



5-6 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 |
|---------|---|------------------------|------|---------------|--|
| 1209758 | (Be smart about) Screen time! Brian, Rachel | Little Brown | 2024 | 9780316575546 | This book will help you stay in charge of who you are - on and off your device. |
| 825 | 10 little insects Cali, Davide & Pianina, V (ill) | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9780987109910 | 10 intelligent insects, each with something to hide, are invited to a secluded island for the weekend. One by one, unusual things start to happen and they begin tracking a murderer. |
| 917732 | 10 Minutes of Danger Heath, Jack | Scholastic Australia | 2022 | 9781760978792 | 20 stories. 20 dangerous situations. 20 brave kids. 10 minutes to escape. Dodi is in the blast radius of an asteroid on a collision course with Earth. Gary is stuck up a tree with a giant tsunami wave fast approaching. Tatum is climbing a caldera when an earthquake makes the volcano erupt. |
| 21158 | 100 scientists who made history Mills, Andrea & Caldwell, Stella | Dorling Kindersley | 2018 | 9780241304327 | From brainy biologists and clever chemists to magnificent mathematicians and pioneering physicists, discover 100 remarkable scientists who shaped our world. |
| 41505 | 100 things to know about food Baer, Sam & Firth, Rachel & Hall, Rose & James, Alice & Martin, Jerome | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781409598619 | This informative book is filled with 100 fascinating facts about food: from how to grow a burger in a laboratory, to how many bees it takes to fill an orchard with apples. It contains bright, enticing illustrations, detailed facts on each page, an index and glossary, as well as internet links to specially selected websites which contain more information. |

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| 885983 | 100 things to know about music Usborne | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781474996730 | This book is for you if you like to explore unusual facts. Read this book to find out about a robot rover that sang its own birthday song, how NASA made music for aliens, the world's biggest bell that has never been rung, how rap could rescue endangered languages, if you want to sing opera you must first learn how to fight, synchronized swimmers hear music in their bones, how a deaf percussionist uses her foot as a huge ear and many more fun facts |
| 751193 | 100 things to know about saving the planet Various | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2020 | 9781474981835 | Could we generate all the power we need from the sun and the wind? How do woolly sweaters help penguins in peril? Would building a giant sunshade in space stop the world from overheating? Find the answers to these questions and more in this bold, graphic and exciting book, full of big, small and unexpected ways to save the planet. |
| 5891 | 100 things to know about science Frith, Alex & Lacey, Minna & Martin, Jerome & Melmoth, Jonathan | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2015 | 9781409582182 | Find out about familiar and less familiar topics, from the Earth's magnetic poles to spider venom and black holes. Lots of facts and colourful infographics cover one hundred science topics. |
| 774391 | 100 things to know about the oceans Various | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474953160 | From phantom islands to fish who sleep in pyjamas, if it lives in, travels on or affects the ocean, you will read it here. With 100 facts, finding out something new is guaranteed. |
| 995900 | 100 things to know about the unknown Firth, Alex & Martin, Jerome & James, Alice et al. | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781803705286 | A colorful information book filled with 100 fascinating and mind-blowing facts. Scientists and historians have discovered a lot about our past, our future and how the world works, but SO MUCH remains unknown. |
| 3094 | 100 women who made history: remarkable women who shaped our world Caldwell, Stella & Hibbert, Clare & Mills, Andrea & Skene, Rona | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2017 | 9780241257241 | From queens to scientists to artists to sportspeople, this book provides fascinating facts about the women who have impacted history. Including the stories of women who were famous at the time, and ordinary people whose impact has become known as time progresses, 100 Women Who Made History is an engaging insight into their impact on the world. |
| 40528 | 100% wolf Lyons, Jayne | Penguin | 2020 | 9781761040207 | Freddy Lupin is from a noble family of werewolves, but his first transformation ends in disaster when he turns into a yapping poodle instead of a fierce wolf. Now Freddie's Uncle want to turn him into minced meat! Just when he thinks things cant get any worse he goes into dog prison. Who is the sinister man following him and his doggy friend? Can Freddy prove that he is 100% wolf and save the werewolf pack from disaster? |
| 87206 | 101 ways to save the earth Bellamy, David & Dann, Penny (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2008 | 9781845079246 | This book deals with the fragility of our planet's ecosystem. Topics include household recycling, earth-friendly shopping tips, biodegradable products and links for further information. |

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| 1052142 | 11 Ruby road: 1900 Barka, Charlotte | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781760657949 | Dorothy and her family have moved from their farm to the city and life is very different. She struggles at school and dreams of writing and acting. With the help of her new Ruby Road friends and with the support of her family, Dorothy discovers that she can follow her dreams and also find an ingenious way to help the local suffragists in their fight for women's right to vote! Join Dorothy and her family at 11 Ruby Road in 1900, as Federation is dawning and a new century begins. |
| 1209716 | 11 Ruby road: 1925 Barkla, Charlotte | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760657956 | It is 1925 and Bert Mueller and his German-Australian family have moved from Ipswich to their new house at 11 Ruby Road. Bert's father has been deported to Germany after the Great War, and with Dad still absent, Bert is unsure about moving away. But the city means opportunity and jobs for his mother and older siblings. And for the grown-ups , it also means fun - dressing up, going out, and all that jazz. Bert loves jazz too, but he's too young for the clubs, and instead his time is spent at his new school where the kids play cricket, not music. But with the help of a Gramophone, Bert has a solution. He will start his own jazz club, and 11 Ruby Road has the perfect spot to host it. But as prejudice about Bert and his German family start to affect their new life, Bert has to find a way to save his jazz club and his family. |
| 1209875 | 113th assistant librarian, The Wilson, Stuart | Penguin Books Australia | 2024 | 9781761342257 | Oliver Wormwood hurries to the trade fair. He hopes to find his new life in a trade his father would be proud of but after a series of calamities Oliver is left with no prospects until he meets a mysterious man on the edge of the fair. The man was flustered, and late and before Oliver knew he found himself the 113th Assistant Librarian. But things don't go quite as planned. By the end of the first day he witnesses a death, is frozen by a book and meets a lot of cats. With the help of a strange girl called Oliver will he ever learn to protect the library and live longer than the 112 assistant librarians before him? |
| 4983 | 1836 Do you dare: Fighting bones Laguna, Sofie | Penguin Books Australia | 2014 | 9780143307556 | In 1836, Irish brothers, Danny and Declan Sheehan, are inmates at Tasmania's Point Puer prison for convict boys. When tragedy strikes and the prison bully is on the rampage, escape is the brothers only chance to survive. |

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| 34251 | 1841 Do you dare: The bushranger's boys Lloyd, Alison | Penguin Books Australia | 2014 | 9780143307563 | When Captain Ross shoots Jem's dog, Jem dreams of retribution. So, when a bushranger takes the Captain's horse and clothes, Jem isn't a bit upset, although he is still stuck on the Captain's homestead, far from the only family he knows. But, Alfie, the cook's son, and his mate, Tommy, an Aboriginal boy, become Jem's staunch supporters, even when his decisions aren't so smart. Join the three boys as they hole up in a secret hideout, rescue a puppy and meet a real live bushranger. |
| 35728 | 1844 Do you dare: The last horse race Moloney, James | Penguin Books Australia | 2014 | 9780143307822 | Within the rough and ready frontier settlement of Moreton Bay, which later became the city of Brisbane, Toby and his mates roam free, and linger at the fringes of the grown-up world. They are particularly interested in horse racing. But, it's a dangerous world and when Toby decides to take part in a race through the streets, he doesn't realise it will be a matter of life and death. |
| 7080 | 1854 Do you dare: Eureka boys Matthews, Penny | Puffin Australia | 2015 | 9780143308454 | Henry lives with his father and sister on the Victorian goldfields. Still mourning the loss of his mother and baby brother, Henry helps his father mine their claim, hoping to strike it rich. But they can't afford a mining licence so are at the mercy of corrupt police. When Henry meets a new friend, he enters a world of politics, riots and rebellion that will lead him to Eureka Stockade, one of the defining moments in Australian history. |
| 2943 | 1915 Do you dare: Jimmy's war Clark, Sherryl | Penguin Books Australia | 2015 | 9780143308027 | Jimmy's Dad died two years ago and older brother Arthur is in Egypt preparing enthusiastically for battle. Twelve year old Jimmy is now the man of the house. As Mum's health is fragile, Jimmy is forced to leave school and become the breadwinner, scraping together barely enough to cover minimal food and the rent. When Arthur returns, badly injured, Jimmy's life gets even harder, although there's still time for football. |
| 18878 | 1931 Do you dare: Tough times Mitchell, Simon | Penguin Books Australia | 2014 | 9780143308010 | During the Great Depression, when his father loses his job, Tom Parker sets out to save his family from eviction. He confronts bullies, financial hardship and prejudice but his determination and never-say-die attitude is as strong as his loyalty to his family. |
| 1 | 20,000 leagues under the sea Verne, Jules | Scholastic US | 1990 | 9780590451796 | The classic tale of an expedition to destroy a terrifying sea monster that becomes an undersea mission. It involves a visit to the sunken city of Atlantis in a giant submarine, the Nautilus, commanded by the mysterious Captain Nemo. |

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| 997696 | 300 minutes of mystery Heath, Jack | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781761200793 | 10 stories. 10 mysterious situations. 10 brave kids. 30 minutes of clues. Mercer stole a secret message. What happens when the spies find out? Hamzi is trapped in a maze. Why is his brother trying to kill him? Charlene's room escape game suddenly turns deadly. Can she figure out why? |
| 17400 | 31 ways to change the world Taylor, Tanis | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406327809 | An entertaining, colourful book containing scrapbook style images, illustrations and bits of information you would normally not even think about. We are reminded that change happens when we work together to make small changes. A great book to encourage children to get involved and make a difference. |
| 18364 | 43 Bin Street Michael, Livi | Orchard Books | 2005 | 9781843627258 | Kiko and Nattie are flies whose job it is to clean up after humans. When their house is occupied by Mrs Spick who has dangerous amounts of fly spray, they become flies with a mission. |
| 379 | 45 & 47 Stella Street and everything that happened Honey, Elizabeth | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781865080901 | The families and friends who live in Stella Street lead fascinating lives. |
| 587902 | 52 Mondays Ciddor, Anna | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760523480 | For Anna, the quest to find the most beautiful doll she has ever seen is the most important thing in the world. But it's only one of the adventures to be had growing up in 1960s Australia. Was it really such a short time ago that there were no computers, no mobile phones... no seatbelts? That milk was delivered to your front door every morning, and animals lived in tiny concrete cages at the zoo. Anna and her family celebrate birthdays and Passover, navigate friendships, illness, surprises and mishaps - all the lessons that come with growing up. And through it all, Anna never loses sight of her dream: to find an antique doll to love and treasure. |
| 15591 | 68 teeth Moloney, James | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143301912 | Jack is fishing when he attracts something much bigger than barramundi. A crocodile has entered the river on his family's property and it's hungry. |
| 15952 | 88 Lime Street: The way in Kirby, Denise | Omnibus Books | 2015 | 9781742991009 | When Ellen arrives at her new house, an old mansion with actual towers, she senses something stirring. When the dried-up fountain in the overgrown garden suddenly spouts water and weird messages appear, Ellen is determined to get to the bottom of the mystery. But, first, she needs to find a way into the peculiar tower with no door. |
| 1700 | A is for Australia Lessac, Frane | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781922179760 | From Bondi Beach to Rottnest Island, travel around Australia and uncover many exciting facts. |

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| 902479 | A is for Australian reefs Lessac, Frane | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760652258 | Along the shore of Australia, underwater reefs are bustling with the most amazing sea creatures living on the planet. What can blow bubble rings and swim through them? What has teeth on its eyeballs? What creature hides by moving? What poops out sand? Discover the answers to these questions plus many more incredible facts in this fantastic undersea exploration of Australian reefs. |
| | A murder most unladylike - Wells and Wong mystery 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. |
| | A Tale of Fontania 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. |
| | A-Z of Inventions and Inventors series Stoyles, Pennie & Pentland, Peter | | | | 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. |
| | A-Z of scientific discoveries series Stoyles, Pennie & Mulvany, Christine | | | | 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. |
| 1019704 | A-Z of who I could be, The Dalton, Chloe & Siew, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761180422 | "The A-Z of Who I Could Be" by Chloe Dalton and Kim Siew is an inspirational and beautifully illustrated picture book that showcases remarkable Australian athletes across 26 different sports. The book uses simple and engaging language to tell the stories of these elite athletes, and each story is accompanied by vibrant illustrations that bring the athletes' journeys to life, highlighting themes of perseverance, dedication, and success. |

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| 14931 | ABC book of Australian poetry, The Hathorn, Libby (comp) & Allen, Cassandra (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2010 | 9780733320194 | A rich variety of poems from classic favourites by Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson and C J Dennis, to contemporary works by Libby Hathorn, Max Fatchen and Steven Herrick. |
| | About animals series Davey, Owen | | | | 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. |
| 903368 | Accidentally Kelly Street Stewart, Briony | Affirm Press | 2022 | 9781922848055 | A new family arrive at a new house on a new street in a new neighbourhood. Being new can feel lonely, but on Kelly Street the neighbours are warm and welcoming, and small acts of kindness go a long way. Soon enough, strangers have become friends, and a new house becomes a home. |
| 15263 | Across the line Garnsworthy, Penny | Dragonwick Publishing | 2006 | 9780977522453 | Casey doesn't know whether he has stumbled across an alternate reality during his rugby league match, or if he has lost his mind completely. A story about sport, science and families. |
| 18327 | Action Jackson Greenberg, Jan & Jordan, Sandra & Parker, Robert Andrew (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2005 | 9781845073268 | In 1950, Jackson Pollock started to paint 'Lavender mist'. Through information and quotations, we get an insight into the life of an artist who dared to be different, his inspiration and thought processes and how he created his paintings. |
| 614603 | Admin use only #2 2024 PRC team | | 2019 | 9780143505747 | A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open. |
| 579246 | Admin use only #3 2024 PRC Team | | 2018 | 9780143505730 | A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open. |
| 36204 | Admin use only #4 2024 PRC Team | | 2016 | 9780143505723 | A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open. |
| 20324 | Admin use only #5 2024 PRC Team | | 2015 | 9780143308171 | A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open. |
| 4652 | Admin use only #6 2024 PRC Team | | 2017 | 9780143306535 | A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open. |
| 22017 | Admin use only #8 2024 PRC Team | | 2010 | 9780143304852 | A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open. |
| 886454 | Admin use only #9 2024 PRC Team | | 2022 | 9781760897161 | A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open. |
| 5525 | Adventures of Catvinkle, The Perlman, Elliot & Stitzel, Laura (ill) | Penguin | 2017 | 9780143786368 | A cat and dog can't be friends. When a pampered cat is forced to share her home with a lost dog, sparks are set to fly. But if Ula the dalmatian can just keep Catvinkle talking, maybe she can stick around long enough for the sparks to fizzle. A heartwarming story about finding a best friend. |

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| 71389 | Adventures of Robin Hood, The Green, Roger Lancelyn & Hall, Arthur (ill) | Puffin UK | 2010 | 9780141329383 | Robin Hood, the legendary outlaw hero, and his band of Merry Men hide in Sherwood Forest and steal from the rich to save the poor. Robin must outwit his evil enemies, Guy of Gisbourne and the treacherous Sheriff of Nottingham. |
| 14242 | Adventures of Robin Hood, The Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406311372 | Presented in comic strip and storyboard format, the eleven segments cover the origins of Robin Hood, the outlaws who became his Merry Men and his benefactors. |
| 6682 | Adventures of Scarygirl, The Jurevicius, Nathan | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742372938 | Abandoned on a remote peninsula, Scarygirl is rescued by Blister, a large friendly octopus. Blister and Scarygirl become best friends. But no one knows where Scarygirl came from, or who she really is, and her dreams are full of strange and disturbing visions. |
| 41094 | Adventures of Stunt Boy and his amazing wonder dog Blindfold Barr, Lollie | Pan MacMillan | 2014 | 9781742613673 | Everyone said his dad's motorbike crash was an accident but he doesn't believe them, not even for a second, and Stunt Boy is going to prove it. With his amazing wonder dog Blindfold and his best friend Benny, Stunt Boy has to find out who is trying to sabotage their Stoked Stunt Circus and stop them. |
| 660695 | Adventures on trains: The highland falcon thief Leonard, MG & Sedgman, Sam & Paganelli, Elisa (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781529013061 | Mystery abounds and friendship blooms as 12 year old Hal travels with his Uncle Nat on the final journey of the historic royal coal-fired steam locomotive, the Highland Falcon. What Hal didn't expect was discovering there was a stowaway. The twists and turns of adventure aboard a train full of notable aristocrats and society highlights such as actress Sierra Knight, Prince and Princess of Scotland,, Lady Elizabeth Lansbury, Countess of Arundel, Baron Wolfgang Essenbach and son Milo, take a dramatic turn when Lady Lansbury's pearl earrings and Lydia Pickle's diamond brooch go missing and the realisation that there is a thief on board! Can Hal, his new friend and Uncle Nat put the clues together before Inspector Clyde and Sergeant Prattle or will the thief get away under the very nose of Hadrian the royal guard. A journey of a lifetime from London to Scotland return is the only time to solve this mystery. |
| 565 | African critters Haas, Robert B | National Geographic Society | 2008 | 9781426303173 | Stunning photographs and engaging stories provide a rare glimpse into the struggles for survival in the African wilderness. The book includes large critters such as the big cats, elephants and rhinoceros, and small critters such as the dung beetle. |

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| 4908 | Aftershock Ashley, Bernard | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847800558 | Makis and his mother, Sofia, escape a devastating Greek earthquake, which took his father's life. London is a very different place and students tease him about his language and culture. Makis quickly earns a place in the school football team. Sofia, isolated by her grief and lack of English, sinks into depression. Makis has a brilliant idea to help her but competing loyalties mean that something has to give. |
| 6280 | Agatha Oddly: The secret key Jones, Lena | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780008211837 | Agatha Oddly is a girl who has embraced her namesake and aches to be a detective just like Agatha Christie. And she's well-equipped to do just that, having read hundreds of mystery novels and collected disguises and all the tools of the trade. When a few events all line up to suggest that she has the key to solve a mystery that has the whole of London's attention, she springs into action. Living in the groundskeeper's cottage in Hyde Park, Agatha's adventures are set in the beautiful and the dark parts of London. |
| 4263 | Agent nomad: Deadly magic Melki-Wegner, Skye | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780143780403 | After their mission in London, Nomad, Riff, Phoenix and Orbit are back at HELIX, training to master their magic. But things have changed. Nomad's secret is out. Her peers know she is a Witness; a sorcerer with the rare ability to read others' magic. This causes ripples at HQ, especially when it means that Steel, the most popular cadet in her class, is no longer the centre of attention. But there are greater threats than new rivals. When the cadets are sent to New Zealand to investigate a top-secret case, they find themselves in more danger than they bargained for. With no one to trust and time running out, it's a race to stop the Inductors before they have enough power to destroy HELIX for good. |
| 12879 | Agent Nomad: The eleventh hour Melki-Wegner, Skye | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9780143780151 | Spies. Secrets. Sorcery. Natalie Palladino was a normal fifteen-year-old, at a normal school, about to face a normal maths test. Now her codename is Nomad, and she's training to become a secret agent for HELIX. No one can know that sorcery exists. No one can know that HELIX protects humanity from the Inductors. And no one can know that Nomad is a Witness, with a dangerous magical gift. The Inductors are hunting her. If they find her, they will kill her. But there's a traitor inside HELIX, and only a Witness can identify them. The problem is, Nomad hasn't mastered her powers. She can't levitate, fight or wield magic like her fellow recruits. If she's the only hope to stop a sorcerous bomb being detonated, the world is in trouble. The eleventh hour is coming . . . |

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| 660697 | Agents of the wild: Operation Honeyhunt Bell, Jennifer & Lickens, Alice | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406388459 | Agnes Gamble never knew there was a secret agency for protecting rare and endangered animals. When a talking shrew takes her to the headquarters, she is keen to impress Commander Phil with her trial role in Operation Honeyant. Hopefully Agnes will become a permanent SPEARS agent. |
| 9314 | Aladdin and other tales from the Arabian nights Kerven, Rosalind & Mistry, Nilesh (ill) | Dorling Kindersley | 1998 | 9780789453891 | A retelling of the classic tales of the Arabian Nights, with beautiful illustrations and detailed historical information. |
| 871548 | Alex and the alpacas ride again Lefroy, Kathryn | Fremantle Press | 2022 | 9781760991739 | Alex thought she'd saved the world last summer, but it turns out she only completed half the job. This time around she is battling not one, but two evil spirits, determined to destroy life as we know it. Alex will need all the help of the alpacas and more to meet the challenge. |
| 6491 | Alex and the alpacas save the world Lefroy, Kathryn | Fremantle Press | 2018 | 9781925815412 | Alex is expecting a pretty boring summer. But when Mum takes her to visit her cranky old grandfather on his farm in Tasmania, weird things start to happen. The weirdest of all? Her grandfather's alpacas can talk! Then things go from strange to scary, and Alex must use all her brilliance and bravery to survive the sinister forces threatening life as she knows it. |
| 1017873 | Alex: Through my eyes Hawke, Rosanne & White, Lyn (ed) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760877002 | Thirteen-year-old Alex lives on a drought-affected property in South Australia with his mum, his dad, his kelpie dog Tangi and colt Jago. For years it hasn't rained enough for them to put a crop in. And while all the farmers in the area are suffering, Alex's dad is struggling more than most. As the drought stretches on, Alex helps his mum with the farm work while longing for the father he once knew. When Bonnie moves in on the neighbouring property with her camel-training family, even feral dogs and a missing classmate cannot stop the newfound friends' passion to make a difference to the environment and their community. Will Alex's dad recover - and will the rains ever return? |
| 7274 | Alexander the great: reckless conqueror Wilkinson, Carole | Black Dog Books | 2004 | 9781876372330 | Believing he was descended from Achilles and Hercules, Alexander set out to better their heroic deeds. For eight years, he led the Macedonians, mostly on foot, defeating huge armies and proving to be either a brilliant warrior or a ruthless invader. |
| 20616 | Alfred's war Bin Salleh, Rachel & Fry, Samantha (ill) | Magabala Books | 2018 | 9781925360608 | Alfred was just a young man when he was injured and shipped home from France. Neither honoured as a returned soldier or offered government support afforded to non-Indigenous servicemen, Alfred took up a solitary life walking the back roads - billy tied to his swag, finding work where he could. |

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| 995977 | Alias Anna Hood, Susan & Dawson, Greg | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2023 | 9780063083905 | The inspiring true story of two jewish girls Zhanna and Frina who are from Ukraine during World War 2. A story about courage, talent and persistence to escape war and the power of music to help overcome the challenges through difficult times. |
| 846231 | Alice in wonderland graphic novel Punter, Russell & Bursi, Simona | MacMillan | 2020 | 9781474952446 | When Alice follows a white rabbit into his burrow, she enters a fantastic world of weird and wonderful characters. Lewis Carroll's classic fantasy story is faithfully retold in this gorgeously illustrated comic book adaptation. |
| 4 | Alice's adventures in Wonderland Carroll, Lewis | Penguin | 2003 | 9781904351832 | On an ordinary summer's afternoon, Alice tumbles down a hole and an extraordinary adventure begins. In a strange, fantasy world, with even stranger characters, Alice finds herself growing more and more curious by the minute. |
| 9727 | Alice's food A-Z Zaslavsky, Alice | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781922179388 | Dip in and taste, in this edible adventure. Packed to the brim with funny food facts and clever cooking tips, as well as kid-friendly recipes, this book is ideal for the fact-hungry, the food-obsessed or those who just like to mess about in the kitchen. |
| 7028 | Alive in the death zone Hall, Lincoln | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741663372 | Mountaineer Lincoln Hall's miraculous story of climbing the world's highest mountain, being left for dead near the summit and then returning to life and safety. The world, including his family, had been told he was dead. Frostbite claimed Lincoln's fingers and toes and he lost nearly twenty kilograms. A story of courage and sheer determination. |
| 6 | All about Anna and Harriet and Christopher and me Hathorn, Libby | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780733611483 | Disasters seem to happen when Anna goes to visit her cousins every Saturday. |
| 15514 | All about Jada Mundine, Anthony & Luxton, Peter & Mundine, Danielle (ill) | Indij Readers | 2004 | 9780975686003 | This is a photo diary of the life of young Jada, daughter of boxer Anthony Mundine, the author of this book. Jada's special connection to her famous father inspired a tattoo. |
| 7016 | All cats have asperger syndrome Hoopmann, Kathy | Jessica Kingsley Publishers | 2006 | 9781843104810 | The similarities between cat behaviour and human personality are explored. Using photographs, a sensitive comparison is drawn between the humorous behaviour of cats and the behaviour of children which may be indicative of Asperger's syndrome. |
| 871762 | All four quarters of the moon Marr, Shirley | Penguin | 2022 | 9781760899554 | Peijing and Biju find themselves in a new and very different country with their mum, dad and grandmother. While all family members must come to terms with the new and strange place, the girls find friends and a community at school, something the adults do not have to help them adjust. The family are faced with many kinds of change and each member will respond in their own way to these changes. |

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| 660390 | All of us: A history of Southeast Asia French, Jackie & Hooker, Virginia & Wilson, Mark (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9781460750025 | Read a story that began 200,000,000 years ago of fascinating lands, including our very own Australia, that are linked together by seas and monsoon winds. Journey along with two children across eons of time and the changing lands of Southeast Asia. Discover with them a world filled with traders, adventurers, conquerors and ordinary people struggling for independence. This is a story of the hopes and challenges of a history that includes us all! |
| | All stars netball 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. |
| 1209727 | All the beautiful things Nannestad, Katrina & Heiduczek, Martina (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9780733343148 | The Nazis want everyone to be the same. If you're different, you don't belong. Not belonging is dangerous... Anna's little sister, Eva, is frail and needs time to learn new things. She has a huge heart and a gift for loving, but Hitler doesn't value such riches. And so she's hidden away. Safe for now, but with the threat of discovery always near. Anna does her best to bring joy and light to Eva's small life with stories, trinkets and treasures from the outside world. But soon, more children need hiding. Risks are taken - by Anna, by her best friend Udo, by a Nazi seamstress and feisty Brunhilde. Until Anna wonders if any of them will make it through the war... |
| 9321 | All the questions you ever wanted to ask Adam Goodes Williams, Jane & others | Indij Readers | 2003 | 9780975064061 | Three children interview great Aussie Rules footballer and role model for indigenous kids, Adam Goodes, who plays for the Sydney Swans. |

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| 618089 | All's faire in middle school Jamieson, Victoria | Penguin USA | 2017 | 9780525429999 | Eleven-year-old Imogene (Impy) has grown up with two parents working at the Renaissance Faire, and she's eager to begin her own training as a squire. First, though, she'll need to prove her bravery. Luckily Impy has just the quest in mind- she'll go to public school after a life of being homeschooled! But it's not easy to act like a noble knight-in-training in middle school. Impy falls in with a group of girls who seem really nice (until they don't) and starts to be embarrassed of her thrift shop apparel, her family's unusual lifestyle, and their small, messy apartment. Impy has always thought of herself as a heroic knight, but when she does something really mean in order to fit in, she begins to wonder whether she might be more of a dragon after all. |
| 924190 | Allergic Lloyd, Megan Wagner & Nutter, Michelle Mee (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781761128523 | At home Maggie is the odd one out. Her parents are preoccupied with the new baby they're expecting and her younger brothers are twins and always in their own world. Maggie thinks a new puppy is the answer but when she goes to select one on her birthday she breaks out in hives and rashes. She's severely allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet? |
| 2281 | Along the road to Gundagai O'Hagan, Jack & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2014 | 9781862919792 | The words of this familiar song Australian song have inspired the illustrations to tell the story of young soldiers away fighting in World War . |
| 567922 | Amal unbound Saeed, Aisha | Text Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781925773026 | Twelve-year-old Amal loves learning and dreams of becoming a teacher. Then something unimaginable happens. After an accidental run-in with the son of her village's corrupt landlord, she is forced to work as his family's servant to pay off her own family's debt. At the opulent and corrupt Khan estate, Amal realises she will have to find a way to work with others in order to bring about change, and to achieve her dreams. |
| 903289 | Amazing animal journeys Cossins, Jennifer | Lothian Books | 2022 | 9780734421432 | Come along on these amazing animal journeys. Did you know Arctic terns fly from the Arctic to the Antarctic and back every year? Or that the wildebeest migration in East Africa is so vast it can be seen from outer space? |
| 4911 | Amazing animals of Australia's national parks Newton, Gina. M. | National Library of Australia | 2017 | 9780642278883 | The animals of Australia are amazing. Find out what some of them look like and where you might see them. Whether you're on a trip to a national park or relaxing in a comfortable spot, you'll love dipping into this book. It includes 55 national parks and reserves and is full of up-to-date fascinating facts for more than 120 animal species, large and small. |

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| 82967 | Amazing bike ride, The Nicholson, Lori & Emerson, David | Wombat Books | 2010 | 9781921633126 | This is the real life account of the seemingly impossible ride from Tamworth to Port Macquarie which Lorin undertook as a sixteen year old school student. With his father as backup, Lorin rode his trusty, old mountain bike 275km across the Great Dividing Range in just three days and with less than ten per cent vision. |
| 705699 | Amazing islands Weiss, Sabrina & Hyndman, Kerry (ill) | What on Earth Books | 2020 | 9781912920150 | Discover 100 of the planet's most magical islands - their wildlife, trees, diversity, people, treasures, and more - in this beautifully illustrated book. From islands that have been taken over by animals to disappearing islands, islands made of shells, artificial islands, and even islands that were once prison colonies, Amazing Islands is a whirlwind tour of some of the smallest landmasses in the world and celebrates island life in all its extraordinary diversity. |
| 1767 | Amazing Spencer Gray, The Fitzpatrick, Deb | Fremantle Press | 2013 | 9781922089328 | Spencer Gray is twelve - finally old enough to join Dad in his glider. His mates are going to be so jealous. Going up is awesome, but when disaster strikes, Spencer will need to be nothing short of amazing. |
| 15670 | Amazing story of Adolphus Tips, The Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2005 | 9780439796613 | Set in wartime Devon, this is the diary of plucky young Lily Tregenza whose town is invaded by escaping evacuees and American soldiers. When Lily enlists the help of two young, black American soldiers to find her missing cat, there are surprising results. |
| 4214 | Amelia Dee and the peacock lamp Hirsch, Odo | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741753011 | The large old house where Amelia, a young and talented writer lives, holds a secret that is linked to the origins of a rare brass lamp, decorated with animals and peacocks. |
| 7074 | Amina's voice Khan, Hena | Simon & Schuster | 2017 | 9781481492072 | Amina and her best friend are starting year six and changes are happening around Amina which worry her. Her best friend now wants to change her Korean name to an English name and wants to hang out with one of the popular girls. Amina feels like she is losing her closest friend and wonders if she must also change to keep her friend. Events happening around her cause her to see both the challenges and rewards of being Pakistan American. |
| 903341 | Amira's magpie Gordon, Kate & Brennan, Krista (ill) | Wombat Books | 2021 | 9781925563986 | Amira has a magpie. He is the most beautiful, strangest of creatures. Amira imagines her magpie flying across the world, to visit the family she left behind when she escaped her homeland. And as she flies, she flies with him and she is free. Amira's Magpie is a story of friendship, family and escape; of bravery and resilience in the face of hardship. It is the story of hope we find in small happinesses, even when it seems like all hope is lost. |

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| | Amulet 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. |
| 5126 | Anastasia on her own Lowry, Lois | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1998 | 9780440402916 | When Anastasia and her father are left on their own, they find out just how hard housekeeping really is. |
| | Ancient and Medieval people series Park, Louise & Love, Timothy | | | | 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. |
| 14223 | Ancient Egypt: tales of gods and pharaohs Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406326680 | Full of mystery and adventure, the stories of the Egyptian pharaohs and their ancient gods are steeped in thousands of years of history. includes nine stories of Ancient Egypt, retold in comic strip style. |
| 10 | Ancient Rome: a guide to the glory of imperial Rome Stroud, Jonathan | Larouse Kingfisher Chambers | 2000 | 9780753452356 | An illustrated guide to the wonders of the civilisation of Ancient Rome. |
| 1019831 | Andromache between worlds Bergmoser, Gabriel | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2024 | 9781460759103 | Andromache Peters wants a normal life but this is almost impossible when your parents were famous adventurers who saved the world and nobody will let you forget it. Add to this the fact that her father has been missing for twelve of her fourteen years, her mother has retreated into her grief and Andromache has been expelled from yet another school. But when a mysterious stranger reveals to her that her father is not only still alive but trapped in a parallel world, Andromache is thrown into a daring journey across other universes to find and save the father she never knew. It's a journey so strange and dangerous that it will forever transform Andromache's life into anything but normal. |
| 70363 | Angel creek Rippin, Sally | Text Publishing Co | 2011 | 9781921758058 | There are only two things that Jelly likes about the new house on Rosemary Street, the old apricot tree and the creek over the back fence. One night, Jelly and her cousins spot something in the creek's dark waters. At first, they think it's a bird but it's a baby angel with a broken wing. Jelly decides to keep it. But, she soon discovers that you can't just take something from where it belongs and expect that it won't be missed. |

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| 2855 | Angel fish Wilkinson, Lili | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030463 | Historical novel based on the medieval Children's Crusades. Stefan, a charismatic, religious leader, has convinced Gabriel that only children will be able to liberate the Holy Land from the Infidel. Together, they raise an army and make the arduous journey over the Alps. The power of Stefan's promises dim as they suffer many misadventures. |
| 12 | Angel with a mouth-organ, The Mattingley, Christobel & Laci, Astra (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1985 | 9780340384442 | Two children listen to their mother's memories of wartime. |
| 11265 | Animal architects Nicholson, John | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781865089553 | An illustrated, factual book about shells, nests, mounds, bowers, galleries, dens and lodges. These are homes that animals around the world build to shelter themselves and their young. |
| 6049 | Animal ark: The purrfect sleepover Daniels, Lucy | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781408354001 | Amelia and Sam love helping out at Animal Ark vets, especially when they get to look after adorable kittens! But when Amelia cat-sits troublesome kitten Luna, the little cat causes a big problem ...With the naughty kitten, Amelia's new cat Star AND a cat event at Animal Ark, everything's going cat crazy! |
| 4757 | Animal eco-warriors Gill, Nic | CSIRO | 2017 | 9781486306213 | Meet the super dogs, hero rats and cyborg bees keeping our environment safe. Come on an action-packed adventure with an amazing mob of animal eco-warriors as they use their special talents to help solve our planet's environmental problems! From the nosy noses of biosecurity beagles at airports to rats learning to sniff out landmines in war-torn landscapes, animals are using their unique abilities to help make the world a better and safer place. With fantastic colour photos of animal eco-warriors at work, this book is full of fun facts on how animals are helping humanity work towards a more sustainable future. There are also plenty of tips on how you can make a difference to the planet. Join the animals eco-warrior team today! |
| 587876 | Animal life cycles Midthun, Joseph & Hiti, Samuel (ill) | World Book | 2014 | 9780716628200 | Discover why some duck eggs are brown, or why amphibians, fish and reptiles have so many babies. From the macabre caterpillar wasp to the caring kangaroo, the complexities of animal kingdom life cycles are explored in a colourful, humorous graphic novel. |

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| | Animal stars series French, Jackie | | | | 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. |
| 923384 | Animal toolkit, The Jenkins, Steve & Page, Robin (il) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780358244448 | What do apes, birds and crabs have in common? They all use tools in clever ways. Find out why dolphins use sponges or how the corolla spider uses seven small quartz rocks to detect prey. Can you guess what a raptor does with a burning stick, or how a bear makes use of a rock? The Animal Toolkit is filled with fascinating facts about these and other clever creatures. |
| 3734 | AniMalcolm Baddiel, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780008185152 | Malcolm doesn't like animals. Which is a problem because his family loves them. Their house is full of pets. What the house is not full of is stuff Malcolm likes. Such as the laptop he wanted for his birthday. The only bright spot on the horizon is the Year 6 school trip, to...oh no! A farm! Over the next few days, Malcolm changes. He learns what it's really like to be an animal. A whole series of animals, in fact. It does make him think differently. And speak differently. And, um, smell differently. But will he end up the same as before? |
| 7000 | Animalium Broom, Jenny & Scott, Katie (ill) | Templar Publishing | 2014 | 9781783700608 | Welcome to the virtual museum. Wander the six galleries, which present the animal kingdom - Invertebrates, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals. Each chapter features a different branch of the tree of life, from the simple sponge to the enormous elephant. |
| 8730 | Animals at war George, Isabel & Jones, Rob Lloyd | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2007 | 9780746077016 | A collection of true stories about animals that have been involved in war. The book looks at how horses, dogs, birds and other animals have contributed to war efforts. Moving stories and great photos to match. |
| 1011 | Animasaurus: Incredible animals that roamed the Earth Turner, Tracey & Russell, Harriet (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781408884850 | From gigantic sharks to giant sloths, meet the beasts of the past. Find out about the fascinating prehistoric creatures that once walked, swam and hunted our planet. Compare these with living animals, to discover creatures from throughout Earth's history. |
| | Animorphs series Applegate, K A | | | | 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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| 756047 | Anisa's alphabet Dumbleton, Mike & Simmerville, Hannah (ill) | MidnightSun Publishing | 2020 | 9781925227574 | For many refugees the alphabet represents the start of a new language and a new future, but Anisa's Alphabet is different. A poignant and highly imaginative telling of one girl's story which will appeal to children and adults alike. Come with Anisa, and see things through her eyes. In this picture book, Anisa takes the reader though the alphabet, describing her journey from an unnamed war-torn country to a refugee camp, then on to an overcrowded boat towards supposed freedom and security. |
| | Anne of Green Gables series Montgomery, L M | | | | 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. |
| 17 | Antarctica McDonald, Kellie | Reed Library | 1996 | 9781863910491 | This book contains a vast amount of information about the environment and life in Antarctica. |
| 82528 | Antarctica book, The: Living in the freezer Norman, Mark Dr | Black Dog Books | 2007 | 9781921167867 | Antarctica is at the bottom of our planet and the coldest place on earth. Find out about the animals that live there and how these clever creatures survive. Includes detailed information, beautiful colour photos and a scale to measure each animal against humans. |
| | Antarctica series Reid, Greg | | | | 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. |
| 14507 | Antarctica: the heart of the world Tulloch, Coral | ABC Books | 2006 | 9780733312304 | Take a journey to Antarctica with this comprehensive and highly illustrated guide. Learn about Antarctica's unique geography, its rare beauty, the captivating animal and plant life, human exploration and scientific research. Discover what it's like to live in an Antarctic station and how to survive on the ice. |
| 9561 | Anthology for the earth Allen, Judy (ed) | Candlewick Press | 1998 | 9780763603014 | A collection of writings by people of many cultures and countries, including Sir David Attenborough, a Kapayo Indian chief, and an eleven year old boy. All talk of the need to treat the earth with care to preserve it for future generations. |
| 115582 | Anthony Browne's King Kong Browne, Anthony | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780552553841 | This the traditional story of King Kong, brought to life with Browne's wonderful and unique illustrations of the apes. It is a very moving and exciting retelling of the story. |

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| 15037 | Anton rocks on Metzenthén, David | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143301400 | Anton might only be little in stature but he has a great talent. By the time he reaches high school, Anton has heard all the size jokes. His resourcefulness and music save the day and the Rock Eisteddfod. |
| 660747 | Anzac girl: The war diaries of Alice Ross-King Simpson, Kate & Racklyeft, Jess (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760637019 | This is the true story of a young nurse, Sister Alice Ross-King, who provided invaluable medical help to countless soldiers during the First World War. This story of heroism, love, and bravery is told with direct references and samples from her diary, letters, and photographs. She went on to become the most decorated woman in Australia. |
| 26566 | ANZAC heroes Gill, Maria & Ivancic, Marco (ill) | Scholastic New Zealand | 2016 | 9781775433637 | From nurse and pilot to soldier and spy, find out about thirty ANZAC heroes, who risked everything, left everything and lost everything as they participated in World Wars I and II. |
| 46921 | ANZAC sons: Five brothers on the Western Front Marlow Paterson, Allison | Big Sky Publishing | 2015 | 9781925275148 | The Great War was a senseless tragedy that brought sorrow to families all over the world. This is the story five brothers who served, compiled from over five hundred letters and postcards, written from the battle front. From the training grounds of Victoria, Egypt and England, to the Western Front battlefields, this compelling, true story was compiled by the granddaughter of a surviving brother. This is a story of mateship, bravery and sacrifice, and a heartbreaking account of a family torn apart by war. |
| 4016 | Applesauce weather Frost, Helen & Bates, Amy June (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2016 | 9780763675769 | When the first apple falls from the tree, siblings Faith and Peter know that it is applesauce weather. And that means that Uncle Arthur should be here. It seems like he needs a little more time to grieve. This is the first year without Aunt Lucy after all. This is a heartfelt tale about the strength and love of family and the power of a good story. |
| 15481 | Apprentice witch, The Nicol, James | Chicken House | 2016 | 9781910655153 | Arianwyn fails her witch's assessment. To the delight of her arch-rival, Gimma, Arianwyn is awarded the dull bronze disc of an apprentice and, in disgrace, sent to protect the remote, dreary town of Lull. But, Arianwyn's new life is far from boring. Dark spirits and strange creatures creep out of the wood. And just as Arianwyn starts to get her feet under her, shadows start to creep into her own magic. |

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| 1080658 | Apprentice witnesser, The MacDibble, Bren | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761180781 | Lodyma Darsey is the Witnesser of Miracles who investigates miraculous events and spins them into stories she tells at the night markets. Orphan Bastienne Scull is her ... apprentice? Foster child? Basti isn't sure but is making herself real useful standing in for Lodyma's lost family. Because ten years ago, after her husband and elder son died of a sickness that continues to sweep the land, Lodyma sent her younger son to live with the isolated mountain men, and he hasn't been heard of since. Basti and Lodyma might not be a proper family, but neither of them have anybody else until, one day, news of a miracle reaches them and, when Lodyma and Basti investigate, what they discover will change their lives. |
| 21638 | Archie Cupid and Lizzie Imp England, Kathryn & Sheehan, Peter (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143302049 | Archie Cupid is a perfect angel. Lizzie Imp is just perfectly naughty. They don't like each other until Archie's arrow and Lizzie's spitball miss their targets and everything changes. |
| 7536 | Archie Greene and the magician's secret Everest, D D | Faber & Faber | 2014 | 9780571309054 | On his twelfth birthday, Archie Greene receives a mysterious present, an old book, written in a language he doesn't recognise. It comes with a Summoning - Archie must travel to Oxford to return the book to the Secret Library. But, the magical book under Archie's protection is dangerous, and dark spirits hunt it out. In this magical world, bookshelves are enchanted, librarians are sorcerers and spells come to life. |
| 7083 | Archie's letter: an Anzac Day story Flanagan, Martin & Walters, Ainsley (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9780980794878 | The story of an ordinary man who went to fight in World War II. It tells how he dealt with his wartime experiences, how, at the age of ninety one, he agreed to meet a group of elderly Japanese women interested in world peace, and how he could never forget the young men who were with him during the war and who didn't come back. |
| 45647 | Are trees alive Miller, Debbie S | A & C Black | 2012 | 9781408173893 | Although trees are plants and humans are animals, we have many similar characteristics. This book describes those characteristics, and celebrates some of the magnificent trees that grow on our planet, along with the diversity of life that surrounds them. |
| 29844 | Ariki and the giant shark Davies, Nicola & Kinnear, Nicola (ill) | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406369793 | Ariki is not like the other children on Turtle Island. She belongs heart and soul to the sea, where she plays all day with the dolphins and turtles. One day, a giant shark appears and the fishermen are too afraid to go out. Without fish the people will starve - and only Ariki can save the day! |
| 116036 | Art fraud detective Nilsen, Anna | Kingfisher | 2000 | 9780753411957 | The security guard at the Town Hall Gallery has a big problem. Some of the priceless masterpieces have been stolen and replaced with cunning forgeries. The guard needs your sharp eyes and patience to identify the fake paintings. |

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| 15731 | Art, history, place Nicholls, Christine | Working Title Press | 2003 | 9781876288433 | A recognised art expert looks at the astonishing diversity of visual work done by Indigenous Australians today, while exploring the traditions and influences that shaped their work. Although much Indigenous art is part of an artistic movement over forty thousand years old, Indigenous artists also have a remarkable capacity to use new media, styles and subject matter in their work. |
| 1019865 | Artezans: The forgotten magic Lapinski, L.D. | Orion | 2024 | 9781510113015 | Edward Crane has always feared he won't have any magic at all. Sure, he's part of a powerful magic Artezan family, but he's adopted. His twin sister, Elodie, isn't so worried, but then everything always seems to work out perfectly for her. So when Ed discovers he does have an Artezan power after all, he's relieved. And it's more than he ever could have imagined - in fact, it's a dream come true. But the problem with dreams is that sometimes they twist themselves into nightmares. And with Ed's new abilities growing by the day, there's a chance that this nightmare will become all too real. |
| 10192 | Artie and the grime wave Roxburgh, Richard | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760292140 | Artie and his best friend, Bumshoe, have stumbled upon a Cave-of-Possibly-Stolen-Stuff, and a gang of shady characters, including scary Mary, fang-toothed Funnel-web and the devious Mayor Grime. Artie and Bumshoe's attempt to solve the mystery sparks a chaotic chain of events that involves kidnapping, puppy-dog cutlets, modern art and pioneering the sport of the bungee-wedgie. Winner Book of the Year Award Speech Pathology Australia 2018 (8-10 Years Category) |
| 12365 | Artists are crazy and other stories Catran, Ken | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404756 | Eight wry and brilliant stories that tell the truth behind some of history's great moments. It includes stories about Leonardo da Vinci, Vikings, Christopher Columbus and the mummy of the great counsellor to the Pharaoh Rameses. |
| 689238 | As fast as I can Tangey, Penny | University of Queensland Press | 2020 | 9780702262814 | Ten-year-old Vivian is determined to compete at the Olympic Games one day. So when Vivian discovers she has a talent for cross country running, she's excited her Olympic dream might come true. But then a family illness is uncovered and all of Vivian's plans begin to unravel. Can she keep her hopes alive? Or will she be stopped in her tracks? |
| 23 | As I grew older Abdulla, Ian | Scholastic Australia | 1993 | 9781862911833 | Ian Abdulla tells of his life and experiences growing up in a traditional Aboriginal family, living the Nunga way of life on the Murray River in the 1950s. |
| 24 | Ash Road Southall, Ivan | Front Street Books | 2004 | 9781932425116 | A group of children have to battle a bushfire with only two elderly men to help them. |

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| 21059 | Ash Rover: keeper of the phoenix Darlison, Aleesah | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781922179029 | Ash Rover stumbles across a phoenix egg, but this magical bird is going to bring danger to his village. Ash is soon on a desperate quest to save his family and friends. |
| 88118 | Asphalt and feathers Sydney Youth Writing Competition | Sydney Youth Writing Competition, Inc | 2008 | 9780980581102 | Be inspired to write by reading the winning poems, short stories and plays from students in Years 3-6 in the 2008 Sydney Youth Writing Competition. Participants had to include the signature words, feathers and/or asphalt, in their entries. |
| 751115 | Aster's good, right, things Gordon, Kate | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780648492573 | I can't let go of them - the good right things - because if I do I'll turn into a cloud and float away, and a storm will come and blow me to nothing. Eleven year old Aster attends a school for gifted kids, but she doesn't think she is gifted at all. If she was, her mother would not have left. Each day Aster must do a good right thing a challenge she sets herself, to make someone's life better. Nobody can know about her things, because then they wont count. Then she meets Xavier, who has his own special mission. When they do these together, Aster feels free but if she stops doing her good right things will everything fall apart? |
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| 886456 | Astonishingly good stories Spratt, R A | Puffin Australia | 2022 | 9780143779261 | A lovestruck merpig, a peppermint-stick Parthenon, a vegetarian spider and so much more! From R.A. Spratt, bestselling author of Friday Barnes and Shockingly Good Stories, comes this collection of twenty terrific stories featuring Greek myths and fractured fairytales as told by Nanny Piggins (the world's most glamorous flying pig), a mystery investigated by Friday Barnes (girl detective) and a series of tales so tall they will give you altitude sickness. This book will delight children from four to one hundred and four. Just the thing for reading at bedtime, when you're supposed to be doing your homework or when you've been chased up a tree by an escaped rhinoceros and you're waiting for the zookeeper to arrive. |
| 9199 | Astrid Spark fixologist: the girl with the incredible, magnetic fingers D'Ath, Justin | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865087184 | The silly, inventive and fun adventures of a girl with a magnetic finger. |

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| 660724 | Astronauts: Women on the final frontier Ottaviani, Jim & Wicks, Maris (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781250760036 | The U.S. may have put the first man on the moon, but it was the Soviet space program that made Valentina Tereshkova the first woman in space. It took years to catch up, but soon NASA's first female astronauts were racing past milestones of their own. The trail-blazing women of Group 9, NASA's first mixed gender class, had the challenging task of convincing the powers that be that a woman's place is in space, but they discovered that NASA had plenty to learn about how to make space travel possible for everyone. |
| 3867 | Atlas of oddities: discover the amazing and diverse world we live in Gifford, Clive & Worrall, Tracy (ill) | Egmont Childrens | 2016 | 9781405281362 | Living on the planet are more than 7 billion people, all with their own interests, traditions and ways of life. And the extraordinary scenery, from the icy poles to scorching hot deserts, lush tropical rainforests, giant rocky caves and canyons, remarkable rivers, lakes and seas, also provides a home to a phenomenally wide range of different animals and plants. This unbelievable round-the-world adventure will take you through all of our continents and countries, and on the way you will get to see just how diverse the world can be. The beautifully illustrated maps feature key aspects, such as borders, capital cities and major rivers, and are perfect for engaging young readers. |
| 660189 | Atticus Van Tasticus Daddo, Andrew & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2019 | 9780143796541 | Climb onboard the pirate ship Grandnan and adventure with Atticus and his wiley crew as they search for treasure, brave the elements and battle the meanest pirates on the seas. An action packed and highly improbable adventure full of funny cartoon illustrations and puns that will tickle your funnybone! |
| 751035 | Atticus Van Tasticus: The treasure of treasures Daddo, Andrew & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2020 | 9781760892869 | With the Map of Half Maps finally in the hands of Atticus and his crew, the rest should be easy, right? Wrong! Rattling skeletons, ghosts, monsters from the deep, killer sucking sands and a boiling hot tub are just some of the obstacles between them and certain treasure. |
| 10569 | Audacity: stories of heroic Australians in wartime Walker, Carlie & Hatherly, Brett (ill) | Dept of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial | 2014 | 9781877007934 | The eleven Australians featured may not have used the word 'audacity' to describe their acts of bravery, for which they won awards and honours. But, each of them took risks in wartime, helping others against extreme dangers which could have cost them their lives. Stories of soldiers, prisoners of war, nurses, airmen and sailors are told, with the backdrop of the many wars involving Australia over the last one hundred years. |

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| 855823 | August & Jones Harry, Pip | Lothian Books | 2022 | 9780734420350 | <p>Eleven-year-old Jones Kirby has just moved to Sydney from her farm in country New South Wales. She's missing her alpacas and wide-open paddocks and can't get used to her family's tiny city apartment. She's also worried that her vision is blurry - she lost her eye to cancer as a toddler. Could it be another tumor?</p> <p>Enrolling at her new school, Jones meets shy, awkward August Genting. He loves fun facts, the library and knitting as much as Jones loves rock climbing and being outdoors. Who would have thought they'd become fast friends?</p> <p>At home, August's parents are fighting. And for Jones, the news from the doctor is not good. To cheer themselves up, the pair hatch a brilliant plan: the August and Jones Must-See Bucket List. Together, this brave duo will set out to meet a rare monkey, run across the Harbour Bridge and even climb Australia's highest mountain."</p> |
| 885151 | Augustin and the hot air balloon Metzenthen, David | Ford Street Publishing | 2022 | 9781925804966 | <p>Augustin is a poor boy who lives in a barn. Celine is a rich girl who lives in a mighty palace. They are both adventurous. Their worlds collide during a one of their daring adventures which lands them in a world of terrible trouble and dangerous secrets.</p> <p>David Metzenthen has combined fact with fiction to create a story of wonder, mystery and excitement.</p> |
| 570821 | Aussie legends alphabet Feiner, Beck | ABC Books | 2017 | 9780733338946 | <p>There are Australians from all walks of life. Some have famously contributed to our history. Here is a list of 26 colourfully presented in alphabetical order.</p> |
| | Aussie notables series Drummond, Allan & Lumsden, Glenn (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> |
| | Aussie stars series McCallum, Grant | | | | <p>Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.</p> |

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| 785301 | Aussie stem stars: Eddie Woo Lim, Rebecca | Wild Dingo Press | 2021 | 9781925893403 | Named as one of the world's Top ten teachers, Eddie Woo has already packed a lot into his short life. Australian High School Maths teacher, education ambassador and advisor, author, TV Host and 'WooTube' sensation, Eddie has been putting the magic into maths for the past ten years. |
| 785309 | Aussie stem stars: Fiona Wood Burne, Cristy | Wild Dingo Press | 2020 | 9781925893281 | Fiona Wood is a plastic surgeon whose expertise in burns treatment came to the world's attention in 2002 in the wake of the Bali bombings. From defending the weak and fixing the broken to fighting for her chance to study medicine, the story of plastic surgeon and spray-on skin inventor Fiona Wood shows us the value of dreams, hard work, and having the courage to do what is right. |
| 785415 | Aussie stem stars: Gisela Kaplan Gale, Emily | Wild Dingo Press | 2021 | 9781925893465 | Gisela Kaplan's story begins in post-World War II Germany. Despite incredible challenges as a child, she retained a profound curiosity, care and compassion for all living things. Her captivating, ground-breaking scientific research on Australian magpies, tawny frogmouths and other iconic bird species, as well as primates, make Prof. Kaplan a world-leading expert in animal behaviour, especially of Australian birds. Professor Kaplan is on a mission to spread the word about how intelligent and surprising birds are, before time runs out for many of them. |
| 660483 | Australia remembers Paterson, Allison | Big Sky Publishing | 2018 | 9781925675771 | Every year there are special days when we remember all those who have fought in the past to keep Australia free and those who still fight today to keep us safe. On 25 April - Anzac Day - and on 11 November - Remembrance Day - we stop to think about those people and how much they have done for us. Australia Remembers presents a detailed explanation of the origins and traditions of Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, exploring both their connections and significance to young Australians today. |
| 886017 | Australia's dangerous bush creatures Mollard, Myke | Woodslane Press | 2022 | 9781925868869 | Australia has many venomous, dangerous and scary animals. This book is an adventurous exploration of our most feared wildlife. It is overflowing with visual storytelling, maps and facts about Australian snakes, sharks, spiders, crocodiles, stingrays, mosquitoes, goannas, ticks and more. |
| 13384 | Australia's deadly and dangerous animals: fact file Cermak, Michael (phot) | Steve Parish Publishing Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741931327 | Find out about fifty-six species of Australian animals categorised as deadly, dangerous, harmful or disease carrying. Interesting information and close-up coloured photographs of snakes, crocodiles, insects, spiders, marine life and mammals indicate their physical characteristics, the effects of their venom, where they are commonly found and the number of human deaths they cause. |

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| 12682 | Australia's neighbours: Indonesia Hinchey, Jane | Redback Publishing | 2018 | 9781925630060 | Indonesia is the world's largest island country, with 17,508 islands, of which about 6,000 are inhabited. Find out what life is like in Indonesia. Discover Indonesia's ethnic diversity and how people live, work and play. Learn about the events that shaped this fascinating country. |
| 1075805 | Australia: Country of colour Racklyeft, Jess | Affirm Press | 2023 | 9781922863881 | <p>With its vivid red dirt, big blue skies, wild green bushland and golden sandy beaches, Australia is a country of extraordinary colour.</p> <p>Here is a celebration of the stunning plants and animals of this colourful country, from vibrant pink Flame Peas to startling blue Fairy Wrens, electric yellow Billy Buttons, glossy black Tasmanian Devils, and many more.</p> <p>Come and take a closer look at nature's paintbox and the rainbow of life that lives in Australia, from one of our best-loved picture book creators.</p> |
| 593287 | Australian birds Chun, Matt | Little Hare Books | 2018 | 9781760502003 | It took millions of years of isolation and a diverse range of habitats for Australian birds to evolve the way they did. The result is many of the world's most striking and beautiful birds, including some that are stranger than fiction. 16 remarkable species are featured in this beautiful book. From the iconic cockatoo, to the endangered cassowary, Australian Birds has been carefully curated to inform and entrance readers of all ages. |
| 12671 | Australian landscapes: Water Dixon, Rachel | Redback Publishing | 2018 | 9781925630237 | Australia is the second driest continent on Earth, after the Antarctic. The availability of water has defined the spread of human settlement, from the arrival of the first Aboriginal Australians over 50,000 years ago, right up until the present. Water is precious in Australia and it is not a free resource. Discover the role in human history of the hidden, underground water sources across Australia and see how the presence or lack of water has affected our geography, economy and history. |
| | Australian Library 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. |

