| 4103 | Marvellous funambulist of Middle Harbour and other Sydney firsts, The Bell, Hilary & Martin, Matthew (ill) | NewSouth Publishing | 2015 | 9781742234403 | This is a story of Sydney in order of who did what first. Through a series of unexpected firsts, trace the events, people and places that have shaped Sydney, however unintentionally. |
| | Marvin Redpost series Sachar, Louis | | | | 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. |
| 774347 | Masters of disguise: Camouflaging creatures and magnificent mimics Martin, Marc | Penguin Books Australia | 2021 | 9781760895891 | Cloaked in a riot of colour, pattern and texture are a dozen animals, from stick and leaf insects found in Australia, to Gaboon vipers that have all mastered the art of fading into the background. Clever and beautiful hide and seek spreads that put the readers new knowledge to the test. The secrets of animal camouflage. |
| | Mates - great Australian yarns series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Matilda Mudpuddle series Winch, Gordon & Texidor, Dee (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 2971 | Matty's comeback Heiss, Anita | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781760152031 | Matty loves football. He's South Sydney's number one fan and the star scorer in his own local team. He knows he can help his team to the semifinals and beyond. But, things don't go to plan and now it seems Matty won't be able to help his team to victory after all. But, help can come from surprising places and people. |
| 660656 | Max and the midknights Peirce, Lincoln | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781529029260 | Max wants to be a knight. Too bad there's more chance of finding a friendly dragon than THAT dream coming true. But when Max's uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Ghastly, it might finally be Max's time to be a hero! Joined by a band of brave adventurers - the Midknights - and a cowardly goose, Max sets out on a thrilling quest to save the realm of Byjovia. |
| 4546 | Max and the won't go to bed show Sperring, Max & Warburton, Sarah (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2013 | 9780007468393 | Roll up, roll up, for Max the magnificent and his famous show: putting off bedtime for as long as possible. Cheer as he makes a cookie disappear, <u>gasp</u> as he asks for <u>ten bedtime stories</u> . |
| | Max Booth series Macintosh, Cameron & Atze, Dave (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 568872 | Max Champion and the great race car robbery McCall Smith, Alexander & Hindley, Kate | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781408886137 | Max lives with his mum and his grandfather, Gus. Once upon a time, Gus had a thriving business, designing and making cars, but nasty Adolphus Grabber robbed him of his business, his designs, and his beloved car, Arabella. Driven by love and a sense of fairness, Max sets out to prove, to himself and to his grandfather, that cheats never prosper. |
| | Maxi the lifeguard series Maxwell, Trent & Lawrence, David & Baldwin, Peter (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Maxx Rumble series Wagner, Michael & Denton, Terry (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 916620 | Maya and the rising dark Barron, Rena | HarperCollins US | 2023 | 9780358447696 | Twelve-year old Maya sees colour bleed from the world, werehyenas staking suburban streets and a scary man who stalks her in her dreams. While her best friends try to find a reasonable explanation, Maya sees connections with her dad's fantastical stories. When he disappears, Maya is thrust into a world both strange and familiar as she races to find her father, the guardian of the veil between the human world and the Dark, and the Lord of Shadows, the man from her nightmares who is determined to destroy the human world. Maya will need to unlock her own hidden powers, save her father and the world, all before Comic-Con and the end of summer. |
| 9014 | Mbobob tree, The Millard, Glenda & White, Annie (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781741693515 | In the cleft of a rock, on the crest of a hill, grows a tree that belongs to no-one and to everyone. When a little baby girl in a sling is found swinging in the branches, the villagers name her Tiranamba Adesimbo Mbobob. They love her as their own but Tiranamba never speaks a word. When the life-saving tree is threatened, Tiranamba finds her voice. |
| 34680 | Me and Mister P Farrer, Maria & Rieley, Daniel (ill) | Oxford University Press | 2017 | 9780192744210 | Arthur wants an ordinary family life, but instead he has a brother who acts quite differently to other brothers and sisters. This causes Arthur no end of embarrassment. When Arthur has had enough, he tries to run away only to find a polar bear on the doorstep. What can a polar bear do for Arthur and his family? When the spider-fearing polar bear Mr P moves in life changes for Arthur. |
| 46159 | Me and my dad Morgan, Sally & Ottley, Mathew | Little Hare Books | 2010 | 9781921541810 | A son hero worships his brave father and loves spending a day at the beach with him. But, sometimes even the bravest of the brave need a helping hand. Fabulous illustrations with interesting use of perspective. |
| 47031 | Me and you Browne, Anthony | Doubleday | 2010 | 9780385614894 | A thought-provoking take on the story of a young girl who has come into the house, eaten the porridge, broken the chair and fallen asleep in the bed. Two stories, the fantasy and a modern street context, give dimension to a traditional tale. |
| 55549 | Me, all alone, at the end of the world Anderson, M T & Hawkes, Kevin (ill) | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406304824 | A peaceful natural existence is transformed by the encroaching modern society, changing the landscape and the sole occupant. |
| 6338 | Meatball's good dog day Clark, Margaret & Hayes, Phil (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9780091831707 | A humorous tale, with cartoon style line drawings, of a dog and his family during a day out at the beach. |
| 8109 | Meerkat mail Gravett, Emily | MacMillan | 2006 | 9781405052153 | Sunny Meerkat comes from a large and close family. One day, he decides that it's time to leave home and see the world. |
| 41098 | Meet Don Bradman Vass, Coral & Howe, Brad (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925324891 | Don Bradman was Australia's greatest cricketer. This is the story of how he first came to play for Australia, and how his record-breaking feats in the Ashes series became a source of pride and hope during the hard years of the Great Depression. |

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| 10711 | Meet Nellie Melba Brian, Janeen & Murphy, Claire (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9780143780298 | Dame Nellie Melba was Australia's first classical music star. The beauty of her singing was celebrated around the globe. She was appointed Dame Commander, OBE, for her enormous fundraising efforts during World War I. Today, she is commemorated on Australia's one hundred dollar banknote. This is the story of how she rose to fame, and how she brought opera to Australians in the city and the bush. |
| 9398 | Meet the Flying Doctors Ivanoff, George & Wood, Ben (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2016 | 9780143780687 | In the early twentieth century, Reverend John Flynn saw the potential for aeroplanes to bring urgent medical care to people in outback Australia. He campaigned for more than ten years to make his big idea a reality. That big idea became the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Today, the Service, a not-for-profit organisation, provides emergency and primary health care across Australia. |
| | Mega series Pitchall, Chez & Gunzi, Christiane (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 818328 | Megamonster Walliams, David & Ross, TOny (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008499723 | Deep in the mists of time, far from the world we know, is an ancient stone castle. This castle sits on a huge black rock jutting out of a raging sea. The castle is a school where the naughtiest children in the world are sent. There is zero chance of escape. It is here that the scariest, yuckiest, most monstrous monsters you can think of get squished together into one. Who would dare to fight such a creature? Meet Larker, one small girl ready to take on Mega Monster. |
| 6907 | Melody Trumpet Tozer, Gabrielle | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2019 | 9781460754979 | As the daughter of worldwide, famous, musical superstars, Melody Trumpet was supposed to be an extraordinarily gifted musician to carry on the Trumpet legacy. But, as was first discovered when Melody screamed her first out-of-tune note as baby, this wasn't to be! Ten years on, Melody has been kept away from the eyes and ears of the world safely tucked away in Trumpet Manor. Will she find her voice? If only secrets could stay hidden...! |
| 13268 | Memory shed, The Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781742990347 | Annie is helping Grandma clear out her old shed for a garage sale. There are many dusty old things, long forgotten and unused. But, they hold special memories for Grandma. And, it seems the shed has something to say and it wants Grandma and Annie to listen. |

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| 120132 | Mending Lucille Poulter, J R & Davis, Sarah (ill) | Lothian Books | 2008 | 9780734410337 | A young girl grieves for her mother. She clings to familiar things to remind her of happier times but a broken doll highlights her hurt and begins the healing sequence. |
| | Mercy Watson series DiCamillo, Kate & Van Dusen, Chris (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 825499 | MerTales: The best friend promise Timmis, Rebecca | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526528 | Pearl is planning a sea-sational party for her birthday, but a chance encounter with a shooting star changes everything. All of a sudden Pearl can do something she never thought possible. Pearl's new powers could be a curse or a blessing. |
| 846053 | Mertales: The daring reef rescue Timmis, Rebecca | Albert Street Books | 2021 | 9781760526566 | Tomorrow is the Fancy-Fins Dress-up Party, and the MerTales crew are very excited! Pearl, Sandy and Coral are extra thrilled to be testing out their mer-mazing new magic powers. But what about Shell? She doesn't seem to have any powers, and is feeling a bit left out. Then a giant turtle blunders into Cockleshell Cove, and Shell is worried that she is too much of a scaredyfish to help. Together the girls must find a way to save the turtle, rescue Cockleshell Cove and have the best dress-up party ever! |
| 846180 | MerTales: The great treasure hunt Timmis, Rebecca | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760526573 | It's the day of the Great Treasure Hunt and everyone is joining in! Coral is excited to lead her team of best friends to the treasure first. But soon they discover that there is a bigger mystery to solve... Who is the mer-sterious Count Frumplesquid, and what does he really want in Cockleshell Cove? Can Coral and her crew work together to uncover the truth and keep the precious treasure safe? |

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| 871651 | Mertales: The mysterious rainbow thief Timms, Rebecca | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760526580 | <p>The colours are disappearing from Cockleshell Cove! The bright coral reef is grey and dull, and even the clownfish have lost their colour. The MerTales crew are worried their tails might be next!</p> <p>Sandy sets out to investigate with the help of her friends, Pearl, Shell and Coral. F.I.N.S. have saved Cockleshell Cove from reef dragons, giant turtles and catfish burglars, but the Mysterious Rainbow Thief moves faster than anything they have ever seen.</p> <p>Can the mer-crew catch the thief and bring back Cockleshell Cove's beautiful rainbow?</p> |
| 5640 | Message in a sock Baillie, Kaye & Joy, Narelda (ill) | MidnightSun Publishing | 2018 | 9781925227383 | <p>Tammy is safe at home, but her heart is with her father at the warfront. While her mother knits socks for the soldiers, Tammy slips a message inside each pair. But will her one special message find her father, and bring him safely home?</p> |
| 79472 | Mia's story Foreman, Michael | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781844282784 | <p>Mia's family is very poor, living in a house made from recycled bits and pieces. When her dog, Poco, disappears, Mia takes the family horse and heads off into the mountain meadows. There, the snow is clean and the sky is clear and Mia finds a kind of lily she's never seen before.</p> |
| 705141 | Midnight at the library Dubosarsky, Ursula & Brooks, Ron (ill) | National Library of Australia | 2018 | 9780642279316 | <p>A story of a little gold book, written long ago, and the journey it takes over the years before arriving at its new home in the library.</p> |
| 2871 | Mieko and the fifth treasure Coerr, Eleanor | Scholastic Australia | 1990 | 9780947241858 | <p>When the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Mieko's village was ruined and her hand was badly injured. She also lost the legendary fifth treasure, beauty in the heart. She is sent to a new school where her bravery and patience may help.</p> |
| | Mighty Mitch series Starc, Mitchell & Bunting, Philip (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> |
| 1209857 | Miles and Jones: The anaconda attack Smith, Sam & Lador, Cesar (ill) | Little Moa | 2024 | 9781869715564 | <p>Shackleton Jones is excited about his very first sleepover. He has to walk across the park with his dad to meet up with his best friend Amelia Miles. What they never expected was the evil neighbour would curse the park making their trip back to Jones' place much more interesting. Floodwaters can hide the most unusual things. Come on a fast paced graphic adventure with Miles and Jones.</p> |

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| 8508 | Millie Marsden, John & Rippon, Sally | Pan MacMillan | 2002 | 9780732911294 | Millie was always so good, or was she? Millie eats all her vegetables and puts away her toys, or does she? She's always kind to her baby brother, or is she? But no matter what Millie does, her parents still love her. |
| 895555 | Milly and the mulberry tree Conley, Vikki & Hudson, Deb (ill) | Exisle Publishing | 2022 | 9781922539120 | Milly's mulberry tree is the centre of her world. He loves the magic and joy it provides her every year as she grows up. When her adult life takes her far away she still dreams of her tree and it inspires her every day. |
| 1874 | Milo: moving story, A Riddle, Tohby | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760111632 | Milo's life is almost entirely unremarkable. He lives in a solid kennel in a reasonable part of town. Every other day, he has a job delivering parcels. Milo's life is turned upside down by an argument with his friend Snombo, followed by a strange wild storm that leaves him and his kennel in a precarious place. So, begins Milo's surprisingly remarkable journey back to his friends. |
| 9378 | Min Min, The Kelly, Joy & Russell, Shane | Indij Readers | 2003 | 9780975064047 | The warm and humorous story of a family in an isolated community. Dad tells lots of scary stories but one night he scares himself. |
| 803731 | Mina and the whole wide world Clark, Sherryl | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263231 | Mina wants her own bedroom more than anything else in the whole wide world. And it's almost ready. But when Mina's parents take in an unexpected house guest, they give her room away. At first Mina is too upset to speak. She doesn't care that the new boy, Azzami, needs a place to stay. Then she sees his drawings, and for the first time really thinks about the life of the quiet boy in front of her. |
| 941514 | Minecraft stoneword saga: To bee or not to bee Eliopoulos, Nick & Batson, Alan (ill) & Hill, Chris (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780008627157 | The gang are off on another adventure to find the next missing piece of the Evoker King. What they find is buzzare! Harper and her friends tackle a real-life ecological crisis. The bees around their school and the Stoneword Library are disappearing - and a splinter of the Evoker King has taken on the form of a bee colony with a hive mind! Could there be a connection with the rip they've seen growing bigger and darker in the Minecraft sky? And will their actions make things better or worse? |
| 10296 | Ming's adventure on China's Great Wall Jian, Li & Wert, Yijin (trans) | Better Links Press | 2015 | 9781602209879 | Ming and his father travel to the Great Wall to learn more about the creation of the longest structure ever build by humans. On their way, they take a wrong turn, leading to a great adventure as Ming and his father get to tour the wall and encounter all sorts of important figures, including the emperor who had the Great Wall built. When the emperor runs into a tricky situation at the beacon tower, it's up to Ming and some important information to save the day. |

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| | Miniwings Sutton, Sally & Richards, Kirsten (ill) | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |
| 24077 | Minnie Pearl and the undersea bazaar Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320149 | Minnie Pearl and her parents own the Undersea Bazaar where all the fashionable mermaids shop. Minnie helps in the shop when she's not attending school and learning what to do if she should ever encounter a human. When the wide-smiling Manta Ray opens her Marine Emporium next door, everything changes. All the mermaids flock to Manta's shop and Minnie determines to save the family business. |
| 12460 | Minou Bingham, Mindy & Maeno, Itoko | Ashton Scholastic | 1987 | 9780868963662 | Minou, a pampered cat, has a lovely life as Madame Violette sees to her every need. All seems wonderful until tragedy strikes and Minou suddenly finds herself on her own. |
| 2882 | Minpins, The Dahl, Roald & Benson, Patrick (ill) | Puffin UK | 2001 | 9780140568219 | Magical tale of a small boy, Billy, who journeys into the forest and encounters the Minpins who are extraordinary, little people. They are in fear of an evil creature and Billy must help them defeat it. |
| 6628 | Minton goes sailing Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9781864485929 | Minton can't wait to make a boat so that he and his friend, Turtle, can sail to an island on the horizon. There, they meet Bouncer, the acrobat, who has been stranded since she made the most gigantic, enormous jump and flew right out of the city and over the ocean. |
| | Minton series Various | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 6393 | Miracle on Separation Street Graham, Bob | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406324617 | Jack and his family go everywhere on foot until his mother gets a cleaning job and saves up the money for a car. They are all very excited about the trips they can do now they have a car. But, the excitement disappears on the second day when the car is gone. |
| 18577 | Misha's treehouse Hurst, Elise | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780734408624 | Misha is messy and her older brother, Paul, can't stand sharing their cluttered room. He begins to rebuild the old treehouse in the yard so she can make her mess there instead. |

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| 877963 | Miss Mary-Kate Martin's guide to monsters: The wrath of the Woolington wrym Foxlee, Karen & Chiu, Freda (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760526627 | Mary-Kate is accompanying her archaeologist mother on one of her digs to investigate some interesting bones found in a well. The locals are afraid - there are mysterious noises, earth tremors and a terrifying legend. Is there a beast that lives in the well? Mary-Kate might be anxious but she is not afraid to get to the bottom of this monstrous mystery. |
| 774208 | Miss Molly's school of kindness Davidson, Zanna & Reeve, Rosie (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2020 | 9781474983211 | Frankie, Felix and Freddie fox are driving their parents wild. They are always arguing or being nasty. Their parents decide that some fresh air will do them good. And it did. In the forest they found Miss Molly's School of Kindness. The foxes aren't sure at first, but learn to be kind to others, themselves and the planet. Come and visit Miss Molly's School with the foxes to see what you could learn, and maybe your parents too! |
| 5551 | Miss Wolf and the porkers Condon, Bill & Magerl, Caroline (ill) | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141311142 | Tiny Miss Wolf runs the school library and does it very well, despite a few problems with lizards, rats and cockroaches. She is lucky to have the loyal help of the three Porker children, until one day Miss Wolf arrives to find something terrible. |
| | Mission Fox series D'Ath, Justin & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 21190 | Mister Cleghorn's seal Kerr, Judith | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2015 | 9780008157302 | When Mr Cleghorn finds an abandoned seal pup on a rock in the middle of the sea, he decides he can't leave it. He brings it home to his flat. This is the story of what happened to Mr Cleghorn and Charlie, the seal, in their determination to find a home for Charlie and, incidentally, happiness for them both. |
| 957 | Mister Whistler Mahy, Margaret & Bishop, Gavin (ill) | Gecko Press | 2012 | 9781877467912 | Mr Whistler is a joyful man, always very finely dressed, and who is forever challenged by an urge to sing and dance. When he arrives at the train station he cannot help but dance along to the music in his head to the delight of his fellow commuters. But as the train approaches, just where did he put that train ticket. |

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| 1066726 | Mitchell Itches: An eczema story Kelly, Kristin & Jones, Amelina | EK Books | 2024 | 9781922539724 | Have you ever had an itch? Imagine having a never-ending itch? Mitchell was born with eczema, a skin condition which causes him to itch all the time. There are some things that make it worse and some things that help. Things that don't help are friends at school calling him names or not wanting to be near him in case they 'catch' it. But Mitchell is strong, courageous, determined and with the help of his parents can educate his friends, so they can understand that eczema doesn't make Mitchell who he is. Do you want to learn more? Check out this story and be prepared to be amazed. |
| 1209833 | Mitchell Starc: The incredible true story Gifford, Clive | Farshore | 2024 | 9780008608903 | Australian Mitchell Starc is a renowned fast bowler and one of the all-time cricketing greats. Learn about his journey from a kid bowling in his parents' yard to a celebrated world champion in this unofficial true story. |
| 18419 | Mo McCaughrean, Geraldine | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340911099 | Mo is no ordinary mobile phone. She can't do what she should but she can tell the future and there's danger ahead. Mo is on the run from an alien planet. When Shane offers to mind her while she's on Earth, he gets more than he bargained for. |
| 774463 | Mo and Crow Kasch, Jo & Bentley, Jonathan (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760631758 | Mo is content. He has a house and a wall to protect him. When persistent Crow arrives and breaks down Mo's wall, he is awakened to the world beyond the wall. A tale of the power of friendship. |
| 18695 | Mokie and Bik Orr, Wendy | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741145502 | Mokie and Bik live on a boat with Laddie, the dog, Slow, the sleepy turtle, and Ruby who sings all day. Dad is on his ship at sea, Mum is busy arting. But, underfoot or overboard, the twins have twice as much fun as anyone else. |
| 94615 | Molly's memory jar Spaulding, Norma & Grantford, Jacqui (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2010 | 9781921042355 | Molly feels lost after the death of her dog, Lucy, so her dad creates a colourful Memory Jar with her, to always remind her of the good times. |
| 130926 | Mom and dad are palindromes Shulman, Mark | Chronicle Books | 2006 | 9780811843287 | A humorous look at palindromes, although with some American spelling. Bob is surrounded by palindromes, indeed he is one himself. Palindromes are everywhere and there seems to be no escape from them. |
| 2921 | Monster fish, The Thiele, Colin & Smith, Craig (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2009 | 9781862913912 | It's time for the Big Boomer Fishing Contest and Ben's family is taking part. His cousin, Andy, wants to come too but Dad thinks Andy is clumsy and will fall overboard. But, Andy surprises them all and so do two, big fish. |
| 13880 | Monster Hole, The Small, Mary & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300267 | Mr and Mrs Snottygobble want a beautiful garden so they can win the garden competition. When a monster hole appears in their garden, they don't know how to get rid of it. |

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| 825542 | Monster hunting for beginners Mark, Ian | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780755504367 | Monster Hunting isn't as easy as it looks. And Jack should know. Because an ogre has just appeared in his garden and tried to EAT HIS AUNT. After defeating the ogre, Jack finds himself apprenticed to a grumpy monster hunter called Stoop and heading off to Cornwall, where more ogres are causing havoc. All he has are his wits, his catapult and a magical book called Monster Hunting for Beginners. Jack's a bit worried he might not be the hero everyone's waiting for. But then again, how many terrifying, bloodthirsty monsters can there really be? |
| 950231 | Monster island Ivanoff, George | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9781761047244 | When Bernie follows his mum to her new top secret job, he finds himself on Monster Island, where extinct and mythical creatures are alive. Bernie and his newfound friend Ivy must solve the mysteries of where all the mushrooms come from, and who is spying on the island with drones. Danger is around every corner in this action-packed adventure. |
| 50790 | Monster maintenance manual, The: A spotter's guide Macinnis, Peter & Thomas, Adele K (ill) | Pier 9 | 2010 | 9781741968088 | If you have ever wondered why a sock mysteriously disappears after the wash or why your shoelaces get tangled into tricky knots, then you probably have a monster problem. Or, more specifically, two monster problems with a gobblesock living behind your washing machine and a shoelace monster under your bed. |
| 660627 | Monster nanny Tolomen, Tuutikki | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525590 | Halley, Koby and Mimi have been sent a nanny to look after them while their parents are away. The only problem is that their nanny is actually a monster. Their monster, Grah, is enormous, hairy, dust and does not talk. The children begin to wonder if others have monster nannies as well. With no parents around the children must all help each other to solve the many mysteries surrounding the monsters and help them if they can. |
| 24015 | Monstroso Higson, Charles | Puffin UK | 2010 | 9780141328454 | Oscar is not looking forward to Grandad looking after him. It means endless rounds of chess or Monopoly, instead of war games on his computer. When he finds Dad's ancient laptop in the study, Oscar logs on to something called Project X and creates a real live warrior, who is programmed to obey Oscar's every command. But, Monstroso's wires are more than a little crossed and Oscar is in all sorts of trouble. |
| 923399 | Month that makes the year, The Zahri, Inda Ahmad | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761068423 | This is the first time that Deenie will fast for Ramada. She shares the reasons why her family and other Muslims fast during this time and shares the joy and warmth of the special occasion. |

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| 750980 | Monty's island: Beady Bold and the yum-yams Rodda, Emily & Gifford, Lucinda (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760529864 | Everyone loves Bring-and-Buy Day, when Trader Jolly visits the island with all the supplies Monty and his friends need. But this Bring-and-Buy Day is different. Instead of Jolly, there's a sneaky new trader called Beady Bold. And he's arrived with a boatload of trouble. The yum-yams are yummy, but they're hiding a very scary secret. |
| 665695 | Monty's island: Scary Mary and the stripe shell Rodda, Emily & Gifford, Lucinda (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760529857 | Scary Mary, the pirate, is looking for a new island home. An accidental brush with magic has turned Monty's Island into a beacon of red and white stripes. Monty, Tawny and their friends will need to find a way to save their home. |
| 27074 | Moon station Flynn, Rachel & Watson, Judy (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143304524 | For his Grade Five project, Williams must design a moon station. He has just one week to finish it and wonders if his parents can do a good enough job to win him a prize. |
| 3542 | Moon's messenger Kroll, Virginia & Celej, Zuzanna (ill) | Cuento De Luz | 2015 | 9788416147205 | Moon knew it was unusual to see a green turtle. Out of all the sea turtles in the world, they were the species that was most at risk. But when the turtle beckoned her to come, Moon knew it wanted to show her something. |
| 610433 | Moonfish: Poems to make you laugh & think Laing, Harry | Ford Street Publishing | 2019 | 9781925804256 | This collection of poems, rhymes and raps is full of fun. It features eye catching art work from Australia's best illustrators. The raps and rhymes are designed to be performed, try reading some of them without turning into a rapper. |
| 647142 | Moonwalkers Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill) | Penguin | 2019 | 9780143793557 | When Apollo 11 blasts off for the moon, the whole world is watching. On the other side of the planet, Billy, Mickey and Buzz decide to be astronauts too. Dream astronaut dreams, and celebrate Australia's role in one of humanity's greatest achievements, the moon landing of 1969. Moonwalkers is a joyous story of imagination and play - the greatest bedtime story ever told. |
| 9440 | More giggles and dreams Kosseris, Annette | self-published | 1997 | 9780646298740 | An illustrated collection of poems from an Australian poet. |
| 7801 | Most beautiful lantern, The Heinrich, Sally | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734408600 | The Chinese mid-autumn festival is celebrated with a parade through streets with colourful lanterns. Mei-Ling has trouble choosing her lantern because she wants it to be the most beautiful lantern in the parade. |
| 2944 | Most colourful frog in the world, The Morris, Julie D | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781865042343 | A discontented, brown frog discovers the advantage of an unobtrusive skin colour in this appealing story about self-acceptance. |
| 485 | Most loved monster Downey, Lynn & Davis, Jack E (ill) | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143501596 | Mama loves all her little monsters no matter how disgusting their personal habits or special talents are. Hair balls wrapped in seaweed are pretty disgusting. |

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| 12389 | Most magnificent mosque, The Jungman, Ann | Frances Lincoln | 2004 | 9781845070120 | Three naughty boys, Rashid, Samuel and Miguel, plague visitors to the mosque at Cordoba with their tricks. As punishment, the boys are forced to work in the mosque gardens. Later, the three friends reunite to save the church. |
| 965839 | Mother Earth: Poems to celebrate the wonder of nature Hathorn, Libby & Booth, Christina (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2023 | 9780734421555 | Let's dream of what we can become, Mother Earth. Explore this collection of beautifully illustrated poems about nature to celebrate the wonder of our precious world. |
| 9463 | Mouse and the motorcycle, The Cleary, Beverly | HarperCollins US | 1990 | 9780380709243 | A reckless, young mouse, named Ralph, makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. |
| 15428 | Mouse opera Wolfe, Richard & Pamela | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781869434700 | All the mice are preparing for a grand opera show. It is a race to see if they can get everything done from learning their lines to making sure the toilets are clean before opening night. |
| 9379 | Mousehole cat, The Barber, Antonia & Bayley, Nicola (ill) | Walker Books | 1993 | 9780744523539 | Mowser, the cat, lives at the far end of England in a town called Mousehole, with Old Tom, the fisherman. They lead a very pleasant life until the day they have to brave the Storm-Cat to bring food to the children at Christmastime. |
| | Mr Badger series Hobbs, Leigh | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 9585 | Mr Biffy's battle Tulloch, Richard | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140558722 | Two busking clowns get into a dispute over who owns the territory they work. Their competitive antics provide much humour in this glorious romp that explores resolving conflict. |
| 1099 | Mr Birdsnest and the house next door Donaldson, Julia & Shaw, Hannah (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742837109 | Elmo and his sister love to play in the jungle house next door until mean Mr Birdsnest moves in and the garden is out of bounds. But when Granny goes missing, the children decide to go to the rescue even if it means going into Mr Birdsnest's house. |
| 2056 | Mr Bliss Tolkien, J R R | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2007 | 9780007255337 | Eccentric Mr Bliss, a man notable for his immensely tall hats and the girabbit in his garden, takes the whimsical decision to buy a motor car. But, his first drive to visit friends quickly becomes a catalogue of disasters. Some of these could be blamed on Mr Bliss's style of driving but even he could not anticipate being hijacked by three bears. |

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| | Mr Chicken series Hobbs, Leigh | | | | 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. |
| 11430 | Mr Eight Eastaugh, Sharyn & Gordon, Gus (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305569 | Henry is in the pet shop to get himself a new pet but he doesn't want anything ordinary, like a kitten or a puppy. To his mum's dismay, he chooses Mr Eight, a giant octopus, who is more than the usual handful. And, he has a troubled past. |
| 6664 | Mr George Baker Hest, Amy & Muth, Jon J (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2007 | 9780763633080 | George is one hundred years old but he is learning to read with his pal, Harry. |
| 9806 | Mr Huff Walker, Anna | Penguin Books Australia | 2015 | 9780670078042 | Bill is having a bad day. Mr Huff is following him around and making everything seem difficult. Bill tries to get rid of him but Mr Huff just gets bigger and bigger. Then, they both stop and a surprising thing happens. |
| 965826 | Mr Impoppable Jamieson, Trent & Wilson, Brent (ill) | Larrikin House | 2023 | 9781922804440 | True friendship is impoppable and this is why Mr Impoppable is liked by all. Are we sure Impoppable is actually a word? Without a doubt Mr Impoppable puts Gerald to the test of finding friendship in rather impractical ways! |
| 25789 | Mr Moonlight Carroll, Jane & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305552 | Something is making a weird noise under the house at night. It's not a possum or a rat. Tom can't wait to find out what it is. |
| 15121 | Mr Noah and the cats Farrer, Vashti & Curtis, Neil (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734406309 | All Mr Noah wants is a bit of peace and quiet but God has told him to build an ark and take on board two kinds of every animal. With all the animals on board, life suddenly becomes very noisy for Mr Noah. |

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| 21915 | Mr Penguin and the lost treasure Smith, Alex T | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2018 | 9781444932072 | He has a dashing hat, a packed lunch of fish finger sandwiches and is very keen for adventure. Mr Penguin has opened his own business as Professional Adventurer. The phone rings! Boudicca Bones, owner of the Museum of Extraordinary Objects, urgently requires Mr Penguin's help in finding a long lost treasure hidden somewhere in the museum. With the help of his trusty spider friend, Colin, Mr Penguin springs into action. What follows is a hilarious adventure as they unravel the clues of great- great- great- grandfather's treasure map through the halls of the tumbled down museum. In their quest to find the lost treasure they stumble upon secret tunnels, hidden rainforests and the discovery that not everything or everyone seems to be what they appear to be! Mr Penguin learns that being a Professional Adventurer is exciting but can it also be dangerous! |
| 6268 | Mr Tiger, Betsy and the blue moon Gardner, Sally & Maland, Nick (ill) | Head of Zeus | 2018 | 9781786697172 | Once upon a time, the letters of the alphabet decided to write a story about an island left off the map of the world, where a little girl named Betsy K. Glory meets the mysterious Mr Tiger. Together, they embark on an adventure filled with magical Gongalong berries, mermaids, giants, princesses, frogs and toads to try and make wishable-delicious ice cream. But will their wishes come true? This book is published in blue print to assist readers with dyslexia. |
| 17490 | Mr Trim and Miss Jumble Boxall, Ed | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844289554 | Mr Trim is neat and tidy with a neat and tidy class. When he's sick, he's replaced by Miss Jumble who untidies everything. |
| 4604 | Mr Tripp smells a rat McKay, Sandy & Paul, Ruth (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921529061 | Lily's teacher, Mr Tripp, says everyone is good at something. Lily can hold her breath for ages. Jessie can do a cartwheel with one hand and Jamie is good at drawing frogs. Mr Tripp is good at two things. He can tell really good jokes and he has a clever nose. But, when Ricky Rider's pet rat escapes from its cage, Mr Tripp must be brave and sniff it out. |
| 610430 | Mr Walker and the dessert delight Black, Jess & Acton, Sara (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2019 | 9780143793083 | Mr Walker lives in a grand hotel, he is a special dog and it is his job to welcome everyone. The hotel is having a special party and a famous chef will be staying at the hotel and helping to cook for the event, but the hotel already has a chef. Will the two chefs be able to work together in one kitchen? Can Mr Walker help bring peace back to the hotel? |

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| 1019699 | Mr. Chicken goes to Mars Hobbs, Leigh | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760878276 | Mr Chicken is very curious. He loves meeting new people and travelling to new places. He's been to Paris, London, Rome and all over Australia, but one day, he realises that he has never been to outer space. Mr Chicken is on his way to Mars and you, the adventurous reader, are invited to join him! |
| 2968 | Mrs Millie's painting Ottley, Matt | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780733608827 | Mrs Millie loves to grow flowers but they never win any prizes, so she paints pictures of beautiful, exotic flowers instead. Suddenly her painting comes to life, and is trailing out the window leading to adventure. |
| 9707 | Mrs Pepperpot again Proysen, Alf | Random House Canada | 1999 | 9780099318002 | Mrs Pepperpot has an enormous, little problem. She shrinks and finds herself facing all sorts of funny situations of giant-sized proportions. Whether it's a brown bear or a moose on the loose, clever Mrs Pepperpot is always ready. |
| | Ms Wiz series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Muddle-headed wombat series Park, Ruth & Young, Noela (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 41509 | Mudpuddle Farm: Pigs might fly Morpurgo, Michael | HarperCollins US | 2017 | 9780007274635 | Mudpuddle Farm is made up of many animals, each with their own personality. In the first of two stories, we meet Pintsize, a feisty and adventurous pig, who overhears his owner utter the words, and pigs might fly. Pintsize decides that he will take on this challenge to fly with hilarious results. The second story focuses on Jigger the sheep dog whose one day off is spent planning how to get to the small creatures hiding in the 'about to be mown' corn field, and how, somehow, they manage to outsmart him each year. |
| 50226 | Mule School Rawlinson, Julia & Chapman, Lynne (ill) | Gullane Children's Books Ltd | 2007 | 9781862337299 | Stomper can't see the point and really doesn't like Mule School with its lessons in conforming to mule behaviour. He certainly doesn't seem very good at the important lessons. Then one day, Stomper proves the value of thinking for yourself and the routine at Mule School changes. |

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| 19982 | Mummy Fairy and me Kinsella, Sophie | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2018 | 9780141377889 | Ella's family have a big secret . . . her mummy is a fairy! She can do amazing spells with her computawand to make delicious cupcakes, create the perfect birthday party and cause chaos at the supermarket. But sometimes the spells go a bit wrong and that's when Ella comes to the rescue! |
| 72831 | Muncle Trogg Foxley, Janet & Wells, Steve (ill) | Chicken House | 2011 | 9781906427030 | Giants live on top of Mount Grumble, hidden from humans below. But, not all of them are big. Muncle Trogg is so small that he's laughed at by the others for being human-sized. Fed up, he decides to take a look at the 'Smallings' that he's meant to look like. But, what he discovers is very surprising indeed. |
| 7641 | Muncle Trogg and the flying donkey Foxley, Janet & Wells, Steve (ill) | Chicken House | 2012 | 9781906427955 | Muncle Trogg is a tiny giant who lives on Mount Grumble. When his home threatens to erupt, Emily, a Smalling, and Muncle Trogg enlist the wisest animal of all, the flying donkey, to convince the giants to listen to them. |
| 130917 | Mungo and the picture book pirates Knapman, Timothy & Stower, Adam (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780140569742 | Mungo reads his favourite book every night, an adventure about pirates. One night, when reading the book, Mungo discovers that the captain is nowhere to be found and he can dive in and take the captain's place. |
| 1168005 | Murray and Bun: Murray the knight Stower, Adam | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2024 | 9780008561277 | Murray and Bun travel through the enchanted cat flat and find themselves in the land of knights. There, Murray must defeat Sir Nasty in a jousting competition. Will Murray rise to the challenge and become an unlikely hero? What are the implications for Princess Rubytoes whose preferred destiny has little to do with marrying either Murray or Sir Nasty? |
| 1019871 | Murray and Bun: Murray the viking Stower, Adam | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2024 | 9780008561253 | Meet your favourite new duo: MURRAY AND BUN! Murray is a cat. Murray loves snoozing, fluffy blankets, and peace and quiet. Bun is a bun. Bun loves everything! And together they are unstoppable! Sometimes Murray's enchanted cat flap leads to the garden - but mostly it leads to ADVENTURE! And when Murray and Bun travel through the cat flap and find themselves in a land of vikings, they are given a very important mission: to travel to Troll Island and rescue Egrik the Viking - if he hasn't already been gobbled up by the trolls, that is. |

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| 10644 | Music tree, The Hoy, Catriona & Jaunn, Adele (ill) | Lothian Books | 2006 | 9780734408518 | Liam's mother hangs a saucepan lid to a tree to stop him from being destructive. In time the tree is well decorated with noisy household objects. Liam is inspired by a storm to create even more melodic music. |
| 18696 | Mustara Hawke, Rosanne & Ingpen, Robert (ill) | Lothian Books | 2006 | 9780734408990 | Taj longs to take his young camel, Mustara, with explorer Ernest Giles' expedition to find a way across the Australian desert. But, like a storm in the ocean, the desert can turn wild, and Mustara is thought to be too young and not strong enough. Taj and Mustara must prove their strength and courage. |
| 130950 | Mustard, custard, grumble belly and gravy Rosen, Michael & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2006 | 9780747587392 | Michael Rosen's witty and clever verses are brought to life by Quentin Blake's detailed art in a beautifully produced book. An audio version of the book is available. Gems include 'Don't put mustard in your custard'. |
| 9512 | Muster me a song: the Anne Bell reciter Bell, Anne | Triple D Books | 2002 | 9780957868113 | Anne Bell writes with love about Australia, the country and the city, the old and the new, young people and old timers. She has a keen sense of history, an eye for details and an ear for the music of words. |
| 7789 | My (most excellent) pet project McCombie, Karen | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406302875 | Indie Kidd is potty about pets and her school project is crawling with them. Pore over these crazy pages for Indie's animal advice and pet stories. There are freaky facts, too, such as alligators having a food radar in their cheeks and a group of hippos being known as a bloat. |
| 587761 | My Auntie Chook the vampire chicken French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2015 | 9780207200793 | Drackie lives on Vampire Island, where every night is dark and stormy. Soon he'll be old enough to turn into a bat and live in his own castle. Drackie has just had the best birthday ever. His parents have given him a vampire toad called Fang. Then the unthinkable happens, Fang is toad-napped and a ransom of \$100,000 is asked for by the International Society of Toad Thieves. The only clue is a bright pink feather. A clue that leads to Auntie Chook. But who is Auntie Chook? And why doesn't anyone in Drackie's family wish to talk about her? |
| 614625 | My Beijing: Four stories of everyday wonder Jun, Nie | Graphic Universe | 2018 | 9781541526426 | Yuer and her grandfather spend a lot of time together in the hutongs, or alleyways, of Beijing. As we follow these two in their everyday life, we meet some of the unusual people of the neighbourhood and their unusual stories. The past and the present come together in these disappearing neighbourhoods of one of the world's largest cities |
| 5236 | My best book of nibbles Brian, Janeen & Caisley, Raewyn & Dubosarsky, Ursula & Godwin, Jane & Lawrinson, Julia | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143306337 | If you've ever wanted to go on a magical adventure or been to an unusual party, then you'll love the five stories included in this book. |