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| 660323 | Australian sea life Chun, Matt | Little Hare Books | 2019 | 9781760504694 | Lurking under Australia's oceans live a vast array of stunning and sometimes dangerous creatures. Sixteen of them have been featured in this stunning book. From the dangerous Great White Shark to the delicate Weedy Sea Dragon learn some new facts about how they live and be amazed by the beautiful illustrations. |
| 5855 | Australians all Wheatley, Nadia & Searle, Ken (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781741146370 | Covers the history of our continent from the Ice Age to the Apology, from the arrival of the First Fleet to the Mabo Judgement. Some of the subjects of the eighty mini-biographies of young Australians have become nationally or even internationally famous. Others were legends in their own families and communities. |
| | Averil series Barwick, John | | | | 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. |
| 14990 | Avoid being a convict sent to Australia Costain, Meredith & Antram, David (ill) | Koala Books | 2005 | 9780864615176 | A light-hearted but factual account of the social conditions and crimes that led to convicts being transported to Australia. An accurate and vivid account is given of life when Australia is reached. Cartoon-style illustrations add to humour. |
| 6357 | Awful Auntie Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2014 | 9780007453610 | Stella Saxby is the sole heir to Saxby Hall. But, awful Aunt Alberta and her giant owl will stop at nothing to get it from her. Luckily, Stella has a secret, and slightly spooky, weapon up her sleeve. |
| 15195 | B is for bravo Burgemeestre, Kevin | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405357 | Facts about aircraft and flight. Dramatic illustrations take you on an alphabet journey through the last hundred years of flight from boomerangs to modern planes, including the Flying Doctor, Scramjet engine research and Charles Kingsford Smith. |
| 620083 | Baby business Seymour, Jasmine | Magabala Books | 2019 | 9781925768671 | Baby Business tells the story of the baby smoking ceremony that welcomes baby to country. The smoke is a blessing - it will protect the baby and remind them that they belong. This beautiful ritual is recounted in a way young children will completely relate to. |
| 14442 | Bad eggs Wide, Steve & Mackintosh, Michelle (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405661 | Hard Boiled Egg has a mystery to solve in the fridge. It takes him through all the shelves as he tries to catch the Bad Eggs. A very punny story, written in simple text. |

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| 28 | Bad girls Wilson, Jacqueline | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9780440863564 | Mandy has been picked on at school for as long as she can remember. She can't believe it when cheeky, daring Tanya wants to be her friend. But, Mum thinks Tanya is not a suitable friend and, when Tanya shoplifts, there is trouble ahead. |
| 1785 | Bakir and Bi Boyd, Jillian & Mordey, Tori-Jay (ill) | Magabala Books | 2013 | 9781921248863 | Bakir and Mar live on a remote island called Egur with their two young children. While fishing, Bakir comes across a very special pelican named Bi. A famine occurs, and life on the island is no longer harmonious. One day Bakir and Bi disappear and Mar and the children are forced to make the journey to another island by canoe and so begins the adventure. |
| | Ball stars series Lawrence, David | | | | 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. |
| 804719 | Ballad of Melodie Rose, The Gordon, Kate | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263217 | When Melodie Rose is abandoned on the steps of Direleaf Hall, she realises she must be a ghost. Strangely, she is not sad. With the three other ghostly girls who haunt the school and a gloomy crow on her shoulder, Melodie has never felt more at peace. Finally, she has a place to call home. So when the Lady in White arrives with plans to flatten the beloved school, Melodie Rose must act fast to save all she holds dear. But what can one powerless ghost do? |
| 9351 | Ballet Bussell, Darcey | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751328004 | Meet Darcey Bussell, a principal dancer with the Royal Ballet in London, who has performed in many theatres. With Patricia Linton, a teacher at the Royal Ballet School, Darcey introduces you to all the key aspects of the magical world of ballet. |
| 31 | Ballet shoes Streatfeild, Noel | Penguin | 1984 | 9780140300413 | Three orphaned sisters are sent to ballet school for training and are determined to make their name famous. |
| 6313 | Ballet Stories Davidson, Susanna & Daynes, Katie & Cullis, Megan & Courtauld, Sarah & Gilbert Nanos, Yvonne (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2018 | 9781474922050 | A beautifully illustrated collection of twelve classical stories, which will whisk you away to the magical world of Ballet. Dance with the Nutcracker Prince, soar with the Firebird and delight in the drama of Romeo and Juliet. |

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| 772877 | Balloon girls Pitt, Darrell | Text Publishing Co | 2021 | 9781922330567 | Times are tough in the small town of Yallaroo where Ally Simpson has lived her whole life. The whole area is in drought and people are going broke or moving away. So when Ally hears about a competition to win the trip of a lifetime to visit the Smithsonian Museum in the USA, she knows she's got to do everything she can to try and win. Ally enlists her best friends Harmony and Ping to help her plan the most impressive experiment she can imagine: to send a video camera to the edge of space, and prove once and for all that the earth is round. At first, Ally is pretty sure she's got the whole competition stitched up. But then, as one disaster after another derails her plans, she begins to learn the importance of staying grounded even while she's aiming for the sky ... |
| 32 | Bamboo flute, The Disher, Garry | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733615887 | Twelve year old Paul tries to raise the spirits of his father and others during the Great Depression by reintroducing music into their lives. A tramp, Eric the Red has shown Paul how to make a bamboo flute. |
| 846118 | Banjo Tully D'Ath, Justin | Ford Street Publishing | 2021 | 9781925804904 | Banjo Tully hasn't ever given much thought to climate change. But when he meets 'conservation nut' Mai Le - after the worst drought in living memory puts his future in jeopardy - Banjo sets out on an 800-kilometre solo horse ride. It's a journey that could not only save his family's farm, but also change the planet. |
| 984 | Barack Obama: hope for the world Alexander, Tim | Orion | 2009 | 9781409113140 | Every page includes facts and photos about Barack Obama's childhood days, his rise to the top job in the world and how he plans to change America, and the world, for the better. |
| 27230 | Barlay Kickett-Tucker, Cheryl & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) & Morgan, Sally (ed) | Fremantle Press | 2010 | 9781921696114 | Sometimes, grown-ups tell scary stories to teach kids a lesson. And, sometimes, those scary stories turn out to be true. Sarah, Jay and Rene find out the hard way what sort of tale their Nan's Woordatj story is when they wander off into the bush, despite her warnings. |
| 56180 | Barry Thompson, Colin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781864718836 | Barry has awesome powers, which he releases from the back of the couch where he is stuck, to save the Earth from falling apart. |
| 12327 | Batman: the animated series guide Beatty, Scott | Dorling Kindersley | 2004 | 9781405304283 | A celebration of the Warner Brothers animated series, packed with images from the TV show and the comic books it inspired. Contains in-depth profiles of the main heroes and villains, and annotated illustrations of the key weapons and places. |
| 4573 | Batsford books of Music for children, The Rumens-Syratt, Rebecca | Batsford | 2016 | 9781849943093 | Music is great because it means we can sing along to our favourite songs, play instruments with our friends and read sheet music- it's like a secret code. With this book you will be a marvellous musician in no time. |

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| 1096796 | Batthew Aromascent and missing corpse flower Mulvey, Ella & Roebuck, John | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2024 | 9781761212635 | Batthew has a nose for trouble, and when the world's smelliest flower goes missing, he and best friend Lavender are on the case! Sent as a seed by his parents before they vanished on a scent expedition, the Titan Arum is a link to his family and his past. Now Matthew and Lavender have just three days to locate the flower before it withers and dies - along with any clues to the whereabouts of his parents. Will they find the flower or will the scent be lost forever? |
| | Battle boy series Carter, Charlie & Jeffery, Russell (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. |
| 22989 | Battle of Britain: a Second World War spitfire pilot 1939-1941 Priestley, Chris | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407103709 | Harry Woods is a proud spitfire pilot in the fledgling Royal Air Force of 1939. All he has ever wanted to do, since he saw his first plane, is be a pilot. But, now, all he can remember are the roar of the engines and the rattle of machine guns. His friend, Lenny, has lost a leg in a dogfight with the German Luftwaffe. Harry is determined to fight on bravely for all he holds dear but the dangers are terrible and the thrills exhausting. |
| 14098 | Battle of the jade horse Lloyd, Alison | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143305774 | Battle of the Jade Horse Author: Alison Lloyd Hu and Ren are friends during the second century in China. Their families come from different social classes and each must make choices that may hurt their friendship. How will their friendship be able to survive? |
| 8412 | Beach sports car Oxenham, Darlene & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) & Morgan, Sally (ed) | Fremantle Press | 2010 | 9781921696060 | When Annie's dad promises her a beach sports car, she imagines a bright red hotrod with racing car stripes. But, it will take a lot of work to turn Dad's battered old bomb into the car of Annie's dreams. Then again, hard work can sometimes make the rewards seem so much sweeter. |
| | Bear Grylls survival skills handbooks series Grylls, Bear | | | | 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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| 26246 | Bear Grylls: Spirit of the jungle Grylls, Bear | Pan Macmillan London | 2016 | 9781509828623 | Mak and his family are in India. Things are going well until their raft is capsized on a wild river and Mak is separated and lost deep in the Indian Jungle. Can Mac survive long enough to find his way out of this strange, unfamiliar and dangerous landscape of bugs, bats, monkeys, snakes, bears, wolves, panthers and worst of all poachers? And if he can survive, will he really want to leave? |
| 34 | Beast Wild, Margaret | Scholastic Australia | 1992 | 9781862911468 | Eleven year old Jamie, a fearful boy, confronts his biggest fear, the class bully. Through his ordeal, he comes to realise that, while magic can't stop bad things from happening, intelligence and courage can. |
| 660612 | Beast of Buckingham Palace, The Walliams, David | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2019 | 9780008385644 | The year is 2120. Prince Alfred, a sickly boy of twelve, has never known life outside Buckingham Palace, but evil forces are at work and he must do battle with the king of the beasts, the Griffin... |
| 23503 | Beast of Hushing Wood, The Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780143309178 | Ziggy Truegood feels a threatening presence in her tiny town of Hushing Wood, which is deepened by a recurring nightmare she has. When Raffi, an exotic young boy, and his grandfather come to town Ziggy's fears intensify. Unfortunately, her own wise and knowledgeable grandfather is ill, unable to help her. She wonders are the pair there to save her or to hunt her? |
| 871645 | Beatryce prophecy, The DiCamillo, Kate & Blackall, Sophie (ill) | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781529503623 | One night a bedraggled girl is discovered in a stable by a monk. She only remembers her name is Beatryce and that she can read and write. In a time when only the monks and nobles were permitted to do this, the monk knows she is special and dangerous. Hunted by the king's men, will she find her way home to fulfil her destiny? |
| 669543 | Become a leader like Michelle Obama Moss, Caroline & Erkas, Sinem (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2020 | 9780711245174 | From her early life to living in the White House we learn how she used her global platform to bring about change. Using key lessons from her work we learn new skills we can all apply to our own lives. |
| 1915 | Beetle boy Leonard, M G & Sarda, Julia (ill) | Chicken House | 2016 | 9781910002704 | When his dad mysteriously goes missing from his job as Director of Science at the Natural History Museum, Darkus Cuttle moves in with his eccentric uncle. Next door live two lunatic cousins with an enormous beetle infestation. But, the beetles are anything but ordinary. They're an amazing, intelligent super species, and they're in danger of being exterminated. Darkus and his friends must save the beetles. But, they're up against the mad scientist of fashion and haute couture, Lucretia Cutter, who has dastardly plans for the bugs. |

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| 35 | Beetle soup: Australian stories and poems for children Morrow, Robin (comp) & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1996 | 9781863885928 | An anthology of Australian stories and poems with whimsical pictures. |
| | Before they were famous series Corby, 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. |
| 36078 | Beginner's guide to revenge, The Musgrove, Marianne | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742750866 | At just thirteen, Romola has changed school five times and always has trouble making friends. By chance, she meets Sebastian and they help each other resolve some serious feelings of injustice. Romola is having trouble with some friends who are being mean to her and Sebastian is missing his dad. If someone did something very hurtful to you and you had a perfect way to pay them back, would you do it? Romola and Sebastian have to make just such a decision. |
| 1078782 | Being Jimmy Baxter Lloyd, Fiona | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9781760148515 | It's not eggsactly easy being Jimmy Baxter 'cause: -The real Jimmy's hiding inside - Ned Kelly's giving him the evil eye - Mum's stopped going to work and stays in bed - There's no eggs in the fridge - or anything else. AND there's new jobs, bad-at-school brains and a whole lot of trouble called Duke. But then ... there's Mac. |
| 12770 | Belonging Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2004 | 9780744592276 | This wordless picture book, with exquisite collage illustrations, explores the re-greening of a city, the role of community and the significance of children, family and neighbourhood in changing the urban environment. |
| 7709 | Beowulf Morpurgo, Michael | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406305975 | Beowulf, the fearless warrior battles three evils that terrorise the entire kingdom of Denmark. He slays Grendel the merciless ogre and his vengeful sea hag mother. In his old age, Beowulf faces a bloody struggle with the deadly dragon of the deep in which he may not be as successful as in his youth. |
| 903346 | Berani Kadarusman, Michelle | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761068027 | Ari and Malia are both students in Indonesia, but one comes from a wealthy family and the other from a farming family in a small village. Both of them find themselves tied up in moral and ethical dilemmas where their actions, while so clearly right to them,, will not be popular with family or friends. Knowing the right thing to do does not mean it is an easy choice. |

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| 10812 | Best mate Morpurgo, Michael | HarperCollins Australia | 2007 | 9780007262434 | Joy and heartbreak combine in this bittersweet tale of a champion greyhound's journey through life as he passes from owner to owner. A wonderful story of the bond between a pet and three families who get back much more than they could have imagined from allowing a dog into their lives. This book is also known as Born to Run. |
| 1096775 | Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 1 Keenan, Cath (ed) | Sydney Story Factory | 2021 | 9780648996064 | The best of Story Factory Volume 1 showcases an amazing collection of prose by young writers through their participation in writing workshops which continued through the Covid-19 pandemic in Australia. Skillfully written personal and funny perspectives and ideas of what it means to write to an audience getting across what they think and feel. |
| 1096782 | Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 2 (younger readers edition) Keenan, Catherine (ed) & Short, Richard (ed) | Sydney Story Factory | 2022 | 9781922719102 | Thoughtful, warm, insightful, interesting and funny these stories come together to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Story Factory. From talking flowers, superheroes from the neighbourhood and the Museum of COVID-19, these young authors have created and edited their own words about things their audience may like and enjoy reading, from dream to grandmother's museum. |
| 1176958 | Best witch in Paris, The Crozier, Lauren | Text Publishing Co | 2024 | 9781922790880 | Luna swaps her moonstone ring for a boobook owl in the Lost forest while promising to keep the bird hidden. This is not easy when the fearsome Madame Valadon (the Best Witch in Paris) is missing her boobook owl and will do anything to find it. Could it be that Luna has Madame Valadon's boobook owl familiar? A familiar can only belong to one witch. Luna needs to solve the puzzle and avoid Madame Valadon's clutches. This is a magical adventure that will make any reader smile. |
| 24183 | Beth: the story of a child convict Wilson, Mark | Lothian Books | 2016 | 9780734416773 | After being caught stealing on the streets of London, Beth is sent to Australia as a child convict on the First Fleet. Through Beth's story, we discover the unbearable hardships those first convicts suffered, not only on the long journey to Sydney Cove but also in the two years of near-famine following their arrival. A story inspired by the life of the youngest female convict with the First Fleet. |
| 660400 | Beverly, right here DiCamillo, Kate | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406391633 | Beverly Trapinski has buried her beloved dog. One of her three friends has suddenly moved away without a goodbye. Her father is long gone and her mother does not seem interested in what Beverly does. It is August, 1979 and it seems that the only thing for Beverly to do is leave town. At age 14, she finds herself in a new town with a job clearing tables, but she knows this is not enough. If she can only open her heart a little, she will find that the small town is full of people who need a little more in their lives too. |

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| 836 | Beware of the storybook wolves Child, Lauren | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2000 | 9780340779163 | This book with colourful illustrations and an interesting layout will tell you what to do if the wolves ever escape from your storybook. |
| 10695 | Beyond the knock-knock door Monk, Scott | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741664072 | After ruining a classmate's costume party, the Bowman triplets are chased into the city sewers. Locked inside, they discover a gateway to another world where sharks fly, swashbucklers scheme and party costumes become real. The triplets are mistaken for famous heroes and must fight the biggest trouble of all. |
| 38 | BFG, The Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2001 | 9780141311371 | The big friendly giant captures Sophie but he only wants to keep her, not eat her, as the other giants would. |
| 1019868 | Bidhi Galing: Big rain Heiss, Anita & Campbell, Samantha (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2023 | 9781761105258 | Told from the point of view of Wagadhaany, a Wiradyuri girl who loved dancing, this is the story of the Great Flood of Gundagai in 1852. Wiradyuri heroes, Yarri and Jacky Jacky paddled bark canoes through raging floodwaters, risking their own lives to save countless others. Learn history through Wiradyuri language and marvel at the beautiful illustrations in this book. |
| | Big bash league series Panckridge, Michael | | | | 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. |
| 33129 | Big book of Antartica, The Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2017 | 9781742034188 | Antarctica is the driest, coldest and windiest continent on Earth. Even though it is a harsh and difficult place to live, Antarctica is home to more than a thousand plant and several hundred animal species. Antarctica has 90 per cent of Earth's ice and plays a major role in our weather. Scientists from around the world live and work in Antarctica to better understand the future of our planet. Welcome to The Big Book of Antarctica. |
| 2400 | Big book of Aussie dinosaurs Richards, Kel & Singleton, Glen (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781742830568 | Everything you have ever wanted to know about when dinosaurs ruled Australia. |
| 903077 | Big book of exhibits, The Bullock, Marita & Hargreaves, Joan-Maree & Rowland, Liz (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9780734419996 | Explore some of the most surprising and awe-inspiring exhibits and museum collections on Earth. From microscopic star diamonds to a poo making machine, discover amazing and fascinating exhibits around the world. |
| 63187 | Big book of fantasy quests Dixon, Andrew | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2006 | 9780746070383 | Detailed and colourful fantasy-adventure scenes filled with things to find, mysteries to solve and colourful creatures and characters to outwit. |

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| 923455 | Big cat Racklyeft, Jess | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761066580 | Big Cat is mysterious. Big Cat is chaotic. Big Cat is lawless. Catherine is not. She likes things to be neat, tidy and orderly. But when the two meet, they discover they have more in common than they think and that sometimes the best adventures can be found in your own backyard. |
| 3053 | Big dig, The McKinlay, Meg | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921529139 | When the Newton Community Pool is closed until further notice, Nathan and his mates are unimpressed. The alternative, the BayView Leisure Centre, might be modern and flashy, but it is steamy, crowded and no fun. But, Nathan has an idea that is so brilliant in its simplicity. They can dig themselves a pool in the backyard. |
| 35281 | Big little book of happy sadness, The Thompson, Colin | Random House Children's Books | 2008 | 9781741662573 | One Friday, George visits the animal shelter and, in the very last cage, he sees Jeremy, a sad dog who looks as lonely and lost as George feels. |
| | Big Nate 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. |
| 12972 | Big picture book of environments, The Long, John | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741754605 | With stunning images and fact boxes, this book reveals Earth's diversity and beauty. It explores the effects of changing climate on environments around the world including the great rivers, deserts, Arctic regions, cities and forests. |
| 14856 | Big picture book of human civilisation, The Long, John | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741757002 | If you love facts and figures or you are a budding scientist, this book will tell you about the great advances and crises of human history, from 20,000 years ago until now. Read about the first cultivated crops, the taming of cats and dogs, the discovery of electricity, the earliest city and lots more. |
| 18392 | Big picture book, The Long, John & Choo, Brian (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741143287 | Description of Planet Earth's history from twelve billion years ago until now. Also includes a prediction about its future. |
| 603343 | Big picture, The: Men who changed the world Jones, Grace & Rumblelow, Matt (ill) | The secret book company | 2019 | 9781912171842 | Throughout time men have accomplished some great things. Read about some very famous men and discover what they have done and how it has impacted the world we live in today. |
| 603312 | Big picture, The: Women who changed the world Jones, Grace & Rumblelow, Matt (ill) | The secret book company | 2019 | 9781912171835 | Women can do amazing things, this book looks at some very famous women and what they have achieved in their lives. Learn more about some women you may have heard of, and find out about some women from the past who changed how things were done. |

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| 19816 | Bill rules Fensham, Elizabeth | University of Queensland Press | 2010 | 9780702238482 | Bill and Matty are the best of friends and neighbours which leads to exciting adventures and, sometimes, more than a little trouble. When Bill learns that his father is coming home from jail, his world is tipped upside down. Worries start to mount but Matty has an idea to help Bill. But life doesn't always go according to plan. |
| 18412 | Billie and the parent plan Bryant, Ann | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2005 | 9780746067550 | Billie's mum is getting married to a bald, old man. Billie doesn't fit in with her uncool stepfather and her posh stepsister and would rather live with her best mate, Archie. A funny book about Billie's valiant attempts to resist her new family. |
| 73198 | Billionaire boy Walliams, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2010 | 9780007445349 | Joe Spud is the richest twelve year old because his father reinvented toilet paper and became rich. He owns a racing car and a crocodile, but the one thing he can't buy is a friend. When he changes schools, he encounters twin bullies, a greedy lunch lady and new friends. |
| 15134 | Billy Mack's war Roy, James | University of Queensland Press | 2004 | 9780702234798 | When Captain Mack is released from prison camp at the end of the war, no-one is sure what to expect, least of all his son Billy. He might be the same man who went off to war full of hope and pride or his experiences may have changed him forever. |
| 2305 | Billy that died with its boots on, The Whiteside, Stephen | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781922077431 | Paying homage to the rhythms, word play and humour of Banjo Paterson and C.J Dennis the author has looked to everyday Australian activities, landscapes and people for inspiration. The 65 poems are gathered in fifteen loose groupings including animals, leisure activities, and places. Best read to or with someone. |
| 751154 | Bindi Saunders, Kirli & Leffler, Dub (ill) | Magabala Books | 2020 | 9781925936667 | Meet 11-year-old Bindi. She's not really into maths but LOVES art class and playing hockey. Her absolute FAVOURITE thing is adventuring outside with friends or her horse, Nell. A new year starts like normal - school, family, hockey, dancing. But this year hasn't gone to plan! There's a big art assignment, a drought, a broken wrist AND the biggest bushfires her town has ever seen! |
| 14038 | Bionicle: legacy of evil Farshtey, Greg | Scholastic UK | 2006 | 9780439828079 | The Piraka are the embodiment of evil. It is a mystery how they met, what caused them to join forces and how they learnt about the Mask of Life. Even more mysterious is the seventh Piraka. |
| 14259 | Bird Martin Vidal, Beatriz | Simply Read Books | 2015 | 9781927018644 | Let your imagination fly in this evocative, wordless picture book. |

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| 846157 | Bird singers, The Wersocki Morris, Eve | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9781444963328 | Sisters Laylah and Lizzy always loved the ancient myths, legends and fairy tales of Poland told to them by their grandmother. But when sinister things start happening on their holiday, they discover that some myths are more real than they could ever have imagined |
| 895459 | Birdbrain Hawkins, Kelli Anne | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781460759219 | When seven strangers arrive at a small Australian caravan park to tell Hadley Boggs that her dad is the long lost heir to the kingdom of Ludrovia, she can hardly believe it. Soon Hadley jets off to an exciting new life where she is a princess and meets dancing goats. But then she discovers the president's secret deal to sell the country to a cheese loving billionaire. She knows she must act. But can she save Ludrovia before everything turns to fondue? |
| 45953 | Birds of prey close up Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2016 | 9781742033341 | Take a closer look at these amazing predators. They use their keen eyesight, curved beaks, sharp talons and powerful legs to hunt, capture and kill their prey. |
| 1078058 | Birdsong Balen, Katya | Barrington Stoke | 2022 | 9781800900981 | Annie has lived through a car accident but a damaged hand has left her musical dreams in tatters. Will she find the confidence to play again and to dare to dream of the healing powers of music? A new friend and a blackbird might make all the difference. |
| 2245 | Birthday book, The: An illustrated treasury of stories and poems Morpurgo, Michael (ed) & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Jonathan Cape | 2008 | 9780224083607 | A collection of fact and fiction, some extracts and some complete works, with a common theme of birthdays. Illustrations by Quentin Blake add a lovely dimension. |
| 660758 | Birthday boy Baddiel, David & Field, Jim (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2017 | 9780008200510 | Sam Green can't wait until his eleventh birthday. He is really looking forward to it and wishes it was his birthday every day. At first, it's quite exciting when his birthday happens again the next morning. And again. And again. But sometimes you have to be careful what you wish for |
| 6470 | Bit of a hero, A Phinn, Gervase | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842709092 | Tom is finding it hard to come to terms with the death of his father, a firefighter, who lost his life trying to save a child. Life just gets worse when a bully joins his class at school and Mum meets a new man. Tom wonders whether he can find the courage within himself to stand up to the bully, and to accept the many changes in his life. |
| 43 | Blabber mouth Gleitzman, Morris | Pan MacMillan | 1992 | 9780330273534 | Rowena cannot speak. Unlike Rowena, her father, whom she decides to change, is blundering and enthusiastic and obsessed with country music. |

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| 88179 | Black Baron Opie, Robyn | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150586 | Black Baron was the best racing cockroach ever, in fact he was unbeaten. He lived a secret life of privilege and fame hidden under Jake's bed, until the day that Jake's mum discovered him. Black Baron must survive the exterminators if he is to live to race again. |
| 5625 | Black book of colours, The Cottin, Menena & Faria, Rosana | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406322187 | An extraordinary and unique picture book, complete with Braille and embossed illustrations. All black in colour, it is stylistically striking and offers the sighted reader an unparalleled insight into the interpretation of the world from the perspective of a blind child. |
| 723924 | Black brother, black brother Parker Rhodes, Jewell | Little, Brown Books for Young Readers | 2020 | 9780316493802 | Sometimes, 12-year-old Donte wishes he were invisible. As one of the few black boys at Middlefield Prep, most of the students don't look like him. They don't like him either. Dubbing him "Black Brother," Donte's teachers and classmates make it clear they wish he were more like his lighter-skinned brother, Trey. When he's bullied and framed by the captain of the fencing team, "King" Alan, he's suspended from school and arrested for something he didn't do. Terrified, searching for a place where he belongs, Donte joins a local youth center and meets former Olympic fencer Arden Jones. With Arden's help, he begins training as a competitive fencer, setting his sights on taking down the fencing team captain, no matter what. As Donte hones his fencing skills and grows closer to achieving his goal, he learns the fight for justice is far from over. Now Donte must confront his bullies, racism, and the corrupt systems of power that led to his arrest. |
| 586765 | Black Cockatoo Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Leffler, David (ill) | Magabala Books | 2018 | 9781925360707 | Mia rescues a durrarn black cockatoo, and faces her biggest challenge yet when she chooses to care for the bird, knowing it is her totem animal. Mia feels powerless to change the things she sees around her, until she explores the fragile connections of family and culture and discovers her own inner strength. |
| 3585 | Black Lotus, The Fanning, Kieran | Chicken House | 2015 | 9781909489929 | Ghost, Cormac and Kate are junior recruits of the Black Lotus, an underground school for ninjas. When a powerful weapon is stolen, the three of them must battle through sixteenth-century Japan and present-day New York to stop a power-hungry shogun from destroying the city. Betrayal and the testing of friendships combine in a battle for world supremacy. |
| 45 | Black ships before Troy, The: The story of the Iliad Sutcliff, Rosemary | Frances Lincoln | 2000 | 9780711215221 | An illustrated story of Homer's Iliad that climaxes with the story of the Wooden Horse of Troy. |

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| 9757 | Black Sunday McHugh, Evan | Omnibus Books | 2016 | 9781743627990 | Nipper only wants to be one thing, a lifesaver. In his world, they're larger than life, walking, talking heroes. Nipper's too young but he starts to train in secret, challenging himself in the Bondi surf. But, his secret comes to light one hot Sunday in 1938, a day that has become infamous in Australia's history. Based on a true story. |
| 83964 | Black swan, The Bridle, Celia | Windy Hollow Books | 2010 | 9781921136566 | A black swan escapes from a cage and flies away to another land, where villagers welcome her to settle. They believe that birds bring good fortune and, each year, the villagers build nests beside the lake to lure them. The people ask the swan to incubate an egg found in one of the nests. When the ground shakes and everyone is afraid, the swan asks them to leave their valley. |
| 2696 | Blackbird fly Kelly, Erin Entrada | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2016 | 9780062238627 | Apple is twelve and a bit of a social outcast at school. When she finds out she is on the list of the ugliest girls in her class, her world is shaken. Her so-called friends abandon her and music becomes her main escape. By escaping into music and with the help of the school music teacher, Apple finds her strength and some real, supportive friends along the way. For anyone who has ever felt like they just don't belong. |
| 8177 | Blading Mason, Paul | Hodder & Stoughton | 2001 | 9780750227834 | Advice to the beginner blader, whether young or old, on what equipment to use, where to skate and styles of blading, competitions and sponsorship. Introduces sports that use blading like hockey and speed skating. |
| 2225 | Bleakboy and Hunter stand out in the rain Herrick, Steven | University of Queensland Press | 2014 | 9780702250163 | Some things are too big for a boy to solve. Eleven year old Jesse is tackling many problems in life, especially fitting in to a new school. He must confront the school bully and try to come to terms with many other issues like whaling, poverty in Africa and, of course, parents. Luckily, he meets Kate who has curly black hair, braces, an infectious smile and needs Jesse's help. |
| 130804 | Blind trek Kennedy, Jim | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302469 | Hilton and Tim can't stand each other. They are forced together via their parents' friendship and their bike has crashed in the middle of nowhere. The only way home is to walk. Danger lurks and, if the boys are to survive, they must work together. |
| 7050 | Blitz: a wartime girl's diary 1940-1941 Cross, Vince | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407103716 | Eddie and her little brother, Tom, are evacuated to rural Wales during the Blitz on London. Many parents sent their children to live in a safer place when German bombs rained down on the major cities of England during World War II. For Eddie and Tom it is not a happy solution. Eddie struggles to mother and protect Tom in harsh countryside with an austere family and an unfriendly school community. |

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| 1982 | Bloodhound boys: great blood bank robbery Cranna, Andrew | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781922179302 | The undead world has many dangerous creatures, many of which Rocky the werewolf and Vince the vampire meet in their search to find who has robbed the city's blood bank. |
| 1384 | Bloodhound boys: monster truck tremor dilemma Cranna, Andrew | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781922179326 | Rocky and Vince are competing in a monster truck race. Full of twists and turns, the lethal race will send the boys way off track. |
| 39179 | Bloody tower: a Tudor girl's diary 1553-1559 Wilding, Valerie | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407104775 | It is after Henry VIII's death and King Edward is very sickly. Queen Mary will come to the throne, ousting Lady Jane Grey. Mary's executioners will be busy removing her perceived enemies. Even Princess Elizabeth, the future queen of England, is imprisoned in the Tower. Tilly Middleton, who lives in the Tower of London where her father works, finds she has an important role to play. |
| 567898 | Bloom Maclear, Kyo & Morstad, Julie (ill) | Harper | 2018 | 9780062447616 | Beauty. Colour. Doubts . As a little girl in Rome, Elsa Schiaparelli was told she was not pretty. What is beauty Elsa wondered as she grew older. So she sought out beauty around her and found it everywhere: in the colours and scents of the Rome flower market, in the garden, and in the attic of her family home, buried in a chest of old dresses. She found affection from her dear uncle in Milano. She developed an artist's eye and imagination. These bloomed in the wildly imaginative dresses, hats, shoes, and jewellery that made her an important name in fashion. Defining beauty on her own creative and rebellious terms was the key to Elsa Schiaparelli's happiness and success, and is still seen today in her legacy of wild imagination. Daring and different, Elsa Schiaparelli used art to make fashion, and it was quite marvellous. |
| 34429 | Blossom Janu, Tamsin | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781742991641 | Lottie is excited when a lost little girl arrives on her doorstep. Lottie, who only has Uncle Bobby in the world has always wanted a sister. Blossom isn't like other kids. She doesn't speak and is obsessed with her flower, refusing to go anywhere without it. Everything changes when Blossom gets sick and is taken away to hospital. Lottie with her friends must do whatever it takes to rescue her. |
| 1019733 | Blunders, The Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2023 | 9780008614393 | The Blunders are the most blundersome family in the blundering history of blunderdom. They live in Blunder Hall. When the Blunders are about to lose their home, how will they come together to save it? |
| 12950 | BMX: extreme sports Job, Chris | Raintree | 2003 | 9781844430888 | One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, diagrams and a glossary of terms, this book tells you about the history, how to get started, the equipment and tricks of BMX riding. |

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| 31613 | Bob Mass, Wendy & Stead, Rebecca | Text Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781925603590 | Livy has visited her maternal grandmother before, on her farm outside of Melbourne, Victoria - but, she was only five years old then, and she can't seem to remember much. Ten year old Livy returns from the USA to visit again, with her family and new baby sister Beth-Ann. Her grandmother shows her around, reminding her of all the fun they had last time she stayed, but only Livy seems to recall a 'wrong chicken'... |
| 4842 | Bob the railway dog Fenton, Corinne & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Black Dog Books | 2015 | 9781922179890 | In the early days of the railway, when shiny new tracks were opening vast areas of Australia, there was an adventurous dog who was part of it all. As the tracks were being laid, he was there on the train, riding in his favourite spot on top of the Yankee engine. Everyone knew him. The true story of Bob the railway dog, who had adventure in his heart and the rattle of the rails in his soul. |
| 49 | Bog bodies: mummies and curious corpses Prior, Natalie Jane | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9781864482430 | All the facts necessary to know about dried, pickled and frozen preserved people are contained in this unusual book. |
| 1078774 | Bold and brave women from Shakespeare Shakespeare, William & Stadlander, Becca (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406394344 | Stories of twelve of Shakespeare's courageous, strong-willed and determined characters, including Viola, Cleopatra, Portia, Lady Macbeth and Margaret of Anjou, are brought to life with Becca Stadlander's rich and evocative illustrations. |
| 9255 | Bollygum Fleming, Garry | Weldon Kids | 1995 | 9781875875085 | A beautifully illustrated story with a strong conservation message. |
| 37132 | Bones Crisp, Maureen | Penguin NZ | 2008 | 9780143303992 | Twins, Danny and Nicki, notice that their dog, Patch, is bringing home bones to bury in the garden. The only problem is that the bones look like human bones. The police are called in and their dad's prize-winning flowers are dug up. When they follow Patch around the neighbourhood, they get a very big surprise indeed. |
| 15334 | Bony fish, sharks and rays Silkstone, Barry | Reed Library | 2001 | 9781863911405 | Excellent information, photographs and diagrams provide details about the appearance, food, habitat and reproduction of bony fish, sharks and rays. |
| 5446 | Book Agard, John & Packer, Neil (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9780744544787 | For centuries, I've told other people's stories. Now it's time to tell my own. Discover the evolution of the printed word, told by one who knows - Book. Book takes us on a wonderful journey, from its origins in oral story and doodling in clay, to papyrus, parchment and paper, and to the e-book of today. |
| 5432 | Book of answers, The: An Ateban Cipher novel Tait, A L | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9780734417695 | Gabe and his companions journey to a remote mountain citadel where they learn the secret of the mysterious encrypted book that he has been tasked with protecting. But their enemies are close behind them, and new dangers lie ahead. |
| 9271 | Book of Australian ballads, The King, John Anthony | Pan MacMillan | 1990 | 9780333477199 | A collection of Australian lyric poetry. |

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| 34248 | Book of Australian birds Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2016 | 9781742034010 | Australia is a large country with a wide range of climates and habitats. Our island continent is home to animals not found anywhere else. Many of these are birds and they are among the most recognisable creatures on Earth. Welcome to the fascinating world of Australian birds. |
| 31568 | Book of Australian minibeasts, The Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2016 | 9781742034126 | Australia is a large country with a wide range of climates and habitats. Our island continent is home to spiders, bugs, beetles and all sorts of other creepy-crawlies not found anywhere else. Welcome to the fascinating world of Australian mini beasts. |
| 809126 | Book of chance, The Whiting, Sue | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781760651367 | Chance is in Year 7 and thinks she has it all - a loving mother, dog Tiges, best friend and almost-sister next door. But when a reality TV team makes over her house, she discovers newspaper cuttings from the past that cause her to question the world as she knows it and everyone in it. Then she finds herself caught between two realities, identities and worlds. Face-to-face with the truth, Chance has a very difficult decision to make, which almost splits her in two. This powerful story explores what is true and what is fake in today's world. And while Chance is all about the truth, she ponders whether "Maybe being truthful was really just a big lie". |
| 846214 | Book of curious birds Cossins, Jennifer | Hachette Australia | 2021 | 9780734420473 | Birds are unique creatures. From their unusual appearance to their unique behaviour, they really are one of the most fascinating species in the animal kingdom. In this book you will learn that birds are awesome, and deserve our love, care and respect. |
| 4209 | Book of f1rst Buckley, James (ed) | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781741696820 | Eleven selections of bizarre trivia, fascinating facts, feats and world records. Categories such as Air and Space, Entertainment, Technology and Transportation are included in this eclectic collection. |
| 688273 | Book of hopes, The: Words and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain children in lockdown Rundell, Katherine (ed) | Bloomsbury | 2020 | 9780852295298 | Completely free for all children and families, the extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson. Stories to make you smile, poems to make you laugh, and plenty of hope for everyone! Available from https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/ |

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| | Book of lies series Moloney, James | | | | 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. |
| 6310 | Book of poetry Taplin, Sam & Swarner, Kristina (ill) | | 2018 | 9781474957373 | Inside this book are many worlds. Inside this book you will find beautifully written poems and beautifully drawn illustrations. A treasure trove of famous classics and new and exciting poems, this is a great read for students of all ages. |
| 43476 | Book of secrets, The: An Ateban Cipher novel Tait, A L | Hachette Children's Books | 2017 | 9780734417671 | Gabe has lived at the Abbey, learning the skills of the monks, since he was left on the doorstep as a baby. When he is plunged into catastrophe following the discovery of a dying monk who then vanishes, Gabe has to leave the Abbey for the first time in his life. Lost in the forest and unsure of what to do, he is found by a group of misfits who defy all expectations. Together, they come up with a plan that will lead them all towards their ultimate goal of being able to live normal lives. |
| 864220 | Book of Stolen Dreams, The Farr, David | Simon & Schuster | 2023 | 9781665922579 | Plunged into danger when they help their father steal a forbidden book, Rachel and Robert are forced to go on the run. To save their father from prison, they must discover the truth about The Book of Stolen Dreams. But the cruel and powerful President Malstain knows its secret and will stop at nothing to snatch the book's magic for himself. The hunt is on. |
| 660581 | Book of stone, The Greenwood, Mark & Tulloch, Coral (ill) | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781760650872 | Every stone has a story, the echo of a memory, a walk in the wilderness, a time and a place lived and loved. This book is about these stones. Mark has collected stones of all shapes and sizes since he was a kid and now he wants to share his passion in a book (unlike all other other rock and mineral books) that explains the special connection that can be enjoyed when one pays attention to the stones that are all around us and can mean so much, if we take the time to appreciate them. |
| 1243 | Book of when, The Jaffe, Laura & Cointe, Francois (ill) | Abrams Books | 2008 | 9780810972407 | Useful and thoughtful information to keep you thinking. This book tells you lots of things such as when we started looking at ourselves in the mirror, when we started taking holidays and, even more interestingly, when we started to think that children are actually people. |
| 9284 | Book of wizards, The Manning-Sanders, Ruth | Methuen | 1982 | 9780416218909 | Stories in this collection include Aladdin, Jack and the Wizard, Silver Penny and Two Wizards with many more. |

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| 877868 | Book of wondrous possibilities, The Abela, Deborah | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761044021 | With only books for comfort and a mouse as his only friend, when Arlo meets Lisette he is thrust into a world of danger and magic, kidnappers and cliff hangers. Arlo discovers that when people you trust believe in you, you can find the courage you need to face your fears and help your friends and yourself. |
| 903292 | Book that no one wanted to read, The Ayoade, Richard & Freeman, Tor (ill) | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781536222166 | Have you ever thought about how it feels to be a book? To be left under a whiffy pant pile or shelved, forever collecting dust? To have your pages bent backwards or your spine BROKEN? What if you don't have a sparkly unicorn or dragon adorning your cover - who will pick you out of the bookshop then? This is the story of the sadly neglected Book That No One Wanted To Read - can its destiny change when it finally meets the right reader? Spoiler alert: yes. |
| 944242 | Bookseller's apprentice, The Mellor, Amelia | Affirm Press | 2022 | 9781922400871 | Loaded with tricks, riddles, magic and mayhem this race-against-time adventure is set in Melbourne in 1871. Twelve-year-old Billy Pyke has a talent for sorting things out, whether it's his chaotic family home or the busy book stall at Paddy's Market, where he works for Mr Cole. When his new friend Kezia warns him of a sinister magician called the Obscurosmith, Billy is shocked by her stories of magical deals gone horribly wrong. Then, on the night of the fire, Billy realises that if the Obscurosmith is to be stopped, he'll have to do it himself. The duel begins but, even with Kezia help, will Billy's magic be enough? |
| 24511 | Boomerang and bat Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781743319246 | In 1868, a determined team of Aboriginal stockmen set off on a journey across the world to take on England's best cricketers. Led by star all-rounder Johnny Mullagh and wearing caps, embroidered with a boomerang and a bat, the team delighted crowds with their exceptional skills. The men were the first Australian cricket team to tour England and this is their story. |
| 628086 | Boot: Small robot, big adventure Hegarty, Shane & Mantle, Ben (ill) | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2019 | 9781444949360 | When Boot awakes in a rubbish compactor with only two and a half memories he knows that he must escape and find his owner, Beth. But a small robot in a big world will have to overcome a lot of danger if he is to ever find his friend |
| 9348 | Boots and all Clark, Sherryl | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300359 | A father lost his own career as a soccer star through injury. He is determined to experience glory through his son. Unfortunately, his son has come to hate the game and the real soccer talent of the family is the boy's sister. |
| 53 | Booyooburra Fogarty, Lionel | Hyland House | 1993 | 9781875657100 | The history of the Murri people of Waka Waka. |

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| 941501 | Bored: Evie dreams big Stanton, Matt | ABC Audio - Enterprises | 2023 | 9780733342066 | Evie lives on Turtle Place, and she's bored. She is making plans, actual plans, to build her own house. Only, it seems that everyone else that lives on Turtle Place has an opinion they'd like to share. Frog and Milo want to build something totally different. Mr Santos is grumpy, Mrs Katz is spying on her, her sister is the most annoying person in the world, and her parents don't believe in her. But she has a plan, and she dreams big. |
| 2826 | Born to bake Gwynne, Phillip & Smith, Craig (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143302261 | Rick has decided he is just average, not good, not bad, just average. When Rick discovers he is born to cook, he is no longer just average. The trouble is that his baking is now in competition with his Mum. |
| 29362 | Born to run: Cathy Freeman, my story Freeman, Cathy | Penguin Books Australia | 2007 | 9780143302384 | Cathy Freeman's own story of her childhood, her loving family and her sporting achievements. Cathy shares the personal philosophy that has led to her success and the joy she has always found in life. |
| | Borrowers series Norton, Mary | | | | 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. |
| 886459 | Boss ladies of science Marsden, Phillip | Lothian Books | 2022 | 9780734421227 | Boss Ladies conquer in this celebration of inspiring and empowered scientists from around the world. At the top of their fields across all areas of science these amazing women answer big questions and invent grand solutions. Every boss lady was once a little kid with a huge dream. Let their trials and triumphs inspire you to work hard at what you love, no matter whether you fail or succeed. |
| 942 | Boss of the pool Klein, Robin | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781862916401 | Required to accompany her mother, who works at a hostel for the disabled, Shelley is more than a little unhappy. Eventually, she chooses to teach Ben, who is mentally disabled and very fearful of the water, how to swim. |
| 895 | Botanicum Wills, Kathie & Scott, Katie (ill) | Templar Publishing | 2016 | 9781783703944 | This museum is open all hours. It houses an extraordinary collection of plants, from tiny algae to fascinating carnivores. Gloriously coloured fungi and lichens are here, too. Find out why some plants are green and others are not, how some plants live in water while others are suspended in mid-air, and how some plants feed on flesh. Plants give us some of our biggest, smallest, oldest and smelliest forms of life on Earth. Experience a virtual museum through this fascinating and beautiful book. |

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| 706547 | Bowl full of peace, A Stelson, Caren & Susaka, Akira (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781541521483 | Grandmother's bowl has been passed from mother to daughter over generations. It sits on the table each evening between Sachiko's family who are grateful for the food they eat. One day soldiers arrive and planes begin flying overhead telling the people war is coming to the seaside town. The family and community are suddenly devastated at the dropping of the atomic bomb, and the effects follow the survivors for years to come. Later, when father returns to the rubble, grandmother's bowl is found miraculously in one piece. This true story was put together over several interviews with the real owner of the bowl who wanted to tell her family story of resilience, devastation and the quest for peace. |
| 569191 | Boy at the back of the class, The Rauf, Onjali Q | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781510105010 | At the back of the class there was an empty chair, but then one day a new boy arrives. Everyone wants to know more about this boy. He disappears at break times, he speaks no English and he is really good at soccer. Alexa and her friends learn that Ahmet has a big problem so they set about trying to help. They devise a plan, but what happens when they try to follow through with the plan? |
| 120082 | Boy from Bowral, The Ingpen, Robert | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150647 | Don Bradman's performances are unequalled by any batsman in the history of cricket. Read about his life from the early years playing with a makeshift bat in his Bowral backyard through to his famous bodyline series against England and his comeback after the War. Lots of statistics and illustrations. |
| 660620 | Boy giant: Son of Gulliver Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780008347925 | "We were the truth of our own story. Me, and the two tiny people on my shoulder, in the middle of the sea..." War has forced Omar and his mother to leave their home in Afghanistan and venture across the sea to Europe. When their boat sinks, and Omar finds himself alone, with no hope of rescue, it seems as if his story has come to an end. But it is only just beginning. Because in the end, a little hope makes a big difference... |
| 30340 | Boy like me, A Hathorn, Libby & Whatley, Bruce | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733331350 | Fragile and sometimes fleeting, peace can be lost and found in all of us, no matter who or where we are. |
| 6097 | Boy overboard Gleitzman, Morris | Penguin | 2002 | 9780141308388 | Jamal and Bibi are Afghani asylum seekers whose most precious possession is their soccer ball. They dream of being international soccer stars in a land where they don't have to worry about their ball hitting a landmine. |

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| 7822 | Boy who fell off the Mayflower, The Lynch, J P | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406361636 | In London, a young indentured servant, John Howland, is preparing for a sea journey to America. Religious persecution has fuelled the departure of many Pilgrims. By great good fortune, John survives falling overboard and earns his keep ashore by helping to scout a safe landing site. But, in the new land, food is scarce and living conditions are deplorable. Soon, John is forced to make a huge decision about his future. |
| 2735 | Boy who sailed ocean in an armchair, The Williamson, Lara | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2015 | 9781409576327 | Eleven year old Becket Rumsey is all at sea. In the middle of the night, his dad has run away with him and his brother, Billy. They've left everything behind, including their almost-mum, Pearl, who gives great hugs. Their father tells them they need not contact Pearl, not even to say goodbye, and that they're starting at a new school after their holiday. Becket just wants is his family to be whole again. With lots of stories, one thousand paper cranes and a snail, Beckett is determined to make his wish come true. |
| 803472 | Boy who stepped through time, The Ciddor, Anna | Murdoch Books Australia | 2021 | 9781760526443 | When Perry steps into a crumbling ruin while on holiday in France, he is not expecting to be transported back 1700 years to Roman times. While he hunts desperately for a way home, he must blend in as a slave, even if it means eating mice for dinner! Gradually, Perry is caught up in the fascinating world of grand Villa Rubia and a life he could never have imagined. But when he makes a new friend, he thinks he might already know her terrible fate. Perry is faced with an impossible choice: to find his way home or stay and guard his friend's life and risk being trapped in the past forever! |
| 53388 | Boy who swam with piranhas, The Almond, David & Jeffers, Oliver (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2013 | 9780763661694 | As Stan journeys away from the life he's always known, he mingles with a carnival full of eccentric characters and meets the legendary Pancho Pirelli, the man who swims in a tank full of perilous piranhas. Will Stan be bold enough to dive in the churning waters himself and choose his own destiny. |
| 13297 | Boy who would live forever, The Simons, Moya | Puffin Australia | 2003 | 9780143300311 | Daniel is cursed with the fate of staying twelve forever. He doesn't know how or why. For two hundred years he has coped with the joy, and more often grief, it has caused him. Then he meets Sally and her daughter, Holly. Now it really matters. |

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| 846058 | Boy with wings, The Henry, Lenny & Ferrell, Keenon (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2021 | 9781529077315 | Tunde is different. His friends are different too. But there is something amazing about to happen to Tunde. Wings! And an impossible mission. Could he be the only one who could save the Earth? Luckily, he has the support of his friends and family but will they all be able to fly in the face of danger? |
| 750998 | Boy, the wolf and the stars, The Plozza, Shivaun | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9781760893453 | In the land of Ulv, stars no longer exist. Legend says they were devoured by a greedy wolf. When night falls, the shadow creatures are free to roam, and the villagers must stay home and light candles to keep safe. Bo is a loner, shunned by the villagers because they don't understand how he survived a whole night in the woods, when his mother abandoned him as a baby. Mads the woodcutter is his guardian, but when he unexpectedly dies, Bo is sent on an epic quest. Accompanied by his only friend, Nix the fox, he must solve the riddles to find three magical keys, then find the wolf who stole the stars, and set them free. And if he manages to set them free, he can make a wish. |
| 59506 | Boys without names Sheth, Kashmira | HarperCollins US | 2010 | 9780061857621 | Eleven year old Gopal and his family leave their rural Indian village to find work in the big city, Mumbai. When a stranger promises Gopal a job, he jumps at the offer. But Gopal has been deceived. In a stuffy sweatshop, he and other boys are forced to work for no money, little food and without talking. Late one night, when Gopal shares kahanis, or stories, he realises that storytelling may help their survival, and escape. |
| 130802 | Boys' book, The: How to be the best at everything Enright, Dominique & Macdonald, Guy & Catlow, Niki (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2007 | 9781921288128 | An informative book that provides a diverse range of fun facts. Easy to read, interesting snippets of information including how to perform magic, get rid of hiccups or read tea leaves. |
| 41497 | Brambleheart Cole, Henry | HarperCollins US | 2016 | 9780062245441 | Twig is looking for who he will be in life. In the Hill, everyone studies a craft and becomes a Master's apprentice, but first you have to be good at something. Twig tries very hard in all his classes, but his imagination wanders to his favourite books or the delicious mayapples growing beyond the scavenge yard...and then, well, he loses his focus. Unsure if he'll ever amount to anything, Twig sets out on a journey to discover himself. However, instead of finding answers, he stumbles upon a dragon's egg which soon hatches. But when he learns that his secret might hurt others, he's forced to make a choice between his place in the world and the feelings in his heart. And will protecting his new friends help him discover who he is meant to be? |

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| 869417 | Brand new boy Almond, David & Altes, Marta (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406358087 | The new boy is certainly strange. He is very polite and knows a lot of things in a very proper way. He is also amazing at soccer, but there is something odd about him. It could be the people who are always watching him and won't let him do things like eat chips. It could be that George just needs a chance to get away with the other kids and play if his minders only let him. |
| | Bravelands series Hunter, Erin | | | | 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. |
| 6981 | Bravo Billy Arena, Felice | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2000 | 9780207198342 | Thirteen year old Billy is passionate about his guitar and his favourite band. |
| 1048699 | Break Miller, Kayla | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781760655198 | "Spring Break is full of possibilities...but not for Olive. This year, Olive is leaving her friends and all of their exciting vacation plans behind to visit her dad at his new apartment in the city. Goober is thrilled to spend a whole week with their father and has a long list of activities for their time together. Olive, on the other hand, still remembers the hurt of their dad moving halfway across the world. She would rather spend time with her friend Bree or scrolling through her new phone to keep up with everything she's missing back home than catch up with him. As the week winds on, the normally easygoing Olive finds feelings of loneliness and resentment throwing her out of whack. Is there any hope of salvaging the visit-or will Olive's Spring Break be a Spring Bust? |
| 6276 | Bridget, a new Australian Moloney, James | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781742990989 | During the Irish potato famine, Bridget's family has been turned out of their home and their only refuge is the workhouse, where living conditions are hard and the food sparse. For Bridget and her sister, Maeve, their one chance is to take a ship to a new country and become Australians. They must survive the journey then face the many challenges that await them in a new, far away land. |

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| 751219 | Brightly woven Bracken, Alexandra | Quercus Children's Books | 2021 | 9781786541567 | Extraordinary things just don't happen to fourteen-year-old Sydelle Mirabil, a talented weaver who dreams about life outside of her tiny village. But that all changes when a mysterious young wizard named Wayland North appears and asks for Sydelle's help. He's got a shocking secret that could stop a war between kingdoms-if he can reach the capital with the news in time. North needs a navigator who can mend his magical cloaks, and Sydelle is perfect for the job. As Sydelle and North race against the clock to deliver their message, they must contend with unusually wild weather and a dark wizard who will do anything to stop them. But the sudden earthquakes and freak snowstorms may not be a coincidence. As Sydelle discovers more about North's past and her own strange abilities, she realizes that the fate of the kingdom may rest in her fingertips. |
| 660318 | Brilliant ideas of Lily Green, The Sibrerry, Lisa | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2019 | 9781760503659 | Twelve-year-old Lily Green has brilliant ideas. She loves concocting unusual beauty products -- sure, they're often disasters, but every inventor has to start somewhere! And her family's salon seems like just the place. If only it still had customers... When Lily accidentally mixes up a string of wild and wonderful gloop from the mysterious plants in her neighbour's garden, she thinks she's struck gold. Her products work like magic, and she's sure they'll save the failing salon. But are Lily's creations as enchanting as they seem? |
| 5573 | Brindabella Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760112042 | Pender lives with his father, in a honey coloured sandstone house with green shutters, on the edge of the bush. While out walking, Pender finds a kangaroo shot by hunters and with a joey in her pouch. Pender and his father rescue the young kangaroo, Brindabella, and take her home. Soon they form a close and touching friendship, but kangaroos are not dogs and Brindabella yearns to be free. Their paths do cross again but not how you would imagine. |
| 43479 | Bring it on Stanley, Jo | The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760409470 | Sarah loves to crack jokes, but no one at her new school is laughing, not even her first day buddy Hanh. Even worse, no one at Milsborough West Primary surfs and that's Sarah's favourite thing in the world! Sarah is a big fan of Aussie Rules football, but she has never played. Will coach Shawna let Sarah join the Flyers and be part of the team? |