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| 59049 | My best friend is a vampire Rippin, Sally | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143302391 | David is a loner who finally finds a best friend. Despite Vincent being a half-vampire, eating fresh worms, centipede sandwiches and crispy pigs' ears, the two boys form an instant friendship. But, the friendship is not without problems. |
| 628169 | My book (not yours) Sanders, Ben | Lothian Books | 2019 | 9780734419040 | Lento is so excited you are reading his book. He has a big story to tell you. First, though, he needs a little nap. But if you snooze, you lose. Enter Fox, stage right, to steal the show. |
| 13366 | My dad the dragon French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2004 | 9780207199509 | At King Arthur's School for Knights, Horace's homework is to catch and kill a dragon. The task is especially difficult for Horace as his dad is a dragon. |
| 2340 | My dad's a birdman Almond, David & Dunbar, Polly (ill) | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406313246 | Lizzie is a very special little girl with an extraordinary dad, and both are trying to cope with the loss of Lizzie's mum. Lizzie is growing up very fast while dad is acting very strangely. Mr Poop parades the streets encouraging dad to go in The Great Human Bird Competition; Auntie Doreen and Mr Mint try to help Lizzie in their own ways; meanwhile, Lizzie and dad make themselves beautiful. |
| 1209813 | My dad's gone away Krakouer, Andrew & Dinan, Jacqueline & Seden, Paul (ill) | Magabala Books | 2024 | 9781922777249 | Tarah's Dad is not around anymore, and she does not know why. Join Tarah as her parents support her to adjust to her Dad being in prison. |
| 25690 | My dad, the hero Gurney, Stella & McEwen, Katherine (ill) | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406306989 | Tariq loves his funny, clever Dad more than anything. His Dad drives a taxi and can make anything you like out of wood. When his Dad is selected to give a talk at school about his job, Tariq is worried about his Dad's accent and the mean Tom Morley. But, Tariq's dad is cleverer than Tariq thinks. |
| 92940 | My daddy snores Rothstein, Nancy H & Gilpin, Stephen (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2007 | 9780545028349 | When daddy snores, walls rumble and things tumble and poor mum has to try to find another comfortable place to sleep. The hamster doesn't like the noise and certainly doesn't want to share his bed with mum. There must be a cure. |
| 9030 | My dearest dinosaur Wild, Margaret & Rawlins, Donna (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865048345 | Notes from a mother dinosaur to her husband, who is off searching for food for the family. This nurturing dino describes her new babies and their day by day existence, with its prehistoric difficulties. |
| 89128 | My dinosaur ABC Adam, Emma & Turner, Nadia (ill) | Brolly Books | 2008 | 9781921346927 | A great book for dinosaur enthusiasts. The descriptions and drawings of twenty six dinosaurs provide interesting facts and details. Each letter of the alphabet, clearly written in lower and upper case, corresponds with a dinosaur name, which is shown phonetically to assist pronunciation. |

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| 4208 | My dog gets a job Fensham, Elizabeth | University of Queensland Press | 2017 | 9780702259593 | At almost ten years of age, Eric is now the responsible owner of his dog Ugly. But when Ugly is involved in a series of mishaps including the theft of a roast chook and a bedroom decorated with duck poo, it is clear Eric needs to do something to keep his dog out of trouble. Luckily, Eric knows exactly how to solve the problem...Ugly needs a job. But how can Eric find a job for a dog, even if his dog is a genius? |
| 751033 | My dog is a winner Fensham, Elizabeth | University of Queensland Press | 2020 | 9780702262951 | Eric Bright and his doggy best mate, Ugly, have a big challenge. They are attempting to solve the serious problem looming over Eric's mean and miserable big sister, Gretchen. It's lucky that Ugly is the friendliest dog ever. He's surely going to rescue Eric's sister. He's a star companion pooch, working with the kids at school. On top of that, he will win almost every category at the upcoming pet show. Surely.. This is a paw-some tale about friendship, compassion and what it takes to be a real hero. |
| 871577 | My favourite teachers Feiner, Beck & Robin | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780733342332 | This book is a celebration of school teachers and the great variety of other people in children's lives who teach important life lessons in other ways on other days. |
| 6337 | My first computer coding book Dickins, Rosie & Nielsen, Shaw (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2018 | 9781474943604 | This easy to use guide to computers and how they work will have you quickly coding in Scratch jr - a free downloadable app. Step-by-step instructions are easy to follow. There are 7 detailed projects, from simple coding to building a game. Beginner coders will love this book. |
| 660389 | My folks grew up in the 80's Feiner, Beck & Robin | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780733339417 | Welcome to the 1980s -- a time when crimped hair and perms were cool, kids listened to cassette tapes, thought dancing on your head was the ultimate, and synth-pop ruled the school. My Folks Grew Up in the '80s is a stroll down memory lane for the kidz who grew up then, and a hilarious chance to share the decade's downright weirdness with a whole new generation. |
| 4044 | My friend Tertius Fenton, Corinne & Swan, Owen (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760113827 | This is the true story of two lives brought together by chance. Arthur Cooper, working in intelligence for the British Government in pre-war Hong Kong, rescues a small gibbon and names him Tertius. Together they escape to a safe place - but is it for always? |
| 12446 | My gran's different Lawson, Sue & Magerl, Caroline (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405005 | Charlie's gran is different - she doesn't go to the football, make cakes or work in the garden. The story of Charlie and his gran is one of love and complete acceptance told through soft, watercolour illustrations. |

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| 846183 | My grandma is like the sea Franceska, Natalie & Kolenko, Sanja (ill) | self-published | 2021 | 9780645025422 | Imagine standing at the edge of the sea, closing your eyes and remembering the wise words of your grandmother. Love knows no boundaries in this inspiring story about the special moments shared in a relationship between a granddaughter and her grandmother. |
| 820 | My happy life Lagercrantz, Rose & Eriksson, Eva (ill) | Gecko Press | 2012 | 9781877467806 | Dani is the happiest person she knows, especially when she makes a best friend when she starts school. They share friendship bracelets, sit together in class and have sleepovers. But how will Dani return to her happiness when Ella moves away. |
| 34405 | My Henry Kerr, Judith | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2011 | 9780007388110 | When Henry dies, his wife can't see why they should stop doing things together, as they've always done. In fact, she can't help going a little bit over the top, imagining all sorts of wonderful outings, including dinosaur rides and dolphin-drawn water ski sessions. |
| 15351 | My Hindu year Senker, Cath | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2003 | 9780750240567 | A colourful introduction to the Hindu religion and celebrations, with a festival calendar and glossary. |
| 18584 | My home in Kakadu Christophersen, Jane & Christophersen, Christine (ill) | Magabala Books | 2005 | 9781875641932 | Respected elder, Jane Christophesen, reveals the beauty of the changing seasons in Kakadu National Park to her granddaughter, Tarrah, as Tarrah and her family collect bush tucker, hunt and fish. |
| 73789 | My little world Cooke, Julia & Crosby-Fairall, Marjorie | Omnibus Books | 2011 | 9781862917903 | When a little wanderer goes out walking with her gran and her brother, she doesn't see many of the things that are too tall or too fast. But, the small child can see other things, such as the tiny insects, the lizard hiding under the brush, the insect that looks like a twig and the fuzzy zigzag pencil lines, scribbled on the bark of a tree. |
| 18441 | My map book Fanelli, Sara | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781844280766 | A treasure map, a map of a face, a map of a neighbourhood, a family tree and even a map of a heart are included in these maps of life. Children will be inspired to draw some maps for themselves. |
| 587760 | My mum the pirate French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | | 2007 | 9780207199493 | Cecil's mum wears long black boots and an even longer sword, and she makes her enemies walk the plank. All Cecil wants is a normal life. But with parent-teacher night coming soon, Cecil is worried. Will his mum embarrass him in front of all of his friends? Will people realise that his family isn't normal? When flood waters rise and Bandicoot Flats Central School is in danger, who will save the students and teachers from the perils of the deepening waters? And is Cecil's mum really a pirate? |

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| 10170 | My name Is Lizzie Flynn: A story of the Rajah quilt Saxby, Claire & Newcomb, Lizzy (ill) | Black Dog Books | 2015 | 9781922179913 | Lizzie Flynn has nothing but her name when she boards the Rajah, a ship sailing from England to the penal colony of Australia. She has been sentenced to seven years for stealing a shawl. On board, the convict women are given a useful bag containing fabric, needle and thread. |
| 27302 | My silent world Hilton, Nette & Agostino, Vincent | Hachette Children's Books | 2009 | 9780734410375 | The world is a very different place when you are deaf. The power of sight and the beauty of colours and textures are heightened. How will things change when technology allows a deaf child to hear? |
| 571294 | My super special granny Morley, Jedidah & Erasmus, Karen (ill) | Empowering Resources | 2017 | 9781925592047 | Amelia Arbuckle and her family are moving away. Amelia is sad because they are moving away from Granny. Amelia visits her granny every day before moving and together they have amazing adventures and lots of laughs. |
| 39062 | My two blankets Kobald, Irena & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2014 | 9781921714764 | A young girl leaves her war-ravaged homeland and arrives in Australia. Everything looks and sounds strange, even the wind. She doesn't speak the language and feels intimidated and lonely. To cope, the girl wraps herself in a beloved blanket and takes comfort in the memories of her homeland. One day at the park, a local girl smiles and waves at her. |
| 1597 | My village: rhymes from around the world Wright, Danielle (comp) & Moriuchi, Mique (ill) | Gecko Press | 2008 | 9781877467103 | A delightful selection of simple poems for the young to read. Beautiful illustrations complement the translations, with each poem in English and its original language. Languages include Chinese, Japanese, Norwegian, Jamaican, Iranian, Samoan and more. |
| 1195 | Mysterious traveller Peet, Mal & Graham, Elspeth & Lynch P.J. (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406337075 | Although now aging, Issa, is the best African desert guide in the region. During a journey he discovers a camel protecting a baby girl during a sandstorm. Issa raises the child, sharing his love and understanding of the desert and together they continue to guide travellers, even as Issa goes blind. When they save a group of travellers during a sandstorm, the truth of her past is revealed. |
| 8024 | Naked mole rat gets dressed Willems, Mo | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406321371 | Naked mole rats do not wear clothes. They hate hats, scorn socks and turn their noses up at trousers. That is, all naked mole rats except Wilbur. |
| 9787 | Nancy Bentley: the first Australian female sailor Hawkins, Tracey & Grantford, Jacqui (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2011 | 9781921042768 | Based on the true life story of Nancy Bentley, who was born in 1914 and lived with her family in Port Arthur, and due to unusual circumstances, related in this book, was inducted into the Royal Australian navy at the age of six years. |
| 15355 | Nardika learns to make a spear Fry, Chris | Magabala Books | 2001 | 9781875641703 | With his father's help, Nandika, an Aboriginal boy, learns how to make a chittabutta, a fishing spear, so he can catch his own fish. |

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| | National Geographic kids series level 1 and level 2 Various | | | | 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. |
| | Nature storybooks series Various | | | | 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. |
| 18401 | Nature's way A to Z Brian, Janeen & Leitch, Helen (ill) | Crawford House Publishing | 2005 | 9781863333061 | Combining humorous verse through the twenty-six letters of the alphabet. This book shows nature's ways and how the environment works. |
| 60802 | Naughty Nigel Ross, Tony | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842707449 | Naughty Nigel creates mayhem with his bad behaviour until he has his just rewards in a bad dream and is taught a lesson. |
| 3103 | Naughty nine and the mystery of Benito's treasure, The Milne, Christopher | Milne Books | 1996 | 9780646288697 | The naughty nine go in search of the treasure. |
| 9426 | Ned's Kang-u-roo Farrer, Vashti | Otto Books, www.vashtifarrer.com | 1997 | 9780850918557 | Twelve year old farm boy, Ned Wattrous, runs away to sea on Captain James Cook's HMS Endeavour. Ned tells how they save the ship and sail into shore for repairs. Then they must find a way out through the shallow and treacherous water. |
| 846788 | Need a House? Call Ms. Mouse! Mendoza, George & Smith, Doris Susan (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761066016 | All the animals want to live in a house designed by Henrietta. She is the only mouse in the world who understands exactly what makes a squirrel or a rabbit, a caterpillar or a frog feel at home. She furnishes each home lovingly down to the tiniest detail. Each house represents not just a life but a lifestyle. Welcome to the enchanting world of Henrietta. |
| 1799 | Nelly gang, The Axelsen, Stephen | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781921977916 | Fun, dastardly plans, at least one villain and a pet goat entertain amid the danger. Can Nelly rescue her father from the clutches of Captain Sunbeam. Will the children escape each of several close shaves with their lives. And who will get the gold. |
| 47244 | Nelly Jelly and the magnificent tree Limbrick, Lisa & Trappel, Jemima (ill) | Wombat Books | 2017 | 9781925563184 | There is only one thing that Nelly dislikes more than jelly and that's heights. In fact, she is terrified of high places. But when she has to climb the magnificent tree to rescue her younger sister's doll, Nelly has to not only face her greatest fear but a series of soggy, squishy and sticky things. |

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| 833192 | Nelson: Eggplants and dinosaurs Levins, Andrew & Kear, Katie (ill) | Penguin | 2021 | 9781761042294 | Nelson's nemesis - vegetables - is actually the key to his superpowers. But when he's called on to track down the worst thief in town, trialing the effects of eating eggplant has disastrous consequences.....Will Nelson be able to control his inner beast and use it to get out of danger? |
| 15048 | Neptune's nursery Toft, Kim Michelle & Sheather, Allan | University of Queensland Press | 2002 | 9780702231124 | A hide-and-seek game through a tropical underwater world to discover which is the mystery sea creature that we all know, yet rarely see. Beautiful illustrations. |
| 1124956 | Nerd herd, The Luff, Nathan and Kennett, Chris (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781760971069 | Barny the lamb and his two friends Shaama and Billy are sick and tired of being picked on at the petting farm where they live. They decide to form a gang - THE NERD HERD. But how will they ever show the other animals how brave they are, when they are faced with a gigantic cat, vicious dog, a raging bull and a fox that is outsmarting everyone and stealing all the chooks? Read the first instalment of this hilarious series to venture into the world of punny wisecracks, sheepishly great friends, wooly adventures and baaaarmy ideas, all in one book. |
| 1019908 | Nerd Herd, The: Pig Out Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris | Scholastic Australia | 2022 | 9781761128516 | Barny and his friends have escaped from Mrs Fox, but now they have a new problem: Kevin Bacon has a job for them. He wants them to help him impress the new pig on the farm, Barbie Q. Will a swine-dining experience win her over? Or the new musical show, Mo-hair? Join Barny and his friends for their wackiest job yet! |
| 1019906 | Nerd herd, The: Raging wool Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781760974619 | Barny the Lamb and his friends may have scared off the fox. But now they have a new problem. A gigantic bull (with behavioural issues) is on the loose. Can Barny and his gang get the bull back in his pen and earn the respect of the petting-zoo farm? Or will this be another big mis-steak? |
| 964881 | Nerd Herd, The: Kitty Litter Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781761205002 | Plus-sized Puss has given birth to five kittens, and they are all kinds of trouble! So the whole farm call upon The Nerd Herd to do something about it - and fast! Can Barny the Lamb, Shaama Llama Ding Dong and Billy the Kid succeed on their mission? And will they finally get the farm cred they deserve? |

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| 1019858 | Nerra: Deep time traveller: The broken rainbow Walton, Tasma & Campbell, Samantha (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781760264567 | When Nerra's great-grandmother passes away, she leaves a box of artefacts to Nerra. Nerra is drawn to the clapsticks which glow red hot, and when she picks them up, she is transported back in time. Dreaming is out of balance and a hero needs to help. Bineal and Pirnbial, husband and wife of the rainbow, have been split apart and captured by the evil Devour'ena. With the help of the Keeper of Clean Sand and Clear Water and the cleverman, Bobbinary, can Nerra reunite the rainbow and bring Dreaming back into balance? |
| | Netball gems series Various | | | | 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. |
| 669567 | Never forget Hallifax, Clare & O'Carrigan, Simon (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781743835050 | Commemorating the families who served and sacrificed in a war far from home, movingly illustrated with art inspired by original Anzac war artists. Never forget the sacrifice these soldiers made for our country. |
| 18216 | Neville no-phone Branford, Anna & Chadwick, Kat (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921529962 | Neville is the only kid in his whole class without a mobile phone. Or, so he tells his parents. When it's clear that Neville's parents can't be persuaded to get him a phone, Neville enlists the help of his mate, Enzo. They are determined. Humans have walked on the moon and they've built the pyramids. Surely, if they put their minds to it, Neville and Enzo can find a way. |
| 28004 | New kid, The: Unpopular me O'Loughlin, James & Martin, Matthew (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781760554255 | No-one enjoys being the new kid at school and Sam is no different. He doesn't set out to be the uncool new kid and has plans to be the most popular kid in the school after moving from Adelaide to Canberra. This book is hilarious with tales of lonely losers, frog underpants, fireworks and bad boys. |
| 641260 | New kid, The: Very popular me O'Loughlin, James & Martin, Matthew (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781760554835 | Sam finally got what he wanted - he is popular! He owns the school's most wanted marble! Then things start to go wrong. He gets a baby sister, somehow he ends up being the teacher's pet and his popularity drops faster than a tomato in a lift. How will he get it back and more importantly does he really want it? |
| 903237 | Nice Garry: Bowled over Lyon, Nathan & Wagner, Michael & Williams, David (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781460761342 | Ten-year-old Garry Keenan is about to discover he has a special cricketing ability, which is a dream come true, right? Well, it is, except that sometimes being first rate comes with all sorts of new challenges. |

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| 903238 | Nice Garry: In a spin Lyon, Nathan & Wagner, Michael & Williams, David (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781460761359 | Garry Keenan is the most exciting new cricketer to play for the Youngstown Under-16s in years. But can a talented ten-year-old off-spinner help his team take on the most feared XI in the competition? |
| 17464 | Nick Mack's good luck Bergman, Mara & Barton, Jill (ill) | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844280919 | Nick Mack's best friend, Ellie, has a dog called Newton, whom she says is as much Nick's dog as hers. But, Nick wants a pet of his own. Nick finds a four-leaf clover in the park and his good luck soon kicks in. |
| 6434 | Nick's fabulous footy cards Fish, Greg & Trevenen, Jason (ill) | Hip and Shoulder Books | 2014 | 9780992533502 | If you love footy and think you're pretty good, you sound just like Nick. After recovering from an ankle injury, Nick discovers he has lost his self-confidence and is not playing very well. His Uncle Matthew gives him a new pack of footy cards and, during the night, Nick awakens to the sound and movement of tiny footballers, training on his doona. It's the Hammers, his favourite team, who just might help to improve his game. |
| 15392 | Nigel Axelsson, Carina | Assouline Publishing | 2004 | 9782843236143 | Nigel lives in Hyde Park, London and is about to become king. That's what Her Divine Highness Queen Bethunia of Hyde has decided, despite Nigel's youth and out-of-control imagination. |
| 9486 | Night animals Hussein, Iqbal & Boller, Gary | Two-can Publishing | 2000 | 9781854347947 | Catchy, casual language, photographs and cartoon drawings show how nocturnal animals find food and shelter, how they mate and explore the concept of adaptation. |
| 11991 | Night creatures Cooper, Wade | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9780545057974 | Easy to read rhymes reveal information about special creatures who like the night, including skunks, owls, bats, foxes, jaguars, badgers and kangaroos. Beautiful photos and busy pages of facts. |
| 1455 | Night fairy, The Schlitz, Laura Amy & Barrett, Angela (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2010 | 9780763636746 | What would happen to a fairy if she lost her wings and could no longer fly? Flory, a night fairy no bigger than an acorn, is about to find out. The world is very big and dangerous but Flory is fierce and determined to survive. If that means using Skuggle the squirrel so be it. |
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| 6555 | Ninnyhammer King-Smith, Dick | Random House Children's Books | 2008 | 9780552556200 | Ninnyhammer is known as the village simpleton. When Peter fishes a strange stick out of the stream, he discovers that there's a lot more to Ninnyhammer than first appears. |
| | Nit Boy series Bancks, Tristan & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 17309 | No McPhail, David | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847801203 | A little boy sets out to deliver a letter, witnessing acts of war on the way. But, when he encounters a bully by the post-box, he decides that enough is enough. |
| 10667 | No cat and that's that Dawe, Bruce & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Penguin | 2002 | 9780143300090 | Sam wants a cat but Dad says no. She will have to persuade him to let her have one and he doesn't look like he's going to say yes easily. |
| 3148 | No hat brigade Airey, Miriam | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781740517737 | Grandpa John has all the answers to Lachlan's questions but, when the issue of wearing a hat arises, Grandpa has all the reasons why he does not wear a hat. This book tells you about the dangers of skin cancer. |
| 3152 | No one Nilsson, Eleanor & Ogden, Betina | Puffin Australia | 1999 | 9780141304120 | Emma and her older sister, Charlotte, share the same birthday. They even want the same birthday present. But Emma and Charlotte are very different, and so are their new puppies. |
| 50800 | No return: Captain Scott's race to the pole Gouldthorpe, Peter | Lothian Books | 2011 | 9780734412201 | In the age of discovery, Antarctica remained largely unexplored. Robert Falcon Scott was one pioneer who penetrated the ice and cruel weather. This is the amazing story of his second journey from England to Antarctica. On the return journey, Scott and his comrades perished from a combination of exhaustion, starvation and extreme cold. |
| 5485 | No room for a mouse Mewburn, Kyle & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2007 | 9781865046600 | Christopher's mother is so busy working for the pigeon post that she doesn't notice when he invites an amazing variety of people to share their enormous house. There's Mrs Fizzletum, Maestro Bambonium and his Grand Pandemonium, and Ringmaster Fergus and the Sawdust Circus. Soon the house begins to feel small, so small that Christopher's mouse, Sneaky, can't even find a spot. |

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| 803706 | Noa and the little elephant Foreman, Michael | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008413279 | Noa loves to watch the elephants play in the water near his small village in East Africa. One day tragedy strikes and the baby is left all alone, his mother killed by poachers. When Noa and his village adopt the lonely orphan, a beautiful friendship is born. Until one stormy night when Noa may need his friend to save him too ... |
| 73251 | Noah Dreary Blabey, Aaron | Penguin | 2013 | 9780670077182 | Noah complains and had been on a particular roll that day, complaining about this, about that, about this, that, this, that, that, this and the other (much of which involved his baby sister). So, off popped his head. |
| 62032 | Nonsense verse Lear, Edward | Antique Collectors Club | 2005 | 9781851497041 | This book brings new life to five of Edward Lear's best-loved nonsense verses. Zany characters leap across the pages in a colourful, fantasy world, where nothing is quite what it seems and anything is possible. |
| 46455 | Norman does nothing Storer, Jen & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305941 | Norman is a dignified garden gnome who is used to living in the same place and doing nothing all day. But, Norman's peaceful life suddenly gets turned upside down, with unexpected results. |
| 16367 | Norman Enormous Hackett, Dave | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143502227 | Norman Not-so-enormous wonders if two people can find true friendship when they are so different. He can think of all the reasons why their new relationship might fail but, when he gives it a go, he finds that he and Norman Enormous have heaps in common. Squished and squashed in his normal-sized home, Norman Enormous has longed to share his love of interpretive dance and black-and-white movies. |
| 31119 | Norton took something Dickson, John | Berbay Publishing | 2018 | 9780994384140 | Taking something his sister treasured was not seven year old Norton's best decision. But returning the thing and making good proves to be harder that it looks. Fortunately, Norton has a caring family to help him light the way, though sometimes his older sister can be a bit tricky. |
| 5868 | Not a nibble Honey, Elizabeth | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9781864482423 | Sally and her family are on a camping holiday and everyone but Sally catches a fish. While she is not lucky at fishing she sees something even better . |
| 3165 | Not again, dad Fowler, Thurley & Smith, Craig (ill) | Penguin | 1994 | 9780140365597 | Paul knows how to manage Mum but, when she's away, it isn't so easy. Paul and his sister find that Dad's style is very different. The worst part is when Dad joins in at cricket and swimming classes - totally embarrassing. |
| 38419 | Not like me Hann-Syme, Marguerite & Heap, Sue | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406303834 | Tilly and Lizzy are identical twins but are totally different in many ways. Tilly makes a mess, Lizzy tidies up. Tilly likes the outdoor life and Lizzy doesn't. Their differences create stresses that, in the end, are delightfully resolved when they find that there are many things they really have in common. |

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| 9605 | Not nits Treloar, Lucy & Yahyeh, John (ill) | Koala Books | 2003 | 9780864615053 | Gus loves bugs so much he even wants to protect his nits. Gus's mum is a tricky one though, and eventually she helps him realise he doesn't really want nits. |
| | Not quite a mermaid series Chapman, Linda | | | | 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. |
| 1019835 | Not-so-Little Red Riding Hood Rosen, Michael & Melling, David (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780008509934 | One day, Little Red Riding Hood's granny invited her for a picnic and a big surprise. Little Red Riding Hood thought, Granny? Surprise? I remember last time. A big bad wolf. What big eyes. What big ears. What big teeth. |
| 28322 | Numberlys, The Joyce, William & Ellis, Christina (ill) | Atheneum Books for Young Readers | 2014 | 9781442473430 | The Numberlys lived in an orderly, dull world which was very, well, numberly. But, five friends weren't willing to accept that this was all there was. They knew there had to be more. So, they broke out hard hats and welders, hammers and glue guns, and started knocking some numbers together. At first, it was awful. But, the five kept at it and, soon, one letter after another emerged. When they got to the letter Z, their world changed. |
| 6160 | Nutmeg Lucas, David | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842705636 | Nutmeg lives a very dull life with her old Uncle Nicodemus and Cousin Nesbitt. They eat nothing but cardboard for breakfast, string for lunch and sawdust for supper. Then, when Nutmeg meets a genie who gives her a magic wooden spoon, her life changes. |
| 5688 | Nyuntu Ninti: what you should know Randall, Bob & Hogan, Melanie (ill) | ABC Books | 2008 | 9780733320491 | In this beautiful, photographic book for young children, Bob Randall explains, in a simple but effective way, the Anangu people's relationship to all that is around them, and why we must learn to care for the Earth, its plants and its creatures. |
| 647172 | Ocean deep Hatfield, Richard | Child's Play International Ltd | 2011 | 9780859539296 | Nearly three quarters of our Earth is water but most of it remains unexplored. This unique book takes you on a journey to the depths of the ocean and explores the sea life you will find there. |
| 737782 | Odds, The Stanton, Matt | ABC Audio - Enterprises | 2020 | 9780733340635 | What would you do if you woke up in the morning to see ten comic characters from your imagination eyeballing you? When Kip wakes up to find ten odd characters staring angrily at her, she thinks she is dreaming, but soon realises they need to go back to their own worlds - comics, TV shows, games, books, even nightmares - but how? This funny graphic novel has fabulous illustrations and a heart warming story, as Kip learns to embrace who she is and face her fears. |

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| 959202 | Odds, The: Power of being odd Stanton, Matt | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780733340659 | In the third and final book of The Odds trilogy, Kip leads her father and all her odd imaginary friends to the world of the imaginorium; a building where all her imaginary friends can stay forever, so can she if she doesn't want to go back to the real world. Inside there are strange new characters, secret doors and terrifying fears. Who holds the key to getting back out? Will Kip, her dad and her friends want to leave? What are the weird dots appearing everywhere? Going into this mysterious building was easy, but will leaving be just as easy? |
| 846144 | Odds, The: Run, Odds, run Stanton, Matt | ABC Books | 2021 | 9780733340642 | Why is Kip being followed by a mysterious stranger? Kip, Dad and the Odds are on the run in this second book in The Odds series. Kip's power is her imagination - will it be enough to outwit the woman in black? Fast paced and easy to read, this funny graphic novel has fabulous illustrations and will leave you wanting more. |
| 950150 | Odelia and the Varmint Moore, Jenny & Pagenelli, Elisa (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2023 | 9781922326713 | Join Odelia as she pairs up with the rude and dangerous Captain Blunderfuss in an attempt to discover the treasure she needs to save her family. |
| 19999 | Odyssey, The Stowell, Louie (retell) & Pincelli, Matteo (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2011 | 9781409522348 | The story of a clever but unlucky Greek hero who just wants to get home. But, fate has other ideas. |
| 67324 | Of thee I sing: a letter to my daughters Obama, Barack & Long, Loren (ill) | Knopf Publishing Group | 2010 | 9780375835278 | Prior to becoming the United States President, Barack Obama wrote a tribute to thirteen ground-breaking Americans and the ideals that shaped their nation. From the artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe, to the courage of Jackie Robinson, to the patriotism of George Washington, President Obama sees the traits of these heroes within his own children, and within all of America's children. |
| 783573 | Off we go around Australia Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526740 | From the tip of the Top End to way out west, Australia is packed with magical things to see and do. So off we go! Sailing and surfing, caving and kayaking, camping under big skies and exploring underground. Join the madness of these family holidays |
| 1019732 | Officer clawsome: Lobster cop Smith, Brian "Smitty" & Giarrusso, Chris (ill) | HarperCollins US | 2023 | 9780008611460 | Is there really a shark in Caper Cove? Who stole Kelpy's? And how did the thief steal an entire building? Officer Clawsome and Stariana are on the job - can they track down the culprit and bring them to justice, saving Kelpy's in the process?" |
| 18425 | Old Bun and the burglar Rodda, Emily & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Working Title Press | 2005 | 9781876288488 | Old Bun can't believe his luck. Soon after he receives a note warning him about burglars in Mouseville, three strong mice from the Rich Mouse Guard Company offer to help. |

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| 682646 | Old enough to save the planet Kirby, Loll & Lirus, Adelina (ill) | Magic Cat Publishing | 2020 | 9781916180529 | Meet kids around the world, kids just like you, who are making a positive difference to take action against climate change. Learn about the work that they do and discover how the future of our planet starts with you. |
| 3191 | Old magic Baillie, Allan & Wu, Di (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9780091829155 | Grandfather cracks his old toy top to bring back his magic from the old country. His grandson, a Chinese Australian boy, learns to understand the place of his own culture in his new Australian lifestyle. |
| 4686 | Old possum's book of practical cats Eliot, T S & Scheffler, Axel (ill) | Faber & Faber | 2010 | 9780571268979 | A wonderful collection of poems that tell us what cats get up to when we aren't watching. Some are sane, some are mad, some are good and some are bad. Meet magical Mr Mistoffelees, sleepy Old Deuteronomy and curious Rum Tum Tugger. But, you'll be lucky to meet Macavity because Macavity's not there. |
| 16096 | Old Tucker Man Austin, Debbie | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9780975770856 | For many thousands of years, Kirrae Whurron men prided themselves on being able to hunt and provide game food for their families and communities. When the land was taken from them, their food source was replaced by European farming animals. |
| 22927 | Olga and the smelly thing from nowhere Gravel, Elise | HarperCollins US | 2017 | 9780062671806 | Olga loves science almost as much as she loves animals. She knows that she is going to be a scientist that studies animals when she is old enough. In fact, she has already started studying them. But when Olga discovers a 'thing' that looks like cross between a badly drawn potato and a deflated hamster she doesn't quite know what to do. Like any good scientist, however, Olga begins to study the beast, but what she doesn't realise is that this discovery will begin an adventure that will change her life forever. |
| 30756 | Oliver Moon's summer holiday Mongredien, Sue & McCafferty, Jan (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2007 | 9780746077924 | Mildew Cottage is perfect for Oliver Moon's summer holiday. It's cold, dark and, best of all, it's haunted. Oliver's parents aren't so happy. They're fed up with the spooky noises in the woods, so Oliver decides to go ghostbusting with his new friend, Wilf. But, Oliver begins to wonder if his hairy pal is all that he seems to be. |
| | Olivia's secret scribbles series Costain, Meredith & McDonald, Danielle (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 20244 | Olympuss games, The: Son of Spartapuss Price, Robin | Mogzilla | 2014 | 9781906132811 | Spartapuss is a newcomer to Rome in 36 AD and he has much to learn. When a mysterious stranger offers to pay his debts he finds himself in a school for strays and a school for gladiators. Will they make it to the Olympuss Games? |
| 1275 | On a small island Hughes-Odgers, Kyle | Fremantle Press | 2014 | 9781925161168 | Ari lives alone on an island, his days spent collecting all that washes ashore and gazing at the ships that pass, on their way to the great land that is a speck on the horizon. When one ship does stop, Ari is told of all the magnificent things that lie in the distance, bringing Ari a sense of wonder but also isolation and loneliness. Then one day, Ari has a dazzling idea. |
| 7739 | On the farm: our holiday with Uncle Kev Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781741758825 | Uncle Kev has a farm, where the pigs do the polishing and the cows are the happiest in all the hills. Kev invites the family for a 'holiday', then sets them to work. There's lots to be done before the big Harvest Festival - and Kev is distracted, because he's fallen in love! |
| 44392 | On the river: come with me from the mountains to the sea Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760112455 | Roland Harvey and his new pelican friend are off on an adventure to walk, fish, canoe, raft, windsurf, sail, paddle-steam and, even, fly their way along the mighty Murray River, from its smallest beginnings in the high country to where it meets the sea. Together they discover the story of the river - its secrets, history, ecology, people and animals. And, you're invited, too. |
| 9413 | On the team Flynn, Rachel & Smith, Craig (ill) | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300441 | Carey is good at schoolwork and sport and wishes that he wasn't. Winston says that it is worse to be bad at everything. |
| 660539 | Once Forsyth, Kate & Brennan, Krista (ill) | Wombat Books | 2019 | 9781925563566 | Once, a long time ago, my grandmother's grandmother travelled far, far across the seas. Kate Forsyth tells tales of her ancestors' lives in Australia in this beautifully illustrated picture book. From the first perilous journey to a new land, to the great wars and civil rights movements, readers live through key moments in Australia's fascinating history. |
| 760340 | Once there was a boy Leffler, Dub | Magabala Books | 2016 | 9781921248375 | This is the story of a young boy living alone on an island. When a mysterious girl finds him and starts eating his food and using his things without asking, he feels annoyed and angry. However, he soon learns the importance of friendship and forgiveness when feelings are unintentionally hurt by our friends. |
| 18442 | Once upon an ordinary school day McNaughton, Colin & Kitamura, Satoshi (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2006 | 9781842704691 | It was an ordinary morning when the ordinary boy woke up for his ordinary journey to school. But, then Mr Gee bounced into the classroom and everything changed. The dull, grey world had been transformed into one of colour and excitement. |

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| 700327 | One and only Bob, The Applegate, Katherine | Harper | 2020 | 9780008390679 | Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family. |
| 1209721 | One and only family, The Applegate, Katherine | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9780008702465 | Ivan is the resident silverback gorilla in a wildlife sanctuary, with his friend Ruby next door in the elephant enclosure, frequent visits from his canine friend Bob, and his mate Kinyani by his side. Ivan has also just become a dad - to twins! But as he navigates the joys and challenges of parenthood, he can't help but recall his own childhood in the jungle - and his own twin. |
| 21939 | One and only Ivan, The Applegate, Katherine | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9780061992278 | Ivan is a mighty silver back even if he does look a bit sad and dull in his cage at the nearly forgotten shopping mall circus. He has spent most of his life around humans and in a cage, but he knows he is something special and something to be proud of, he just can't find the inspiration to act the part anymore. That is until he meets little Ruby, a baby elephant. The sad circus owner hopes that adding a baby elephant to the show will bring people back, but Ivan can not stand by and see more animals brought into a life of captivity. |
| 959166 | One and only Ruby, The Applegate, Katherine | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2023 | 9780063080089 | Ruby is a young elephant who loves spending time with her best friends, Ivan the silverback gorilla and Bob the mutt. But zoo life has not always been the way for Ruby and in the lead up to her Tusk Day, Ruby finds the courage to embrace and share her story - and herself. |
| 15154 | One child Cheng, Christopher & Woolman, Steven (ill) | Era Publications | 1999 | 9781863745086 | One child saw a world full of problems and thought, I know what to do. One child did all that she could. Just imagine if all the children of the world did all that they could. This book encourages children to take action to conserve the environment. |
| 1141609 | One day by the numbers Jenkins, Steve | Clarion Books | 2022 | 9780358470113 | What happens around in the world in twenty-four hours? |
| 9568 | One horse waiting for me Mullins, Patricia | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046327 | Rhyming text describes different groups of horses both real, toy and imaginary, in this counting book for horse enthusiasts. The pictures are beautiful tissue paper collages. |
| 12051 | One less fish Toft, Kim Michelle & Sheather, Allan | University of Queensland Press | 2004 | 9780702229473 | In this cautionary tale, human carelessness leads to the disappearance of twelve species of fish in Australia's Great Barrier Reef. A wonderfully, original counting book that goes backwards and is illustrated with stunning silk paintings. |

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| 751203 | One lone swallow Fenton, Corinne & Swan, Owen | New Frontier Publishing | 2020 | 9781922326195 | One night in Florence, Italy, a long time ago, a lone sparrow flies over the streets and squares, through arches and windows looking for her mate. She must find him before her nest of babies wake to find her gone. The city comes alive as the reader follows the mother swallow on her quest. |
| 5103 | One night at Lottie's house Dann, Max & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2004 | 9780143301165 | When Arthur has to stay the night at Lottie's mysterious run-down house, he makes sure he's prepared for anything. However, the night turns out to be so scary that Arthur is forced to use his ghost fighting kit with unexpected results. |
| 18539 | One perfect day French, Jackie & Bray, Peter (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2006 | 9781876944407 | It is 1927 and celebrations for the opening of Parliament House are underway. But, for Billy, an orphaned farmhand, it is just another bad day of hard work and loneliness. Now, he has to save his only friend, the work dog, Dusty, from certain death. |
| 2641 | One photo Watkins, Ross & Anelli, Liz (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2016 | 9780670077977 | One day, Dad came home with one of those old cameras, the kind that uses film. But, Dad didn't take photos of the things that people usually photograph. |
| 5744 | One step at a time Jolly, Jane & Heinrich, Sally (ill) | MidnightSun Publishing | 2015 | 9780987380951 | Luk and his grandmother live high in the mountains of Burma. They work hard, dragging timber from the forest, and look forward to the day when their pet elephant, Mali, will be old enough to help. One morning, when Mali is foraging for bananas, there is a loud explosion. |
| 6005 | One thing Child, Lauren | Orchard Books | 2015 | 9781408339008 | From the moment Mum offers Charlie and Lola one thing from the shop, they can't stop counting. Top negotiator Lola takes on numbers in everyday life and bends them to her endearing and unique will. |
| 38857 | One world: a journey Higgins, David | Alto Books | 2007 | 9780980289671 | The natural world is celebrated in works of art, with serene, calming text that reflects the characteristics we share with animals and our responsibility towards them. The book opens our minds to the equality of all living things. |
| 7404 | Only a donkey Walters, Celeste & Mullins, Patricia (ill) | Penguin | 2007 | 9780670041688 | Unlike Simpson's donkey, this donkey is looked down on by everyone in the farmyard. When he goes out for a day, the animals grumpily insist on going because he won't survive on his own. By the time they return, they have learnt to respect donkeys. |
| 15440 | Only one club, The Naliboff, Jane & Hopkins, Jeff (ill) | Flashlight Press | 2004 | 9780972922531 | Jennifer finds she is the only one in her class who doesn't celebrate Christmas. She starts an Only One Club and soon finds there are lots of 'only ones' in her class, people who are special for all sorts of reasons. |
| 4536 | Only pony, The Metzenthien, David & Watson, Judy (ill) | Penguin | 2008 | 9780143303114 | Bessie's father has strict rules on what can and can't be done and riding a pony is a definite can't. However, Bessie finds a way to fulfil her dream and change her father a little in the process. |

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| 24676 | Oom pah pah Matthews, Cecily & Vane, Mitch (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320682 | Rosie is thrilled when she is chosen to play in the school band. When she selects the tuba, Rosie realises she has a large problem. She has to work out how she can get the tuba home to practise and then back to school each week for band rehearsals. A long-forgotten item solves the problem. |
| 1209778 | Open wide!: jaw-dropping mouths of the animal world Diamante, Letizia & Brown, Ed J. | What on Earth Books | 2024 | 9781804661352 | Gobble up hundreds of incredible facts about animal mouths, teeth, beaks, tongues and lips. Explore the most marvellous mouths of the animal kingdom, from the awesome jaws of the great white shark to the tiny teeth of the garden snail. |
| 949389 | Open your heart to Country Seymour, Jasmine | Magabala Books | 2022 | 9781922613769 | Told in English and Darug, Open Your Heart to Country is a moving account of reconnection to Country from a First Nations perspective. Sharing the nourishing power of returning home and being immersed in the language of Country, this picture book invites readers to reflect on the importance of place, not only for First Nations' peoples but for everyone. |
| 9394 | Orchard book of Greek myths, The McCaughrean, Geraldine (ed) & Clark, Emma Chichester (ill) | Orchard Books | 1992 | 9781852133733 | Lively retellings of sixteen famous myths for young readers. |
| 3217 | Ordinary day, An Gleeson, Libby | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781865043586 | The journey to school is boring. On the way to the bus stop Jack uses his imagination and bit by bit the boring is replaced by a world of wonder with lots of possibilities. |
| 11739 | Origami heart Binny | Lothian Books | 2016 | 9780734416971 | Kabukli is lonely in the big city until he discovers that, to find true friendship, you must send your heart out into the world. |
| 18697 | Oscar and Hoo forever Theo & Dudok de Wit, Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2005 | 9780007140084 | A story of friendship between a little boy called Oscar and Hoo, a cloud. Hoo is missing his flock of clouds. Oscar finds a way to help Hoo to rejoin with them. |
| 5066 | Oshie Blake, Jon & Allepuz, Anuska (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406324174 | Oshie is at a new school and finding it hard to fit in with the students. He loves football and hopes this might help. But it seems unlikely as Oshie has cerebral palsy, which makes walking difficult, let alone running and kicking. When Oshie makes a new friend, he is determined that, together, they can help his school team win the Schools Cup. |
| 12743 | Ossiri and the bala mengro O'Neill, Richard & Quarmbly, Katharine & Tolson, Hannah (ill) | Child's Play International Ltd | 2016 | 9781846439247 | A traveller girl named Ossiri makes her own musical instrument from a willow branch and lots of recycled objects. Although she plays enthusiastically, it makes a terrible noise. Ignoring warnings not to wake the ogre in the hills, Ossiri climbs away from the camp to practise. Her playing awakens the ogre but his reaction is not what she expects. |
| 112070 | Other side, The Morgan, Sally & Culkin-Lawrence, Teresa (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2007 | 9781876944568 | Alex has a really embarrassing, tree-hugging grandfather that he does not want to be filmed next to by the national news crew. But Alex can learn a lot from Gramps about the rabbit proof fence and from his special friends in the Australian bush. |

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| 18734 | Otto undercover: born to drive Perlman, Rhea | HarperCollins US | 2006 | 9780060754952 | Although he's only eleven, Otto Pillip invents all kinds of incredible devices and drives a race car. Having lost his parents mysteriously as a baby, he lives with his two peculiar aunts, FiFi and FooFoo. |
| 18383 | Our big island Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill) | Artbeat Publishers | 1995 | 9780957955103 | Take a journey around the Australian coast. Includes information on navigation and map-making featuring Australian landmarks, flora and fauna. |
| 21215 | Our birds: Nilimurrungu Wayin Malanyinha Stubbs, Siena | Magabala Books | 2018 | 9781925360981 | A fantastic book of the birds from North-East Arnhem land. This guide includes both English and Indigenous names of the birds, with very impressive pictures, including the natural landscapes and habitats. |
| 846259 | Our country: Ancient wonders Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill) | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760652241 | Adventure is out there....Our country is calling. Journey through time in search of Australia's ancient wonders. Discover dinosaur trails and fossil-filled caves. Climb ice age peaks. wander in a maze of prehistoric domes. Explore lava tubes and meteorite craters. With each vibrant fact-filled page of this unique book, readers will visit different natural wonders across all states and territories. See the prehistoric beasts that roamed the land in Winton, venture through the lava-formed caves at Undara, experience the fiery glow of Uluru and Kata Tjuta, and more! |
| 936876 | Our dreaming Saunders, Kirli & Leffler, Dub (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2022 | 9781742995113 | Goodjagah, little one, walk with me... I want to tell you our Dreaming as the Elders told it to me. |
| 25682 | Our Gags Hoy, Catriona & Josse, Annabelle (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781921529092 | The house is all messy and everyone is busy looking after the new baby. Luckily, we have our Gags. |
| 2276 | Our island Lester, Alison; Honey, Elizabeth & the Gununa children | Viking Children's | 2014 | 9780670077687 | Our island lies beneath a big blue sky, surrounded by the turquoise sea. Turtles glide through the clear salt water and dugongs graze on banks of seagrass. |
| 1010697 | Our Library Rawlins, Donna | Wild Dog Books | 2022 | 9781742036342 | The doors to our library are open. Every day something exciting happens. Join Suzy and the children for a week of busy, bouncy, noisy, wiggly-jiggly, friendly fun. Which day is your favourite library day? Come in. Everyone is welcome! |
| 7296 | Our pet pelican Mook, Carol & Mooka, Laura (ill) | Black Ink Press | 2007 | 9781863340281 | An adventure story about a family getting a new pet but there are hidden dangers. Based on an event that really happened during Carol and Laura's childhood in the Torres Strait Island community on Prince of Wales Island, near Thursday Island. |
| 15511 | Our rooster, Jack Dodd-Farrawell, Kathryn & Russell, Jason | Indij Readers | 2004 | 9780975686065 | The children tease Jack, the pet rooster, and complain about the way he chases and pecks them until the day Jack is no longer with them. A childhood recollection of an indigenous family. |

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| 647171 | Our solar system L'Hommedieu, Arthur John | Child's Play International Ltd | 2017 | 9781846435942 | Starting at the sun take a journey through space. As you travel you will learn all about the planets, moons and asteroids in our Galaxy until you reach your final destination amongst the dwarf planets. |
| 2903 | Out George, Angela May & Swan, Owen (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781743629000 | I'm called an asylum seeker but that's not my name. A little girl and her mother have fled their homeland, making the long and treacherous journey by boat to seek asylum and a new beginning. |
| 9802 | Outback, The Porter, Annalies & Bancroft, Bronwyn | Magabala Books | 2005 | 9781875641864 | An illustrated poem evoking the Australian landscape, its animals and its indigenous people. The connection between the people and the land is made with sensitivity through the language and the art. |
| 15441 | Outside the lines Burg, Brad & Gibbon, Rebecca (ill) | Putnam | 2002 | 9780399234460 | A compilation of words and poetry about childhood games and activities. |
| 9567 | Over the hill and around the bend with granny and Bert and me Lunn, Helen & Miller, David | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781865042459 | A tall story full of cheerful nonsense with gaps in the text interpreted in hilarious ways by the illustrations. Going to the shop with Granny turns out to be much more exciting than you could possibly imagine. |
| 9389 | Over the stile and into the sack Impey, Rose | Orchard Books | 2000 | 9781860399763 | Two traditional tales retold. |
| 1172 | Owl Pignataro, Anna | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781922081162 | Deep in a snowy forest Owl and Frida live happily together, looking out the window at the moon. Owl starts to wonder what lies beyond their forest, beyond the snow. |
| 9375 | Owl who was afraid of the dark, The Tomlinson, Jill & Howard, Paul (ill) | Egmont Childrens | 2004 | 9781405210935 | Plop is a baby barn owl, an unlikely candidate for being afraid of the night. He is sent out by his mother to learn about the dark. Through encounters with seven different people, he learns to sleep in the daytime and that dark is super. |
| 660800 | Owls of blossom wood, The: A magical beginning Coe, Catherine | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781407156637 | When Katie, Eva and Alex hide inside a hollow tree trunk, they find themselves taken into a magical wood where they are no longer girls... they're owls. Can they help save the precious moon chestnut tree? Join them on their first adventure. |
| 660802 | Owls of blossom wood, The: The birthday party Coe, Catherine | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781407156668 | Eva, Kate and Alex are three best friends that share magical experiences. They find themselves in Blossom Wood. They are helping to throw Bobby the badger a surprise birthday party. But there's one big problem. Bobby is nowhere to be seen. Can the owls of Blossom Wood find the birthday badger? |

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| | Paddington Bear series Various | | | | 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. |
| 29827 | Paddy O'Melon the Irish kangaroo Cooper, Julia & Dickson, Daryl (ill) | EK Books | 2017 | 9781925335637 | Separated from his mother as a young joey, Paddy O'Melon is found and raised by an Irish family who live in the rain forest and often help orphaned or injured animals. But while Paddy loves his new human family, he's curious to find out what he really is. So, he sets out on a journey into the rain forest to find his real home. |
| 17910 | Painting out the stars Peet, Mal & Graham, Elspeth & Foreman, Michael (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406324860 | Includes three intriguing fable-like stories. When Tashi's mother falls ill and is unable to work, Tashi looks to the monkeys on a Himalayan tea plantation for help. Yazul and his clan, trapped inside their desert fortress by bandits, are saved from starvation by fiercesome dragon kites. Issa, the old mountain guide, has his life turned upside down when he stumbles upon a camel sheltering a baby girl in a desert storm. |
| 15342 | Pangkarlangu and the lost child, The Napurrurla, Molly Tasman & Nicholls, Christine (ed) | Working Title Press | 2002 | 9781876288273 | When a small boy ignores his parents' advice, he becomes separated from them and meets a huge, wild-eyed, knotty-haired Pangkarlangu, a monster known to the Warlpiri people. |
| 9551 | Paper bag princess, The Munsch, Robert & Martchenko, Michael (ill) | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781865049212 | Princess Elizabeth has it all, including the handsome prince and the fairytale ending, until a dragon comes to spoil it. This strong and independent girl is the real hero of the story. |
| 885980 | Paper boat, paper bird Almond, David & Beautyman, Kirsti (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9781444963274 | Mina is travelling in Japan with her mother, exploring the culture and experiencing a new sense of self as she journeys. On a crowded bus, Mina is gifted a paper bird and paper boat. These gifts carry her into a wondrous world that is both ancient and brand new. |
| 8312 | Paradise garden, The Thompson, Colin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9780224046329 | Peter escapes from his busy, noisy life into a beautiful garden. When he returns home, he finds he can make his own refuge with the knowledge he has gained. |
| 8199 | Paraphernalia's present Lawrenson, Diana & Huxley, Dee (ill) | ABC Books | 2008 | 9780733317422 | Dottie Devine has only one friend, Paraphernalia the hen, who visits regularly. They share breakfast and trips into town. When Dottie doesn't collect the eggs for a few days, Paraphernalia has a wonderful surprise for her and more friends come into their lives. |

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| 36206 | Parsley Rabbit's book about books Watts, Frances & Legge, David (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733321450 | Celebrate the joy of reading and begin a lifelong love of literature with the endearing Parsley Rabbit and his pesky little brother, Basil. This book is full of fun, with flaps to flip and questions to share, as Parsley takes the reader on an hilarious and stimulating journey through the world of books. |
| 5328 | Patch from scratch, A Forward, Megan | Penguin Books Australia | 2016 | 9780670078295 | Jesse and Lewis want to grow their own fruit and vegies, just like people do on a farm. They're going to dig and build, plant and grow, and when they're finished they're going to have a feast! |
| 5737 | Paw, The Prior, Natalie Jane & Denton, Terry (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1995 | 9781863734110 | School girl by day, but the world's cheekiest cat burglar by night. That's Leonie, otherwise known as The Paw, foe of the rich but friend of orphans and starving cats. |
| | Pearl series Odgers, Sally & Thomas, Adele K (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Pearlie series Various | | | | 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. |
| 1052144 | Pearly and Pig and the island of secrets Whiting, Sue | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781760657697 | Pearly Woe is a worrier. When Pearly and Pig are winched from a helicopter onto a remote island off the coast of Iceland to complete a five-day survival challenge alone, Pearly worries about all that can go wrong. But they are not alone. And that's not the only surprise in store for Pearly and Pig as they race to save the islands secrets from falling into the wrong hands. Sometimes, when you're sure things will go wrong, the best surprise is when they go right. |
| 22961 | Peg and Cat: The lemonade problem Oxley, Jennifer & Aronson, Billy | Candlewick Press | 2018 | 9781536200614 | It's a hot day, so what could be cooler than setting up a lemonade stand? When Peg needs some marbles to keep her special marble company, she and Cat decide to sell lemonade in exchange for ten marbles a cup. But the Teens have other ideas. Can they barter their way back into business - or will they end up totally freaking out? |

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| 3298 | Peg leg Meg Bodsworth, Nan | Puffin Australia | 1999 | 9780141303444 | Meg is the daughter and granddaughter of two pirates. Poll, the talking parrot, helps rescue Meg from the worst grandmother in the world. A tale of high seas adventure, kidnapping and betrayal. |
| | Penelope Perfect series Perry, Chrissie | | | | 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. |
| 7460 | Penguin friend, The Sussex, Lucy | Omnibus Books | 1997 | 9781862913073 | This conservation story warns of the affects of attempting to domesticate cuddly wildlife, especially the risk of killing an animal with kindness. |
| 4841 | Penguin problems John, Jory & Smith, Lane (ill) | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781406375992 | Little Penguin has problems: his beak is cold; there is snow everywhere; the water smells salty; he waddles; he looks the same as everybody else. No, it is not easy being a penguin. |
| 21193 | Penguins Arlon, Penelope & Gordon-Harris, Tory | Scholastic US | 2012 | 9781407131528 | Meet every kind of penguin up close. Watch them walk, talk and make friends, share meals, and raise fluffy chicks. Journey to Antarctica and find out how penguins there survive natural and man-made dangers in their icy home. |
| 1176759 | Penny draws a class trip Shepard, Sara | Text Publishing Co | 2024 | 9781922790712 | Our class trip to New York was to be my first time away from home except Grandma Mini's and Grandma Anne's. I have more worries of a competition between BJP Elementary and Amsterdam Academy for a new library, were they now the enemy? We had three workshops to work together but Riley is assuming a leadership role and not listening, maybe I could lead this group to win. Billy made is sound like worrying was a good thing. My buddy is Violet and we aren't friends any more why was she acting strange , how I can get her to feel like she can talk about it? On the last day of our trip, the Winner is! |
| 1176746 | Penny draws a secret adventure Shepard, Sara | Text Publishing Co | 2024 | 9781922790569 | Dear Cosmo, I have a cereal box project, What Makes You YOU? Me I'm a worrywart with some peculiar slants on life, like Riley stealing Violet my best friend from me and I haven't let it go. Maybe friendships can be mended. Rocco, Kristian, Petra, Maria, Chloe and me Penny are on a new adventure looking for treasure with a map I found in the attic. Having to sneak to the witch's house on Mulberry Street to get the next clue was worrying me as much as being in a new house and having new twins that scream a lot. Perhaps a pep talk or contacting my Feelings Teacher will sort things, and we have a babysitter teenager Grace. Dear Cosmo, my friends are so excited to start Mission Lockbox. |

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| | Penny Dreadful series Various | | | | 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. |
| 3302 | Penny Pollard's diary Klein, Robin & James, Ann | Hodder & Stoughton | 2004 | 9780733618062 | Penny Pollard hates pink dresses, twitty lavender bags, Simone, Annette Smurton who has her own horse and Jason Taylor. She likes horses, Mrs B who is her eighty-one year old best friend, collecting things, visiting cemeteries and writing. |
| 112261 | Penny to remember, A Murray, Kirsty & Bray, Peter (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2007 | 9781876944537 | George is transported to seven years' hard labour in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) for stealing. He leaves a love token with his sister Hannah, hoping she will never forget him. Across the world from each other, it seems they will never be reunited. |
| 30611 | Pepi sings a new song Ljungkvist, Laura | Simon & Schuster | 2010 | 9781416991380 | Every night while his human, Peter, studies the stars, Pepi the parrot sings a special space song. Pepi loves singing but he's getting a little tired of space. So, one day, he decides to step out into the neighbourhood to find some new things to sing about. |
| 1153623 | Pepper Masalah and the disappearing rope Hawke, Rosanne & Berry, Jasmine (ill) | Wombat Books | 2024 | 9781761111624 | Pepper Masalah and Zamir fly on their magic carpet back in time to Mughal India as the carpet tries to find its original owner. Zam is accused of stealing the carpet and thrown in the dungeon. How will Pepper and hew new friends rescue him? And if the emperor keeps his carpet, how can they return home to Australia? |
| 977576 | Pepper Masalah and the flying carpet Hawke, Rosanne & Berry, Jasmine (ill) | Wombat Books | 2023 | 9781761111105 | A fierce storm sweeps Zamir and his cat Pepper Masalah away upon their ancient carpet. After flying far from home, they crash-land in the Arabian Peninsula. Pepper and Zam make a friend but it's not enough to escape the local camel traders. How will they escape? Can they make the carpet fly again? |
| 1013608 | Pepper Masalah and the temple of cats Hawke, Rosanne & Berry, Jasmine (ill) | Wombat Books | 2023 | 9781761111143 | Pepper Masalah's flying carpet lands in Ancient Egypt where Pepper and Zam are in danger again. A girl called Tabia takes them to a temple full of cats where Pepper is so special the people want to turn her into a mummy! But how can they escape? The carpet has floated away down the Nile, leaving Pepper and Zam stuck in time. |

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| 28861 | Perfect petunias Jenkins, Lynn & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill) | EK Books | 2018 | 9781925335583 | Loppy is very worried about not doing his homework well enough. He always focuses on what he hasn't done rather than what he has, and then becomes very frustrated. So, his friend Curly teaches him about how petunias grow - in lots of different, imperfect directions that we can't control. |
| 574 | Perfect puppy for me, The O'Connor, Jane & Hartland, Jessie | Puffin USA | 2005 | 9780142403358 | A boy explores all the different types of dogs he knows that might be the perfect puppy for him. Some coarse language used in context. |
| 982992 | Perilous promotion of Trilby Moffat, The Temple, Kate | Lothian Books | 2023 | 9780734420923 | In this second edition of the Trilby series, Trilby Moffat makes a terrifying discovery: her mother has disappeared into the Passage of Time. Now Trilby must make her way through this strange and treacherous tunnel, filled with extinct animals, forgotten treasures and a very dark and scary person in a tall black hat. Fortunately for Trilby she is not alone, she has the help of a guild of ancient children. Told by Benjamin, a very intelligent thylacine, we are taken on another fantastic adventure of mystery, cake, cryptic clues, cake, amazing facts, cake and more cake. Once they arrive on the Island of Time, Trilby must attend a strange festival, of which she is the guest of honour, with Colin, the most dastardly adult known to children, attempting to get rid of Trilby for good. Will Trilby keep her new job as The Keeper of Time? Will she find her mother? Will she eat more cake? Is there a safer way to play Race Against Time? Are those cats always so rude? |
| 892 | Permaculture gardens Bollard, Kellie | National Library of Australia | 2013 | 9780987407702 | Discover how nature works in your backyard. Compost and some veggie seeds, a shovel, hat and gloves. |
| 9146 | Person controller, The Baddiel, David | HarperCollins Australia | 2016 | 9780007554546 | Pick up The Person Controller and enter a whole new level of fun. Fred and Ellie are twins. But not identical (because that's impossible for a boy and a girl). They do like all the same things, though. Especially video games. Which hey are very good at. They aren't that good, however, at much else - like, for example, football, or dealing with the school bullies. Then they meet the Mystery Man, who sends them a video-game controller, which doesn't look like an other controller they've ever seen. And it doesn't control any of their usual games. When the twins find out what id does control, though, it seems like the answer to all their problems. And the key to all their wildest dreams. At least it seems like that..... |

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| 660667 | Pests Stamp, Emer | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2020 | 9781444949629 | Stix is the mouse who lives behind the washing machine of Flat 3 Peewit Mansions with his strict Grandma. He never gets into trouble and must NEVER let the humans know he is there. Then one day, he discovers PESTS- a school in the basement full of other creatures, just like Stix. Except, these creatures do not play by Grandma's rules...and they are about to teach Stix how to make a REAL pest of himself. What could go wrong? |
| 9584 | Pet for Mrs Arbuckle, A Smyth Gwenda & James, Ann (ill) | Penguin | 1990 | 9780140509373 | Mrs Emmeline Arbuckle needs a pet and decides to advertise for one. soon after she sets off to interview some of the more unusual applicants. |
| 18578 | Pet palace Frater, Adrienne | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780734408464 | A mysterious neighbour moves next door and renames her house Pet Palace. Angie and her brother Jeremy watch in amazement as a parade of pampered pets arrive. |
| 9518 | Pet poems Foster, John & Paul, Korky (ill) | Oxford University Press | 2000 | 9780192761927 | This collection includes dogs, cats, budgies, bugs, tarantulas, leopards, crocodiles, rabbits, dolphins, porcupines, werewolves, vultures and pterodactyls, every pet you could possibly imagine and more. |
| 15443 | Pete the sheep French, Jackie | HarperCollins Australia | 2004 | 9780207199660 | Shaun doesn't have a sheep dog, he has a sheep sheep called Pete. The other shearers are not happy about it particularly when Pete and Shaun set up in business. Pete doesn't know how the other shearers are going to react. |
| 7927 | Petlandia Hannan, Peter | Scholastic US | 2015 | 9780545162111 | When Madame Wigglesworth, a supremely aloof cat, finds her place with her family usurped with the arrival of Grub, a ridiculous and stupid puppy, she decides action must be taken. But, her plans misfire and, as chaos reigns, she resorts to increasingly destructive tactics to regain her perceived rightful place in charge. |
| | Pets series Pyers, Greg | | | | 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. |
| 2923 | Phasmid: Saving the Lord Howe Island Stick Insect Cleave, Rohan & Tulloch, Coral (ill) | CSIRO | 2015 | 9781486301126 | Sometimes, a story of animal survival in the wild is so unbelievable that you couldn't possibly think it was true. The Lord Howe Island Phasmid, also known as the Stick Insect, was once thought to be extinct. Dedicated people have carried out an extraordinary conservation effort. The story is told in the voice of a phasmid, whose life begins inside a small egg where it grows for up to nine months, and becomes three times longer than the egg. |

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| | Philomena wonderpen series Bone, Ian & Dawson, Janine (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 846254 | Piano fingers Magerl, Caroline | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760652616 | Bea came from a big musical family who made all sorts of noisy noises, and she just couldn't wait for her own special music to start. |
| 829 | Piano piano Cali, Davide | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9780980416534 | Everyday at the same time, Marcolino practises the piano, just as his mother wants. Marcolino has other plans. |
| 6623 | Picture atlas, The Holland, Simon & Calder, Jill (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408884867 | Explore the world by looking not only at borders, mountains, rivers, seas and oceans, but by discovering the natural wonders of the world, historical artefacts, amazing animals, fascinating cultures and much more. From the freezing Arctic Circle with its powerful orca whales, to the amazing Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef, learn, explore and be amazed by the wonders of the world. |
| 12225 | Pig tale Oxenbury, Helen | Egmont Childrens | 1990 | 9780749702724 | When two discontented pigs find a treasure chest in the orchard, they abandon their rural paradise for what they think will be a more luxurious life. |
| 9459 | Piggybook Browne, Anthony | Walker Books | 1996 | 9780744533033 | The men in the Piggott family take Mum for granted a little more each day and expect her to do everything for them. Mum decides to do something about it and teaches the family a valuable lesson. |
| 3327 | Piglet called Truffle, A Peters, Helen & Snowdon, Ellie (ill) | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2016 | 9780857637734 | When a young girl finds a piglet, that is too small to fend for itself, she nurses it back to good health. She knows she cannot keep Truffle the pig forever and then disaster strikes. |
| 3350 | Pigs might fly Rodda, Emily & Young, Noela (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2017 | 9781460753743 | Young Rachel, sick and bored in bed, just wishes something interesting would happen for a change. Yeah, pigs might fly... or do they? When she mysteriously finds herself transported to a place where pigs really do fly, she needs to work out how to get back home to her family. |
| 14384 | Pigtails the pirate Elliot, David | Red Fox | 2003 | 9781740518055 | Jess sets out to find her father and rescue him from Pigtails, the pirate. |
| 38147 | Pilgrim Oliver, Jo | New Frontier Publishing | 2008 | 9781921042850 | Pilgrim is the name of a boat, built by the narrator's great-grandfather. The narrator, a small boy, tells the reader about his first journey to sea. He and his father rise early and make their preparations for the fishing trip. |

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| | Pine Valley ponies series Welshman, Kate & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 41404 | Pippa the perfect flowergirl Nickerson, Julie & Dawson, Janine (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305859 | Pippa is really excited because she's going to be the flowergirl at her aunt's wedding. Pippa wants to be the best flowergirl ever and for everything to be perfectly perfect. But, a game of hide and seek almost ruins the day. |
| 53343 | Pippa's perfect ponytail Nickerson, Julie & Dawson, Janine (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143304012 | Pippa is sure her birthday party will be perfect. She has the perfect cake and the perfect dress, and now all she needs is a perfect ponytail in her hair. |
| 5329 | Pirate Blunderbeard 1: Worst. Pirate. Ever Sparkes, Amy & Cort, Ben (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2017 | 9780008201807 | Blunderbeard describes herself as the worst pirate ever. She has wrecked her ship, she is scared of fish, she uses tourist to help her find her way and she loves to bake. Then to her horror, her Mum enters in to the Pirate of the Year competition-POTY. It all goes pretty badly, and Blunderbeard cannot win a thing. Can she use one of her amazing inventions or her pet chicken, Boris, to help get through the difficult and stupid competition? |
| 6242 | Pirate Blunderbeard 2: Worst. Movie. Ever. Sparkes, Amy & Cort, Ben (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780008201951 | When the famous Jolly Roger movie director comes to Crossbones Island to make his latest blockbuster movie Tentacles Wonderbeard is determined to get a part, he just has to learn to act and teach his pet chicken to be a parrot. Due to a series of disasters he ends up with a main part, but not everyone is happy. Will he be able to be a successful movie star? |
| 66027 | Pirate diary: journal of a cabin boy Platt, Richard & Riddell, Chris (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406330601 | In September, 1716, nine year old Jake Carpenter joined his Uncle Will aboard his ship to become a sailor. His uncle has told him about sea monsters and mermaids, and has sailed through a hurricane. When the ship, the Greyhound, is captured by pirates, Jake embarks on an exciting new life but on the wrong side of the law. |
| 9451 | Pirates ahoy Smiley, Sophie & Foreman, Michael (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842708828 | Charlie's football-mad family swap goalposts for the seaside and her brother's on a quest for a pirate adventure. It's all hands on deck as cannonballs fly and damsels in distress are rescued. |
| 6223 | Pixel raiders: Lava Island Bajo & Hex & Kennett, Chris (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781743817650 | This is the final game level of tricky puzzles that lead Rip and Mei to the dangerous volcano at the centre of Lava Island. There they must outsmart the game and survive their toughest battle yet! |

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| 12183 | Plants Claybourne, Anna | Raintree | 2003 | 9781410900791 | With interesting photographs, this book introduces young readers to some of the weirdest plants in the world. |
| 3791 | Please be nice to sharks: fascinating facts about the ocean's most misunderstood creatures Weiss, Matt & Botelho, Daniel (photo) | Sterling Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781454917489 | You're probably thinking, "Why be nice to sharks?" Well, if you like the sea, you should love sharks. They are essential to the health of the ocean's ecosystem. But the sad truth is that sharks are being fished to extinction. That's bad news for our planet. Besides, sharks are cool. Dive into this book and learn more about these amazing, awesome and misunderstood fish. |
| 3380 | Please Mrs Butler Ahlberg, Allan | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1999 | 9780140314946 | A funny collection of poems all about one school. The verses cover such things as playtime, the school outing, French lessons, the three Rs, nicknames, best friends and a host of other familiar topics. |
| 2986 | Pocket dogs and the lost kitten, The Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781742991054 | Biff and Buff love riding in the pockets of Mr Pockets' very big coat and having him all to themselves. But, when a little lost kitten needs a home, they might have to learn about sharing. |
| 26079 | Pocket dogs go on holiday, The Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781862917385 | Biff and Buff have always loved being Mr Pockets' very own pocket dogs. When Mr Pockets takes them on a holiday by the sea, they love travelling in his pockets. But, when he takes his coat off to play on the beach, something dreadful happens and the coat disappears. |
| 37476 | Pocket dogs, The Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2007 | 9781862914445 | Biff and Buff, Mr Pockets' dogs, are so tiny they fit into his pockets and that is how they travel to the park and to the shops. One day a hole appears in the right pocket. It keeps getting bigger and bigger until there is sure to be a disaster. |
| 5567 | Poetry to the rescue Herrick, Steven | University of Queensland Press | 2002 | 9780702233180 | A collection of amusing poems on everyday life. These funny, touching and thought-provoking poems depict the lives of young people at home, school and play with honesty through the eyes of the children. |
| 9537 | Poke in the I: A collection of concrete poems Janeczko, Paul B (comp) | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744556568 | A selection of poems to enchant the eyes and intellect. Striking and imaginative artworks illustrate the delightfully unravelling threads of words and sentences. |
| 25440 | Polar bear explorers' club, The Bell, Alex | Faber & Faber | 2017 | 9780571332540 | When Stella joins the Polar Bear Explorers on an expedition to the Iceland, her eyes are opened to a world of danger, adventure and snow pirates! Out in the icy wilds there are giant yetis, magical golden geese, terrifying carnivorous cabbages and important new friendships to be made. Join the explorers on an unforgettable adventure across the ice... |
| 9203 | Polar Boy Fussell, Sandy | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150388 | Life isn't easy in the land of snow and ice and for Iluak, a Too-lee boy travelling with his tribe, there are daily challenges. Now, though, a new challenge is coming. His grandmother, the Shaman, tells him a bear is coming and that it will be Iluak who will save his people from the bear. But, Iluak is afraid of bears and doesn't want to face one. |

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| 61405 | Poles apart: life at the ends of the Earth Norman, Mark | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031354 | Despite the movies, polar bears and penguins will never meet in the wild. That's because they live on different poles. Find out about their homes at opposite ends of the Earth. |
| 9453 | Police officer Artis, Lara | Heinemann | 1997 | 9781863918497 | Explores the role of police officers in our community. Bright, photographic illustrations show one officer completing a range of work tasks that are typical of the officer's responsibilities. |
| 647166 | Polonius the pit pony O'Neill, Richard & Parker Thomas, Feronia (ill) | Child's Play International Ltd | 2018 | 9781786281852 | When Polonius the pit pony escapes from the coal mine he's worked in all his life, he joins a family of Travellers. Although he enjoys the freedom and the fresh air that their lifestyle offers, he wishes he could give something back to the family in return. When the chance arrives for him to do something to help, he rises to the challenge! |
| | Pony tails series Bryant, Bonnie | | | | 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. |
| 832 | Ponyo Miyazaki, Hayao | VIZ Media | 2009 | 9781421530659 | A modern adaptation of the little mermaid's story translated from the Japanese and beautifully illustrated by award winning animation director, Hayao Miyazaki. Sosuke, a young boy, lives high on a cliff overlooking the sea and rescues a little fish he calls Ponyo. Ponyo becomes a real girl and they are firm friends until her sorcerer father forces her to return to the sea. But, Sosuke's heart is pure and true and brave. |
| 1019814 | Popo the emperor penguin Jatwani, Beverly & Hale, Annabelle | New Frontier Publishing | 2023 | 9781922326843 | An enchanting story about a boy and an emperor penguin. When a big ball of snow separates Seb from the rest of the group, he doesn't know what to do. A special encounter with Popo the penguin will forever change Seb's understanding of gratitude. |
| | Poppa platoon series Various | | | | 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. |
| 6453 | Postcards from the town that disappeared Lendis, Celia & John | Forest Eductaion Foundation Inc. Tas | 2005 | 9780958537612 | Describes a way of life in the Tasmanian bush in the early 1900s including the pioneering spirit of the people as well as the basic conditions in which they live. Told through letter extracts and illustrations. |

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| 9510 | Postie Warbrick, Sarah | Harcourt Education Australia | 1999 | 9781863916288 | An exploration of the role of postal workers in our community. Bright, photographic illustrations and simple clear text show the postie performing a range of typical work tasks. |
| 27464 | Potato music Booth, Christina & Groves, Pete (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781862917880 | It is wartime and the family is desperately poor. But, they are content because they still have their piano and music. There comes a time when they have to make unpleasant sacrifices but they never give up hope. |
| | Pow pow pig series NEW 2025 Do, Anh & Cheong, Peter (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to ten more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 22318 | Precious and the monkeys McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill) | Polygon | 2011 | 9781846972041 | Well before Precious Ramotswe founded her famous Number One Ladies Detective Agency, she was already solving mysteries as an eight year old. Here, young Precious finds out just who has been stealing her schoolfriends' snacks and we see how, and why, she became a crafty and intuitive private investigator. |
| 12816 | Precious Little Hunt, Julie & Moss, Sue & Chapman, Gaye (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741751475 | Precious Little wants to be a trapeze artist but no one in the circus encourages her, apart from Fat Chance and Tough Luck, who run the lucky dip. Precious Little practises her skills but it's only when she takes a risk in the lucky dip that she really takes off. |
| 660804 | Press start! Super rabbit boy powers up! Flintham, Thomas | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781338034738 | Winning isn't easy at the Super Cup Grand Prix. Our hero Super Rabbit Boy needs to beat meanie King Viking. Can he beat King Viking despite all the tricks, traps and other racers? |
| 6642 | Pretty Salma Daly, Niki | Frances Lincoln | 2008 | 9781845074982 | When Granny asks Pretty Salma to go to the market, she warns her not to talk to strangers. But, cunning Mr Dog tricks Salma and, before she knows it, he's wearing her stripy ntama, her pretty white beads and her yellow sandals. And he's on his way to Granny's house. A retelling of a favourite fairy tale. |
| 3492 | Prince and the pauper, The Twain, Mark | Dial Books (Penguin) | 1999 | 9780803720992 | Picture book version of Twain's classic, the fictional account of England's Edward VI and his adventures when he swaps roles with a poor boy. |
| 3496 | Princess and the pea, The Child, Lauren & Borland, Polly (captured by) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780141500140 | The tale of a prince, a princess, perfect politeness, pages of love and a peculiarly hard pea. A fairytale of a down-to-earth princess recreated through a mix of artwork and photography. |
| 15200 | Princess and the unicorn, The Blaxland, Wendy & Millard, Kerry (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143301608 | The king is ill and only the magic of a unicorn might cure him. No-one believes in unicorns, except Princess Lily. Can she find one? Her two brothers certainly can't. Through Lily's efforts, the whole family is able to resolve some sad emotions. |