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| 1021250 | Britannica all new children's encyclopaedia Lloyd, Christopher (Ed) & Ruffle, Mark & Tite, Jack (ill) | Britanica Books | 2020 | 9781912920471 | Britannica's All New Children's Encyclopaedia is a treasure trove of information for people who love facts. With detailed colour illustrations, whether you are fascinated by ancient history, the outer reaches of space or sustainability, this encyclopaedia has something for you! |
| 59 | Brocky's bananagram Metzenthien, David | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781865045788 | Matt Brock and his friend write a message on a banana which is to be shipped out from his dad's plantation. What a surprise when they receive a reply. |
| 12548 | Bronze and Sunflower Wenxuan, Cao & Wang, Helen (trans) | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406348460 | In China, during the Cultural Revolution, Sunflower, a young city girl, moves to the country. Life is lonely and isolated until she meets Bronze, who, unable to speak, is ostracised by the village boys. The pair becomes inseparable. When Bronze's family agrees to take Sunflower in, she is overjoyed and Bronze has got the sister he always wanted. But, life is hard and Bronze's family can barely afford to feed themselves. |
| 649005 | Bruno the boisterous blue dog from the bush Osborne, Robyn & Phillips, John (ill) | Big Sky Publishing | 2018 | 9781925675504 | Barefoot Bob and Bruno live together in a broken down barracks surrounded by the beautiful Aussie bush. Although they don't have much in the bank, they are the best of buddies and life is bonzer. Then one day Bob hits the bonanza and everything changes. Without a backward glance, Bob and Bruno move to the big smoke. But is this fancy new life better than the one they had in the bush? An alliterative, humorous tale which celebrates mateship and introduces young readers to the quintessential language of the Australian bush. |
| 18462 | Bullies, bigmouths and so-called friends Alexander, Jenny | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2006 | 9780340911846 | Bullies push you around, bigmouths make sarcastic comments about you and so-called friends tell your secrets. Don't feel like a loser, just build up your defences. This book shows you how. |
| 6348 | Bully chip, The Wood, Glenn | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781921977640 | A year after they defeated the evil Lester Smythe, Callum, Sophie and Jinx are having problems with two bullies who are targeting them at school. The friends do not back down and take on the bullies. But could the bullies' evil power be the work of Lester Smythe again. |
| 6477 | Bungawitta Rodda, Emily | Scholastic Australia | 2011 | 9781862918337 | The town of Bungawitta is so dry that the youngest resident, Glory-Alice, has only ever seen rain on television. The residents have to work out how to bring people to the dying town, where the sun always shines. |
| 2963 | Bureau of Mysteries Harper, H J & Ziersch, Nahum (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742752143 | George Feather lives an uneventful life. That is, until he falls down a chimney and discovers the Bureau of Mysteries, an eccentric group of investigators and codebreakers who live between the floors of a hotel. George is recruited and with his partner, Imp, must follow trails of evidence and try to crack the codes left behind by the suspects. The tricky cryptic clues must be solved in time to save the city. |

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| 1980 | Burning the bails: the story of the ashes Bell, Krista & Walters, Ainsley (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9780987313980 | When Russell witnesses his mother burning wooden bails from a friendly cricket match between Australia and England, little does he know just how important that night becomes in sporting history. |
| 63 | Burnt stick, The Hill, Anthony & Sofilas, Mark (ill) | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140369298 | An Aboriginal boy is removed from his mother, despite her desperate efforts to disguise his fair skin by rubbing him with charcoal from a burnt stick. |
| 2693 | Bush Christmas, A Dennis, C J & Huxley, Dee (ill) | Black Dog Books | 2011 | 9781742032078 | It's Christmas in the bush and the sun burns hotly through the gums. Down the road old Rogan comes for a bite of tucker and a beer. Mum's in the kitchen cooking up a turkey and plum pudding. A famous Australian poem revisited. |
| 120128 | Bush tucka, good tucka Brown, Jan & Madden, Robert (ill) | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780980359367 | An hilarious trip to the supermarket for two Aboriginal kids and their weary Nan to buy bush tucka, sees the children being both cheeky and rambunctiously helpful. Contains bush tucka recipes for banana jelly and fried scones. |
| 28038 | Bush tucker and medicine of the Nyikina Milgin, Annie Nayina & Watson, Dadakar John & Thompson, Liz | Pearson Education Australia | 2009 | 9781740703994 | Two elders share the stories and knowledge of food and medicine from Jarlmadangah Burru and the Nyikina people who live there. |
| 8850 | Bushrangers Rushby, Pamela | Harcourt Education Australia | 2003 | 9781740659789 | Interesting information about some of the more colourful characters in Australia's bushranging history. |
| 15060 | Bushrangers, heroes, victims or villains Bruce, Jill B & Wade, Jan (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2003 | 9780731811915 | Read about what made people choose to become bushrangers. Readers can decide whether the bushrangers' actions made them victims, villains or heroes. |
| 33951 | Butterflies close up Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2014 | 9781742033044 | Butterflies undergo one of the most amazing transformations experienced by any living creature. Take a closer look at these beautiful, flying insects. |
| 64 | Buzzard breath & brains Moloney, James | University of Queensland Press | 1998 | 9780702229565 | The funny and moving sequel to, Swashbuckler. When the principal's prized rose garden is vandalised, Rex and Tony, get the blame. But it is a set-up, and Tony is ""making enquiries"". Rex discovers a dilemma, a new friend and even netball. |
| | Cairo Jim series McSkimming, Geoffrey | | | | 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. |
| 12431 | Call of the Osprey Jorgensen, Norman & Harrison-Lever, Brian | Fremantle Press | 2004 | 9781920731854 | When Tom offers to help the captain restore an old steam boat, he enters a world of blisters and barnacles, pirates and gun-runners, shipwrecks and sea creatures. As Tom works side by side with the captain, their friendship grows and strengthens. |

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| 871638 | Callers, The Thomas, Kiah | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781460762141 | In Elipsom, Calling is a coveted skill. Despite being born into a family of Callers, Quin doesn't have the gift. But everything changes when instead of summoning an object, Quin makes something disappear. The discovery this leads to changes his whole world and he must decide where his loyalties lie and follow his moral compass. |
| 1034 | Callie Park, Ruth | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2009 | 9780732289218 | A reissue combining two books, Callie's castle and Callie's family. Callie's castle is already on the PRC booklist with ID 67. You can read Callie's family using the ID number 1034. Callie is an ordinary child living in an extraordinary old house. She is bitterly disappointed when she is just one month too old at twelve to be able to go to Denmark with her dad as no-one can afford the adult fare she now needs. |
| 67 | Callie's castle Park, Ruth | HarperCollins Australia | 1994 | 9780207186240 | Callie's Grandpa Cameron discovers a secret room in the roof of her house and it becomes her secret hideaway. |
| 901458 | Calling of Jackdaw Hollow, The Gordon, Kate | University of Queensland Press | 2022 | 9780702263484 | When Jackdaw Hollow is orphaned by a lightning strike, he is taken in by the headmistress of Direleaf Hall. Even though he grows up with her love and care, he feels undeserving, as if the universe made a mistake in sparing him. As he searches for the reason he survived the storm, he befriends Angeline, a wildling girl who knows where her destiny lies - the circus. But when he goes too far in trying to find his own calling, will he lose sight of what's most important? |
| 18382 | Cameras in Narnia Brodie, Ian | HarperCollins NZ | 2005 | 9781869505806 | Detailed book of the making of the film, 'The Chronicles of Narnia'. A fascinating look at the process of film-making. |
| 797478 | Camp Miller, Kayla | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760654924 | Olive and Willow are off on a two week summer camp. They plan to do everything together, but with so many new people and activities, the two girls are pulled in different directions. Willow is not as confident as Olive and relies on her for comfort. Olive wants to try all the things camp has to offer. This puts an enormous strain on their friendship which may not last the summer camp. |
| 2948 | Camp crazy Trewin, Trudie | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781922077998 | Daks and his mates are camping. No parents, just four mates alone with nature. But then they find a hidden camp. Is it the legendary Jungle Jim or someone much more sinister. |
| 38087 | Camp croc Trewin, Trudie | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781921720031 | Camp Trib is legendary and Daks is finally there after years of waiting. So, too, are some wildlife smugglers. It's a jungle out there and Daks and his mates are in for an unexpected adventure at camp. Perhaps, they should be more afraid of the smugglers than the wildlife. |

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| 21346 | Can we save the tiger Jenkins, Martin & White, Vicky (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406319095 | Tigers are big, beautiful and fierce. But, like many other animals, they are in danger of becoming extinct, with fewer than two thousand five hundred breeding adult tigers left in the world. But, the outlook is not all gloomy. Positive action is taking place to protect this threatened species as well as other endangered animals such as the bison, the Antarctic fur seal and the kakapo. |
| 1045 | Cannily, cannily French, Simon | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141305240 | Constantly moving, Trevor is always the new boy. His home is a caravan and school is a strange desk in an unfamiliar classroom. He has his way of coping, of fitting into each new place but this time it's different and things start to go horribly wrong. |
| | Captain Congo series Starke, Ruth & Holfeld, Greg (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. |
| 26342 | Captain Cook and the Endeavour Lefroy, Mike | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031286 | Captain Cook was from a poor farming family and his ship, the Endeavour, was originally named the Earl of Pembroke. After their voyages around the world, both came to be celebrities in history. |
| 120129 | Captain Cook's apprentice Hill, Anthony | Penguin Books Australia | 2008 | 9780143004820 | When young Isaac Manley sailed from England with Captain James Cook on the Endeavour in 1768, no one knew if the mysterious southern continent really existed. During his three years at sea, Isaac witnessed floggings, huge storms, press-gangs and violent clashes as well as the tropical beauty of Hawaii and the wonders of New Zealand. |
| 18337 | Captain Fact's human body adventure Knife & Packer | Egmont Childrens | 2005 | 9781405217699 | Fantasy characters travel through the body explaining various organs and their functions. A fun and matter of fact look at the internal functions of the human body, both pleasant and unpleasant. |
| 71 | Captain Mack Roy, James | University of Queensland Press | 1999 | 9780702231070 | Danny has a difficult time at school. The school bully picks on him and Danny's friend, Captain Mack, still thinks that he is a POW and wants to return home. |
| 825557 | Caravan at the edge of doom, The Beckett, Jim | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781405298285 | Four exploding grandparents. Twenty four hours in the Land of the Dead. One Epic adventure. An action packed, magical story full of humour and heart. |

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| 901546 | Caravan at the edge of doom, The: Foul prophecy Beckett, Jim & Muza, Olia (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781405298292 | Twelve year old Harley just wants a normal life, but it is her destiny to be a Legendary Hero in the Land of the Dead. Now it is time for Harley to travel back through the Portal of Doom and rescue her best friend, battle with a massive fish and solve a mysterious prophecy. This is an incredible adventure including a dangerous toilet and a perilous rescue. |
| 18484 | Carbonel: the prince of cats Sleigh, Barbara | Penguin | 2005 | 9780141319735 | A young girl buys a broom that belonged to a witch and a black cat, Carbonel, comes along as part of the deal. With the help of a little boy, they try to break a spell to help Carbonel reclaim his position as king of cats. |
| 667561 | Cardboard kingdom Sell, Chad | Random House Children's Books | 2019 | 9781524719388 | With a lot of cardboard, tape and imagination, the neighbourhood has become transformed into a kingdom of magic, mayhem, heroes and villains. Everyone has a role to play! |
| 5305 | Care and feeding of a pet black hole, The Cuevas, Michelle | Simon & Schuster | 2018 | 9781471170188 | Stella Rodriguez learns the hard way that caring for a black hole can be a rather complicated thing. They are fantastic at swallowing stuff - all the stuff she no longer wants around, like scratchy sweaters and her brother Cosmo's annoying toy. More importantly Stella finds that she can get rid of other things, things that remind her of her dad, who died recently, things that remind her to be sad. It's gets even more interesting when the black hole accidentally swallows something far too precious to lose and Stella has to go deep inside on an epic, interstellar adventure to save her whole world. Who knew that have a pet black hole could be so much trouble? |
| 1019842 | Caroline Wilson, Mark | Windy Hollow Books | 2023 | 9781922081018 | You may have heard the name of Caroline Chisholm but her devotion to the poor and needy is a part of Australian history that is not often told. 'Caroline' is an inspiring retelling of the life of one of Australia's most famous women. Her selfless devotion to people in need changed the lives of many for the better and she is an inspiring hero deserving of recognition. |
| 806 | Cartboy and the time capsule Campbell, L.A. | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743314807 | Hal Rifkind wonders why he can't have the easy life he craves - a room of his own, time to play video games with his best mate Arnie and most of all, surviving grade six. Instead he has to share his room with his twin baby sisters, is only permitted 15 minutes of video games on weekends and he has a year-long history assignment to complete. |
| 1019793 | Casander Darkbloom and the threads of power Staff, PA | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781529506280 | When Cas meets a girl named Warrior, he enters a magical world that is waiting for Cas to save it. But first, Cas must master his magical abilities at Wayward School. |

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| 619992 | Castle Hill rebellion Michaels, Chrissie | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781742991863 | When Joe is dragged into a deadly plot by rebellious convicts at the Castle Hill prison farm, he quickly realises it does not pay to be their enemy. He has been quietly working out his sentence as a shepherd boy and does not want to draw any additional attention. However, Joe eventually finds himself amidst a desperate bid for freedom in the first convict uprising against the colony of New South Wales. |
| 119514 | Castles Thompson, Colin | Red Fox | 2007 | 9780099439424 | A totally creative picture book which will fascinate children. Thompson's imaginary castles will provide endless hours of enjoyment for the readers as they move from page to page. |
| 596826 | Cat called Trim, A Fenton, Corinne & Smith, Craig (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760631840 | Trim was a cat born for adventure...This is the true story of a courageous, mischievous and fearless cat called Trim, who sailed with Matthew Flinders on his voyages to map the coastline of Australia and beyond. |
| 4642 | Cat mummy, The Wilson, Jacqueline & Sharratt, Nick (ill) | Corgi Books | 2009 | 9780440864165 | Verity is devastated when Mabel, her adored cat, dies. School lessons about the Ancient Egyptians lead Verity to attempt to honour Mabel with an Ancient Egyptian mummification. Verity's mum died during childbirth and her dad and grandparents have avoided speaking to her about it, but now it is time to talk. |
| 751079 | Catch me if I fall Jonsberg, Barry | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760877613 | Brother and sister Ashley and Aiden share a special bond as identical twins. While much of the world has been drastically changed by environmental catastrophe, they live a privileged life thanks to the work of their scientist mother. When Aiden comes to Ashley's rescue he is hurt and their life gets turned on its head. |
| 685292 | Caterpillar summer McDunn, Gillian | Bloomsbury | 2019 | 9781526606266 | Cat seems to be the only one to be able to understand, calm, and even find her little brother Chicken when he is having a meltdown. Since the death of their father, Cat takes on the role of a parent more and more as her mother spends more time at work. When a job opportunity arises for their mum, Cat and Chicken find themselves spending the summer with grandparents they've never met on an island they have never visited before. It might be terribly awkward or it might be a chance to come together as a family. |
| 76 | Cathy Freeman Dolan, Beth | Heinemann | 1997 | 9781863918619 | A biography of one of Australia's most famous athletes and one of the books in the Young Achievers series. |
| 18688 | Catland Starke, Ruth | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143302018 | Having to stay with her Dad, his new wife and two stepdaughters when her mum goes to India is not as bad as Rose first thinks. Her stepmother is mounting a campaign against cats and a neighbour who has lots of them. Rose finds a solution. |

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| 15365 | Cats in Krasinski Square, The Hesse, Karen & Watson, Wendy (ill) | Scholastic US | 2004 | 9780439435406 | The cats in Krasinski Square once belonged to someone and so did a young girl whose family has been destroyed by war. Even as she and her sister struggle to survive amid the war's chaos, they risk their lives in a plan to help others. |
| 4303 | Cedar, seals and whaling ships Nicholson, John | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741750034 | Explores the developing technology and economy of Australia at the hands of the new white settlers: whaling, sealing, farming, timber-felling, ship-building, exploring and transporting goods by land and sea. |
| 21693 | Celebrating Australia: a year in poetry Marwood, Lorraine | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781925081022 | A collection of poems connected by many of the key days and celebrations throughout the year in Australia. It includes special days such as Chinese New Year, Harmony Day, Diwali, Ramadan and ANZAC Day, as well as important days like your birthday and the first day of school. |
| 587879 | Cells to organ systems Midthun, Joseph & Hiti, Samuel (ill) | World Book | 2014 | 9780716618409 | If you have ever wondered what a cell is, or how they make life, this book will explain it all. Go on a journey of discovery with humorous, colourful cartoon characters, to learn what cytoplasm, vacuoles, and chromosomes are, and how they form part of you. |
| 720988 | Center of gravity Grimes, Shaunta | MacMillan | 2021 | 9781250763075 | Tessa has always been anxious, but it's become worse since her mother died a few months ago. To calm herself down she cuts out photos of missing kids from milk cartons and keeps them in a file. It helps her feel like she's not alone. Her friends are drifting away. Then worst of all, Tessa's dad announces suddenly that he's getting married - and that his fiance is pregnant. His fiance's parents gift them a house at the beach, and Tessa must move. As Tessa navigates new friendships with a group of misfit boys and a new stepmother, she realizes she must let go of old friends and old habits if she wants to regain control of her life. |
| 587746 | Centre of magic, The Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9781864488548 | A power-hungry wizard has let loose the Wild Magic, and every creature in its path is transformed. An earl becomes a cat, a coachman turns into a ferret, the chancellor is suddenly a hobgoblin, even King Max begins to change. Will Floramonde ever be the same again? Princess Betony and Prince Basil are determined to find the wizard and rescue their country, braving wolves, giants and other dangers along the way. But they need help, and it comes from a surprising source. |
| 42065 | Certain music, A Walters, Celeste & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741663334 | In 1823, a young, lonely girl spends much of her time hiding in the Vienna Woods. She spies an old man, a composer, and they form an odd friendship which develops through their mutual love of music. A story of how she triumphs over difficult circumstances and how people can help each other. |

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| 1209717 | Charles Dickens' Great expectations: Abridged for younger readers Kennedy A.L. & Dickens, Charles & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529501926 | Pip spends his formative years haunted by a brief and scary encounter with an escaped convict. As an adult, he unexpectedly comes into a fortune and sets about becoming the kind of gentleman that can woo the stunning but cold Estella. What does Pip lose in his pursuit of great expectations? What, if anything, will make him finally rediscover himself? |
| 1128 | Charlie and the chocolate factory Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2002 | 9780141311302 | Willy Wonka, the eccentric chocolate-maker, opens his doors to the public. Young Charlie Bucket and four unworthy fellow winners, have the opportunity to discover some extraordinary secrets. For Charlie, life will never be the same again. |
| 4599 | Charlie and the great glass elevator Dahl, Roald | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780141322698 | Charlie Bucket has won Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and is on his way to take possession of it, in a great glass elevator. When the elevator makes a fearful whooshing noise, Charlie and his family find themselves in splendid orbit around the Earth. A daring adventure has begun, with Willy Wonka leading the way. |
| 14199 | Charlie and the karaoke cockroaches Brough, Alan | Pan MacMillan | 2017 | 9781743548448 | "I didn't want the exterminator to be flattened by a flying sink. I just wanted a home for the cockroaches." Charlie is thrown into an adventure when his new friend Vivien hands him a mysterious box and makes him swear to look after it no matter what |
| 1267 | Charlie and the war against the grannies Brough, Alan | Pan MacMillan | 2016 | 9781743540121 | "I didn't want Mrs Cyclopolos to explode. I just wanted a paper round." Charlie find himself at war with the grannies after they squirt hot sauce in his face and make him think he's dead. Throw in a glass eye, snot-covered hankies and some mysterious underground people, and you have a fantastic adventure! |
| 80 | Charlie Carver stacks it Stillier, Laurie | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9780091832964 | Quirky tales and scientific principles are included in the bizarre disasters that befall the Carver family. |
| 617176 | Charlie changes into a chicken Copeland, Sam & Horne, Sarah (ill) | Penguin | 2019 | 9780241346211 | Charlie McGuffin is just an ordinary boy dealing with a range of typical problems. However, one day his life is completely turned upside down when he discovers he can transform into different animals! How will Charlie find a way to deal with his new powers and keep clear of the resident school bully? |
| 14338 | Charlotte and the starlet Warner, Dave | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741661248 | Charlotte is a thirteen year old girl with aspirations of joining the Junior Olympic Equestrian Squad. She loves riding and knows she is good but nothing has prepared her for the dirty tricks that other competitors have up their sleeves. |
| 1019894 | Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre: Abridged for younger readers Lawrence, Patrice & Bronte, Charlotte | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529506624 | A delightful retelling of the classic story Jane Eyre. The story follows orphan Jane and her courage to be brave throughout her time at the mysterious Thornfield Hall. Even when things are unexpected Jane shows resourceful to follow her vision to be loved and wanted. |

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| 81 | Charlotte's web White, E B | Puffin USA | 1973 | 9780140301854 | Charlotte, the spider, spins messages in her web to help save her friend, Wilbur, the pig. |
| 75725 | Chaucer's Canterbury tales Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2007 | 9780744570076 | Nine classic tales of Chaucer, including The Knight, the Miller, the Reeve, the Wife of Bath, the Franklin, the Clerk, the Summoner, the Pardoner and the Nun's Priest, are presented in comic style format. Chaucer is also represented as a character, who greets and farewells the readers. |
| 628160 | Cheeky dogs: To Lake Nash and back Bell, Johanna & Beasley, Dion (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760528119 | Meet deaf artist, Dion Beasley, and the people he calls family. Dodging road trains by day and giant blue monsters at night, Dion weaves his way through life on an electric scooter, collecting rocks and dogs to make art. In his dreams he sees animals from overseas and his mother's country, Lake Nash, but every morning, without fail, he puts on his favourite socks and gets ready to feed the dogs. Is it time yet? |
| 1217 | Chelonia Green: champion of turtles Mattingley, Christobel | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741751710 | Michelle, alias Chellie, (Chelonia is the scientific name for the green turtle), lives with her parents on a remote island off the coast of Queensland. When a cherished loggerhead turtle dies after being choked by a carelessly discarded fishing line, Chellie sets out on a clean-up campaign, using some very effective letter writing and emailing. |
| 5370 | Chess nuts Lawrinson, Julia | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143304708 | Jackson is sporty and popular. Anna is number one in the school chess squad. These two will have to get along once the game changes. Includes schoolyard banter. |
| 616954 | Chester Parsons is not a gorilla Ford, Martyn | Faber & Faber | 2019 | 9780571332236 | When Chester discovers he can mind jump, he becomes a hit on his sister Amy's YouTube channel. An instant star, he does his most daring mind jump yet, into the brain of Tito the gorilla. The trouble is, when he tries to return to his own body - it's gone! Has it been stolen? But who would want it, and why? And how come Chester suddenly wants to search Amy's hair for fleas? The quest to find the answers takes him on a journey beyond his wildest imagination. |
| 10869 | Chewing-gum kid, The Dawe, Bruce | Penguin | 2002 | 9780143300052 | Simon Bright has a feeling that this week is going to be different and he's right. After the discovery of the Super-Gum, his life changes. |
| 9252 | Chicken Stu Luff, Nathan | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781741695564 | Stu is a wuss, a weakling, a soft city kid. His cousins are tough farm kids who are daredevils. When Stu is packed off to the country for the summer, he has to face the dangers that lurk behind every tree, demonic lambs, yabby-infested tanks and, worst of all, his cousins. |

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| 660744 | Chicken's curse, The Watts, Frances | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525569 | Felix works for the general, but not for much longer! He escapes the general's camp and runs straight into Livia. When they realise, they are both heading to Rome, they decide to travel together, along with a sacred chicken, that has also left the general's camp. The journey takes them across several lands, with many adventures and new people, both good and bad. Will the sacred chicken help to get them to their final destination or will he be side-tracked by his love of cake? |
| 82 | Chickpea Syme, Marguerite Hann | Scholastic Australia | 1998 | 9781863886420 | Hooman, a young Iranian Australian boy, lives with his widower father and irritating younger sister, Mina. His pet hen, Chickpea, becomes broody over a clutch of infertile eggs and refuses to leave the nest. |
| 647189 | Child of St Kilda Waters, Beth | Child's Play International Ltd | 2019 | 9781786281876 | Norman John Gillies was one of the last children ever born on St Kilda, five years before the whole population was evacuated forever. People had lived on these islands for over 4000 years, developing a thriving, tightly-knit society. Why and how did this ancient way of life suddenly cease in 1930? |
| 84 | Child's dreaming Gilbert, Kevin | Hyland House | 1992 | 9780947062972 | Kevin Gilbert is an Aboriginal artist and poet and his poems focus on the Australian outback, in particular, the fauna. |
| 983 | Child's introduction to ballet, A Lee, Laura & Hamilton, Meredith (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733323447 | Experience dance in a whole new way by listening to the accompanying CD while reading about the history of ballet and its most famous dancers, composers and choreographers. Find out about the different ballet steps and positions, and read the wonderful stories of the world's greatest ballets. |
| 616952 | Children of the dragon: The race for the red dragon Lim, Rebecca | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760297374 | On their way to the Wudang Mountains to discover the fate of Qing's father and sisters, Qing and Harley make an unscheduled stop after they hear rumours of an ancient vase emblazoned with a red dragon. Enemies are everywhere, and Harley and Qing must race evil forces across Hong Kong and Southern China to find the legendary vase. Qing's magic is growing in power, but is it enough to counter the human and otherworldly forces that are determined to stop them at all costs? |
| 571053 | Children of the dragon: The relic of the blue dragon Lim, Rebecca | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760297367 | Harley Spark is just an ordinary thirteen-year-old kid who lives with his mum, Delia. Rumour has it that his dad, Ray, is an international crime figure with a talent for nicking old, valuable things. So when Harley finds an antique Chinese vase on the footpath, something compels him to stuff it under his school jumper and run for home. Little does he know he's about to reignite a centuries-old war between two ancient, supernatural families... |

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| 7984 | Children of the king, The Hartnett, Sonya | Penguin | 2012 | 9780670076130 | Cecily, Jeremy and a young refugee, May, have been sent to live with Uncle Peregrine in the country, safe from the war in London. But, when Cecily and May find two mysterious boys hiding out in a nearby castle ruin, and Jeremy runs away to London to help in the war effort, several destinies come together to make an extraordinary adventure. |
| 9315 | Children of the new forest, The Marryatt, Captain F | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261107 | Cavaliers and Roundheads battle it out in the turbulent setting of the English Civil war, providing the background for this classic tale of four orphans trying to survive in the forest. |
| 903378 | Children of the Stone city Naidoo, Beverly | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2022 | 9780008471774 | Adam, his sister Leila and their friend Zac live as Nons under the Permitted ruling class. But when Adam and Leila's father dies unexpectedly, their mother faces losing her permit to live in the Stone City and risks being sent back to where she was born, on the other side of the Wall. Before music loving Adam can implement his plan to save Mama, Zac is arrested for a bold prank that goes wrong, with repercussions for them all. |
| 4445 | Children's treasury of Milligan, A Milligan, Spike | Viking UK | 2001 | 9781852278915 | A rare and delightful collection of Spike Milligan's humour for children that includes 'Best of silly verse for kids', 'Milliganisms' and more. |
| 846141 | Chime seekers, The Montgomery, Ross | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406391190 | Yanni resents being a big brother but when his baby sister is stolen by an evil faerie, Yanni must race against time before she is lost forever. Battling goblins and dodging potentially fatal faerie trickery, Yanni, with the help of his cousin Amy, discovers that courage, trust and love can be powerful weapons against the darkest evil. |
| 10910 | Chimpanzee book: apes like us, The Litchfield, Carla | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030746 | They look cute and cuddly but don't underestimate them. Our closest living, animal relatives use tools to hunt, can hold a grudge and even use computers to communicate. |
| | Chinese Calendar Tales series Brennan, Sarah | | | | 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. |
| 21422 | Chook called Harry, A Gwynne, Phillip & Denton, Terry (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143303473 | There are ten chooks in the chook house and Chris collects the eggs every day. When his favourite chook, Happy Harry, stops laying, Chris's Dad says that she's not pulling her weight and will have to go. Chris must work out a way to save her. Some derogatory language used in context. |

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| | Choose your own adventure series Montgomery, R A | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 81625 | Christian the lion Bourke, Anthony & Rendall, John & Knowles, Ruth (adapt) | Random House Children's Books | 2009 | 9781862309562 | Two young Australian men, Ace and John, who were living in London in the swinging 60s, bought themselves a real lion cub from Harrods department store. This book follows their journey to raise a lion cub in a big city and then attempt to return him to the wild, with the support of famed lion expert, George Adamson. |
| 7234 | Christina's Matilda Wignell, Edel & Botte, Elizabeth (ill) | IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd) | 2011 | 9781921479878 | Most people know the words to the song Waltzing Matilda and that it was written by the poet Banjo Paterson. But, not many know the origin of the tune. In 1885, Christina Macpherson played an old Scottish marching tune and Banjo Paterson, who was visiting the family, liked it and wrote words to accompany the music. Banjo and the song became famous but Christina's role was forgotten until the 1970s. |
| 1175450 | Chronicles of a lizard nobody Ness, Patrick & Miller, Tim (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529517958 | Zeke's assumption that his role as Hall Monitor will be boring could not be more wrong. Pelicarnassus - fellow student, bully, and aspiring supervillain - is holding a grudge which quickly escalates. How will Zeke respond? Will he rise to the challenge of saving the school - and possibly the world - from a power-hungry pelican? A truly bonkers, must-read tale of friendship, courage, and craziness. |
| | Chronicles of Krangor series Pryor, Michael | | | | 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. |
| | Chronicles of Narnia series Lewis, C S | | | | 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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| 1209697 | Chronicles of Whetherwhy: The Age of Enchantment James, Anna | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2024 | 9780008611583 | In Whetherwhy, everyone possesses magic tied to the changing seasons, but only a rare few are Enchanters, born with the ability to control all four seasons. When 13 year old Juniper learns she is an Enchanter, she is invited to study at Thistledown Academy. Her twin brother, Rafferty, determined not to be left behind, follows her to the city of Stormgrove where he begins an apprenticeship at a bookbindery. |
| 4970 | Chronologica: Incredible years that defined history, The Bloomsbury & Powell, Debbie (ill) & Hancher, Adam (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781472932945 | Chronologica is an informative and entertaining glimpse into history, beautifully illustrated and full of incredible facts. This book has a combination of both major and lesser known historical events, ranging from Napoleon Bonaparte, the first emperor of France, to Adolphe Sax, who patented the Saxophone. Chronologica is full of facts and figures, and will entertain history buffs and inspire some new ones. |
| 36171 | Cicada summer Constable, Kate | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741758283 | Two years ago, Eloise's mother died and, over time, sadness has taken her voice. Her father, preoccupied with grandiose schemes that allow him to run from his own grief, ignores what is happening with Eloise's quietness. When Eloise meets Anna, a girl from another time, things begin to change as Eloise finds the peace and safety she needs to heal. |
| 751162 | Cinders and sparrows Bachmann, Stefan | HarperCollins US | 2020 | 9780063060562 | Orphaned housemaid Zita Brydgeboren receives a letter delivered by a scarecrow and discovers that she has inherited a castle and a magical legacy as a witch. Her new guardian, Mrs Cantanker reluctantly begins teaching Zita charms & spells. She soon forms friendships with the servants and some of the castle's more friendly supernatural occupants, including a talking statue and the ghost of a dog. As Zita explores the castle's quirky changing landscape and embraces her newfound magical skills she becomes determined to solve the mystery of what has really happened to her family. |
| 34385 | Circle Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781406338010 | Each year, bar-tailed godwits undertake the longest migration of any bird. They fly from Australia and New Zealand to their breeding grounds in the Arctic, and then back again. The godwits follow invisible pathways that have been followed for thousands of years, while braving hunger and treacherous conditions to reach their destination. |
| 89141 | City of Ember, The DuPrau, Jeanne | Corgi Books | 2008 | 9780552559980 | Endless darkness is threatening the underground city of Ember. Food is in short supply, corruption is spreading and the lights keep failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness. Lina and Doon must find a way to escape before the lights go out forever. |

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| 35556 | City of secret rivers, The Weinstein, Jacob Sager & Cook, Euan (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406368857 | Hyacinth is not at all pleased to move to London with her mother, partly because she still hopes her parents might get back together. Even her love of history does not make London more appealing, even less so when she opens her grandmother's farewell gift of a book titled A History of the Sewers of London (which she is bored enough to actually read), although she is puzzled, intrigued and a little anxious when the accompanying card foretells terrible danger, with no clue as to what it might be. She soon discovers a world of magic and strange creatures and places. All is definitely not what it seems and it is not at all certain whom she can trust. With her mother's life at stake Hyacinth must use all her skills to find the right path to prevent a catastrophe. |
| | 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. |
| 857907 | Clash Miller, Kayla | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760655174 | Natasha is going to be one of the coolest kids in Year 6. Everyone wants to be her friend, including Olive. Olive tries her best but they always seem to clash, whats going on? Olive feels that her friends are starting to like Natasha more than her ... who could blame them, she is so cool. Olive is just well, Olive. |
| 783569 | Class full of lizards, A Hart, Alison | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760877378 | It's the first day back at school and I've already got three questions: 1. When is my family's disgusting diet going to end? 2. How will I finish my group project on time? 3. Why is my best friend Alex suddenly not talking to me? If that's not bad enough, the classroom is overrun with lizards. At least things can't get worse, right? |
| 18481 | Clean break Wilson, Jacqueline & Sharrat, Nick (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780385608350 | Em and her siblings are devastated by their dad's departure. Em escapes to a fantasy world with the help of a reindeer glove puppet. |
| 18361 | Clemency Pogue: fairy killer Petty, J T & Davis, Will (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2005 | 9780689872365 | When Clemency is attacked by a mean fairy, she shouts, 'I don't believe in fairies' and accidentally kills six of them. This funny story describes her efforts to put things right. |

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| 797479 | Click Miller, Kayla | Houghton Mifflin | 2019 | 9781328707352 | Olive is a popular and happy year five girl with lots of friends, but when she finds herself on the outside of several groups formed to enter the school's talent show, she feels resentment and is hurt at being left out. With some good advice from her aunt, she decides she can do an act on her own and finds a new level of confidence in herself. |
| 846110 | Climate action: what happened and what we can do Simon, Seymour | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2021 | 9780062943309 | Around the world, young people like Greta Thunberg, Xiye Bastida Patrick and countless others are taking action to combat climate change and raise awareness. This book explains the devastating effects of climate change and how humans have contributed to the problem. It shares the stories of young people who have become an important part of the solution. |
| 888 | Cloud road, The Carmody, Isobelle | Penguin | 2013 | 9780670075188 | Adventure and danger follow Bily, Zluty, Redwing and the Monster as they cross a desert and journey through high stony mountains in search of a new home. |
| 60376 | Cloudchasers, The Hunt, Steven (ill) & Richardson, David | ABC Books | 2009 | 9780733322259 | In the grey streets of Bankertown, Alice dares to rebel, escaping into the clouds in a hot air balloon. She is determined to restore imagination and freedom to Bankertown, but the terrifying Catcher is on her trail. |
| 68863 | Cloudchasers, The: the east wind Hunt, Steven (ill) & Richardson, David | ABC Books | 2009 | 9780733325687 | Alice, Thomas and Spinner are being pursued by the Catcher through many terrifying and fantastic cloud lands, in their search for the Banker's father and to expose secrets to save Bankertown. |
| 6502 | Coat, The Hunt, Julie & Brooks, Ron (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781741146059 | The Coat stood in a paddock at the end of a row of strawberries. It was buttoned up tight, stuffed full of straw and it was angry. It recognises itself as a top-of-the-line coat and feels wasted as a scarecrow. When a gust of wind fills the arm of the scarecrow, a man walking along the path thinks it's waving. The man puts on the coat and a magical adventure begins. |
| | Coco Banjo series Gemmell, N J | | | | 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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| 1082798 | Code Name Kingfisher Kessler, Liz & Dean, David (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2024 | 9781398512511 | Liv is trying to research her family tree but her grandmother isn't interested in helping. Delving into the past brings up an amazing war-time story of bravery, betrayal and daring defiance. Who was Code Name Kingfisher and how did children become spies in Nazi occupied Holland? Liv is about to find out. |
| | Code name series Harvey, Jacqueline | | | | 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. |
| 3107 | Coding projects with Scratch made easy Setford, Steve & Woodcock, Jon | Penguin Books Australia | 2017 | 9781740331852 | Get ready to learn a whole new language: computer coding. Teach yourself how to create your own computer projects using this Scratch programming workbook. Perfect for beginners, with easy-to-understand, engaging instructions and no complicated jargon. |
| 3642 | Cogheart Bunzl, Peter | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2016 | 9781474915007 | Lily's dad, the inventor, has gone missing. He may even be dead! But Lily doesn't believe it and her mechanical fox, Malkin, has heard whispers about a new invention her dad was working on before he vanished, that may hold the key finding him. But the mission to return Lily's father won't be easy or safe and just who are those creepy mirror-eyed men? |
| | Colour graffix 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. |
| 988126 | Come together: Things every Aussie kid should know about the First Peoples Firebrace, Isaiah & Biunaiwai, Jaelyn (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2022 | 9781741178166 | In this essential book, Isaiah, a Yorta Yorta and Gunditjmarra man, establishes a foundation of First Nations knowledge with 20 key topics. |
| 47444 | Comet in Moominland Jansson, Tove; Portch, Elizabeth (trans) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780141328614 | Moomintroll learns that a comet is heading towards Moominvalley. So, he and Sniff, the small animal, set out for the observatory on the Lonely Mountains to seek advice from the Professor. On the way, they meet interesting people and have some narrow escapes. |
| 25277 | Coming home McGuinness, Sharon & Melville, Shannon (ill) | Wombat Books | 2012 | 9781921633775 | Gemma watches her dad as he sits alone in his tangled garden. She doesn't understand why he seems so sad. Gemma's dad is experiencing depression and Gemma wonders what she might be able to do to help him. |

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| 85274 | Complete adventures of Blinky Bill Wall, Dorothy | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2009 | 9780732284343 | Discover an Australian classic, Blinky Bill and his wonderful adventures. |
| 363 | Complete adventures of Snugglepup and Cuddlepup, The Gibbs, May | HarperCollins Australia | 1990 | 9780207167300 | Snugglepup and Cuddlepup feature in this Australian classic. They are two gumnut babies who live in the bush and have adventures with their bush friends and the big bad Banksia men. |
| 35121 | Composer is dead, The Snicket, Lemony & Stookey, Nathaniel (music) | HarperCollins US | 2009 | 9780061236273 | In this perplexing murder mystery, everyone has a motive, everyone has an alibi and nearly everyone is a musical instrument. But, the composer is still dead. Join the inspector as he interrogates all the unusual suspects. Hear what happened on that fateful evening by listening to the accompanying CD, featuring author, Lemony Snicket, and Nathaniel Stookey's music performed by the San Francisco Symphony. |
| 660424 | Coodee Mittigar Seymour, Jasmine & Mulgo Watson, Leanne (ill) | Magabala Books | 2019 | 9781925936865 | Coodee mittigar. Come here friend and join our Daruga mudjin. Let's make some budyeri dreaming. I will teach you of Darug life. |
| 694059 | Cookie and the most annoying boy in the world Huq, Connie | Piccadilly Press | 2019 | 9781848128095 | Cookie's life is a disaster, her best friend is moving away and the most annoying boy in the world is buying her favourite kitten at the pet shop. And then he joins her class at school!! And then he moves in next door!! But there is a glimmer of hope and Cookies love of science is about to come in handy..... |
| 846084 | Cooking club detectives, The Jozefkowicz, Ewa | Head of Zeus | 2021 | 9781789543605 | The local community centre is about to be shut down. All the clubs and classes are held here for the kids after school. Erin has just moved in and has started exploring her new community. She quickly makes new friends at school and joins a cooking club held at the local community centre. The news of it closing is terrible for them all. Is there anything they can do to save it? Who and why would they be shutting down such an important centre to the community? Maybe Erin and her friends can get to the bottom of it! |
| 941502 | Cool code, The Langeland, Dierdre & Mai, Sarah (ill) | Clarion Books | 2022 | 9780358549314 | Zoey has been homeschooled her entire life. So when her parents announce it's time for her to attend the local school, she's terrified about how she'll cope. In an attempt to fit in, Zoey develops an app called the Cool Code with a cute llama avatar that will tell her everything from what to say to what to wear based on pop culture algorithms she's uploaded. But when the app gives her ridiculous advice, awkwardness and hilarity ensues. With a few upgrades and a bit of debugging from the coding club, the app actually works. Zoey becomes really popular... and gets her pulled in all kinds of directions, including away from her real friends. |

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| 1089042 | Cora seen and heard Louise, Zanni | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760657666 | Calling all year 5 & 6 students. This is the book for you! Cora, a quiet, shy, forgettable 12 year old whose family moves interstate. What a great opportunity to reinvent yourself. But is it? Should we all just be happy with the skin we are in? |
| 13788 | Coral reef book, The Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2016 | 9781742034140 | Coral reefs have existed for millions of years and are found in tropical waters around the world. These ecosystems are home to a diverse range of animals and plants. Australia's Great Barrier Reef is the longest barrier reef in the world, stretching for more than two thousand kilometres. Find out about the beautiful, colourful and richly diverse world of coral reefs. |
| 660320 | Corner park clubhouse: The secret life of Lola Bell, Davina | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2019 | 9781760504038 | When lifelong friends Lola, Belle, Maisie and Sophia reunite at their beloved Corner Park Clubhouse for the winter school holidays, Lola has a great idea: they'll enter the local drama competition! It's the perfect way to spend as much time together as possible, and there are prizes for best actor, director and sets. As an artist, Lola's determined her sets will win - but there's just one problem. She can't figure out what to paint, or even how to get started. And that's because of something that happened at her super sophisticated art school last term ... something Lola can't discuss with anyone. Not her bestie, Belle, who's brought her new friend Matilda home for the holidays. Not Maisie, who's always busy with gym. Not Sophia, who's focused on her secret crush. And not even her cool older sister, Tally, who's at a conference in New York. With no-one to turn to but herself, can Lola figure out how to get her creativity back - before it's too late? |
| 15058 | Corroboree Wallam, Angus & Kelly, Suzanne & Macdonald, Norma (ill) | University of Western Australia Press | 2004 | 9781920694142 | It is springtime, Wirrin's favourite time of the year. He will go hunting with his father, digging with his mother and gathering with his grandmother. People are coming from far and wide for the big corroboree and Wirrin will see all his cousins. |
| 44073 | Cosmic Boyce, Frank Cottrell | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9780330440868 | Liam is not your usual twelve year old boy. For a start, he is man-size and is always being mistaken for his father. This is Liam's opportunity and his greatest dilemma. Yesterday, he was just a kid, now he is stuck in space, perhaps forever, with hilarious results. But, the greatest lessons he learns are about fatherhood. |

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| 1019808 | Cosmic wonder Benham-Yazdani, Ashley | Candlewick Press | 2023 | 9781536223231 | When the comet looked down to the Earth, the humans gazed right back. Every seventy-six years or so, Halley's Comet passes the Earth on its orbit, catching snapshots of how the planet and the Earthlings that live there change over time. Even though the comet's path continually leads it back into the vast universe, it always looks forward to its return to Earth to see what humans will accomplish next. Told with wonder and striking illustrations, this story follows Halley's Comet as it traces the journey of human civilization over the thousands of years it has travelled the Earth. |
| 643365 | Costa Banana: The gruesome general Douglas, Jozua & Hees, Elly (ill) | Affirm Press | 2019 | 9781925870091 | Welcome to Costa Banana, where the President makes everyone eat Banana soup on Fridays. He's strong, he's unstoppable, he's completely bonkers. So when his kids discover a plot to overthrow the President he doesn't believe them. With robotic flies, banana guns and a gruesome general, will Rosa and Fico be able to save the day? |
| | Countdown to danger series Heath, Jack | | | | 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. |
| 1019824 | Countdown to yesterday Marr, Shirley | Penguin Random House Australia | 2024 | 9781761340598 | James' family is changing, and he doesn't like it. He wants to travel back in time and live in one of his favourite memories, but which one will he choose? How will he choose? And can his new friend Yan really build a time machine? What would you do if you had six memories to go back to? How would you choose? |
| 4195 | Counting lions Cotton, Kate & Walton, Stephen (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2015 | 9781847807212 | Exquisite large and detailed charcoal drawings of ten endangered creatures. Poetic text notes each creature's particular qualities and behaviour, and why these animals must be cherished and protected. |
| 1019648 | Country town Martyn, Isolde & Ridgeway, Robyn & Hogan, Louise (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2023 | 9781922696359 | A wonderfully illustrated story of a fictional small country town in Australia. The book goes through from First Peoples' camp in the 1820s to Carols by Candlelight at the local showground. An excellent way to read the history of our nation. |

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| 18498 | Cow-pats Alexander, Goldie & Hamill, Dion (ill) | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780732992057 | Red is obsessed with painting but life on the drought-affected farm, combined with his father's need for expensive heart surgery, makes it unlikely he will pursue his artistic dream. Then a mysterious stranger buying artistic cow pats arrives. |
| 48993 | Cowzat Atherton, Bruce & Redlich, Ben (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2010 | 9781921136658 | At last the true, well almost, story of how cricket was invented. Told in rollicking verse and with zany illustrations, this book will bowl you over. |
| 18396 | Crane wife, The Bodkin, Odds & Spirin, Gennady (ill) | Harcourt Children's Books | 2002 | 9780152163501 | A beautiful retelling of a classic Japanese folk tale about a sail maker and his wife. Exquisitely illustrated in traditional Japanese style. |
| | Crawf's kick it to Nick 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. |
| 9965 | Crazy classrooms Cookson, Paul | Frances Lincoln | 2015 | 9781847805058 | Friends and bullies, first day and last day, school dinners, playtime and staffroom stowaways. This book is all about your school so open the door and enter. Fifty fantastic poems about school that will speak to anyone who has ever started at a new school, been bullied or is just feeling a little lost at school. |
| 751092 | Crazy for birds Maynerick Blaise, Misha | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780008390211 | Prepare to be amazed. Fascinating and fabulous facts about birds. Marvel at bird's bizarre behaviours. Delight in their diversity and enjoy their incredible personalities in this loving homage to all things avian. Bird brains may be small, but they are dense. Some birds have as many neurons as small primates. Some birds have even been observed making and using tools. Read this book to learn lots of facts about birds in a fun way. |
| 18559 | Creatures of the rainforest Brim, Warren & Eglitis, Anna | Magabala Books | 2006 | 9781875641994 | Warren Brimm and Anna Iglitis embark on a cross-cultural journey to show us the remarkable array of creatures that inhabit the Queensland rainforest. |
| 2975 | Crenshaw Applegate, Katherine | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2015 | 9780007951185 | When Jackson's father becomes ill and cannot work, the family is struggling to pay the rent or buy food. When it seems they could lose everything and face homelessness, Crenshaw, Jackson's imaginary cat, comes back into his life to help them. |
| 18502 | Crime of the agent-mariner, The Santaklaus, Pia & Flowers, Tony (ill) | Bitter Beat | 2006 | 9780975828601 | A story told whimsically in poetry of an agent-mariner who sets out on his ship and finds a real mermaid. A satirical, moral tale, with sophisticated illustrations, that condemns greed and exploitation. |

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| 18732 | Crimpy's cartooning for kids Crimp, Daryl | HarperCollins Australia | 2006 | 9781869505905 | A cartoonist gives step-by-step strategies for practising drawing skills, supported by puzzles that revise earlier material. |
| 578 | Crocodile attack Peguero, Leone | BlueCat Books | 2004 | 9780957842243 | In a true story, a twelve year old girl receives a reward for bravery following a crocodile attack in the Northern Territory. Fact and opinion surrounding the story are explored in reports, maps, signs, letters, newspaper articles and storytelling. |
| 24638 | Crocodile book: armoured and dangerous, The Douglas, Malcolm | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030265 | From crocodiles that protect their babies by scooping them up into their mouths to those that can hold their breath for up to two hours, this is a fascinating, sometimes scary, introduction to the wild world of crocodiles. |
| 8827 | Crocodile Jack Norrington, Leonie & Denton, Terry (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305958 | Jack is surprised but delighted when his big brother, Tom, invites him to go fishing. Of course, there's a catch. Jack is just the right size to fit through the shed window to borrow Dad's favourite fishing lure. There's also another job for Jack, he's to be the lookout to spot crocodile bubbles while Tom and his mate fish for barramundi. |
| 903357 | Crookhaven: the school for thieves Arcanjo, J. J. | Hachette Australia | 2023 | 9781444965735 | Gabriel Avery usually only pickpockets to feed himself and his grandma but when he is recruited to Crookhaven, a school for honourable thieves, he learns so much more. With classes in Deception, The History of Crookery and Tricks of the Trade, Gabriel and his new friends hone their unusual skills and talents, but will it be enough when they have to face the ruthless Nameless, ex-students of Crookhaven who are anything but honourable? |
| 20548 | Crossing Norton, Catherine | Omnibus Books | 2014 | 9781742990286 | Cara lives in the shadow of the Wall, a wall which protects its citizens from the outside world. By following the government's rules, Cara and her sister are safe, even when their parents are away doing important work for the government. When Cara befriends Leon and Ava, she begins to question what she has always known. Ava doesn't seem to think the rules are all that important. Perhaps that is why she disappears. |
| 687443 | Crossover, The Alexander, Kwame | Houghton Mifflin | 2019 | 9781328575494 | "With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . .The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious novel of family and brotherhood. |

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| 6677 | Crow country Constable, Kate | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742373959 | Sadie has moved to the country with her mum, although she would have preferred to stay in Melbourne with her friends. Life takes an unexpected turn when Sadie has an unusual encounter with a crow on a dried-up lake, and then meets Lachie Mortlock. Living in the country takes on new meaning, especially when Crow gives Sadie a secret to keep and a mystery to solve. |
| 903306 | Crunch: Click graphic novel, A Miller, Kayla | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760655181 | Olive is balancing the too-many things she wants to do with the too-few hours in the day to do them. When everything adds up, suddenly it's crunch time! It's no secret that Olive loves trying new things. Between taking guitar lessons, making a short film, joining Berry Scouts, and leading the charge on her school's dress code reform, Olive has her hands full! But she enjoys being busy, so staying on track with her jam-packed schedule should be no problem... right? As weeks fly by, it gets harder and harder for Olive to find time for her activities, never mind time for herself. Will she be able to accomplish her goals, or will all her sizzle turn to fizzle? |
| 9785 | Crystal run, The O'Flanagan, Sheila | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2016 | 9781444927061 | When Joe accidentally runs through a portal, he lands in a camp training teenagers to become Runners. Each cycle, three Runners are sent to place the power sources that will secure the shield that protects their land and keeps the enemy away. Once this is done, a toxin is released into their bodies and the Runners die. No one is permitted to return through the shield and nobody can remain in enemy territory. It's Joe's turn on the next Run. He is desperate to return to Earth. |
| 660423 | Cunning crow Dreise, Gregg | Magabala Books | 2019 | 9781925768862 | Way back, before once-upon-a-time, there was the Dreamtime when all the birds were white. One of those white birds was a crow called Waan. One day a big storm came through and a magnificent rainbow appeared. When the birds passed through the rainbow, one by one, their feathers took on its beautiful colours. Waan flew through the rainbow too and his feathers became a beautiful red and orange. But Waan was jealous of the other birds. He wanted to be more beautifully coloured than anyone. So Waan hatched a cunning plan. But things did not go the way Waan wanted... |

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| 846189 | Curiosities, The Frailon, Zana & Lesnie, Phil (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2021 | 9780734417848 | With the Curiosities, a whole world of wonders and possibilities awaits... Miro wakes one morning to find the world isn't quite the way he thought it was. When the Curiosities choose Miro as the one they nest on, Miro is led to discover all the marvels waiting in the shadows where no-one else looks. Sometimes though, the Curiosities can make Miro feel alone and invisible in the darkness. But perhaps Miro isn't as alone as he thinks... |
| 2982 | Cyclone French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781743623596 | On Christmas Eve in 1974, tropical cyclone Tracy devastated the city of Darwin. It caused massive destruction and trauma. This is the story of the city's indomitable spirit and life after the cyclone. |
| 19490 | D-Day: a Second World War soldier 1944 Perrett, Bryan | Scholastic UK | 2009 | 9781407103723 | The story of Andrew Pope, commander of an infantry platoon, who took part in the Normandy landings on 6 June, 1944, later known as D-Day and the turning point of the Second World War. Andrew tells how his men prepared for and of the fierce battles that took place once they were ashore. This is Andrew's part in the biggest amphibious military operation in the history of the world. |
| 9205 | Daddy Long-Legs Webster, Jean | Dover Publications | 2002 | 9780486423678 | An enchanting classic set in a boarding school. An orphan attempts to identify and come closer to her benefactor. |
| 15917 | Dads have no shame Faulkner, Carol & Rogers, Gregory (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143301783 | Sarah is unhappy as she has to help her Dad with a garage sale. When their neighbour sets up his own garage sale, the battle is on to see who will get the most customers. Sarah is really embarrassed as she watches just how far Dad will go to win. |
| 12938 | Dalai Lama, peacemaker from Tibet, The Gibb, Chris | White-Thomson Publishing Ltd | 2002 | 9780750240161 | When Tenzin Gyatso was four years old, the religious leaders of Tibet declared him to be the fourteenth Dalai Lama, the highest-ranking monk in Tibetan Buddhism. The Dalai Lama spreads a message of compassion and peace in the world. |
| 580944 | Dam, The Almond, David & Pinfeld, Levi (ill) | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406304879 | Before the land is flooded and the valley is lost forever, a father and daughter visit the homes and fill them with music which will last forever. A song for that which was and that which will be. |
| 14885 | Danny Allen was here Cummings, Phil | Pan MacMillan | 2007 | 9780330422949 | Danny, his brother and sister and their friend, Mark, get up to all sorts of hilarious, hair-raising mischief. But, Danny and his family must face the biggest challenge of all, life without their farm. |
| 11485 | Danny da Vinci: the giant horse of Milan Whatley, Bruce & Smith, Rosie | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733319150 | Humorous description of the creation of da Vinci's Horse of Sforza statue. Danny da Vinci and his best friend, Mick Angelo, are apprentices in Uncle Leo's art studio when he is commissioned to make a giant, marble horse. |

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| 41499 | Danny da Vinci: The secret of the Mona Lisa Smith, Rosie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | ABC Books | 2017 | 9780733326059 | Danny da Vinci and his best friend Mick Angelo are artistic adventurers who share a passion for painting and sculpture. Every year the Duke of Milan holds an art exhibition, and this year the Duke has asked Danny's Uncle Leo to paint his portrait. Danny and Mick want to enter something in the exhibition too, something special. Danny's sister Lisa has an idea, but why should they listen to her? She's such a moaner! |
| 87322 | Danny the champion of the world Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill) | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2007 | 9780141322674 | Danny loves his life with his dad in the little gypsy caravan. His dad never runs out of wonderful stories. When Danny discovers his father's secret, he's off on the adventure of a lifetime, involving an hilarious pheasant-snatching expedition, and a daring plot to get the better of the horrible Mr Victor Hazell. |
| 24009 | Darcy Moon and the deep-fried frogs Carvell, Catherine | Fremantle Press | 2014 | 9781922089717 | Darcy Moon is an ordinary girl with ordinary problems. She's low on cash and low on the necessary street cred to fit in with the cool crowd. But, Darcy's life is about to take a great leap forward. When a freaked-out frog asks for help, it's up to her to fix the food chain, save the swamp and prove that money can't buy everything. |
| 846190 | Dare to be different: Inspirational words from people who changed the world Brooks, Ben & Winter, Quinton (ill) | Quercus Children's Books | 2022 | 9781529416244 | A rich exciting compendium for children of speeches, letters, stories and poems by people who have all used words to do wonderful things in this world. |
| 1076 | Darius Bell and the crystal bees Hirsch, Odo | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742376837 | The disappearance of bees heralds huge changes on the Bell estate. Without bees, there won't be honey or, more importantly, cross-pollination of the fruit and vegetables, which Mr Fisher and his family sell in order to survive. Darius comes up with a complex plan that involves an enthusiastic teacher. But, Darius must deliver fabulous costumes to the school principal so that the school can win a highly contested parade. |
| 43511 | Darius Bell and the glitter pool Hirsch, Odo | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741757163 | The Bell family's ancestors were showered with honours, gifts and grants of land. In exchange, they have bestowed a Gift, every twenty-five years, on the town. Now, it's Darius's father's turn but there is no money for an impressive gift. When an earthquake reveals a glorious cave, Darius thinks he might have found the answer. |
| | Darkmouth series Hegarty, Shane | | | | 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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| 7860 | David and the scavenger prince Timmis, R J | Zeus Publications | 2017 | 9780987111340 | It's the last week of school term and David can't wait to return to Hydrenia for the Easter holidays. But when Dad forces him to see accomplished therapist Uncle Darius, David soon learns therapy is the last thing on his uncle's mind. Unlike his parents, he actually believes David's stories are true ... and he has the evidence to prove it. He blackmails David to steal mythrill from Esmorde in exchange for the safety of his family and friends. Finally presented with the chance to get his uncle off his back, David unwittingly sets off a chain of events that threatens the peace of Esmorde, and possibly the universe itself ... |
| 6298 | David Astle's 101 weird words (and 3 fakes) from ambidextrous to zugzwang Astle, David & Tippett, Paul (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760633660 | Are you a dictionary detective? This is a dictionary with a difference. Packed with weird words, cool facts, punny jokes, riddles and a mystery to solve, get set for a fun read. |
| | David Beckham Academy series, The The David Beckham Academy staff | | | | 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. |
| 25920 | Day to remember, A French, Jackie & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2012 | 9780732293604 | A moving look at the history of Australia's and New Zealand's involvement in warfare through the lens of a single day - Anzac Day - revisited on notable years between 1915 and 2012. |
| 659189 | Days of in between, The Fenton, Peter Valentine | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760662523 | It's the last summer of the 1970s, and as 12-year-old Toby heads to the coast on a longed-for summer holiday, he finds himself almost invisible to his newlywed father and step-mum. Toby's loneliness lifts when he meets Tara, the daughter of the local shark fisherman, who is dealing with family issues of her own. A terrifying incident on the old wharf begins a dramatic chain of events within the small coastal town -- revealing secrets and creating ripples through both Toby's and Tara's families. A lyrical novel of the joys of childhood, friendship, facing truths, the trials of growing up... and the days of in between. |
| 35048 | Dead certain Gould, Sally | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921529900 | Max has a plan. A plan to help out his favourite uncle one last time. Dad will probably ground him and he won't be able to go to Thomo's go-kart party but Max knows exactly what he has to do. In fact, he's dead certain. |

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| 895460 | Dead good detectives McLachlan, Jenny | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781405298155 | Twelve year old Sid Jones loves playing creepy games in the graveyard with her best friend Zen. She is not expecting to accidentally release a 300 year old pirate and his shouty ghost parrot from the dead. This leads Sid to the Halfway House, which is a mysterious inn full of lost souls trapped there by a sinister landlord. The ghosts need Sid's help to escape. But someone else is watching and they are not happy. |
| 100 | Dead meat. Simons, Moya | Scholastic Australia | 1993 | 9781862911857 | Danny is an ordinary boy in an ordinary family who seems to attract amazing and funny experiences. |
| 1019794 | Deadlands, The: Hunted Melki-Wegner, Skye | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781529516241 | When the Fallen Star struck, some dinosaurs survived, but grew alert. They learnt to speak. To dream. To wage war. As the last dinosaur kingdoms continue to fight, Eleri, the disgraced son of a prince, is banished to the merciless Deadlands for saving an enemy soldier. To survive the dangers of the scorched desert he joins a herd of other young exile. But when Eleri and his fellow misfits discover the horrific truth behind the war, the unlikely heroes must do all they can to save their kingdom from a secret plot that could destroy them all. |
| 1078769 | Deadlands, The: Survival Melki-Wegner, Skye | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529518597 | After destroying the Carrion Kingdom's stronghold, Eleri and his fellow exiles have thwarted the carnivore's invasion for now. But the enemy is regrouping, preparing for an even more fearsome war- one that could annihilate the surviving dinosaur kingdoms. Knowing their cunning foes will seek vengeance, the exiles must risk their lives to warn the war-torn herds and convince them to stand together for the future of Cretacea. |
| | Deadly D & Justice Jones series Prince, Scott & Hartley, David | | | | 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. |
| 7078 | Deadly sisters of Worawa Deadly sisters of Worawa & Heiss, Anita & Ware, Shelley | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2018 | 9780648260431 | Deadly Sisters of Worawa, written by thirteen young women from Worawa Aboriginal College, was produced during an Indigenous Literacy Foundation writing workshop. In their book, the students write about themselves, their families, their sacred places and the things they've achieved that make them proud. They've also written some powerful and moving poetry, and created some amazing artwork, all of which combined reveals how deadly these Worawa sisters are. |

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| 846267 | Dear Greta Poshoglian, Yvette | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761043789 | This was meant to be Alice's year to shine. But things are already going wrong. School. Friends. Family... Through her letters to Greta Thunberg, Alice finds herself opening up about her life..and starts to believe that she can make a difference - a big one. |
| 14663 | Dear Olly Morpurgo, Michael | HarperCollins Australia | 2000 | 9780006753339 | The stories of a young man, his little sister and a baby swallow are intertwined simply to reveal the high price a young man pays when he gives up a lucrative career in vet science to bring joy and laughter to orphans in Africa. The values he puts on love, laughter and the chance to see gorillas in the wild make it all worth it. |
| 676687 | Dear Sweet Pea Murphy, Julie | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780062977267 | Patricia is called Sweet Pea by everyone except for Daisy Mae, the eccentric old lady who lives in between Sweet Pea's two houses. When her parents decided to separate, Sweet Pea's mother thought it would be a great idea for her dad to move in two doors up and decorate her new bedroom at dad's exactly the same as the one she's always known and loved at home. It probably wasn't as great an idea as her mum thought. With the town gossiping about the reasons for her parents' divorce, a few too many misunderstandings with her best friend, and trying to succeed at the secret mission crazy old Flora Mae has given her, Sweet Pea might not be feeling too sweet at all. |
| 102 | Dear writer Gleeson, Libby | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141312705 | Lizzie and her friend want to surprise their teacher with a visit by his favourite author for the teacher's birthday in Book Week. |
| 18376 | Death in a nut Maddern, Eric & Hess, Paul (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2005 | 9781845070816 | When Jack's mother is very sick, he is able to prevent her dying by squeezing Old Man Death into an empty hazelnut. But, trouble begins for the people and the food in the village and Jack learns a powerful lesson about life and death. |
| 18404 | Death of a princess Geason, Susan | Little Hare Books | 2005 | 9781877003905 | Set in Ancient Egypt, the book follows the murder investigation of the Pharaoh's daughter. The story follows Meryet-Neith, the harem's beautician, who needs to find the truth or risk becoming a scapegoat for the murder. |
| 12342 | Deep water Forrestal, Elaine | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300304 | Tori has heard a dog howling. He is not sure if he imagined it or if it is, as his cousin Bronte says, Axle's ghost. Thinking that, perhaps Axle could be alive after all. Tori sets out to solve the mystery but discovers more than he expected to find. |

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| 909658 | Deep: Dive into hidden worlds McGeachin, Jess | Welbeck Publishing | 2022 | 9781913519483 | What hidden worlds lie beneath your feet? Or in the deepest parts of the ocean, where not even sunlight can reach? Come on a journey to meet glowing deep-sea creatures, zombie-making fungi and the trillions of tiny workers that live inside your own body. But be warned, things can get a little strange in the deep. |
| 1408 | Deltora book of monsters, The Rodda, Emily & McBride, Marc (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781865043692 | A colourful bestiary that depicts the terrifying creatures of Deltora's forests, mountains and deserts. |
| | Deltora Quest series Rodda, Emily | | | | 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. |
| | Deltora Shadowlands series Rodda, Emily | | | | 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. |
| 15876 | DemiChat and the Kent Street mystery Brisland, Toni | Sid Harta Publishers | 2010 | 9781921642357 | Lord Flannery is a beagle, recently retired from Scotland Yard's dog squad. Flannery meets DemiChat, an exotic cat, who spends her time watching old Sherlock Holmes movies. She is most impressed with Flannery's real life crime experiences. When they see suspicious activity on a building site opposite, the pair set off in pursuit of a kidnapper and find themselves in Paris and Rome. |
| 944033 | Democracy! Bunting, Philip | Little Hare Books | 2023 | 9781761211478 | What you say (and how you say it) has the power to change the world. Democracy gives you that power. Democracy is people power. But does democracy really matter? How does it work? And what exactly is democracy, anyway?! Get set to speak up and learn how you can create positive change in your corner of the world. |
| 889 | Demon dentist Walliams, David | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007453566 | Strange things were happening when children would put their teeth under the pillow for the tooth fairy. In the morning they would find a dead slug, a spider, a slimy eyeball or much, much worse. Alfie is determined to find the culprit, whilst evading the social worker who has started visiting his home. |
| 103 | Demon headmaster, The Cross, Gillian | Oxford University Press | 2001 | 9780192718556 | There is something sinister going on at Dinah's new school. The headmaster has a weird kind of control over the pupils. |

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| 9408 | Depression years, The Irvine, Nance | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1986 | 9780340377130 | Through words and illustrations, this book describes both the grim poverty and the happy side of life during the Great Depression in Australia. |
| 751051 | Derek Dool supercool: Going viral Beck, Adrian & Edgar, Scott (ill) | Penguin | 2020 | 9781760892968 | Derek is on a mission to go viral. After all, what is more super cool than being an internet hit? The only problem is thinking of a super cool viral idea, nothing is working out as expected. But Derek is not one to give up, he is determined to achieve viral victory- even if it's the last thing he does. |
| 974361 | Desert jungle Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781406387872 | Chico's grandpa has taken him on holiday where he grew up as a child, out in the desert. Chico has no interest in exploring the land -- the desert jungle frightens him, and he'd much rather play on his his tablet. Grandpa decides that it is time to show Chico the secrets and the wonders that the desert has to offer so that he will not fear it but, instead, welcome it, embrace it and help protect it. Grandpa shows Chico paths through the cactus and the scrub, teaches Chico the plants' names -- ocotillo, cholla, cirios, pin cushion, fishhook -- and, soon, Chico begins to understand the wonders of the wild. He learns the value of watching, waiting and listening for all the life that hums within his desert home. |
| 587850 | Detention Bancks, Tristan | Puffin Australia | 2019 | 9780143791799 | Sima and her family are pressed to the rough, cold ground among fifty others. They lie next to the tall fence designed to keep them in. The wires are cut one by one. When they make their escape, a guard raises the alarm. Shouting, smoke bombs, people tackled to the ground. In the chaos Sima loses her parents. Dad told her to run, so she does, hiding in a school and triggering a lockdown. A boy, Dan, finds her hiding in the toilet block. What should he do? Help her? Dob her in? She's breaking the law, but is it right to lock kids up? And if he helps, should Sima trust him? Or run? This moment, these decisions, will change the course of their lives. |

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| 833168 | Devils in danger Wheeler, Samantha | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263293 | Eleven-year old Killarney thinks school is boring. She'd rather be exploring the wilderness around her Tasmanian hometown or helping her hairdresser mum. When strange things start to happen-ear splitting screams in the dead of the night and missing items found under the house-Killarney is too busy solving the mystery to do schoolwork. Before long she discovers the culprit: a wild Tasmanian devil, denning under the house. When rumours about dangerous devils being spreading, Killarney is determined to protect her precious visitor, but can she convince an entire town these wild creatures are worth saving? |
| 7730 | Dexter: the courageous koala Blackadder, Jesse | ABC Books | 2015 | 9780733331787 | Ashley has been longing for a pet of her own but her plans for a puppy fall through. Instead, her parents send Ashley on a holiday to her eccentric Aunt Micky. There, Ashley saves an injured mother koala and her joey Dexter. When a storm cuts off the only access road to the vet, Ashley must find the courage to find another way to safety. |
| | Diamond Brothers series Horowitz, Anthony & Beech, Mark (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. |
| 3742 | Diamond horse, The Gregg, Stacy | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780008124397 | A priceless diamond necklace holds a secret- the stories of two different girls. Anna Orlov lives in a beautiful snowbound palace, home to a menagerie of wonderful animals: tigers, wolfhounds and horses, but also her cruel brother Ivan. So when Anna defies her father's wishes she has no idea of the dangers to come. Soon Anna, her tiger and her horse will be fighting for survival in the frozen wilds. Valentina is a circus performer with a very special horse and big dreams. A girl who sees beyond the bright lights of the big top. A horse with an incredible future... |
| | Diamond Spirit series Wood, Karen | | | | 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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| | Diary of a 6th grade ninja series Emerson, Marcus & Lee, David (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. |
| 19059 | Diary of a minecraft zombie: Bullies and buddies Zombie, Zack | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781743811511 | Zack is busy with Creepy, Steve and his ghoulfriend, Sally Cadaver. He doesn't have time, or the guts, to deal with the new kid at school, a giant Zombie called Mutant, who teams up with Mike Magma, the school bully. Will Zack and his friends survive a dodgeball game against Mike and Mutant? |
| 30821 | Diary of a minecraft zombie: Scare of a dare, A Zombie, Zack | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781743811504 | Twelve-year old Zack is a Minecraft Zombie with four great friends, an annoying younger brother, endless tests at Scare School and a Zombie sweetheart to impress. When his biggest schoolyard rival dares him to touch an Iron Golem, Zack needs to find out whether he has the guts to touch the Golem and impress the girl. |
| 14478 | Diary of a wildlife photographer Latta, Jan | True to Life books | 2013 | 9780980872729 | A journal covering fourteen years of adventures with, and taking photographs of, animals in the wild. The author and photographer has held the throat of a cheetah, been charged by a rhino and had heart-stopping moments with wild elephants and hippos. There are wonderful recollections of playing with baby pandas in China, walking with lions in Botswana and being groomed by a chimpanzee. Stunning photographs. |
| | Diary of a wimpy kid series Kinney, Jeff | | | | +++++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. |
| 10241 | Diary of a would be-princess Green, Jessica | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865047799 | Jillian James burning ambition is to belong to the popular Princess Group. They accuse her of being a dork because she sits next to Nigel. In a rocky ride through year five, Jillian learns that being a Princess isn't the only thing in life worth achieving, and that true friends can come in different shapes and sizes. |
| 1209749 | Dictionary story, The Jeffers, Oliver & Winston, Sam (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781406395471 | The dictionary is not like other books. Her story is not clear like those of the books around her. The dictionary has all the words used by all those other books, but as she brings these words to life things do not come together clearly or calmly. |

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| 581515 | Different boy, A Jennings, Paul & Kelly, Geoff (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760523503 | The ship was a towering fortress looming over the pier. Anton stared enviously at the emigrants lining up in front of the wide gangplank. Heading off on a voyage to a land of peace and plenty. Leaving the land of broken buildings and crushed hopes behind. Looking forward to sunshine and steaks. How he wished that he was one of the lucky ones.' Loosely based on Paul Jennings' journey to Australia as a 'ten pound Pom', the story of Anton, who escapes from an orphanage and successfully stows away on a boat headed for the land of 'sunshine and steaks' has a timeless reality of its own. It is a tale of loss, guilt, mistaken identity and taking risks but also surprisingly heartwarming and heartbreaking. |
| 3335 | Different dog, A Jennings, Paul & Kelly, Geoff (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760296469 | I'll tell you something, Chase. Don't beg. Some people beg because they have nothing. But a dog should never do it just because someone says the word beg'. The unforgettable story of a boy who cannot speak and the day he finds his voice. |
| 652380 | Different land, A Jennings, Paul & Kelly, Geoff (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760528720 | Christopher is twelve thousand miles from home. The pub has a dirt floor and the owner is as rough as guts. The forest hides snakes, feral pigs and a dark secret. Mysterious, bold and strange. Expect the unexpected. And watch your step. Enter this place and you will be different for ever. |
| 7181 | Different like Coco Matthews, Elizabeth | Candlewick Press | 2007 | 9780763625481 | Coco Chanel rose from poverty to become the founder of the famous fashion house of Chanel. The original and appealing illustrations give an extra dimension to the biography. |
| 866313 | Different sort of normal, A Balfe, Abigail | Puffin Australia | 2021 | 9780241508794 | The true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic, and the challenges she faced in the 'normal' world. |
| 14094 | Digger the dog who went to war Wilson, Mark | Lothian Books | 2015 | 9780734415745 | Inspired by a true story, a young soldier smuggles his dog onto his troop ship when he leaves to fight in World War I. Together they face the triumphs and tragedies of the Western Front. |
| 21156 | Dinosaur atlas Rooney, Anne & Gilleard, James | Lonely Planet Publications | 2017 | 9781786577184 | From giant sauropods and horned dinosaurs, to duckbills and ferocious theropods, kids will discover how the dinosaurs evolved, what they looked like and how they hunted. Plus, we've included the latest finds and theories. |
| 7970 | Dinosaur knights Bauer, Michael Gerard | Omnibus Books | 2009 | 9781862917958 | A team of scientists are trying to transport a live dinosaur to the future by stretching time. When the dinosaur becomes stranded in the Middle Ages, it crosses the paths of twin brothers, Roland and Oswald, who are struggling to save their father from a corrupt official. Roland dreams of being a knight while Oswald imagines a future as a physician. Meeting the dinosaur changes their lives forever. |

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| 10912 | Dinosaur record breakers Naish, Darren | Scholastic Australia | 2012 | 9781742832586 | Want to know what the biggest dinosaur is far discovered was? What about the smallest? The most colourful? Most feathery? All that and more is revealed in this book, as well as some amazing facts about the dinosaur's contemporaries - the pterosaurs and marine reptiles. Travel back in time and imagine what life was like in the Mesozoic Era. |
| 46336 | Dinosaurs eye to eye Woodward, John | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405347693 | Come face to face with the fiercest, wildest, most incredible creatures that ever roamed the earth, all captured in deadly detail. Find out why dinosaurs look the way they do, where they lived and explore their habitats. |
| 107 | Dinotopia Gurney, James | HarperTrophy | 2003 | 9780060530648 | This is a pseudo-factual account of the relationship between humans and dinosaurs. |
| 1626 | Disappearing act Moloney, James | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2014 | 9780732295752 | Matt Cooper is twelve, and spends his time honing his magic skills and tricks. His great-grandfather, Mattheus, was a magician whose career came to a disastrous end when a trick he performed backfired. What neither Matt nor Mattheus realise is that there's an even older story behind the failure of Mattheus' disappearing trick. |
| 9021 | Discovery of dragons, The Base, Graeme | Penguin | 1998 | 9780140565133 | Stimulating, intricate illustrations take us into the magical world of dragons. |
| | Diva series Lawson, Sue | | | | 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. |
| | DK findout 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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| | DMAG Tonkin, Dorothy (ed) | | | | A magazine format mix of movie, games and book reviews with some educational and informative articles, a project pull-out with teaching notes and lots of interesting information and ideas for pre-teens. 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. |
| 109 | Do not go around the edges Utemorrah, Daisy & Torres, Pat (ill) | Magabala Books | 1992 | 9780958810111 | Fifteen poems by an Aboriginal author are illustrated with vibrant colours and borders. |
| 12425 | Do-wrong Ron Herrick, Steven & Magerl, Caroline (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781865086613 | Ron is a gentle, well intentioned boy who always seems to do the wrong thing at the wrong time or the right thing at the wrong time or the wrong thing at the right time, until he befriends Charlie, a guinea pig, and Isabelle, his new neighbour. |
| 40736 | Dog gone Poustie, Carole | Avant Press | 2010 | 9780980448450 | Ish's dog is gone. Vanished in a country town. Mum's on holiday, Dad's in Sydney and Ish and his bossy sister, Molly, are staying with Gran. There are no clues, only something mysterious and ghostlike in the town's graveyard. Then, a bully from the local school starts to blackmail Ish. He thinks things can't get any worse. But, he's wrong. |
| 4719 | Dog lost Ramage, Jan & Simmonds, Brian (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2015 | 9781922081612 | A wandering dog, a cattle dog, a dog that loves the land. With master by his side, the wilderness is no stranger. Until the storm comes. |
| 6820 | Dog on the tuckerbox, The Fenton, Corinne & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill) | Black Dog Books | 2008 | 9781742030081 | Bill and his bullock team delivered supplies and news to settlers in remote parts of the country. His best mate was Lady, his brave and faithful dog. One day, when the axle on the bullock dray split, Bill went for help, leaving Lady on watch on the tuckerbox. Based on a true story about Lady's loyalty and the monument erected to honour her. |
| 579487 | Dog runner, The Macdibble, Bren | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760523572 | Ella and her brother Emery are alone in a city that's starving to death. If they are going to survive, they must get away, upcountry, to find Emery's mum. But how can two kids travel such big distances across a dry, barren, and dangerous landscape? Well, when you've got five big doggos and a dry-land dogsled, the answer is you go mushing. But when Emery is injured, Ella must find a way to navigate them through rough terrain, and even rougher encounters with desperate people. |

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| 4951 | Dog squad Costain, Meredith | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921529160 | For the dog squad, no job is too small, no mission too dangerous. Especially if there's cash involved. When they take on Operation Collect Big-time, things don't go to plan and they wonder if they have bitten off more than they can chew. |
| 23033 | Dog wars Wagner, Michael | Black Dog Books | 2004 | 9781876372545 | Narrated by a flea that jumps from dog to dog, inciting them to fight and causing chaos. As the dogs become increasingly unhappy and morose, the flea reassesses his actions and decides to attack a human instead. |
| 21749 | Dog, Ray, The Coggin, Linda | Hot Key Books | 2015 | 9781471403194 | Twelve year old Daisy has just died in a car crash. But, in a twist of fate and through a heavenly bureaucratic mistake, Daisy ends up in the body of a dog. She may now be inhabiting a dog's body but, inside, Daisy is still very much Daisy - bouncy, loyal, positive and energetic. Daisy's only thought is to somehow reunite with her parents, who she knows will be missing her. This is how she meets Pip, a boy who is homeless and on his own journey. |
| 5646 | Doldrums, The Gannon, Nicholas | Greenwillow | 2015 | 9780062320940 | Archer B Helmsley is a dreamer who lives in a house full of curiosities and his overprotective mother. His famous grandparents vanished while exploring an iceberg in Antarctica. Archer is lonely until he meets Oliver, more of a worrier than a warrior, and Adelaide, a mysterious Parisian girl with a wooden leg. Together, they plan to embark on a rescue mission to Antarctica. If only Archer's mother would let him leave the house. |
| 5755 | Dollmaker of Krakow, The Romero, R M | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406375633 | Karolina is a doll, and when the dollmaker of Krakow needs her the most, she leaves her Land of the Dolls to enter the human world and give him what he needs - love, friendship and courage. This a holocaust story that represents Polish fairy tales, kindness and love and the beautifully imperfect magic that only the very best humans have the potential to weave. |
| 37655 | Dolphin book: good vibrations, The Weir, Jeff | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030753 | Dolphins are our closest relatives in the ocean. They are warm-blooded mammals and give birth to fully formed babies that feed on milk from their mothers. Dolphins love to play and often swim with humans at the beach. Dolphins are usually friendly but they are wild predators and can be aggressive. |
| 42897 | Don't breathe a word Musgrove, Marianne | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741662962 | Mackenzie and Tahlia have lived with their grandfather since their parents died. Lately, Grandpa hasn't been himself and people are starting to notice. They try to hide his irrational behaviour but Mackenzie must make some difficult choices to protect those she loves. |

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| 129369 | Don't forget me Cobber: Australia and the First World War Anderson, Matt | ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated | 2006 | 9780975712351 | A comprehensive account of World War 1 and Australians' battlefield experiences at Gallipoli, on the Western Front and in the Middle East. Includes the desert campaigns fought by the lighthorsemen and the contribution of the Navy, Flying Corps and the nurses. Includes colour images and black and white photographs. |
| 111 | Don't pat the wombat Honey, Elizabeth | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781865080888 | A boy's warts-and-all recount, with drawings and photographs, of the weird and wonderful antics at a typical Grade 6 school camp, and featuring a loner called Jonah and an explosive teacher called The Bomb. |
| 9374 | Down the hole: up the tree, across the sandhills, running from the state and Daisy Bates Williams, Edna Tantjingu & others | IAD Press | 2000 | 9781864650242 | In the past, Aboriginal people had to hide their children to help them escape from the authorities coming to take them. Includes strong, distinctive illustrations and Aboriginal English with phrases in Yankunytjatjara. |
| 19627 | Down-to-Earth guide to global warming David, Laurie & Cambria, Gordon | Scholastic Australia | 2007 | 9781741691245 | Find out about the scientific basis of global warming and its effects on the weather, animals and plants. Practical steps to help are included as well as interesting facts and lots of photographs. The book ends optimistically with useful and attainable methods that can impact positively on the world. |
| 43443 | Dr Boogaloo and the girl who lost her laughter Nicol, Lisa | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9780143782599 | Dr Boogaloo was no ordinary doctor. Not at all like the one you might visit if you had a sore tummy. No, Dr Boogaloo was a very different type of doctor. He treated folks who suffered from rather unusual complaints. And how did he treat them? Why, with the most powerful medicine known to mankind...Music! Blue was no ordinary girl. For starters, her name was Blue. But what was truly extraordinary about Blue was the fact that she hadn't laughed for 712 days. Not a hee hee, a ho ho or even a tiny tee hee. According to Dr Boogaloo, music can cure anything. But no laughter was definitely a case for alarm. Can Dr Boogaloo compose a cure before Blue loses her laughter forever? |
| 20711 | Dr Karl's big book of amazing animals Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl | MacMillan | 2016 | 9781743547434 | From creepy crawlies and the world under the water to the biggest, longest, loudest, sleepest and stinkiest animals of all. Here are lots of facts to astonish, puzzle and perplex, codes to crack, things to draw and colour, odd ones out, and differences to spot, |
| | Dragon Blood Pirates series Jerris, Dan & Walker, Rory (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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| 41853 | Dragon legends Passes, David | Pavilion | 2012 | 9781843652120 | Look inside the mythical and fantastic world of dragons. A magnificent mixture of heroic myths, stories and folktales from the storytelling traditions of India, Greece, England, Wales, Sweden and China. |
| 5064 | Dragon with a chocolate heart, The Burgis, Stephanie | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408880319 | All Aventurine wants to do is explore the world outside of her family's mountain cave. However, as a young dragon, her tough scales haven't fully developed yet, so the outside is too perilous (or so her family says). She is determined to fly on her own and prove them wrong by capturing the most dangerous prey of all- a human. But when that human tricks her into drinking an enchanted hot chocolate, Aventurine is transformed into a puny human girl- no sharp teeth, no fire breath, no claws. Still she's the fiercest creature in these mountains, and now she's found her true passion-chocolate! |
| 40734 | Dragonfly song Orr, Wendy | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760290023 | The firstborn baby daughter of a priestess is cast out and, after raiders kill her adopted family, she is abandoned, anonymous and mute. Called No-Name, the cursed child, she is raised a slave. At twelve, she learns that her real name is Aissa, the dragonfly. Every year, the Bull King takes two young children to brave the bloody bull dances in his royal court. None has ever returned. But, for Aissa, it is the only escape. She is resilient, resourceful and fast but, to survive the bull ring, Aissa will have to learn the mystery of her true nature. |
| | Dragonkeeper series Wilkinson, Carole | | | | 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. |
| | Dragons of Deltora series Rodda, Emily | | | | 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. |
| 18375 | Draw Aussie animals Isham, Marion & Steve | Bandicoot Books | 2001 | 9780958653664 | An interesting way to learn about Australian animals... by learning how to draw them. |

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| 4514 | Drawn onward McKinlay, Meg and Frazer, Andrew (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2017 | 9781925164848 | From the masterful pen of multi-award-winning Meg McKinlay and dynamic new illustrator Andrew Frazer, Drawn Onward explores shifting perspectives and the inner voice. The text is a palindrome that takes readers from the glass half empty - 'There is no light on the horizon and it is foolish to think you can change anything at all' - to the glass half full- 'You can change anything at all. It is foolish to think there is no light on the horizon.' |
| 112 | Dream of seas, A Norman, Lilith | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1995 | 9780091830212 | Set in Bondi, a boy moves from the country to the city following the death of his father. |
| 21653 | Dream of the thylacine, The Wild, Margaret & Brooks, Ron (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742373836 | The last of the thylacine, or Tasmanian Tigers, died in Hobart Zoo in the late 1930s. With actual images of this animal incorporated within the text and landscapes, you can almost feel its anguished cry for freedom. The verse is powerful and succinct urging a respect for what is no more. |
| 617336 | Dream riders: Frankie Bloom, Laura & Blackadder, Jesse | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781760650513 | Frankie's dream of owning a horse becomes more of a nightmare when it turns out to be a shaggy disobedient pony. Now she will never fit in with the girls in her new town, especially Violet. If only her new friend Shannon, the horse whisperer, can help her then all of her dreams may come true. |
| 751153 | Dream riders: Kai Bloom, Laura | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760652029 | Without a saddle or a bridle, all that's left is the truth. Kai thinks he doesn't care about horses- until he meets Monty, the little Brumby who the dream riders rescue and bring back to The Pocket. But Kai has to go back to the city, so Kai's sister finds a way for Monty to come too. There's a lot for them to learn together about friendship and fitting in. And when Monty faces his biggest challenge yet, Kai needs to draw on everything he's got to make sure Monty doesn't have to do it alone. |
| 2933 | Dreams of freedom Amnesty International & various | Frances Lincoln | 2015 | 9781847804532 | Quotations by seventeen eminent people explore the many different aspects of freedom. The freedom to have an education, the freedom not to be hurt or tortured, the freedom to have a home and the freedom to be yourself. |
| 18423 | Drift house: the first voyage Peck, Dale | Bloomsbury | 2005 | 9780747580355 | Susan and her two younger brothers go to stay with their eccentric uncle on a remote Canadian lake. His house turns out to be a ship and they embark on a voyage across the Sea of Time to stop diabolical Queen Octavia and her plan to banish time. |
| 12358 | Drop kick, The Wickes, Annette | Omnibus Books | 2003 | 9781862915152 | The members of Duncan's family are sports mad and have heaps of trophies. Duncan is the odd one out and not good at any sport. Duncan's Dad says he can have a pet of his own if he kicks the winning goal for the football team. |

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| 35460 | Dropping In Havel, Geoff | Fremantle Press | 2015 | 9781925162219 | Sticks and Ranga live on the same street, go to the same school and love skateboarding and PlayStation. When new kid James arrives in his wheelchair, Sticks isn't sure they can be friends. But, Sticks quickly discovers that while Cerebral palsy stops James from doing some things, it hasn't dulled his sense of humour, and he's pretty brainy, too. The one thing James can't do is skateboarding. But, a beat-up old couch, a couple of skateboards and a steep hill might solve the problem. |
| 22985 | Drought French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781743817599 | I remember when rain stopped, When day by day the water dropped, All across a sun-bleached land, Drought spread its withered, deadly hand. |
| 846168 | Drover McMullin, Neridah & Anthony, Sarah (ill) | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781760652081 | A drover's life is one of hardship and daring, but also one of mateship and adventure. This tells the story of Edna Jessop who was one of the few female drovers who worked at this dusty and dangerous job. |
| 783576 | Drum roll please... it's Stevie Louise Hennessy, Tanya & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526412 | Meet Stevie Louise. She is an entrepreneur (that's like a business person), an entertainer (obviously), and an extrovert on the inside (wait, is this a thing?). Stevie has a BRILLIANT PLAN. She's going to have fun, make money, and most importantly, make sure the Brooke Street kids stay best friends forever. Then a new neighbour arrives and threatens to derail all Stevie's plans. And then real disaster strikes. But the show must go on. After all, Stevie is a professional. |
| 2183 | Duck and the Darklings, The Millard, Glenda & King, Stephen Michael (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743312612 | Grandpapa's eyes shine brightly when he remembers the beauty of the world. Now they all live underground and Peterboy wants to find something to bring the light back and keep it there. What he finds is an injured duck. |
| 1536 | Duck for cover Jennings, Paul, Greenwood, Ted & Denton, Terry (ill) | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140346077 | A large-format joke book with a couple of levels of interpretation so readers will find something new with each reading. |
| 55512 | Duck in the gun, The Cowley, Joy & Belton, Robyn (ill) | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150838 | The general and his men are about to fire on a town they are at war with. But, the Gunner has bad news for the General. They can't load the gun because a duck is nesting inside it. |

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| | Dummies Junior 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. |
| 1019918 | Dungeon Academy: No humans allowed! Roux, Madeleine & Probert, Tim (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780063039124 | Welcome to Dungeon Academy, where monsters and creatures train for the dark world that awaits just beyond the dungeon walls! But Zellidora "Zelli" Stormclash is a bit... different. She's the one thing monsters and creatures of the Forgotten Realms fear the most: Zelli is a human! Knowing she'll never be accepted, Zelli's parents disguise her as a minotaur in hopes she'll blend with the academy's monstrous surroundings. Zelli does her work, keeps to herself, and becomes "invisible" to everyone. While in History of Horrible Humans class, Zelli learns of the great human adventurer, Allidora Steelstrike, who oddly resembles her. Could Zelli also be a Steelstrike? Seeking answers to her true lineage, Zelli embarks on a dangerous adventure. |
| 1019919 | Dungeon Academy: Tourney of Terror Roux, Madeleine & Probert, Tim (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780063039148 | Something BIG has come knocking on the gates of Dungeon Academy! The undefeated Waterdeep Dragons have arrived for the Tourney of Terror games, which happens every fifty years and features every monster's favorite sport: Goreball! The Dungeon Academy Flumphs are outnumbered, outsized, and outmonstered! But our hero, Zelli Stormclash (a forbidden human, secretly disguised as a minotaur), is no stranger to impossible odds. Just a few weeks ago, Zelli and her crew, the Danger Club, came face-to-face with a maniacal necromancer and his army of undead! If this wasn't enough to raise scales Zelli's reoccurring nightmare of a dark entity annihilating her world may be more than just a bad dream. Something sinister is lurking in the halls of the academy, and only Zelli seems to notice. But when Zelli uncovers a dark past hidden beneath Dungeon Academy, she unlocks something that will concern everyone at school, every dragon at Waterdeep, and everything within the Forgotten Realms. |

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| 943507 | Dunggiirr Brothers and the caring song of the whale, The Smith, Shaa | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760526313 | Welcome to Ngambaa Country on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. I am Aunty Shaa and this is the story of the Koala Brothers, the Dunggiirr Brothers. This is the story of our Country. We live the story of being saved by Dunggiirr and we do a ceremony to keep it alive. It is this story and memory we share with you in this book. |
| 660743 | E-boy Do, Anh | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760877521 | Ethan is supposed to be doing regular teenage things. He is not supposed to be in hospital getting a brain tumour removed by Gemini, a high-tech android doctor. But just as the operation begins, the building is hit by an unusual bolt of lightning. |
| 763768 | E-boy 2 Robofight Do, Anh & Wahl, Chris (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760877859 | Last week, Ethan was a teenager who was lying in hospital with a brain tumour. Now, he has the superhuman power to hack into any computer system with his mind. Ethan and Dr Penny are battling the android healer turned deadly assassin. The Robofight Games might be the perfect cover for their mission. Or they might find themselves in even more trouble. |
| 901545 | E-boy 4: A new Gemini Do, Anh & McEwan, Tim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760879037 | Ethan was a normal teenager, until a freak lightning strike gave him the ability to hack into any electronic device-with his mind! When Ethan's link to Gemini breaks down after a mid-air battle, he and Doctor Penny decide to fix the android. But all the equipment they need is with the enemy! Can Ethan, Doctor Penny and Gemini work together to outsmart the dangerous Agent Ferris and infiltrate enemy headquarters |
| 977705 | E-boy5: Superhuman army Do, Anh & Baez, Marcelo (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761065668 | Somewhere deep in the ocean lies the key to superhuman strength. Ethan's powers will be put to the ultimate test when he, Penny and Gemini find themselves in a desperate race to reach the mythical power source before Agent Ferris and his army of androids. Will they make it in time to seize the Grapes of Atlantis? |
| 7466 | Eagle in the snow, An Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2015 | 9780008134174 | Barney's home in Coventry has been bombed along with most of the other houses in the street so he and his mother are on a train to Cornwall. But even a train is not safe as it comes under fire by a couple of Messerschmitt aircraft, only just escaping destruction in a tunnel. Barney's fear of the dark is gradually eased when a stranger begins a story as they wait for the all clear. And what a story it is. A young soldier in World War 1 became the most decorated Private of that war due to his bravery, loyalty and mateship. But one of his actions, at the time seen to be the right thing to do, turned out to have some terrible consequences. It is up to him to make things right. |

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| 686887 | Earth heroes: 20 inspiring stories of people saving our world Dyu, Lily, & Lay, Jackie (ill) | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2019 | 9781788008525 | With twenty inspirational stories celebrating the pioneering work of a selection of Earth Heroes from all around the globe, from Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough to Yin Yuzhen and Isatou Ceesay, each tale is a beacon of hope in the fight for the future of our planet, proving that one person, no matter how small, can make a difference. |
| 4945 | Earth to Daniel Rees, Gwyneth | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781408883013 | I felt like a visitor from another planet instead of a normal human being who actually belonged on planet Earth. Daniel has moved and has to start at a new school. And to make matters worse, his mum is his new school principal! As if things are not bad enough, when his dad goes overseas, his mum starts to act really strange and does some really embarrassing things. Daniel wonders if this has anything to do with an illness that she had a long time ago. His mum needs help and it looks like Daniel has to be the one to save her. |
| 9276 | Earthfasts Mayne, William | Hodder & Stoughton | 1995 | 9780340653272 | Time travel and adventure intersect in this initial volume of the trilogy of the same name. |
| 12015 | Eating things on sticks Fine, Anne | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9780385616027 | Harry has burned down the house by mistake. He is saved from having to stay at Aunt Susan's because he can blackmail his Uncle Tristram over the cat incident. So, they are off on holidays with the very comely Morning Glory on her strange island home where Harry will very much be the gooseberry, and a trouble-making one at that, and they will start by eating nettle pancakes and end up eating things on sticks. |
| 15310 | Echidna Pyers, Greg | Echidna Books | 2002 | 9781740707756 | Interesting facts about the unusual life of Australia's echidna. Excellent diagrams and photographs show the different stages of development. Includes a fact file and glossary of terms. |
| 890147 | Eddie Albert and the amazing animal gang: The curse of the smuggler's treasure O'Grady, Paul | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780008446871 | Eddie and best friend Flo are spending the Easter holidays on the Romney Marshes with Aunt Budge and all his animals - Butch the dog, Bunty the hamster and pirate goldfish Dan and Jake. When the terrible Rancid Twins arrive in town, set on uncovering the secret mystery of the smugglers' treasure, Eddie and Flo are drawn into a thrilling new adventure. Eddie must use his ability to speak to animals to enlist the help of two elegant alpaca, a friendly sheep called Doris and a famous film-star rabbit to save the day and reveal a treasure of epic proportions. |
| 696282 | Eddy Popcorn's guide to parent training White, Dee & Johnston, Benjamin (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2020 | 9781743834022 | The school holidays have started and Eddy Popcorn is grounded until his homework is finished. Faced with no beach and no mates Eddy puts all his energy into writing a helpful book for kids 'Eddy Popcorn's guide to parent training'! |

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| | Edgar & Ellen series Ogden, Charles | | | | 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. |
| | Edsel Grizzler series Roy, 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. |
| 12387 | Egg drop Grey, Mini | Jonathan Cape | 2002 | 9780099432036 | A quirky story about a young, independent egg who wants to fly. The egg doesn't want to wait or listen to advice. |
| 846055 | Egg marks the spot Timberlake, Amy & Klassen, Jon (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760877057 | Skunk and Badger both find themselves in difficult situations with careless friends and family. Skunk suggests they go on a rock finding expedition to take their minds off their troubles, and to try and find a very special rock to complete Badger's collection. A simple camping trip gets complicated quickly by Skunk's giant backpack and a very special chicken with a very big secret. |
| 5312 | Egghead Scott, Clare | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150814 | Paddy is excited when his teacher announces a week-long experiment. He imagines an awesome experiment with interesting potions and eruptions. Too bad the experiment is not what it's cracked up to be. |
| 660623 | Eight princesses and a magic mirror Farrant, Natasha & Corry, Lydia (ill) | Head of Zeus | 2019 | 9781788541152 | Mirror, mirror on the wall...what makes a princess excellent?' The magic mirror is the thread that connects the worlds of ten very different Princesses after an enchantress flings her magic mirror into the universe. Ten short stories. Ten very unusual Princesses. Ten Princesses who are brave enough to be themselves. The answer to the question is not what you expect it to be. |
| 114 | Eighteenth emergency, The Byars, Betsy | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780099408673 | Mouse and Ezzie have concocted seventeen hilarious emergency procedures for coping with life's dramas, but they are not prepared for the eighteenth emergency. |

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| 630979 | El deafo Bell, Cece | Harry N Abrams Inc | 2014 | 9781419712173 | Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful - and very awkward - hearing aid. |
| 115 | Eleanor, Elizabeth Gleeson, Libby | Penguin | 1998 | 9780141303024 | Eleanor finds her grandmother's diary in the old schoolhouse where she did her lessons. |
| | Elementals trilogy Kaufman, Amie | | | | 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. |
| 5280 | Elephant in the garden, An Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2010 | 9780007339563 | It's 1944 and Elizabeth's father is fighting with the German army on the eastern front. In Dresden, Elizabeth, Karli and their mother are fleeing the city as the allied bombs fall. They face a torturous journey through a perilous, snow-covered landscape to reach the safety of the west. It would be hard enough, without an elephant in tow. |
| 9961 | Elephant man Di Fiore, Mariangela & Hodnefeld, Hilde (ill) & Hedger, Rosie (trans) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760292201 | Joseph doesn't look like other people. His skin is thick and lumpy, his limbs are oddly shaped, and his head has a big, bony lump. People call him Elephant Man and scream in terror when they see him. But, inside, Joseph longs for a friend to understand him. Based on the famous, true story of Joseph Merrick. |
| 22102 | Elephant mountain Brian, Janeen & Rippin, Sally (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780143303282 | Kasem is thrilled when he is given responsibility for baby elephant, Pooky, and promises the elephant that he will always look after him. Kasem has to remember many important things and wonders whether he will be able to keep his promise to Pooky. |

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| 773007 | Eliza Vanda's button box Rodda, Emily | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781460759608 | Milly is feeling unsettled. Things are changing in her life over which she has no control. When mysterious newcomer Eliza Vanda sets up shop in the sleepy seaside town of Tidgy Bay, Milly is curious. Eliza is a dressmaker with a difference. In every garment she sews magical buttons. The buttons enable their owner to signal Eliza when she is needed. When she asks Milly to run an errand for her, it is not to the corner shop. Buttons three, attend to me! Take me where I want to be! If Milly speaks these words and touches the magic buttons in her pocket, she is whisked away to a fantastical place with intriguing inhabitants who need her help. Will Milly be brave enough to overcome what lies ahead? |
| 9409 | Eliza, Eliza, the biography of Eliza Winstanley Irvine, Nance | Mulini Press | 1997 | 9780949910721 | Told through words and illustrations, the story of Australia's first leading lady and the first Australian actress to gain overseas success. |
| | Elizabethella series Norton Lodge, Zoe & Norton Lodge, Georgia (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. |
| 11696 | Elizabeth and Zenobia Miller, Jessica | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781925355031 | Timid Elizabeth and her unusual, fearless friend, Zenobia, arrive at Withering House, the old manor where Elizabeth's father and his beloved sister, Tourmaline, lived as children. Peculiar things begin to happen, especially in the forbidden East Wing. Sometimes, the flowers and vines of the wallpaper seem to be alive. A mirror has a surface like the water of a pond and an old book tells a different story after midnight. Zenobia is thrilled by the strangeness but Elizabeth is not so bold. Until she makes a mysterious and terrifying discovery. |
| 660712 | Ella at Eden: New girl Sieveking, Laura | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781743834930 | Ella has started at her new high school, she is getting to know her new friends and enjoying the many things the school has to offer. Until things start to get complicated, she insults the school diva, hears a ghost in the dorm and items start to mysteriously disappear. Can Ella catch the thief and solve the mystery? |
| 696367 | Ella at Eden: The secret journal Sieveking, Laura | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781743834947 | Ella has settled into Eden College. She loves her new friends and her school. When Ella accidentally uncovers a hidden diary her curiosity is sparked. She follows the clues and discovers there is more to Eden college than meets the eye. |

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| 1580 | Ella enchanted Levine, Gail Carson | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2003 | 9780007171682 | Ella is given a blessing at birth, the gift of obedience, by a very stupid fairy. It proves to be a mixed blessing for Ella who literally has to do what anyone, and everyone tells her. |
| 15181 | Ella's big chance Hughes, Shirley | Red Fox | 2005 | 9780099433095 | An updated version of Cinderella with a surprise ending. |
| | Ellyse Perry 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. |
| 705674 | Eloise and the bucket of stars Brian, Janeen | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651879 | Eloise has spent her life at the orphanage doing chores and being a good example for the younger children, but she cannot win favour with cruel Sister Hortense. Eloise holds on to hope of a family of her own, but she is also becoming aware of the world outside the orphanage and city gates. She feels a connection to something greater than the strict rules and limited experiences of the orphanage; something magical. |
| 903362 | Elsewhere Girls Gale, Emily & Weetman | Text Publishing Co | 2021 | 9781922330451 | Cat and Fanny live in Sydney but more than one hundred years apart. Cat has started a new school and is struggling with the commitment needed for her early morning swim sessions. Fanny, who dreams of being a champion, is struggling to get more time in the pool. A mysterious switch in the cool water of Wylie's ocean baths leads them to adventures and a new understanding of themselves. |
| 587527 | Elsie Mae has something to say Cavanaugh, Nancy J | Sourcebooks Inc | 2017 | 9781492668183 | Elsie Mae is pretty sure this'll be the best summer ever. She's sure that the letter she's written to President Roosevelt will save her beloved Okefenokee swamp and make her a major hometown hero. What's more, Elsie Mae gets wind of hog bandits stealing from swamper families, and she sees another opportunity to make her family proud. But when her cousin Henry James shows up and ruins her investigation, Elsie Mae will learn the hard way what it really means to be a hero. |

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| 569196 | Embassy of the dead Mabbitt, Will | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781510104556 | When Jake Green meets a spooky old bloke in a dark alley one evening, a series of unfortunate events is set in motion. Jake is given a box containing a severed finger, which summons a grim reaper to drag him to the Eternal Void, and now they are running for their lives - even though Stiffkey, the spooky old bloke, is already dead. Now that he can see and speak to ghosts, Jake finds himself the leader of a strange little gang - Stiffkey the undertaker, Cora - the hockey stick wielding poltergeist, and Zorro the ghost fox. They have one mission - get the finger to the Embassy before the baddies can find it and use it to unleash hell on earth while keeping ahead of Mawkins, the grim reaper. Will they make it in time and avoid everlasting damnation in the void? |
| 578873 | Emergency echo Ivanoff, George | Penguin Random House Australia | 2016 | 9780857988782 | Twelve year old Alice is an ordinary girl living in the outback mining town of Mount Magnet. One morning, during a game of backyard cricket, she is struck down with the crippling pain of acute appendicitis. Shockingly, the nearest hospital is hundreds of kilometres away and a violent storm is rapidly approaching. An urgent call is made to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The pressure is on for the RFDS to safely transport Alice to medical attention before it is too late. |
| 7856 | Emil and the detectives Kastner, Erich | Arrow / Random House | 2001 | 9780099413127 | When Emil's money goes missing on the train to Berlin, his determination to get it back leads him to team up with the local detectives. |
| | Emily Eyefinger series Ball, Duncan | | | | 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. |
| | Emmie & friends series Libenson, Terri | | | | 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. |
| 9442 | Empty frame Pilling, Ann | HarperCollins Australia | 2003 | 9780007121540 | Max, one of the three children spending their holidays with a cousin at The Abbey, hears a woman crying on his first night there. He investigates and discovers that the sixteenth century portrait of Lady Alice is now just an empty frame. |

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| 9219 | Encyclopaedia of preserved people: pickled, frozen and mummified corpses from around the world, The Prior, Natalie Jane | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780375922879 | Descriptions of procedures and items such as Einstein's pickled brain will fascinate older primary readers. |
| 10510 | Endangered Wilkinson, Rick | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865086644 | Looks at endangered animals and what wildlife organisations are doing to increase the animals' chances of survival. |
| 831 | Enemy, The Cali, Davide & Bloch, Serge (ill) | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9780958557184 | There's a war on. We see something that could be a desert, in which there are two holes. In the holes are two soldiers. They are enemies. |
| 119 | Enora and the black crane Meeks, Arone Raymond | Scholastic Australia | 1991 | 9780868966441 | An aboriginal story that tells of Enora's fascination with the coloured birds of the forest. |
| | Eric Vale series Bauer, Michael Gerard & Bauer, Joe (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. |
| 27079 | Escape from kids' club Gwynne, Phillip | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143305620 | Max, Lily, Boaz and Jesse are stuck in Kids' Club at an island resort, forced to watch endless Pirates of the Caribbean re-runs while their parents relax by the pool. After eight days, they decide to break out and let the real fun begin. |
| 1136 | eSide Alexander, Goldie | Five Senses Publications | 2013 | 9781741307740 | Sam and her mother live in the rear of the Conch Cafe, close to Sam's best friend Melody. The building is owned by greedy witch Hecate who will do everything in her power to own the cafe's Good-Luck-Conch. After Hecate steals the shell and the cafe burns down, the girls have a series of adventures in eSide where they must travel through dangerous digital worlds before they can recover their conch. |
| 10336 | Esty's gold Arrigan, Mary | Frances Lincoln | 2009 | 9781845079659 | The 1840's potato famine in Ireland and the death of her father dramatically change thirteen year old Esty's life. The remaining family members migrate to Australia in the hope of making their fortune. The goldfields, Ballarat and the Eureka Stockade feature in the life of this feisty heroine. |

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| 686619 | Eureka! A story of the Goldfields Wilson, Mark | Hachette Children's Books | 2020 | 9780734416810 | Molly and her father have emigrated to Australia to try their luck as gold prospectors in Ballarat, Victoria. Life on the diggings is hard and Molly misses her mother, who died before they left England. A Chinese teenager, Chen, shows Molly and her Papa how to pan for gold and helps them when their food and money run out. Not everyone on the goldfields is friendly, however. Chen and other Chinese diggers are often bullied and the police lock up miners who haven't paid the exorbitant gold licence fee. Before long, Molly, Papa and Chen are caught up in a protest that will become known as the Eureka Rebellion - a legendary battle that will profoundly affect them all. |
| 1247 | Evan's Gallipoli Greenwood, Kerry | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743311356 | Evan is 14 when his father decides they should deliver some comforting goods to the Allied soldiers. They are ill-prepared for the danger, horrors and hardship they will encounter at war. |
| 6028 | Every minute in Australia Poshagian, Yvette | Scholastic Australia | 2012 | 9781742832128 | Ever wondered what is happening every minute in Australia? This book will tell you how much tomato sauce will be consumed, money spent on bottled water and how many cars will cross the Sydney Harbour Bridge, plus much more. |
| 5000 | Every minute on Earth Murrie, Steve & Matthew & Lloyd, Mary Anne (ill) | Scholastic US | 2007 | 9780439908870 | Packed with interesting and entertaining facts about the things that happen on Earth every sixty seconds. To whet your appetite, 2,000 thunderstorms occur, 45 million gallons of water go over Niagara Falls, 2,271 working satellites orbit Earth, a hair grows 0.00027 inch and 15,000 gallons of air are inhaled by a blue whale. |
| 17630 | Everything you need to know about the human body Dr Macnair, Patricia | Kingfisher | 2012 | 9780753431979 | Packed with information, amazing facts, questions and creative activities, this human body encyclopedia will tell you everything you want to know about what the body can do, the human life cycle, food and digestion, the brain and the senses, structure and movement, and much more. |
| 902463 | Evie and Rhino McMullin, Neridah & Hicks, Astred (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760654207 | On a stormy night off the coast of southern Australia, a ship transporting a cargo of exotic animals tosses and turns in enormous seas. Rhino senses they are in grave danger... Not far away, ten-year-old Evie and her grandfather shelter in their crumbling, once-grand old home. They know too well how deadly storms can be. When all is calm, Evie treks over the dunes to the sea and makes a discovery that will change her life, and Rhino's, forever. Will the tragedies of their pasts finally be put to rest? |

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| 705686 | Evie and the animals Haig, Matt & Gravett, Emily (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781786894311 | Evie is a girl with a special talent! She can talk to the animals! But when she sets the school rabbit free she gets into big trouble. She promises her dad she won't talk to the animals anymore. But one day 'missing' posters for all the animals in her neighbourhood start popping up all over the streets. With the help of Granny Flora, Evie uses her magical gift to find out who is behind the disappearances. |
| 9687 | Evolution of Calpurnia Tate, The Kelly, Jacqueline | Henry Holt & Co | 2011 | 9780312659301 | The summer of 1899 is hot in eleven year old Calpurnia Tate's sleepy, Texas town. She begins a nature diary and, intrigued by an invasion of large, yellow grasshoppers, spends more time with her remote and cantankerous grandfather, an avid naturalist. When they are about to make an amazing discovery, the reality of Callie's situation catches up with her. She's a girl, expected to cook and clean and sew. |
| 833005 | Exit through the gift shop Master, Maryam | Pan MacMillan | 2021 | 9781760983512 | Anahita Rosalind Ghorban-Galaszczyk (yes, that really is her name but you can call her Ana) is discovering that life is absurd. As if dying of cancer at the age of 12.5 isn't bad enough, she still has to endure daily insults from her nemesis, Alyssa (Queen Mean) Anderson. Ana's on a wild roller-coaster of life and death, kindness and cruelty, ordinary and extraordinary. And she's got a few things to do before she exits . . . |
| | Exploding endings 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. |
| 3857 | Explore Australia: the kid edition Scott, Janine | Explore Australia | 2015 | 9781741174908 | A travel guide for kids covering destinations and activities all around the country. Packed with fun facts, beguiling history and tips on what to see and do, the guide is organised into state chapters, highlighting the top attractions in each capital city and a range of holiday regions. There are also sections on weird place names, how to read maps and Aussie road signs. |
| 35560 | Explorer, The Rundell, Katherine | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408885284 | After surviving the crash of their small plane in The Amazon, four children with no food, water or hope of rescue. But, details of another earlier person takes our four survivals on an suspenseful adventure through the forest, on the river and through the ruins of this mighty forest. |

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| 1470 | Extra time Gleitzman, Morris | Puffin Australia | 2013 | 9780143307754 | Matt is a talented young soccer player who is selected to travel to England to join the Premier League, with his ten year old sister as his manager. |
| | Extraordinary lives 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. |
| | Extreme adventures series D'Ath, Justin | | | | 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. |
| 25541 | Extreme animals: the toughest creatures on Earth Davies, Nicola | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406305593 | Fascinating insight into how animals can survive some of the harshest conditions on the planet. Find out how sperm whales and elephant seals can stay underwater for up to 50 minutes and lots more interesting and unusual facts. |
| | Extreme jobs series Hyland, Tony | | | | 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. |
| 47787 | Extreme sports Evans, Lynette | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781741694598 | An engaging look at some very extreme and whacky sports, including parachuting and skydiving, baseboarding and blading, bungee jumping and extreme ironing. |
| | Eyewitness 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. |
| 9224 | Faber book of Greek legends, The Lines, Kathleen | Faber & Faber | 2001 | 9780571206728 | Greek legends for the younger reader. |

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| 44877 | Face to face with wild horses Momatiuk, Yva & Eastcott, John | National Geographic Society | 2009 | 9781426304668 | Meet the wild horses and find out lots of information, including how they became wild, how they communicate, the difference between a wild horse and a domesticated one, and how their habitats are threatened. |
| 864510 | FACTopia Hale, Kate & Smith, Andy (ill) | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781912920709 | Did you know that a squid has a brain shaped like a doughnut? Or that some butterflies drink turtle tears? Welcome to FACTopia, a world of perfectly amazing facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica! Every fact in the book is connected to the next in an ingenious trail of information. Hop from topic to topic in unexpected and hilarious ways, and discover extraordinary facts about space, bones, dinosaurs, goats, spiders, crocodiles, sharks, robots, Ancient Rome, kings and queens, pharaohs, and more. But there's not just one trail through these pages: sometimes your path branches and you can choose to jump to a totally different (but still connected) part of the book. Discover where your curiosity will take you! |
| | Fair dinkum series French, Jackie & Sheehan, 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. |
| 7762 | Fairy four-eyes Matthews, Penny & Quay, Emma (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302773 | A star ballerina doesn't want to wear glasses with her tutu or dance with the only boy in ballet class who is new and who has become the teacher's favourite. |
| | Fairy realm series Rodda, Emily | | | | 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. |
| 950163 | Fall of the school for good and evil Chainani, Soman & RaidesArt (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780008554606 | Nolan Hawker has been training at The Peak, a secret spy school that dispatches elite operatives to protect the innocent. His first mission is to go undercover at Blu Xpanse, an oceanic lab where a brilliant geneticist is making super-sized cockroach-like creatures that may have the potential to save the world. But Nolan isn't the only one with a secret identity - a Swarm agent has also infiltrated Blu Xpanse and Nolan has only days to uncover their identity and stop their doomsday plan. |