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| | Princess Betony series Freeman, Pamela & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Princess in black series Various | | | | 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. |
| 660615 | Princess rules, The Gregory, Philippa & Chatterton, Chris (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780008339791 | Princess Florizella has studied the rules about being the perfect princess, she has just decided not to follow them. Instead Princess Florizella rides her horse Jellybean all over the kingdom having great adventures of her own. |
| 9547 | Princess Smartypants Cole, Babette | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1999 | 9780140566888 | Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms but, because she's a rich and pretty princess, all the princes want to marry her. She fights to preserve her independence in this hilarious fairy tale. |
| 9948 | Princess who hated it, The Klein, Robin & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143303428 | Princess Althea hates being a princess. She doesn't want to wear formal clothes, wave to crowds and sew tapestries. She wants to have fun and the farm children that she can see from her castle window have much more fun than she does. |
| 714426 | Professor Astro Cat's deep-sea voyage Walliman, Dr Dominic & Newman, Ben | Flying Eye Books | 2020 | 9781912497126 | Despite covering over 70% of the Earth's surface, the ocean is still roughly 95 % unexplored. Join your helpful guide, Professor Astro Cat, as he takes a dive from the seashore all the way to the ocean's darkest depths. Learn all about ocean creatures big and small, and how humans explore the underwater world in this wonderfully illustrated book on the depths of the sea. From gigantic whales to underwater volcanoes, there's so much to discover on this Deep-Sea Voyage. |
| 31133 | Professor Astro Cat's human body odyssey Walliman, Dr Dominic & Newman, Ben | Flying Eye Books | 2018 | 9781911171140 | This latest adventure with Professor Astro Cat is perfect for those with a scientific mind and looking to learn more about the human body. Why do we sneeze? Why are our ears a strange shape? What is the point of having skin? The human body is a complicated thing and if you join Professor Astro Cat and the gang, you can take a journey through the parts of the human body! |

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| 660660 | Proudest blue, The Muhammad, Ibtihaj & Ali, S K & Aly, Hatem (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781783449712 | Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave. Saying I'll always be here, like sisters. Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad brings a story of being proud of who you are and the strength of sibling understanding |
| 9541 | Prowlpuss Wilson, Gina & Parkins, David (ill) | Walker Books | 1996 | 9780744547702 | Prowlpuss is the story of an old, scarred and tough street cat told in rollicking rhyme with bold pictures. He spends his nights roaming the alleys of the town but eventually encounters an enchanting and unobtainable female feline. |
| 20364 | Prudence wants a pet Daly, Cathleen & King, Stephen Michael | Scholastic Australia | 2011 | 9781741699654 | Prudence really wants a pet. Branch, Twig and Formal Footware just aren't fit to be pets, neither is her brother. |
| 3510 | Prue Theroux: the cool librarian Rubinstein, Gillian & Mackintosh, David (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780091838867 | Miss Prue, the cool school librarian who is both wacky and patient, is to be replaced by the robotic Mr Boycott who is most unsatisfactory. Infectious text features repetition and rhyme. |
| 6521 | Psycho gran Harris, Christine & Guthridge, Bettina (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780733612756 | Holly's home alone until an old woman wanders into the house. Is the woman ill or is she dangerous? Then, to make things worse, a couple of burglars break in and things are really turned upside down. Holly's family may not turn up in time to rescue her. |
| 750749 | Puffin little explorer: The ocean Puffin Books | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9781760897666 | An underwater adventure for little explorers. Find out what lives in rock pools, beaches, sea grass meadows and kelp forests. Investigate the mysteries of the world's ocean from top to bottom, surface to seabed. |
| 750747 | Puffin little scientist: Robotics Puffin Books | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9781760897680 | Just because we're little doesn't mean we can't learn big facts. Have you ever wondered how robots work? If you're a little scientist who is curious about robotics, you're about to step into the lab with Puffin Little. |
| 916530 | Pugnacious & Scuttlebutt: Ready... steady... itch! Wallace, Adam & Bryant, Wayne (ill) | Larrikin House | 2022 | 9781922804013 | A pugnacious Pug. A butt-scuttling Greyhound. An unlikely friendship... If they can both avoid being captured by infamous dog catcher, S.M. Ellybutt, that is. |
| 6031 | Pumpkin eater from Pondicherry, The Atherton, Bruce & Redlich, Ben (ill) | Lothian Books | 2008 | 9780734410238 | One night, a young boy encounters a nasty looking creature which is determined to consume grandad's vegie patch. Our hero tricks the creature into eating a habanera chilli with hilariously effective results. |
| 47005 | Pup on the pitch Smiley, Sophie & Foreman, Michael (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842708835 | Bobby's football team has a dog mascot and he wants a real one to call his own. He dreams of a cuddly puppy that will join him as defender on the pitch. But, when a dog arrives next door, Bobby's love of dogs turns to terror. |

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| | Pup patrol series Various | | | | 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. |
| 22913 | Puppet show, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143301776 | Becky can't wait to put on her puppet show but her little brother isn't quite so sure. But, Becky has even thought of a surprise ending. |
| 636940 | Puppy diary: The great toy rescue Poshoglian, Yvette & Judd, Phil (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760662936 | Archie is off to doggy daycare for the first time. He soon notices that Foxy, his favourite toy is missing and in fact all his new friends have lost their toys as well. Together they need to figure this mystery out and get their toys back. |
| 660707 | Puppy diary: The pupstars Poshoglian, Yvette & Judd, Phil (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781760662950 | Archie, the Schnoodle puppy writes about his pawsome adventures in his puppy diary. Archie and his friends can't believe it. The world's most famous pup is coming to film an dog food ad at doggy daycare. But what happens when there's a disaster on set? Will Archie and his pals get the chance to be pupstars? |
| 9031 | Purinina, a devil's tale Booth, Christina | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734409942 | Purinina, the Tasmanian devil, experiences the joys and sadness of life. But it is hard to survive when you are left without a mum. |
| 9393 | Quangle Wangle's hat, The Lear, Edward & Oxenbury, Helen (ill) | Egmont Childrens | 1994 | 9780749713362 | The Quangle Wangle Queen is a tree-dwelling creature obscured by an enormous hat. He is lonely, but not for long. One animal after another sees the hat as a possible home in this classic poem. |
| 62322 | Queen Alice's palaces MacIver, Juliette & Masciullo, Lucia (ill) | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733331022 | Queen Alice has the finest palace, so good that Sir Hugh tries to trick her into creating a masterpiece just for him. |
| 19711 | Queen of France, The Wadham, Tim & MacDonald Denton, Kady (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406331691 | Rose wakes up one morning feeling royal, so she dons her necklaces, bracelets and crown. The Queen of France emerges to survey her domain, disapproving of Rose's mother's thorny gardening choices and asking Rose's father where the Royal Physician may be found to fix her cut finger. When Rose returns to look for the Queen of France, she's nowhere to be seen. |
| 44437 | Queen Victoria's Christmas French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2012 | 9780732293574 | There's a mystery in the palace. What can it be? There are lots of spicy smells... and a large green tree! Join Queen Victoria's dogs as they discover the magic of Christmas in this hilarious new royal adventure. |

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| 64098 | Queen Victoria's underpants French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2010 | 9780732288228 | Queen Victoria owned many palaces and many jewels but what she didn't have were underpants. A message advising that the Queen wants underpants was delivered to a dressmaker. She and her family explored the options of what type of underpants the Queen wanted and what they would be useful for. |
| 15345 | Queen's cubby, The Caisley, Raewyn & Hurst, Elise (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734406644 | Elizabeth loves living high up in her block of flats. She feels like she's living in a castle where she knows all her neighbours. Then, mum and dad announce that they are going to live in the country. |
| 113915 | Queenie: one elephant's story Fenton, Corinne & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill) | Black Dog Books | 2006 | 9781876372972 | Up to the 1950s, a highlight of visiting a Sydney or Melbourne zoo was a ride on the elephants. This book is about Queenie, the joy she provided until her unfortunate end. |
| 992296 | Quest for the galleon of time, The Hunter, Tanya | MidnightSun Publishing | 2023 | 9781922858191 | Eleven year old Tobias is sent to be cabin boy on a galleon in 1738, and his adventures include ruthless pirates, shipwrecks and a time traveling ghost ship. Tobias and his new friends face mounting danger when they discover hidden truth about three seafaring brothers - one good, one evil, and one dead! |
| 3547 | Quinkin mountain Trezise, Percy | HarperCollins Australia | 1997 | 9780207189180 | A contemporary Dreaming story about the spirit world. The friendliest Quinkins are tall, thin Timaras. They protect children in danger, especially when they are in danger from the mean Timaras, the bouncing Imjins. |
| 9487 | Rabbit Head, Honor & Burton, Jane (phot) | Belitha Press | 2000 | 9781841383576 | Looking after a pet helps children to understand caring for others. Children can find out how to choose and look after a pet rabbit, information about different breeds of rabbit and the animal's life cycle, from birth to adulthood. |
| 3014 | Rabbit and the shadow, The Rutten, Melanie & Ardizzzone, Sarah (trans) | Book Island | 2014 | 9780994109804 | Enter the wonderful world of a curious cast. The Rabbit who wants to grow up, the anxious Stag, the Soldier at war, the Cat and his recurring dream, the Book that wants to know everything, and the Shadow. Find out how they grow up, learn to live together and deal with their fears. |
| 52056 | Race for the Chinese Zodiac, The Wang, Gabrielle & Rippin, Sally (ill) & Abos, Regine (ill) | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031231 | The Jade Emperor has declared a great race. The first animals to cross the river will win a place in the Chinese Zodiac. But, there are only twelve places to be won and thirteen animals line up along the shore. |
| 3557 | Race, The Mattingley, Christobel & Spudvilas, Anne | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781863882255 | Greg encounters many problems because his impaired sense of hearing can prevent him from succeeding at certain tasks that require being able to hear well. |
| 7877 | Race, The Repchuk, Caroline & Jay, Alison | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2006 | 9781921098079 | The traditional fable of the tortoise and the hare is given a modern twist with a race across the world. Told in rhyme with interesting illustration technique. |

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| 62878 | Racing the tide Lester, Alison & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741148886 | Bonnie and Sam have a great summer adventure with the horses, mustering sheep for Bon's Aunty and Uncle along the coast. They unexpectedly find themselves caught up with some poachers who are illegally fishing abalone in Whale Bay. |
| 837811 | Rainbow Grey Anderson, Laura Ellen | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781405298728 | Ten-year-old Ray Grey lives in the magical Weatherlands, high in the sky. Ray is surrounded by Weatherlings with astounding weather power at their fingertips . . . but she doesn't have ANY magic! Then, after a trip to Earth, Ray's life changes forever. She is transformed from Ray Grey into RAINBOW GREY! With the help of her best friends (and exploding cloud cat, Nim) now all Ray has to do is master her powers AND save the world from a mysterious, powerful enemy . . . |
| 17166 | Rainbow jackets Forrestal, Elaine | Fremantle Press | 2003 | 9781920731670 | Five short stories showing the humour in everyday situations included are stories about bubbles, pet flies, cranky umbrellas and crazy kitchens. |
| 9376 | Rainbow, The Crew, Gary & Rogers, Gregory | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734401755 | A nostalgic Australian story of friendship. This is a gentle tale of a girl, her brother and his best mate, who build a boat to sail down the creek one Sunday. |
| 9527 | Raised by Frank O'Neill, Dave & Morris, Kiran (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780734403575 | Frank was a busy cat. After all, he had two kids to raise. You see their parents went away, thinking their Aunt was looking after the children, but their Aunt thought their Uncle was. Poor Frank. |
| 11413 | Ramadan moon Robert, Na'ima B & Adl, Shirin (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847802064 | Follow Ramadan from one new moon to the next. |
| 5301 | Rat in a stripy sock, A Watts, Frances & Francis, David (ill) | ABC Books | 2010 | 9780733326615 | Rat finds happiness in an unexpected place and explores how he can share it with his friends. |
| 916555 | Ratbags: Naughty for good Harris, Tim & Gordon, Shiloh (ill) | Penguin | 2023 | 9780143777441 | Rats cause mayhem and chaos. They're ratbags and they love it! Unlike the other rats, Jigsaw loves rules and never causes trouble. He is the odd rat out. That is, until the new pizza restaurant opens. When Jigsaw becomes obsessed with pizza, he can't help but break the rules. Caught between new ratbag friends, pizza and what he know is right, can Jigsaw find a way to be a friend to the ratbags but not a ratbag himself? |
| 9489 | Rats and mice Head, Honor & Burton, Jane (phot) | Belitha Press | 2003 | 9781841383583 | Aspects of small pet care including sensible advice, health warnings and descriptions of the breeding behaviour and social needs of rats and mice. |
| 3594 | Rattler's place Wrightson, Patricia | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780140387124 | Guy and family have moved house but his favourite skateboard, toys and even Digby, the dog, have not yet arrived, delayed on the way by a flood. However, there is still so much to explore in this new location. |

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| 18537 | Ray's Olympics Gleeson, Libby & Cox, David (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2006 | 9781876944438 | At school, Ray is bullied by the Leary brothers. He now has to find a way into the Olympics before they make mincemeat of him. The story is set in the period of the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. |
| 1209814 | Raymangirrbuy dhawu - When I was a little girl Gatjawardawuy Mununggurr, Kylie | Magabala Books | 2024 | 9781922142306 | Written in English and Djambarrpuynu, this is a story about a young girl's childhood in Raymangirr, a Yolnu homeland in North-East Arnhem Land. |
| 4484 | Raymond Le Bec, Yann & Le Bec, Gwendel (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406362428 | This is the story of Raymond. An ordinary dog who, for a while, led an extraordinary life. |
| 10060 | Reach for the stars and other advice for life's journey Bloch, Serge | Koala Books | 2010 | 9780864619730 | You've got your whole life ahead of you. The road may be bumpy but, at the end of the day, you'll see the light and you might just find yourself on top of the world. |
| 846208 | Read this book and never fart again Miller, Tim & Stanton, Matt (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780733339042 | Everyone does it, but some people are embarrassed by it. Yes, we are talking about farts. When a boy asks the fart monster for help with the matter, he learns to appreciate his under thunder. |
| 12676 | Ready, steady, grow Lock, Deborah (ed) | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781740337717 | From sowing to harvesting, you can grow all kinds of plants, fruits and vegetables, from tasty tomatoes to pet-friendly plants. You don't even need a garden. |
| | Real pigeons series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Reconciliation - for younger students series Various | | | | 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. |
| 46001 | Red camel, The Murray, Kirsty & Culkin-Lawrence, Teresa (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2008 | 9781876944698 | This story is set in central Australia at the turn of the twentieth century. Ruby doesn't like working for the Wilsons. She wants to go back to Alice Springs to live with her mum and wonders if Idris, the Afghan boy who works with the camels, will help her to return home. |

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| | Red dirt diaries series Nannestad, Katrina | | | | 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. |
| 3045 | Red Ted and the lost things Rosen, Michael & Stewart, Joel (ill) | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406310375 | One day, a little bear named Red Ted is accidentally left on the seat of a train by his owner and ends up in the place for lost things. He doesn't despair, however, he puts his mind to work. With the help of his new friends, a pessimistic crocodile and a cat with a fondness for cheese, Ted finds his way home to the little girl who loves and misses him. |
| 9359 | Red-eyed tree frog Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Nic (phot) & Kampen, Van (ill) | Scholastic US | 2000 | 9780590871761 | The red-eyed tree frog found in the rainforest of Central America spends the night searching for food while also being careful not to become dinner for some other animal. |
| 2858 | Reflection: Remembering those who serve in war Sharpe Shelberg, Rebecka & Cowcher, Robin (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781922179050 | A family journeys through the early morning darkness. A group of young men huddle in a cold muddy trench. Reflection is a powerful tribute to those who have served their country. |
| 12325 | Refugees Miller, David | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734406330 | A small swamp past the edge of town is home to two wild blue-billed ducks. One day huge machines come to the swamp and out pours the swamp's precious water. The ducks become refugees. |
| 3623 | Reluctant dragon, The Grahame, Kenneth | | 2015 | 9781515403302 | From the author of The Wind in the Willows comes this delightful tale of a boy who discovers that there is a dragon living in the downs above his house. But this is no ordinary dragon - it's a smart, thoughtful and poetry-loving dragon. The boy and the dragon become friends, but the villagers also discover the dragon and send for the great dragon slayer St. George. The boy and the dragon need a plan, a plan that will save the life of this unique and delightful dragon. |
| 3624 | Remember me Wild, Margaret & Huxley, Dee (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1992 | 9780947241322 | A picture book that tells a touching story about children and their grandparents who sometimes forget things as they get older. |
| 1250 | Remembering Lionsville Bancroft, Bronwyn | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742373201 | We are taken back to the family home built by the author's grandfather generations ago and still lived in now by the family. The growing and preserving of food, communications with others, the way of life all beautifully and simply described with magnificent illustrations combining Aboriginal and western techniques. |

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| 578869 | Remote rescue: An RFDS Adventure Ivanoff, George | Penguin Random House Australia | 2016 | 9780857988768 | What would you do if you were out in the middle of nowhere facing a medical emergency? Dawson, a quiet and cautious boy faces this exact situation. Sam, Dawson and Emma are on a road trip with their dad along the Oodnadatta Track. They have stopped at Farina once a vibrant farming and mining area, now a ghost town full of crumbling buildings Dawson's outgoing sisters start a game of tip, despite their Dad's warnings. As they run through the ruins Dad falls and injures his leg. Unable to move the three children have to organise help. Luckily some fellow travellers stop and they managed to call the Royal Flying Doctor Service. But until they arrive Dawson has to give first aid to his seriously injured Dad. Is he up to the challenge? Will his Dad survive? |
| 5448 | Rescue and Jessica: A life-changing friendship Kensky, Jessica & Downes, Patrick & Magoon, Scott (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2018 | 9780763696047 | Rescue thought he'd grow up to be a Seeing Eye dog. When he gets the news that he's better suited to being a service dog, he's worried that he's not up to the task. Then he meets Jessica, a girl whose life is turning out differently from the way she'd imagined it, too. Now Jessica needs Rescue by her side to help her accomplish everyday tasks. And it turns out that Rescue can help Jessica see after all: a way forward, together, one step at a time. |
| 11617 | Return to Cardamom Grasso, Julie Anne | Cane River Pecan Co | 2013 | 9780987372529 | Caramel is an elf, but no ordinary elf - she is telepathic and has the ability to get trees and computers to do as she pleases and is an amateur sleuth. She thinks that someone is trying to destroy the cardamom crop which would then destroy the elf economy. The problem is nobody believes the threat except Caramel - can she make others believe and more importantly can she stop the dastardly deed. |
| 12202 | Rhyme time around the year Foster, John & Thompson, Carol (ill) | Oxford University Press | 2001 | 9780192762269 | Attractively presented poems and illustrations that focus on seasons, festivals and special days around the world. |
| 2000 | Riding a donkey backwards: Wise and foolish tales of Mulla Nasruddin Taylor, Sean & Theatre, Khayaal & Adl, Shirin (ill) | Otter-Barry books | 2018 | 9781910959305 | Either the wisest man in the village or the biggest fool, Mulla Nasruddin, deals his unique sense of justice and wisdom to thieves, neighbours and religious men alike. Laugh out loud while you follow this trickster on his classic adventures to find out why he rides a donkey backwards. |
| | Riding high series Kelly, Bernadette | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 3123 | Right word, The: Roget and his thesaurus Bryant, Jen & Sweet, Melissa (ill) | Eerdmans Books | 2014 | 9780802853851 | For shy, young Peter Mark Roget, books were his best companions and it wasn't long before he began writing his own. But, he didn't write stories, he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it to organising ideas, and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought. His lists grew and grew, eventually turning into one of the most important reference books of all time. |
| 9608 | Ringmaster, The Odgers, Sally & Stanley, David (ill) | Koala Books | 2000 | 9780864612304 | The Galliano girl had always wanted to be in the circus like her dad. Convincing the principal and the other children, like 'the dancing daydream', to take her seriously and the pain of arthritis, are large obstacles to overcome. |
| 886457 | Rita's revenge Tanner, Lian & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761066009 | The ducks of Little Dismal are angry. A scruffy chicken called Clara has been telling lies about them. They need revenge. Enter Rita, a duck with a talent for poetry. After an embarrassing talent night, she sees revenge on Clara as a chance to restore her reputation. But Rita finds more than revenge. She uncovers a dastardly plan to chook nap Clara that will take them a long way from home. Warning this book includes mockery, rude songs, piracy, warfare and thuggery. |
| 18536 | River boy Hill, Anthony & Rawlins, Donna (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2006 | 9781876944391 | In the early 1880s, paddle steamers travelled the Australian rivers to supply inland properties. Nat, a thirteen year old, can't believe his luck when he is asked to help out on the 'Lorelei'. Nat has a lot to learn and must overcome his fear of water. |
| 71268 | River story Hooper, Meredith & Willey, Bee (ill) | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406325935 | Follow a river's journey, beginning as a small stream from melted snow in the mountains, as it flows quietly past meadows, under bridges, through cities until, finally, emptying into the sea. |
| 17559 | River, A Martin, Marc | Penguin Books Australia | 2015 | 9780670077441 | There is a river outside my window. I can see it stretching in both directions. Follow an imaginary journey from the city to the sea. |

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| 977619 | Riz Chester: The counterfeit bust Stephens, RA & Hammond, Em (ill) | Wombat Books | 2023 | 9781761111181 | Riz Chester seems like an average 10 year old girl. She doesn't think she has any special characteristics but Riz is exceptionally observant and notices things that often other people don't. She can pick twins apart, taste the difference between brands of cheese and feels scratchy tags on her clothes. One day whilst shopping with her mum, Riz notices that the cash feels different. A local Police officer takes interest in Riz's discovery and asks her questions. Riz discovers that there is a local counterfeit ring. With her special observational skills, science and help from her tech-savvy friends, Riz leads the Counterfeit Bust to try and solve the mystery of who is responsible. |
| 9575 | Robber girl Wild, Margaret & Rawlins, Donna (ill) | Red Fox | 2001 | 9780091840884 | A traditional style tale set in a snowy European forest landscape. The robber girl is contented in the forest with her animal companions, until a lost child comes into the forest and changes their lives forever. |
| 18540 | Robbie and the dolphins D'Ath, Justin & Johnson, Jessica | National Museum of Australia Press | 2006 | 9781876944421 | Robbie, wheelchair-bound and lonely, wheels himself to the end of a jetty and sees a little dolphin. He soon realises the dolphin is asking for help. Robbie's courage and strength are tested when he helps both the dolphin and a returned soldier. |
| 903309 | Robodog Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) | HarperCollins US | 2023 | 9780008581435 | Dogs make the perfect partners for police. Some breeds can wrestle robbers to the ground. Some can follow the scent of criminals on the run. Some can bark at baddies. But what if one dog could do these things and more? It would be the greatest police dog of all time. Meet Robodog. |
| 12737 | Robot and the bluebird, The Lucas, David | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781842707326 | There was once a robot with a broken heart, good for nothing and expiring slowly on a scrap heap. Then, one winter's day, a migrating bluebird lands on his shoulder, too exhausted to go any further. |
| 784567 | Rock from the sky, The Klassen, Jon | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406395570 | Turtle really likes standing in his favorite spot. He likes it so much that he asks his friend Armadillo to come over and stand in it, too. But now that Armadillo is standing in that spot, he has a bad feeling about it . . . |
| 4289 | Rock pool secrets Oliver, Narelle | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781922179357 | Nestling between rocks, hiding in the seaweed, lift the flap and discover many rock pool secrets. |
| 9474 | Rockets and other spacecraft Farndon, John | Watts Publishing Group | 2003 | 9780749647292 | How rockets and other spacecraft work and look. Information on gravity and drag, how they are powered, built, steered and controlled. The book contains step-by-step instructions and plans for a fully working rocket powered by water pressure. |
| 660366 | Rocky Lobstar: Rocky to the rescue McManus, Rove | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760664930 | Rocky is the star of Felidi's Fabulous Sideshow Carnival. But the show can't go on without a crowd! Can Rocky and his friends come up with a plan to save the show? Or is he destined to live in some aquarium's grotty touch pool? |

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| 751007 | Rocky Lobstar: Time travel tangle McManus, Rove | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781760665067 | Rocky Lobstar and his best mate, Goober, accidentally break Mr Felidi's prized antique tea set. But as luck would have it, a visiting professor has brought her time machine to Felidi's Fabulous Sideshow Carnival. Can Rocky and Goober turn back time and fix the tea set? Or will they cause an epic time travel catastrophe? |
| 17163 | Rodney thinks of food Winch, Gordon & Oliver, Tony (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2002 | 9780958146302 | Rodney the handsome bull doesn't know how to chew his cud. A visit to the vet determines he is not a greedy bull but has a different problem that no one has identified. |
| 3688 | Rodney's runaway nose Tulloch, Richard | ABC Books | 1999 | 9780733307447 | A springtime allergy is not usually the subject of poetry. But when the little trickle in the nose, featured in this poem, builds up to flood, the town is a riot. |
| 78116 | Roland Wright at the joust Davis, Tony & Rogers, Gregory (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741663297 | Roland has been a page at Twofold Castle for just a month but, already, he has impressed the king's bravest knights. He is excited about attending his first tournament. He is only meant to be watching but, when the fearsome Little Douglas, a page from a rival castle throws down a challenge, Roland is called on to fight. |
| 30653 | Roland Wright future knight Davis, Tony & Rogers, Gregory (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741662290 | Roland Wright is the youngest son of a blacksmith. More than anything, he wants to be a knight in armour but only boys from noble families have the chance to do so. When a suit of armour made by Roland's father saves the king's life, everything changes. Roland or his brother have the chance to become a page, the step on the road to becoming a knight. |
| 67885 | Roland Wright, brand new page Davis, Tony & Rogers, Gregory (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741662306 | Roland begins his training as a page at Twofold Castle. Things don't go very smoothly. The Queen is terrified of mice, which makes things look rather grim for Roland's pet mouse. Roland has to deal with the bullying, older page, Hector, and an elephant on the rampage as well as being away from his family. |
| 71660 | Roller coaster Metzenthon, David & Sheehan, Peter (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143301769 | It's Matt's first time ever at the Fun Park. He loves all the rides except for the roller coaster, it scares him. He tells the family that he's saving it until the last. Thanks to Dad, he might just have a go. |
| 28074 | Roman diary: journal of a young slave Platt, Richard & Parkins, David (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406325478 | The year is AD 102 and Iliona, an educated Greek girl, has been orphaned and sold as a slave in Rome. In time, Iliona discovers that the teeming city at the heart of the empire is a fascinating place. Through her eyes, we see the Roman army return in triumph, witness fighting gladiators, escape a house fire and discover how Roman women dress their hair. |

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| 9443 | Rope carrier, The Tomlinson, Theresa | Random House Canada | 2001 | 9780099413639 | During the industrial revolution, ropemakers often lived in caves. Entire villages could be underground. Minnie Dakin, the youngest of the ropemaker's daughters, eventually follows her sister, Netty, who has gone to live in the city. |
| 23198 | Rory Branagan: Detective Clover, Andrew & Lazar, Ralph (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2018 | 9780008265830 | Hello. I am Rory Branagan. I am actually a detective. People always say, 'How do you become a detective?' And I say, 'Ahhhh...you don't just FIND YOURSELF suddenly sneaking up on baddies, or diving out of the way as they shoot, or hurtling from an open plane towards the ground! You have to want it.' And what made ME want it? I needed to find out what happened to my dad... |
| 9654 | Rose Raventhorpe Investigates: Rubies and Runaways Beacham, Janine | Hachette Children's Books | 2017 | 9781510201316 | It is bitterly cold in Yorke and Rose Raventhorpe and her butler are stuck showing Rose's ghastly cousin Herbert around the city. During a service at Yorke's Cathedral, a young boy bursts in, declaring that his sister has been kidnapped. Soon Rose finds herself tangled up in a mystery involving fake antiques, a malodorous factory and a secret society of chimney sweeps. Tea is brewing and so is murder.... |
| 2483 | Roses are blue Murphy, Sally & Evans, Gabriel (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781922244376 | Amber Rose and her family are dealing with a terrible family tragedy. Amber has a new school, new friends and a new mum to get used to. She wants her old mum back. |
| 76818 | Rosie and Ned and the creepy cave Costain, Meredith & Burke, Tina (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143305101 | Rosie would love to find a red feather from one of the red-capped robins that live along Ghost Gum Creek. Ned isn't so sure that's a good idea because that's where Witchy Nell lives. Just as Rosie finds her red feather, disaster strikes and it's up to Ned to save them. |
| 50569 | Rosie and the bunyip Costain, Meredith & Burke, Tina (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780143303404 | Rosie can hear something howling down by Ghost Gum Creek. She thinks it could be a big, scary bunyip so Rosie decides to go bunyip hunting. |
| 22907 | Rosie Staples' minor magical misunderstanding Crowley, Cath & Watson, Judy (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143304968 | Rosie loves jokes and magic. But her next magic trick isn't a trick - it's magic for real. What could possibly go wrong. In the process Rosie learns some home truths. Some coarse language in context of humour. |
| 130805 | Rosie to the rescue Costain, Meredith & Burke, Tina (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302858 | Rosie's passion is fire engines and every week she gets to help her neighbour check the equipment on the town's fire engine. One day, Rosie gets to play a much more important role. |

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| 1038896 | Rover's story, A Warga, Jasmine | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780063113930 | As part of her school project, Sophie has decided to write letters to Resilience a Rover who has been sent to Mars on a mission, but Res has feelings not allowed for Mars. 'You are whole, I say. I am no longer just a brain sitting on a table.' Res is built to be an unbiased observer. But there is more. He is glad and he wants, anticipates and wonders about events unlike the real Mars Rover. As dramatic events unfold a reader is left so far from the real events of the NASA mission with a rogue robot taking literally 'I was sent here to explore all places of interest possible' to 22 years later in a museum after a journey across space and time in the lives of the characters. |
| | RSPCA animal tales series Various | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 5471 | Ruby in the ruins Hughes, Shirley | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406375893 | Ruby and Mum cling to each other while they live through the terrifying London Blitz, waiting for Dad to come home from the war. Day after day they hope for his return - but when the moment to meet him at the station finally comes, Ruby hardly recognises the tall man who steps off the train. He's big and sunburned, and he doesn't seem to be as engaged as he once was. It's easier to play outside in the wreckage of the bombings than to stay at home with a dad she doesn't know anymore. But when Ruby hurts her knee in the ruins, there's only one person who can rescue her and make her feel all right. |
| | Ruby Red Shoes series Various | | | | 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. |
| 18344 | Rude Ramsay and the roaring radishes Atwood, Margaret & Petricic, Dusan (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2005 | 9780747572923 | Rude Ramsey lives in a ramshackle house and longs for something better. Ramsay and Ralph, the red-nosed rat, decide to leave. Students will enjoy their rumpus with food, using the letter R, and want to make up some verses of their own. |

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| | Rugby League Reads 3-4 Various | | | | Using the club mascots and various Rugby League players and captains, these books will allow readers to read about Rugby League and their favourite clubs and players, whilst engaging with text and practicing reading strategies. Any two 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. |
| 3736 | Run Damon run Ingram, Anne | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780091840761 | Many centuries ago, when the ancient gods ruled the world, a powerful king named Dionysius killed and plundered without any mercy. Damon, the shepherd, tried to free the country from terror. |
| 18612 | Run, hare, run: The story of a drawing Winch, John | Little Hare Books | 2006 | 9781877003875 | As readers take up the cry of 'run, hare, run', they join his wild dash through fields and forests, farmyards, streets and lanes away from a pursuing hunter and hound. Exhausted, hare is finally caught, but he does not meet the end he expects. |
| 8790 | Runaway princess, The Dickins, Rosie (retold) & Coudray, E (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2013 | 9781409535928 | Princess Anna doesn't want to get married, so she runs away, with her beautiful dresses and disguised under a donkeyskin cloak to find her own happy ending. |
| 11566 | Running with the horses Lester, Alison | Viking Children's | 2009 | 9780670868339 | Set during the second World War in Vienna at the Spanish Riding School famous for their Lipizzaners - the dancing white horses. Nina and her father must help the last of the horses flee the city. Nina's faith in an extraordinary old horse makes this an unforgettable story of courage, adventure and friendship. |
| 8626 | Runny babbit Silverstein, Shel | HarperCollins Australia | 2005 | 9780060256531 | A book of spoonerisms that kids will love. Zany, witty verse full of innovative topsy turvey language. |
| | S Tinker Inc series Foley, James | | | | 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. |
| 1924 | S.N.A.G.: the sensitive new-age gladiator Clark, Margaret & Denton, Terry (ill) | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141311685 | A delightfully funny story set in ancient Roman times when Titus was emperor. It features many farcical and well-named characters. |

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| 46248 | Saddest king, The Wormell, Chris | Red Fox | 2007 | 9780224070454 | There was once a country where the people were always happy. Being happy was a law set down by the King whose face held an unchanging grin. When a small boy was hauled before his majesty because he was in tears over the death of his dog, the boy noticed that the King was wearing a mask. |
| 55255 | Sadie and Ratz Hartnett, Sonya & James, Ann (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2008 | 9780143303558 | Sadie and Ratz are Hannah's hands. They love to fight and, sometimes, they fight each other. Hannah's brother, Baby Boy, is only four but he can be very annoying and very tricky, and Sadie and Ratz get blamed for lots of things. But, one day Baby Boy goes too far. |
| | Sage Cookson series Murphy, Sally & Hulme, Celeste (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 14556 | Sail away: the ballad of Skip and Nell Fox, Mem & Lofts, Pamela (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2006 | 9781865049519 | A tale of two young dingoes who set out on a log to see the America's Cup yacht race in Fremantle WA, and take the long way round. |
| 3784 | Sailing home Thompson, Colin | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9780733605505 | Rain and more rain! When Peter's family wakes one morning to discover their house is adrift in the middle of the ocean, it is the start of an adventure. |
| 24986 | Sally and the limpet James, Simon | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406308464 | One Sunday by the sea, Sally pulls and pulls at a brightly coloured limpet shell. It makes a squelching noise and sticks firmly to her finger. Everyone has a go at removing the limpet but it just won't let go. When Sally's teacher says a limpet lives for twenty years and spends its lifetime on the same rock, Sally desperately wants to put things back just the way they were for the limpet. |
| 9570 | Sally's painting room Orr, Wendy & Bowles, Janice (ill) | Koala Books | 1999 | 9780864611109 | Sally finds a wonderful, secret attic space in her busy house, away from the annoyance of brothers and sisters. Here she creates her own private studio to paint the pictures that dance and sing in her head. |
| 12444 | Salmon forest Suzuki, David, Ellis, Sarah & Lott, Sheena (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781741141726 | Take a walk in the woods with Kate and her dad to find out why the Pacific rainforest is called the salmon forest and how the salmon and the forest need each other. You'll also meet fat slugs, squawking gulls and a bear that is hungry for fish. |
| 10173 | Sam and Albert go to sea Elliott, Louise | Wombat Books | 2010 | 9781921633089 | Sam wants to go to sea again but Albert is reluctant. Every day he comes up with a different excuse. The funny thing is Sam is a cat and Albert is the sailor. Perhaps there is a reason why Albert is not so keen. |

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| 17692 | Sam and the killer robot Rossell, Judith | Little Hare Books | 2007 | 9781921272103 | Sam is going to eat as many Bisky Briks as it takes to collect all the parts of the super robot. But with each added part comes renewed danger, in this thriller set in your average family home with your average but very funny family. |
| | Sam Kerr kicking goals series Kerr, Sam & Harris, Fiona & Fukuoka, Aki (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 5086 | Sam Sullivan's scooter Godwin, Jane & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | Penguin | 2009 | 9780143303619 | Despite Mum's advice, Sam can't resist putting his fingers in the handlebars of his scooter. Sam had no idea that a scooter could cause so much trouble. |
| 5537 | Sam's surfboard showdown Webster, Allayne L & Clarke, Amanda S | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781742991894 | Sam is the boy to know in the school. He is good looking, smart and a great sportsman until a new boy comes to town, Finn Hester. The boys seem to compete in everything. Then they become rivals in the Nipper's exciting competition...to win a surfboard signed by Mick Fanning. Sam is keen to win, but Finn has a deeper motivation to win. |
| 27361 | Sam, Grace and the shipwreck Gillespie, Michelle & Martinez, Sonia (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2011 | 9781921696008 | Sixteen year old Grace Bussell was hailed a hero for her part in saving fifty passengers and crew from drowning, when the SS Georgette was wrecked off the coast of Western Australia in 1876. But, the rescue would never have been possible without the guidance and leadership of Sam Isaacs, an Aboriginal stockman. |
| 53072 | Sami's genies England, Kathryn & Smith, Craig (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780143303541 | Sami lives with his Grandfather Ali on a vegetable farm. Sami would love to go to school but, instead, he helps his grandfather who is old and can't cope alone with all the hard work. They sell their produce at the town market. One day, Sami trades some eggs for a box containing four dirty old lamps. |
| 3936 | Sands of shark island, The: A school ship tobermory adventure McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill) | Birlinn Ltd | 2016 | 9781780273945 | After successfully thwarting a dastardly plan to steal rare marine animals, from the sea around the Scottish island of Mull, Ben and Fee MacTavish feel they can relax and continue learning all about nautical life on board School Ship Tobermory. But it is not long before their everyday routine is interrupted by an extraordinary event. Ben, Fee, their fellow students and the crew of the Tobermory find themselves embroiled in another adventure that leads them thousands of miles from Mull to a small island in the Caribbean, where they learn extraordinary details about Captain Macbeth's past and come face to face with modern-day pirates. |

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| 36878 | Santa's suit Cali, Davide & Heliot, Eric | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9780980416572 | It's Christmas Eve in the North Pole and the situation is serious. Santa is getting ready to deliver all the Christmas presents but he can't find his famous, red suit. |
| 2243 | Sarah's heavy heart Carnavas, Peter | New Frontier Publishing | 2009 | 9781921042058 | Sarah knows that her heart will always be hers to carry. She just wishes it wasn't quite so heavy. |
| 43616 | Sarindi and the lucky Buddha Fraser, Janine M & Hurst, Elise (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2009 | 9780732287757 | Sarindi tries everything to help his mother regain her health. A meeting with a stranger at Lucky Buddha's shrine changes Sarindi's life. Readers will gain an understanding of the beliefs, rituals and superstitions of the Indonesian people. |
| 82692 | Sarindi's dragon kite Fraser, Janine M & Hurst, Elise (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2010 | 9780732287764 | It's Sarindi's birthday and what he wants more than anything else is the multi-coloured dragon kite he sees in the market. When he wakes up and sees the kite, he can't wait to go to the beach to fly it with his father. But, an earthquake has flattened a nearby town and he and his father must go to see if they can help. |
| | Saurus street series Falk, Nick & Flowers, Tony (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 790 | Saving Mr Pinto Lester, Alison & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741148893 | It's time for the Royal Show and Bonnie and Sam are going to help their riding teacher get ready for a big competition. There's so much to do and remember but everything changes when the girls stumble across a sad, starving pony in a backyard near the showgrounds. |
| 751207 | Saving Winslow Cheech, Sharon | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780062570710 | Louie can not resist the challenge of nurturing a small and sickly baby donkey when it is brought home from his uncle's farm. Everyone tells Louie the animal will surely die, but Louie is determined to do everything he can to make sure it survives. Winslow the donkey brings various people from the neighbourhood around, and not all of them are so sure that a backyard donkey is for the best. |
| 18534 | Saw doctor, The Crew, Gary & Cox, David | National Museum of Australia Press | 2006 | 9781876944414 | Life during the Depression can be tough especially when there's no money and dad's out of work but there are some things that Jo Boy can do to help. |
| 1019725 | Say my name Ho, Joanna & Le, Khola (ill) | HarperCollins US | 2023 | 9780063205338 | The power of names can be interesting. Names can reveal our personal histories, weaving an intricate story of the past and connecting us to the future. Names and saying them correctly are important. Six captivating kids from Chinese, Tongan, Persian, Navajo, Mexican and Ghanaian descent proudly celebrate their names, languages and cultures in this book. |