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| 5078 | Fall, The Bancks, Tristan | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9780143783053 | Sam is staying with his crime reporter father as he recovers from a knee operation when he is woken shortly after 2am by loud voices arguing in the flat above. Curious he opens the window to hear more clearly when suddenly a man-sized shape falls the six floors to the garden below. Sam goes to his dad's room to wake him, only to discover that he is gone. Fearful that it may be his father lying in the garden he struggles on his crutches downstairs only to discover that there is no one there. But someone is watching Sam and now Sam is in danger too. |
| 16165 | Falling angels Thompson, Colin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741664201 | Sally could fly before she could crawl, travelling across the world to visit beautiful remote areas. She longs to share this world with her grandmother. |
| 718072 | Family Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue & Seymour, Jasmine (ill) | Magabala Books | 2020 | 9781925936285 | Family. Listening. Sharing. Learning. Connecting. Heart and home. Family. Family is a thoughtful contemplation for all to learn the different ways that family makes us whole. This beautifully illustrated children's picture book shows everyone that "family" can be about heart and home; an endless sky; stories and songs. It "learns" us how to be with each other and with Country. Families come in all shapes and sizes, and this remarkably simple story teaches us all, that family can be many things. |
| 125 | Family from one end street, The Garnett, Eve | Puffin UK | 2010 | 9780141329673 | Set thirty years ago, a dustman's large family all had various ways of entertaining themselves, despite the family's lack of money. |
| 1847 | Family with two front doors, The Ciddor, Anna | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925266641 | Nomi is one of nine children living in Poland in the 1920s. Their family is so large, they need to live across two apartments. Their father is a Rabbi and there are many customs to follow, many revolving around food. But, the biggest adventure of all is when big sister Adina is told she is to be married, at the age of fifteen, to someone she has never met. Based on the author's real family, the Rabinovitches dance, laugh and cook their way through an extraordinary life in 1920s Poland. |
| 3534 | Famous Lawrinson, Julia | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780143304685 | Mrs Pavlich tries to convince Sophie that being famous isn't a job but Sophie and several other students don't think this is right. After all, they have seen plenty of people who are famous for doing nothing in particular. When Sophie gets a chance to go on her favourite TV game show, Mega Match, and gets close to winning, she has to make a choice. |
| 12686 | Famous Australians: Australian children's authors Dixon, Rachel | Redback Publishing | 2017 | 9781925630169 | Famous Australians presents short biographies of people who have made notable contributions to society, and who have helped make sport and children's literature such important and popular aspects of Australian culture! |

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| 12690 | Famous Australians: Australians at the olympic games Dixon, Rachel | Redback Publishing | 2017 | 9781925630176 | Famous Australians presents short biographies of people who have made notable contributions to society, and who have helped make sport and children's literature such important and popular aspects of Australian culture. |
| | Famous five 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. |
| 2868 | Famous Five's survival guide, The Blyton, Enid | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2008 | 9780340970836 | For Famous Five fans of all ages, this book is an interesting mix of fact and fiction. Find out how to survive a shipwreck, pack a rucksack, crack a secret code, use interrogation skills and find a secret passage plus an unsolved mystery from the past. A nostalgic look at the Five will appeal to older fans as well. |
| 28346 | Famous horse snatched Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2006 | 9781405037327 | When a famous racehorse is stolen from Zac's uncle, Zac and Hannah are in hot pursuit, tracking down the thieves who are trying to pull a fast one on the racing world. Follow the clues and the red herrings, collect the evidence and check out the suspects to solve the crime of the missing racehorse. |
| 42742 | Fantastic flying books of Mr Morris Lessmore, The Joyce, William Edward | Simon & Schuster | 2013 | 9780857079442 | Morris Lessmore loved words. He loved stories. He loved books. But every story has its upsets...Everything in Morris Lessmore's life, including his own story, is scattered to the winds. But the power of story will save the day. |
| | Fantastica 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. |
| 126 | Far out, brussel sprout Factor, June & Viska, Peter (ill) | Brolly Books | 2009 | 9781741833089 | A collection of school yard play rhymes. |
| | Far-flung adventures series Stewart, Paul & Riddell, 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. |

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| 578972 | Fast flight Ivanoff, George | Penguin Random House Australia | 2016 | 9780857988829 | Dillon is your typical eleven year old boy who loves to play cricket and is forever getting into trouble for his messy room. He's just a normal kid - except for the fact he has a rare genetic disorder and desperately needs a liver transplant. One day, in the middle of the night, Dillon and his family receive a call from a distant hospital. A donor liver is available. The Royal Flying Doctor service is the only available option to transport Dillon to the hospital and into his new life. |
| 1657 | Fat and juicy place, The Kidd, Diana | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 1992 | 9780207167867 | At the back of Jack's school is a special place. He can't tell anyone except his mate, Lizard, about all the things that can happen there. When Jack meets the mysterious Birdman, he learns secrets about the past that he just can't tell anyone. |
| 5473 | Fat Head the bird Lawson, Liam & others | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780980359350 | Liam tells the story of Fat Head, the bird, who sometimes gets up to mischief. Liam learns the value of pet ownership and why we need rules. |
| 660388 | Fate of Fausto, The Jeffers, Oliver | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2019 | 9780593115015 | Fausto believed he owned everything in the world, from flowers to trees and mountains. One day he decides to inspect the world he owns, and let each thing under the sun know he is the boss. |
| 129 | Father Sky and Mother Earth Noonuccal, Oodgeroo (Walker, Kath) | Jacaranda | 1992 | 9780701630348 | An illustrated book depicting environmental concerns by Oodgeroo Noonuccal, a poet and an activist for Aboriginal rights. |
| 4265 | Faunaverse: Australian wildlife in poetry Dudley, Alexander & Sullivan, Jane | Fremantle Press | 2016 | 9780994558107 | How much do you know about Australian animals? Have you ever heard of the Pobblebonk who lives underground? Or how about the deadly Assassin Bug? Or maybe you are familiar with Boyd's Forest Dragon? These are just some of the weird and wonderful but 100% real animals you will meet in Faunaverse. A collection of poems aimed at educating readers about Australia's unknown and misunderstood wildlife. The poems are loaded with facts and information, perfect for curious minds of all ages. Poems are accompanied by beautiful wildlife photography by the authors. |
| 1019893 | Feather Leonard, M.G. | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529506112 | On a school trip to the Royal Swan Natural History Museum, Ava finds herself at the centre of a hundreds of invaluable bird of paradise skins from the Alfred Wallace Collection have been stolen! When she discovers a large jet-black feather, she's sure it's a clue, but the police won't listen to her. Slipping away, she takes the case to the Twitchers in an investigation that leads them to the bizarre and sinister world of fly-fishing, and to a mysterious girl with a pet Raven called Caliban and a dangerous ring of thieves and smugglers |

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| 591169 | Feather, The Wild, Margaret & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2018 | 9781760124212 | In a world of shadows and ruin, a majestic feather drifts from the clouds to bring redemption and hope. |
| 53305 | Feathered soldiers Farrer, Vashti & Small, Mary & Alger, Elizabeth (ill) | ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated | 2007 | 9780975712320 | Pigeons may be taken for granted but they have played a very important part particularly for Australia during World War II. One pigeon flew sixty-four kilometres in fifty minutes through a storm to save a shipload of ammunition. Amusing drawings highlight fascinating facts and true stories in this illustrated tribute to Australia's wartime messenger pigeons. |
| 3184 | Feathers Cummings, Phil & Lesnie, Phil (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781760157357 | The sandpiper stretched its wings in the chilling breeze. It knew it was time to leave...so it took flight. Follow the feathers as they fall along this exquisite journey of heartache, hope and home. |
| 130 | Feathers and fools Fox, Mem | Harcourt Children's Books | 2000 | 9780152004736 | A modern fable about some peacocks and swans that allow their fear of each other to destroy them. |
| 1209771 | Fern's School for Wayward Fae: The graveyard gift CJ, Piper | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781760659288 | Rosemary Thorpe has always been a bit different. She has the uncanny and unfortunate ability to foresee people's deaths, which tend to land her in hot water. Well, not actual hot water... where it lands her is a place between worlds called Fern's School for Wayward Fae, where Rosemary learns that her powers come from being part fae. At Fern's school, Rosemary meets other who are part fae - including Trym, her banshee roommate whose screams can kill, and Essie, a djinn who grants wishes. But just as Rosemary settles in, a student vanishes in thin air. And it's up to all the kids to use their curious gifts to find their missing friend... |
| 1066675 | Ferris DiCamillo, Kate | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760659240 | Ferris Wilkey's summer is full of surprises. Her little sister, Pinky, has vowed to become an outlaw. Uncle Ted has left Aunt Shirley and is painting a mural in the basement. Ferris' grandmother Cherisse sees a ghost who has wild, impractical, illuminating plans. How can Ferris satisfy a ghost with Pinky terrorising the town, Uncle Ted sending her to spy on her aunt and her father battling an invasion of cheeky racoons? |
| 942779 | Feylawn Chronicles book 1: Book of fatal errors, The Slater, Daska | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 2020 | 9780374301194 | Without mistakes, there wouldn't be stories. Rufus doesn't make mistakes, he makes fatal errors. But when Rufus and his cousin, Abigail, become dangerously entangled in the world of the mischievous and immortal feylings and their battle against greedy goblins with an evil plan, any move he makes might be his final fatal error - or his most spectacular beginning. |

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| 903265 | Fifth quarter, The Dawson, Mike | Pan MacMillan | 2021 | 9781250244185 | Lori discovers a love for basketball even though she is not very good. She decides that she wants to put in some practice and become a more important part of her year 5 basketball team. When another girl in her school also shows the same interest, Lori is not sure if she is trying to take something from Lori, or if her intentions are good. For fans of basketball and graphic novels. |
| | Figgy 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. |
| 35563 | Fighting stingrays, The Mitchell, Simon | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780143784104 | Charlie, Masa and Alf are best mates - loyal and adventurous. They're the Fighting Stingrays. In between school, swimming and fishing on idyllic Thursday Island, they have a ripper time role-playing bombing missions and other war games. But when Japan enters World War II, the Fighting Stingrays are told that one of their own is now the real-life enemy. Drawn into a dangerous game of cat and mouse in the Torres Strait, their friendship and loyalties are tested as the threat of invasion looms closer. |
| 568870 | Finch Matthews, Penny | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781760650759 | For years, Audrey has always believed she is destined to be alone. Even her younger sister calls her 'Nerd Girl'. However, her life is about to change forever following her family's relocation to a vineyard in outback Australia. Upon arrival, Audrey meets a mysterious boy named Finch, who seems to understand her like no one else. There's just one problem, no one in the town even knows Finch exists. |
| 131 | Finders keepers Rodda, Emily | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781862913608 | While playing a computer game, Patrick is transported into a parallel world and invited to participate in a TV game show. |
| 1019828 | Finding Bear Gold, Hannah | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2024 | 9780008582029 | Since returning home from her adventures in the Arctic, April has really struggled to fit in. Her mind and her heart are back in the ice and snow with her unlikely polar bear companion. She remains bound to Bear despite the distance. When April finds out that when an animal resembling Bear is shot, she must return and make sure her friend is safe. The Arctic, however, is no safe place for anyone. |

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| 37994 | Finding Gobi Leonard, Dion | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2017 | 9780008244521 | Finding Gobi is the ultimate story of hope and friendship - proving time and time again, that dogs really are 'man's best friend'. In 2016, Dion Leonard, an ultramarathon runner, stumbled across a little stray dog while competing in a gruelling 155 mile race across the Gobi Desert. The pup earned the name 'Gobi' as she went step for step with Dion, keeping pace with him for nearly 80 miles. What Gobi lacked in size, she made up for in heart. Dion had always focused on winning, but as he witnessed the incredible determination of this small animal, he felt something inside him change. This is a story of a life changing friendship between one man and a little stray dog. |
| 587891 | Fing Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2019 | 9780008349080 | Meet the Meeks! Myrtle Meek has everything she could possibly want. But everything isn't enough. She wants more, more, more! When Myrtle declares she wants a FING, there's only one problem: What is a FING? Mr and Mrs Meek will do anything to keep their darling daughter happy, even visit the spooky library vaults to delve into the dusty pages of the mysterious Monsterpedia. Their desperate quest leads to the depths of the jungliest jungle where the rarest creatures can be found. But will they ever find a FING? |
| 11675 | Finn family Moomintroll Jansson, Tove; Portch, Elizabeth (trans) | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 2010 | 9780312608897 | It is spring in the valley and the Moomins are ready for adventure. Moomintroll and his friends Snufkin and Sniff, find the Hobgoblin's top hat, all shiny and new, and just waiting to be taken home. However, they soon realise that this is no ordinary hat. It can turn anything, or anyone, into something else. |
| 6166 | Fire French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781742838175 | One small spark brought fire awake, winding like a small black snake. Fire flickered, fire crept, flames snickered, bushfire leapt. |
| 8686 | Fire pony, The Philbrick, Rodman | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2005 | 9780746065082 | Imagine you have only one person in the world to love and take care of you and that person has a dangerous secret. Roy and his brother Joe Dilly, blessed with the talent of horse whispering, try to find a home in America's deep south. |

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| 10490 | Fire stallion, The Gregg, Stacy | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780008261412 | Hilly's costume designer mother is on a trip from New Zealand to Reykjavik to work on a film about a mythological warrior girl called Brunhilda. At the last minute, Hilly gets to join her. What she thought would be weeks of sitting around on boring film sets soon changes when she lays eyes on Mjolnir, or Hammer, the huge and spectacular Icelandic horse who will star in the film. Then, Hilly finds herself caught up in the world of Gudrun, the cultural consultant on set, and before she knows it, Hilly is far more invested in the story of Brunhilda and her fight for survival than ever could have been predicted. |
| 751034 | Fire star, The Tait, A L | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760897079 | Maven and Reeve are maid and squire, teenagers who are committed to their Master and Mistress and drawn together to solve the mysterious disappearance of a magnificent jewel with a cursed history. |
| 13999 | Fire within, The d'Lacey, Chris | Orchard Books | 2001 | 9781841215334 | When David moves in with Liz and Lucy, he discovers hand crafted, clay dragons that come to life and have magical powers. David's personal dragon inspires him to write a story about the adventures of their local squirrel population. |
| 45469 | Firefly code, The Blakemore, Megan Frazer | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781681195278 | Living a normal life on Firefly Lane, Mori and her friends are safe and have never had to question anything or wonder about how their lives came to be. This all changes when Ilana moves into town - a girl that seems so perfect yet acts so strangely sometimes. Mori and her friends become curious about Ilana and what her background is. Secrets are revealed and decisions must be made. |
| 587176 | Firewatcher: Brimstone Gardiner, Kelly | Omnibus Books | 2018 | 9781742994277 | December 1940, London: Christopher Larkham finds an ancient Roman ring inscribed with a phoenix. As he takes shelter from the firestorm of the Blitz, the ring glows, and pushing open a door, he finds himself in 1666 and facing the Great Fire of London. Fire-and-brimstone preacher, Brother Blowbladder, and his men of the Righteous Temple have prayed for the ancient gods of fire to bring flames down upon London, a city of sin. Could Christopher be their messenger? Or was it the strange girl on the quay who drew him back in time? Why do the Righteous men wear the same phoenix symbol as the engraving on Christophers ring? |

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| 660710 | Firewatcher: Phoenix Gardiner, Kelly | Omnibus Books | 2020 | 9781742994284 | May 1941. The London Blitz is reaching its fiery climax. Christopher Larkham, a Fire Watcher is facing a dilemma. He is trying to untangle the truth of an ancient Roman ring he has found, while confronting the greatest fires in the city's history. Christopher tries to go back to 1666 to find his new friends and learn more about the power of his phoenix ring. Instead, he is transported to a smaller, older river port known as Lundenwic, where the Saxon community faces an invasion by the dreaded Vikings. Why has the ring brought him here, and how can he get back to his own time? Phoenix is the second, thrilling instalment of the Fire Watcher trilogy, blending time-travel, history, mystery, action and adventure. |
| 5513 | Firewood & rabbits Jackson, Ron | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780980359343 | In this picture book autobiography, Ron Jackson describes his eventful childhood as one of thirteen children in a stockman's family living in isolated Balranald. He discusses home schooling, catching rabbits, and collecting firewood in a homemade boat. |
| 88016 | First light Stead, Rebecca | Text Publishing Co | 2011 | 9781921758256 | Peter is thrilled to be going to Greenland where his father studies climate change. But, on the ice cap, Peter is troubled by visions that both frighten and entice him. Thea has never seen the sun. Her people, suspected of witchcraft, retreated to a secret world deep within a glacier. As Thea dreams of a way back to the surface, Peter's search for answers takes him to her hidden world. |
| | First peoples series Sertori, Trisha | | | | 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. |
| 875661 | First scientists, The: Deadly inventions and innovations from Australia's first peoples Tutt, Corey & Douglas, Blak (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2021 | 9781741177527 | Have you ever wondered what the stars can tell us? Did you know the seasons can be predicted just by looking at subtle changes in nature? Maybe you have wondered about the origins of glue or if forensic science is possible without a crime scene investigation. Australia's First peoples have the longest continuing culture on Earth and their innovation will amaze you as you leaf through the pages of this book, learning fascinating facts and discovering the answers to life's questions. |

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| 579463 | Fish in a tree Mullaly Hunt, Lynda | Puffin Australia | 2015 | 9780142426425 | Ally is smart, but no one can see this. She's even been smart enough to fool most of the adults in her life so far. But when Mr Daniels arrives to teach her class, he sees through her bravado. Ally can't read and Mr Daniels can see this. But with his help, maybe Ally can beat the bullies and learn to trust those around her again. |
| 135 | Five children and it Nesbit, Edith | Puffin Australia | 1996 | 9780140367355 | When Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother go digging in the gravel pit, the last thing they expect to find is a Psammead, an ancient Sand-fairy. Having a Sand-fairy for a pet means having one wish granted each day. But, the children don't realise all the trouble that wishes can cause. |
| 22546 | Five children on the Western Front Saunders, Kate | Faber & Faber | 2014 | 9780571310951 | The sequel to 'Five children and It' is set on the eve of the First World War. The five children have grown up and the war will change their lives for ever. The sand fairy has become a creature of stories until he suddenly reappears. The siblings are pleased to have something to take their minds off the war but, this time, the Psammead is here for a reason, and his magic might have a more serious purpose. |
| 136 | Five times dizzy Wheatley, Nadia | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9780733606168 | A Greek family run a deli in Newtown in Sydney, but Ya Ya, the grandmother, is homesick for Greece. |
| | Fizzlebert Stump series Harrold, A F & Horne, 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. |
| 14207 | Flags and emblems of Australia Bruce, Jill B & Wade, Jan (ill) | Simon & Schuster (Australia) Limited | 2002 | 9780731811731 | A reference book containing detailed information, colourful illustrations and facts about Australia's historic coat of arms and the interesting animal, bird and flower emblems of the States and Territories. |
| 5907 | Flight Wheatley, Nadia & Greder, Armin (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2015 | 9781922081483 | Tonight is the night. The family has to flee. Set in biblical times, a small family sets off across a desert in search of refuge from persecution in their own country. Beset by heat and thirst, and threatening tanks, they travel towards a refugee camp and safety, while they wait for asylum in another country. An ancient story becomes a fable for our times. |
| 601782 | Flights of fancy: Stories, pictures and inspiration from ten Children's Laureates Blake, Quentin & Fine, Anne & Morpurgo, Michael & Wilson, Jacqueline & Rosen, Michael | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406387858 | Start a poem with Michael Rosen, act out a story with Julia Donaldson and get doodling with Chris Riddell. In this lively anthology, bursting with scraps of stories, poems, plays and pictures, the UK's best-loved writers and illustrators share their top tips and ideas to inspire budding artists and writers. What are you waiting for? Discover your creativity now! |

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| 34750 | Flint heart, The Paterson, Katherine & Paterson, John & Rocco, John (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2011 | 9780763647124 | Enchanting fairytale in traditional format with goodies, baddies, queens, kings, wild and wonderful creatures, and a happy ending. |
| | Flitterwig series Cullen, Edrei | | | | 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. |
| 137 | Flock of blats, A Stephens, Michael | HarperCollins Australia | 1998 | 9780207196447 | This is an intergalactic adventure with unexpected characters and events. |
| 6862 | Flood French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2011 | 9781742830728 | The rain stopped but the wall of water surged, sounding like a helicopter. Sounding like a flood. |
| 91122 | Floods family files, The Thompson, Colin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781864719420 | Fantastically cynical picture book exploring Flood's everyday life and family history. The more you know about traditional vampires, warlocks, literary monsters and B-grade horror movies, the more you will enjoy it. Be prepared to use your brain to solve the riddles and the dictionary to get all the jokes. |
| 35957 | Floods, The: better homes and gardens Thompson, Colin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741662559 | After years on the run, the Floods are coming home to Transylvania Waters. And just in time too. Since Nerlin and Mordonna fled, things have gone from worse to much worse. King Quatorze has bled the country dry. He's even sold everyone's shoelaces. It's time for life with a lot less cabbage and a lot more chocolate. But, first, the Floods have to get rid of the old king. |
| 6085 | Flora & Ulysses: the illuminated adventures DiCamillo, Kate & Campbell, K G (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2015 | 9780763676711 | It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident. Ulysses, the squirrel, never saw the vacuum cleaner coming. Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book, Terrible Things Can Happen to You, steps in to save him. Ulysses now has powers of strength, flight and misspelled poetry. Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a spacious heart. |
| 12772 | Florence Nightingale: the lady of the lamp Barnham, Kay | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2003 | 9780750240185 | Florence Nightingale's intelligence, determination and bravery made hospitals cleaner and safer, and saved countless lives through her work. This provides an insight into her life. |
| 138 | Flour babies, The Fine, Anne | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1994 | 9780140361476 | Simon and his classmates have to take part in a science project that involves taking care of a six pound bag of flour - a pretend baby. |

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| 83210 | Flower, The Light, John & Evans, Lisa (ill) | Child's Play International Ltd | 2006 | 9781846430718 | Brigg, a sad-looking kid, lives in a grey building and works in a grey library in a cold, colourless city. Dangerous books are kept in the library. When Brigg finds one of these books and sees pictures of beautifully coloured things called flowers, he wonders what it might take to fill a whole city with flowers. |
| 15130 | Fly a Rebel Flag, The battle at Eureka Annear, Robyn | Black Dog Books | 2007 | 9781921167430 | The diggers were fed up. Ever since the gold rushes began, police had hounded them about their licences. The diggers of Ballarat took up arms, built a stockade and swore to defend themselves. That twenty minute battle changed Australia forever. |
| 750945 | Fly on the wall Lai, Remy | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760652654 | Henry Khoo's family treats him like a baby. He's not allowed to go anywhere without his sister/chaperone/bodyguard. His (former) best friend knows to expect his family's mafia-style interrogation when Henry's actually allowed to hang out at her house. And he definitely CAN'T take a journey halfway around the world all by himself! But that's exactly his plan. After his family's annual trip to visit his father in Singapore is cancelled, Henry decides he doesn't want to be cooped up at home with his overprotective family and BFF turned NRFF (Not Really Friend Forever). Plus, he's hiding a your-life-is-over-if-you're-caught secret: he's the creator of an anonymous gossip cartoon, and he's on the verge of getting caught. Determined to prove his independence and avoid punishment for his crimes, Henry embarks on the greatest adventure everrr. . . hoping it won't turn into the greatest disaster ever. |
| 3942 | Flyaway girls, The Lawrinson, Julia | Puffin Australia | 2015 | 9780143308652 | Chelsea is the hardest worker in her gymnastics club and she's determined to make it. But, new girl Telia has more natural talent and Chelsea is jealous. She feels awful because she actually likes Telia. And, it's not only envy that is bothering Chelsea. She's got family issues and her school friends are acting weirdly. It's time for Chelsea to figure out what's really important and, maybe, take a leap into the unknown. |
| 139 | Flying emu and other Australian stories, The Morgan, Sally | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140381917 | Twenty stories about how the world began and the events that followed. They are based around a host of characters, including Australian animals, non-native animals, spirits, planets, the sun and moon, and humans. The title story, The Flying Emu, tells of a beautifully-coloured emu who learns about vanity and immodesty when he and his friends race to the sun. |
| 1738 | Flytrap McDonald, Meme & Pryor, Boori Monty | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865086088 | The story of a lie that gets out of control. Nancy is worried. She's told her teacher she has something that she doesn't, and now Miss Susan wants her to bring it in to show the class. |

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| 1739 | Foggy Baillie, Allan | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141310411 | Little Bay Village has a gigantic problem and it needs a wizard to solve it. When Meg and Russ are given the desperate mission to find the wizard known as Foggy, they find that he may be more trouble than he's worth. |
| 12116 | Follow that bus Hutchins, Pat & Hutchins, Laurence (ill) | Red Fox | 1992 | 9780099932208 | Two bank robbers find more than they bargained for when they encounter a group of school children visiting a farm. |
| 864779 | Following Frankenstein Bruton, Catherine | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2021 | 9781788008440 | Maggie has grown up without her father. He is alive but obsessed with finding the creation of Dr Frankenstein. When her father is forced to come back and care for Maggie, she becomes mixed up in his latest quest to find the monster. The adventure takes Maggie from continent to continent where she meets extraordinary people, both kind and cruel. |
| 1075174 | Food wise: A kid's guide to fighting food waste and saving the planet Bell, Lucy & Leonardi, Lucy | Pantera Press | 2023 | 9780648795353 | Do you know about half of all fruit and vegetables produced end up as waste, and each year, Australians throw away enough food to fill 17,000 jumbo jets? You can use Foodwise to find simple and delicious ways to stop our food from ending up in landfill. Packed with awesome activities, fun facts and 50 delicious recipes, Foodwise will help you become a food genius in no time - all while saving the planet! So come on, join a new generation of food-waste warriors, fighting to keep food on plates, in tummies and out of the bin! |
| 9354 | Football Lineker, Gary | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751327793 | Gary Lineker, who captained his national team, played in two World Cups and is a TV commentator, shows beginners all the techniques of football and leads young players through the rules, essential skills and special team tactics. |
| 1209850 | Football GOAT, The: Messi v Ronaldo Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth & Leydon, Dan (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529521023 | Messi or Ronaldo: Who is the greatest football player of all-time? Compare all the latest data, listen to the arguments and then decide which of these footballing legends is the GOAT! |
| 1083092 | Football superstars: Aguero rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill) | Welbeck Publishing | 2021 | 9781783126316 | Sergio Aguer is a star from Argentina who first made it big in Brazil as a goal kicker. His coach when he made his first team debut said he was humble even in success. He is an awesome football player and the best striker in the world in 2021. This is about Kun as he was known and he is so very good. |
| 1083094 | Football superstars: De Bruyne rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill) | Welbeck Publishing | 2021 | 9781783126330 | Kevin De Bruyne had a football plan at the age of 11 and proved that he was a future star when he shot goals and went on to join a Golden Generation of brilliant Belgium players. He was a top scorer and eventually signed up to a London club Chelsea and play premier league where he rules with many honours and awards! |
| 1133396 | Football superstars: Football rules the world Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill) | Welbeck Publishing | 2023 | 9781783129768 | From Lionel Messi's World Cup triumph and England's Lionesses EUROs glory, to the greatest goals and pioneering players, FOOTBALL RULES THE WORLD brings you the most incredible true stories from the biggest game on the planet! |

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| 1083095 | Football superstars: Messi rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill) | Welbeck Publishing | 2023 | 9781783129232 | Discover how Lionel Messi from Argentina created a world famous career and see why Messi Rules! In this informative graphic account impress your friends with knowledge of his nickname the Flea when he went to play in Barcelona at age 13. |
| 1019859 | Football superstars: Pogba rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan | Welbeck Publishing | 2021 | 9781783126323 | Find out how a boy from the Paris suburbs went from youth superstar to one of the best playmakers in the game of football and became a World Cup winner. Read about every one of Paul Pogba's key stats, little-known facts and complete the quizzes. This illustrated biography will have you wanting to read more of the Football Superstars series. |
| 1019697 | Footy tail, A Johnston, Alexander & Dreise, Gregg | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761180316 | Inspired by the South Sydney Rabbitohs, written by NRL star Alex Johnston and illustrated by celebrated First Nations artist Gregg Dreise, this rhyming picture book about an underdog team of bunnies who are up against the stronger teams of animals is a wonderful story of unity, togetherness, resilience and teamwork. A fluffle of Bunnies play at the park. They sprint and they tackle from dawn until dark, They always train hard, but it's never enough . . . the other teams are just bigger and stronger. It's tough! Join AJ and his teammates, Cody and Latrell, and the Bunnies on their triumphant footy journey from being the competition underdogs to unlikely winners, with a little help from some friends - especially a wise and confident Crow! |
| 8576 | For keeps: A treasury of stories, poems and plays Various | NSW Department of Education | 2016 | 9780731387465 | A treasury of stories, poems and plays celebrating one hundred years of The School Magazine. Discover some of the finest writing and illustration from the pages of the longest running children's magazine in the world. Meet larrikins and chatterboxes, brave hearts and lost souls, best mates and wise elders. Encounter ghosts and fairies, monsters and aliens, a cranky parrot and a talking carrot. |
| | For sale or swap series Brugman, Alyssa | | | | 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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| 751151 | Forest in the tree, The: How fungi shape the earth Wild, Ailsa & Reed, Aviva & Barr, Briony & Crocetti, Gregory | CSIRO | 2021 | 9781486313310 | This is a story about trees and fungi connected through a 'wood wide web' - told by one tiny fungal spore .A little fungus meets a baby cacao tree and they learn to feed each other. They cooperate with a forest of plants and a metropolis of microbes in the soil. But when drought strikes can they work together to survive? |
| 567911 | Forest, The Bozzi, Ricardo & Lopiz, Violeta & Vidali, Valerio (ill) | Enchanted Lion books | 2018 | 9781592702183 | A book about the journey of life, from our wide-eyes of childhood through the tangles and brambles, into our end. |
| 751078 | Forever horse, The Gregg, Stacy | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780008332358 | Maisie has always loved horses. She is also a talented artist. The opportunity arises for her to study in Paris. While in Paris two things happen that dramatically change her life. She finds the childhood diary of famous horse artist, Rose Bonifait who passed away in the nineteenth century and she meets the beautiful black stallion, Claude. As the two girls' stories emerge, tragedies unfold, both past and present. This is a powerful story showing the lengths these two girls go to when they know it is the right thing to do. |
| 1932 | Forgotten pearl, The Murrell, Belinda | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742753690 | When Chloe visits her Grandma Poppy, she learns just how close the Second World War came to destroying her family. In 1941, Poppy lived in Darwin, far from the war. When Japan attacked, everything Poppy held dear was threatened. Her brother was taken prisoner-of-war and her home town became a war zone. Poppy and her mother fled to Sydney, only to find that the danger followed them there. |
| 983001 | Fortune maker, The Norton, Catherine | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2023 | 9781460763155 | Maud Mulligan is 12 years old and her life in the slums of London is going from bad to worse. Fortune telling is all the rage but Maud wonders if it's better not to know what's coming. When she is suddenly pulled into the car of a rich and commanding woman, Maud must use all of her wits, determination, new found friends and special gift to take hold of her own destiny. |
| 1919 | Forward march Mattingley, Christobel & Kennett, David (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2016 | 9781742990804 | On ANZAC Day in Australia, people of all ages and nationalities gather at war memorials for the dawn service and line city streets to watch the march. This national day of mourning and commemoration honours the men and women who returned from war, and those who did not. |

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| | Foul play series Palmer, Tom | | | | 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. |
| 1019284 | Four eyes Ogle, Rex & Valeza, Dave (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781338574968 | Sixth grade isn't as great as Rex thought it would be. He's the only kid who hasn't had a growth spurt, and the bullies won't let him forget it. His closest friend is unreliable, at best. And there's a cute girl in his class who he can't stop thinking about. With so much going on, everything is a blur - including Rex's vision! So when he discovers that he needs glasses, and his family can only afford the ugliest pair in the store, any hope Rex had of fitting in goes completely out of focus. |
| 929 | Four seasons of Lucy McKenzie, The Murray, Kirsty | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743317020 | The painting of Spring was as bright as a sunny day and the tiny yellow flowers which covered the fields were dancing with the breeze. When Lucy comes closer, she hears a voice calling from the other side and reaches through the painting. |
| 9765 | Fourteenth summer of Angus Jack, The Storer, Jen & Gifford, Lucinda (ill) | ABC Books | 2015 | 9780733334436 | Since moving to Australia with their father, Angus Jack and his sister, Martha, have moved house constantly. They end up living next door to a peculiar old lady called Reafen, who runs a second-hand shop, full of strange and weird objects. To Angus and Martha, Reafen seems harmless enough. But, Reafen draws Angus into her world of ancient feuds, Wild Magick, the secret dealings of vikings and goblins, and all those who have lived in the Old Realm. |
| 846147 | Fowl twins get what they deserve, The Colfer, Eoin | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2021 | 9780008475260 | For almost two years, Lord Teddy Bleedham-Drye has been plotting revenge against the Fowl Twins. Teddy plans to give them exactly what they deserve, permanent death. When Teddy mounts a deadly attack on Myles from his weaponised jet, Beckett and Specialist Lazuli Heitz succeed in disarming the aircraft and causing an accident that kills Lord Teddy. But does it really? Ghosts, clones, missing mums and fairy magic all come into play in this explosive and utterly ridiculous showdown between the twins and their worst enemy. |

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| 660548 | Fowl twins, The Colfer, Eoin | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780008324810 | Myles and Beckett Fowl are twins but the two boys are wildly different. Beckett is blonde, messy and sulks whenever he has to wear clothes. Myles is impeccably neat, has an IQ of 170, and 3D prints a fresh suit every day - just like his older brother, Artemis Fowl. A week after their eleventh birthday the twins are left in the care of house security system, NANNI, for a single night. In that time, they befriend a troll on the run from a nefarious nobleman and an interrogating nun both of whom need the magical creature for their own gain . . . |
| 751121 | Fowl twins, The: Deny all charges Colfer, Eoin | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2020 | 9780008324872 | Artemis Fowl has wandered off to the moon but his younger twin brothers can still be found in their family mansion. The Twins get up to their normal adventures as they investigate some interesting events. Join Myles and Beckett as they work to save their friends, their family, and themselves in an adventure that challenges even the genius of Myles Fowl. |
| 143 | Fox Wild, Margaret & Brooks, Ron | Kane/Miller | 2001 | 9781929132164 | A story about an unusual friendship between a dog and a magpie. Magpie's wing is injured in a fire and she can no longer fly. She is looked after by Dog, who is blind in one eye. He wills Magpie to get better and enjoy her life again. The friendship continues until Fox arrives. Seeing the pair cosily together, Fox conspires to separate them. |
| 30237 | Framed Boyce, Frank Cottrell | MacMillan | 2006 | 9780330434256 | Dylan, the only boy left in his tiny Welsh village, has no-one to play with and his family's business is going broke. When a mysterious convoy of trucks arrives with a precious cargo to hide in a disused mine, Dylan must save his family. |
| | Francis Bacon series Measday, Stephen | | | | 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. |
| 1991 | Frank Davies and the amazing frog catapult Clifford, Rohan | Penguin | 2014 | 9780143307532 | Frank Davies is in trouble again, at school and at home, but everything changes when the frog turns up. The adventures begin when one huge luminous frog and Frank Davies set out on a mission to destroy one thousand evil giant toads. |

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| | Frankie Fish series Helliard, Peter & Vamos, Lesley (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. |
| | Frankie Foster series Ure, Jean | | | | 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. |
| 21383 | Frankie Fox girl spy: Operation boy band Poshagian, Yvette & Davis, Jacqui (ill) | Lothian Books | 2015 | 9780734415707 | Agent Frankie Fox is undercover, visiting an international kid's robotics competition. She's investigating the evil Alliance's robot army, when she discovers that the world's number one boy band is brainwashing kids to serve the Alliance. To try and save the day, Frankie will need to solve puzzles, deprogram evil robots and sneak backstage at a concert. But, her best friend won't forgive her if she breaks up the band. |
| 16169 | Frankie Fox girl spy: Ready, set, spy Poshagian, Yvette & Davis, Jacqui (ill) | Lothian Books | 2015 | 9780734415684 | Frankie Fox has realised she is being trained to be a spy. She has a spy manual which helps her learn to solve problems and use cool technology. When Frankie's billionaire inventor dad is kidnapped by a mysterious, evil group, the Alliance, it's up to Frankie to get him back. She'll have to solve mind-bending puzzles and work head-spinning gadgets to do it. Frankie must move quickly from school kid to super spy. |
| 64341 | Freaky Whiting, Sue | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150791 | When Jayden is sent to stay with relatives that he hardly knows, he thinks things can't get any worse. But he's wrong. They live in the country, in a town with no skate park. What's worse, they are cactus freaks with a yard full of spiky plants. Then, when Auntie Nina and Uncle Trev buy a new cactus, things get really freaky. The cactus seems to be coming alive. |
| 15432 | Freaky stuff Tulloch, Richard | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780759320314 | Brian Hubble becomes the protector of a fairy in the form of his little neighbour, Sebastian, and discovers his talent for writing while starring in a Squeezee commercial. He also discovers how television makes life appear different to reality. |
| 6684 | Freddy Tangles: Champ or chicken Brand, Jack & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760110352 | Freddy Tangles is in trouble with everybody, again. New boy, Hugo, initially very popular, has become a bully and turned Freddy's friends against him. Freddy will have to do something spectacular to prove he's no chicken and win back his friends. |

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| 8068 | Freddy Tangles: Legend or loser Brand, Jack & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760110345 | Freddy Tangles and his friends are in danger. No one is scarier than the big bully, Sid Malone. Freddy must come up with a plan but this will be difficult because he's even afraid of his little sister. |
| 11144 | Freeze a crowd Jennings, Paul & Greenwood, Ted & Denton, Terry | Puffin Australia | 1996 | 9780140564891 | A fascinating collection of witty puns, jokes, riddles and visual jokes. |
| 12013 | Frieda, a new Australian Musgrove, Marianne | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781742991146 | Frieda, her sickly mother and her father travel from Germany to Australia, looking for a better life. Nervous and excited about Adelaide, a drought-stricken town with hordes of flies and barefoot children, Frieda is keen to make friends. But, as the First World War takes hold, the Germans are now seen as the enemy. Rumours begin to circulate that Frieda's father is a spy. Frieda has her own battles to fight. She begins to wonder whether she should change her name and hide all trace of her culture. |
| | Friends 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. |
| | Friendship dolls 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. |
| 1245 | Friendship matchmaker goes undercover, The Abdel-Fattah, Randa | Omnibus Books | 2012 | 9781862919488 | Lara's friendship matchmaking days are over, until things get complicated. The playground is in chaos, kids are arguing and crying all over the place and when a recently arrived refugee students starts in Lara's class, the challenge of finding him a friend is too much for her to resist. |
| 51994 | Friendship matchmaker, The Abdel-Fattah, Randa | Scholastic Australia | 2011 | 9781862919204 | At her school, Lara has a mission to help other children make and keep friends. Lara gives advice and rules for friendships, and is even writing a manual about it. When a new girl comes to school, everything starts to unravel. As Lara embarks on a competition to find a best friend for the most difficult client ever, she comes to see the true value and importance of friendship. |

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| 995975 | Friendship survival guide Young, Caroline & Various (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781803704616 | If you are shy and have trouble making friends or seem to have trouble keeping them, this book is the book for you. This has lots of friendly advice to guide you through the ups and downs of friendship and how to navigate them. |
| 3586 | Frogkisser Nix, Garth | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760293512 | Anya and her older sister Morven are the Princesses of Trallonia. But life is not easy for the royal sisters, especially since their evil step-step-father Duke Rikard has arrived with plans of ruling the kingdom for himself. Worse still, he is a clever and powerful sorcerer whose latest spell has turned Morven's boyfriend Denholm into a frog! While Morven doesn't seem to even care about losing her friend, it's now up to Princess Anya, Ardent the talking royal dog and a magically transformed newt to save both Denholm and the Kingdom from the ambitions of the wicked Duke Rikard. Steeped in fairy tale lore, this book is a celebration of fantasy writing. |
| 41059 | Frogs closeup Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2016 | 9781742033990 | Frogs go through an amazing transformation during their life cycle and are well adapted to living on land and in water. Take a closer look at these incredible amphibians. |
| 15141 | Frogs of Australia Swan, Gerry | New Holland Australia | 2000 | 9781864363333 | Highly informative little guide to Australian frogs. Clear and fascinating photography accompanies detailed information. Interesting facts will appeal to frog enthusiasts. |
| 28334 | From little things big things grow Kelly, P & Carmody, K & Hudson, P (ill) & Kalkaringi School Children (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9780975770887 | The iconic song by Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody recounts the story of when Vincent Lingiari and other Gurindji workers walked off the Wave Hill cattle station in 1966. What began as a strike over wages and conditions became an eight year long struggle for the return of traditional lands. Illustrated by Gurindji schoolchildren. |
| 569498 | Front desk Yang, Kelly | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781760650469 | Mia Tang is only ten years old. Her parents have moved their family from China to the USA in search of a better life. Only what they have found is hardship and discrimination. When Mia's parents get the opportunity to run a motel, Mia helps out on the front desk, cleaning and getting to know the longer term residents of the motel. Through kindness, her family starts to create community. But the big question - will Mia ever be allowed to use the motel's swimming pool? |
| | Fudge series Blume, Judy | | | | 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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| 148 | Fungus the bogeyman Briggs, Raymond | Puffin UK | 1990 | 9780140542356 | A strip cartoon book about a miserable Bogeyman called Fungus, his wife Mildew, and son, Mould. |
| 660425 | Funny bones Temple, Kate & Jol (ed) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760524333 | If you think you've heard every funny story there is then think again! Funny Bones is a super-huge collection of rib-tickling stories, cartoons, comics, jokes and much, much more that's bound to get even the most serious kid laughing. |
| | Funny 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. |
| 751171 | Future friend Baddiel, David | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780008334222 | Pip is lonely and bored. She goes to virtual school on her G-Glasses. She only has a talking cat and parrot to hang out with, and she can't leave her LivingSpace due to the extreme heat and floods outside. Until the day that Pip explores a glowing ring in a lab and finds herself in a warehouse, in 2019. She meets boy-inventor Rahul -- who is also lonely and bored. Together, Rahul and Pip are no longer lonely. But they have a whole load of new problems like hiding talking animals from Rahul's parents and finding a way back to the future. And -- just maybe -- saving the world... |
| 1823 | Fuzz the famous fly Rodda, Emily | Omnibus Books | 2002 | 9781862913929 | Fuzz endeavours to cope with the intrusions of stardom. |
| 39611 | Fuzzy mud Sachar, Louis | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781408864746 | Tamaya and Marshall walk to and from school together. But, to avoid Chad, the school bully, they decide to go through the off-limits woods. The next day, Chad doesn't turn up at school. No one knows where he is and Tamaya's arm is covered in a burning, itchy wound. A chain of events follows and, as the authorities and the United States Senate become involved, what they uncover might affect the future of the world. |
| 2336 | Gallipoli Greenwood, Kerry & White, Annie (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781743621295 | Dawn approaches on 25 April 1915 and ANZACs Bluey and Dusty sail towards Gallipoli. As their ship gets closer, the two friends hear the noise of battle. Will they be brave enough for what lies ahead of them. |

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| 1209827 | Game on Alcott, Dylan & Regan, Fiona & Ziersch, Nahum (ill) | ABC Books | 2024 | 9780733343209 | Dylan, his bestie Hannah, and friends Yusuf and Gemma are all starting high school. How will each navigate the joys and challenges of this new environment? Will their friendship survive? And, at a time where EVERYTHING feels personal, will Dylan learn that not everything is about him? |
| 1019623 | Game on: Glitched Snape, Emily | EK Books | 2023 | 9781922539410 | Discovering another app on their babysitter's phone, Liam sends the brothers travelling through time. Landing in earlier versions of their home town, they find themselves in the Stone Age, Roman times, the Middle Ages and prehistoric times with dinosaurs. To return to their own time , they're going to have to solve riddles whilst dodging woolly mammoths, jousting knights and every kind of disgusting bodily fluid you can think of. Can they survive the dangers, solve the riddles and get back before the phone battery dies, and they're stranded in another time forever? |
| 6648 | Gangsta Granny Walliams, David | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2011 | 9780007371440 | Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his Grandma's house. She's the boringest Grandma ever. All she wants to do is to play Scrabble and eat cabbage soup. But, there are two things that Ben doesn't know about his Grandma. They involve an international jewel thief and stealing the Crown Jewels. |
| 846206 | Gangsta Granny strikes again Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008262204 | Daring thefts of priceless treasures are all over the news. The crimes have the pawprints of international jewel thief The Black Cat - Ben's very own Gangsta Granny - all over them. But with Granny gone, who on earth could pull off such daring heists? Can Ben crack the case? |
| 32611 | Gaolbird: True story of William Swallow, convict and pirate, The Barnard, Simon | Text Publishing Co | 2017 | 9781925498172 | It's 23 October 1821 and convict William Swallow stands on the deck of the Malabar for muster. He is wearing a canary yellow convict uniform and his legs are chained. He's just completed the 121-day sea voyage from London to Hobart Town, but his wild and audacious adventures have barely begun. He'll soon ditch the convict uniform and the chains, take part in a mutiny, become a pirate captain and fool the world in what just might be the most outrageous and unbelievable true story in Australia's convict history. |
| 9327 | Garden of Empress Cassia, The Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin | 2002 | 9780143300274 | Mimi has mysterious and powerful pastels and can draw a garden so beautiful and magical that real people are transported inside it. But, it would be very unfortunate if the ancient pastels were to fall into the wrong hands. |

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| 697193 | Gargantis Taylor, Thomas | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406386295 | A ferocious storm is raging in Eerie-on-Sea. An ancient artifact filled with a wondrous light has washed up on the beach and a mysterious hooded stranger has just checked into the Grand Nautilus Hotel. Herbie and Violet know that these events are connected and that they must act fast to save the town. But their investigation may just lead them to the cold, dark bottom of the sea. |
| 1209752 | Genius ears: a curious animal compendium Anlauf, Lena & Konstantinov, Vitali (ill) & Yarbrough, Marshall (trans) | North South Books | 2024 | 9780735845626 | Ears can do much more than just pick up sound waves. In the animal kingdom, ears are sometimes an animal's strongest asset! For example, a fleeing black-tailed jackrabbit uses the position of its ears to help it confuse its pursuers and get away from danger. Some animals can close their ears to protect their bodies or use them to cool down or stay warm. Whether long, tuft, or goblin, ears can tell a lot about animals and their habits and habitats. |
| 876370 | Gentle genius of trees, The Bunting, Phillip | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781760975173 | What could we clever humans ever learn from trees? Take an unashamedly anthropomorphic wander through the woods to learn a few life lessons from our foliaged friends. The Gentle Genius of Trees is a small forest of facts exploring the brilliance of trees, from photosynthesis, to symbiosis and the wood-wide web. |
| 1017767 | Geomancer: in the shadow of the wolf queen Millwood Hargrave, Kiran | Orion | 2023 | 9781510107854 | Ysolda has lived her life in the shadow of the wolf queen's tyrannical rule but, safe in her forest haven, she has never truly felt its threat. Until one day when a mysterious earthquake shakes the land and her older sister Hari vanishes in its wake. Accompanied by her loyal sea hawk, Nara, Ysolda embarks on a desperate rescue mission. But when she is forced to strike a bargain with the wolf queen herself, she soon finds herself embroiled in a quest for a magic more powerful - and more dangerous - than she could ever have imagined... |
| 6346 | George Gino, Alex | Scholastic US | 2015 | 9780545812542 | When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But, George knows she's a girl. She secretly calls herself Melissa and loves to read her hidden stash of magazines, with ads for lipstick and perfume. George desperately wants to win the role of Charlotte in her class production of Charlotte's Web so that her mum will finally see her as a girl, and accept that she's transgender. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan, not just to be Charlotte but to let everyone know who she is, once and for all. |

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| 29439 | George Parker goes global Metzenthien, David | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760523466 | George Parker and Chase Landon-Bond may attend the same Boarding School but there the similarity ends. George is scientific, cautious and a pyjama wearing nerd. Chase is popular, rich, carefree and impulsive. After his latest haircut goes seriously wrong, George sparks interest from the unlikely Chase. He sees George's potential in helping him complete a rescue mission. George doubts his abilities to help Chase but finds himself, time and again, getting the two of them out of tricky situations. |
| 4493 | Get a grip, Cooper Jones Whiting, Sue | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781921529788 | Cooper Jones longs for the time when life was simple, when all he needed to worry about was whether to change his undies or make do. Now, his life has become all too complicated. Set against the backdrop of a fiery summer, Cooper needs to realise that sometimes you just need to get a grip. |
| 32671 | Get coding Whitney, David & Beedie, Duncan (ill) | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781406366846 | In this fun guide to coding for beginners, learn how to develop real coding skills by following step by step instructions and completing six exciting missions. Code your own website, app and game, and learn html, CSS and JavaScript. |
| 877965 | Get me out of here! Foolish and fearless convict escapes Deeves, Pauline & Wilson, Brent (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760526993 | Meet the convicts behind Australia's most rascally, dastardly prison escapes. Gifted geniuses or total goofballs? You be the judge! Featuring Moondyne Joe, Mary Bryant, and a guy who put on a kangaroo skin and hopped away (literally), this fun and engaging collection brings Australia's early colonial past to life. |
| | Get real series Kettle, Phil & Webb, Melissa (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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| 705202 | Ghost Reynolds, Jason | Atheneum books | 2016 | 9781481450164 | Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons--it all started with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems--and running away from them--until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him? |
| 6549 | Ghost and the goggle-box, The Ball, Duncan | HarperCollins Australia | 1997 | 9780207191497 | The clean-up of dead Uncle Arnold's Sydney house becomes a weird experience when Roger discovers that the old man is haunting the television set. |
| 992547 | Ghost book Lai, Remy | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761065477 | July Chen sees ghosts. But her dad insists ghosts aren't real. So she pretends they don't exist. Which is incredibly difficult now as it's Hungry Ghost month, when the Gates of the Underworld open and dangerous ghosts run amok in the living world. When July saves a boy ghost from being devoured by a Hungry Ghost, he becomes her first ever friend. Except William is not a ghost. He's a wandering soul wavering between life and death. As the new friends embark on an adventure to return William to his body, they unearth a ghastly truth -f or William to live, July must die. |
| | Ghost club series Abela, Deborah | | | | 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. |
| 14872 | Ghost hunters and the incredibly revolting ghost Funke, Cornelia | Chicken House | 2007 | 9781905294121 | Tom's basement is inhabited by Hugo the ghost. The only way to get rid of the ghost in the basement is to remove the incredibly revolting ghost that now inhabits Hugo's house. |
| 6390 | Ghost in my suitcase, A Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780143303794 | When Celeste travels to China to visit her grandmother, she uncovers an incredible family secret. And with this secret comes danger and adventure. If Celeste is to save her family and friends, she must learn to harness her rare and powerful gift as a ghost-hunter. |

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| 18541 | Ghost of a chance Panckridge, Michael & Harvey, Pam | HarperCollins Australia | 2007 | 9780207200632 | Ling and her friends find their beach holiday has some mysteries in store. Ling is visited at the same time each night by a girl ghost. When she feels the ghost needs her help, a race begins to solve the ghost's problem. The children soon realise any danger they will face is not with the ghost. |
| 669402 | Ghost of Howlers Beach, The French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2020 | 9781460757727 | Butter O'Bryan lives in a very small castle with his father and three aunts. Butter has been told there are ghosts at the nearby isolated Howlers Beach, but are there? How can the children Butter plays cricket with on the beach simply vanish? Who are these children and why do they refuse his help? Butter is certain they're hiding a secret and he's determined to uncover it. |
| 9246 | Ghost of Thomas Kempe, The Lively, Penelope | Egmont Childrens | 1992 | 9780749707910 | The ghost of a 17th century sorcerer attempts to recruit James Harrison as his apprentice. |
| 43758 | Ghosts Telgemeier, Raina | Graphix | 2016 | 9780545540629 | Catrina and her family are moving to the coast of Northern California because her little sister, Maya, is sick. Cat isn't happy about leaving her friends for Bahia de la Luna, but Maya has cystic fibrosis and will benefit from the cool, salty air that blows in from the sea. As the girls explore their new home, a neighbour lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahia de la Luna. Maya is determined to meet one, but Cat wants nothing to do with them. As the time of year when ghosts reunite with their loved ones approaches, Cat must figure out how to put aside her fears for her sister's sake and her own. |
| 54945 | Ghostscape Layburn, Joe | Frances Lincoln | 2008 | 9781845077686 | Time is running out for Aisha, the Somali refugee girl, who has found herself transported back to the time of the Blitz in London. Although Aisha is full of fear and horror because she already knows the future of her original school building, she is still compelled to try to save her new friend, Richard, and his aged grandfather, during the terrible bombing of the Second World War. |
| 903326 | Giant Skinner, Nicola & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2023 | 9780008422462 | Minnie has never known any other home than her mostly quiet and comfortable community on the island she has lived her whole life. Despite Minnie having to endure some terrible pains due to a mysterious condition, her life is good and made safe by her caring servant who also happens to be a giant. Every child on the island has a giant servant who stays with them until the time comes when they must say goodbye- something Minnie is dreading but her giant, Speck, is dreading even more as this means she will be turned to stone and used for building material. To avoid this, Minnie runs away and sets off a series of events which has giant consequences for all on the island. |

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| 154 | Giant devil-dingo, The Roughsey, Dick | MacMillan | 1975 | 9780027778403 | The legend of Gaiya, the giant devil-dingo belongs to people from the Cape York Peninsula. |
| 15451 | Giant scrub python, The Baldwin, Grace MacDonald | Word Weavers Press | 2003 | 9781877073106 | The giant scrub python is rarely seen by the locals so when Sam and Davey first encounter it, they are terrified but curious. When an illegal animal trader hears about the snake, he is anxious to catch it, even though it is a protected species. |
| 6652 | Giant's necklace, The Morpurgo, Michael & Smith, Briony May (ill) | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781406357127 | It's the final day of the holidays, and Cherry resolves to collect the last few shells she needs to complete her necklace. She's determined it will be fit for a giant. Then the clouds roll in and the sea becomes a writhing grey monster and Cherry is cut off from the shore. The only way to escape is through an old tin mine deep in the rocks, which hides a ghostly secret of those who have gone before. |
| 4321 | Giants, trolls, witches, beasts: Ten tales from deep, dark woods Phillips, Craig | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760113261 | Some fairy tales are about fairies, others are about unicorns, but there's none of those in this book. This beautifully illustrated graphic novel brings together fairy tales of the darker, scarier kind from all corners of the world. Full of monsters, trolls and witches these retellings will enchant those new to the tales and delight returning readers with its full colour pages and lively re-crafting of these classic stories. |
| 3823 | Gigantic book of genes, The Hendry, Lorna | Wild Dog Books | 2016 | 9781742034102 | Look at the people in your family, do they all look similar? How closely are you related to your cousins, a chimpanzee and a banana? Whose fault is it that you cannot roll your tongue? Find out in the Gigantic book of genes. |
| 903259 | Girl called corpse, A Carter, Reece & Howe, Simon (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761066788 | With a body made of wax, seaweed for hair and polished abalone shells for eyes, Corpse is trapped in the Witches' shack, seemingly forever. But Corpse has questions about who she was and how she died. As she sets off on a dangerous quest to find the answers to these and more questions, she must outwit sinister characters with an evil plan and finds unexpected allies which just goes to show that, even when you're dead, true friends will help you when you need them most. |
| 682660 | Girl from the sea WILD, Margaret & Tanner, Jane (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760524302 | Who lives in that cottage by the sea? I wish. I wish. I wish it was me. A ghostly tale of longing. |