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| 22696 | Scaly-tailed possum and echidna Goonack, C & Goonack, K (ill) & Goonack, M (ill) & Goonack, M (ill) | Magabala Books | 2010 | 9781921248160 | This vividly illustrated book features two iconic Australian animals, the scaly-tailed possum, found only in a remote part of the Kimberley, and one of Australia's most unusual mammals, the echidna. A traditional Dreamtime story. |
| 18518 | Scaredy cats: catnapped Rayner, Shoo | Orchard Books | 2005 | 9781843627463 | By night, the secret society of the Scaredy Cats tell each other spooky tales. Stories with humour and plenty of shocks and scares along the way. Ideal for newly independent readers. |
| 25763 | Scarlett and the scratchy moon McKimmie, Chris | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315156 | Scarlett can't sleep again. The moon is scratching the sky, and she's counting sheep called Daddy Neema, Mummy Neema and Baby Neema. Scarlett is also sad because her pet dogs, Holly and Sparky, have died. But then a surprise comes to the door and the world seems new again. |
| 13376 | Scarlett's bat Bone, Ian & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2003 | 9780143300427 | Scarlett Finnegan loves cricket but never gets to play on the team. When McGanty breaks his leg she has the chance to prove her worth, but is it just her talent. It seems as if she has a magic bat. |
| 45334 | Scarves, The Bunge, Daniela | Penguin | 2006 | 9780698400450 | Grandma and Grandpa don't think they love each other anymore. Their likes and dislikes are too different. But, their granddaughter sees how miserable they are when they're apart and hatches a plan that just might bring them back together. |
| 13679 | School days around the world Chambers, Catherine | Dorling Kindersley | 2007 | 9781405319430 | A look at an average school day in the lives of children from seven countries around the world, showing how they are all different and yet all the same. |
| 1233 | School for girls, A Grice, Natalie | Watts Publishing Group | 2000 | 9780749635497 | It is 1850, and Annie Foster's twin brother, Artie, is off to school while Annie seems doomed to a life of housework and needlecraft. |
| | School magazine - Countdown and Blast Off School magazine team | | | | Any two Countdown or Blast Off magazines can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more 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. |
| 6945 | School ship Tobermory McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill) | Birlinn Ltd | 2015 | 9781780273334 | Twins, Ben and Fee MacTavish, are off to boarding school while their marine researcher parents explore the seas in their small submarine. But, it's not a traditional boarding school, it's a training sailing ship off the coast of Scotland. Like all schools, there are rules to learn, friends to make and bullies to avoid. Even in such small confines, mystery and intrigue find a place with a stowaway, a suspect film crew and rare animal trading. |

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| 8703 | Schumann the shoeman Danalis, John & Danalis, Stella (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2009 | 9780702236211 | Schumann the Shoeman was adored. The shoes he made were really beautiful and lasted a lifetime. No two pairs were ever the same. Outside his shop, on an elegant shoe-shaped sign, Schumann tied the laces into an elegant bow to let customers know when their shoes were ready. However, when a shoe factory opened in the town, Schumann's world was about to change forever. |
| 846229 | Scissorella: The paper princess Welsh, Clare Helen & Barrett, Laura (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2021 | 9781783448944 | Lotte doesn't believe in happy endings. She lives with her horrible, bossy sisters and her only friends are the exquisite cut-out paper puppets she makes by the light of the moon. But when an invitation to the Palace Spring Ball arrives on their doorstep, Lotte sees her chance to change her life forever... Cinderella with a difference where forceful individuality and talent create happy endings not fairy tale magic. |
| 59345 | Scrambled egg Binks, Wendy | Stunned Emu Press | 2007 | 9780646479293 | Fluster, the corella, is frantic. Her egg has fallen from her nest. Stripey and Leggy want to help her but, before they can make a plan, the egg begins to hatch. Soon, the strangest creature appears, it is definitely not a bird of any kind. Join Stripey and his friends as they search for the mother of the funny little grub that has hatched. |
| | Scratch kitten series Green, Jessica & Vane, Mitch (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 660815 | Scribbly gum secrets Patterson, Dannika & Forward, Megan (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2020 | 9781925804485 | Who drew on those tree trunks? Charlie asked Max. They'll be in big trouble if Mummy sees that! Join four children on a walk through the bush as they make all sorts of wild discoveries. |
| 965849 | Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival Moore, Lindsay | Greenwillow | 2019 | 9780062791290 | A polar bear hunts and naps and raises her young in the far north Arctic waters. She moves with the ice, swimming, running, hunting and resting. She follows the rhythm of the sea and the seasons. What happens when there is no ice? |
| 9473 | Sea turtles Dunbier, Sally | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780734401434 | Simple, clear descriptions of the seven different species of sea turtles that live in the world's oceans including information on their diet, habitat, appearance and life cycle. |

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| | Seadog adventure series O'Dowd, Annie | | | | 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. |
| 112082 | Seams of gold Cheng, Christopher & Rawlins, Donna (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2007 | 9781876944520 | Danny is off to the goldfields with his uncle who has sung in the Chinese Opera but now sews. Reluctantly, Danny also discovers he has a talent for sewing repairs and for creating beautiful things. |
| 8673 | Search of Fred Beaney, The Ryan, Kate & Rippin, Sally (ill) | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734410146 | Fred Beaney doesn't want very much, just a round watch with black hands and a loud tick. Fred searches everywhere, from Argentina to the Cocos Islands, determined to find his heart's desire. |
| 642938 | Searching for cicadas Gibbes, Lesley & Watson, Judy (ill) | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781922244420 | In the summertime, Grandpa and I go cicada-watching. We put our camping gear into my wagon and walk down to the local reserve. Last year we saw five Green Grocers, three Yellow Mondays and one Floury Baker. Can we find the rare Black Prince this year? |
| 17540 | Secret country, The Johnson, Jane & Stower, Adam (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2005 | 9781416904199 | When Ben walks into a pet shop the last thing he expects is to buy a talking cat. Iggy is from a secret country slowly losing its creatures. Ben sets out to save them but encounters great evil that tries to stop him succeeding. |
| 1209782 | Secret FACTopia! Towler, Paige & Smith, Andy (ill) | Britanica Books | 2024 | 9781804661079 | Follow the trails as you flip through the pages of amazing facts and discover more. Some of the facts are hidden, mysterious and weird, from secret poison rings, secret bangle compartments, a Morse code necklace, smoke signals and braided messages in hair designs. Find out about transport long ago, hidden places and lots more. |
| 3856 | Secret safe to tell, A Hunter, Naomi & Erasmus, Karen (ill) | Empowering Resources | 2015 | 9780994501004 | It happened when I was little, always when we were alone. But sometimes he did things that worried me and made me feel completely strange on the inside. I thought games were supposed to be fun. |
| 977579 | Secret science society in space, The Hoopmann, Kathy & Montano, Josie & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill) | Wombat Books | 2023 | 9781761110092 | Four unique science nuts need to come up with a prize-winning experiment for the Science Expo. They are over the moon with their brilliant idea inspired by their Planetarium excursion. But, will Zane's mystery modification to their dog-in-space rocket make their entry an astronomical disaster? |

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| 660541 | Secret Science Society's spectacular experiment, The Hoopmann, Kathy & Montano, Josie & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill) | Wombat Books | 2019 | 9781925563764 | Mona likes to moan. Kiki is a worry-wart. Bart loves following rules. And Zane HATES following rules. When the four of them are put into The Secret Science Society together, this could only mean one thing: DISASTER! Will they be able to work together to create an experiment that Mona won't moan about, Kiki knows is safe, Bart will think is perfect and that is really, REALLY exciting for Zane? |
| | Secret seven series Various | | | | 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. |
| 569194 | Secret seven, The: Mystery of the skull Butchart, Pamela | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781444941531 | There are strange people arriving and behaving strangely at the hotel. And a big hole in the ground near by. Peter finds an old skull and you know there is only one thing for The Secret Seven to do. Investigate and solve the mystery. |
| 29447 | Secret world of butterflies Meredith, Courtney Sina & Clarkson, Giselle (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760633608 | Butterflies are beautiful but they have some very off habits - welcome to their secret world. Did you know that butterflies taste with their feet, do a dark-red poo when they come out of their chrysalises and that some drink the tears of crocodiles? |
| 12941 | Secret world of lizards, The Claybourne, Anna | Raintree | 2004 | 9780739870235 | An explanation of how and why lizards behave as they do, how they communicate and reproduce, what they eat, their role on the planet and how pollution and habitat destruction may threaten their existence. |
| 1038944 | Secrets of the saltmarsh Saxby, Claire & Rogerson, Alicia (ill) | CSIRO | 2023 | 9781486317141 | Saltmarshes are full of energy and life. They provide food and shelter for migratory birds as well as microscopic plants and animals. They also protect our coastlines. Most of all, saltmarshes are places of discovery and wonder. Secrets of the Saltmarsh offers a close-up look at the fascinating world of Saltmarsh wetlands. |
| 12532 | See food Kuchling, Guundie | Windy Hollow Books | 2007 | 9781921136023 | Cut outs replicate a microscopic view of sea life that becomes part of a food chain with each step in the chain increasing in size. |

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| | Seeking refuge series Various | | | | 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. |
| 13011 | Selected adventures of Bottersnikes and Gumbles, The Wakefield, S A & Digby, Desmond (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2016 | 9781460751923 | Deep in the Australian bush, Bottersnikes live in rubbish heaps along dusty roadsides. They have green, wrinkly skin, cheese grater noses and long, pointy ears that go red when they're angry, which is most of the time. Giggling Gumbles are cheerful little creatures who can be squashed into all sorts of shapes. They can't pop back into their proper shape unless helped. This makes the friendly Gumbles useful to the lazy Bottersnikes, who have some very nasty tricks planned. |
| 5499 | Serena and the sea serpent Nix, Garth | Puffin Australia | 2000 | 9780141309408 | Due to an accident with a computer, Serena Smith is a know-all. When a sea serpent starts wrecking ships, the town thinks the only way to stop it is to give it a child to eat. Serena volunteers, sure that she can sort out the problem. |
| 12467 | Shack that dad built, The Russell, Elaine | Little Hare Books | 2004 | 9781877003486 | Elaine Russell's dad built the family shack just outside the Aboriginal mission at La Perouse in Sydney. The life of an indigenous kid on the urban fringes with memories from happy ones like hunting for bush tucker to her saddest Christmas ever. |
| 11454 | Shadow brumby, The Lester, Alison & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741148909 | Best friends, Bonnie and Sam, love horses. They ride nearly every day and have the best adventures. Sometimes, in the mountains, Bonnie and Sam catch a glimpse of the wild bush horses, the brumbies. |
| 4340 | Shallow in the deep end Tiwi College Alalinguwi Jarrakarlinga & Thomas, Jared | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781742762692 | When a young girl on the Tiwi Islands asks her parents for a dog, the last thing she expects is a pet buffalo! This page-turner tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a dog and a water buffalo and all of the trouble they get themselves into. |
| 35896 | Shapes of Australia Bancroft, Bronwyn | Little Hare Books | 2017 | 9781760129286 | From boulders to bee hives, from mountains to coral, Bronwyn Bancroft explores the shapes that form our land. |
| 80973 | Share-a-not, The Wallace, Adam & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | JoJo Publishing | 2009 | 9780980518573 | Share-a-Not wants it all and he wants it now. Everyone in town has just one pet rock but the Share-a-Not wants more. He goes on a stealing spree, taking rocks from everyone, even babies and old ladies. Finally, he steals from a young lad whose father decides enough is enough, and he works out a plan to show the Share-a-Not that he's got it all wrong. |

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| 29300 | Shark and Lobster's amazing undersea adventure Schwarz, Viviane | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406305203 | Shark and Lobster are frightened of tigers so they find a deep sea monster to protect them. But, the monster doesn't like being woken up and chases the duo all around the ocean. Shark and Lobster realise that maybe a tiger isn't so bad after all. |
| 1125054 | Sharkman and Blowfish: World domination Woodland, David | Berbay Publishing | 2023 | 9781922610751 | Sharkman has big ideas like taking over the world, and its Blowfish's job is to work out how. Readers will love this funny, fast paced tale of friendship, power and giant undies. |
| 649021 | Shearing time Marlow Paterson, Allison and McGrath, Shane (ill) | Big Sky Publishing | 2017 | 9781925520095 | Sunrise to sunset there are sheep with attitude, a shed of shearers, dogs with personality, motorbikes and a country kitchen to open the door on the life of a country kid. |
| 40625 | Sheep in wolves' clothing Kitamura, Satoshi | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842709078 | Georgina, Hubert, and Gogol go to the beach for one last, carefree day of summer sun and surf. Once there, these innocent lambs get fleeced by some cagey characters who smooth talk them out of their fur coats. Enter Elliott Baa, Private Detective, who, together with the three cold and exhausted friends and some rugby-playing cats, set off to confront the villains in this action-packed and off-beat tale. |
| 55095 | Sheep with boots Matter, Maritgen & Jutte, Jan (ill) | Gecko Press | 2009 | 9781877467424 | A hungry Wolf tricks Sheep into accompanying him on an adventure. Sheep has no idea what's really going on and he isn't the slightest bit afraid. Finally, Sheep thinks he has found a friend. But, remember, a wolf is a wolf and there is Sheep. |
| 3952 | Sheila the heeler Clark, Margaret | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780733612121 | Sheila the blue heeler is the smartest dog in town, so when her master Old Ben goes missing, she turns to the Aussie Angels. They are baffled until Mike discovers some old caves and an underground river that may unravel the mystery. |
| 10065 | Sherlock Bones Brecon, Connah | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404732 | Bones, the family dog, is very smart according to the son but the father doesn't agree, until he loses his car keys. |
| 871653 | Sherlock Bones and the art and science alliance Trembl, Renee | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761065729 | Sherlock Bones, a tawny frogmouth skeleton and his sidekicks (a raccoon and a stuffed parrot) are on the case in the National History Museum to solve a new mystery. What is hissing and growling? Is the painting of the Hydra really haunted? |
| 596777 | Sherlock Bones and the natural history mystery Trembl, Renee | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760523954 | Sherlock Bones is the world's greatest detective and needs to journey through the Museum of Natural History to uncover the case of the missing blue diamond. Along the way, Sherlock Bones will encounter a chocolate-crazed raccoon, a stuffed parrot and a range of other memorable characters. Can Sherlock Bones uncover the mystery and save the day before it's too late? |

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| 846202 | Ship of cloud and stars, The Raphael, Amy & Ermos, George (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9781510108417 | Nico's parents are almost entirely uninterested in her longings to be a scientific explorer. As Nico follows a cat aboard a ship, she becomes an accidental stowaway and her adventures begin. Life on the high sea is not without its challenges but Nico is totally unprepared for the attention of a crew of pirates who also have their sights set on the Tree of Hope and will stop at nothing to get to it first. |
| 9475 | Ships and other sea craft Hawkes, Nigel | Franklin Watts | 2003 | 9780749647285 | Diagrams and cutaway artwork reveal how ships, sailing boats, jet skis and hydrofoils, in fact, everything from dinghies to ocean liners work. Even instructions on building your own sea craft. |
| 89175 | Ships in the field Gervay, Susanne & Pignataro, Anna (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2012 | 9781921665233 | Every night, the little girl and her best friend, Brownie, wait for Papa to come home. Before their world changed, her Papa was a farmer but he now works long hours in a car factory. Her Mama was a teacher but she makes dresses all day long. Sundays are special, they're picnic days. |
| 12402 | Show and tell Dawe, Bruce & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300298 | Six little, bilby babies go to school for 'show and tell' and escape. If Tommy didn't know all their personalities so well, the children in his class would never have been able to find them. |
| 1124886 | Shower land: Break the curse Amoore, Nat & Hart, James (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2024 | 9781761342523 | Felix is a 10 year old boy and finds his everyday life boring. He is fed up with his annoying younger brother, and his Dad is always yelling at him. He wishes he could get away from it all... When Felix jumps into the shower one morning when getting ready for school, something very amazing, astonishing and mind blowing happens. Imagine opening your eyes and finding yourself in a strange land, between two armies yelling, chickens flapping and you're wearing NO clothes. Will Felix escape the farmers pitchforks? Will he find some pants to wear? Will he ever find a way to get back home? A humourous younger reader novel filled with curses, dragons and smelly town fairs. Kids who like a not-so-serious read are going to adore this new series: Shower Land. Big text and brilliant pictures make it easy to navigate, and it is one I think reluctant readers will gravitate towards." |
| 9601 | Shrimp, The Smith, Emily | Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc | 2001 | 9780552547352 | Ben's new teacher has set school work in the summer holidays. Everyone in the class is horrified until they find that the projects are going to be judged by a famous TV wildlife presenter. Ben has a great idea for his project. |

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| 44516 | Shy Mala, The Stafford, Liliana & Zielinski, Sophia (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2006 | 9781921136931 | In the central desert of Australia lives a small nocturnal marsupial group call Marla that inhabits the spinifex and hummock grasslands. Their numbers have declined since the 1990s due to habitat destruction and predation. Warla, the shy Marla, tells how the Warlpiri people rescued her and how she now lives in a safe environment. |
| 5728 | Silent knight Clark, Margaret & Denton, Terry (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2002 | 9780140372380 | A bumbling, fearful medieval knight and an affable dragon, in search of his lost puff, band together to soothe each other's troubles. Their adventures are full of gentle humour. |
| 13787 | Silly verse for kids Milligan, Spike | Puffin UK | 1968 | 9780140303315 | One of many Milligan classics, rich with his zany sense of humour and illustrated with his own quirky art. |
| | Silver shoes series Various | | | | 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. |
| 33750 | Simpson and his donkey Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill) | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150180 | A poignant account of the story of John Simpson Kirkpatrick and how he and his donkey, Duffy, rescued over 300 men during the campaign at Gallipoli. The book includes a brief biography of the man, details of his work at Gallipoli as well as the little known story of how, without realising, he rescued his childhood friend. |
| 14264 | Sing, Pepi, sing Storer, Jen & Gordon, Gus (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143302636 | Following a lightning strike, an axolotl shocks his poor restaurant owners by singing. A ruthless loan shark requires self-sacrifice and creates the need for a daring marine rescue. A humorous story with a strong Mexican flavour and good values. |
| 1920 | Sink the gizmo Jennings, Paul | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140381481 | Cal and Ricky take time off from school and 'borrow' a boat but the gizmo on the boat turns everything to water when Cal looks at it. Cal is in trouble if he can't find a way to stop it. |
| 11389 | Sisi and the cassowary Meeks, Arone Raymond | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865045252 | Sisi slips away from her mother and sisters to catch a tortoise in the waterhole. She surfaces from a deep dive and realises she is lost. A boy offers to help, then disappears. It is both mysterious and worrying for Sisi who is not sure she'll get back. |
| 582934 | Six dots: A story of young Louis Braille Bryant, Jen & Kulikov, Boris (ill) | Penguin Random House Australia | 2016 | 9780449813379 | Louis wanted to read. But there were no books for blind children. And so he invented an alphabet that he could read by touch. Each letter was formed from just six raised dots. Now the world of books was at his fingertips. |

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| | Skoz the dog series Daddo, Andrew & Rossell, Judith (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 5702 | Skunk, The Barnett, Mac & McDonald, Patrick (ill) | The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760067823 | Leaving his home one day, a bespectacled, tuxedo-clad man discovers a small skunk sitting on his doorstep. When the man finds the skunk following him, the unlikely pair embark on an increasingly frantic chase through the city, from the streets to the opera house to the fairground. It's not clear what the skunk wants. When the man escapes the creature by moving house, maybe he is missing something. |
| 1209817 | Sky country Cameron, Aunty Patsy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill) | Magabala Books | 2024 | 9781922777218 | With our grandmother we walk all the way to the peak of the mountain...We hear whispering and we listen with all our ears. Grandmother is going to tell us the story of our Ancestral Beings. |
| 22429 | Sky dreamer, The Morgan, Anne & Eimann, Celine (ill) | IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd) | 2011 | 9781921479977 | When Liam's sister dies, his world turns grey. He spends hours watching clouds crossing the wintry skies, hoping that Cassie is out there somewhere. |
| 8753 | Sleeping beauty Scott-Mitchell, Clare & Fitchett, Gordon & Perrault, Charles | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780091840662 | A magical watery world is created for the princess, a hippopotamus, to fall asleep in, in this revised classic. |
| 5097 | Sleepless in space Odgers, Sally | Koala Books | 2002 | 9780864614186 | As a result of Jed's grandad inventing the Starspinner Drive for spaceships, Jed finds himself on the way to the distant planet, Serendipity. Jed is supposed to sleep for a year. But one day, he wakes to find space pirates have taken over the ship. |
| 7065 | Sleepovers Wilson, Jacqueline | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780552547093 | Amy, Bella, Chloe, Daisy and Emily are school-friends who plan ever-more elaborate sleepover parties. Daisy begins to dread her turn, wondering what her friends will make of her home and her sister, who has learning disabilities. |
| 20912 | Slightly annoying elephant, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007493999 | Sam visits the zoo and fills in some papers to adopt an elephant. He never thought one would turn up on his doorstep. |
| 687816 | Slime Walliams, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2020 | 9780008349141 | To say Ned was just an ordinary boy would be wrong. He wasn't ordinary-he was extraordinary. He was the coolest boy on wheels. He is from the Isle of Munch. Jemima is his older sister. She likes nothing more than playing the most horrid tricks on her little brother. Like the ghastly present she has prepared for his birthday. But Ned finds the present the day before. He uses the find to take revenge on his sister and all the other mean bullies on the island. |

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| 32504 | Slowcoach turtle Mewburn, Kyle & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2010 | 9781921541230 | Tilda is lonely so decides she wants a pet. When Pop Hooper offers her Hoodini, the monkey, Tilda is delighted. But, Hoodini runs away and Pop asks Tilda to take care of Pickle, the turtle, overnight while he retrieves the monkey. This slow-moving pet isn't exactly what Tilda had in mind. |
| 8257 | Small and tall tales of extinct animals Rajcak, Helene & Laverdunt, Damien | Gecko Press | 2012 | 9781877467905 | Hundreds of years ago, Earth was home to some strange animals. There was the giant beaver taller than a human; the Sicilian dwarf elephant; the three-metre-tall elephant bird; the giant lemur nicknamed the tratra; the Thylacine; the world-famous dodo... Hunted by humans and weakened by climate change, these animals gradually disappeared. All that remains are footprints and fossils, stories and fascinating folk tales, all waiting to be discovered in the pages of this book. |
| 804785 | Small in the city Smith, Sydney | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406392982 | Being small can be overwhelming in a city. People don't see you. The loud sounds of the sirens and cyclists can be scary. And the streets are so busy it can make your brain feel like there's too much stuff in it. But if you know where to find good hiding places, warm dryer vents that blow out hot steam that smells like summer, music to listen to or friends to say hi to, there can be comfort in the city, too. We follow our little protagonist, who knows all about what it's like to be small in the city, as he gives his best advice for surviving there. As we turn the pages, Sydney Smith's masterful storytelling allows us to glimpse exactly who this advice is for, leading us to a powerful, heart-rending realization... |
| 743976 | Small Town Gwynne, Phillip & Flowers, Tony (ill) | Penguin | 2020 | 9781760893484 | Milly loves her small town with its friends and family and basketball and fun. Like a lot of small towns, people keep leaving and soon there are not even enough players for a basketball team. In school, Milly learns about refugees who need a place to live. It only makes sense that her town can be that new home, but how does one create an invitation like that? |
| 1080654 | Smarty pup #4: Talent quest Do, Anh & Emdin, Anton (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761069857 | Timmy and Carla want to buy dad a good present for his birthday, but they don't have enough money until Miss Ann announces that next week the school will be holding a Talent Quest with a cash prize. JJ and Carla enter as a duet in the singing category. Problem is that JJ cannot sing and at the Talent Quest things don't go as planned until a final surprise they couldn't believe and dad had the best birthday ever. |
| 23482 | Snake and Lizard Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill) | Gecko Press | 2007 | 9780958278737 | Like all friends, Snake and Lizard have different ways of looking at the world. They are a lovable, foolish pair who are always arguing and embarking on unlikely enterprises. |

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| 53040 | Snake book, The: Slip sliding away Goodall, Damian | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031408 | Amazing photographs of many of the world's snakes including the longest, the heaviest, the smallest and the most venomous. Bite-sized chunks of information, a glossary of terms and relevant websites help increase your knowledge and understanding of snakes. |
| 1103 | Snake who came to stay, The Donaldson, Julia & Shaw, Hannah (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742837093 | Mum has no peace when Holly opens her holiday home for pets. Guinea pigs, birds and Doris the snake take over the house. Then Doris goes missing. |
| 9390 | Sneaky deals and tricky tricks Impey, Rose | Orchard Books | 2000 | 9781860399749 | Two traditional tales retold. |
| 12430 | Sniffy the sniffer dog Bell, Krista & Smith, Craig | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404633 | When Sniffy gets thrown out of sniffer dog school, he is sent to live with a family and he has to prove that he really is a clever dog. |
| 7768 | Snow bear Stafford, Liliana & Davis, Lambert (ill) | Margaret Hamilton | 2000 | 9781876289133 | A lifelong friendship develops between a boy and a rogue polar bear that has lost her cubs. Includes information about polar bears. |
| 3801 | Snow man and the seven ninjas Cosgrove, Matt | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781743811696 | Don't worry! This isn't the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs that has bored children for years. This disgusting and completely awesome retelling of the classic tale brings the story to life for a whole new generation of blood thirsty, booger hunters! |
| 9464 | So much Cooke, Trish & Oxenbury, Helen (ill) | Walker Books | 1994 | 9780744543964 | As the family gathers for a celebration, a baby boy's relatives arrive, one by one. They love him so much, they want to hug, kiss and squeeze him. Even the cousins are fighting over him. When Dad walks in, he gets a real surprise. |
| | So you think you know about... series Garrod, Ben | | | | 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. |
| 568099 | So you think you've got it bad? A kid's life in Ancient Egypt Strathie, Chae & Morea, Marisa | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2018 | 9781788001359 | Life in Ancient Egypt for children was very different from today - dodging crocodiles, eating pigeon pizza for dinner and cleaning up dung. If that sounds horrible there are plenty more strange and fascinating ways of life that children endured. They did however get some pretty cool pets, including baboons, gazelles, jackals, monkeys and even lions. As the title says, if you think you've got it bad, you really don't! |
| 20158 | Soccer squad: stars Rai, Bali | Red Fox | 2009 | 9781862306578 | Rushton Reds is a mixed boy and girl soccer team. When a television crew starts filming for a documentary, not everyone is working as a team. A big match is coming up and the team must learn to pull together. |

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| 14226 | Solo bush babies: Koala Stewart, Robin & Ashby, Yvonne (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781862914674 | Mars, the koala, is the star of a story filled with facts about koalas and how to care for them so that they can be returned to the wild. Lots of appealing illustrations. |
| 69995 | Solo bush babies: Wombat Stewart, Robin & Ashby, Yvonne (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781862914797 | Filled with facts about wombats and how to care for them so that they can be returned to the wild. Lots of appealing wombat illustrations. |
| 4093 | Solo transport: trains Nicholson, John | Omnibus Books | 2001 | 9781862914070 | Find out how a steam train works, what bogie wheels are and why there are so many different kinds of wagons and coaches. |
| 10544 | Solo wildlife: elephant Kennett, David | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781862914384 | All you want to know about elephants. A delightful book with beautiful illustrations and fascinating facts. |
| 15262 | Solo wildlife: lion Kennett, David | Omnibus Books | 2001 | 9781862914391 | Interesting information about lions with attractive illustrations. |
| 8990 | Something about water Matthews, Penny & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781862916715 | A humorous and informative book about the importance of water in our lives. Find out about the water cycle and the part you can play in helping the planet by recycling. Small things can make a big difference. |
| 8679 | Something from nothing Gilman, Phoebe | Scholastic US | 1998 | 9780590745574 | Grandfather was too poor to give Joseph all the things he wanted to give him but he was a tailor so he made Joseph a wonderful blanket. A blanket to keep him warm and cosy and to chase away bad dreams. |
| 34498 | Something special Rodda, Emily & Young, Noela (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2024 | 9781460766415 | In the spare room, the second-hand clothes hang in rows, stirring in the sunlight. Sam walks through the rows, brushing velvety sleeves, touching lace, sensing memories and magic. The clothes all have neat price tags. They're ready to be sold at the school fete on Saturday. Sam knows that some of them are Special. Her mother has told her so. But she is soon to find out just how Special they really are. |
| 52640 | Sometimes love is under your foot Thompson, Colin | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781741690873 | Kevin, the dog, worships Brian but he has always ignored Kevin and never fully appreciated him. When Brian becomes ill, he realises the love that has been there all along and how much he needs it. Things are never quite the same between Kevin and Brian again. |
| 571117 | Sonam and the silence Ayres, Eddie & Taher, Ronak (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760293666 | In Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, Sonam's world is dark and silent. Then one day, she follows a magical melodious sound to a walled garden, and her world is silent no more. The sound is music, and it lifts her up amongst the stars and takes her deeper than the tree roots in the earth. How can she hold on to this feeling in a world where music is forbidden? |
| 9139 | Sophie Scott goes south Lester, Alison | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780670880683 | Sophie Scott is only nine years old but she's going to Antarctica on an icebreaker with her dad, the ship's captain. During the voyage to Mawson Station and back, Sophie keeps a diary. She makes new friends, wonders at the southern lights and even becomes stranded in a blizzard. |

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| 1550 | Sophie's salon Branford, Anna & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | Penguin | 2010 | 9780143304821 | Sophie loves hairdressing and Melita loves ballet. Normally, they are the greatest of friends but when Melita gets the lead role in Swan Lake and gains some new friends, Sophie is left wondering where her best friend has gone. |
| | Sorcerer's tower series Irvine, Ian & Cornish, D M (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 567894 | Sorry tale of Fox & Bear, The Lamond, Margrete & Vallance, Heather (ill) | Dirt Lane Press | 2017 | 9780648023807 | Fox and Bear were true friends. They were close-as-can-be friends, through and through friends... except for one thing. Fox was quick and slick and sly, and Bear was dumber than a pile of rocks. But that's how it was. And it didn't matter. Then Fox stretched the string of friendship until it snapped and they weren't friends any more. |
| 803535 | SOS save our seas K Bhandary, Isa & K Bhandary, Aanya | self-published | 2021 | 9781736049006 | The once glorious reef is now faded and dying due to pollution and global warming. Lu is determined to save her home. With the help of Captain J and Jason the octopus, the reef comes up with a plan....but will it work? This is an inspiring story about how each of us, no matter how small we may be, can do great things if we work together. |
| 1209825 | SOS: Muddy mystery Stelzer, Cameron | Daydream Press | 2022 | 9780645133158 | When Mischief's schoolbag disappears on a farm excursion, the detective dog goes searching for clues. Can he solve the mystery of the muddy footprints? And what priceless treasure is hidden in his bag? |
| 949674 | SOS: So cool Stelzer, Cameron | Daydream Press | 2022 | 9780645133189 | When a family of hamsters are shipwrecked, the Scallywags help by raising money with a costume parade. but every costume The Big Chipper tries to make is a disaster. How will the salty seagull feel when he discovers Deluchio's cool costume? |
| 87101 | Space blog Royston, Angela | A & C Black | 2010 | 9781408126899 | A fictional description of a manned journey to the planets in our solar system shows what our astronauts and unmanned space flights have discovered, such as huge yellow clouds filled with acid and solar gas explosions. |
| 9609 | Space bug, The French, Jackie & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Koala Books | 2002 | 9780864614223 | Has Emily Anne Quinn found a meteor, a strange egg or a space monster? If it is a strange egg what sort of creature will hatch from it and what will that creature eat? Strange things are happening at Biscuit Creek. |

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| | Space Scout series Badger, H | | | | 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. |
| 19565 | Spark Wallace, Adam & Plant, Andrew (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2016 | 9781925272413 | I began as a dry spark in the dry grass. All I wanted was a friend. I found one in the wind, who helped me to grow and fly. |
| 6221 | Special Kev McKimmie, Chris | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741755503 | Kev is so special, his mum planted red roses and rolled out the red carpet when he was born. He is the only one of his eleventy million cousins with red hair and freckles. When his favourite cousin goes away, Kev is lonely and hasn't a friend who plays football. When Kev joins up with Nicky Bathgate to play Ned Kelly, things start to go wrong. |
| 81769 | Speech day jitters Moss, Kerry & Rolland, John (ill) | Southern Community Welfare, NSW | 2010 | 9780980504729 | Dan is terrified about giving a speech in front of his class. But, Dan learns some tricks to outsmart Mr Jitters when his speech day arrives. |
| 804753 | Spellbound ponies: Magic and mischief Gregg, Stacy | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780008402815 | Eliza has moved from London to the countryside and hopes to begin horse riding lessons. But when her mum takes her to enquire, the stables are deserted and seem long neglected. When a door opens for Eliza that her mum thought was locked, she meets a girl in the stable who is wearing a very old-fashioned dress. The girl's name is Olivia and when she explains why the stables are deserted, Eliza agrees to go on quite a big adventure. |
| 788917 | Spellbound ponies: sugar and spice Gregg, Stacy | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780008402907 | Prince the horse isn't as fast as he used to be, and the problem is cake! Can Olivia and Eliza help break the spell that is making him so slow? Can they bring him back to the stable? |
| 15358 | Spider Metzenthén, David & Sheehan, Peter (ill) | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143300991 | A hairy, scary, creepy huntsman spider is in Min's bedroom. |
| 18125 | Spider bought a bicycle and other poems for young children, A Rosen, Michael & Moore, Inga (ill) | Kingfisher | 2005 | 9780753410479 | A quirky anthology from playground rhymes to Shakespeare, including new, old, multicultural, funny, sad, thoughtful, short, long and classic poems. |
| 9495 | Spiders Llewellyn, Claire & Watts, Barrie | Watts Publishing Group | 2002 | 9780531146521 | One of the Minibeasts series, describing the physical characteristics, behaviour and habitat of spiders. |
| 18731 | Spiggie, the story of a puffin Bartlett, Maureen & Milne, Sally (ill) | Maureen Bartlett www.maureenbartlett.com | 2006 | 9780977549115 | Spiggie, an Atlantic puffin, is in training for his first ever migration. He is left guarding the burrow and wants to be brave and be able to fly and swim like the older puffins. Spiggie may not be ready for the Great Trip North. |

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| 874 | Spinifex mouse MacDonald, Norma | Magabala Books | 2013 | 9781921248801 | In the Pilbara region of Western Australia, Cheeky, the spinifex hopping mouse, lives up to his name by taunting a hungry snake. But, he is soon swept up into a risky adventure. |
| 15227 | Spinners & weavers Ballance, Alison | Pearson Education Australia | 2002 | 9780733937736 | A look at animals that spin and weave. The book includes simple factual information, beautifully presented photographs and illustrations, a glossary and an index. |
| 9496 | Splish, Splosh, why do we wash Lobb, Janice | Kingfisher | 2000 | 9780753404263 | An appealing investigation into simple science treating concepts that include wave action, soap, buoyancy, water temperature and mirrors. |
| 33240 | Sport Mathieu, B & Rambion, M & Debat, A (ill); Saker, J (adapt) | Gecko Press | 2011 | 9781877467769 | A book for sports lovers. Everything from the origin of the Olympics and the history of rugby, football and tennis, to the health benefits of sport, from politics and doping to sports around the world, to playing for fun or as a professional. Also includes information about sporting careers, useful websites, sports vocabulary and lots more. |
| 13041 | Sporting hero Mason, Paul | A & C Black | 2010 | 9781408126943 | The ancient Greek Olympic Games were a little different to those of today. Find out why people took part, who was allowed to participate or attend, what activities there were and how hard it was. As the athletes were all naked, the illustrations are in the style of Ancient Greek pottery, or sculptures, however the male torso is shown. |
| | Sporty kids series Arena, Felice & Jellett, Tom (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 841 | Spring fever at silver street farm Davies, Nicola | Walker Books | 2012 | 9781406323061 | Spring has sprung at Silver Street Farm. How will Karl, Meera and Gemma ever cope with all that has to be done once the piglets, kids and lambs have been born? |
| 6827 | Spud & Charli Wheeler, Samantha | University of Queensland Press | 2015 | 9780702250187 | Charli is at riding camp, where her dream is about to come true. She will finally learn to ride a real, live horse. But, Instead of riding the beautiful palomino Razz, Charli is stuck with the massive, retired racehorse, named Spud. And Charli is worried about the bats that fill the night sky. Riding camp isn't turning out the way Charli planned, especially when she finds herself in the middle of a life-threatening disaster. |

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| 3908 | Spy toys Powers, Mark & Wesson, Tim (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408870860 | Three faulty toys, a bear too strong to hug, an angry doll who hates children and a robot police rabbit, are the unlikely heroes in this story. They are recruited as spies and as part of a top secret team, The Spy Toys. They must save the Prime Minister's son Sam from being kidnapped. Can they stop the criminals in their tracks? |
| 4826 | Spy toys: Out of control Powers, Mark & Wesson, Tim (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408870884 | The secret code that controls every toy's mind has been stolen! It's up to the SPY TOYS - Dan, the super-strong teddy bear, Arabella, the doll with the serious temper and Flax, the gadget-crazy robot rabbit, to get it back before toys everywhere turn bad! |
| 35641 | Squidnapped Metzenthen, David & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143304777 | When Holly finds a baby squid at the beach, she calls him Mr Googly Eyes and keeps him in a bucket with other things she has collected from the sea. Holly decides that he will be the star of her Travelling Creatures Show. But, when it's time to leave, Holly begins to think about Mr Googly's home. |
| 10029 | Squish Prior, Natalie Jane & Dawson, Janine (ill) | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2002 | 9780733614835 | Nicholas and Liam rescue a fairy. They think it will solve their problem, what to give Bronte for her birthday, but Squish, the fairy, becomes more trouble than he is worth. |
| | Squishy Taylor series Wild, Ailsa & Wood, Ben (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 8067 | Stamp, stomp, womp: and other interesting ways to get rid of pests French, Jackie | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2000 | 9780207197857 | An invaluable aid to growing vegetables and annuals for young people who want to protect their garden from all sorts of bugs. |
| 1969 | Standing in for Lincoln Green Mackintosh, David | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007463022 | Lincoln has a double, someone who looks just like him. While Lincoln does the more important things, like building the biggest tower, his trusty stand-in does the tidying, putting away and sorting out. |
| | Star Girl series Various | | | | 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. |
| 9737 | Star of the circus Hilton, Nette & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2007 | 9780702236006 | Bonnie would like just for once to be good at something, just for once not to come last at everything. Finding your talent isn't easy but Bonnie just fails to see how very special she is. |

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| | Starlight Stables series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Starring Jules series Ain, Beth & Higgins Keenan, Anne (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 17510 | Starry starry night Mitchell, Sarah Kate | Pier 9 | 2010 | 9781741968194 | When Jeffrey sees a falling star, he scampers out into the dark night in search of it. He's worried that the star may be a lost part of his imagination, tumbled to the ground and forever lost. When he finds the star, he discovers an empty shell, which he takes to stuff with poetry and pictures and secrets he hopes will rekindle the star. But as Jeffrey drifts off to sleep, something magical happens. |
| 652683 | Stella the unstoppable and the school camp kerfuffle Newsome, Richard | Affirm Press | 2019 | 9781925870480 | Hi! I'm Stella and yes, I'll admit it. I am just a teeny tiny bit obsessed with winning the Camp Cup this year. Who wouldn't be? The winner gets a pizza party! Year Five camp only comes around once in a lifetime and it's going to be awesome. Except ... the campsite is on the edge of an old abandoned graveyard. And there's a rumour that a kid called Spud Riley went to camp and never came back. AND we're on a Camp Cup team with Lizzie Lawless, and the thing you need to know about Lizzie Lawless is - oh. Never mind. You'll see ... It's going to be hectic. Yes. No. Really. |
| 593637 | Stella the unstoppable and the talent show fiasco Newsome, Richard | Affirm Press | 2019 | 9781925712872 | Who knew fire extinguisher foam was bad for guinea pigs? Stella found out the hard way and is now forced to enter the talent show as punishment. Can she get herself out of this predicament with the help of her crazy friends? Maybe her dog Defer will help her, maybe her crazy idea might just work. |
| 82531 | Stellaluna Cannon, Janell | Koala Books | 1998 | 9780864611246 | Stellaluna falls into a bird's nest and is brought up a bird until she finds her mama again. |

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| 846232 | Stellarphant Foley, James | Fremantle Press | 2021 | 9781760990732 | Stella the elephant is fighting interstellar discrimination one pachyderm at a time! Stella wants to be an astronaut. There is only one problem: Stella is an elephant. Every time she applies to Space Command, they come up with a new reason she can't join. But where there's a will, there's a way and Stella is determined to reach for the stars. |
| 5179 | Stephanie Chiocci and the Cooper's Hill Cheese Chase Porter, Matt | Ford Street Publishing | 2018 | 9781925272888 | Standing at the summit of Cooper's Hill in England, Stephanie Chiocci prepares to barrel down a slope steeper than the MCG grandstands. But winning the annual Gloucester Cheese-Rolling Race is just one of her objectives. The Collingwood AFLW captain has also taken it upon herself to save the family cheese-making business of one of her biggest fans. To do so Stephanie must defeat local toff Neville O Shea in one of the world's most dangerous foot races. |
| 4132 | Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey Ruurs, Margariet & Badr, Nizar Ali (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702259739 | War is coming closer to Rama's village in Syria. Her family have stayed, not wanting to leave but now there's not enough food and the bombs are falling near their village. The family make the decision to leave but now they are faced with the dangers of travelling to a new country. |
| | Stick Dudes Series Arena, Felice | | | | 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. |
| 120066 | Sticky Burr Lechner, John | Candlewick Press | 2007 | 9780763630546 | Sticky Burr is a special burr who lives in Burrwood Forest with all the other burrs. He has lots of adventures, wins through in the end and becomes something of a hero. Through the book, he enlists the aid of a friendly dragonfly and is pursued by a pack of wild dogs whom he outwits. |
| 12070 | Sticky Stuff Walker, Kate & Smith, Craig (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2009 | 9781862914308 | When Sophie sets out for school, she gets stuck fast by sticky, gooey chewing gum to the footpath, then a park bench and, finally, to the school fence. When her classmates and teacher come to her rescue, Sophie needs a clever idea to get everyone free. |
| | Stink Series McDonald, Megan & Reynolds, Peter H (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 992538 | Stink: worst fairy ever McLachlan, Jenny | Farshore | 2023 | 9780008524272 | Stink is the naughtiest fairy there's ever been. From the moment Stink flies out of the fairy door and attaches herself to his hair, 11 year old Danny's life becomes a chaotic, hilarious mess. Stink needs Danny's help to do a good deed and earn fairy nuggets so she can return to Fairyland - and Danny will do anything to get Stink to go back to where she came from. But can Stink behave well enough to earn her gold nuggets and allow Danny's life to go back to normal? |
| 2299 | Stolen fiddle, The Quilty, Alisha | Quilty | 2008 | 9780646484457 | The Little People of Mt Miniature are holding a fiddle to ransom to coerce its talented owner to assist them to thwart the plans of an oppressive, nearby kingdom. The story is inspired by the music of an actual fiddle player known to the young author. |
| 4695 | Stone elephant, The Stafford, Liliana | Windy Hollow Books | 2007 | 9781921136047 | This picture book explores the relationship between us and the natural world through the powerful imagery of elephants. |
| 14887 | Stone lion, The Wild, Margaret & Voutila, Ritva (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2014 | 9781921894855 | Sometimes, statues are granted a chance to become warm, breathing creatures. The stone lion's only dream is to run, pounce and leap in the park across from where he sits. But, one snowy night, when a baby is abandoned at his paws, he is compelled to think differently. |
| 587677 | Stop the bully Tyrrell, Karen | Digital Future Press | 2014 | 9780987274069 | Brian's life is falling apart. His dad has left, he has to move house, start at a new school and to make matters worse the school bully notices him straight away. What can Brian do to solve these problems? And will his shameful secret come out? |
| 16562 | Stories for Simon Sarzin, Lisa Miranda & Briggs, Lauren (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780857987440 | When Simon unwraps a beautiful boomerang, he finds out about an Australian Prime Minister's national apology to the Stolen Generations. Through a new friendship and a magnificent collection of stories, Simon learns about the Stolen Generation, and gains a deep appreciation of the past and a positive vision for the future. |
| 9530 | Stories from our house Tulloch, Richard | Penguin | 1995 | 9780140553796 | Four humorous stories tell of everyday situations in a suburban house. |
| 9412 | Stories from our street Tulloch, Richard | Penguin | 1995 | 9780140553802 | Three charming stories about everyday things. |
| 14228 | Stories of dragons Rawson, Christopher | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2003 | 9780746054048 | Dragon's are not always as fearsome as they appear. These short stories show dragons in a new light. |

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| 4883 | Stories of Thor Frith, Alex (adapted) & Kuricheva, Natasha (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2016 | 9781409550679 | Thor, son of Odin and god of thunder and lightning might be the bravest warrior in all of Asgard but there are many that will still challenge him. In these retellings of three classic Thor stories, Thor must use all of his wits and his strength to defeat an angry giant, a sea serpent, dangerous frost giants and on top of all that, contend with his mischievous step-brother Loki's tricks. A great first introduction to Norse mythology for young readers. |
| 4444 | Storm whale Brennan, Sarah & Tanner, Jane (ill) | Algonquin young readers | 2017 | 9781760293642 | Bleak was the day and the wind whipped down. When I and my sisters walked into town. So begins the story of three sisters who find a whale stranded on a windswept beach and try to save it. |
| 9384 | Story about Ping, The Flack, Marjorie & Wiese, Kurt (ill) | Viking Children's | 1997 | 9780140502411 | Ping, the hero of this classic, is a rebellious little duck. On a day almost like any other, Ping is accidentally left behind. Undaunted, Ping heads out onto the Yangtze in search of his family, finding friends and adventures around every bend. |
| 9382 | Story of Babar, The de Brunhoff, Jean | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780394805757 | The first adventure in a series of children's classics, tells of Babar, elephant extraordinaire. We discover how Babar lost his mother, lived among men and was crowned King of Elephants. |
| 9392 | Story of Ferdinand, The Leaf, Munro | Grosset and Dunlap (Penguin Putnam) | 2000 | 9780448421902 | Ferdinand is mistaken for a fierce bull when he is stung by a bee. In this classic tale, it turns out that Ferdinand would much rather smell the flowers than take on the bullfighter. |
| 4239 | Story of Rosy Dock, The Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2002 | 9780744594751 | Rosy Dock is a plant introduced into Central Australia by a settler who liked its red seed pods. This book, with detailed collages, follows the spread of Rosy Dock. |
| 20236 | Strange little monster and the swamp goblin, The Whiting Sue & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2012 | 9780143306719 | Sasha is different from other monsters. All she wants is a quiet place to practise her flute. Then, along comes a swamp goblin. |
| 88691 | Strange little monster, A Whiting, Sue & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143304784 | Sasha is a strange little monster. She doesn't like roaring and rumbling like her parents and her sisters. She'd much rather play the flute with her granddad. But, when she discovers that her parents are worried because she's so very different, Sasha makes an effort to roar and rumble with the best of them. Mum and Dad decide to enter her in the Hide and Go Scare contest. |
| 120062 | Strat and Chatto Mark, Jan | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406313451 | Chatto is a cat with a mouse problem. Strat is a rat with a house problem. But, with friends in places high and low, and a devious plan, Strat has the solution to both these problems. All he needs are a few bats, cockroaches, silverfish and a toad. |
| 6726 | Strays Hilton, Nette & Millard, Kerry (ill) | Koala Books | 2000 | 9780864611130 | David and his mother would share their last drop of milk. One cold and rainy night, they are evicted from the caravan where they have been living, but their kindness to a one-eyed stray farm cat pays off in a very mysterious way. |

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| 4255 | Strega Nona dePaola, Tomie | Aladdin Publishing | 1979 | 9780671666064 | A whimsical, ancient tale that clearly reveals the agony and ecstasy of pasta power. It has become a children's classic. |
| 11630 | Stripes in the forest: the story of the last wild thylacine Darlison, Aleesah & McGrath, Shane (ill) | Big Sky Publishing | 2016 | 9781925275711 | I am the last of my kind. This I know. Once, we roamed the land. We owned the land. We called it home. But strange creatures came to take it from us. I am a Thylacine. I am the last Tasmanian tiger to roam free. |
| 885976 | Stunt kids Roberts, Trent | Pan MacMillan | 2022 | 9781760787783 | Gretel Grey has lived in a bubble after an incident when she was young. Her parents do all they can to protect her from any mishaps by keeping her at home and safe. So, when they enrol Gretel in STUNT camp, they think she is going to a Sensible, Totally, Undangerous, Never Thrilling camp. How wrong could they be. Gretel has to headbutt all her fears when she is faced with twisting, tumbling and flipping daredevils. Then Gretel and her new friends are assigned a top secret and highly dangerous mission. Will they survive this? What about Gretel's parents? |
| 886021 | Subbie and his mate Fenton, Corinne & Willson, Mark (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2022 | 9781925804980 | When Subzero won the Melbourne Cup, it was just the beginning for him and his best mate Graham Salisbury. Never has there been a greater bond between man and horse. What they did together will touch your heart. This is their true story. |
| 1176766 | Sugarcane kids and the empty cage, The Archbold, Charlie | Text Publishing Co | 2024 | 9781922790996 | Gloria the talkative eclectus parrot is missing from the animal sanctuary, and Anna the massive Australian scrub python has vanished from her enclosure at the library. Have they escaped or were they stolen? Andy is back with the sugarcane kids to solve the mystery and find the missing animals. |
| 943599 | Sugarcane kids and the red-bottomed boat, The Archbold, Charlie | Text Publishing Co | 2022 | 9781922458520 | Andy and his best friend Eli live in a small coastal town in far north Queensland between the sugarcane fields and the mangrove swamps. When Eli's cousin Jacob is arrested for a jewellery theft, Andy and Eli both know he is innocent. The trail of clues leads them to a mysterious red-bottomed boat hidden deep in the mangroves guarded by the fearsome saltwater crocodile Sebastian. |
| 33462 | Summer gang, The Funke, Cornelia | Chicken House | 2011 | 9781904442868 | Charley, Hannah, Izzie and Xa are the C.H.I.X gang, who become best friends, looking after a coop of hens. They promise to keep each other's secrets, always wear a feather and never, ever eat chicken. But, when the enemy boys let the chickens out, the girl gang is put to the test. And, they must find out what grumpy Grandma Slater's black key opens. |
| 54695 | Sunday Chutney Blabey, Aaron | Penguin Books Australia | 2008 | 9780670071791 | Sunday Chutney's family is always moving so she has lived all over the world. That means she's always the new kid at school. Sometimes, Chutney gets lonely but she copes in a very modern way. |

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| 846071 | Super cute: The adventure school Bird, Pip | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2021 | 9780755501304 | Join the super cutes for fun times at Camp Cute Adventure School. The friends are learning how to look after the natural world, from keeping the hug whales happy to caring for the cuddly merkitties. But there is one animal who just wants to cause trouble. That is Clive the spoilt chihuahua. The friends have so much to discover looking after each other and accepting their differences. |
| 1107 | Super Fly: Super Fly vs Furious Flea Doodler, Todd H | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781619633841 | It's not easy to be thwarted by Super Fly twice, but Crazy Cockroach isn't giving up on his plans to take over the world. And his latest plan is truly evil: to turn Super Fly's loyal sidekick, Fantastic Flea, against him! It's always been Super Fly and Fantastic Flea versus the baddies, but what will happen when it's Super Fly versus Furious Flea? Is this the end for our dynamic duo and the human world as we know it? Stay tuned! |
| 660720 | Super geeks: Planet pancake Hart, James | Penguin Books Australia | 2021 | 9781760895143 | Zeek and Arnie are best friends who set off on a quest to find treasure. Once they have found the treasure they plan to use it to fund Zeek's ultimate quest - world domination. |
| 5406 | Super life of Ben Braver, The Emerson, Marcus | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760631680 | From the author of Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja comes this new funny, action series of books about Ben Braver. Ben is selected to go to a school with super powers, even though he doesn't seem to have a super power and is just an ordinary kid. After arriving at the new school he discovers the bully from his old school is also there, which isn't a good thing. Soon after a strange sickness spreads through the school causing the students to act like zombies and eat worms. It's up to Ben and his friends Noah and Penny to solve the mystery. This book is hilarious and if you like superhero fiction you will love this book. |
| 689556 | Super sporty girls Penguin Random House Australia | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9781760896058 | Many Australian Sportswomen are kicking goals and breaking records. Be inspired by these fierce athletes who are the champions of having fun. Sport (noun): an activity for pleasure and exercise. Maybe Australia's top sportswomen can help me discover my passion and inspire me to be the best I can be. What sport will you try? |
| 12903 | Suri's wall Estela, Lucy & Ottley, Matt (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2015 | 9780670077755 | Suri lives with other children behind a wall. She is much taller than the others and they are frightened of her. But, one day, Suri has grown tall enough to see over the wall and she begins to describe to the children the beautiful things that she sees. |
| 855851 | Surviving the wild: Rainbow the koala Lai, Remy | MacMillan | 2022 | 9781250785442 | Rainbow the koala learns all he can from his mum and must go into the bush to learn his own lessons. The bush is full of dangers and challenges for a young koala, but as a huge fire approaches, all the animals must do what they can to survive. |

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| 855854 | Surviving the wild: Star the elephant Lai, Remy | MacMillan | 2022 | 9781250784995 | Star the elephant and her herd are having a hard time finding food to eat on their small island. When Star is separated from her aunt and mum, she must remember the good advice given to her and hope she can stay safe and find her herd. |
| 9539 | Susan laughs Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780099407560 | Susan laughs, she sings, she rides, she swings. Susan gets angry, she gets sad, she is good and she is bad. Susan is just like any other child, but then again, are all children the same. |
| 6592 | Susie K diaries, The: Happy camper Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760528287 | Susie K's mum thinks she will be 'Queen of the jungle' at the school camping trip, the only obstacle is that Susie hates the outdoors. Not able to get out of the trip Susie straps her goldfish to her backpack and they begin Operation: Happy camper. |
| 6577 | Susie K diaries, The: Show stopper Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760523701 | Susie's mum is delighted to hear there'll be a talent quest at school ... except Susie has no skills she could perform on a stage. But even though Susie would much rather stay home doing crossword puzzles, she uses all her problem-solving skills to become a show stopper! |
| 5422 | Susie K files: Game changer Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760296698 | Suzie K Files the Game Changer continues Suzie's challenge of keeping her mother happy. This time her mother wants her to be a champion at the school sports day. Suzie is more of a bookish type, preferring her studies of science. Using problems solving steps Suzie sets to be as useful as possible to her team. |
| 5421 | Susie K files: Life of the party Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760296681 | Susie's mother had come from Sri Lanka and didn't have many of the opportunities Susie has in Australia. She really wants her daughter to be one of the crowd and that includes being invited to class parties. Susie isn't worried, she is happy with the fish, George, and her science work. However she also wants to please her mother so...being a problem solver she sets out to work out how to get an invitation to the most popular girl in school's birthday party! |
| 9573 | Sweetest fig, The Van Allsburg, Chris | Houghton Mifflin | 1993 | 9780395673461 | Monsieur Bibot, a very fussy French dentist, scoffs when he is told that the figs given as a form of payment by an impoverished patient are magic. He learns otherwise after eating one. |
| 396 | Sweetie May Shanahan, Lisa & Millard, Kerry (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320699 | Pirates and an unexpected treasure, in a story about the adventures and arguments aboard the 'Thick and thin'. |
| 9357 | Sweetie May overboard Shanahan, Lisa & Millard, Kerry (ill) | ABC Books | 2001 | 9780733308741 | The humorous story that defies stereotyping in which baby, Sweetie May, turns two gangs of swashbuckling pirates into besotted surrogate fathers. |

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| 15224 | Swimmers Ballance, Alison | Pearson Education Australia | 2002 | 9780733937682 | A look at animals that swim. The book includes simple factual information, beautifully presented photographs and illustrations, a glossary and an index. |
| 9460 | Swimming Bizley, Kirk | Heinemann | 2000 | 9781575729633 | Colourful photographs and drawings introduce the social and competitive side of the sport of swimming. There are tips on what to wear, equipment needed, safety issues and rules, plus good warm-up activities. |
| | Sword girl series Watts, Frances & Rogers, Gregory (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 86343 | Sydney of the Antarctic Tulloch, Coral | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733321597 | Sydney Walton Mouse dreams of a life of adventure. Most of all, he wants to go to Antarctica where it is wild and white and wonderful. When Sydney's dream comes true, it's not quite how he expected. |
| 871680 | Take a breath Rim, Sujean | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761066597 | Every morning, the birds are flapping with excitement for their first flight of the day...except for Bob. Bob doesn't get the whole flying thing; when the other baby birds go up, up, up, he goes down, down, down. Bob can't help worrying - what if he never learns how to fly? His friend Crow tells him, 'All you need to do is breathe, Bob.' Of course, Bob breathes all the time, but there's breathing and then there's B-R-E-A-T-H-I-N-G. And it might just be the thing to calm Bob's ruffled feathers. |
| 16516 | Takeshita demons Burne, Cristy & Siku (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2010 | 9781847801159 | Japanese born Mika is feisty and funny, and torn between the old ways taught by her beloved, deceased grandmother and fitting into twenty-first century London. When a replacement teacher turns out to be a demon bent on her demise, Mika tackles the problem head on. |
| 35552 | Tale of Angelino Brown, The Almond, David & T.Smith, Alex (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406358070 | Bert and Betty Brown have got themselves a little angel. Bert found him in his top pocket when he was driving his bus. Bert and Betty's friends think he's lovely. So do Nancy and Jack and Alice from Class 5K. What a wonder! But Acting Head Teacher Mrs Mole is not so sure. Nor is Professor Smellie. Or the mysterious bloke in black who claims to be a School Inspector. Then there's Basher Malone - big, lumbering Basher Malone. He REALLY doesn't like Angelino. And it looks like he's out to get him... |

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| 774450 | Tale of the whale, The Swann, Karen & Padmacandra (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263262 | "Where land becomes sky and the sky becomes sea, I first saw the whale and the whale first saw me" So begins a lyrical journey that brings wonder, discovery and friendship, but also an uncomfortable realisation: plastic pollution and carelessness are destroying the ocean and the creatures who call it home. Can we work together to change the future of the sea? |
| 19473 | Tales from a tall forest Bentley, Jonathan & Micallef, Shaun | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2017 | 9781760129590 | When an innocent princess wanders into the forest, she finds herself trapped between a wolf with a ravenous appetite and a sweet little house with a secret. Meanwhile, a desperate fisherman enters into a very bad bargain with a power-hungry monkey. And meanwhile still, a tiny tricky tailor promises a promise that not even the most magic of beanstalks can help him escape. |
| 3704 | Tales of Mrs Mancini, The Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | ABC Books | 2016 | 9780733335655 | Mrs Mancini, together with her human friend Filippina, runs a cake shop full of delectable treats. Alongside her flair for flan, Mrs Mancini also has a special ability to bring children together. |
| 886464 | Tangki tjuta - Donkeys Tjanpi Desert Weavers | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761180149 | Fresh, funny and highly original, Tangki Tjuta - Donkeys is an endearing dual language story about how donkeys came to be a rich part of life for one Aboriginal community. Told in Pitjantjatjara and English. Donkeys are malpa wiru, valuable friends and helpers in the families and desert community of Pukatja (Ernabella) in the APY Lands of northern South Australia. People set off on their donkeys for picnics and longer journeys, always returning home safely. |
| 87422 | Tansy Magill Martin, Carol Ann & Watson, Judy (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143306399 | One summer morning, Tansy Magill with the wild red hair visits her secret garden. There, she gets a big surprise and, now, she has a mystery to solve. |
| 10418 | Tao Newman, John | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406332605 | Ever since Jo took his dad away, Tao feels like he's in the middle of a tug-of-war between his parents. But, he can't help hoping that they will get back together someday. It's Tao's birthday and he's turning ten. When the phone rings, Tao thinks it's just a wrong number from someone called Mimi. But, Tao's life is about to change, forever. |
| 1209870 | Taronga presents: Baby boom Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2024 | 9781761347481 | Sophia and Ollie are back at Taronga Zoo for their holidays and there's a baby boom! Baby tigers, meerkats, kangaroos - there are so many cute zoo babies to learn about and look after. Sophia and Ollie can't wait to meet all the new arrivals, but will they get to look after the cutest baby of them all? |

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| 1209868 | Taronga presents: Night owls Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2024 | 9781761347498 | Sophia and Ollie are spending the night at Taronga Zoo - but who knew how many animals were active at night? And what are those noises? Sophie and Ollie have an important job to do, and need to stay awake, just like night owls! |
| 1209869 | Taronga presents: Party animals Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill) | Penguin Random House Australia | 2024 | 9781761347443 | Ollie is celebrating his birthday at Taronga Western Plains Zoo and Sophia has a secret surprise for him. He will love it but secrets, especially exciting ones, are so hard to keep! Join the best friends as they have lots of animal adventures before it's party time. It will be wild! |
| 1209867 | Taronga presents: Poo at the zoo Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2024 | 9781761347436 | Sophia and Ollie are zookeepers for a day, but they don't expect their first job to be working with poo! They find there's a lot to learn before they can work with the zookeepers at Taronga Zoo. They are going to have to start at the bottom at work their way up! |
| | Tashi series Various | | | | 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. |
| 18626 | Tasmanian devil: life cycles of Australian animals Pyers, Greg | Echidna Books | 2005 | 9781740708883 | Interesting information on the Tasmanian devil is presented with photos, maps, fact boxes and pictorial timelines. |
| 16832 | Tatiara Oliver, Jo | New Frontier Publishing | 2010 | 9781921042225 | In a sheltered bay, a girl and a seal become friends and, in time, healing comes to each of them. |
| 663584 | TC and the curse of the exploding doll Hartley, Dave & Baldwin, Peter | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781742991887 | What comes up, must come down... and when TC and Lockie launch a doll into the sky, things start to spiral downwards. Fast. There's a bunyip in the waterhole, and chaos everywhere! |
| 9513 | Teacher alligator Charles, Faustin & Wojtowycz, David (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2001 | 9780747547600 | A variety of animals with a very positive attitude to attending school are featured in this book of poetry that explores school life in verse. There are a whole host of animal characters from Mr Dragon, the Headmaster, to Miss Poodle, the French teacher. |
| 624 | Teaching the teacher van Loon, Joan & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2008 | 9780702236532 | Ms Cherry learns what it feels like to stare down the school bully, to be brave during a trip to the nurse's office and to get down from the monkey bars with the help of her students. It has certainly been a tough day for the teacher and, perhaps, she has learnt something from the students as a result. |

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| | Team Hero series Blade, Adam | | | | 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. |
| 1066731 | Tearaway coach! McMullin, Neridah & McLean, Andrew | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760653170 | When Fenton and father catch the coach to Geelong, they have no idea that the driver of the team of powerful horses is the famous Edward DeVine, 'Cabbage Tree Ned', or of the incredible adventure that lies ahead. A breathless story of bushrangers, danger, daring and escape as Fen finds himself holding the reins of the tearaway coach. |
| 15368 | Tell me why Templeton, Robyn & Jackson, Sarah | Magabala Books | 2004 | 9781875641963 | When Sarah was seven years old, she asked her grandmother a very important question. This is the story of that question and the answer. |
| 1209751 | Ten-word tiny tales Coelho, Joseph | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781529502688 | The tales in this compendium are tiny - they are only ten words long! But in your imagination they will settle - and, like seeds, they will grow. |
| 1133459 | Tennis camp diaries: Doubles disaster Barty, Ash & McGaughey, Jasmin & Goodwin, Jade (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9781460762745 | Ash's dreams have come true - she's going to TENNIS CAMP for TWO WHOLE WEEKS! It will be so much FUN. On the first day, Ash meets her friend Zia, the coaches are great, and she's having the BEST time UNTIL the end-of-camp competition is announced. It's a DOUBLES tournament. Who will Ash get paired with? But that's not her only worry: there's a mean kid, plus a talent show to deal with! |
| 5230 | Terrible Troy Fatchen, Max | ABC Books | 2000 | 9780733307744 | Frolicking in mud and puddles and looking most dishevelled, Terrible Troy causes his mother great despair. |
| | Terry Deary's pirate tales series Deary, Terry & Flook, Helen (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9559 | Thank you for my yukky present Hooper, Meredith | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780733614071 | Charlie is very excited about a present from his Grandma. He is very disappointed when it appears to be just a boring handknitted jumper. But then the jumper takes him on an adventure. |

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| 1006401 | That bird has arms Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Hukku, Niharika (ill) & Ronokoy, Ghosh (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2023 | 9781761210310 | Roy is an ordinary bird in every way. He is not the biggest, or the smallest. His squawk is not the loudest or the quietest. He even follows the same football team as everyone else. He was very normal except for one thing - he has ARMS. Absolutely nobody knows - and Roy would like to keep it that way... |
| 12474 | That pesky rat Child, Lauren | Orchard Books | 2003 | 9781841212760 | The brown street rat lives in a trash can in Grubby Alley, longing to be someone's pet, someone with an interest in cheese. He knows plenty of animals who are pets. When Mr. Fortesque mistakes him for a cat, life changes. |
| | The bad guys series Various | | | | 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. |
| | The Fixers series Williams, Sean & O'Connor, Nial (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | The food group series NEW 2025 Various | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |
| | The Hoozles series Little, Jessie & Dann, Penny (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 660196 | The internet is like a puddle Innes, Shona & Agocs, Irisz (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2019 | 9781760504878 | The Internet is like a puddle, its great fun to splash around in but what lurks just below the surface? This book explains in simple terms some of the things to watch for on the internet and how to keep yourself safe. |

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| | The kaboom kid series Various | | | | 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. |
| 871659 | The magic faraway tree: A new adventure Wilson, Jacqueline & Beech, Mark (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2023 | 9781444963380 | A enchanted forest, an invitation from a fairy, a talking rabbit and the Magic Faraway Tree that reveals a new land with a new adventure every day. Riding wild unicorns, battling dragons and attending a magnificent royal ball, this will be one holiday that Birdy, Mia and Milo will never forget. |
| | The Naughtiest reindeer series Various | | | | 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. |
| | The Selwood Boys series Wilson, Tony & Jacobsen, Mike (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | The Tinklers three series Badger, M C | | | | 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. |
| | The treehouse series Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill) | | | | Join Andy and Terry's incredible, ever-expanding treehouse series! Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | The very bear series Bland, Nick | | | | 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. |
| 707941 | Theory of hummingbirds, The Kadarusman, Michelle | University of Queensland Press | 2020 | 9780702262920 | Alba has been best friends with Levi forever, but maybe he has gone too far when he thinks that there is a wormhole in their school library. Then there's Cleo, that is what Alba calls her left foot, which was twisted in the wrong direction since birth. Alba is set on running in the cross-country race, but can she do it and what if Levi doesn't believe she can do it? |
| 846188 | There's a ghost in this house Jeffers, Oliver | Penguin | 2021 | 9780593466186 | A young girl lives in a haunted house, but she has never seen a ghost. Are they white with holes for eyes? Are they hard to see? Step inside and help the girl as she searches under the stairs, behind the sofa, and in the attic for the ghost. |
| 4703 | There's a wallaby at the bottom of my garden French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Koala Books | 1997 | 9780864611116 | See how a native animal can live beside humans, being appreciated as a wild creature not a pet, and still provide pleasure. Fred, the black-tailed wallaby, likes eating apricots and mandarins but is careless with his tail. |
| 9582 | There's a wardrobe in my monster Geoghegan, Adrienne & Johnson, Adrian (ill) | Bloomsbury Australia | 1999 | 9780747540199 | A modern fable about the responsibilities of pet ownership. Martha is on a quest for a more interesting pet than her ""sleepy cat, bored goldfish and dopey dog"". |
| 4403 | There's an echidna at the bottom of my garden French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Koala Books | 1999 | 9780864611123 | The author's own observations of the echidna that lives in the bush near her home. George, the echidna, likes ants and termites but he doesn't like the smell of gum boots. |
| 751037 | There's something weird about Lena Cohen, Sigi & Foley, James (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651503 | There was a new girl called Lena, Who laughed like a wicked hyena. She was really extreme, Had a terrible scream. She really couldn't get any meaner! |
| 15233 | Thieves & rascals Ballance, Alison | Pearson Education Australia | 2002 | 9780733937705 | A look at animals that have adopted practices that make them appear to be thieves and rascals. The book includes simple factual information, beautifully presented photographs and illustrations, a glossary and an index. |
| 9366 | Thing Klein, Robin & Lester, Alison (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9780340608524 | When Emily Forbes finds a rock in a nearby park, she has no idea it is a prehistoric creature's egg. She calls it Thing. When it hatches, Emily and her mother find themselves with a playful, apple-green, prehistoric, vegetarian TV addict. |

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| 8157 | Thirst for home, A: A story of water across the world Ieronimo, Christine & Velasquez, Eric (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2014 | 9780802723079 | Alemitu lives with her mother in a poor village in Ethiopia, where she must walk miles for water. Life is difficult, hunger roars in her belly and Alemitu dreams of knowing more about the world. When her mother has no choice but to leave her at an orphanage, Alemitu's life changes dramatically when she is adopted by an American family. Although her life improves, she never forgets her homeland and the mother. |
| 42170 | This girl that girl Lance, Charlotte | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760291709 | This girl is kinda neat and tidy and likes to do things like this. She likes things to be organised. Right next door lives that girl who likes to do things like that. She's not so tidy. and likes things to be a little unexpected. Although they are neighbours, the girls are miles apart. But, one day, with a little help from their dads, the girls make a surprising discovery. |
| 803488 | This is not a book! Byrnes, Kellie & Aska (ill) | EK Books | 2021 | 9781925820508 | This is not a book. There is no action, no main character, no plot... or is there. The main character explores story elements as they try to convince the reader that they are real and this is NOT a book. |
| 85889 | This is the mountain Moss, Miriam & Kennaway, Adrienne (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781845079840 | Discover Mt Kilimanjaro in East Africa and the significance it has for the wildlife that lives within its shadow, on its slopes and high on its peak. |
| 52510 | This is the reef Moss, Miriam & Kennaway, Adrienne (ill) | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781845076597 | The Great Barrier Reef's environs and inhabitants, and the delicate relationship between the two, are explored in this unusual ecosystem. A prose poem with vibrant illustrations provides a glimpse into an unseen, underwater world. |
| 6351 | This moose belongs to me Jeffers, Oliver | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780007263875 | When a moose came to Wilfred, he just knew it was meant to be his, so he named him Marcel and made him his pet. Marcel was very obedient and followed some rules better than others, but when someone else claims the moose as theirs, Wilfred is very surprised. |
| 813721 | This small blue dot Sworder, Zeno | Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760761110 | Our small blue dot would be a flickering dot in the night sky to a far away observer, but it is full of delicious treats, amazing creatures, and our own collection of endless stories. |
| 2063 | This way up Dunstan, Kylie | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781922081223 | Grace and her parents are returning home, to a home she only just remembers, of a swing in her backyard, the warm hugs of grandparents and friends playing in her backyard. Will it all be waiting for her at home. |
| 5087 | Three cheers for women! Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406374865 | Featuring biographies from Cleopatra to Malala, read about amazing women who have made history. Using comic-style illustrations this is great book to dip into or read from cover to cover. Famous women scientists, leaders, warriors and writers. Women around the world deserve Three Cheers! |

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| 6786 | Through the smoke Cummings, Phil & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760274702 | The fire awoke like a dragon. Its flames licked the sky, and smoke veiled the sun. With a hungry crackle and an angry hiss, the cruel beast circled, trapping them. Until, through the smoke, knights appeared. Through the Smoke tells the story of three kids, their imagination and a frightening fire in the Australian bush. |
| 47819 | Thumbelina Anderson, Hans Christian & Ehrlich, A (retell) & Jeffers, S (ill) | Dutton Children's Books | 2005 | 9780525475088 | Born in a flower, tiny Thumbelina braves the enormous, dangerous world until, through her kindness and courage, she is delivered to a kingdom of people just her size. |
| 9602 | Thunder egg thief, The Cason, Sue & Foye, Lloyd (ill) | Koala Books | 2002 | 9780864614230 | Emily, the athlete, and book-loving Nick have an amazing outback adventure. Perhaps they have heard a real perilosaurus and found a perilosaurus egg. It might be possible. |
| 5550 | Thunder horse Bunting, Eve & Nolan, Dennis (ill) | Roaring Book Press | 2017 | 9781626724433 | A young girl is given a tiny magical horse by her aunt. It is a very special horse because as it grows it develops wings. As much as the girl loves the horse she knows that one day she will have to let Pegasus go. |
| 9540 | Thursday club, The: Animal poems Snell, Gordon & Flintoft, Anthony (ill) | Orion | 2002 | 9781858818313 | Every Thursday a group of animals meet in the forest to take turns telling rhyming stories. Their light-hearted verses are featured with illustrations of all the animals. |
| 8533 | Tibby's leaf Dubosarsky, Ursula & Bray, Peter (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2008 | 9781876944681 | In Australia, during the First World War, Tibby feels like everything is going wrong. Her big brother Clarence is all grown up and doesn't want to play with her any more. Clarence says there aren't any pixies, except in books, but Tibby knows she saw something in the bush, peering out from behind a leaf. |
| 37898 | Tick tock tick tock what's up croc Toft, Kim Michelle | Silkim Books | 2011 | 9780975839065 | A day in the life of a remarkable reptile that has been around since the days of the dinosaurs. |
| 7900 | Tiger tale, A Webb, Holly & Rayner, Catherine (ill) | Scholastic UK | 2014 | 9781407138633 | Kate's grandfather has died and she's missing him desperately. Her Mum wants Kate to talk about it but it only makes Kate angry. Granddad has gone and he's never coming back. At least Kate has her toy tiger, Amos, to keep her company. He was a present from Granddad and holding him close makes Granddad seem less far away. But, Amos is full of surprises. |
| 4448 | Tiger trouble Clark, Sherryl | Puffin Australia | 2000 | 9780141306322 | Eric is mortified by his mother's misadventures with a ladder in the supermarket and her clumsiness during line dancing lessons. When Mum is hypnotised by a circus performer, things get much worse. |
| 803571 | Tiger warrior: Attack of the dragon king Chan, M & Brown, Alan (ill) | Orchard Books | 2021 | 9781408363089 | Jack is just an ordinary school boy who loves playing video games. Then his grandfather passes on a jade coin. It is the beginning of new friendships, links to all those stories his eye had been telling him and amazing adventures with magical powers. Is he ready to save the world? |