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| 653175 | Girl geeks: Game on! Miles, Alex | Penguin Random House Australia | 2019 | 9780143795063 | As well as being a skater, Niki is a huge gamer and plays with a team in an online eSports league. The other girl geeks don't know much about gaming but Niki's enthusiasm is contagious! When the country's biggest eSports event opens up a junior comp, Niki can't wait to play. She signs up and meets her online friends for the first time - they're all boys and are shocked to discover she's a girl! An unexpected event occurs, which sees Niki in danger of not being able to play in the tournament. Will her girl gang come to the rescue and turn this game from off to on? |
| 653173 | Girl geeks: The hackathon Miles, Alex | Penguin Random House Australia | 2019 | 9780143795056 | Hamsa's teacher has announced that their class will be doing their very own hackathon. A hack-a-what? thinks Hamsa. She doesn't know anything about tech or coding! Things get worse as Hamsa is split up from her best friends and put with Eve, the new girl, shy and studious Maggie and skateboarder Niki. Ugh - they're destined to fail! The girls need an idea - and fast. Can Hamsa and her team come up with the goods or will things fall apart as she plays it too cool for school? |
| 751160 | Girl of the southern sea Kadarusman, Michelle | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702262937 | A gifted student, Nia longs to attend high school so she can follow her dream and become a writer. She has notebooks filled with stories she's created about the mythological Dewi Kadita, Princess of the Southern Sea. But her family has barely enough money for food, let alone an education, so Nia's days are spent running their food cart and raising her younger brother. Following a miraculous escape from a bus accident, Nia is gifted with good-luck magic. Or at least that's what everyone's saying. Soon their family business is booming and there might even be enough money to return to school. But how long can her good luck last? When a secret promise threatens everything she's hoped for, Nia must find a way to break the mould and write her own future. |
| 567893 | Girl on wire Estela, Lucy & Hurst, Elise (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2018 | 9780143787167 | She stands, motionless, as the cold breeze bites her cheeks. She stands for hours, but the girl on wire knows that she must begin. A story about courage and confidence while growing up. |
| 3201 | Girl savage, The Rundell, Katherine | Faber & Faber | 2011 | 9780571254316 | Wilhelmina lives a picturesque existence, running wild and free on an African farm with her horse. Every day is beautiful as she savours the reckless abandon of a carefree existence. However, one day her home is sold and Wilhelmina is sent to boarding school in England. She must learn to live and survive in this strange and unforgiving new world. |

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| 12344 | Girl underground Gleitzman, Morris | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143300465 | Bridget wants a quiet life, including, if possible, keeping her parents out of prison. A boy called Menzies makes her an offer she can't refuse. They set off on a desperate, daring adventure to rescue two kids from a detention centre in the desert. |
| 50321 | Girl who brought mischief, The Nannestad, Katrina | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733332005 | Ten year old Inge Maria comes to live on a tiny island in Denmark with her grandmother. She is strict and the villagers too think that girls should not run wild or speak too much. Inge tries to fit in but her fun loving mischief and mishaps start to change the way the villagers feel. |
| 4876 | Girl who rode the wind, The Gregg, Stacy | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780008124311 | Twelve-year-old Lola is desperate to become a jockey. And when her grandmother takes her to Italy for the summer, it seems like those dreams are coming true. The ultimate street race, the Palio, awaits her! But as Lola learns more about the Palio, she discovers dark family secrets that has hung over their name ever since the Second World War. Can Lola prove herself against the toughest of riders? And can she heal the heartbreak that has haunted her family all these years? |
| 846164 | Girl who said no to the Nazis, The Kaye, Haydn | Faber & Faber | 2021 | 9781782692751 | Nazi Germany, 1942. As World War Two rages, Sophie Scholl reunites with her beloved brother Hansin Munich. Soon she meets his young student friends. Like her they can take no more of the war. Then leaflets calling for a revolt against Hitler start appearing, put out by a mysterious group called the White Rose. The Gestapo is determined to hunt them down and Sophie finds herself in terrible danger. |
| 750728 | Girl who stole an elephant, The Farook, Nizrana | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2020 | 9781788006347 | Chaya can talk her way out of anything, except stealing the Queen's jewels. Even if she had the best reasons the King did not want to know. She ends up escaping on the back of an elephant and leads her friends on a jungle adventure, where leeches lurk and revolution is stirring. This is where Chaya's most dangerous idea takes shape. Maybe she can leave her village a thief but return a hero. |
| 574731 | Girl who thought in pictures, The Finley Mosca, Julia & Rieley, Daniel (ill) | The Innovation Press | 2017 | 9781943147304 | When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Yet, the determined visual thinker did just that. Her unique mind allowed her to connect with animals in a special way, helping her invent groundbreaking improvements for farms around the globe! |

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| 587619 | Girl with a mind for math, The: The story of Raye Montague Finley Mosca, Julia & Rieley, Daniel (ill) | The Innovation Press | 2018 | 9781943147427 | Meet Raye Montague-the hidden mastermind who made waves in the U.S. Navy! After touring a German submarine in the early 1940s, young Raye set her sights on becoming an engineer. Little did she know sexism and racial inequality would challenge that dream every step of the way, even keeping her greatest career accomplishment a secret for decades. Through it all, the gifted mathematician persisted-finally gaining her well-deserved title in history: a pioneer who changed the course of ship design forever. |
| 14751 | Girl, the dog and the writer in Rome, The Nannestad, Katrina | ABC Books | 2017 | 9780733338175 | For the first ten years of her life, Freja and her mother Clementine have roamed the Arctic in search of zoological wonders. Happy, content, together. Freja and Clem. Clem and Freja. But now, everything is changing, and Clementine must send Freja away to live with her old friend Tobias, a bestselling crime writer and, quite possibly, the most absent-minded man on earth. Tobias is not used to life with a child, and Freja isn't used to people at all, but together they stumble into an Italian adventure so big that it will change things forever. |
| 660687 | Girls can fly Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ambelin | Magabala Books | 2020 | 9781925936759 | Girls can fly! Every girl is the star in her own life story. Stretch out your arms, aim for your dreams, believe in your wings and breathe in the sky. Girl for you, anything is possible. Your future is amazing. Fly high! |
| | Girltopia series Rogers, Hilary | | | | 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. |
| 4081 | Give peas a chance and other funny stories Gleitzman, Morris | Penguin Books Australia | 2007 | 9780143302629 | Fourteen clever, funny tales, featuring a host of crazy characters. While Ginger and her dog organise the ultimate party, Wilton the worm meets Aristotle the nose germ in an unexpected location and Ben tries to save the world by not eating his vegetables. |
| 157 | Gizmo, The Jennings, Paul | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780140370904 | When a boy steals a Gizmo for a dare, weird things began to happen. |

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| 660369 | Glimme, The Rodda, Emily & McBride, Marc (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781862919570 | Finn loves to draw. It helps him escape his hard life in the village of Wichant. Finn's imagination comes to life on the pages of his sketchbook where the shapes of dragons, ogres and giants lurk beneath the surface of the rugged cliffs and coastline. Is he drawing what exists beyond the veil? He is soon to find out when his grandfather sells him to the mysterious housekeeper from Edge House and he slips through a magical painting into another world. A mighty fantasy adventure with extraordinary illustrations that will transport you into the wonders and perils of the Glimme. |
| | Glimmer series Watson, Andi | | | | 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. |
| 916559 | Glow, The Laguna, Sofie & McBride, Marc (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761066825 | Megan is obsessed with drawing fantastical creatures, and she shares her drawings with her best friend Li who writes stories to go with the pictures. When everyone in town, except the two girls, is immobilised by a strange glow coming from their devices, Megan and Li, have to overcome their fear and work together in a desperate battle to against the sinister monster that has ensnared everyone else around them. |
| 578967 | Go girl: A storybook of epic NZ women Else, Barbara | Penguin | 2018 | 9780143771609 | A book of inspirational stories New Zealand women who have achieved great things, risen above the odds and made positive change to the world. Includes the stories of Dame Whina Cooper, Janet Frame, Farah Palmer, Lucy Lawless, Nancy Wake, Lorde, and more. |
| 9372 | Goanna jumps high Urandangi State School | Magabala Books | 1999 | 9781875641451 | Students try to win a high jump contest in a zone sports competition but, to do this, their goanna must jump higher than a competing kangaroo. Illustrated by primary pupils. |
| 633930 | Goat on a boat Dent, Nick & Houghton, Suzanne (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760669164 | When a goat arrives on a rocky island, the resident sheep are afraid he will eat all their grass. But this goat has hidden talents... This humorous story for children has an important message to convey. |
| 3025 | Goblin mafia wars: Wanted dead or deader Green, D C | Ford Street Publishing | 2016 | 9781925272208 | Goblin Mafia Wars is action packed, monster filled adventure that will have you hooked from the opening pages. You will laugh and you will squirm as the race to save the world's last dragon's eggs and halt a full blown goblin war gets under way. Can the dragons be saved? And will earth be spared? |

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| 1019877 | Goblin's revenge, The Prentice, Andy & Knight, Tom (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2024 | 9781803706467 | The evil wizard Darkmoon is hunting down the last few rebels who dare to oppose him.... and the only one who can save them is YOU. In this magically illustrated adventure, every choice is yours, and your survival depends upon the decisions you make. Who to fight? Who to trust? In a book where nothing is as it seems, even the pictures hold secrets that must be unlooked. |
| 4953 | Goblins & ghosties: Stories of darkness from around the world Pearson, Maggie | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781472913692 | If you like stories that are a bit dark and creepy or make you jump when things go bump in the night then this is the book for you. Filled with traditional tales from around the world about ghosts and ghouls, the biggest problem might be getting to sleep after reading them. Including twenty-five tales about vampires, demon dogs, ghosts, brownies werewolves and much more this is a great book for all lovers of fairy tales, folk tales, and ghost stories and for those who just love the scary stuff! |
| 158 | God beneath the sea, The Garfield, Leon & Blishen, Edward | Hamilton | 1997 | 9780241139554 | A recreation of Greek legends. |
| 33722 | Godwits, The Pickworth, Bruce & Robertson, Lorraine (ill) | Bullawai Books | 2016 | 9780994611802 | A boy in China is waiting. The godwits will soon land on his favourite beach. But things are changing and there are plans to build houses on this very beach. Wei is determined this will not happen. A new leader has been chosen to lead the godwits from Australia to Wei's beach. Will the birds make it and will the beach still be there. A book about one brave bird and one heroic boy. |
| 15143 | Gogo fish, the story of the WA state fossil emblem Long, John | Western Australian Museum | 2005 | 9781920843083 | In 1986, a 375 million year old fossil fish was discovered in Western Australia. This book tells how the Gogo fish fossil was discovered and how a campaign by students at a Perth primary school helped to make it the state's fossil emblem. |
| 83685 | Going for broke McKinlay, Meg | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150616 | Nathan Foley wants more than just a participation award, he wants to be in the book of world records. His hairbrain attempts to break a world record with his two, less than helpful friends, Ronnie and Weasel, are more likely to result in his death by misadventure than great recognition. |
| 160 | Going for kalta: hunting for sleepy lizards at Yalata Edwards, Yvonne & Day, Brenda | IAD Press | 2004 | 9781864650129 | Kalta is the Aboriginal word meaning ""sleepy lizard"". In this picture book, the reader is shown how the Yalata community catch and cook kalta. |
| 18393 | Gold quest Biesty, Stephen & Hooper, Meredith (ill) | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340788585 | Trace the journey of a gold mask in Egypt centuries ago. It is melted down to become a prize at the Colosseum, a gift for Queen Elizabeth I, counterfeit coins, a toothpick holder at Versailles, gold buttons on a waistcoat and a necklace in New York. |

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| 1019914 | Golden swift, The Grossman, Lev | Bloomsbury | 2022 | 9781526647641 | <p>It's been a year since Kate and Tom became conductors on the Great Intercontinental Railway, and life has changed completely! Delivering animal passengers to their rightful habitats using their very own secret steam train, The Silver Arrow, is exciting and magical and fulfilling.</p> <p>Until one day a new and mysterious train almost rams them off the track! Its name? The Golden Swift. Kate catches a glimpse of the conductors. They're children, like them, and they're dropping animals off at all the wrong stations!</p> <p>Kate is determined to catch up with their rivals and confront them. Her actions will lead to an adventure bigger than she could have dreamed of, racing through the highlands of Western Scotland, diving down deep into the oceans on a magical submarine, meeting a talking tortoise, and finding out about a whole new way to offer endangered animals safe and lasting homes.</p> |
| 780139 | Golden tower, The Murrell, Belinda | Penguin | 2021 | 9781760897093 | <p>In her wildest dreams, Sophie never thought she might be kidnapped by a cat and taken to a world of flying horses and wonder - but also magic, mystery and danger!</p> <p>Transported to the land of Tuscia, Sophie accidentally saves the daughter of a wealthy family and is swept along on their journey to the Golden Tower.</p> <p>Now she is the only one standing between sisters Isabella and Bia and the terrible fate their stepmother has planned.</p> <p>Sophie doesn't think she is brave enough, but with the help of a talking cat, a stableboy and some very tiny mischief-makers, she might be able to save the day.</p> |
| 37699 | Goldfish boy, The Thompson, Lisa | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781407170992 | <p>Matthew likes everything to be very clean and stays safe in his room to keep away from germs. He watches his neighbours but hates going outside. When a toddler goes missing Matthew is the last person to have seen him alive. Can Matthew overcome his fears, turn detective and solve the crime?</p> |
| 903320 | Goldilocks zone, The Sheneman, Drew | Harper | 2021 | 9780062972361 | <p>What makes Earth so special? Join Goldilocks and her best friend, Baby Bear, on an interstellar adventure to learn all about our solar system in this informative, hilarious, and 100 percent factual nonfiction picture book.</p> |
| 34144 | Goldseekers, The Bastian, Greg | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2006 | 9780207200847 | <p>It is the 1850s on the Australian goldfields. People are caught up in the, often violent, grip of gold fever. Miju and her brother, kidnapped from their homeland, are working to earn their passage home. Racism and robbery make their quest more difficult.</p> |

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| 162 | Good luck to the rider Phipson, Joan | Pan MacMillan | 2001 | 9780330362740 | A story about the adoption of a foal and a girl's first year at boarding school. |
| 660048 | Good, the bad, and the silly, The Dickson, John & Emmerichs, Bern (ill) | Berbay Publishing | 2019 | 9780648397373 | 'The Good, The Bad and The Silly' is a taste of the intriguing history of Australia to alert young readers of the storytelling treasures to be unearthed in Australia's settlement history. |
| 901583 | Goodbye year, The Gale, Emily | Text Publishing Co | 2022 | 9781922458599 | "It is the start of 2020 and Harper is excited about her final year at Riverlark Primary. But one by one things go wrong. Her best friends are made school captains and don't seem to have time for her anymore. Her parents take jobs overseas, so she is bundled to stay with her grandmother, who she hardly knows. Then Covid arrives bringing more things to worry about. Harper's special year is turning out to be nothing like she hoped it would be. And then there is the ghost. Who is the boy in the library? Why is he here? Will he help Harper find a way to be happy with her goodbye year?" |
| 4251 | Goodly and Grave: In a bad case of kidnap Windsor, Justine | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2017 | 9780008183530 | Employed as the new boot girl at Grave Hall, Lucy Goodly is in a tough situation. Who will take care of her well-meaning, but gambling parents? How will she get back to her beloved home, and what is REALLY going on at Grave Hall? This is book one in the Goodly and Grave trilogy, featuring magic, exotic animals, adventure and kidnapped children. |
| 11472 | Goodly and Grave: In a deadly case of murder Windsor, Justine | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2017 | 9780008183561 | Lucy Goodly is a magician. Not a very knowledgeable one, and rather young too, but she is learning. Still in the employ of Lord Grave (and Boot Girl of Grave Hall - for all appearances), she and the members of MAAM (Magicians Against the Abuse of Magic) are investigating the thefts of magical items and soil from churchyards. Can Lucy and Lord Grave solve the mystery and stop a seriously magical plot? |
| | Goosebumps 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. |
| 29436 | Gorilla book: born to be wild, The Litchfield, Carla | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030883 | Gorillas are the world's biggest primate. They are often portrayed as aggressive but are actually shy, peaceful and remarkably intelligent vegetarians. |

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| | Goth Girl series Riddell, Chris | | | | 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. |
| 164 | Gowie Corby plays chicken Kemp, Gene | Penguin | 1984 | 9780140313222 | Gowie is not a chicken but spending the night at Cricklepit School, where ghosts are rumoured to roam, is a big dare to accept. |
| 4755 | Grace Gleitzman, Morris | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780670073900 | Eleven year old Grace knows only one world of her mum, dad, twin brothers and the strict religious community they belong to. Her relationship with God is central to her life but Grace is also stubborn, outspoken and independent. When her dad is thrown out of the church for asking questions, Grace is torn between staying in the church and keeping her family together. |
| 14399 | Grace on the court Proud, Maddy | Piccolo Nero | 2018 | 9781760640330 | It was simple for Netball nerd Grace Parker and her best friends, Stella and Mia, at primary school, where back then her biggest problem was persuading her parents to buy her tickets to see Friday at Five, the world's hottest boy band. Unfortunately, high school is a new story. Grace's greatest rival on the court, Amber Burns, just made the same netball team as her. Her twin brother, Gus, is devastated he didn't make it into the top team. Tyler, her older brother, is ignoring her. And if that wasn't enough for a 13-year-old girl to handle, a popular dreamy boy is suddenly paying her a lot of attention... |
| 1066660 | Grace the amazing Darlison, Aleesah | Wombat Books | 2024 | 9781761111174 | Grace Marshall is eleven years old. She is curious, creative and dreams of becoming a magician, Grace the Amazing. Her only friend is her art teacher, Pamela. When she discovers Pamela is dying, Grace is determined to find a miraculously magical cure and, along the way, she asks the big questions about life, love and friendship. |
| 12359 | Gracie and the emperor Broome, Errol | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780186508880 | Gracie has been told many stories about the emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, who will stop at nothing to rule the world. When the dreaded man comes to the island where Gracie lives, she wants to run away but she has nowhere to go. |
| 9339 | Grandad tree, The Cooke, Trish & Wilson, Sharon | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744578751 | An apple tree in the garden represents the changing stages of life. Children play in the tree's shade with their grandad in summer and rake its leaves in autumn. The continuing presence of the tree supports them as they come to accept his death. |

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| 166 | Grandad's gifts Jennings, Paul & Goldthorpe, Peter (ill) | Penguin | 1998 | 9780140548129 | Shane's curiosity gets the better of him as he must know what is in the forbidden cupboard. |
| 1041323 | Grandfather Emu Collard-Spratt, Rhonda & Ferro, Jacki | Boolarong Press | 2021 | 9781925877861 | Poor old Grandfather Emu can hardly walk or see. Of all the bush animals, who will lead old Weitj to the creek for food and water? In this fun Aboriginal Dreaming story, children learn how Mother Yonga Kangaroo got her pouch, and the importance of taking the time to help. |
| 167 | Grandma Cadbury's water world Bates, Dianne | Hodder & Stoughton | 1997 | 9780733604720 | Life is never dull with Grandma Cadbury, especially at a beach resort. |
| | Grandma Dangerous series Mitchell, Kita & Reed, 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. |
| 12103 | Grandma's shoes Hathorn, Libby & Magerl, Caroline (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780733611780 | When a young girl's grandmother dies, she hears the comment, 'Who will ever step into her shoes?' She finds grandma's shoes and goes on a journey, filled with images of her beloved grandma. Powerfully depicts healing after a loved one's death. |
| 15039 | Grandpa's angel Bauer, Jutta | Walker Books | 2005 | 9781844280346 | Grandpa tells his grandson about his life and guardian angel during a dark period in history. Watercolour illustrations add to this endearing story. |
| 4357 | Grandpa's great escape Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2015 | 9780008135195 | Jack's Grandpa wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves up tinned tongue for dinner and often doesn't remember Jack's name. But, he can still take to the skies in a speeding Spitfire and save the day. |
| 45705 | Granny Rags Reid, Janet | IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd) | 2013 | 9781922120250 | Shy and over-protected, Tim is the new kid in a small country town. He's slow to make friends and becomes involved with the school bully. Tim is pressured into visiting a mysterious, old woman, Granny Rags, a reclusive old lady, rumoured to be a witch. Tim gradually finds out Granny Rags' story and one visit turns to several. Soon, Tim find himself involved in a mess of corruption, secrets and danger. |
| 9313 | Grave catastrophe, A Hilton, Nette | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404947 | An ex-guide dog, now retired, must use all his seeing-eye dog skills to solve the murder of one of the neighbourhood cats. He tells the story of the crime for which he stands accused and which he must solve to be acquitted. |
| 16458 | Great animal search, The Young, Caroline & Jackson, Ian (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2005 | 9780746067178 | Packed with puzzles and fascinating facts about animals. |

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| 6341 | Great Barrier Reef book: solar powered, The Norman, Mark | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030319 | The Great Barrier Reef is so huge it can be seen from space and the whole thing runs on solar power. The wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and the need to protect it are revealed through beautiful photographs, interesting information and a glossary of terms. |
| 37135 | Great buildings Clements, Gillian | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847800367 | Throughout history, people have overcome every challenge to create fantastic buildings that have shaped the world. From the ancient pyramids to the tallest skyscraper, each building has its own history, unique features, brilliant architects and builders. Timelines show other buildings being constructed at the time and how they reflected the societies in which they were designed and built. |
| 170 | Great deeds of heroic women, The Saxby, Maurice | | 1992 | 9780872263482 | This book profiles eighteen women through the ages. |
| 171 | Great deeds of superheroes, The Saxby, Maurice | Millennium Press | 1993 | 9780855749859 | A collection of exciting stories of heroic deeds through the ages. |
| 2014 | Great escape from city zoo, The Riddle, Tohby | HarperCollins Australia | 1997 | 9780207196089 | An anteater, elephant, turtle and flamingo break out of the City Zoo and, disguised, manage to blend in for a time and enjoy their freedom in the city. Sepia drawings are a highlight of this escape adventure. |
| 903376 | Great Gallipoli escape, The French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2023 | 9781460762127 | Sixteen-year-old Nipper and his Gallipoli mates Lanky, Spud, Bluey and Wallaby Joe are starving, freezing and ill-equipped. By November 1915 they know that there is more to winning a war than courage. The Gallipoli campaign has been lost. Nipper has played cricket with the Turks in the opposing dug-out, dodged rocket fire and rescued desperate and drowning men when the blizzard snow melted. Based on the extraordinary last weeks of the Gallipoli campaign, this is the fascinating story of how 150,000 men, their horses and equipment were secretly moved to waiting ships without a single life lost. |
| 172 | Great Gilly Hopkins, The Paterson, Katherine | HarperTrophy | 2003 | 9780064402019 | Gilly is a foster child who lives in the hope that her beautiful mother will come and claim her. |
| 12956 | Great Montefiasco, The Thompson, Colin & Redlich, Ben (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734406149 | The Great Montefiasco never gets anything right. When he meets 'The Fabulous Betty' things still go wrong but sometimes two wrongs do make a right. Inspiration and hope for all the lonely people. |
| 10949 | Great plague, a London girl's diary 1665-1666, The Oldfield, Pamela | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407104782 | It is 1665 and the Great Plague is spreading. Thirteen year old Alice Paynton wants to return to London, to the happy life she had there, raised by her father and her Aunt Nell in the time of King Charles II. Her girlhood days turn to fear and horror as the sickness strikes, and Alice's account includes the story of the bubonic plague and the Great Fire of London in 1666. |

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| 751045 | Great realisation, The Roberts, Tomos & Nomoco (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781460759806 | From simple acts of kindness, to the creativity within us all, The Great Realisation is a celebration of the many things that have brought us together at a time of crisis. It captures, with magical resonance, the thoughts and feelings of millions worldwide as we adapt to a new way of life, cast aside old habits and reflect on what truly matters to us. It is a story for all readers, young or old, who dare to dream of a fairer, kinder, more loving world. |
| 24305 | Great shave, The Scott, Clare | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150609 | Stix and his mates think it's a great idea to temporarily dye their hair green when they go to watch their favourite band, the Screaming Greenie Meanies. But, after the concert, the green will just not wash out. When school goes back and the principal insists the green hair has to go, Stix discovers there is something even worse than green hair. |
| 22461 | Great space race, The Mowll, Joshua | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406309379 | Captain Eric 'Ace' Crankshaw and his robot monkey, Barry, enter a race into space so that Eric's family can be debt free with the ten million dollars in prize money. But, musician Eric ends up having to attempt to save the world instead. |
| 14293 | Great switcheroo, The Fusillo, Archimede & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302568 | Best friends Ray, Matty and Lurch are planning their best-ever prank to swap all their neighbours' pets. They think they will be legends but their efforts backfire. |
| 751133 | Greatest inventor, The Brooks, Ben | Hachette Australia | 2020 | 9781786541123 | Victor is a boy who loves to take his tortoise to the highest mountain in his village to watch the sunrise each day. On the day he sees a peddler approaching in his wagon, everything changes and Victor is forced to leave behind everything he knows in search of a cure to the magical curse that has been placed on his parents and the whole village. Along the way, he finds a group of friends who help him to see that it takes all kinds of people to make the world go around. |
| 43487 | Greatest magician in the world, The Edmondson, Matt & Parsons, Garry (ill) | MacMillan | 2017 | 9781509806188 | Elliot is mad about magic. Completely and utterly mad. It's all he talks about, all he thinks about, and even all he dreams about! And it's not surprising, because magic is in Elliot's blood. His great grandfather had once been known as The Greatest Magician in the World and Elliot is desperate to follow in his footsteps. But it's tricky when the only magic book in the library is missing half its pages, and there's no one around to teach you. But all that's about to change when Elliot discovers a long lost letter from his great grandfather and embarks on a magical adventure that could change his life forever! |

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| 59509 | Greek myths Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406303476 | Eight Greek myths are retold in colourful, comic strip style. Read about Theseus, conqueror of the dreaded Minotaur; the mighty Heracles and his twelve tasks; the tragic lovers, Orpheus and Eurydice; Perseus, the Gorgon-slayer; the musician Arion and his rescue by the dolphins; Pandora and her little box of horrors; the feather-clad fliers, Daedalus and Icarus; and the weaving contest between Ariachne and the goddess Athene. |
| 173 | Greek myths for young children Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 1994 | 9780744530759 | A comic book style is used to retell Greek myths for children. |
| | Grim and grimmer series Irvine, Ian | | | | 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. |
| 1023600 | Grimmelings, The King, Rachael | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781991006646 | Be careful what you wish for ... The same evening Josh Undehill went missing, the black horse appeared on the hill above the house. Ella knows that words are powerful. So she should have known better than to utter a wish and a curse on the same day. Who is Gus, the boy with the impish grin, who seems to appear in answer to her wish? What does the black horse want? And what of her grandmother's warning of creatures that dwell in the lake? |
| | Grimsdon series Abela, Deborah | | | | 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. |
| | Grimstones series Asphyxia | | | | 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. |
| 175 | Grinny Fisk, Nicholas | HarperCollins Australia | 1984 | 9780003300208 | Tim, Beth and Mac suspect that Great Aunt Emma, Grinny, isn't what she pretends to be. |

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| 9311 | Grommet saves the world Moloney, James | Puffin Australia | 2003 | 9780143300540 | Grommet is a thirteen year old troublemaker who gets a job as an undercover agent at a fun park trying to catch a saboteur. He survives a terrifying ordeal suspended upside down from a stopped rollercoaster, and other misadventures. |
| 9262 | Groovy Greek hero raps Mitton, Tony | Watts Publishing Group | 2002 | 9781841218076 | Heracles and Theseus are the subjects of humorous poems. |
| 15127 | Guess who's coming for dinner Kelly, John & Tincknell, Cathy | Templar Publishing | 2004 | 9781840116281 | Horace Pork-Fowler's diary reveals an interesting invitation to Eatem Hall, the very strange abode of Dr Hunter. It appears to be an innocent weekend but it becomes doubtful that Horace and his lovely wife will survive. |
| 1216 | Guinea pig town and other animal poems Marwood, Lorraine & Daoud, Amy (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781922077424 | With sections on birds, Australian animals, pets, marine animals, farm animals, 'creepy crawly' ones and those in the wild, here is a huge variety of subject matter in many poetic forms including haiku, rhyming and non-rhyming verse using language to create wonderful word pictures for all who love animals as well as those who don't. |
| 56549 | Guinness world records: Science and stuff Guinness World Records | Wild Dog Books | 2017 | 9781910561638 | Strap in for a mind-boggling look at the record-breaking world around us. From the science of slam dunks and the smelliest substances to over-engineered inventions and the physics of cats, you'll find page after page of amazing facts and information. Inside you will also find some sensational experiments to try at home yourself. |
| 13821 | Gumnut babies: 100 years Gibbs, May | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2016 | 9781460752555 | Celebrate the publication of May Gibbs's first book, Gumnut babies, in 1916. This collector's book includes seven stories - Gumnut babies, Gum-Blossom babies, Flannel Flowers and Other Bush Babies, Boronia babies, Wattle Babies, Nuttybub and Nittersing, and Chucklebud and Wunkydoo. |
| 846245 | Gus and the starlight Carless, Victoria | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2022 | 9781460760642 | Gus Able and her family are on the run, from her mum's ex-boyfriend and from desperate ghosts who want her mum's help. When they end up in a small town running an old drive-in movie theatre called the Starlight Gus hopes this is the fresh start they need. Despite living in a smelly old caravan, the Able family work hard to make the Starlight a success, but the current owner seems to be working against them. Gus wonders if this new town could be the forever home she's been wanting for so long. |

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| 627328 | Guts Telgemeier, Raina | Scholastic US | 2019 | 9781743832684 | A late night stomach bug seems to stay with Raina long past the regular time period, and the doctors tell her nothing is wrong. Raina has growing fears about all sorts of areas of her every day life and these fears will not go away. Neither will her stomach bug. This is a biographical graphic novel about how our mind and body seem to work against us sometimes, and how talking about our problems can bring people together and lead to solutions. |
| 7940 | Guys read: Terrifying tales Scieszka, Jon (ed) & Grimley, Gris (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2015 | 9780062385574 | A bone-chilling collection of eleven original ghost stories, perfect for sharing around the campfire, reading under the covers with a flashlight and scaring your friends' pants off. A creepy-fun read, if you're brave enough. |
| 8119 | Gymnastics Jackman, Joan | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751327991 | Shannon Miller tells you how she became a champion gymnast. With the help of dynamic photographs, young gymnasts give tips and reveal the secrets of their skills and agilities. |
| 8423 | Gypsy magic Simons, Moya | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781862915145 | To solve a local robbery, three children become detectives with the assistance of some gypsy magic. |
| 777701 | H is for Happiness Jonsberg, Barry | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760527402 | Introducing Candice Phee: twelve years old, hilariously honest and a little... odd. But she has a big heart, the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to ensure everyone is happy. So she sets about trying to 'fix' all the problems of all the people (and pets) in her life. |
| 22488 | H.O.U.S.E. Machowiak, A & Mizielinski, D; Wojcik-Leese, E (trans) | Gecko Press | 2010 | 9781877467660 | Discover thirty-five extraordinary houses, designed by the world's most prominent architects. Houses that look like pears, inflatable houses, igloos, tea houses and tree houses. Explains the inspiration behind each design and the materials used, including ecological options. |
| 18572 | H2O stories of water Hamilton, Margaret (comp) | ABC Books | 2005 | 9780733315220 | Australia is an island surrounded by ocean. Children grow up near the sea, have holidays by the sea or spend time on rivers, canals and dams. This collection of stories highlights the influence of water on children's lives. |
| 12343 | Hair of the skeleton Freeman, Pamela | Koala Books | 2003 | 9780864615534 | When the residents of Tiger Beach Village claim to be visited by a ghost, Jake, Peter and Ruby set up a stake-out to catch the ghoul. Their surprise to find that the ghost is definitely not dead soon turns to determination to figure out who it is. |
| 815796 | Half a man Morpurgo, Michael & O'Callaghan, Gemma (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781406351330 | Michael has spent his life trying not to stare at his grandfather's scars. His grandfather's gruff manner and upsetting appearance always kept Michael from getting close. One summer, Michael must stay with his grandfather and he finally gets the courage to look directly at his grandfather and ask him to tell his story. |

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| 36901 | Half-moon investigations Colfer, Eoin | Miramax Kids | 2006 | 9780786849574 | Fletcher Moon has graduated to be a fully qualified private detective. He's also only twelve years old. When a series of mysterious crimes occur across town, Fletcher finds himself in an exciting adventure, some violent incidents and in real danger. |
| 28483 | Halfling Lloyd, Rebecca | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406327298 | Danny finds caring for his disabled dad very draining. Day to day tasks are repetitive and boring. But, all of that changes when Danny's neighbour goes away and asks him to feed the tropical fish. Danny discovers a secret in his neighbour's house that will change his life forever. He doesn't know much about sea creatures but he's sure that what he finds is extremely rare and magical. |
| 178 | Halfway across the galaxy and turn left Klein, Robin | Puffin Australia | 1996 | 9780140379419 | A family from the planet, Zyrgon, arrive on Earth after travelling half way across the galaxy and turning left. |
| 3098 | Halo Corder, Zizou | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2010 | 9780141328300 | Halo, abandoned as a baby and raised by centaurs, captured and torn from her happy home, disguises herself as a boy to have any freedom. Still under constant threat of enslavement and exposure, she lives the myths, legends and culture of ancient Greece from warring Sparta to Athens, searching for her identity. |
| 12372 | Handful of blue, A Ford, Vince | Scholastic New Zealand | 2003 | 9781869435615 | More than an approaching cyclone hangs over Jeremy's family. His parents are struggling to save the farm during a drought and he spends his time squabbling with his younger sister, fishing with his best mate and failing to stay out of trouble. Includes some colloquial language within context. |
| 29318 | Handkerchief map, The English-Hawke, Kiri | IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd) | 2014 | 9781922120861 | Through letters written to loved ones, three characters reveal their most intimate thoughts about the conflict in World War II. Franz, a young Nazi soldier, has begun to question the rightness of the cause. Helga is a Russian girl, bent on joining the resistance. Susanna, a Jewess, has been separated from her husband and children, and condemned to the cruelty of a concentration camp. |
| 7714 | Hanna: my Holocaust story Alexander, Goldie | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781743629673 | Hanna Kaminsky loves gymnastics, her best friend, chicken soup and reading. But, in September 1939, her happy life disappears. The Nazis have invaded Poland and are herding all Jewish people into ghettos in the cities. Hanna's family are forced into hiding in the country but this means trusting others. Hanna and her family are caught and sent to the Warsaw Ghetto where they must use whatever skills they have to survive. |
| 2079 | Hannah's winter Meehan, Kierin | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141000442 | Contemporary and humorous, this story is dotted with snippets of Japanese language and culture, as Hannah and her ghost friend attempt to solve an ancient riddle. |

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| 8700 | Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales Zwerger, Lisbeth (ill) | Penguin USA | 1991 | 9780698400351 | Eleven favourite Hans Christian Andersen classic stories, superbly bound and illustrated to celebrate his 200th birthday. Includes 'The princess and the pea', 'The emperor's new clothes', 'The Sandman' and 'The Nightingale'. |
| 601775 | Hapless hero Henrie James, Petra | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781760650834 | Twelve-year-old Henrie is the first girl heir of the Melchior family in 200 years. This was deemed a dereliction of duty by the formidable Octavia Melchior, head of the House of Melchior (HoMe). For HoMe is in the business of heroes for hire. Boy heroes, that is. Girls have no place. When Henrie receives a mysterious note, it sets off a chain of events including a kidnapping, a fancy skateboard manoeuvre and a private jet and she discovers something rotten at the heart of HoMe. As past, present and future collide, HoMe is poised to come tumbling down... unless a new kind of hero can emerge from the rubble. |
| 568907 | Happiness box, The: A wartime book of hope Greenwood, Mark & McLean, Andrew | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781925081381 | In 1942, Sergeant 'Griff' Griffin was a prisoner of war. With Christmas approaching, he decided to make a book for the children cooped up in nearby Changi Prison. The book was said to contain the secrets to happiness. Open this book and learn the true and inspirational story of the making of the Happiness Box book. |
| 484 | Harriet Hill, Anthony | Penguin | 2006 | 9780143302087 | Harriet, a tortoise hatched in the Galapagos Islands, was brought to Australia in the 1800's. This is the true story of Harriet's life from colonial days to her death at 176 years old at Australia Zoo in 2006. |
| | Harriet Bright series Craig, Claire & Feddersen, Melanie (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. |
| 180 | Harriet the spy Fitzhugh, Louise | Yearling | 2001 | 9780440416791 | Harriet spies on all the people in her neighbourhood and writes notes about them in her book. |
| 6469 | Harry and Hope Lean, Sarah | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2015 | 9780007512263 | Hope lives with her mum in the Pyrenees. It's always been just the two of them until Frank, a free-spirited traveller, arrives with Harry, his stubborn rescue donkey. Hope and Frank form a close bond and she feels lost when Frank decides to move on. Frank was more than just mum's boyfriend and understood Hope better than her mother does. Hope promises to look after Harry and, slowly, another special bond is made. |

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| 5063 | Harry Kruize, born to lose Collins, Paul | Ford Street Publishing | 2017 | 9781925272628 | Harry Kruize is feeling the weight of the world on his shoulders. His father has left, starting another family elsewhere and he is the target of bullying at school, leaving him friendless and lonely. A term-long class assignment involving the writing down of personal wishes and documenting how they might be fulfilled allows Harry to tell his innermost feelings. He has six seemingly impossible wishes ranging from a normal family life, a dog, a friend, a certain bully to stop using him as a punching bag and to be an author. All of these will never happen or will they? |
| 4637 | Harry Miller's run Almond, David & Rubbino, Salvatore (ill) | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406362244 | Liam just wants to go out running with his mates. It's not long till the Junior Great North Run. But, Mam needs him to help old Harry clear out his house. Harry knows a thing or two about running. He says when he was a lad, he ran twenty-one kilometres, from Newcastle to South Shields. This is the story of that day. Sweltering heat, clattering boots, briny sea air and the heavenly taste of ice cream. |
| | Harry Potter series Rowling, J K | | | | 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. |
| | Harry Potter universe 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. |
| 751195 | Hat-trick Teddy Tedesco, James | Pan MacMillan | 2021 | 9781760982911 | Twelve-year-old Teddy is a footy star in the making. He plays rugby league at home on the farm. He plays for the Menangle Meerkats with his friends from school. But when a storm turns his team's playing fields into a mud-pit, Teddy is faced with the worst decision of his life: if he wants to keep playing, he will need to switch teams from the Meerkats to their arch rivals - the Camden Rams. But can a Meerkat really be a Ram? Based on James's own footy-playing childhood, Hat-Trick Teddy encourages kids to follow their dreams regardless of the obstacles in their way. |

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| 79983 | Hate that cat Crech, Sharon | Bloomsbury | 2009 | 9780747599807 | Jack is pleased that Mrs Stretchberry is his teacher again this year. The only problem is she likes cats and he hates them. Or, at least, he does until he gets to know some kittens and reads some poetry about cats. |
| 184 | Hating Alison Ashley Klein, Robin | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780140316728 | Alison is a perfect only child who has everything - beauty, clothes and money. Erika is so jealous, she has to find a way to get rid of Alison Ashley, once and for all. |
| 916536 | Hats of Marvello, The Graham, Amanda & Naidu, Lavanya (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2023 | 9781460714645 | No matter how much Olive longs for a pet rabbit. it is never going to happen. Not when she lives in an Australian country town where most people think they are a pest. So imagine Olive's shock when she unexpectedly finds not one, but one hundred and one rabbits. And one of them can talk. How Olive will hide and protect the rabbits will be her greatest challenge and adventure. She is also preparing for the Year 5 play. At least she has her costume ready. But the old top hat she found in the local op shop is very odd and strange. |
| 3955 | Haunted Orman, Lorraine | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150821 | When Georgia and her brother, Ned, are sent for a holiday on their relatives' farm, they are not happy. Ned makes friends with his cousin so Georgia explores the farm on her own, discovering an old homestead which she thinks will make a cool hideout. But, Georgia is not alone and is befriended by a mysterious girl, Lily, who is not what she seems. The children soon discover they are playing with fire. |
| | Hazel Green series Hirsch, Odo | | | | 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. |
| 15447 | Head space: one brain, two occupants Harris, Christine | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143300670 | While on school camp, Tenille has an accident that leads to a close encounter with an alien called Zem. In fact, the alien is too close, closer than she could ever imagine. |
| 22044 | Heart and the bottle, The Jeffers, Oliver | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2010 | 9780007182343 | Once there was a girl whose life was filled with wonder at the world around her. Then, one day, something happened that made the girl take her heart and put it in a safe place. However, after that, it seemed that the world was even emptier than before. It takes another little girl to demonstrate that life is there to be lived. |

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| 57379 | Heart of magic Matthews, Penny | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150685 | Stacey wishes she could be more like her friend, Twyla. Twyla is confident, Stacey isn't. Twyla is daring, Stacey isn't. When a gypsy gives Stacey a gold heart pin, everything changes and Stacey starts behaving like the person she has always wanted to be. |
| 870595 | Hedgewitch McKenna, Skye | Welbeck Publishing | 2023 | 9781801300681 | Cassie Morgan is at boarding school and hates it. She is ignored or bullied by both staff and students, but she stays because of a promise she made to her mother, her only family, and whom she hasn't seen for 7 years. Suddenly, Cassie finds out that she has a relative in the small town of Hedgely, who is a witch. Cassie sets off to Hedgely to discover herself, become a witch and find her mother. |
| 2144 | Heidi Spyri, Johanna | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2001 | 9780694014538 | At five, little orphan Heidi is sent to live with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps. The villagers are afraid of him but Heidi is fascinated by his long beard and bushy eyebrows. She loves her life, playing in the sunshine amongst the goats and birds. But, one terrible day, Heidi is collected by her aunt and made to live with a new family in town. Heidi can't bear to be away from her grandfather and wants to find her way back up the mountain. |
| 1089077 | Helios book, The Carter, Slade | MidnightSun Publishing | 2024 | 9781922858412 | Twins Hugo and Kitty are visiting rural Australia on holiday. They befriend their neighbour, Lucas, who has invented the Helios Book, a solar device that will transform global energy use. Desperate to escape those who seek to steal the Helios Book, the twins follow a fairy wren through a wombat burrow and find themselves in a new world. Will this world offer the twins the haven they so desperately need, or do new dangers await? |
| 774216 | Hello and welcome Dreise, Gregg | Penguin Random House Australia | 2021 | 9781760898328 | "Hello and welcome to our corroboree. Hello and welcome to our gathering. Father Sky, Mother Earth, together here with me. Different colours, different people, together in harmony." Feel the welcome as we celebrate Indigenous culture, Elders and future generations. Join the corroboree in the traditional Gamilaraay language of the Kamilaroi people as we listen and learn together. A wonderful companion to Gregg Dreise's highly acclaimed My Culture and Me, this joyful picture book celebrates Australia's Indigenous heritage and the diversity we enjoy today. |

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| 682662 | Hello, hello Spinifex Writing Camp | Magabala Books | 2020 | 9780648586418 | A family is walking home on a very dark night. It's hard to see clearly - what is that shadow? And what is that noise??? Turn the pages of this intriguing and atmospheric book and join the family as they discover what the dark night is hiding. Hello, Hello was written and illustrated by students from Laverton, Menzies and Tjuntjuntjara remote community schools at the third Spinifex Camp, sponsored by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The students were joined by ILF ambassador and award-winning illustrator Ann James and singer/songwriter Chris Aitken, and together they have produced a book that will intrigue, surprise and delight readers of all ages. |
| 567945 | Hello, universe Kelly, Erin Entrada | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780062877505 | Four students from the same school will discover they are stronger and incredible in their own ways. In the course of the day these four children and a guinea pig discover the magic of acceptance and friendship. Each have their faults and differences and frightening moments bring out the best in others too. A story of friendship and bullying. |
| 580933 | Help around the house Gleitzman, Morris | Penguin | 2018 | 9780143793236 | Ludo's dad has just been elected as an Independent in Federal Parliament, which means a big move to Canberra. Top on his list of priorities is to find the local Scout group and continue his journey with the Scouts. Little does he realise just how important his scouting skills will turn out to be. |
| 737758 | Helping our planet Bingham, Jane & Fox, Christyan (ill) & Leschnikoff, Nancy (ill) & Rojo, Sara (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2020 | 9781474982764 | There's no doubt about it, our planet is in trouble. So what can YOU do to help? This hands-on guide to practical choices and actions provides helpful checklists of things you can do. You'll find clear guidelines on planet-friendly shopping, eating and travel, as well as ways to save energy, deal with waste, and get drastic about plastic. With the help of this book, YOU can make a difference to the future of our planet. |
| 699051 | Henrie's hero hunt James, Petra | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760650858 | It's not easy being a hero. Ask Henrie Melchior. She's about to begin her very first Hero Hunt. Marley Hart needs a hero, but she's not convinced Henrie's the hero for her. When a message from the grave, a missing Egyptian statue, a pea man and secret codes collide with Violetta Villarne from Villains Incorporated. Henrie Melchior wishes she'd never left HoMe. Two girls. One boy. A great aunt. A mystery. |

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| 4976 | Henry and the guardians of the lost Nimmo, Jenny | Egmont Childrens | 2016 | 9781405280877 | The yellow letter arrived on a Saturday, otherwise Henry would have been at school. The envelope was such a bright, sunny colour, no one would have believed that it contained a bombshell. Less than 10 minutes after the arrival of the mysterious letter, Henry is on the run with his Auntie Pearl, possibly never to return home. Henry has a secret. He is twelve, but he hasn't aged a day since the moment he was thrust a hundred years into the future. Now his secret has put him in danger. His only hope is the protection of the Guardians of the Lost. |
| 9975 | Henry Hoey Hobson Bongers, Christine | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781864719956 | Henry Hoey Hobson arrives at his sixth school, a small, Catholic school, to discover he is the only boy in his grade. There are three male misfits a year below him. Fatherless, friendless and non-Catholic, Henry earns a reputation as a vampire when ill-fitting braces make his mouth bleed. |
| 1133231 | Her Majesty's league of remarkable young ladies Stegert, Alison D. | Chicken House | 2023 | 9781915026095 | An exciting adventure through a Victorian world of villains, plots and spies. Full of spectacular gadgets and inventions sure to make the mind boggle. Winifred Weatherby is a feisty girl-genius and inventor who must protect the Queen of England while saving her own father. |
| 3802 | Her mother's face Doyle, Roddy & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Scholastic US | 2009 | 9780439815017 | Although Siobhan's mother died when she was small, she can remember her mother's hands, her voice and her words. But, no matter how hard she tries, Siobhan cannot remember her mother's face. She'd ask her father but he is too sad and Siobhan carries her grief deep within her. One day, a woman shows her how to remember and has a message for Siobhan's father. |
| 682621 | Her perilous mansion Williams, Sean | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760877361 | In a strange mansion miles from anywhere, an orphan named Almanac and a twelfth daughter named Etta find themselves working - and bickering - side by side in the largely deserted rooms. But soon they realise that the house and its inhabitants are not quite what they seem, and there's more at stake than just their jobs. Can they solve the puzzle of Her Perilous Mansion before it's too late? |
| 4130 | Here comes trouble Bates, Dianne | Dragon Tales Publishing | 2015 | 9780992523961 | Nine year old Sam is always in trouble. He has a kind heart but more challenges than most children his age. After getting into trouble with the police, Sam thinks things can't get any worse. But, it seems that this is just the beginning. |

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| 669414 | Here in the real world Pennypacker, Sara | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780008371692 | Ware is looking forward to a summer with his lively grandmother instead of the loud and sweaty recreation centre where he is usually sent. However, after his grandma has an accident he finds himself sent back to the dreadful rec centre. Then he meets tough but secretive Jolene who brings him to an abandoned church which becomes a place of refuge, but this special place is threatened and Ware promises to save it. Can he be this hero in the real world? |
| 15144 | Heritage & places Chapman, Helen | Heinemann | 2004 | 9781740701952 | Heritage is a complex concept. Heritage helps to make us who we are and shapes our local community and our country. Selected Australian heritage sites introduced in interesting photographs, location maps and websites for further research. |
| | Heritage Heroes series Various | | | | Stephanie Owen Reeder's award-winning Heritage Heroes series retells the remarkable true stories of famous Australians, while providing historical insights into their lives. 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. |
| 2311 | Hero Lean, Sarah | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2014 | 9780007512249 | Leo dreams of being a hero. In his imagination, he is a fearless gladiator but he wants to be a hero in real life. When the boys at school dare him to do something he knows is wrong, Leo lets everybody down. |
| 1108116 | Heroes of Olympus : The mark of Athena Riordan, Rick | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9780141335766 | It was the first time they had sat down together- just the seven of them. The Prophecy of the Seven was unfolding at last. The giants would be waiting. Gaia was rising. And unless they succeeded in this quest the world would be destroyed. The old score had to be settled to bring the god's two natures into harmony. They have to work together or Gaia will destroy us. Leo is the helmsmen of the Argo II, the entire ship a weapon hovering above the Pomerian Line! |

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| 36023 | Heroes of Olympus, The: The lost hero Riordan, Rick | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780141334011 | <p>Jason has a problem. He doesn't remember anything before waking up on a school bus holding hands with a girl. Apparently she's his girlfriend Piper, his best friend is a someone called Leo, and they're all students in the Wilderness School, a boarding school for "bad kids."</p> <p>Piper has a secret. Her father has been missing for three days, and her nightmares reveal that he's in terrible danger. Now her boyfriend doesn't recognize her, and when a freak storm and strange creatures attack during a school field trip, she, Jason, and Leo are whisked away to someplace called Camp Half-Blood.</p> <p>Leo has a way with tools. His new cabin at Camp Half-Blood is filled with them. What's troubling is the curse everyone keeps talking about, and that a camper's gone missing. Weirdest of all, his bunkmates insist they are all-including Leo-related to a god.</p> |
| 23897 | Heroes of Olympus: Son of Neptune, The Riordan, Rick | Hyperion Books | 2012 | 9780141335735 | <p>Percy is confused. When he awoke after his long sleep, he didn't know much more than his name. His brain-fuzz is lingering. Somehow Percy managed to make it to the camp for half-bloods, despite the fact that he had to continually kill monsters that, annoyingly, would not stay dead. But the camp doesn't ring any bells with him.</p> <p>Hazel is supposed to be dead. When she lived before, she didn't do a very good job of it. When the Voice took over her mother and commanded Hazel to use her "gift" for an evil purpose, Hazel couldn't say no. Now, because of her mistake, the future of the world is at risk.</p> <p>Frank is a klutz. His grandmother claims he is descended from ancient heroes, but he doesn't see it. He doesn't even know who his father is. He keeps hoping Apollo will claim him, because the only thing he is good at is archery. His big and bulky physique makes him feel like a clumsy ox, especially in front of Hazel, his closest friend at camp.</p> |
| 8826 | Heroes of the Kokoda track Brasch, Nicolas | Black Dog Books | 2011 | 9781742031347 | <p>In 1942, a World War II campaign between Australia and Japan occurred on a track, the Kokoda Trail. The track begins in Kokoda, in Papua New Guinea, and winds its way through rugged mountains towards Port Moresby. The Kokoda Track is only one hundred kilometres long but the tropical conditions made it a mudslide. Australian troops were ill-equipped and unprepared, and completely outnumbered.</p> |

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| 751116 | Heroes of the secret underground Gervay, Susanne | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2021 | 9781460758335 | Twelve-year-old Louie lives with her brothers, Bert and Teddy, and their Hungarian grandparents, in the Majestic Boutique Hotel, an old-world establishment surrounded by magnolia trees and an aura of peace. But when Louie finds an old rose-gold locket covered in mysterious writing, she learns that it isn't just the magnolias her grandparents have carefully cultivated at the Majestic -with their peace and tranquility comes secrets they would prefer remain buried. As Louie and her brothers attempt to discover the truth, they are thrown back in time to 1944, into the middle of their grandparents' experiences in Nazi-occupied Budapest. The old locket holds the mystery of the young heroes of Budapest's secret Jewish underground, and the history Louie's grandparents want to keep hidden. And until it can be revealed, there can be no peace for anyone - in the past, present or future. |
| 883560 | Heroes, rebels and innovators: Inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from history Wyld, Karen & Biunaiwai, Jaelyn (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2021 | 9780734419835 | Powerful and exciting: here are seven inspiring stories about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from history. Amongst these are Patyegarang, a Darug woman who worked with a British officer of the First Fleet, teaching him words from local Aboriginal languages - together they made the first written record of any Aboriginal languages; Mohara Wacando-Lifu, a woman of Torres Strait Islander, Niue Islander and Papua New Guinea heritage and the first Indigenous woman to receive the Royal Humane Society's Gold Medal for bravery; Yarri and Jacky Jacky, who led the rescue of sixty-nine people during the Gundagai floods of 1852. |
| 568100 | HerStory Halligan, Katherine & Walsh, Sarah (ill) | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2018 | 9781788001380 | This is not just history, it's Her Story! It is the story of brave leaders, talented artists, gentle healers, committed teachers and gifted problem-solvers. It is the story of women and girls who bravely faced challenges, overcame difficulty or danger, and even gave up their lives to follow their dreams and make the world a better place. |
| 14269 | Hester the jester Clark, Margaret & Denton, Terry (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302483 | Hester wants to be the next court jester, but it is unheard of for a girl to take on that role. There is also the slight problem of a king who is quite happy to chop off heads if he is displeased. Hester must fulfil her ambition without losing her head. |

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| 1174884 | Hi from outer space Katauskas, Fiona | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761069260 | Alex wants to win the National Young Cartoonist Competition. She's got the talent, but what should she draw? Along comes Hi, an alien from the planet Wendy. Hi is also working on a project: he has three days to learn about Earth's leaders for his Earth Studies class. Hi's Earthly visits sets in motion a chain of extraordinary events, including a viral TikTok, a shoe-shop haunting and an astronomically wild rock concert! |
| 582876 | Hidden figures: The true story of four black women and the space race Shetterly, Margot Lee & Freeman, Laura (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2018 | 9780062742469 | Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good. They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. But they worked hard. They persisted. And they used their genius minds to change the world. |
| 18645 | Hidden monastery, The Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin | 2006 | 9780143302681 | Peng meets Jax after he fell from the stars. Twelve years later, Jax stumbles across a hidden monastery, deep inside an ancient park and begins to discover his destiny, what it means to be a Peng Master. Contains some martial-arts style violence. |
| 1124 | Hiding Edith Kacer, Kathy | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742375298 | The true story of Edith Schwalb, a young Jewish girl, sent to live in a safe house after the Nazi invasion of France in 1938. An entire village heroically conspired to conceal hundreds of Jewish children, who went to the local school, roamed the streets and ate good food, all without having to worry about concealing their Jewish identity. |
| 871798 | High-Rise Mystery Jackson, Sharna | Knights of | 2023 | 9781999642518 | Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in The Tri: the high-rise buildings which is home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case, armed with their curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway. |
| 75259 | Highway girl: an English girl's diary 1670 Wilding, Valerie | Scholastic UK | 2009 | 9781407108704 | When Susannah and her brother are orphaned, she is forced to live on the charity of distant relatives in England while he seeks his fortune in America. When news arrives that her brother is dangerously ill, Susannah will stop at nothing, even highway robbery, to get the money she desperately needs to save his life. It is 1670, when times are hard and punishments harsh. |

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| 587807 | Hilda and the hidden people Davies, Stephen & Miller, Seaerra (ill) | Flying Eye Books | 2018 | 9781911171447 | Meet Hilda: explorer, adventurer, avid sketchbook-keeper and friend to almost every creature in the valley! Join our beloved heroine as she encounters her very first troll, negotiates peace with some very persnickety elves, and reunites two lovelorn ancient giants. Fantastic creatures and daring adventures are all just part of another average day for Hilda, but what will she do if she is forced to move to Trolberg city, far away from her beloved valley home? |
| | Hilda graphic novel 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. |
| 1019853 | Hilda's world: A guide to Trolberg, the wilderness and beyond Hibbs, Emily & Chan, Jason (ill) | Flying Eye Books | 2023 | 9781913123239 | Join Hilda whilst she discovers the world of the fantasy land, Trolberg! Explore the city, wilderness and much more. Includes maps, top tips of things to do whilst visiting Trolberg! |
| 4520 | Historium Nelson, Jo & Wilkinson, Richard (ill) | Templar Publishing | 2015 | 9781783701889 | Welcome to the virtual museum. The galleries, which are based on the geographical location of the archaeological finds, include Africa, America, Asia, Europe, The Middle East and Oceania. See objects of beauty, objects of functionality, objects of war, objects of life, death and burial. As you wander from room to room, explore the magnificence of what civilisations have left behind over thousands of years of human history. |
| 8309 | Hobbit, The: An illustrated edition Tolkien & Wenzel, D (ill) & Dixon, C & Deming, S (adapt) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780345445605 | Prelude to The Lord of the Rings series in which Bilbo Baggins, at the request of the great wizard, Gandalf, sets off on an adventure fraught with danger. Nasty things adventures, they often make you miss dinner. Bilbo reclaims the dwarves' treasure and discovers the all-powerful ring that binds them all. |
| 751152 | Hold on! Saving the Spotted Handfish Newton, Gina M & Tribout, Rachel | CSIRO | 2020 | 9781486311842 | Have you ever seen a fish that could do a handstand? This is the story of a quirky and primitive little fish that is famous for two things: walking on its 'hands' (pectoral fins), and being the first marine fish anywhere in the world to be listed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. The Spotted Handfish has survived since the time of the dinosaurs -- until now. Invasive sea stars, pollution and climate change mean that this unique Australian is in real trouble -- raise your hand if you want to know more! |
| 40213 | Home Oliver, Narelle | Omnibus Books | 2006 | 9781862916692 | When their cliff top habitat is destroyed by fire, a pair of peregrine falcons must find a new one. They end up in the city but they wonder if they will be able to make it to their home. |