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| 41773 | Tiger-skin rug, The Rose, Gerald | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9781408813034 | A tired, old tiger dreams of a life of comfort and companionship. In desperation, he takes the place of the rug under the table where the rajah and his family share their meals. The tiger loves his new surroundings until, one night, burglars break into the palace and he has to decide whether to stay in disguise as a rug or save the rajah from a horrible beating. |
| 120135 | Tigerfin and the ferry children Bartlett, Maureen & Bailey, Shona (ill) | Maureen Bartlett www.maureenbartlett.com | 2009 | 9780980466836 | Children on board Captain Harry's dolphin cruiser eagerly watch for bottlenose dolphins swimming alongside the ferry, shooting out of the water and making dolphin circles. Tigerfin just can't do the circles despite practising over and over. But, Tigerfin discovers that he has another talent that the children will want to see. |
| 4442 | Tikki Tikki Tembo Mosel, Arlene | Henry Holt & Co | 1989 | 9780805011661 | A retelling of the Chinese folk tale about a boy who falls down a well and nearly drowns because his brother struggles with his tongue-twister name. It has become a children's classic. |
| 4858 | Tilly's treasure Walker, Sue & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2008 | 9780143303398 | Hula hoops have replaced skipping ropes, mood rings were in last week. There's always a new trend at Tilly's school and her version is never quite good enough. Tilly wonders how she will keep up with these ever-changing trends. |
| 130806 | Tim & Tig Kelleher, Victor & Watson, Judy (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302759 | The family's new pet kitten is not what it seems but they seem oblivious to Tig's size and other people's reactions as he grows and grows. The family just loves their gentle Tig. |
| 903394 | Timeless Canby, Kelly | Fremantle Press | 2023 | 9781760992323 | Emit is surrounded by busyness. Mum and Dad are too busy to play games and brother and sister are busy doing nothing at all (on their phones! He tries everything to get more time and even tries to buy it. That is, until he learns the secret of time. |
| 690797 | Timmy the ticked-off pony and the poo of excitement Szubanski, Magda | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781743832165 | Timmy is annoyed. He tries to deal with the reasons he's annoyed. He gets excited. And when he gets excited... he poos. This time, when he poos, he poos on someone. Yuck! |
| | Tindims series Gardner, Sally & Corry, Lydia (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |

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| 895531 | Tiny possum and the migrating moths Murphy, Julie & Clifford, Ben (ill) | CSIRO | 2021 | 9781486314621 | A tale of survival - the tiny mountain pygmy possum hunts for food before having to hide away during winter when the snow comes. She hunts for bogong moths that will soon be migrating. She makes a home, collects seeds and settles down for the winter while people come to ski and slide above her hiding place. Who knew that she was there all along? Can these people help her too? |
| | Tiny Timmy series Cahill, Tim | | | | 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. |
| 18445 | To everything there is a season Daly, Jude | Frances Lincoln | 2006 | 9781845073442 | Beautifully-illustrated book based on an Old Testament Bible passage. Set in rural South Africa, it shows the cycle of life in a simple, sensitive and enriched way. |
| 682644 | To the bridge Fenton, Corinne & McLean, Andrew | Black Dog Books | 2020 | 9781925126822 | On 3rd February 1932 when Lennie Gwyther and his pony Ginger Mick were nine years old, they left Leongatha in Victoria to ride six hundred miles to Sydney to see the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. This is the true story of their remarkable journey. |
| 4808 | To the lighthouse Burne, Cristy | Fremantle Press | 2017 | 9781925164619 | Isaac arrives on Rottneest Island hoping for an awesome holiday adventure, but his mum would rather he stayed inside, where it's safe. Then Isaac meets Emmy. She's allowed to do whatever she wants - and she wants to have fun! With Emmy daring him on, Isaac's life gets more and more exciting. But when things go horribly wrong on their secret midnight adventure, they both wonder whether this time they've gone too far |
| 7943 | To the top end: our trip across Australia Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741758849 | Henry, Penny, Frankie, Mum and Dad embark on an exciting adventure from Tassie to the very tip of the Top End. Travel with them on the ferry across Bass Strait to the mainland, through Kelly country, along the Murray, into the Flinders Ranges, underground at Coober Pedy, overhead at the Olgas, overland to the Great Sandy Desert, with the fishes at the Great Barrier Reef, deep into the Daintree, and kayaking at Kakadu. |
| 8951 | Toby Wild, Margaret & Young, Noela (ill) | Ticknor & Fields | 1994 | 9780395670248 | Toby is an old dog and sick, too. He's going blind and deaf and sometimes he smells bad. The family is gentle and loving with him, except for Sara. When Toby finally dies, the children who love him express their love in different ways. |

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| 15732 | Toes Seidler, Tor | HarperTrophy | 2006 | 9780060541019 | A kitten called Toes leaves home, in this ugly duckling story, and falls in with a penniless but, of course, extremely talented musician. Toes helps the musician, so making a beautiful duet and building a true friendship. |
| 99765 | Tom Crean's rabbit Hooper, Meredith & Kitchen, Bert (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2005 | 9781845073930 | It's very cold in Antarctica and the ship Terra Nova is crowded with men and animals. Sailor, Tom MCrean, is looking for a quiet, cosy place for his pet rabbit. A true story based on the diaries of men who sailed on the ship. |
| 923 | Tom Gates: What monster? Pichon, Liz | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781760663537 | This is a fully-illustrated story containing - MONSTERS - MYSTERY - A MUSIC FESTIVAL - MISSING stuff - ME and Marcus (Not necessarily in THAT order). AND a very strict supply teacher - but don't let that put you off! |
| 4462 | Tom Topp and the great adventure swap Limbrick, Lisa & Trappel, Jemima (ill) | Wombat Books | 2016 | 9781925139754 | Tom Topp has great plans for the weekend. His three older brothers are all doing really cool things, ice-skating, water skiing and hiking. The problem is choosing which one of them to go with. Actually, that's not the problem. Tom has broken a leg so he can't go with any of his brothers. Instead, Tom gets to go shopping with his mother where the most embarrassing things start to happen. Worst of all, he's stuck in an old wheelchair that smells like rotten eggs. |
| | Tommy Bell Bushranger Boy series Smith, Jane | | | | 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. |
| 4148 | Too many friends Apel, Kathryn | University of Queensland Press | 2017 | 9780702259760 | At school I have lots of friends. I have so many friends that sometimes I don't know who to play with. Tahnee wants everyone in her Year 2 class to get along and be happy. But what happens when all of Tahnee's friends want her attention at the same time? And how can Tahnee be friends with Lucy, when Lucy doesn't seem to want any friends? |
| 4515 | Too-tight tutu, The Clark, Sherryl | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140384451 | The trials and tribulations which lead to Merry's first ballet solo make a delightful story about believing in yourself and working for your dreams. |
| | Toocool series Kettle, Phil | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | Torque series Various | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 9365 | Tortuga Geraghty, Paul | Random House Canada | 2002 | 9780099400868 | Swept out to sea by a violent storm, a tortoise floats on a branch until the current lands her on a tropical island. Tortuga lays her eggs on shore and tries to protect them. Her new home is rich and lush but there are no other tortoises. |
| 4094 | Torty and the Soldier Beck, Jennifer & Colston, Fifi (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781775433651 | Meet Torty. She's one tough little tortoise with a beat-up shell and some missing toes. Torty survived a great war that raged in Europe one hundred years ago. She was recused back then by a young Kiwi soldier. Torty is truly a World War One survivor. |
| | Totally twins series Various | | | | 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. |
| 616973 | Touch the moon Cummings, Phil & Tulloch, Coral (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760523657 | Neil stepped out of the module. He moved carefully down the small ladder. He reached the last step and stopped. Slowly, he placed his foot on the moon. 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for Mankind.' It's a cold day in July and on a small television screen in Australia, a man is going to walk on the moon! At the same time, outside the window, another kind of miracle is unfolding. |
| 9557 | Tough Lester Hilton, Nette | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781862913394 | A great picture book about rugby union, showing skill, strength and humour. |
| 62395 | Toymaker and the bird, The Allen, Pamela | Viking Children's | 2009 | 9780670073634 | In a little house in a dark forest, a toymaker lives all alone. One day, a small brown bird is drawn to the magic sounds of the toymaker's violin. Together they make music so enchanting that even the trees shiver and murmur in wonder. But as the seasons change, the little bird dreams of the wide open sky. |
| 33063 | Traction Man is here Grey, Mini | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780224064958 | Square-jawed and equipped with combat boots, scuba gear, space suit, and camouflage, Traction Man overcomes evil pillows, dastardly brooms, a poisonous dishcloth and a wicked spade. Traction Man has an action outfit for every occasion. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair until he is presented with an outfit, knitted by his owner's granny. |

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| 7651 | Traction Man meets Turbodog Grey, Mini | Jonathan Cape | 2008 | 9780224070485 | Traction Man sets out on his greatest rescue mission yet. He must try to save Scrubbing Brush from the evil Bin Things. And, find room in his life for two pets. |
| 9497 | Training a guide dog MacDonald, Wendy | Heinemann | 2001 | 9781740700191 | An appealing and compact handbook with bright glossy pages for children about the care and training of guide dogs. |
| 96658 | Tram to Bondi Beach, The Hathorn, Libby & Vivas, Julie (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 1992 | 9780207176197 | A young boy's love of trams leads him to a paper boy job and the desire to drive trams as a living. Shows Sydney and its Bondi trams of the 1950s and 1960s. |
| 15228 | Travellers Ballance, Alison | Pearson Education Australia | 2002 | 9780733937699 | A look at animals that travel considerable distances. The book includes simple factual information, beautifully presented photographs and illustrations, a glossary and an index. |
| | Travelling bookshop series Nannestad, Katrina & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| | Travelling solo series Guthridge, Bettina | | | | 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. |
| 580046 | Treasure of dead man's cove, The Ivanoff, George | Penguin Random House Australia | 2014 | 9780857983831 | You choose! Wealth beyond your wildest dreams or deadly pirate's curse! You find an old map while holidaying in a secluded seaside town. It is said to have belonged to the fiercest pirate of them all - One-Eyed William, who was buried with his treasure. Could it be real, or is it someone's idea of a joke? You set off to follow the map to find out. Will you uncover the treasure of Dead Man's Cove, or will you be destined for doom? |
| 9535 | Treasury of poetry Hedley, Alistair & Aldous, Kate | Parragon | 2000 | 9780752535678 | A companion to 'Treasury of nursery rhymes', this appealing collection of familiar and unfamiliar verse is arranged into eight sections by theme with attractive illustrations. |
| 1080667 | Tree Saxby, Claire & Rackyef, Jess | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761069505 | Can you see the forest on this misty-morning mountain? Can you see where the tree stands? It is the tallest in this forest of tall trees. This tree is older than those who find it, younger than the land it grows from. Between sapwood and heartwood, water rises and energy flows. Listen to the leaves bustle. Smell the forest air. This is the world of the tree. |

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| 751134 | Tree, The Base, Graeme | Penguin Books Australia | 2020 | 9781760897048 | This is the story of a cow, a duck and a very big tree. At first the cow and the duck are happy with their mooberries and mushquacks, living side-by-side without even noticing. But then a big storm came! Cow and Duck set out to protect their tree from one another and in doing so destroy everything they have. Can they live together and work together to rebuild, and can they learn to share? |
| 12833 | Triangle for Adaora, A Onyefulu, Ifeoma | Frances Lincoln | 2001 | 9780711214675 | Adaora won't eat her slice of paw-paw because she doesn't want to spoil the star shape in the middle. Her cousin offers to find her a triangle instead. As they go walking, they see all kinds of shapes. |
| 1019787 | Trick shot Trevor: Frisbee fiasco Adeney, Amy & Popple, Peter William (ill) | Five Mile Press | 2023 | 9781922514363 | Trevor is hard at work on his newest trick shot video, Fantastic Flying Frisbees. His family are always too busy to help him and it is almost impossible to practise frisbee by himself. Until Trevor discovers disc golf and can finally work on his fabulous forehands and backhands on his own. Will disc golf be the answer to all Trevor's problems? Or will Trevor discover that family frisbee time is still super fun? |
| | Trickstars series Wood, Karen & Hicks, Astred (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 587810 | Trouble for Toby Reid, Janet & Francey, Amanda (ill) | Wombat Books | 2018 | 9781925563351 | Toby has one mission at school: to stay out of trouble. Only then will his parents let him have a pet. But that's just it, Toby has trouble staying out of trouble. It wasn't his fault that a lizard found its way into Miss Mott's sleeve or that a snail turned up in Ivy's lunchbox. Join Toby and his friends on this hilarious adventure as they navigate the sandpit, adventure playground and sports shed in their mission to stay out of trouble. |
| | Trouble series Various | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 9476 | Trucks, tractors and cranes Gore, Bryson | Watts Publishing Group | 2003 | 9780749647315 | The basic scientific theory behind land transport is outlined with diagrams and cutaway artwork and a working model. Key subjects include wheels and suspension, how land transport is built, steered and controlled and how engines work. |
| | Trudie Cooper series Eldridge-Alfonzetti, Carolyn & Weston, Julia (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 113973 | True adventures of John Nicol, The Bruere, Julian | Black Dog Books | 2006 | 9781876372170 | The life of an English sailor and his adventures around the world with informative labelled illustrations. His voyage to Australia in the 1790s is particularly interesting. |
| | True or false series Berger, Melvin & Gilda | | | | 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. |
| 6052 | True person, A Marin, Gabiann & Grantford, Jacqui | New Frontier Publishing | 2007 | 9781921042195 | Zallah and her mother escape from their war-torn country. On arrival in Australia are placed in a detention centre. Zallah struggles with the reasons she is placed in this situation. |
| 6229 | True stories of Everest adventures Dowswell, Paul | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2018 | 9781474948142 | The Peak of Mount Everest, the highest place in the world, holds a special fascination for climbers. Over a thousand people have reached it but the frozen bodies that litter its slopes tell another tale of tragedy, misfortune and reckless ambition. |
| 6267 | True stories of Polar adventures Dowswell, Paul | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2018 | 9781474948135 | Guarded by frozen seas and vast fields of snow and ice, the North and South Poles are no place for humans, as the explorers who set out to unearth their secrets found out... Part of the Usborne Young Reading series, this book is ideal for newly independent readers who prefer fact to fiction. Includes links to websites to find out more. |
| 4430 | True story of the 3 little pigs, The Scieszka, Jon & Smith, Lane (ill) | Penguin | 1991 | 9780140540567 | This time the wolf tells the story and it is very funny. |
| 10735 | Tuesday Wiesner, David | Clarion Books | 1991 | 9780395870822 | On Tuesday, when the full moon is rising, the lily pads take off with frogs on board. A picture book without text. |

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| 1209728 | Turtle Moon Gold, Hannah, Pinfold, Levi (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9780008582081 | When Silver's father is invited to visit a turtle rescue centre as artist-in-residence, Silver is hopeful that this adventure will help joy back to her family. What was intended as a peaceful holiday in Costa Rica turns quickly into something darker and more dangerous when some rare leatherback turtle eggs are stolen. Will Silver and her new friend Rafi be able to save the eggs?" |
| 12426 | Turtle's song Brown, Alan & Toft, Kim (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2002 | 9780702232190 | A journey of a Green Turtle, an endangered creature, from a hatchling beneath the sand of a coral beach to adulthood, returning to lay eggs of her own. The story is beautifully illustrated with silk paintings. |
| 15045 | Twelve dancing princesses, The Ray, Jane | Orchard Books | 2002 | 9781841217789 | A retelling of the story collected by the Grimm brothers. A soldier discovers the twelve princesses' secret and where they go dancing every night. |
| 4918 | Twenty-Elephant Restaurant, The Hoban, Russell & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781406358209 | An hilarious romp that begins with a wobbly table and ends with a bunch of dancing elephants. |
| 14320 | Twin giants, The King-Smith, Dick & Grey, Mini (ill) | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406313475 | Identical twin giants are born on a mountain and enjoy all the same things, except that one is a vegetarian. They race up and down mountains, roll boulders and sing off-key at the top of their lungs. At 20, they each decide it's time to seek a wife. Looking for two giantesses over seven mountains is no easy task. |
| 6763 | Twin spin Cece, Adam | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781742991856 | Twins Anna and Steph might be identical, but they are polar opposites. Anna is organized and wants to be a reporter. Steph is impulsive and wants to be a rap artist. When they have to swap identities for a week, their world goes into a spin - a Twin Spin. |
| 574247 | Twinkle twinkle little star I know exactly what you are Kregenow, Julia & Saldana | Sourcebooks Inc | 2018 | 9781492670063 | Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are... Up above the world so high, these little diamonds in the sky are much more than twinkling lights. In fact, they're not twinkling at all. Discover how stars are created, what they're made of, and even what makes them look like they're twinkling. |
| 587528 | Twinkle, twinkle, little bat Griffiths, Andy & Watts, Frances & Gleitzman, Morris & Rossell, Judith & Harris, Tim et al | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781760557263 | An anthology of beastly bedtime short stories from some of Australia's most loved children's authors including Morris Gleitzman and Andy Griffiths. Filled with terrific twists, some on traditional tales, from sleepovers of doom to pirate dance parties - these stories are sure to have kids shaking in their bed... with laughter. Bursting with humour and full of spooky illustrations from Anne Yi, illustrator of the best-selling Alice Miranda and Clementine Rose series, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Bat is the perfect solution for bedtime blues. |

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| 1070176 | Twining: BFFs (not) Moses, Alexa | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9781761292620 | Grace and Izzy are twins - identical twins - and they're closer than BFFs. But even though they look alike, they're not similar at all! It's Harmony Day at Rocky Point Primary, and Izzy and Grace are entering the best presentation competition. But when the girls choose the same topic, the battle between the sisters is on. Who will win? And will they ever be BFFs again? |
| 4591 | Twits, The Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2001 | 9780141311388 | Mr and Mrs Twit play some horrible tricks on each other. They never wash, they trap birds for Bird Pie and they hate children. Find out what brilliant trick the Roly-Poly Bird and the Muggle-Wump monkeys think up for them. |
| 4595 | Two gorillas, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2000 | 9780141307961 | Becky has two toy gorillas that are very scary, until they have their first bath. |
| 5585 | Two monsters McKee, David | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842708316 | Two monsters live on either side of a mountain. Sometimes, they talk through the hole in the mountain but they never see each other. One evening, they get into a silly argument about whether day is departing or night is arriving, and this escalates into a rock throwing fight, which eventually destroys the mountain. The monsters finally get to see each other, with surprising results. |
| 12310 | Two summers Heffernan, John & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781865045962 | Rick is coming to visit again. But he worries whether he will recognise the farm or have as much fun as last time. It's the same friend and the same farm with a totally different landscape. |
| 75788 | Two-hearted numbat, The Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Kwaymullina, Ambelin | Fremantle Press | 2008 | 9781921361234 | Numbat has two hearts, one of stone and one of feather. His stone heart makes him strong and powerful while his feather heart makes him soft and gentle. When having more than one heart becomes troublesome, Numbat must choose which one to keep. |
| 6408 | UFO diary Kitamura, Satoshi | Andersen Press Ltd | 2007 | 9781842705919 | A UFO is lost in space until it spots a strange, blue planet. Zooming in for a closer look, the UFO discovers a curious creature watching it. They quickly become friends for one unforgettable afternoon. |
| 102990 | Ugly fish Lareau, Kara & Magoon, Scott (ill) | Harcourt Children's Books | 2006 | 9780152050825 | Ugly fish doesn't like to share, so much so, he makes certain he doesn't have anyone to share with. However, this comes at a cost including loneliness and more. |
| 20187 | Ugly five, The Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill) | Scholastic UK | 2017 | 9781407174198 | We're the ugly five, we're the ugly five. Everyone flees when they see us arrive. Meet Wildebeest and Warthog, Spotted Hyena, Lappet-faced Vulture and Marabou Stork. People call them the Ugly Five...but are they really? |
| 16662 | Uncle Shawn and Bill and the almost entirely unplanned adventure Kennedy, A. L & Correll, Gemma (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406360493 | Badger Bill has been kidnapped by two nasty sisters. Four sad llamas need rescuing from the McGloone farmers before being turned into llama pies. Along comes Uncle Shawn to the rescue. |

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| 31117 | Uncle Shawn and Bill and the pajimminy-crimminy unusual adventure Kennedy, A. L & Correll, Gemma (ill) | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406360509 | Uncle Shawn loved to rescue people but this time he has been arrested by an evil doctor for being Unusual. Badger Bill with the help of the llamas sets off to save him from being cured of his unusualness. He has never rescued anyone before. Can their silly plan work? |
| 31121 | Under my bed Dickson, John & Guridi (ill) | Berbay Publishing | 2018 | 9780994384133 | When confronted by our fears sometimes it's much more fun to just join in. |
| 6220 | Under the bodhi tree: A story of the Buddha Hopkinson, Deborah & Whitman, Kailey (ill) | Sounds True | 2018 | 9781683643654 | Lyrical text and luminous illustrations tell the story of Prince Siddhartha - from his time as a boy in the palace, to journeying in the world where he sees pain and suffering, to his meditation and enlightenment. |
| 25821 | Under the love umbrella Bell, Davina and Colpoys, Allison (ill) | Scribe Publications | 2017 | 9781925321265 | Whatever you fear, come close my dear. You're tucked in safe for always here. And I will never not be near. Because of our love umbrella. |
| 660672 | Under the milky way Lessac, Frane | Candlewick Press | 2019 | 9781536200959 | Go on a tour of some of the most beautiful, fun, quiet and raucous places in North America to see what people are doing. Learn a little about how people live on the other side of the world under the Milky Way. |
| 1019818 | Under the red shawl Conley, Vikki & Heiduczek, Martina (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2023 | 9781922326829 | Story of Salim and his Mama as they journey to a new place, make new friendships and their hope of making a new story. |
| 6064 | Under the Southern Cross Lessac, Frane | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781925381016 | Night-time in Australia, animals are waking, people are exploring, discoveries are being made - under the Southern Cross. |
| 846280 | Unfunny bunny, The Beck, Adrien & Hart, James (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2022 | 9781761043093 | <p>Twas was the night before Easter when I spotted the bunny! So I offered to help make the egg hunt more funny! Can some hare-larity save a washed-out Easter weekend?</p> <p>When the rain keeps her family stuck indoors, a girl decides everyone needs a bit of a laugh. So when she catches the Easter Bunny sneaking into the beach house, she can hardly contain her excitement: she'll make her family's egg hunt EGGS-tra funny! But does her prankish egg-planting go too far?</p> <p>Full of Easter puns and pranks, sniggers and smiles, this beautifully illustrated picture book celebrates family and fun: it's sure to be read year after year!</p> |
| 63286 | Unhappy goldfish, The Dallimore, Paul | Omnibus Books | 2007 | 9781862916845 | There is jealousy between a goldfish and the family's new dog. The goldfish goes through a some traumatic experiences before an unlikely friendship occurs. |

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| 8546 | Unknown Thompson, Colin & Pignataro, Anna (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780733613555 | All the unwanted dogs in the dog pound watch as people walk up and down looking into their cages. No-one picks the little dog labelled Unknown. She is the same colour as the shadows so they don't even realise she's there. One night, everything changes. |
| 12439 | Unknown Australian soldier, The Small, Mary & Langridge, Anne (ill) | ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated | 2001 | 9780957795730 | Two children are bewildered by the internment ceremony for the Unknown Australian Soldier at the Australian War Memorial. Dreamlike, the ghost of the Unknown Australian Soldier takes them on a journey back in time to Gallipoli, the Middle East and the Western Front to learn about the nurses, the conditions facing the soldiers and the devastation of the First World War. |
| 68356 | Unreal, banana peel Factor, June & Viska, Peter (ill) | Brolly Books | 2009 | 9781741833102 | An entertaining and humorous mix of poems, including nursery rhyme parodies and classics. |
| 1138111 | Unreal: Can you tell fact from fake Simpson, Kate & Rudge, Leila (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761180347 | There's been a mix-up at the Museum - some of the displays from the Myths and Legends exhibit have snuck into the Natural History wing. We have to sort it out, but how can we tell fact from fiction? Animal from apparition? Megafauna from monster? Kids will have fun guessing which animals and plants are real and which are fake in this extraordinary exhibition of the strange and wonderful animals and plants that inhabit our world ... and our imaginations. And a brilliant guide to help us know what to look for when tracking down truths. |
| 574735 | Up and away! Henry, Jason | Sterling Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781454923602 | Joseph Montgolfier and his brother worked together to make the first hot air balloon, launching man into the sky, and beginning the journey of flight. Read how they came up with their invention which captured the attention of the King of France and started the whole world dreaming of flying. |
| 5607 | Urashima Taro and other Japanese children's favourite stories Sakade, Florence & Hayashi, Yoshio (ill) | Tuttle Publishing | 2008 | 9780804850728 | Welcome to a fantastic world populated by lonely dragons, adventuresome boys, magical elves, and a host of other beloved characters who have lived on for centuries in the traditional tales of Japan. Drawn from folklore passed down from generation to generation, the ten enchanting Japanese children's stories collected in this volume have been lovingly retold just for today's readers. Vibrantly illustrated and full of thrilling adventures, funny discoveries, and important lessons, they're sure to become story time favourites. |

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| | Urgency emergency series Archer, Dosh | | | | 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. |
| | Usborne beginners plus series Various | | | | 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. |
| | Usborne beginners series Various | | | | 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. |
| 9472 | Usborne first encyclopaedia of space, The Dowswell, Paul | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2001 | 9780746041864 | The fascinating world of space is presented for young children with easy to read font, simple text and vividly-coloured illustrations and photographs. |
| 12741 | Usborne illustrated stories for boys Sims, Lesley & Stowell, Louie (editors) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2006 | 9780746074619 | A compilation of short stories that includes classics, modern adaptations and contemporary stories. A great introduction to tales from diverse genres. Beautiful illustrations on every facing page. |
| 45982 | Usborne illustrated stories of horses & ponies Dickins, Rosie & Davidson, Susanna & Patchett, Fiona & Hore, Rosie & Daynes, Katie | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781409596691 | Each of the stories in this collection focuses on the importance of a horse or pony to their owner. They are adventure stories, love stories, drama stories. And in each story, a horse or pony reminds us how important it is to care for each other. |
| 41521 | Usborne my very first animals book James, Alice & Cosgrove, Lee (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474922630 | This book is full of creatures that fly, scuttle, leap and swim. It's the perfect way for you to learn all about animals. |
| 84015 | Uugggh Boldt, Claudia | Child's Play International Ltd | 2011 | 9781846433726 | Slug feels completely unloved by the world and can't help feeling it may have something to do with appearances. Happily, new-found friend Spider is on hand to explain that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. |

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| 22447 | Valdur the Viking and the ghostly goths Cormick, Craig & Cormick, Hanna (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2016 | 9781925272420 | My name is Valdur and I am a Viking. Well, I hope to be a real Viking one day. But, I do get to roam the seas on my father's ship. That is, until he was kidnapped by his arch-enemy, the Goth pirate Germanicus Bottom. So, now, I have to fight Romans, sea monsters and the Pirate Goths to rescue him. Luckily, I have my dragon-dog, Ragna, with me. |
| 587841 | Vampire knife, The Henseleit, Jack | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2017 | 9781760129255 | Anna and Max love scary stories - but when they find a mysterious knife on a dark and stormy night, truth soon becomes stranger than fiction. Dragged into a world of monsters and magic, will the siblings find a way to survive? |
| 12581 | Vegetable ark, The: A tale of two brothers Kane, Kim & deGennaro, Sue (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741759969 | In this twist on the original tale of Noah's Ark, Noah has a brother, Neil. Noah is wealthy and a bit of a show-off. Neil hums songs about peace. Noah brokers deals with a tense frown, while Neil wears his hair long and chats dreamily to pot plants. When it rains for forty days and forty nights, the race to find land is on. |
| 4667 | Velveteen rabbit Williams, Margery | Lioncrest | 1990 | 9780816710621 | By the time the Velveteen Rabbit is dirty, worn out, and about to be burned, he has almost given up hope of ever finding the magic that will make him real. A classic about the miracle of love. |
| 886453 | Very best doughnut, The Abdel-Fattah, Randa & Haydar, Amani (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2022 | 9781760988906 | Friday is always the best day in Adam's house. It's doughnut day! But this week, his family is fasting for Ramadan. They aren't going to eat or drink until sunsets. Adam wants to fast too, but it's so hard. Can he wait that long for his very special doughnut? |
| 9381 | Very best of Aesop's fables, The Clark, Margaret & Voake, Charlotte (ill) | Walker Books | 1996 | 9780744531497 | Thirty selections from Aesop's classic fables presented in a way that shows the tales are entertaining in their own right, and not merely for the message that shines out from between the lines. |
| 9534 | Very best of friends, The Wild, Margaret & Vivas, Julie (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1991 | 9780947241261 | When James dies unexpectedly, William's world becomes very confused. While Jessie, his wife, is busy with her own grief, she fails to understand that William, his cat, is also sad. Eventually, they grow closer. |
| 18413 | Very messy inspection, The Axelsen, Stephen | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780759320772 | Following the mysterious disappearance of his parents years before, Young Piccolo Grande lives alone in his fine, old family home. But, one fateful afternoon, his neat and ordered life is turned upside down and inside out. |

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| | Violet Mackerel series Branford, Anna & Davis, Sarah (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9492 | Volcanoes Llewellyn, Claire | Heinemann | 2000 | 9780431023762 | An introduction to volcanoes and how they work, describing their formation, the destructive forces and benefits of them. |
| 593300 | Waiting for Chicken Smith Mackintosh, David | Little Hare Books | 2018 | 9781760501761 | Every year, I stay in the same cabin at the beach with my family, and every year Chicken Smith's here too, with his Dad and his dog, Jelly. But this year, something's different |
| 9424 | Walers go to war Farrer, Vashti | ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated | 2001 | 9780957795761 | This is the children's story of the Australian bred horses, known as Walers, at war. Originally from New South Wales, these medium sized horses were instrumental in the Australian and British victories of WWI. |
| | Walk right in detective agency series, The Simons, Moya | | | | 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. |
| 1124776 | Walking the rock country in Kakadu Lucas, Diane & Tyler, Ben & Long, Emma (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761067860 | Walk through one of Australia's most ancient and beautiful ecosystems, introducing Kundjeyhmi language, one of the Bininj Kunwok languages of Kakadu and western Arnhem Land, along the way. Beautifully rendered images bring to vivid life the rich and varied plant and animal life of this unique place, encouraging young and old to see, hear, smell and feel the land and experience how Aboriginal people have lived and walked Country for thousands of years. |
| 15512 | Wanja: one smart dog Stacey, Barbara & Hill, Adam (ill) | Indij Readers | 2004 | 9780980340525 | Auntie Barb is impressed with the cleverness of Wanja, a streetwise pet dog living in the inner city of Sydney. |
| 7392 | Wanted: the perfect pet Robertson, Fiona | Viking UK | 2009 | 9780670073566 | Henry already has 27 varieties of frogs so why could he possibly want another pet. But, Henry is seeking the perfect pet, a pet with personality so he advertises for a dog. He waits and waits until a surprising perfect pet turns up on his doorstep. |
| 4708 | War and peas Foreman, Michael | Andersen Press Ltd | 2002 | 9781842700839 | When food is scarce in the land of King Lion, the Fat King, ruler of the neighbouring, very rich country refuses to help so war is declared. But the people of the Fat King's land are too fat for their equipment. |

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| 87229 | Warnayarra the rainbow snake Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Lajamanu School (teller) | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046235 | One of a series of Aboriginal stories about animals and birds. Describes the power of the Warnayarra in unleashing a tremendous thunderstorm. |
| 9362 | Warrior, The: The story of a wombat French, Jackie & Guthridge, Bettina (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1996 | 9780207190889 | Factual information cleverly woven into the story of a wombat's experiences from birth to adulthood revealing the emotions, smells and joys of being a wombat. |
| 13647 | Water everywhere Atkins, Jill | Dorling Kindersley | 2007 | 9781405319423 | With the help of photographs and diagrams, a fresh look at water's journey around our planet is presented, from rain to rivers to the kitchen sink. |
| 15388 | Water hole (around the clock with the animals of the grasslands) Shalev, Zahavit | Dorling Kindersley | 2005 | 9781405308199 | A day at the water hole from dawn to dusk, as all the animals of the grasslands come to drink. Includes beautiful photographs, a glossary and an index. |
| 64129 | Water horse, The King-Smith, Dick | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780141302232 | Angus and his sister have found something strange at the beach. They think it's just a big, old piece of seaweed so they take it home to put in the bath. But, in the morning, the seaweed is squeaking and splashing. |
| 40020 | Water wise Hawes, Alison | A & C Black | 2010 | 9781408126875 | Find out why the world needs to be water wise. Presenting a global view about equal access to clean water around the world and the impact water wastage and water pollution will have, find out how each person and home can make a difference. |
| 529 | Water witcher Ormerod, Jan | Little Hare Books | 2006 | 9781921049514 | It is hot and dry and everyone is thirsty. Dougy and his sisters hand water the baby animals on the farm and can't remember the last time it rained. Dougy dreams of being a water witcher like his grandfather. |
| 4723 | Waterhole, The Base, Graeme | Penguin | 2003 | 9780140567533 | A stunning picture book that is a counting book, an animal book and a puzzle book to be enjoyed by all. There is wide appeal in this art journey across the world. |
| 815456 | Way of the weedy seadragon, The Morgan, Anne & Bury, Lois (ill) | CSIRO | 2021 | 9781486313952 | Can you imagine a strange and colourful fish that looks like a dragon? It can't fly or breathe fire, but it is an excellent dancer! The weedy seadragon is an amazing underwater fish with a talent for camouflage, weird eating habits and a unique courtship dance. But its habitat and future are threatened. This enchanting story takes you under the sea to meet this mysterious sea creature, and reveals its weird and wonderful ways. |
| 868546 | We are Australians Smith, Duncan & Godwin, Nicole & Cadd, Jandamarra (il) | Wild Dog Books | 2022 | 9781742036328 | For those born in Australia, it's easy to take citizenship and its responsibilities for granted. But there is much more to being an Australian citizen than having a passport and the right to vote. |

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| 950249 | We are Matildas Ware, Shelley (Geddes, Serena (ill)) | Penguin Books Australia | 2023 | 9781761048906 | Jazzy dreams of being a football star and playing for the CommBank Matildas one day. She has a plan to get there . . . now all she needs is a team. This determined leader soon realises that being on the field with her friends is one of the best parts of the game. |
| 846237 | We go way back Ben-Barak, Ian & Bunting, Philip (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526085 | What is life? How did it start? Long, long ago, no one knows exactly where or when, a tiny bubble formed that was a Little Bit Different. It was the first living cell. Everyone's ancestor. And so the story of life begins ... In this visually stunning and brilliantly devised picture book, Idan Ben-Barak and Philip Bunting lead us through the origin of life on our planet, and how an odd little bubble gave rise to the incredible web of life on Earth." |
| 40233 | We honestly can look after your dog Child, Lauren | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780141382104 | Lola and Lotta are sure they can look after the dog of Charlie's friend, Marv. Perhaps they could, if they could just agree on how to do it. |
| 1174804 | Wedge-tailed eagle Saxby, Claire & Booth, Christina (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760655686 | Look up. Way up, into the clear blue. Those two tiny specks are a wedge-tailed eagle and her mate. This book explores the family life of these remarkable birds. |
| 903280 | Wednesday and Woof: Catastrophe Winston, Sherri & Jose, Gladys (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780062975997 | Wednesday and her service dog, Woof, are the best detectives in the whole world-or at least their neighbourhood. But can they find Mrs Winters's cat before her big trip? Or will the case of the cat-napped kitty be their first unsolved mystery? |
| 660658 | Weird little robots Crimi, Carolyn & Luyken, Corinna (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406387988 | Science geek Penny Rose is new in town, with only the robots that she creates for company. But with a little bit of magic, everything changes: she becomes best friends with Lark, joins a secret science club and discovers that her robots are alive. |
| | WeirDo series Do, Anh & Faber, Jules (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 13465 | Welcome little scrubfowl Kendell, Sandra | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781922081261 | In a house on legs up the top of Australia, grows a rampant garden. Seedlings are planted, but then during the night, something singing comes and digs them up for their dinner. |
| 5768 | Welcome to Silver Street Farm Davies, Nicola | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406320596 | Join Karl, Meera and Gemma as they work towards creating a city farm for all the children and adults alike to enjoy. |
| 17041 | Wendy Gordon, Gus | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780670070916 | Wendy doesn't want to be just any old chicken. She wants adventure and excitement, and to be a star. Then, a travelling circus comes to town. |

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| 31942 | Weslandia Fleischman, Paul & Hawkes, Kevin (ill) | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406313758 | Wesley is an outsider, friendless and tormented by his peers and unhappy with the 'sameness' of everyone. His answer is to create his own world. Wesley grows a garden and makes his own food, clothes, games and language. |
| 12771 | Wetlands Oktober, Tricia | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780733611971 | In the tropical north of Australia, magpie geese gather round a billabong. The land is dusty, the rivers have shrunk and the dry months drag on. At last the sky darkens and lightning and thunder appear, the much-needed rains begin. |
| 7723 | Whacko the chook Svendsen, Mark & Redlich, Ben (ill) | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734409843 | Whacko the chook tries and tries again to find a friend without success. Eventually Whacko finds the love she is looking for by just getting on with what she should be doing and never letting others get her down. |
| 9364 | Whale journey French, Vivian & Flather, Lisa (ill) | Zero to ten | 1998 | 9781840891379 | Little Gray is a newborn whale travelling with his mother to the feeding areas in the Arctic, some six thousand miles from where he was born. |
| 732433 | Whale of a mistake, A Hobai, Ioana | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781624149276 | You made a mistake! You worry and worry. It gets bigger and bigger. But you aren't alone. Look at all those stars in the sky - we are all here making mistakes and we learn from them. They aren't as big as you may think. |
| 9491 | What are Coral reefs Llewellyn, Claire | Heinemann | 2000 | 9780431023755 | An introduction to the formation, location, and types of coral reefs, as well as threats to them and efforts to preserve them. |
| 7962 | What do grown-ups do all day Morgand, Virginie | Wide Eyed Editions | 2016 | 9781847808097 | If you've ever wondered what grown-ups do all day, this book will give you a fascinating insight into more than one hundred jobs, in fifteen diverse work places such as a farm, a hospital, a hotel, a gym and a school. |
| 995992 | What do scientists do? Mumbray, Tom & Tugrul, Can (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781474969024 | Discover interesting facts about all things science from astronomy to zoology and the huge variety of jobs related to them. Find out how YOU could become a scientist yourself. |
| 3040 | What dog knows Vanden Heede, Sylvia & Tolman, Marije (ill) | Gecko Press | 2016 | 9781776570379 | Dog is the smart one, who knows things because he reads books. Wolf isn't so smart, he's more of an action-before-investigation type wolf. But, when Wolf finds a fact-filled book in the library, he thinks he'll outsmart his clever cousin, Dog. Packed with information, activities, quizzes, rhymes and curious conversations between Wolf and Dog. |
| 5777 | What I can learn from the incredible and fantastic life of Oprah Winfrey Medina, Melissa & Colting, Fredrik & Chen, Eszter (ill) | Moppet Books | 2017 | 9780997714586 | Oprah Winfrey has inspired millions of people around the world. This illustrated biography about the fantastic life of the Queen of Media, shows a new generation that they can do anything they put their minds to. This new series of illustrated biographies highlights contemporary innovators, leaders and visionaries in order to motivate and inspire the leaders of tomorrow. |