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| 193 | Home among the gum trees: the story of Australian houses, A Nicholson, John | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9781864480955 | The complete history of Australian homes from pre-European settlement to modern day dwellings. |
| 30126 | Honey bees close up Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2014 | 9781742033440 | Not only do bees provide us with honey and beeswax, they are responsible for much of the food we depend on every day. Take a closer look at these important insects. |
| 9210 | Honey spot Davis, Jack | Currency Press | 1988 | 9780868191638 | Through the friendship between a black boy and a white girl, race relations and conservation are dealt with in this play. |
| 903240 | Honour among ghosts Williams, Sean | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761065767 | When Penny's father is arrested for thievery, she is convinced that he has been framed. But by whom? Together with the magistrate's son, a traveller and a magical scribe's apprentice, Penny soon uncovers more crimes - and it's always the rich being burgled and the poor being blamed. The town is in uproar, and a mysterious inspector arrives, but can they be trusted? How will this plucky foursome untangle the truth and put things right? |
| | Hoovey Higgins series Voake, Steve & Dodson, 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. |
| | Hoofbeats series Duey, Kathleen | | | | 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. |
| 11267 | Hoosh: camels in Australia Brian, Janeen | ABC Books | 2005 | 9780733315046 | Information about the camels of the desert and their role in Australia's development. Coloured photographs and maps cover every imaginable aspect of camels and their presence in Australia. |
| 871669 | Hope on the horizon Rauf, Onjali Q & Lundie, Isobel (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9781526364418 | Author Onjali Q Rauf shares some of her favourite books and characters as she leads readers on a journey to better understand how our own actions, and the actions of others, can have great and positive effects on others. Navigating our world can be an adventure where even small acts of kindness can have an enormous impact. |

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| 33324 | Horse called Darling, A Stephens, Delwyne | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143304692 | Penny has to cope with the saddest moment in her life, involving her pony, Manny. Everyone is willing her to come back and compete in the next event. Hopefully, a horse called Darling will encourage her. |
| 12571 | Horse called Elvis, A Heffernan, John | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046105 | Matt befriends an abused horse, Elvis, that touches the lives of his family struggling to stay together. Some coarse language and cruelty to animals in a realistic story of a father's efforts to overcome his own shortcomings for love of his children. |
| 46389 | Horse for Angel, A Lean, Sarah & Blythe, Gary (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9780007455058 | Nell is surprised when her mum wants her to stay with her family in the country. While unpacking her bags she is startled by a large wild horse and a mysterious girl, which leads Nell on a mystery and a chance to discover secrets about herself. |
| | Horse mad series Helidoniotis, Kathy | | | | 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. |
| 4013 | Horses: a complete guide for young horse lovers Gardini, Lauryn | The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781742113524 | Whether you own a horse or just dream about it, find out everything you want to know about caring for horses, identifying breeds and colours, and basic riding skills. |
| 17912 | Hounds of the Morrigan, The O'Shea, Pat | Oxford University Press | 2009 | 9780192728722 | Set in the west of Ireland, this story tells of the coming of the Great Queen, the Morrigan, who is bent on bringing destruction to the world. Only Pidge and Bridget can stop her and their task seems impossible as they're constantly trailed by the Queen's hounds. But, they're aided in their quest by a host of willing helpers, a glorious array of unforgettable characters from Irish legend and lore. |
| 1153328 | House at the end of the sea, The Adams, Victoria M | Andersen Press Ltd | 2024 | 9781839134234 | After a family tragedy, Saffi has to move to her grandparents' spooky B&B by the sea. The walls change colour, a stanger's face appears in the mirror, and she hears eerie music at night. When a group of mysterious guests arrive at midnight, Saffi becomes enmeshed in her family's dar, magical secret... |
| 15097 | House of Narcissus, The Wild, Margaret & Harris, Wayne (ill) | ABC Books | 2001 | 9780733310492 | A beautiful house in Venice, rich in history, revisits its past stories in the context of the present. It is a house that has shunned all inhabitants but eventually it welcomes a fragile cat and opens its heart to life. |

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| 70026 | House of secrets Columbus, Chris & Vizzini, Ned | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007490141 | When Brendan, Cordelia and Nell move to Kristoff House they have no idea that they are about to unleash the dark magic locked within. Now the Walker family must battle against deadly pirates, bloodthirsty warriors and a bone crunching giant. If they fail they will never see their parents again and a crazed witch will take over the world. |
| 43812 | House of secrets: Battle of the beasts Columbus, Chris & Vizzini, Ned | HarperCollins Australia | 2014 | 9780007490172 | Brendan, Cordelia and Nell are trying to save the world, but they better be able to fight for their lives. Just when they thought they had defeated the Wind Witch forever, their home is blasted into a crazy world of battles beasts and cyborgs. From the searing heat and clashing swords of the Colosseum, to the snow capped Tibetan mountains and some seriously freaky monks - the stakes have never been higher. |
| 587868 | House on the mountain, The Holcombe, Ella & Cox, David (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760636968 | There is a fire coming, and we need to move quickly. Mum and Dad start packing bags, grabbing woollen blankets, the first-aid kit, torches, and then the photo albums. Dad puts Ruby on her lead and ties her up near the back door. My chest feels hollow, like a birdcage. |
| 6818 | House that was built in a day, The: ANZAC cottage Everett, Valerie & McGuire, Barbara | University of Western Australia Press | 2007 | 9781920694715 | A community in Western Australia decided to honour the ANZACs by building a house in one single day and giving it to a returning wounded ANZAC soldier. It is the oldest memorial in Western Australia and one of the oldest nationally. |
| 903315 | House that wasn't there, The Arnold, Elana K | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780062937070 | As Oak and Alder start school together, they can't imagine ever becoming friends. But the two of them soon discover a series of connections between them -- mysterious, possibly even magical puzzles they can't put together. At least not without each other's help. |
| 568871 | House with chicken legs, The Anderson, Sophie | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2018 | 9781474940665 | Marinka lives with her grandmother Baba Yaga. Baba Yaga's job is to guide people through The Gate into their next life. Their house has a gate made of bones and chicken legs. A couple of times a year, the house stands up in the middle of the night and walks to another location. This sounds exciting, but Marinka longs to stay somewhere long enough to make real friends. Based in Slavic folklore, this novel is about finding your own way in life even when you think your destiny might be decided. |
| 21155 | How animals build Butterfield, Moira & Hutchinson, Tom | Lonely Planet Publications | 2017 | 9781786576620 | Do bees need cement mixers to build hives? Do beavers use cranes to construct dams? No, of course not! Like many animals, they're building geniuses who don't need building site tools to create incredible work. Welcome to nature's very own, super-clever world of construction. |

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| 35727 | How do you burp in space Goodman, Susan & Slack, Michael (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2013 | 9781599900681 | Here is a travel planner for all those who dream of taking a holiday in outer space. Includes what to pack, how to get there and home again, what to wear, how to sleep, brush your teeth and even burp in space. |
| 113069 | How high can a kangaroo hop French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2008 | 9780732285449 | Discover the lost monster kangaroos, how indigenous people hunted and used kangaroos, how to tell a kangaroo from a wallaby and what to do if you find a kangaroo by the side of a road. |
| 23614 | How I alienated my grandma Main, Suzanne | Scholastic New Zealand | 2015 | 9781775433064 | After discovering a long buried, mysterious device in his back yard, Michael inadvertently causes his Gran to become inhabited by an alien. Michael and his best friend, Elvis set out to remedy the situation, only to discover the future of the Earth is at stake. Elvis is the expert in science fiction and technology, while Michael is quick thinking and can scheme his way out of trouble, as quickly as he gets into it. |
| 35596 | How Lunchbox Jones saved me from robots, traitors and Missy the Cruel Brown, Jennifer | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781681194417 | Luke Abbott's school is the losing-est school in the history of losing. And that's just fine for him. He'd rather be at home playing video games and avoiding his older brother Rob and the Greatest Betrayal of All Time. But now he's being forced to join the robotics team, where surely he'll help uphold the school's losing streak. He'll also meet a colorful cast of characters, including: Mikayla, the girl who does everything with her toes; Jacob and Jacob, who aren't twins but might as well be; the sunflower seed-obsessed Stuart; and Missy the Cruel, Luke's innocent-looking bully since they were six-years-old. But it's an unlikely connection with a mysterious boy known only as "Lunchbox Jones" that will change Luke's life. Turns out, Luke and Lunchbox Jones have a lot more in common than just robots. |
| 15575 | How nearly everything was invented by the Brainwaves MacLeod, Jilly & Swerling, Lisa (ill) & Lazar, Ralph (ill) | Dorling Kindersley | 2008 | 9781405329781 | Through labelled diagrams, the Brainwaves present the inventing of the lens, steam engine, light bulb, generator, internal combustion engine, transistor, gunpowder, and many other everyday inventions and scientific discoveries. |
| 660538 | How not to be popular Paterson, Cecily Anne | Wombat Books | 2019 | 9781925563658 | Maddie tries to be nice to everyone. Even weird, chicken-obsessed Tahlia. But she'd way prefer to hang out with the cool girls at school. The only problem is that they don't seem interested in her, at least not until Year 6 camp. That's when Maddie has a decision to make: how far will she go to be popular? Will she be able to live with the guilt when she finally has everything she's been hoping for? |

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| 1019896 | How to avoid being eaten by sharks... and other advice Larkin, John & Krebs, Chrissie (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781760657451 | This hilarious guide will aim to give you answers to some of life's odd questions. Whether you've ever worried about being eaten by a shark or abducted by an alien this book will weigh up some of the evidence for or against. |
| 17139 | How to be a great detective Dubosarsky, Ursula | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143301004 | Claudia is convinced the stain on the path is blood. That means murder and she wonders who is dead and who is the killer. Claudia sets out to gather the evidence and to bring the killer to justice, jumping to conclusions along the way. |
| 825564 | How to be a hero: Take up the quest Weldon, Cat | Pan MacMillan | 2021 | 9781529045031 | Whetstone is a wannabe thief. Lotta is a wannabe Valkyrie. A case of mistaken identity will bring the two of them together on a quest that will have you wondering what will happen next and whether they will both achieve their goals. Will one of them become a hero? What is a hero anyway? |
| 885159 | How to be Prime Minister and survive grade five Fitzgerald, Carla | University of Queensland Press | 2022 | 9780702265587 | When an everyday dad accidentally becomes Prime Minister it throws his family into a new world. One with new rules, and a new school. This is a challenge on its own. When he disappears, his daughters need to cover for him and get the opportunity to make some big decisions regarding their future. |
| 18321 | How to catch a fish Thornton, J D | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865046549 | Factual guide for people who fish. Contains images, diagrams and text boxes with descriptions and Information about different breeds. |
| 2268 | How to eat fried worms Rockwell,Thomas | Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc | 1996 | 9780440445456 | The humorous account of a fifty dollar bet for Billy to eat fifteen worms. |
| 2270 | How to guzzle your garden French, Jackie | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1999 | 9780207197932 | This book enables the reader to select seeds, grow, cook and eat the produce. |
| 15348 | How to live forever Thompson, Colin | Red Fox | 1998 | 9780099461814 | A boy in search of a missing book, lost over two hundred years ago, looks in a library that holds a complete collection of all the books ever published. The shelves come alive at night when the watchman has fallen asleep. |
| 652725 | How to make a movie in 12 days Hardy, Fiona | Affirm Press | 2019 | 9781925870657 | Twelve days. Five kids. Many special effects. One giant mystery. Hayley Whelan has spent her whole life dreaming of making a horror movie - and not just the type of movie that kids make on their dodgy second-hand iPhones. When her grandma passes away, she inherits the money for a proper, grown-up camera. But before Hayley even calls 'Action!', strange things start happening... Someone is sabotaging Hayley's movie - but who? Why? And can Hayley finish her movie in time for the premiere? From Australia's brightest new middle-grade talent comes this love song to movies, friendship and the summer holidays. |

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| 682392 | How to make friends with the sea Guerrero, Tanya | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 2020 | 9780374311995 | Pablo is homesick. He's only twelve years old, but he's lived in more countries than he can count. After his parents divorced, he and his mother have moved from place to place for years, never settling anywhere long enough to call it home. And along the way, Pablo has collected more and more fears: of dirt, of germs, and most of all, of the ocean. Now they're living in the Philippines, and his mother, a zoologist who works at a local wildlife refuge, is too busy saving animals to notice that Pablo might need saving, too. Then his mother takes in Chiqui, an orphaned girl with a cleft lip -- and Pablo finds that through being strong for Chiqui, his own fears don't seem so scary. He might even find the courage to face his biggest fear of all... and learn how to make friends with the sea. |
| 486 | How to raise and keep a dragon Topsell, John & Nigg, Joseph (ed) | HarperCollins Australia | 2006 | 9780732284091 | All you need to know about choosing and raising your dragon. Detailed information on differing breeds, the advantages of one over another as a pet and valuable information on equipment and lifestyle changes that may be required. |
| 1209892 | How to sail to somewhere Barton, Ashleigh | Hachette Australia | 2025 | 9780734423627 | Release date: March 25, 2025 Beatrice Glass - Bea - lives in a tiny fishing village that's sleepy all year until the summertime, when the tourists flock in and most of the locals leave. But summer is also when Bea's favourite person in the entire world, her fun and hilarious uncle, Byron, comes to stay. On their last day together the previous summer, Byron had given Bea an intriguing antique book containing a map of Somewhere, a mysterious island off the coast, and promised that next summer they'd sail to Somewhere together for their best adventure yet. That was last year. Now summer has arrived, but Byron hasn't. And now it looks like he never will. Are the book and Byron's disappearance linked? Byron has left some clues for Bea - a scavenger hunt of sorts designed to bring her and her new friend, Arabella, together and give Bea one last magical summer. Could Somewhere hold the key to both Bea's and Arabella's future? |

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| 17231 | How to save the universe in 10 easy steps Rushby, Allison | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743319000 | Cooper and Molly are twins but, on the eve of his tenth birthday, Cooper discovers Molly is actually an alien sent to protect and help him fulfil his destiny. One day, he is going to save the universe. Cooper doesn't think he has any special skills so he wonders how on earth, or rather Peregrination, is he going to do it. |
| 626733 | How to save the whole stinkin' planet Constable, Lee & Hart, James (ill) | Penguin | 2019 | 9781760890261 | Attention all waste warriors, this is a garbological adventure for you. From the moment you dive into the rubbish bin, you will be on an interactive journey of investigation and experimentation to earn badges and save the whole stinkin' planet. |
| 3701 | How to speak dolphin Rorby, Ginny | Scholastic US | 2015 | 9780545676052 | Lily's life seems to revolve around her half-brother, Adam, who has autism. She has little time for friends or activities. Her stepfather doesn't acknowledge that Adam needs to attend a special school and Lily has yet to get over the grief of losing her mother in a car accident. When Adam meets Nori, a young dolphin with cancer, they bond instantly. But, Lily wants to get real help for Adam and help Nori to regain her freedom, without betraying her family. |
| 803452 | How to talk to a tiger... and other animals Bittel, Jason & Buzzell, Kelsey (ill) | Magic Cat Publishing | 2021 | 9781913520076 | This book brings together the language and sounds of over 100 animals and creatures. Explore the way creatures and critters communicate in the wild. |
| 1089056 | How to teach grown-ups about climate change Daniels, Patricia & Belcha, Aaron (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781804660300 | Lots to think about in this entertaining and meaningful guide. Time to have an informed talk to the adults about what we can do about Climate Change. This guide will enable youth to get the message across in a fun, truthful and questioning way that will convince the grown-ups with facts that even the scientists think are weird. Can they pass the test at the end? And who in Australia has heard of the extinction of the Bramble Cay melomys? While not the end of the world it cannot get worse and this book will teach you and your grown-up why. |
| 871650 | How to teach grown-ups about Pluto Regas, Dean & Blecha, Aaron (ill) | Britanica Books | 2021 | 9781913750503 | It's about time the grown-ups got up to speed... After all, Pluto hasn't been a planet since 2006! In this guide from Britannica astronomer Dean Regas reveals why Pluto was kicked out of the planet club. |

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| 1017960 | How we came to be: Creatures of camouflage and mimicry Bayly, Sami | Lothian Books | 2023 | 9780734421371 | Discover the secrets behind some of the natural world's most unusual creatures of camouflage and mimicry. Find out about the chameleon who changes colour to communicate with its friends, the burrowing owl who copies the sound of a fiercer animal to protect itself from threats, and the harlequin filefish that has come to smell like coral to blend in with its surroundings. You'll be amazed by how these clever creatures use disguise and imitation to find food, send out warning signals and, most of all, avoid predators! |
| 1209731 | Howzat Pat! Dare to bowl Hartley, David, Geddes, Serena & Cummins, Patrick | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9781460764688 | I'm Pat Cummins and I love playing cricket. I love it so much that I sleep with my bat! There's BIG NEWS in my family - we're moving from the coast all the way to the mountains and I'm NOT HAPPY about it. I have LOTS of questions, like ... -Will I FIT IN at my new school? -How will I make new FRIENDS? -What's there to DO in the MOUNTAINS?! -MOST importantly - WHERE WILL I PLAY CRICKET?!!! If you want to know the answers to these questions, too - READ THIS BOOK! |
| 774422 | Huda and me Hayek, H | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526023 | Left behind in Melbourne after his parents have to leave for Beirut unexpectedly, 12 year old Akeal finds himself, along with his six siblings, being held to the whims of an atrocious babysitter. Through the bold plans of younger sibling Huda, Akeal then finds himself roped into a courageous adventure with Huda travelling abroad as "unaccomped" minors. |
| | Huggabie Falls series Cece, Adam & Weldon, Andrew (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. |
| 35705 | Hunters and hunted Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2014 | 9781742033365 | The animal kingdom is a dangerous place, especially at mealtimes. While hunters are out searching for their dinner, the hunted are using all sorts of tricks just to stay alive. Welcome to the frightening and dangerous world of the hunters and the hunted. |

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| 6541 | Hush treasure book, The Various | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760112790 | A joyous compilation of short stories, poems and artwork by 30 renowned Australian authors & illustrators. A CD of music is included. |
| 871673 | I am Cody Hat, Aggie & Tate, Crystal (ill) | | 2022 | 9781922717702 | Five year old Cody was asked, 'How can you tell if someone is a boy or a girl, or both, or neither?' Cody's response was profoundly pragmatic. 'Well, it's not their hair or their clothes. It's actually in their heart. You can't just tell. They have to tell you.' This is Cody's story of opening her heart to her mum. |
| 815351 | I am every good thing Barnes, Derrick & James, Gordon C | Egmont Childrens | 2021 | 9780525518778 | I am a non-stop ball of energy. Powerful and full of light. I am a go-getter. A difference-maker. A leader. Step inside the mind of the confident narrator of this book! He is proud of everything that makes him who he is. He's got big plans, and will see them through. He's creative, adventurous, smart, funny. A good friend. A superhero. Sometimes he falls, but he always gets back up. And other times he's afraid, because he's often misunderstood. So, slow down, look and listen as he shows you who he really is ... |
| | I am Jack series Gervay, Susanne & Wilcox, Cathy (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. |
| 201 | I am Susannah Gleeson, Libby | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141306131 | Susie is devastated when her friend moves away and an old lady comes to live in Kim's old house. |
| 12500 | I did nothing: the extinction of the gastric-brooding frog Crew, Gary & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734405074 | Zeek learns the fate of what might have been the last Gastric-Brooding Frog. Sadly, the frog, which may have held the secret of a cure for cancer, was known for just nine years before all trace of it was lost in the wild. |
| 203 | I hate Fridays: stories from Koala Hills Primary School Flynn, Rachel | Penguin | 1991 | 9780140341027 | An interlinked collection of stories about the hilarious goings-on at Koala Hills School. |
| 504 | I hate sport Storer, Prue | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143301790 | Karen hates sport. When her family gives her an ultimatum about playing sport, Karen gives it her best shot but there aren't many sports that value perfect, pink fingernails. Karen must find a sport or miss out. |

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| 7093 | I open the door Spinifex writing camp & James, Ann & Dreise, Gregg & Watson, Judy | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2017 | 9780994465450 | I Open the Door... contains nine interconnected stories, all of which begin and end with opening a door. The young author/illustrators at the 2016 Spinifex Writing Camp were encouraged to let their imaginations run wild, and the result is a book that will simply take your breath away. Prepare to be intrigued, surprised, fearful and delighted as you turn the pages to follow the adventures of what happens when a door is opened. |
| 12332 | I said nothing: the extinction of the paradise parrot Crew, Gary & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405593 | Young Harry tells the story of the death of the last Paradise Parrot, possibly the most beautiful of all Australian birds. While he tries to blame trappers for the bird's extinction, he soon realises that he must take some responsibility himself. |
| 12333 | I saw nothing: the extinction of the thylacine Crew, Gary & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404725 | Rosie witnessed the capture of the last thylacine (tiger-wolf) in Tasmania. She is concerned that she may have been able to do something to save it, and so save the species from extinction. |
| 37000 | I survived the Japanese tsunami, 2011 Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott (ill) | Scholastic US | 2013 | 9780545459372 | Ben has already suffered the loss of his Dad in a car accident, but a family trip to Japan holds even worse things for Ben, his Mum and brother - they arrive in time for the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The devastation is immense, will Ben find his family again? Ben learns important lessons about survival and hope. He comes to understand that the Japanese will to be strong and patient in the face of disasters will get them through this terrible time and help Ben himself to move forward. |
| 10417 | I survived the shark attacks of 1916 Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9780545206952 | Chet Roscow is ten and feeling lonely living with his Uncle Jerry in a new town. When news stories about shark attacks on the coast come out, everybody thinks it is a great joke. On the east coast of America in 1916 no one had heard of anyone being attacked by a shark before. Chet and some friends trick each other by pretending to be sharks. But when Chet is attacked by a real shark in the creek he has to find someone who believes him, before it is too late. |
| 1019839 | I survived the shark attacks of 1916: The graphic novel Tarshis, Lauren | Scholastic US | 2021 | 9781769112845 | Chet Roscow is finally feeling at home in Elm Hills, New Jersey. But Chet's summer is interrupted by shocking news. A great white shark has been attacking swimmers along the Jersey shore, not far from Elm Hills. So when Chet sees something in the creek, he's sure it's his imagination... until he comes face-to-face with a bloodthirsty shark! |

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| 1019840 | I survived the sinking of the Titanic 1912 Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott | Scholastic US | 2010 | 9780545206945 | Ten-year-old George Calder can't believe his luck -- he and his little sister, Phoebe, are on the famous Titanic, crossing the ocean with their Aunt Daisy. The ship is full of exciting places to explore, but when George ventures into the first class storage cabin, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Suddenly, water is everywhere, and George's life changes forever. |
| 1019841 | I survived the sinking of the Titanic 1912: The graphic novel Tarshis, Lauren | Scholastic US | 2021 | 9781761128448 | George Calder must be the luckiest kid alive - he and his little sister, Phoebe, are sailing with their aunt on the Titanic, the greatest ship ever built! George can't resist exploring every inch of the incredible boat, even if it gets him into trouble. But one night while George is off exploring, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Soon the impossible is happening: The Titanic is sinking. George has always gotten out of trouble before. Can he survive this nightmare? |
| 587820 | Ice monster, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2018 | 9780008297244 | When Elsie, an orphan on the streets of Victorian London, hears about the mysterious Ice Monster - a woolly mammoth found at the North Pole - she's determined to discover more... A chance encounter brings Elsie face to face with the creature, and sparks the adventure of a lifetime - from London to the heart of the Arctic! |
| 777153 | Iceberg Saxby, Claire & Racklyeft, Jess (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526047 | In the final freeze of an Antarctic winter, green tails wave across a star-full sky, as if to farewell endless nights. If this world looks empty, look closer ... Penguins trek across the ice to their winter homes. As the temperature warms, birds fly above on their long migrations. And with the advent of summer, beneath an iceberg, the sea is teeming with life. Ocean, sky, snow and ice - minute greens and giant blues - dance a delicate dance in this evocative portrayal of the life cycle of an iceberg. |
| 1818 | Ida B Hannigan, Katherine | HarperCollins Australia | 2007 | 9780007234202 | Ida B and her parents have a great life on the orchard and homeschooling Ida B. But then, life goes to a million miles beyond wrong and Ida has to return to school. |
| 570823 | If I was Prime Minister Feiner, Robin | ABC Books | 2018 | 9780733338953 | The Prime Minister makes decisions that affect us all. Being the Prime Minister is an important job. Imagine if children made all the decisions and what would happen. |

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| 846239 | If the world were 100 people McCann, Jackie & C Ushley, Aaron (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780755503537 | Imagine the world's population as 100 people: what would it look like? There are almost 8 billion humans living on Earth, but it's tricky to picture so many people! So instead, let's imagine the whole planet is a village where 100 people live -- each person representing around 80 million people in the real world. So what does our global village of 100 people look like? Are they all grown-ups? Are there more males or females? How many have black hair or blue eyes? What languages do they speak? Who can read and write? How many have access to the internet or have enough food to eat? Does everyone have access to electricity or clean water? Big ideas are broken into bitesize chunks through clever illustration and graphic design. If we focus on just 100 people, it's easier to see the things we have in common, and the things that make us different. So come and meet the people in our global village, and think about the big questions that affect us all! |
| 18522 | If the world were a village Smith, David J & Armstrong, Shelagh (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741148152 | Full of interesting statistical information about the world's population as if the world was a village of one hundred people. Easy to comprehend and fascinating. |
| 6917 | iF... a mind-bending new way of looking at big ideas and numbers Smith, David & Adams, Steve (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2015 | 9781925059267 | Some things are so huge or so old that it's hard to wrap your mind around them. But, if we took these big, hard-to-imagine objects and events and compared them to things we can see, feel and touch then, instantly, we would see our world in a whole new way. |
| 59415 | iHarry Croasdale, Laurine | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305750 | Having a father who designs the latest mobile phone technology is awesome, except Harry's mother won't allow him to have his own phone until high school next year. When his dad shows him the latest prototype, Harry cannot resist borrowing it to test. At first, its capabilities are astounding until the phone begins take on a life and personality of its own. Even Bozo, the school bully, cannot compete. |
| 65426 | Iliad and the odyssey, The Williams, Marcia (retell) | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406303483 | The segments cover 28 short, exciting, retold incidents from Homer's 'The Iliad', including the Greek/Trojan War, the Trojan Horse, and the characters of Helen of Troy, Paris, Achilles, and 'The Odyssey' including his battles with Cyclops, the Sirens and the Scylla. |
| 6105 | Illustrated book of ballet stories, The Newman, Barbara & Tomblin, Gill (ill) | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405359009 | Discover all the magic, excitement and beauty of famous ballets. See how ballet dancers perform, what their costumes convey and interesting snippets about each ballet. |

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| 855566 | Illustrated encyclopaedia of dangerous animals, The Bayly, Sami | Hachette Australia | 2020 | 9780734420015 | With more than sixty of the most deadly and dangerous animals from across the world to explore, every page of this beautifully illustrated volume is more eye-opening than the last. You will learn interesting facts about these fascinating species, (many of which you won't have even known were deadly) such as how they have adapted to survive and whether we should be threatened by these animals or appreciate them for their incredible features. Children and adults alike will pore over the breath-taking scientific illustrations of unusual animals from the geography cone snail to the wolverine, the Irukandji jellyfish to the slow loris, debating their relative dangerous features, learning about science and nature along the way. |
| 846089 | Illustrated encyclopaedia of peculiar pairs in nature, The Bayly, Sami | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734420046 | Discover the most curious relationships in the natural world. The relationships between these peculiar pairs could be mutualistic, communalistic, parasitic or predatory. There are so many surprising partnerships from frogs and tarantulas, to sponges and crabs. |
| 660607 | Illustrated encyclopaedia of ugly animals, The Bayly, Sami | Hachette Children's Books | 2019 | 9780734419019 | Enter the world of ugly animals in this gallery of the animal kingdom's most unusual and beauty-challenged species. Featuring sixty breathtaking scientific illustrations, and facts about the thorniest creatures the natural world has to offer. Celebrate the beauty of ugliness from the naked mole rat to the goblin shark, it's time to let ugly shine! |
| 207 | Illustrated mum, The Wilson, Jacqueline | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780440863687 | The story of Dolphin, a young girl, living with her mother's depression and a sister, Star, who is on the verge of adulthood. Both cope with living in a very dysfunctional household but their eccentric mum has real difficulties. |
| 21272 | Imaginary, The Harrold, A F & Gravett, Emily (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2014 | 9781408852460 | Rudger is Amanda's best friend. He doesn't exist but nobody's perfect. Only Amanda can see her imaginary friend. That is, until the sinister Mr Bunting arrives at Amanda's door. Mr Bunting hunts imaginaries. Rumour says that he eats them. And, he's sniffed out Rudger. Soon, Rudger is alone and running for his imaginary life. A boy who isn't there will have trouble surviving without a friend to dream him up. |
| 4962 | Imagining the future Torok, Simon & Holper, Paul | CSIRO | 2016 | 9781486302727 | Get prepared for the fantastic future with this guide to the unbelievable and incredible inventions just over the horizon. Flying through time and flying in cars. Living underwater and living forever. Robot servants. 3D printed food. Wouldn't it be amazing if science fiction became science fact? |

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| 660550 | Impossible boy, The Brooks, Ben | Hachette Children's Books | 2019 | 9781786540997 | When Oleg and Emma invent a new classmate called Sebastian, they are amazed when he appears in their secret den. Sebastian is different. The three friends are soon chased by the Institute of Unreality, who want to capture and erase Sebastian, to restore order o the world. |
| 5839 | In the lamplight Wolfer, Dianne & Simmonds, Brian (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2018 | 9781925591224 | If you enjoyed the award-winning Light Horse Boy and Lighthouse Girl, you will also enjoy In the Lamplight. This book draws on Australian war history with the protagonist being Rose, a young English girl turned nurse who cares for and falls in love with Jim - the Light Horse Boy. On the long journey back to Australia they experience the appalling loss of life due to the Spanish flu epidemic. But that is not the only challenge they face together. |
| 9292 | In-line skating Herran, Joe & Thomas, Ron | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780732979089 | A book for in-line skating enthusiasts. |
| 208 | Incredible cross-sections (Stephen Biesty's) Biesty, Stephen & Platt, Richard (ill) | Dorling Kindersley | 1993 | 9780863188077 | These cutaway drawings contain minute details and explanations of technological marvels. |
| 1897 | Incredible powers of Montague Towers, The Sunderland, Alan | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781760153649 | Ageing superhero, the Cape of Justice, asks Montague's help to deal with his pursuers who are using cryptic messages. Over six days, Montague is endowed with a new super power each day - superpower, hypnotic power, invisibility, laser vision, flight and, finally, super speed. When Monty's nose twitches and he sneezes, the next superpower arrives. But, Monty doesn't time his sleuthing well, sometimes with disastrous results, as he searches for the evil Lord Bentwordle, who is trying to commit the crime of the century. |
| | India - land, life and culture series Sachdev, Rosemary & Marwaha, Jatinder (phot) | | | | 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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| 9307 | Indigo blue Watson, Jessica | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9780734418135 | Alex feels like a fish out of water in her new hometown - the sleepy little lakeside village of Boreen Point where she is reluctantly sent to live with her slightly eccentric aunt for her final year of high school. None of Alex's classmates could care less about the new girl, so Alex couldn't care less about them...or so she tries to tell herself. As a distraction from what is quickly shaping up to be a very lonely year, Alex spends her savings on a rundown little yacht and throws herself into restoring it. A curious discovery leads to the beginnings of a friendship, but it's Sam - the sailmaker's apprentice - and his mysterious ways that capture Alex's attention and force her to question what is real and what matters most. |
| 120133 | Indij sports report: XVIII Commonwealth Games, Melbourne Leon, Emily & others & Quilliam, Wayne (ill) | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780975686188 | A scrapbook-style presentation of fascinating Commonwealth Games facts and photos, gathered by Aboriginal students. |
| 88037 | Indonesia book, The: A people, a place, a culture Kerta, Sadriani Wayan | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742030937 | Indonesia is our closest neighbour, made up of over seventeen thousand islands, with a population of over 230 million people. Explore this country of many languages, peoples, cultures and customs. Large glossy photographs provide additional understandings in this easy to read book. Find out which city is known as the Big Durian or on what the Garuda is. |
| 13215 | Infamous D'Ath, Justin | Holy Angels | 1999 | 9781875930036 | Tim Chambers has a secret. It all begins when there is a report of a sighting of a Tasmanian tiger and Tim has a plan that could make him famous. He has the best of intentions but things don't go at all according to his plan. |
| 10356 | Infinity Drake: The sons of Scarlatti McNally, John | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2014 | 9780007521593 | Infinity Drake, also known as Finn, is on holiday with his mad scientist uncle when they are summoned. Scarlatti, a lethal bio-weapon, has been released, with terrible consequences for mankind. Uncle Al must shrink a military team to track down and kill the beast. When Finn gets shrunk, he and three soldiers begin a desperate race to destroy the beast that's very angry and many times their size. |

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| 660774 | Inkling Oppel, Kenneth | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406380583 | The Rylance family is stuck. Dad's got writer's block. Ethan promised to illustrate a group project at school, even though he can't draw. Sarah's still pining for a puppy. And they all miss Mom so much more than they can say. Enter Inkling. Inkling begins life in Mr. Rylance's sketchbook. Then one night the ink of his drawings runs together - and leaps off the page! This small burst of creativity is about to change everything. Ethan finds him first. Inkling has absorbed a couple of chapters of his math book - not good! - and the story he's supposed to be illustrating for school - also not good. But Inkling's also started drawing the pictures to go with Ethan's story, which is amazing! It's just the help Ethan was looking for! Inkling helps the rest of the family too. For Sarah he's a puppy. And for Dad he's a spark of ideas for a new graphic novel. It's exactly what they all wanted. |
| 12948 | Inline skating: extreme sports Glidewell, Steve | Raintree | 2003 | 9781844430895 | One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, diagrams and a glossary of terms, this book tells you how to get started with inline skating, the equipment required and tricks that can be done. |
| 210 | Inside the Australian Ballet Lawrenson, Diana | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9781864489583 | All facets of creating a performance of a ballet, from the costumes to the scenery, are described in this book. |
| 855799 | Interned Rushby, Pamela | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760653019 | It's 1914. Gretta lives a privileged life in Singapore, the daughter of a businessman; Tilly lives a modest life in Brisbane, the daughter of a baker. When war breaks out and both countries turn on their families for being German, the two girls find themselves taken from their homes, interned at a camp in rural New South Wales. Far away from everything they have ever known, Gretta and Tilly are forced to face prejudice, overcome adversity and to make their own community. |
| 59973 | Into the deep: life through the depths of the ocean Norman, Mark & Paul, David | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031514 | From the surface to the deepest depth, meet the amazing, bizarre and, sometimes, creepy creatures that live in the ocean. |
| 55089 | Into the fire Panckridge, Michael & Harvey, Pam | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2008 | 9780207200618 | The story centres around a group of five friends, each of whom has their own ordeal in the face of an oncoming fire, and their attempts to protect family and possessions. As the fire approaches, a valuable brooch is stolen. The friends come together, using ingenuity and skill, to outsmart the thieves. |

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| 1209759 | Into the ice: Reflections on Antarctica Lester, Alison & Tulloch, Coral | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760526061 | Go on an extraordinary journey with Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch, two of Australia's most celebrated creators, as they share their reflections on Antarctica: sketches, writing, paintings, journal entries, their own and others'. This is a book for explorers and dreamers of all ages, and for anyone who wants to be inspired by the wonder of Antarctica. |
| 588216 | Into the jungle: Stories for Mowgli Rundell, Katherine & Williams, Kristjana S (ill) | MacMillan | 2018 | 9781509822317 | This wise and witty companion to Rudyard Kipling's 1894 classic is likewise a series of connected stories about the man-cub Mowgli and his adventures among the animals in the Indian jungle. It includes all the original favourites like Baloo and Bagheera and gives female characters, like Mother Wolf, a more prominent role in Mowgli's upbringing. The timely theme of the possibility of understanding and empathy across species, cultures, and genders will resonate with contemporary readers. |
| 18468 | Invisible friend, The Arnold, Louise | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340892978 | Tom's family has moved and he now goes to a new school. Tom is finding school very difficult because Big Ben and his group take great delight in harassing him. Tom's saviour is Grey Arthur, a ghost, who is just as miserable. |
| 660610 | Invisible in a bright light Gardner, Sally | Head of Zeus | 2019 | 9781789544848 | The stage is set. Take your seats. It's 1870 : in the Royal Opera House in a freezing city by the sea. Above is a chandelier, shaped like a galleon. It sparkles with the bright light of seven hundred and fifty candles. These lights are in memory of a vessel and its passengers who vanished without a trace. Oh no. It is falling. It splinters into a thousand tiny pieces. Celeste finds herself in the gutter of Time where she must play a terrifying game called the Reckoning to save those she loves. |
| 14962 | Iris and the tiger Hall, Leanne | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781925240795 | Twelve year old Iris is sent to Spain to ensure that her elderly and unusual aunt leaves her fortune and sprawling estate to Iris's scheming parents. From the moment she arrives, Iris knows something isn't right and that her aunt is hiding something. There's an odd feeling around the house, where time moves slowly and Iris's eyes play tricks on her. In the wild, untamed forest, a mysterious animal moves in the shadows. When Iris discovers a painting, she sets out to uncover the animal's real identity, putting her life in terrible danger. |
| 211 | Iron man, The Hughes, Ted | Faber & Faber | 1989 | 9780571141494 | A strange metal-eating, iron man is befriended by a young boy and taken to a scrap yard to eat the metal there. When an alien beast threatens the community, the iron man defends everyone. |

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| 648 | Iron soldiers: a story of arms and armour Lockett, Dave & Bond, Joseph | Omnibus Books | 2005 | 9781862914292 | In medieval times, it was the job of the blacksmith and, later, the armourer to make more and more sophisticated armour until a revolutionary development reduced it to just so much scrap metal. |
| 212 | Is it true, Grandfather Lohse, Wendy & Sands, Jenny (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1996 | 9780333666814 | Grandfather tells the story to the villagers of his first adventures in the cave when he was eight years old. |
| 4961 | Is this a poem? Stevens, Roger | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781472920010 | This book is full of many different types of poetry. There are advertising jingles, football chants and even raps. There are also some brilliant tips to help you write poetry of your own. |
| 8096 | Island of beyond, The Atkinson, Elizabeth | Lerner Publishing Group | 2016 | 9781467781169 | Martin is eleven years old and thinks these summer holidays could not get any worse. His father drives him to the island where he spent this own summer holidays with his brother and in the care of an aunt. While Aunt Lenore and her brother Ned are not your average elderly and dotting relative. Everything about the Island of Beyond is not what you would expect. This includes tree climbing and canoeing new friend Martin makes named Solo. Martin learns about friendship and family and secrets this summer. |
| 11573 | Island of Dr Libris, The Grabenstein, Chris | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780857988256 | Billy is spending the summer in a lakeside cabin, belonging to the mysterious Dr Libris. But, something strange is going on. Whenever he opens the books in Dr Libris' private bookcase, Billy can hear sounds coming from the island in the middle of the lake. The clash of swords, the twang of arrows and, sometimes, the ground shakes. It's almost as if the stories he's reading are coming to life. But, that's impossible. |
| 6089 | Island of lost horses, The Gregg, Stacy | HarperCollins Australia | 2015 | 9780007580279 | When twelve year old Beatriz stumbles across a wild mare with strange markings, she can't believe it's real. Yet, from that moment on, the strongest connection grows between them, and Beatriz begins to uncover an incredible history. Centuries ago, Felipa and her horse, Cara Blanca, were running for their lives. As the fates of Beatriz, Felipa and their horses become entwined, Beatriz realises that the future of the world's rarest horses depends on her. |

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| 660786 | Isle of the Lost, The De La Cruz, Melissa | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781742995830 | Many years ago, all the evil villains were banished from the kingdom of Auradon to the Isle of the Lost. The Isle is a dark and dreary place protected by a force field that makes it impossible for them to leave. Stripped of their magical powers, the villains and their children now live in total isolation, forgotten by the world. The only hope of escape is to find the Dragon's Eye which is hidden. Legend says that only the cleverest, evillest and nastiest villain can find it. So, Mal (Malificent's daughter) and Evie (the Evil Queen's daughter) join forces with Carlos (De Vil) and Jay (Jafar's son) in their quest to find the Dragon's Eye. They find out that being good ain't so bad and sometimes it even helps! |
| 25952 | It goes without saying Schulz, Charles M | Ravette Publishing | 2007 | 9781841612720 | A tour through fifty years of the cartoon strips, Peanuts, revealing the philosophy of Charles M Schulz at its silent best. Actions speak louder than words in this feast of visual anecdotes and comments on life. Everyone can identify with, or knows someone just like, Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, Snoopy or Woodstock. |
| 6285 | It's a story, Rory! Watts, Frances & Legge, David (ill) | ABC Books | 2018 | 9780733335938 | Rory has never been in a story before and he's not even sure how one works. Luckily, he and his friend Milly have a helpful voice on the page (that's me, the narrator) to guide them on an amazing adventure as they encounter an exciting plot, spectacular settings and some very funny characters. So, open the cover and discover how stories are made. |
| 1138110 | It's boba time for Pearl Li! Chen, Nicole | Quill Tree Books | 2024 | 9780063228627 | A story about finding independence, friendship, standing up for what's important... Pearl Li loves to crochet cute dolls and hang out at her favourite tea shop, Boba Time. Its quirky owner, Aunty Cha, is the only adult Pearl can confide in about her artsy hobby - her family is tech-obsessed and has no time to care. Pearl finds out that Boba Time is in financial trouble and she bravely starts a business selling her crochet dolls to raise the money needed to save Aunty Cha's shop. Trouble is, it's harder than she thought it would be, and it means fights with family, friends and more issues along the way... |
| 871599 | It's our business to make a better world Hui, Rebeca & Bray, Anneli (ill) | Magic Cat Publishing | 2022 | 9781913520434 | Young people can make a difference. Meet 12 children from around the world who are already actively campaigning for change. Learn about the projects they are involved in and discover how you can make the world a better place. |

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| 1083344 | It's the sound of the thing Clarke, Maxine Beneba | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2023 | 9781761212123 | This collection revels in the joy of language and offers accessible, relatable, and exciting poems that shine light on the everyday realities of young people. |
| 18603 | It's true: animals are electrifying Wilkinson, Rick & Looby, Ric (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741143430 | A book full of wonders, from snakes that can fly to eggs that can talk, from eels discharging 500 volts to lizards spurting blood from their eyes. Lots of interesting facts and fascinating information about how animals adapt to their environment in bizarre and unexpected ways. |
| 18586 | It's true: Burke & Wills forgot the frying pan Gregg, David & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741144727 | Quirky facts and incidents about the expeditions of early Australian explorers. |
| 18322 | It's true: hauntings happen and ghosts get grumpy Costain, Meredith & Smith, Craig (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741146080 | Fascinating collection of stories about ghosts, aliens, psychics and other unusual things. |
| 503 | It's true: space turns you into spaghetti Catchpole, Heather & Woods, Vanessa & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741146257 | Appealing, illustrated fact book on space exploration. Focuses on astronauts, habitable planets, gas giants and physics of space. Suggests simple experiments and activities. |
| 18107 | It's true: you eat poison every day Macinnis, Peter & Guthridge, Bettina (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741146264 | Facts and accounts about poisons used for cures but often killing people by accident. |
| 18110 | It's true: your cat could be a spy Bursztynski, Sue & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741146066 | A fetching book about spies. It links good storytelling and factual information with humorous pictures. |
| 2739 | It's true: your hair grows 15 kilometres a year Lawrenson, Diana & Hobbs, Leigh (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741142723 | This book is full of hair-raising facts about follicles, frizzy hair, hairy heads and baldness. Imagine sleeping on a horse hair mattress or dyeing your hair with leeches soaked in vinegar. Find out how a single strand of hair can show if you've been poisoned. |
| 20823 | Ivory rose, The Murrell, Belinda | Random House Children's Books | 2011 | 9781742750712 | Jemma lands a babysitting job in Rosethorne, one of the famous witches' houses near her home. The house is supposedly haunted by a sad little girl. When Jemma discovers a beautiful ivory rose locket, she sees a terrifying flashback and wakes up in 1895, where she becomes an apprentice maidservant. But, all is not well in the grand house. Young heiress Georgiana is constantly sick and Jemma suspects she's being poisoned. |
| | Izzy Folau series Harding, David & Folau, Izzy & Fosdike, 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. |

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| 23027 | J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan: Graphic novel Stref (adapted and drawn) & Cramb, Fin (coloured) | Birlinn Ltd | 2015 | 9781780272900 | A retelling that captures all of the magic and excitement of the original in a dreamily illustrated graphic novel that the whole family can enjoy. New readers of J.M. Barrie's classic tale won't be missing out on anything from the original novel in this faithful full colour rendition while returning readers will adore the new full colour illustrations that bring the tale to life as never before. |
| 22965 | Jabber-Walking Herrera, Juan Felipe | Candlewick Press | 2018 | 9780763692643 | Can you walk and talk at the same time? How about Jabberwalk? Can you write and draw and walk and journal all at the same time? If not, you're in luck: exuberant, blue-cheesy cilantro man Juan Felipe Herrera, Poet Laureate of the United States, is here to teach you everything he knows about being a real-life, bonified, Jabberwalking poet! Jabberwalkers write and speak for themselves and others no matter where their feet may take them - to Jabberwalk is to be a poet on the move. And there's no stopping once you're a Jabberwalker, writing fast, fast, fast, scribble-poem-burbles-on-the-run. Scribble what you see! Scribble what you hear! It's all out there - vamonos! |
| | Jack and the geniuses series Nye, Bill & Mone, 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. |
| 23340 | Jack Fortune and the search for the hidden valley Purkiss, Sue | Alma Books Ltd | 2018 | 9781846884283 | An orphan child full of mischief, Jack lives with his crotchety widow aunt in eighteenth-century England. His naughtiness knows no limits, and when one day he goes a step too far, Aunt Constance decides that she's had enough: from now on, his bachelor uncle can take care of him. Uncle Edmund is in no way prepared for a boy with boundless energy and an impish streak - and anyway, he's off to the Himalayas to search for rare plants! But Aunt Constance is absolutely determined, and Jack's uncle has no choice - he will have to take the boy with him. |
| | Jack Mason adventure series Pitt, Darrell | | | | 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. |
| 2064 | Jack's bugle Bell, Krista & Elliott, Belinda (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2014 | 9781922081292 | Aidan leaves the farm to join the war, along with his bugle. He is excited by the promise of travel, adventure and new friends, using his bugle to inspire his battalion. |
| 660776 | Jake Atlas and the tomb of the emerald snake Jones, Rob Lloyd | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406361445 | Indiana Jones meets Mission Impossible (meets a squabbling family from the suburbs). Jake Atlas, Tomb Robber, Treasure Hunter and Trouble-Maker is a schoolboy with terrible grades and even worse behaviour. He has a way of causing trouble that drives people nuts especially his sister Pan. Now he and Pan are members of a super high-tech treasure hunting team searching for a lost tomb in the deserts of Egypt so they can save their parents from being turned into mummies by an evil cult. |
| 947309 | Jamie: A joyful story of friendship, bravery and acceptance Lapinski, L. D. | Orion | 2023 | 9781510110922 | Jamie Rambeau is a happy 11-year-old non-binary kid who likes nothing better than hanging out with their two best friends Daisy and Ash. But when the trio find out that in Year Seven they will be separated into one school for boys and another for girls, their friendship suddenly seems at risk. And when Jamie realises no one has thought about where they are going to go, they decide to take matters into their own hands, and sort it all out once and for all. As the friends' efforts to raise awareness eventually become a rooftop protest against the binary rules for the local schools, Jamie realises that if they don't figure out a way forwards, they might be at risk of losing both their friends forever... |
| 2377 | Jamil's shadow Harris, Christine | Puffin Australia | 2001 | 9780141312101 | A young, orphaned boy keeps to himself, tending his herd of cattle and remaining apart from others in his small Turkish village. When a stray dog follows him home, Jamil finds that he can't get rid of it. A challenging read. |

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| 903242 | Jammer, The Weetman, Nova | University of Queensland Press | 2022 | 9780702265426 | <p>Fred has moved around her whole life, one small town after another, and never minded starting over. She's always had her mum, her dad, and her love of roller derby. On the track she's Fred or Dead, the star jammer, a gun at smashing through a line of bodies and scoring for her team.</p> <p>But Fred's life has fallen apart, and now she can't imagine ever putting her skates on again.</p> <p>On a road trip to Melbourne with her dad, Fred meets a bunch of people who think they know what's best for her. And although Fred tries to avoid it, roller derby has a way of barging back into her life. A true jammer could push through anything, but Fred doesn't know who she is anymore.</p> <p>What do you do when the thing that could save you is the thing that hurts the most?</p> |
| 793 | Jandamarra Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742375700 | Set in the Kimberley region in north-west Australia, this is the story of a young warrior born to lead. To the settlers, he was an outlaw to be hunted. To the Bunuba, he was a courageous defender of his country. This story of conflict and divided loyalties gives a unique insight into an extraordinary man and a tragic but important part of Australia's history. |
| 7048 | Japarrika Tiwi College Alalinguwi Jarrakarlinga & Lawrence, David & Ware, Shelley | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2017 | 9780143790280 | Kay-Bell loves to play footy. All she wants to do on the field is make her family and the Tiwi people proud. But when Auntie B gets in the way of her dream of kicking goals for the Tiwi Warriors, Kay-Bell must enlist the help of her friends and brother on a wild journey ...Will she survive the water buffaloes, dugongs, crocodiles and stormy weather to make it to the big game? |
| 15050 | Jason and the golden fleece Riordan, James & Cockcroft, Jason (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2005 | 9781845070618 | The epic story of Jason's quest for the golden fleece is retold for junior readers. Each short chapter adds another part to this riveting tale. |
| | Jasper Zammit series Abela, Deborah & Warren, Johnny | | | | 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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| | Jedi Academy 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. |
| 35607 | Jehan and the quest of the lost dog Hawke, Rosanne & Stewart, Briony (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2017 | 9780702259609 | Jehan has lost his home and family in a devastating flood in Pakistan. Lost and stuck in a tree he hears a dog barking. Jehan rescues the dog, Lali, and he's no longer alone, but she keeps paddling away from him, swimming further into the floodwaters. So Jehan is forced to follow her, but will the dog's quest lead them to safety, and to their families? Or to more danger? |
| 7761 | Jennie Gallico, Paul | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780007395194 | Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a cat? Peter is about to find out. Waking from a serious accident, he finds himself transformed into a snow white cat and is forced out onto the streets of London. But the life of a street cat is tough and Peter is struggling to survive. Then he meets Jennie - kind and streetwise, she befriends Peter and together they embark on an epic adventure. Will Peter have what it takes to survive this new world? |
| 2388 | Jenny Angel Wild, Margaret & Spudvilas, Anne | Penguin | 2002 | 9780140545258 | Jenny's little brother, Davy, is very ill and her mother says that no one will be able to keep him alive. But, Jenny thinks that as long as she watches over Davy, nothing can happen. An emotionally charged story about a young girl's courageous stand, and the uncertainty and beauty of life. |
| 2390 | Jeremy Jeremiah Barron, Antonia | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9781863738606 | This is a time-slip story of friendship and of Australia's early gold-mining days. Jeremy makes contact with a boy who lived in Jeremy's house a hundred years before. |
| 79876 | Jewel fish of Karnak, The Base, Graeme | Penguin | 2011 | 9780670074679 | In ancient Egypt, Jackal and Ibis are given a task by Cat Pharaoh, to travel along the Nile to retrieve the previous jewel fish from Crocodile Prince. Contains hieroglyphics and a jewel puzzle. |
| 699176 | Jibbernocky Thomas, Ben & Kershaw, D (ed) | Black Hare Press | 2020 | 9781925809572 | Monsters, snarks, Alice in Wonderland retellings, Jabberwocky-inspired poems, fairies, dancing elephants and talking mice... thrilling, creepy, funky and spooky! Stories and poems inspired by the greatest storyteller of our time. |
| 2441 | Jim's lion Hoban, Russell & Deacon, Alexis (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781406346022 | Jim is ill in hospital and his dreams are fearful and wild. His nurse gives him a mission, to find in his dreams his animal finder, who can guide him home wherever his illness takes him. |

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| 8456 | Jinxed McDougall, Jill | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150593 | When Jinx accidentally smashes her next door neighbour's python tank with a misplaced totem tennis ball and is expected to replace it, she needs to make some cash fast. No slow and steady job for Jinx, but all her get rich quick schemes are going awry. |
| 15146 | Jirrbal: rainforest Dreamtime stories Barlow, Maisie (Yarrcali) & Anning, Michael (Boiyool) (ill) | Magabala Books | 2001 | 9781875641062 | Aboriginal dreaming stories of the Jirrbal people. Contains factual narratives about the author's life and the rainforests of North Queensland. Traditional language words of the Jirrbal people are included. |
| 815434 | Jo: An adaptation of Little Women (sort of) Gros, Kathleen | HarperCollins US | 2021 | 9780062875969 | With the start of eighth grade, Jo March decides it's time to get serious about her writing and joins the school newspaper. But even with her new friend Freddie cheering her on, becoming a hard-hitting journalist is a lot harder than Jo imagined. That's not all that's tough. Jo and her sisters - Meg, Beth, and Amy - are getting used to a new normal at home, with their dad deployed overseas and their mom, a nurse, working overtime. And while it helps to hang out with Laurie, the boy who just moved next door, things get complicated when he tells Jo he has feelings for her. Feelings that Jo doesn't have for him...or for any boy. Feelings she's never shared with anyone before. Feelings that Jo might have for Freddie. What does it take to figure out who you are? Jo March is about to find out. |
| 1590 | Jodie: this is the book of you Abdel-Fattah, Randa | Omnibus Books | 2013 | 9781742990101 | Best friends Jodie, Rania and Deyana can't believe what they have found in the school library. A mysterious book that writes itself, just for them. Jodie's life is difficult enough. Her father is in a new relationship and Jodie is trying to get used to having a stepsister. The advice the book is giving Jodie is so confusing. She is perplexed about the ghostly writer and what it wants. |
| 12934 | John Lennon: voice of a generation Gogerly, Liz | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780750239486 | John Lennon found fame as the Beatles' lead singer, the most popular band in history. They dominated the record charts between 1963 and 1970. He promoted world peace and freedom, and challenged people to hope for a better world. |
| 13645 | Joke trap, The Glover, Richard & Gordon, Gus (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320552 | Jesse's dad makes terrible jokes. Ben's dad sings all the wrong lyrics to songs. The embarrassment is ruining their social life. The kids hope to cure their dads with a taste of their own medicine but they're not sure dads will ever stop doing THAT joke. |
| 2415 | Joseph Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9781864481709 | An attractive version of the old testament story about Joseph. |