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| 5775 | What I can learn from the incredible and fantastic life of Steve Jobs Colting, Fredrik & Medina, Melissa & Yoneyama, Natsuko (ill) | Moppet Books | 2017 | 9780997714593 | Steve Jobs was a visionary who changed the world with his inventions and designs. This illustrated biography about the fantastic life of Steve inspires younger generations to dream big and believe in themselves. This new series of illustrated biographies highlights contemporary innovators, leaders and icons in order to motivate and inspire the leaders of tomorrow. |
| 120131 | What I wanna be Prior, Chasity & others & McKenzie, Peter (ill) | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780980359312 | Aunt Sharon, Aunt Kelli and Uncle Phil decided to find out what their kids wanted to be when they grew up and they wrote about it. |
| 815663 | What is a virus? Daynes, Katie & Beautyman, Kirsti (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474991513 | Our lives have been taken over by a tiny germ we can't even see. It's time to explain to young readers what's really going on. What IS a virus? How do viruses spread? Why should everyone keep washing their hands? How does a vaccine work? And what can we do to STAY WELL? All these questions and more are answered in a friendly and helpful way, with quirky illustrations and of course lots of flaps to lift. |
| 7190 | What is this thing called love Cali, Davide & Cantone, Anna Laura | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9780980607079 | Emma would really like to know what love is. When she asks her family, they all give different answers, like sharing a piece of cake or a game of football. But what she really wants to know is it's colour, shape, taste and size. |
| 17514 | What makes me me McCleary, Stacey & Rippin, Sally (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734408020 | Aliko watches a caterpillar on the windowsill going through metamorphoses until it becomes a butterfly. It makes Aliko realise that life's struggles are worthwhile because they can produce something beautiful in the end. |
| 17495 | What Mona wants Mona gets Sheldon, Dyan & Okstad, Ella (ill) | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844281237 | Mona always wants whatever she sees in shops and whinges to her mother until she is satisfied. Then, an old woman gives her a necklace and warns Mona to be careful for what she wishes, as the wishes may come true. |
| 18581 | What number is that: my big art adventure Keeler-Milne, Jennifer | Art Gallery of New South Wales, The | 2004 | 9780734763624 | Lovely book combining counting with famous paintings. |
| 18582 | What the sky knows Bourke, Nike & Danalis, Stella (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2005 | 9780702235016 | An imaginative book of shapes and colours. |
| 751065 | What we'll build: plans for our future together Jeffers, Oliver | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2020 | 9780008382209 | What shall we build, you and I? I'll build your future and you'll build mine. We'll build a watch to keep our time. A father and daughter set about laying the foundations for their life together. Using their own special tools, they get to work; building memories to cherish, a home to keep them safe and love to keep them warm. |

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| 3170 | What's up Mumu Mackintosh, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2015 | 9780007463091 | Mumu is not quite herself today. She is, quite simply, having a lousy day. Enter Lox. He thinks he knows how to cheer her up. But, Mumu is having none of it. Nothing works and she's not feeling better. As good friends do, Lox continues to try until he gets annoyed and picks up the bad mood. |
| 1133505 | Whatever after: Fairest of all graphic novel Mlynowski, Sarah & Chouhan, Anu (ill) | Graphix | 2024 | 9781761521591 | Once upon a time, Abby and her brother Jonah, were regular kids. The next minute, the mirror in their basement slurped them up and magically transported them into the fairytale of Snow White. They are heroes because they stopped Snow from eating the poisoned apple. Hooray! Or... not? If Snow doesn't die, she won't meet her prince and get her happily-ever-after. Oops! Now it's up to Abby and Jonah to outsmart the evil queen, befriend the seven dwarfs, help Snow fix her story and then find their way home.... |
| 660808 | Whatever after: Seeing red Mlynowski, Sarah | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781338162929 | Abby and Jonah have a magic mirror in their basement. They often visit the mirror and get transported into some well-known fairy tales. This weekend is different, Nana is staying over and Abby really wants to go to a sleepover. She tries to use the magic to send her to her friend's house, but will it work? Or will she end up having to help another fairy tale character with their fairy tale problems? And what will Nana say if she finds out that Abby has disappeared? |
| 5898 | When a Zeeder met a Zyder Doyle, Malachy & Stewart, Joel (ill) | Corgi Books | 2007 | 9780552552134 | An uplifting story in verse about two unusual characters who set out to find someone similar to themselves. They cross paths several times and eventually decide to help each other on their quests. A surprising friendship results. |
| 10096 | When the angels came Millard, Glenda | ABC Books | 2003 | 9780733310560 | When Will's grandpa has a stroke and can no longer live on his beloved farm, it seems as though nothing interests him except causing trouble or planning his escape from the nursing home. Will is desperate to cheer up his grandpa but doesn't know how. |
| 6952 | When the war is over French, Jackie & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2019 | 9781460753026 | Peace is a tissue blossom, a whisper on the wind. War may never truly end but there can be homecomings. This poem explores what happens when the guns stop snarling. |
| 1076367 | When you're a boy Nuto, Blake | Affirm Press | 2023 | 9781922863652 | When you're a boy you are told how to be like the swift- sweeping rivers. But I've learned the wisdom of waiting, the courage of patience and the strength of contentment.' Explore what it means to be a boy by wandering and exploring natural places: wild rivers, sure-standing mountains, sky shifting thunders, all tempered by the softer side with the sweetness of dancing and the beauty of dreaming. |

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| 815458 | Where does poo go? Daynes, Katie & Taylor, Dan (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474986434 | Starting with human sewage then moving on to animal poo, this surprisingly charming book explores what happens when we flush, what animal toilets look like, why animals don't need to flush and just how important poo is - for a myriad of fascinating (and sometimes yucky) reasons. |
| 15164 | Where's God Kelleher, Victor & Hurst, Elise (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407481 | Peter is searching for God and asks a lot of people to help him. |
| 10141 | Where's Julius Burningham, John | Random House Children's Books | 2001 | 9780099414292 | Breakfast, lunch or dinner, young Julius is never around when it's time to eat. His parents fix trays of food to deliver to him while he's busy digging to the other side of the world or riding a camel. One night, they can't find Julius anywhere. |
| 8636 | Where's Stripey Binks, Wendy | Stunned Emu Press | 2007 | 9780646450018 | Father emu is in charge of thirty eggs. Once hatched, he finds it difficult to keep track of all the chicks and, inevitably, Stripey goes missing. Leaving the remaining chicks with his mates, dad sets off through the bush to find Stripey. |
| 5067 | Where's Sunday Godwin, Jane & James, Ann (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143304715 | Sally's best friend is her puppy, Sunday. After a fun day at the beach, Sal discovers that Sunday is missing. |
| 9466 | Whisper wild, freedom child Flynn, Rachel & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Penguin | 2000 | 9780670888580 | When Molly and Joseph have a baby, they call her Whisper. Whisper's mum and dad are quite different from other parents. Through two generations, Whisper learns how love and being accepted make a happy family life. |
| 707935 | Who am I? Bunting, Philip | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781743835043 | Am I my body? Am I my thoughts? Am I my senses? Am I my skin colour? So who am I? Take a trip into the deepest inner space to answer one of life's biggest questions. Have you ever paused to wonder exactly who you are? |
| 94687 | Who wants to be a poodle, I don't Child, Lauren | Puffin UK | 2011 | 9780141502465 | Trixie Twinkle Toes doesn't want a maid to plump her cushions. She doesn't want a butler to carry her over puddles. Trixie wants to roll in the mud and paddle in the puddles. Trixie may look like a prancing, poodley poodle but she just wants to be able to do the things that other dogs do. |
| 9519 | Who's afraid of the big, bad book Child, Lauren | Hodder & Stoughton | 1990 | 9781840326680 | Herb falls right into a storybook of wicked fairy tales while sleeping. Find out what happens to Herb next. |
| 15383 | Who's wheelie the fastest Montano, Josie & Mackintosh, Michelle (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404923 | A group of kids who live in the same street decide to have a Wheel Race to find out whose wheels are the fastest - a scooter, a skateboard, a bike or rollerblades. |

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| 800823 | Who's your real Mum? Green, Bernadette & Zobel, Anna (ill) | Scribble Press | 2020 | 9781925849493 | Elvi, which one is your mum?' 'They're both my mums.' But which one's your real mum?' When Nicholas wants to know which of Elvi's two mums is her real mum, she gives him lots of clues. Her real mum is a circus performer, and a pirate, and she even teaches spiders the art of the web. But Nicholas still can't work it out! Luckily, Elvi knows just how to help Nicholas understand |
| 4813 | Whoppers Simons, Moya | Penguin | 1998 | 9780140387520 | The kids in Simon's class are told to use their imagination as they tell their life stories. While everyone else is telling whoppers, Mark is telling the truth. He really is a Martian. |
| 41517 | Why do we need bees? Daynes, Katie & Pym, Christine (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474917933 | Why do we need bees? Where do they live? Who's who in a beehive? Find out in this lift-the-flap book! |
| 26203 | Why I love footy Wagner, Michael & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2015 | 9780670077878 | A young boy, who just loves Aussie Rules football, gets ready to go with his family to watch his favourite team play live. He wears all his footy gear and travels on the train with a bunch of other fans. It's nerve-wracking, waiting to see who will win a close game. At the end, they enjoy singing the club song and having a kick around themselves. |
| 6419 | Wide big world Beneba Clarke, Maxine & Knowles, Isobel (ill) | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9780734418180 | Difference is everywhere, just look and see. This whole-wide-big-world is wondrous-unique. A gorgeous picture book about our diverse and wonderful world from award-winning author Maxine Beneba Clarke and illustrator Isobel Knowles. |
| 130956 | Wild about books Sierra, Judy & Brown, Marc (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2007 | 9781845076122 | The animals at the zoo select their books and they all treat them in different ways. Comic, rhyming poetry tells about llamas reading while eating their lunches and unruly bears licking illustrations right off the page. |
| 895537 | Wild bush days Harrison, Penny & Gray, Virginia | MidnightSun Publishing | 2022 | 9780987380906 | Have you ever looked out across the Australian countryside and imagined how it might have been? Let's go on an adventure through the Australian countryside. We hear the whispers of the past and learn of wild bush days. A female bushranger once roamed these hills - what is her story? The two young adventurers in this story will share what they know, as they take their own adventure! |
| 4232 | Wild stories Thompson, Colin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781864718263 | Meet the inhabitants of the house called fourteen and its overgrown garden. To name just a few, there's Sid the mosquito exploring the delights of the house, and Derek the rat who is sniffing out old socks for supper. Ethel the chicken is trying to persuade the world she's not an orange, while Arnold the mouse spends more time in the trap than out of it. |

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| 751139 | Wild symphony Brown, Dan & Batori, Susan (ill) | Penguin | 2020 | 9780241467916 | Maestro Mouse is getting ready for one ginormous symphonic surprise! Can you figure out what he is up to? Can you spot the clues he's left behind on his adventure? Follow your guide, Maestro Mouse on his wild ride. You'll meet his friends who live in jungles, ponds, trees, fields and under seas. There are secret lessons just for you. |
| 9587 | Wild washerwomen, The Yeoman, John & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842709146 | Seven washerwomen, who work from dawn till dusk scrubbing messy handkerchiefs, horrid socks and grimy night-shirts, are fed up and decide to rebel. They go on a mad spree through town, enjoying their newfound freedom. It seems that no one can control them. Seven woodcutters are eager to try. |
| 840794 | Wildest book week ever! The McKenzie, Heath | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781760971090 | It is Book week! The time to dress up as your favourite character. Who goes too far? Who does not go far enough? And who will win the first prize? Find out in the wildest book week ever. |
| 15832 | Wilf the mighty worrier battles a pirate Pritchett, Georgia | Quercus Children's Books | 2015 | 9781848669079 | Wilf is a worrier. He worries about gnomes, nutcrackers, bears, rats, scorpions, snakes, fish sucking his toes, snowmen eating him and lots of other things. Wilf is also worried about his next door neighbour, Alan. Alan is evil and he has plans to become a pirate and destroy the world. Wilf just happens to be the only one who can stop him. |
| 1103096 | Willa and Woof: Camp chaos Harvey, Jacqueline | Puffin Australia | 2024 | 9781761343568 | It's time for school camp and Willa is excited. But Tae, her best same-age friend, seems to be keeping a secret... Things aren't going too smoothly at camp either, so Willa will need to use all the camp survival skills Frank, her best old-age friend, has taught her and to recruit Woof, her best four-legged friend, to help save the trip. Can Willa turn everyone into happy campers? |
| 1019736 | Willa and woof: Double the drama Harvey, Jacqueline & Yi, A (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2023 | 9781761048937 | It's time to put on a play at school, but not everyone is getting along. Will a new friend come between Willa and Tae? |
| 682649 | Willy-willy wagtail Milroy, Helen | Magabala Books | 2020 | 9781925936605 | Meet the Bush Mob of animals, who live in the Australian outback and discover why Willy Wagtail needs them to come together for the very first time to work as a team and help each other out of danger. |
| 4871 | Windbag Harris, Christine & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780733612749 | Zeb's friends and family try to help him get rid of the hiccups but nothing seems to make them disappear. Zeb's worried he's going to fill up with air and fly away like a balloon. What if he's stuck like this forever. |

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| 811356 | Winner winner bin chicken dinner Temple, Kate & Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (Ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781760978754 | "Buzz off, bin chicken, you stinky sensation! Find somewhere else for you dinner reservation!" Ibis is on the lookout for food, but she's not welcome anywhere! Until she spies the most amazing dinner of all... |
| | Winnie the witch series Thomas, Valerie & Korky, Paul (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 46866 | Winning the World Cup Metzenthén, David & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302780 | After school, Marco and his neighbourhood friends, who have all come to Australia from different countries, play the World Cup in the local paddock. Henry, the new boy from Kenya, is too sad to play while his sister is in hospital, but he amazes the children with his knowledge of cows and, when his sister is better, with his ball skills. |
| 638656 | Winston and the wondrous Wooba Gymnastics Club Janu, Tamsin | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760662509 | When Winston's new step-sister to be Macy moves to Woobawittawoo with her dad, life in their small country town quickly turns upside down. Winston is thrilled but Macy is miserable and wants to go back to her old school. Wooba has the 'Big Bread', but what good is a crumbling tourist attraction? All Macy wants is to become an Olympic Gymnast and have somewhere to train. It's up to Winston and his friends to convince Macy to love Wooba as much as they do so they can all stay there forever. But how? Could a gymnastics club possibly be the answer to their problems? |
| 1019701 | Wish sisters, The: The Christmas wish Rushby, Allison & Blair, Karen (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2023 | 9780702266362 | It is Christmastime, but Flick and Bridie are not in a celebratory mood, because they miss their Granny Aggie. Their mother has an idea - to make gingerbread houses with gingerbread men included. And, to make it even more exciting, Flick has to make sure her little baby sister Bridie doesn't wish any extra things get included in the Christmas celebrations. How is Flick going to keep the strange goings-on a secret from the adults in her neighbourhood, especially when they are at the Christmas celebration in her home? |

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| 916529 | Wish sisters, The: The party wish Rushby, Allison & Blair, Karen (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2023 | 9780702265921 | Imagine if your baby sister could make wishes come true! Flick has just found out her little sister has a special gift. Birdie has wished for a super-fabulous unicorn party and it has magically appeared in their backyard! There's a rainbow slide made out of sour straps, a ball pit full of marshmallows and a real-life unicorn that poops cupcakes! How can Flick stop the nosy next-door neighbour finding out about Birdie's magic when the birthday cake is floating like a cloud? |
| 977609 | Wish sisters, The: The running wish Rushby, Allison & Blair, Karen (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2023 | 9780702265945 | It's School sports day and Flick is ready to race. Her Dad has also been practicing for the parent teacher race. But Flick is nervous, because events like this put her baby sister Birdie in a wishing mood. Can Flick make sure that the races go ahead without Birdie's influence on the results? |
| 10758 | Wishes for one more day Pastor, Melanie Joy & Grantford, Jacqui (ill) | Flashlight Press | 2006 | 9780972922579 | Two Jewish children start to come to terms with the death of their grandfather. Their mother is also grieving but lends strong support and suggests that the children draw and write about how they would spend one more day with him if they could. |
| 9552 | Wishing cupboard, The Hathorn, Libby & Stanley, Elizabeth (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780734403582 | When his mother goes away Tran's grandmother shows him a wishing cupboard. They find it full of things, places and special memories. |
| 12453 | Wisp of smoke, A Wrightson, Patricia | Puffin Australia | 2004 | 9780143301011 | Mrs Piggott is a dignified old lady. When she notices a frail plume of smoke that comes twisting up from the edge of the hearth, or else from the floor, she suspects rats. Some good-natured firemen come to her rescue. |
| 7598 | Witch of Blackberry Bottom, The King-Smith, Dick | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141302850 | Miss Slade is a recluse who lives in an old caravan in Blackberry Bottom. When new neighbours move in, she gradually starts to rejoin the village community. But no one knows that Miss Slade keeps all her money buried in a milk churn. |
| 47262 | Witch snitch Pounder, Sibeal & Anderson, Lauren Ellen (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408892046 | It is Tiga's first Witchoween when everyone celebrates how brilliant witches are. Tiga and Fran the fairy, have been asked to make a documentary about Sinkville's most famous witches. There are five very interesting witches but there is something mysterious as well. |

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| | Witch-in-training series Friel, Maeve & Reid, Nathan (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 846073 | Witched! The spellbinding life of Cora Bell McRitchie, Rebecca & O'Conner, Sharon (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2021 | 9781460757666 | <p>Cora Bell is racing against time. With her beloved guardian, Dot, badly injured, Cora must face fearsome werewolves, gross beetle worms and a vengeful warlock in order to save her.</p> <p>But as questions about her long-lost parents arise, Cora and her fairy friends begin a search for the one person who might hold all the answers. The one person who disappeared the same night Cora's parents did...</p> <p>Will Cora finally discover the truth about her family? Or will the evil syphon return to finish what he started, and destroy Cora once and for all?</p> <p><u>The thrilling conclusion to the magical Cora Bell series.</u></p> |
| 23613 | Wolf and dog Heede, Sylvia Vanden & Tolman, Marije (ill) | Gecko Press | 2013 | 9781877579387 | Dog and wolf are cousins, one tame, one wild, one literate, one not. Their numerous differences lead them to argue, which for Wolf, who is unable to read, is delighted when a good rhyme has been made. Wolf plays upon Dog's fear and responsibility as Boss' protector and Dog playing upon Wolf's inability to read. Neither comes to harm and both remain friends. |
| | Wolf kingdom series Harland, Richard & Peterson, Laura (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 18683 | Wolf's story, The: what really happened to Little Red Riding Hood Forward, Toby & Cohen, Izar (ill) | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844280162 | As everyone knows, there are usually two sides to every story and if you believe the sharp-toothed villain of Little Red Riding Hood, there is a logical explanation for everything. |

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| 5093 | Wolf, the duck & the mouse, The Barnett, Mac & Klassen, Jon (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406377798 | Early one morning a mouse met a wolf and was quickly gobbled up... When a woeful mouse is swallowed up by a wolf, he quickly learns he is not alone: a duck has already set up digs and, boy, has that duck got it figured out! Turns out it's pretty nice inside the belly of the beast, there's delicious food, elegant table settings and, best of all, dancing. And there's something more: no more fear of being eaten by a wolf! Life's not so bad, considering the alternatives. That is, until a hunter shows up... |
| 1038956 | Wollemi: Saving a dinosaur tree Tidy, Samantha & Gyan, Rachel (ill) | CSIRO | 2023 | 9781486316083 | For over 200 million years, The Wollemi Pine has survived ice, fire and passing generations, however drought and bushfires are threatening its survival. Wollemi: Saving a Dinosaur Tree explains the unique and critically endangered status of the Wollemi Pine and explores what actions can be taken today to contribute to the conservation of this rare and beautiful tree. |
| 18526 | Wolves Gravett, Emily | MacMillan | 2005 | 9781405050821 | Rabbit visits a library to read important facts about wolves, such as where wolves live, how many teeth they have and what they like to eat. No rabbits were eaten during the making of this book. |
| 2585 | Wolves Wallace, Karen & Pointer, Jonathon (ill) | Oxford University Press | 2009 | 9780199119356 | Explore the world of the wolf pack and their leader, the grey wolf. Learn about the amazing skills that the grey wolf has to survive, from its sharp senses and amazing memory, to its ferocious ability to hunt and kill. Discover how wolves communicate with one another and look after their pups. |
| 785440 | Wombat Cheng, Christopher & Duthie, Liz (ill) | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781760651374 | As the sun fades from the sky there is movement at the hole in the side of the hill. Wombat is about to begin her day. And she has a secret... As we follow Wombat through a day in her life, interesting facts about wombats explain more about what is happening. |
| 4922 | Wombat chronicles, The Syme, Marguerite Hann | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781862914537 | The wombats of the We Work Wonders Earthmoving Company have, amongst their employees, emus who try very hard to please and frogs who take industrial action. |
| 22629 | Wombat goes to school French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2014 | 9780732295493 | She eats, she sleeps, she scratches. When a wombat goes to school, anything is possible. |
| 9367 | Wombat who talked to the stars, The: The journal of a northern hairy-nosed wombat Morris, Jill | Great Glider Productions | 1997 | 9780947304287 | The northern hairy-nosed wombat is one of Australia's most critically endangered species. There is thought to be only one colony of sixty-five animals left. This is the story of wombat number 104 in that colony. |

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| 618972 | Wombat, Mudlark & other stories Milroy, Helen | Fremantle Press | 2019 | 9781925815818 | From a falling star to a lonely whale, an entertaining lizard to an enterprising penguin, these Indigenous stories are full of wonder, adventure and enduring friendships. Told in the style of traditional teaching stories, these animal tales take young readers on adventures of self-discovery and fulfillment. |
| 2102 | Wombatman and the veggie patch vandals Ferguson, Mike & Ryan, Steph | Little Steps Publishing | 2013 | 9781921928628 | Noseville Public School has a school veggie patch cared for by the school's environmental group and the school's two resident wombats. When the beautiful produce begins to disappear at an alarming rate the wombats are considered the prime suspects, with the principal demanding their removal. It is up to the wombats themselves to solve the mystery and retain their home. |
| 1019724 | Wombats are pretty weird: A (not so) serious guide Cushman, Abi | Greenwillow | 2023 | 9780063234437 | A book all about the weird and wonderful things about wombats, including how their teeth never stop growing and they have square poop. |
| 1974 | Wombats go on camp, The Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315040 | Freddie has one eye, Alecia hates everything and Horrie loves his pet rat. Join the class on a camping trip as they explore, build, cook, climb, perform and have the time of their lives. |
| 660671 | Women artists a to z LaBarge, Melanie & Corrigan, Caroline (ill) | Penguin Random House Australia | 2020 | 9781760896317 | These women revolutionised the arts, one brush stroke, photograph, and quilt stitch at a time! From household names like Frida Kahlo and Georgia O'Keeffe, to French-born Australian artist Mirka Mora, to underrepresented creators such as Jaune Quick-to-See Smith and Xenobia Bailey, this empowering alphabet picture book features a variety of genres-painting, drawing, sculpture, and more. Whether you're an art aficionado or finger-painting virtuoso, this vibrant collection of diverse women artists is perfect for you. |
| 9612 | Wonder dog, The Freeman, Pamela & Stanley, David (ill) | Koala Books | 2002 | 9780864614216 | Luke's parents just don't understand about how much a real dog can love you. They buy him the robotic wonder dog that never makes a mess or barks and never needs to be fed. Eventually, Luke's parents find out why a real dog is better. |
| 40229 | Wonder garden, The Broom, Jenny & Williams, Kristjana S (ill) | Wide Eyed Editions | 2015 | 9781847806475 | Open the gates of the Wonder Garden to explore five extraordinary habitats. Trek through the Amazon Rainforest, home to an incredible variety of plants, animals and birds. Travel to the Chihuahuan Desert, where conditions are fierce and the fearsome survive. Dive in the Great Barrier Reef, where the weird and miraculous exist together. Creep into the Black Forest, a dark and densely wooded region. Stand on the roof of the world, the Himalayan Mountains, to encounter majestic wildlife that is remarkably good at camouflage. |
| 9553 | Wonder thing, The Hathorn, Libby | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140557541 | You have to guess what the wonder thing is in this book. Lovely pictures and riddles to help you. |

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| 660706 | Wonderful wisdom of ants, The Bunting, Philip | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781743834084 | Have you ever wondered about the world of ants? The answers to life's biggest questions can be found in the smallest places, once you're ready to look. It's amazing what you can learn from the world of the ant. |
| 886440 | Wonderful Wizard of Oz, The Baum, Frank L & Sebag-Montefiore, Mary (adapt) & Alvarez Gomez, Lorena (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2022 | 9781474999038 | A superb adaptation of Dorothy's adventures for newly independent readers. Enjoy Dorothy's journey in Oz, as she travels along the yellow brick road with the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion, before coming safely home again. |
| 21243 | Word smith Kok, Stephen & Dedelis, P.R & Freeman, Peyton (ill) | TL Creative | 2018 | 9780994289940 | Victoria has the power to create words and we all know what power words can have. But when one of her words has repercussions beyond her wildest plans Victoria must use her skills as a word smith to make things right again. But will she be able to put things back the way they were or has life been irreversibly altered forever? |
| 1061437 | Words between us Krans, Angela Pham & Ho, Dung (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2023 | 9780063224544 | Felix and Grandma have always lived oceans apart, until the day Grandma arrives. Felix is so excited to meet Grandma and spend time with her, except they don't speak the same language! Perhaps they can connect in other ways, like their shared love of pizza, and by working together they can learn to share words aswell. |
| 846184 | World awaits, The Roberts, Tomos & Nomoco (ill) | Farshore | 2021 | 9780008502058 | We all know the feeling of waking up and not wanting to face the day. But what of the potential that slips away when we shut out the world and its boundless possibilities? Even our smallest actions, a king smile or thoughtful word, contribute to a powerful global goodness. For our world to be truly magnificent, every single one of us has a part to play ... |
| | World Book Bolt series Cooley Peterson, Megan | | | | 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. |
| 751040 | World of Roald Dahl, The Woodward, Kay & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Penguin | 2020 | 9780241447970 | Welcome to the wondercrump world of all things Roald Dahl, filled with fantastic facts, exciting extras, quirky quizzes and much more! |
| 12468 | World that we want, The Toft, Kim Michelle | University of Queensland Press | 2005 | 9780702234828 | Nine different habitats and forty-five fascinating creatures feature in this spectacular portrayal of the rare and fragile beauty of North Queensland. |
| 9502 | Worms Morgan, Sally | Thameside Press | 2001 | 9781930643130 | Worms can be found almost everywhere and they are an important part of nature's food cycle. The book shows the lives of worms in detail, from eggs and larvae to fully grown adults. |

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| 14908 | Worry Tree, The Musgrove, Marianne | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741662313 | Juliet's a worrywart and no wonder. Her little sister, her parents and her Nana are all behaving strangely, and her best friends are fighting over her. Juliet can't fit in any more worries. When she makes a special discovery behind the wallpaper in her new bedroom, Juliet realises she might just be able to solve some of life's big problems. |
| | Worst witch series Murphy, Jill | | | | 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. |
| 21065 | Would you rather be a tadpole Worth, B & Ruiz, A (ill) & Mathieu, J (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2011 | 9780007433094 | Look on and beneath the surface of a pond with the Cat in the Hat. He'll tell you all you need to know about the fascinating creatures that live there. |
| 587867 | Wrestle! Mars, Charlotte & Newell, Maya & Skattebol-James, Gus & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760296810 | I love wrestling. When I grow up, I want to be just like my wrestling heroes: big and tough, with really huge muscles. The only problem is, my mums don't like fighting... |
| 8075 | Wrestlefest fever Roy, James | Word Weavers Press | 2002 | 9781877073052 | Tom and Harry are wrestling fans but their Dad has left it too late to get their tickets. A chance meeting lets them attend the night of the Wrestlefest. |
| 1038817 | Wurrtoo Elisara, Tylissa & Finney, Dylan (ill) | Lothian Books | 2024 | 9780734421982 | Bushfire and the island's pig infestation make Kuula and Wurrtoo's adventure across the island dangerous and challenging. But Wurrtoo's desire to marry the Sky by climbing the tallest tree in the Forest of Dreaming on the Mainland is unstoppable and his unassuming heroic character and love of his world and his new best friend together with the Seven Sisters save the island from a terrible fate. |
| 886451 | Xtinct! T-Rex terror Stone, Ash | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9781408365694 | When a freak accident at his mum's lab turns a fossil into a T-Rex, Jeevan hopes they can bring other extinct species back to life. But for the hunters prowling the forest, a dangerous dinosaur would be the ultimate prize... With the help of his new neanderthal friend and a pet dodo can Jeevan save the T-Rex? |
| 2945 | Yakkinn the swamp tortoise: the most dangerous year Kuchling, Guundie & Gerald | Era Publications | 1996 | 9781863742726 | Australia's Western Swamp Tortoise, the world's rarest tortoise, is an endangered species. The baby tortoises' intense struggle for survival is revealed in this bittersweet story. |

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| 6006 | Yark, The Santini, Bertrand & Gapaillard, Laurent (ill) | Gecko Press | 2018 | 9781776571727 | The Yark eats children. But not any old children. He only likes to eat the good, sweet ones. Naughty children make him terribly ill. But one night he meets Madeleine and even though she is delightfully well behaved, he finds he would rather be her friend. Can The Yark avoid eating Madeleine? |
| 13317 | Year of Billy Miller, The Henkes, Kevin | Greenwillow | 2013 | 9780062268129 | Some things to know about Billy: he's worried about starting a new grade at school, he had an accident over summer, his little sister is annoying, he can run really fast and this is his year. |
| 9579 | Year on our farm, A Matthews, Penny & McLean, Andrew | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781862914414 | A farm provides the perfect backdrop for the cycle of seasons in Australia. This picture book takes readers through a month by month description of activities and changes on a family farm. |
| 1568 | Yobbos do yoga Gwynne, Phillip & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2013 | 9781921714832 | The neighbours have moved out and now there is no one living next door, peace and quiet at last, so Dad can do his yoga and be happy. Then Tubby, Ferret and King Wally Kahuna move in. They love throwing parties and playing air guitar. Worst of all, they are yobbos and everyone knows that yobbos and yoga don't mix. |
| 7923 | Yokki and the Parno Gry O'Neill, Richard & Quarmby, Katharine & Nelissen, Marieke (ill) | Child's Play International Ltd | 2016 | 9781846439261 | When a Traveller family experiences a run of bad luck, an imaginative boy called Yokki lifts their spirits with tales of a magical white horse. A traditional Romani tale. |
| 9373 | You and me Murrawee Hashmi, Kerri & Marshall, Kerri | Penguin | 1999 | 9780670883707 | The river links the present with the past, as the narrator recreates her own past and the experiences of Murrawee, her 'elder sister', living on the banks two hundred years ago. |
| 84304 | You and me: our place Norrington, Leonie & Huxley, Dee (ill) | Working Title Press | 2007 | 9781876288792 | Uncle Tobias is the fisherman Elder of an Aboriginal family. The story follows a typical day on the beach for the mob, collecting bush tucker and celebrating with family. Uncle Tobias tells stories of the original use of the Land, and remains almost oblivious to the many changes that the coming of Europeans made to this beach locale. |
| 886461 | You are 25% banana Brooks, Susie & Bloggs, Josy (ill) | Farshore | 2022 | 9781405299084 | Did you know that a grain of rice has more genes than you? Or that you're related to dogs, dung beetles and even daffodils? Luckily, even though you're 99.9% like a chimpanzee, you're still 100% YOU! The extraordinary world of genetics has never been explained so simply. You'll be amazed at what makes you YOU. |
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| 923391 | You need to chill! Dawson, Juno & Hughes, Laura (ill) | Farshore | 2022 | 9780008488284 | Sometimes people say to me: 'What happened to your brother, Bill?' That's when I look them in the eye and say: 'Hun, you need to chill.' When Bill can't be found at school one day, the imaginations of the other children run wild. Is he on holiday? Is he lost in the park? Has he been eaten by a shark?! It's up to Bill's sister to explain... |
| 3062 | You're only young twice Blake, Quentin | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842708569 | An almost wordless picture book. The bright, entertaining illustrations show how older people interact with the young in all sorts of situations, at meals, out of doors, keeping fit and sharing stories, not to mention enjoying music, art and special occasions. |
| 823235 | Your birthday was the best! Hutchings, Maggie | Affirm Press | 2020 | 9781925972535 | A birthday party is usually a very fun event, but this birthday party is most fun for the guest of honour. The cockroach arrives uninvited but is pretty sure he is the life of the party. After all, everyone seems to make so much noise when he shows up. |
| 1023681 | Your brain is a lump of goo Ben-Barak, Idan & Nielsen, Christopher (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761180156 | Hi, I'm your brain. Here are some things you should know about me: I'm about the size of a pineapple. I sit behind your eyes. I look like a big walnut (but gooey). I'm not a computer. So what do I do? Oh, just about everything. A fun-filled book made by brains, about brains, for brains. |
| 8618 | Yours sincerely, giraffe Iwasa, Megumi & Takabatake, Jun (ill) | Gecko Press | 2016 | 9781927271872 | In his African savannah home, Giraffe has everything he needs. But, as usual, Giraffe is bored. He'd love a friend to share things with. So, he writes a letter and sends it as far as possible across the other side of the horizon. There, he finds a pen pal called Penguin. Giraffe knows nothing about penguins and his letters are full of questions. Soon, a pen pal friendship begins as letters fly from horizon to horizon. |
| 571112 | Yours troolie, Alice Toolie Temple, Jol & Kate & West, Grace (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760523756 | Jimmy Cook (or Captain Jimmy Cook, if you don't mind) found Alice Toolie's diary in the Library. He read it, and it contained some not very nice things about Jimmy. Alice and Jimmy were both really mad with each other, so their teacher made them write letters to each other to apologise. Not so surprisingly, neither of them were really in the mood to say sorry. Alice and Jimmy find plenty to fight about in their letter book but they also, quite by accident, find they have more than a few things in common. |

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| 644928 | Yours troolie, Alice Toolie: The birthday wars Temple, Kate & Jol & West, Grace (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760875435 | It's a catastrophe! Alice and her worst enemy Jimmy both have their birthday parties on the same day. How will their friends decide which party to go to? There is only one obvious solution- a cake-off, who ever wins gets to have their party. Come on a hilarious journey with Alice and Jimmy to see who makes the best cake. |
| 648947 | Yucky, disgustingly gross, icky short stories: Barf blast Berran, Susan | Big Sky Publishing | 2018 | 9781925675245 | A fun, barf-filled action-packed, seriously gross book by the author of the "Freaky" series So you know all of those really yucky disgusting and gross, icky things that we talked about in Book One? Well, guess what? There's more disturbingly gross stuff that your parents don't like talking about in Book Two! For example, if you "upchuck," will it land on your head? And where does your nose go when it runs? How did a "streaker" end up in the book? |
| 36412 | Yummy Cousins, Lucy | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406316216 | These stories are treasures of the imagination. They are lively, bold and quite unforgettable. Favourite nursery stories are retold in bold language and with brilliant vibrant pictures. |
| | Zac Newton series Harrison, Paul & Davis, Rob (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
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| 642929 | Zanzibar Valckx, Catharina | Gecko Press | 2019 | 9781776572564 | Zanzibar wants to be written about in the local paper but he needs to have done something exceptional. When reporter Achille LaBlab knocks on his door, Zanzibar is disappointed to learn he is very ordinary, but Zanzibar decides it is never too late to achieve greatness and he sets off on a quest to find something to do that will make him exceptional. |
| 9435 | Zat cat, a haute couture tail McLaren, Chesley | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9780439273169 | A scruffy stray cat finds his life changed when he disrupts a Paris fashion show and unwittingly creates a new style that makes him the rage of Paris. |
| 9482 | Zebras Giles, Bridget | Grolier Education | 2001 | 9780717255016 | Describes the habitat, physical characteristics, life cycle and behaviour of zebras, the striped member of the horse family. |

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| 587866 | Zelda Stitch: Term 2: Too much witch Greenberg, Nicki | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760523671 | Zelda Stitch is trying to be a great teacher and to not use her magic, but trouble is brewing. She has a broken arm which alarmingly randomly lets off blasts of magic. One of her students has discovered she also has magical powers, and the PE teacher is seriously mean. With school camp quickly approaching will Zelda be able to become a hero or will she cause everything she cares about to vanish? |
| 15042 | Zen shorts Muth, Jon J | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9780439339117 | These Zen tales involve a poor man giving gifts to a robber, a farmer who realises there are silver linings to dark clouds and a monk who must learn to let go of his burdens. |
| | Zen tails series Whitfield, Peter & Bevington, Nancy (ill) | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 8194 | Ziba came on a boat Lofthouse, Liz & Ingpen, Robert (ill) | Viking UK | 2007 | 9780670028610 | A moving story about a little girl whose family has lost almost everything. Ziba, her mother, and other women and children from a tiny village escape the approaching war in Afghanistan to travel in an overcrowded fishing boat to a new life and freedom. |
| | Zinnia Jakes series Gurr, Brenda & Leschnikoff, Nancy (ill) | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| | Zombiefied series Various | | | | 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. |
| 15165 | Zoo album Morecroft, Richard & Mackay, Alison & Lloyd-Diviny, Karen (ill) | ABC Books | 2004 | 9780733306006 | A collection of stories and facts about actual animals living in zoos. Be informed about animals' personalities, behaviours and find out what their keepers say about them. |