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| 742 | Josie and the Michael Street kids Russon, Penni | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143303442 | When Josie moves house with her Mum, she is a million miles away from her best friend, the beach and everything. But, when Josie finds a secret treasure map, her world in Michael Street becomes exciting. |
| 18563 | Josie under fire Turnbull, Ann | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2004 | 9780746060322 | Josie's stays in London during the terrible bombing attacks of 1941, while her mother nurses her ailing grandmother. Josie struggles with her own feelings of inadequacy and her brother's very unpopular decision not to go to war. |
| 14818 | Journey from the centre of the earth Carmody, Isobelle & McBride, Marc (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734403766 | The story of a duck that was left behind at the centre of the earth and his friendship with a strange mushroom creature. A deeply philosophical book that deals with the eternal question, why. |
| 2930 | Journey, The Sanna, Francesca | Flying Eye Books | 2016 | 9781909263994 | To escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war, a family leaves their home and everything they know to embark on a very long journey, |
| 14433 | Judas donkey, The Broome, Errol & Thompson, Sharon (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2003 | 9781920731182 | Francesca desperately wants a horse of her own. When her grandpa brings home the Judas donkey, Francesca is less than impressed. But, Judy is not an ordinary donkey. |
| 846201 | Julia and the shark Millwood Hargrave, Kiran & de Freston, Tom (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2021 | 9781510107779 | My name is Julia. This is the story of the summer I spent living in a lighthouse. The summer I almost lost my mum, and found a shark older than trees. Don't worry though, that doesn't spoil the ending ... Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer - her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope... |
| 217 | Julie of the wolves George, Jean Craighead | HarperCollins US | 2003 | 9780060540951 | An Inuit girl runs away to regain her traditional Eskimo culture and becomes lost on the frozen Arctic tundra. Only the wolves can help her. <u>Julie's survival depends on the leader of the pack.</u> |
| 579230 | Juliet nearly a vet: Collection 1 Johnson, Rebecca | Penguin | 2013 | 9780143786917 | Juliet is 10, and she's nearly a Vet. She and her best friend Chelsea just LOVE animals. Juliet has a dog and two guinea pigs already, but if she's going to be the World's Best Vet, she needs a lot more animals to learn from. Juliet and Chelsea get involved in a series of exciting adventures where they, among other things, organise a pet sleepover, take part in a pony show, help baby farm animals to be born, and care for injured wildlife after bushfires. does it all go smoothly? Come on in and find out! |

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| 579225 | Juliet nearly a vet: Collection 2 Johnson, Rebecca | Penguin | 2014 | 9780143786924 | Juliet and her best friend Chelsea love helping all kinds of animals, because Juliet is going to be a vet and Chelsea the world-famous animal trainer. Join them on their exciting adventures in this wonderful story collection as they rescue animals in trouble at the beach, become junior Zookeepers for the day, search for lost dogs after a storm, and care for classroom pets - and their teacher. |
| | Julius Zebra 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. |
| 1019748 | Juniper's Christmas Colfer, Eoin | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2023 | 9780008475543 | Embark on a Christmas escapade with eleven-year-old Juniper Lane. In her quest for help, she turns to a mysterious woodsman in her local park, suspecting he might be none other than Santa himself. In an unexpected turn, Juniper finds herself exposed to the enchantment of the North Pole. Accompanied by a neighbor who has always believed in Santa, a young reindeer in training, and a cunning crime boss determined to steal Santa's magic, Juniper's journey unfolds with Eoin Colfer's characteristic enthusiasm and cheerfulness. With vibrant, festive illustrations, this enchanting tale is beautifully wrapped, promising to ignite the Christmas spirit within the entire family. Celebrate the holiday season with a narrative filled with hope, magic, and the quest to rescue Santa Claus. |
| 22763 | Just a dog Bauer, Michael Gerard | Omnibus Books | 2010 | 9781862918870 | Mr Mosely isn't a purebred dog but he's just the dog that Corey and his family want. He is loyal, protective and loving. And, he is much more than that. He might well be the one thing that holds them all together. |
| 4233 | Just call me Spaghetti-Hoop Boy Williamson, Lara | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474921305 | Adam Butters discovers that before he was adopted his name was Ace, and that is a great name for a superhero. This amusing, heart-warming and heart-breaking story tells how Adam tries to find his birth mother and show her how she could love a him as a superhero. Things never go as planned and Adam has his work cut out for him. |

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| 2562 | Just one wish Rippin, Sally | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143304463 | Penny has moved to Australia from China and her English is very limited. She misses her friends and her cousin is determined to make her life miserable at their school. When Penny's grandmother gives her a magic Chinese pouch, Penny has just one wish to make things right. |
| | Just series Griffiths, Andy & 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. |
| 219 | Just so stories Kipling, Rudyard | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2001 | 9780141183626 | Distant lands, the beautiful gardens of splendid palaces, the sea, the jungle and its beasts, even the desert, are the exotic settings for classic stories that deal with the origins of things in the animal world, such as how the elephant got his trunk. |
| 16200 | Kakadu calling Christophersen, Jane Garlil | Magabala Books | 2007 | 9781921248009 | An elder of the Bunitz clan living in Kakadu National Park tells stories of children living in the far north. There is the story of Burrki, a ten year old boy living on his own in the wilderness, of two brothers who have a misadventure at sea and of Maidje and her cousins learning how to gather and cook food, even snakes. |
| | Kalika magic series Hughes, Karen | | | | 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. |
| 833 | Kampung boy Lat | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9780980607000 | Illustrated story of a Muslim boy's adventures and mischief-making, fishing trips, religious education and work on his family's rubber plantation in Malaysia. However, the traditional way of life in his village (kampung) is steadily disappearing. |
| 4113 | Karlson flies again Lindgren, Astrid & Ross, Tony (ill) | Oxford University Press | 2009 | 9780192727749 | Smidge lives with his family in an ordinary house in Stockholm. His extraordinary friend, Karlson, lives on the roof of his house. The roof is a good place to live when you have a propeller on your back and can fly. Karlson believes he is the world's greatest at everything. Enjoy reading about these unlikely friends who have fun gobbling buns and haunting the babysitter. |

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| 659 | Kaspar prince of cats Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2008 | 9780007266999 | At the beginning of the twentieth century, Johnny Trott, a bell-boy at London's prestigious Savoy Hotel, befriends a guest, the Russian aristocrat, Countess Kandinsky. She trusts him to look after her special cat, Prince Kaspar, and a series of events are set in motion that take Johnny and Kaspar all around the world, and change his life forever. |
| 797410 | Keeper of the Lost Cities Messenger, Shannon | Simon & Schuster | 2012 | 9781398524040 | Sophie can hear people's thoughts. She knows it's strange, that is until she meets Fitz, who also reads minds. Before she knows it, Sophie is being transported to another world where she will be asked to leave everything she knows behind forever. Who is she and what powers does she possess that can save the people she loves? |
| 5340 | Kensuke's kingdom Morpurgo, Michael | Egmont Childrens | 2000 | 9780749736392 | An adaptation of the Robinson Crusoe story, a family's sailing adventure turns into a story of survival following a storm. |
| | Kensy and Max 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. |
| 14534 | Kerenza, a new Australian Hawke, Rosanne | Omnibus Books | 2015 | 9781742990606 | In 1911, Kerenza's da (father) can no longer get work as a miner in Cornwall. She doesn't want to leave her village and take a ship to Australia but Kerenza can be brave for her dad's sake. Where he sees a farm, Kerenza and her Mam see endless mallee scrub, flies and hard work. It's almost too much to bear but the Mallee has its own beauty, and family and new-found friends might just make it her home. |
| 719888 | Key to finding Jack, The Jozefkowicz, Ewa | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781800240421 | Flick adores her big brother and often sits with him in the evenings solving riddles he shares with her. She knows she will miss him when he goes on holiday to South America. Then, something happens, an earthquake! Right where her brother is meant to be. Flick is desperate to find him, when she uncovers a clue in his bedroom, she begins to unfold new mysteries about her brother that could possibly lead to his whereabouts. Will she find him in time? A compelling story that shares the special relationships between siblings and friends. |
| 18440 | Kick in the head, A Janeczko, Paul B. & Raschka, Chris (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2005 | 9780763306625 | A vibrant collection of poetry designed to introduce readers to a wide variety of poetic forms. |

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| | Kid normal series James, Greg & Smith, Chris & Salcedo, Erica (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. |
| 660668 | Kid who came from space, The Welford, Ross | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2020 | 9780008333782 | In a small village where everyone knows everyone, a girl goes missing on Christmas Eve. While the rest of the town is in a frenzy looking for the girl, her brother, Ethan secretly knows she is safe, but needs help getting home. With the help of his new friend, Iggy, and an oddly hairy and peculiar stranger, Ethan will go on an incredible journey to get his sister home. |
| 4958 | KidGlovz Hunt, Julie & Newman, Dale (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781742378527 | KidGlovz is a musical genius. His gift is so precious that he's kept under lock and key. But, when a young thief helps him escape, Kid must embark on a perilous journey through which he will discover the terrifying nature of his talent. |
| 751119 | Kidnap on the California Comet Leonard, M.G. & Sedgman, Sam | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781529013085 | Harrison Beck (Hal) joins his uncle aboard the California Comet for a grand train adventure across America. But when the daughter of a billionaire train-enthusiast goes missing he finds himself with a mystery to solve. With the help of his new friends can Hal find the girl before the trip's end? |
| 803724 | Kids fight climate change Dorey, Martin & Wesson, Tim (ill) | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406393262 | Will you act now to save our planet? The world is in trouble and it needs superheroes like YOU to help save it. Two minutes is all the time it takes to fight climate change and make a difference. Find out how you can become a #2minutesuperhero. Take on these simple two minute challenges and help make difference to save the planet and protect the environment. |
| 596749 | Kids who did: Real kids who ruled, rebelled, survived and thrived Murray, Kirsty | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760524470 | When the future looks dark, courageous kids bring light and hope into the world. Forty true stories celebrate kids who have protested, prayed, rebelled, saved lives, earned a fortune, lost everything, become world famous, or fought to survive war or oppression. Fearless kids, feral kids, Olympic champions, human-rights crusaders, climate-change warriors, princes and prisoners, workers and whiz-kids - they all show the true courage of kids. From the distant past to the present moment, kids have made their mark on history, and now they're set to change the world. |

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| 1019783 | Kind of spark, A McNicoll, Elle & Wilson, Kay (ill) | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781913311056 | A Kind of Spark is a story about courage, friendship and what it means to be different. Bullied by her teacher and abandoned by her best friend, Addie lives every day knowing what it is like to be different. When she learns about the witch trials that happened in her hometown, she knows there is more to the story of these 'witches', just as there is more to her. Can she make the town see that being different is not something to be feared; can she challenge the way they see her? |
| 24757 | Kindness club, The: Chloe on the bright side Sheinmel, Courtney | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781681195315 | Chloe Silver is good at looking at the bright side. But staying positive has been difficult since her parents divorced and she had to start at a new school. When Chloe is given the chance to try out for the exclusive It Girls Club, things are finally looking up again. Then Chloe is assigned a science project with offbeat Lucy Tanaka and brainy Theo Barnes. Together they create an experiment that tests how people react to different acts of kindness, officially forming the Kindness Club. Lucy and Theo are fun to be around, and their new club means a lot to Chloe. But the It Girls don't want to share Chloe with anyone else. Can she find a way to be kind to all of her friends, and still stay true to herself? |
| 1078775 | Kindness project, The Abela, Deborah | Penguin | 2024 | 9781761340185 | Ms Skye thinks kids can change the world with a Kindness Project. Nicolette wants to but how can she when Layla treats her like she's invisible and DJ picks on everything she says? Leaf thinks Nicolette can be a superhero. So maybe if they work together they just might do it. |
| 21162 | King of birds, The: Gamayun tales Utkin, Alexander | Nobrow | 2018 | 9781910620380 | This Tale from Slavic mythology, skilfully retold in graphic novel format, will have readers of all ages anticipating the tales concluding chapters. Vividly illustrated in a style reminiscent of the Russian folk illustration from whence the tale originates, this is a story of courage, love and wisdom for fans of folk tales, fairy tales and mythology. |
| 12898 | Kingdom for a hat, A Heimann, Rolf & Spooner, John | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405494 | King Gregorius thinks he's the best king in the world, a great poet and very wise judge. But, his people are not as silly as he thinks they are. They bring about his downfall simply by following his orders. It all starts with a crazy-looking hat. |

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| | Kingdom of silk series Millard, Glenda & 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. |
| | Kingdoms and Empires series Moriarty, Jaclyn & Canby, Kelly (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. |
| 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. |
| 9241 | Kite rider, The McCaughrean, Geraldine | Oxford University Press | 2001 | 9780192718600 | Located in China in the period of the Mongols, this story follows Haoyou's intrepid adventures across oceans and the skies. |
| 6165 | Kittens in the kitchen (Animal Ark 1) Daniels, Lucy | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2006 | 9780340877036 | Set in the UK, Mandy helps her veterinarian parents after school. She must find suitable homes for the school cat's kittens. |
| 12969 | Lacemaker and the Princess, The Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker | Simon & Schuster | 2007 | 9781416925958 | Eleven year old Isabelle is a lacemaker like her mother and grandmother in the town of Versailles. It is the year 1789 and the eve of the French revolution. Isabelle is caught between being the Queen's daughter's companion, amid the luxury of the royal court, and having to earn a living lacemaking to keep her family alive. |
| 1743 | Lake Mungo: our story Mitchell, J & McDougall, W | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780980359329 | The spectacular scenery around Lake Mungo, at Willandra Lakes Region in south-west NSW, is described and its problems such as soil erosion are discussed. Accompanied by beautiful black and white photography. |

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| 17466 | Lake of the lost Jones, Carol | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734406460 | Kimmi and Oliver are horrified when their parents make them move to a remote Pacific Island. Kimmi tries to stay out of trouble but trouble finds her. |
| 707969 | Lampie Schaap, Annet | Pushkin Press | 2017 | 9781782692621 | Lampie's job is to help her dad. He's unable to light the lamp in the lighthouse, so she has to do it for him. One stormy night she runs out of matches and the light goes out. A ship is wrecked on the rocks and Lampie is in disgrace. She is sent to be a maid at the Admiral's Black House. She arrives to the rumour that there is a monster at the top of the tower inside the house but what she finds is intriguing, but no monster. Along with a cast of mermaids and pirates, and set against a winswept coastal backdrop , Lampie has to fight to grow up and find her place in the world. |
| 671343 | Land of forgotten girls, The Kelly, Erin Entrada | HarperCollins Australia | 2017 | 9780062238658 | Soledad has always been able to escape into the stories she creates. Just like her mother always could. And Soledad has needed that escape more than ever in the five years since her mother and sister died, and her father moved Sol and her youngest sister from the Philippines to Louisiana. After her father leaves, all Sol and Ming have is their evil stepmother, Vea. Sol has protected Ming all this time, but then Ming begins to believe that Auntie Jove - their mythical, world-traveling aunt - is really going to come rescue them. Can Sol protect Ming from this impossible hope? |
| 1153331 | Land of Lost Things, The: Adventures Unlimited Griffiths, Andy & Hope, Bill (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2024 | 9781761268267 | Hey, you - yes, YOU! Remember the time we went to the Land of Lost Things to look for my lucky rabbit's foot and then we got lost too? That was one of our most exciting, surprising and knuckle-headed adventures ever. What? You don't remember? Well, have I got a story for you! It all started like this.... |
| 1209735 | Landovel: The poison taster Rodda, Emily | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761069758 | Derry remembers nothing before his capture by the vicious sea raider Cram. Gifted with the ability to read, he has seen and knows things about the sinister EI. Now that he's been rescued his challenges are just beginning. Coded journals, friends and foes. He will need to be strong and wise for the dangerous journey ahead. Part One of the Landovel Quest trilogy. |

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| 1019622 | Lani and the universe Carless, Victoria | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2024 | 9781460763933 | Lani Scrub has a plan: study hard and become a world-renowned scientist like her hero, Kit Galway, who wrote The Meaning of the Universe. The plan is ruined when Lani's mum decides to 'find herself' by joining a nature-loving community called Passing Waters. Lani should have known things were up when they got backyard chickens. At Passing Waters Lani fails every test thrown her way - despite coaching from nine-year-old nature kid Lentil and a chef/astronomer named Meadow. Turns out failing is hard, and what's worse is their tree change is making her question the meaning of the universe ...And when the community's future is threatened, will Lani Scrub pitch in to save the day? |
| 751182 | Last bear, The Gold, Hannah & Pinfold, Levi (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780008411282 | April has a once in a lifetime chance to spend six months in the Arctic circle with her scientist father and no one else. She hopes this time alone with her father will help reconnect them after the sad death of her mother, but the work of a climate scientist in an age of melting ice caps is never ending. Bear Island has not had a polar bear in decades due to the loss of ice, but as April finds herself wandering further and further on the island, she meets an unlikely, unhealthy and unforgettable new friend. |
| 2740 | Last dragon charmer, The: Villian keeper McKay, Laurie | Harper | 2015 | 9780062308443 | Nothing is more important than slaying a dragon. It will make Prince Caden's father proud, and grant him the title of Elite Paladin like his seven older brothers. But there is one big thing standing in Caden's way: he has been mysteriously transported from his home in the Great Winterlands of Razzon to Asheville, North Carolina-a land with no magic and no dragons. Or so he thinks. But what if Caden's destiny isn't to slay a dragon after all? |
| 846100 | Last kids on earth and the doomsday race, The Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglas (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008491338 | Jack Sullivan wants to be voted in as the mayor of Mallusc City. He has mastered the art of zombie control, taken down massive monsters, and survived the most epic road trip ever. He is ready for anything. The Destructor of Worlds has nothing on him, his awesome gang of monster fighting friends or his radical zombie squad. Whatever it takes, he is going to win the Doomsday Race and save the world. |
| 903253 | Last kids on earth and the forbidden fortress, The Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglass (ill) | Penguin Random House Australia | 2022 | 9780008582340 | Me, Jack and my best friend against the whole world of evil. With the Cosmic Hand starting to take over my whole body in a strange way. Thrull is getting closer and closer to his ultimate destruction of the whole world. |

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| 1019735 | Last kids on earth and the monster dimension, The Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglas (ill) | Farshore | 2023 | 9780008638115 | Jack is an amazing zombie slaying master of cool with an awesome cosmic hand to prove it. He is reporting from the Apocalypse once again. Thrull, the Destructor of Worlds, has everything he needs to complete the Tower and bring back Rezzoch who wants to destroy the world. Jack and his friends are stronger than ever and travelling further than ever. Saving the world doesn't end at home. So hop in. Next stop is the Monster Dimension. |
| 1209819 | Last life of Lori Mills, The Boucherat, Max | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2024 | 9780008666484 | Lori is old enough to stay home alone! She insists. She's almost twelve which means she's almost a teenager. When she gets her wish, she prepares for a night playing her favourite online game, but a dark force inside the game seems to know she is alone and begins to stalk her. She quickly realises that neither her game nor her own home is safe anymore. |
| 855844 | Last light horse, The Wolfer, Dianne & Simmonds, Brian (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2022 | 9781760991302 | 136,000 Australian horses were sent to fight during the First World War. Just one came home. From the high country in Victoria to the desert sands of Egypt, from the waters off Gallipoli to the battlefields of France, This is the extraordinary story of Sandy, the only returning warhorse. |
| | Laugh your head off 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. |
| 1199013 | Laughter is the best ending Master, Maryam & Hicks, Astred (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2024 | 9781761560132 | Zee is a loner. She likes to read Oscar Wilde and watch documentaries all day which, according to her parents, is not normal for 13 year olds. So they decide to send her on a five-day holiday camp, hoping she'll make at least one friend. Now, Zee would rather take a bath in Tabasco sauce than attend a camp called Youth Fusion. But with influencer Tiffanee and super-nerds Jonah and Moses, she soon finds herself in the middle of a hair-rising mystery, hurling her into some fierce detective work and bringing her face to face with the notorious Old Bat Viv. |
| 18698 | Leaf litter Tonkin, Rachel | Bandicoot Books | 2001 | 9780207198229 | Leaves, twigs and bark collect on the ground in forests all over the world. We call it leaf litter but it isn't really rubbish at all. Superb, detailed illustrations explore what goes on in a small patch of leaf litter beneath one tree. |

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| 569187 | Leave taking Marwood, Lorraine | University of Queensland Press | 2018 | 9780702260117 | Toby and his mum and dad are leaving their family farm after the death of Toby's younger sister Leah. Together they sort through all of their belongings and put things aside to sell or throw out. Toby doesn't want to leave the only place he's called home. As his last day on the farm approaches, Toby has a plan to say goodbye to all the things and places that mean something special to him and Leah. With the help of his best friend, Trigger the dog, he learns what it means to take your leave. |
| 6101 | Leaving the lyrebird forest Crew, Gary & Laffan, Julian (ill) | Lothian Books | 2018 | 9780734418432 | Alice loves the bush where she lives. She has a deep connection to a lyrebird who visits her 'every other day' and develops a close friendship to an elderly neighbour who loves the bush as much as she does. An amazing surprise discovery motivates her to make decisions about her future. |
| 16456 | Left and right Hendry, Lorna | Wild Dog Books | 2017 | 9781742034430 | Left and right are all around us. From our hands and feet to our eyes and ears, the notion of left and right is inescapable. Left and right control how we travel and play sport, and even how we eat. The vast extent of how this deceptively simple subject shapes our lives is revealed in the Left And Right book! |
| 15116 | Legend of Big Red, The Roy, James & Dale, Rae (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2005 | 9780702235283 | Liam and Barney persuade their parents to let them camp out alone overnight to catch Big Red, the legendary giant cod rumoured to live in Bailey's Swamp. Darkness, strange noises and a thunderstorm test their determination and bravery. |
| 12336 | Legend of Lasseter's Reef, The Greenwood, Mark | University of Western Australia Press | 2003 | 9781876268992 | The legend of Harold Lasseter who found a fabulous reef of gold in the desert. Lasseter returned with six companions but he could not find the site again. Despite help from nomads he never makes it home. |
| 1209826 | Legend of the lighthouse moon Edwards, Helen | Roaring Book Press | 2024 | 9781763526013 | 13-year-old Mona and her younger brother Albert live with their grandparents at a remote lighthouse on Kangaroo Island. Together, they keep the lighthouse operational. Mona has complicated feelings about her recent type 1 diabetes diagnosis. It is through her engagement with the local sea lions and learning about an ancient legend that she finds the inner strength to work through these feelings. Additionally, and unexpectedly, she also begins to unravel the mystery of her missing father. |

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| | Legends (including Anniversary & League of) series Panckridge, Michael | | | | 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. |
| | Legends of League 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. |
| 587803 | Lenny's book of everything Foxlee, Karen | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760528706 | Lenny Spink is a watchful, caring, and sharp older sister to Davey, her sweet, charming and unusually big younger brother. She is ever mindful of the challenges and moods of her single parent mother, the curious lives of the various characters in her neighbourhood, and the dark reality which comes with her brother's rare disease causing him to grow at an unhealthy and alarming rate. The regular arrival of 'Burrell's Build-It-at-Home Encyclopedia' give Lenny and Dave a window to a broader world and feeds their imagination and curiosity. |
| 50474 | Liar & spy Stead, Rebecca | Text Publishing Co | 2012 | 9780385737432 | George is having trouble with some boys at school, his dad has lost his job and so his mum has started working all the time. They had to sell their house and move into an apartment. But, moving into the apartment block does bring one good thing - Safer, an unusual boy who lives on the top floor. He runs a spy club and is determined to teach Georges everything he knows. |
| 15425 | Liar: the true story of David Mortimore Baxter Tayleur, Karen | Black Dog Books | 2007 | 9781921167737 | David's exaggerations become lies that result in some complicated situations with his teacher and classmates. He almost learns his lesson. |
| 1096789 | Life on us Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Ramiro, Xavi (ill) | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2024 | 9781761211744 | An accessible and often funny accounting of the tens of thousands of species that live on and in the human body. |
| 1019825 | Life song, A Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9781761047640 | When you are born, you make up a song It doesn't rhyme, and it isn't long A song of everything you hold dear It's your own tune, it's loud and clear And your whole world is in it..." |

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| 1019846 | Lift-the-flap questions and answers about refugees Daynes, Katie & de Sousa, Ashe & Drachkovska, Oksana (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781803709987 | Have you ever wondered - why new people arrive in your school, town or community? What it might feel like for them? How life might be better for them? A refugee can answer these questions and as you read through this book you develop an understanding of how to help them and learn about the sudden, difficult, frightening and tiring situations they have experienced through the beautiful details and cleverly designed illustrations by Ukrainian artist Oksana Drachkovska. |
| 17038 | Light horse boy Wolfer, Dianne & Simmonds, Brian (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2013 | 9781922089137 | In 1914, best mates, Jim and Charlie, abandon the Australian outback for the excitement and adventure of the war to end all wars. Jim is not quite old enough but he lies about his age. Jim and Charlie think joining the Light Horse Regiment is a bit of an adventure and that the war will be over in a few months. But, they quickly discover the brutal realities of life on the frontline. |
| 903234 | Light in everything Balen, Katya | Bloomsbury | 2022 | 9781526647405 | Zofia and Tom could not be more different. While one is bold and seemingly fearless the other is shy and nervous. When their worlds are brought together they have to learn to trust and conquer their fears. |
| 9600 | Lighthouse kids, The Chase, Diana | Fremantle Press | 2003 | 9781863683463 | Ellie and Davey have lost their mother and have been sent to live with a grandfather. In his attic, they discover something that belonged to their mother. This leads to an adventure, involving unscrupulous seal hunters and mysterious caves. |
| 1066783 | Like a charm McNicoll, Elle | Penguin USA | 2022 | 9780593649138 | Edinburgh is a city filled with magical creatures. No one can see them... except Ramya Knox. As she is pulled into her family's world of secrets and spells, Ramya sets out to discover the truth about Hidden Folk with only three words of warning from her grandfather: Beware the Sirens. |
| 58837 | Lilli and her shadow Dudgeon, Pat & Laura & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) & Morgan, Sally (ed) | Fremantle Press | 2010 | 9781921696053 | Lilli's family is moving from the bush to the city and Lilli is sure she'll be horribly lonely. She'll miss the mangoes, she'll miss her cousins and, most of all, she'll miss her Nan. But, Nan sends a special friend south with Lilli, a secret Shadow to look after her. And, Lilli discovers life in the city isn't so bad after all. |
| 2363 | Lillipilly Hill Spence, Eleanor | Text Publishing Co | 2013 | 9781922147172 | At the end of the nineteenth century, Harriet Wilmot and her family have come to live in an inherited house in a New South Wales town. Despite the heat and unconventional schooling, Harriet is in awe of Australia and much prefers it to dreary old London. Not all the Wilmots agree. Harriet breaks rules and expectations in her efforts to convince her family to stay in this new and exciting land. |

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| 227 | Lily and me Aaron, Moses | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9780091830311 | Moses Aaron tells the story of how he met Lily, a cancer patient in the Children's Hospital, and how he told her stories throughout her treatment. |
| 23610 | Lily in the mirror Hayes, Paula | Fremantle Press | 2016 | 9781925163872 | Lily loves all things dark and mysterious. So, when she discovers a magic mirror in a locked room, it seems like a dream come true. With a new friend who needs her help and an older brother who needs to get a life, Lily will require all eleven fingers at her disposal, plus a hefty slice of Grandad's chocolate cake, to fix a long-forgotten mystery that's very close to home. |
| | Lily Quench series Prior, Natalie 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. |
| 4901 | Lion drummer Wang, Gabrielle & McLean, Andrew | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780143303138 | Lulu dreams that, one day, she will be the lion drummer in the Chinese dragon parade. But, through years of tradition, the drummer has always been a male and Lulu is told that girls cannot learn the drums. |
| 1092 | Lion: A long way home Brierley, Saroo | Penguin Books Australia | 2017 | 9780143784760 | It is hard to imagine being lost and not finding your way home again. Saroo Brierley became lost on a train in India at the age of 4. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by an Australian couple. This is the story of Saroo's journey to finding his way back home, through his memories, using a map of India and poring over satellite images on Google Earth. This incredible true story is about one man's journey back to India to see if he could find his mother. |
| 587869 | Little bird's day Morgan, Sally & Warrkatja Malibirr, Johnny (ill) | Magabala Books | 2019 | 9781925768923 | A day in the life of Little Bird as she sings the world alive, flies with Cloud, travels with Wind, nestles with Moon and dreams of flying among the stars. |
| 231 | Little brother Baillie, Allan | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143301745 | Vithy is in war-torn Cambodia searching for his only remaining family member, his older brother. |
| 14959 | Little chef, big curse Cotton, Tilney | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781742832692 | Eleven-year-old Matty desperately wants to be a famous chef and escape his horrible aunty. His opportunity comes when a grand cook-off is held, to see who can entice the finicky princess to eat. Unwittingly, the princess is the victim of an alien curse, designed to leave a foul taste in her mouth. |

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| 601804 | Little Frida Browne, Anthony | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406381221 | A lonely little girl dreams of flying. But is it only in her imagination that she can escape her troubles and travel to a surreal land. There a friend awaits her, strange and familiar at the same time...Inspired by the art of Frida Kahlo and based on the true story of her imaginary childhood friend, this is a touching story about creativity, hope and belonging. |
| 2321 | Little fullas rap at the games Prior, Chasity & McIntosh, Kelli & Hughes, Sharon | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780975686171 | A group of Aboriginal children rap and chant their way through a day at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, and learn about their culture from their Elders. |
| 50901 | Little Fur: the legend of Little Fur Carmody, Isobelle | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780143300724 | Little Fur is an elf troll who lives in a secret wilderness at the heart of a great human city. She is a healer of the environment and connected to the earth. One day, Crow tells of humans who are coming to burn the trees. To protect her home and her friends, Little Fur must venture into the dangerous human world. |
| 772107 | Little Lion: A long way home Brierley, Saroo & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Penguin | 2021 | 9780143795094 | Can you imagine being lost and not finding your way home again? Saroo Brierley became lost on a train in India when he was only five. He survived for weeks on the streets, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by his Australian family. Despite being happy, Saroo always wondered about where he was from. And one day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for. This incredible true story celebrates the importance of hope and never giving up. |
| 5461 | Little lunch: Triple the games Katz, Danny & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781760650278 | This is what happened during Little Lunch: Tamara tried to find a new walking buddy for the school walkathon, Rory decided he was going to be Prime Minister of the whole country and the girls got into a big noisy argument and wound up locked inside the toilets. A lot can happen in fifteen minutes! |
| 13614 | Little Manfred Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2011 | 9780007339679 | Charley and her brother, Alex, are walking their dog, Manfred, on the beach when they meet two old men staring out to sea. They meet by chance and discover how the men are involved in their mother's past and where the name for their dog really came from. |
| 2637 | Little prince, The de Saint-Exupery, Antoine | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261589 | The whimsical story of an airman's discovery of a very appealing small boy from another planet in the desert. A thought-provoking allegory of the human condition that has become a classic. |
| 846228 | Little prince, The Greig, Louise & Massini, Sarah (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9781405288125 | The stars hide a little laughing prince. What is hidden is beautiful! Based on the classic novel by Antoine De Saint-Exupery. |

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| 48081 | Little prince, The Sfar, Joann & Ardizzone, Sarah (trans) | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406325447 | A stunning, graphic adaptation from Antoine de Saint-Exupery's classic children's book, Le Petit Prince, which tells the whimsical story of an airman's discovery of a very appealing, small boy from another planet. A thought-provoking allegory of the human condition. |
| 637427 | Little wave, The Harry, Pip | University of Queensland Press | 2019 | 9780702260476 | When a country class from remote Mullin have the opportunity to visit Manly beach, three very different outsiders discover themselves and each other. Noah, Lottie and Jack have to learn to value themselves, as they confront bullies, grief, mental illness, and poverty. This trip to the beach could be the beginning of beautiful friendships. |
| 648959 | Little Witch: Plots & Potions Darlison, Aleesah | Big Sky Publishing | 2018 | 9781925675252 | When Courney learns she is off to school camp she is far from impressed. Hiking, rock climbing and white-water rafting are not her usual go to activities. When Courtney discovers the devious plans of some people at camp she must use some powerful potions and spells to rescue those in danger. |
| 648965 | Little Witch: Secrets & spells Darlison, Aleesah | Big Sky Publishing | 2016 | 9781925520101 | Courtney can't believe she is stuck in Mixton Bay for the summer with no friends, TV or pizza. When Courtney finds a mystical 'Book of Spells' with her name on the box, you could say that Courtney's boring holiday starts to get a whole lot more interesting. With the help of her new friend, Justice, and a special cat, Courtney's life is about to change forever. |
| 51430 | Little wooden horse, The Wilson, Mark | Windy Hollow Books | 2010 | 9781921136535 | In eighteenth century London, two children, Elizabeth and Tom, are so hungry, they steal a loaf of bread from the bakery. They are caught and transported to Australia aboard a convict ship. Their time on board is harrowing and the voyage is certainly not smooth sailing. By the time they arrive in New South Wales, Tom is ill with fever and his fate unknown. |
| 699179 | Littlelight Canby, Kelly | Fremantle Press | 2020 | 9781925815764 | When bricks start to go missing from the town of Littlelight, the mayor whips his citizens into a frenzy of aggravation. But when the townspeople find the thief, and her motive, they discover perhaps it is the mayor who is the problem. |
| 3776 | Littlest witch, The Allars, Martine | Pan MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330423571 | Thirteen year old triplets, Gwen, Nel and Rain discover that they are a witch, an elf and a vampire. Their lives take an extraordinary twist as they are thrown into another world in their quest to defeat Driath, the most evil witch of all. |
| 9227 | Livewire investigates Aboriginal studies: traditional technologies Cahir, Sandra | Cambridge University Press | 2002 | 9780521526708 | In Indigenous peoples' culture, technology means making tools and other useful things from natural materials such as wood, stone and animals' skins. Find out about traditional technologies, thousands of years old, that are used for fishing, hunting and preparing food. |

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| 774429 | Living the confidence code Kay, Katty & Shipman, Claire & Riley, Jillellyn | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2021 | 9780062954114 | The inspiring true stories in this book, prove that no matter who you are or how old you are, nothing is out of reach when you decide to try. Reading each story motivates you to turn your thoughts into action: your dreams into reality. The best way to understand confidence and learn how to harness its secret powers is to see it in action for yourself. From Bali to Brazil, South Africa to Seattle, Australia to Afghanistan, these girls are pursuing their passions, struggling and stumbling, but along the way figuring out how to build their own special brand of confidence. The girls you meet in this book are change makers. We can all learn from their bravery and resilience. |
| | Living with the land 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. |
| 632807 | Lizard's tale Chan, Weng Wai | Text Publishing Co | 2019 | 9781925603910 | It is 1940 and WWII is being fought in faraway Europe. Lizard lives in Singapore's Chinatown, surviving on odd jobs and petty theft. When Boss Man Beng asks him to steal a teak box from a suite in the glamorous Raffles Hotel, he has no idea how dangerous it is. A sinister man appears and Lizard's best friend, Lili, shows up with unexpected fighting skills and her eye on the box. Lizard then becomes entangled in an exciting adventure in a world of coded secrets, Japanese invasion plans and undercover spies. |
| 30678 | Lizzie and Margaret Rose Rushby, Pamela | Omnibus Books | 2016 | 9781742991528 | In 1940, bombs are falling in London. Ten year old Margaret Rose survives a deadly raid but her family and home are destroyed. In faraway Townsville in Queensland, Margaret's aunt is ready to take her in but her cousin, Lizzie, is not so sure and certainly doesn't want to share her room. But, first, Margaret Rose must undertake a long and dangerous voyage to a strange country, also at war. She knows it's not going to be easy, and Lizzie's not about to make it any easier. |
| 18446 | Lizzie's wish Geras, Adele | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2004 | 9780746060308 | The story of a young girl in Victorian England who's mother, after her father's death, has remarried a gentleman disliked by Lizzie. She is sent to London to stay with her aunt and uncle during the lead-up to the birth of a sibling. |

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| 2659 | Loaded dog, The Lawson, Henry & DePierre, Daniel (ill) | | 2010 | 9781921378508 | Gold miners Andy, Dave and Jim are sinking a shaft at Stoney Creek. After a hard day's fishing, Andy and Dave decide that it would be easier to blow the fish out of the water...but their young dog becomes curious about their experiment, with explosive results! |
| 982313 | Locked out Lily Lake, Nick & Gravett, Emily (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2021 | 9781471194849 | Lily requires regular hospital trips to treat a body which is failing her. This frustrates her greatly and also fuels her worry that the baby her mum is about to have will be easier to love and push Lily to the shadows. It is these shadows in her family home where Lily encounters the monstrous replacement parents who have a terrible plan for Lily. It is with great surprise that Lily discovers several animal companions to help her defeat the monsters in the shadows. |
| 53918 | Locket of dreams, The Murrell, Belinda | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741662917 | Sophie falls asleep wearing a locket which belonged to her great-great-grandmother and is magically transported to 1858 to learn the truth about Charlotte Mackenzie, how she came to be in Australia and what happened to the family's priceless sapphire. |
| 751177 | Lola in the middle Paterson, Cecily Anne | Wombat Books | 2020 | 9781925563900 | Whether it is on the netball court, stuck between best friends arguing or parents fighting Lola always caught in the middle. How can she choose sides? Now that Lola has been made captain and her team looks like making the State Finals she has even bigger problems and choices to face. Her doctors say she might have to stop playing the game she loves and Lola's mother agrees that netball is not good for her health Lola feels like she's losing from all sides! Will she always be stuck in the middle or will she find a way to stand up for herself? |
| 1019706 | Lonely lighthouse of Elston-Fright, The Carter, Reece | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761066795 | Flip Little is extremely proud of his family history - the official lightkeepers of Elston-Fright; the lighthouse keepers. When the light is missing, it is up to Flip to restore the protection the lighthouse has always offered to the people of the town. But, the light is not the only thing that goes missing! There are mysteries and secrets to uncover, and magic and magical beings to combat. But will help come from the most unexpected place? Can Flip and his friends Corpse and Girl save their friend and restore the lost magic before it's too late? |
| 5795 | Long class goodnight, The J, Sammy | Bonnier Publishing Australia | 2018 | 9781760409531 | Justin Monaggetti is destined to be a loser. His new school is terrifying. His only friend wants to run away forever and he's just been given detention for something he didn't do. Justin isn't going to accept his fate without a fight. to survive his first day of high school, he'll need a few tricks, a bit of luck and an ingenious plan to mess with the rules. |

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| 40570 | Long walk to water, A Park, Linda Sue | Clarion Books | 2012 | 9780702238703 | Based on a true story, this is a dual narrative about the harsh realities of life in Sudan. Nya's story relates to her daily struggle for water and survival. Salva's journey spans fifteen years after rebels attack his village and he is forced to flee into the bush to avoid being recruited. He joins hundreds of displaced people heading for a refugee camp in Ethiopia, all the while searching for his family. |
| 947319 | Look both ways: a tale told in ten blocks Reynolds, Jason | Atheneum books | 2020 | 9781481438292 | This story was going to begin like all the best stories. With a school bus falling from the sky. But no one saw it happen. They were all too busy. Talking about boogers. Stealing pocket change. Skateboarding. Wiping out. Braving up. Executing complicated handshakes. Planning an escape. Making jokes. Lotioning up. Finding comfort. But mostly, too busy walking home. Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life. |
| 990355 | Looking after Country with fire: Aboriginal burning knowledge with Uncle Kuu Steffensen, Victor & Steffensen, Sandra (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2023 | 9781741177824 | For thousands of years, First Nations people have listened and responded to the land and made friends with fire, using this knowledge to encourage plants and seeds to flourish, and creating beautiful places for both animals and people to live. Join Uncle Kuu as he takes us out on Country and explains cultural burning. Featuring stunning artwork by Sandra Steffensen, this is a powerful and timely story of understanding Australia's ecosystems through Indigenous fire management, and a respectful way forward for future generations to help manage our landscapes. |
| 6286 | Looking after your mental health James, Alice & Stowell, Louie | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2018 | 9781474937290 | Looking After Your Mental Health provides an informative and thoughtful exploration of mental health targeted at pre teens. It provides helpful, frank and sensitive discussion on a wide range of topics, from navigating friendships and relationships, to coping with changes at home, to safe use of the internet and the potential impact of social media. Looking After Your Mental Health is an introductory guide to mental health self care. |

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| 9259 | Looking for Atlantis Thompson, Colin | Dragonfly Publishing | 1997 | 9780679885474 | A young boy mourning his dead grandfather, a seafaring adventurer, tries to find Atlantis. |
| 845952 | Lost boy, The Ruth, Greg | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9780439823326 | Some mysteries are too dangerous to leave alone... Nate's not happy about his family moving to a new house in a new town. After all, nobody asked him if he wanted to move in the first place. But when he discovers a tape recorder and note addressed to him under the floorboards of his bedroom, Nate is thrust into a dark mystery about a boy who went missing many, many years ago. Now, as strange happenings and weird creatures begin to track Nate, he must partner with Tabitha, a local girl, to find out what they want with him. But time is running out, for a powerful force is gathering strength in the woods at the edge of town, and before long Nate and Tabitha will be forced to confront a terrifying foe, and uncover the truth about the Lost Boy. |
| 784580 | Lost child of Chernobyl, The Bate, Helen | Otter-Barry books | 2021 | 9781913074715 | One April night, people living near Chernobyl see a great flash in the sky...Everyone is told to move out of the forbidden zone around the destroyed nuclear reactor, but two stubborn old ladies, Anna and Klara, refuse to leave. Nine years later, the forest wolves bring a ragged child to their - a child who has been living with wolves in the forbidden zone. Who is the lost child of Chernobyl and will Anna and Klara be able to find the child's family after all this time? Inspired by the real events of the global environmental disaster at Chernobyl in April 1986, this haunting and deeply relevant graphic novel is about the place of humans in the natural world, about healing, survival and the meaning of home. |
| 8855 | Lost childhood: my life in a Japanese prison camp during WWII Layson, Annelex Hofstra & Viola, Herman J | National Geographic Society | 2008 | 9781426303210 | When the Japanese invaded the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia, four year old Annelex Hofstra was taken to a Japanese prison camp. Her carefree, comfortable world was turned upside down. Annelex describes her over three years in the camp, living in fear of punishment, starvation, infection and separation. |

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| 720722 | Lost city, The Hocking, Amanda | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781529001303 | Nestled against the coast lies a forested kingdom filled with wonder and secrets. Ulla Tulin was abandoned as a baby and raised amongst the Kanin, like many half-blood trolls. And though she was hidden because of her heritage, she never forgot her origins. So when Ulla is hired by an institution that helps those like her, she's delighted. She teams up with the handsome Pan Soriano, a half-human researcher. However, their efforts to find her family are blocked when it seems Ulla, with her own unique gift, may be more successful. But as Ulla and Pan dig deeper, they find someone will do anything to keep these mysteries hidden. |
| 20479 | Lost sapphire, The Murrell, Belinda | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925324112 | Marli is staying with her dad in Melbourne, and missing her friends. Then she discovers a mystery- an abandoned mansion, Riversleigh, is to be returned to her family after many years. Marli sneaks into the locked garden to explore, and meets Luca, a boy who has his own connection to Riversleigh. In 1922, Violet is fifteen and lives at Riversleigh. Her life is filled with boating parties, picnics and extravagant balls. An army of servants looks after her family- including the young Russian chauffeur, Nikolai. Over one summer Violet must decide what is important to her. |
| 650044 | Lost stone of Sky City, The Waugh, HM | Fremantle Press | 2019 | 9781925815948 | Sunaya's peaceful village life is turned upside down when a simple mountain mission turns into a death-defying quest for survival. Winter treks to summer pastures, mythical Ice-People that are scarily real, avalanches, ice falls, power plays, mysterious magic and surprising friendships - it seems not everything in life is set in stone ... |
| 871634 | Lost whale, The Gold, Hannah & Pinfold, Levi (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2022 | 9780008412944 | Though Rio is still a boy, he has been caring for his mother for as long as he can remember. When she has to go to the hospital for an extended period, Rio must go to stay with a grandmother he has never met in a small seaside town far away from home. Here he makes an unexpected connection to his mother and a new community when he finds a remarkable drawing of a grey whale in his mother's old bedroom. |
| | Lost world circus series D'Ath, Justin | | | | 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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| 1638 | Lots Martin, Marc | Viking Children's | 2016 | 9780670078943 | Come on a guided tour around the world and discover the many things that make each place unique. Sleepy sloths, colourful cows, prolific pastries, staggering skylines and teeming traffic; you'll be surprised what you find along the way. There' so much to discover, experience and learn from our planet. |
| 6805 | Lottery boy Byrne, Michael | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406358292 | Since his mother's death, Bully has lost his old life. Living rough in London with his dog, Bully can't imagine his future. But, one day, Bully finds a winning lottery ticket in the last birthday card his Mum ever gave him. It suddenly offers such hope. If only he can get to his prize on time. But, life is not that simple. Bully's struggle to survive just got a whole lot harder. They're after him on the streets, everyone wants a piece of him. |
| 3851 | Lotterys plus one, The Donoghue, Emma | MacMillan | 2017 | 9781509803194 | Meet the Lotterys: a unique and diverse family featuring four parents, seven kids and five pets all living happily together in their big old house, Camelottery. Nine-year-old Sumac is the organizer of the family and is looking forward to a long summer of fun. But when their grumpy and intolerant grandad comes to stay, everything is turned upside down. |
| 2702 | Lottie project, The Wilson, Jacqueline & Sharratt, Nick (ill) | Corgi Books | 2008 | 9780440868538 | Miss Beckworth insists on calling her by her proper name, Charlotte, and makes her sit next to Jamie Edwards, the most stuck-up, boring boy in the class. Now they have to do a project on Victorian times. Charlie learns a lot about friendship, teachers and how lucky she is not to be living in Victorian times. |
| 17531 | Louis beside himself Fienberg, Anna | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742379944 | When a burglar jumps through the kitchen window one night, Louis knows he should get him in a wrestling-hold while he has the advantage, but his heart is hammering and his legs feel like wobbly air. Louis Beside Himself is a hilarious and companionable story about losing your words, finding your courage and arm-wrestling your way out of big trouble. |

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| 687906 | Louisiana's way home DiCamillo, Kate | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406387544 | When Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different. This time, Granny intends for them never to return. Separated from her best friends, Raymie and Beverly, Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate (and Granny) and find a way home. But as Louisiana's life becomes entwined with the lives of the people of a small Georgia town - including a surly motel owner, a walrus-like minister, and a mysterious boy with a crow on his shoulder - she starts to worry that she is destined only for good-byes. (Which could be due to the curse on Louisiana's and Granny's heads. But that is a story for another time.) |
| 13144 | Love that dog Creech, Sharon | Bloomsbury | 2001 | 9780747556169 | Narrative poem about an endearingly unassuming, straight-talking boy who discovers the powers and pleasures of the poems studied at school with his teacher, Ms Stretchberry. He creates a poem about his new dog and writes to one of the poets. |
| 32359 | Luck of the buttons, The Ylvisaker, Anne | Candlewick Press | 2011 | 9780763650667 | Twelve year old Tugs Button lives in a small town in USA in 1929. Her eccentric family hasn't known much luck over the years and Tugs vows to turn that around, When she befriends popular Aggie Millhouse, wins a new camera and stumbles into a mystery only she can solve, things begin to change. It just may be that being a Button is precisely what one funny, spirited, and observant young heroine decides to make of it. |
| 5106 | Lucky Button Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406371680 | Jonah is so busy caring for his mother that he has no time to make friends. When life seems most bleak, the discovery of a lucky button connects him to Nathaniel, a foundling boy from the eighteenth century. Nathaniel's story and his button just might be the lucky token Jonah needs. |
| 4455 | Lucky Thamu Kickett-Tucker, Cheryl & Tucker, Jaylon & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2015 | 9781925161304 | These school holidays, Eli is going by himself to visit his much-loved Thamu (grandfather), who lives near the goldfields. They're going camping and prospecting, and Eli will listen to Thamu's stories and learn about country. But, when they camp to speck for gold, Eli seems more interested in chasing a white rabbit. |
| 240 | Lucy in the leap year Wheatley, Nadia & Searle, Ken (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1994 | 9781862912458 | Lucy's whole world is her home and her father and their life together. |

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| 29475 | Lucy the good Musgrove, Marianne & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741662955 | Lucy van Loon knows she's a good girl. She wonders why she's always sitting on the Time Out chair. After all, she had a good reason for tipping Jacinta's pencils all over the floor and for shrieking when her grumpy aunt called her a greedy liar. Her aunt has brought something from Holland that Lucy wishes she'd never seen. Now, she has to figure out how to avoid it, and fast. It's time to prove she really is Lucy the Good. |
| 32726 | Lucy the lie detector Musgrove, Marianne & Orsini, Cheryl (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741664553 | Lucy is off on her adventures again, with friends, enemies and lots of accidents and Funniest Home Video moments. |
| 2722 | Luke's way of looking Wheatley, Nadia & Ottley, Matt | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780733614378 | All the boys in Luke's art class see things the same way, except for Luke. When Luke visits an art gallery, he sees some amazing paintings and, whoever created them, sees things just the way Luke does. Luke feels as though he fits in. |
| | Lulu Baker trilogy series Dunbar, Fiona | | | | 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. |
| 45692 | Lying carpet, The Lucas, David | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842704417 | In an unused living room in a large house, there is a tiger rug on the floor, a statue of a little girl on the window sill and an armchair. The tiger cannot see anything except the skirting board and the chair can only look at the opposite wall. When the statue comes to life, the conversation that ensues is highly individual. |
| 916551 | Lyle, Lyle, crocodile: The junior novelization Warber, Bernard & Hapka, Catherine | Clarion Books | 2022 | 9780358755432 | When shy twelve-year-old Josh Primm finds a singing crocodile in the attic of his new home in New York City, he never expects to find moonlight adventures, friendship and so much fun! But not everyone in the neighborhood takes kindly to Lyle the crocodile, and Josh has to find his inner courage and show everyone that Lyle is extraordinary. Josh and his parents must fight to keep Lyle as part of their family. |
| 39914 | M is for mates: animals in wartime from Ajax to Zep Department of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial | Dept of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial | 2009 | 9781877007392 | Without the service of animals, many more Australians would have lost their lives during wartime. This intriguing book presents information about food, equipment, battle environments, war propaganda, uniforms, symbols and transport. Filled with authentic photos, wartime anecdotes and strange but true facts. |

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| 31810 | M is for mutiny: History by alphabet Dickson, John & Emmerichs, Bern (ill) | Berbay Publishing | 2017 | 9780994384119 | A taste of the intriguing history of Australia and the many entry points for readers to explore further. In the late 18th century, ragtag groups of Europeans started to arrive in Australia. Most were convicts, some were soldiers, a few had just run out of choices. They blundered onto an ancient land that had been peopled for 60,000 years. They wanted to make it just like home. They cleared the land, they fenced it, they paved it, and they put buildings on it. All the while, the country's first peoples watched on, bewildered by these clumsy immigrants and their mysterious ways. Why did Sir Joseph Banks hate bananas? Did anyone like William Bligh? Who's afraid of Pemulwuy? |
| 53216 | Macbeth, you idiot Henderson, Don | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143304289 | Andy Macbeth doesn't mean to be a terrible person but his three spooky aunts have predicted great things for him on the school soccer team. So, when the gorgeous Fifi L'Amour starts to take an interest in him and suggests an easy way to ridicule the coach and take his place, it just might all be too hard to resist. |
| 633372 | Maddie in the middle Lawrinson, Julia | Fremantle Press | 2019 | 9781925815931 | Maddie Lee is in year six. Her best and oldest friend Katy is busy with school duties and music and scholarship plans, and Maddie feels lost and lonely. Then a new girl starts at school. Maddie wants more than anything to become friends with her. And she does. But Samara's friendship comes at a high price, with consequences Maddie could never have imagined. |
| | Maddie Ziegler Presents series Ziegler, Maddie | | | | 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. |
| 53078 | Maddigan's quest Mahy, Margaret | HarperCollins NZ | 2006 | 9781869506025 | Garland Maddigan, twelve year old daughter of Fantasia's ringmaster, has made this trip before. The journey has frightening new challenges when three mysterious children join the travellers and sinister strangers follow them. |
| 1094 | Made on Earth Korn, Wolfgang | A & C Black | 2012 | 9781408173916 | Follow the journey of a red jacket around the world, from being made to going in the rubbish, from the cells of a prison, to a boat floating in the ocean, connecting many people. |

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| 6629 | Magenta McPhee Bateson, Catherine | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741664089 | Magenta is worried her about her dad. He hasn't moved on since the divorce. Magenta is trying to write her fantasy trilogy but, since she registered her father on an internet dating site, she has to spend time pretending to be him and replying to the emails he doesn't know he is receiving. Now, someone wants to meet him. |
| 1016791 | Magic awry Armstrong, Sarah | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2023 | 9781760508449 | In this exciting sequel to Big Magic, Potts Travelling Circus is performing in Mullimba showgrounds when Tulsi notices her magic dip for a few seconds but the second time it happens she falls during a flying act. Mum tells her she is the Bringer and she must try to get to the Seat , the home of magic. Tulsi and her best friend Kit have 24 hours to fix magic. She has been practicing magic for 4 months and is 11 years old and faces the worst. Magic energy needs to be strong to travel between parallel universes and whoever is stripping the magic is very dangerous. Brave Tulsi loves her life in the circus and will endure great pain to save it and her friend. |
| 22563 | Magic fair, The Morgan, Sally & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2010 | 9781921696121 | The magic fair has a lot more than just fairy floss and fun rides, it has cakes that jump and pies that fly. Enter but beware. Kayla and her cousin, Phil, soon find out that not all the surprises are nice ones. When Phil is mean to Kayla, the fair takes matters into its own hands in a very unusual way. |
| 9902 | Magic misfits, The Harris, Neil Patrick | Little, Brown & Co | 2018 | 9780316355575 | When street magician Carter runs away, he never expects to find friends and magic in a sleepy New England town. But like any good trick, things change instantly as greedy B.B. Bosso and his crew of crooked carnies arrive to steal anything and everything they can get their sticky fingers on. After a fateful encounter with the local purveyor of illusion, Dante Vernon, Carter teams up with five other like-minded illusionists. Together, using both teamwork and magic, they'll set out to save the town of Mineral Wells from Bosso's villainous clutches. (Psst. Hey, you! Yes, you! Congratulations on reading this far. As a reward, I'll let you in on a little secret... This book isn't just a book. It's a treasure trove of secrets and ciphers and codes and even tricks. Keep your eyes peeled and you'll discover more than just a story--you'll learn how to make your own magic!) |

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| 618974 | Magic Misfits, The: The second story Harris, Neil Patrick | Little, Brown & Co | 2018 | 9781760501730 | In this second book, the story is focused on Leila, a girl who lives with her two dads who adopted her, above a magic store. When her parents gave her up as a baby, they gave her a key. She loves her dads, but she really wants to solve the mystery surrounding the key. A mysterious visitor might just be the reason she gets the chance. |
| 245 | Magic pudding, The Lindsay, Norman | HarperCollins Australia | 1995 | 9780207188640 | A rude, steak-and-kidney-come-what-you-like pudding and his mates Bill Barnacle, Sam Sawnoff and Bunyip Bluegum battle the puddin' thieves in this Australian bush classic. |
| 1079740 | Magic's most wanted Whitesides, Tyler | Harper | 2022 | 9780062568380 | Mason Mortimer Morrison has bad luck. His Dad is in jail and his grades are terrible. He does not think things could get worse, until two officers from some organisation called Magix show up to arrest him in fourth period. Mason knows he is innocent. He might have to rethink his belief that magic is not real. He might need to run for his life and stop up to save his family. Firstly, he will need to befriend a talking rabbit. |
| 1153333 | Magicalia: Race of wonders Bell, Jennifer & Wyatt, David (ill) | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529506143 | FEEL THE MAGIC. CONJURE THE IMPOSSIBLE. When her dad is kidnapped by a woman with a giant hamstoceros, Bitsy and best friend Kosh are swept into a secret world of ancient meteorites and strange beasts called magicores, each conjured using a different emotion. Using a powerful bestiary called Magicalia, the friends must quickly become conjurers themselves, before following a trail of clues that will take them from London to India to Paris, in a race to rescue Bitsy's dad from a mysterious villain... |
| | Magician's daughter series Walker, Justyn | | | | 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. |
| 8150 | Magician's elephant, The DiCamillo, Kate | Candlewick Press | 2009 | 9780763644109 | The boy, the lost sister, the retired officer, the childless couple, the displaced elephant, the patient nun, the compassionate policeman, the remorseful magician, the bent and broken stonemason and the socialite crippled when the conjured elephant fell through the theatre roof and landed on her legs, all come together in the snow in this meaningful, simply but poetically told story. |

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| 38435 | Magpie Davies, Luke & Kiuru, Inari (ill) | ABC Books | 2010 | 9780733322686 | Author Luke Davies wrote a poem called Childhood Terror which described, in nine lines, the fear of a magpie attack, and a boy's reaction as his father helps him face that fear. This wonderful picture book turns the poem into a story of a dog and his pup on a journey to find the magpie. |
| 2763 | Magpie Island Thiele, Colin & Haldane, Roger (ill) | New Holland Australia | 1990 | 9781863020633 | The story of a magpie raised on the Eyre Peninsula that becomes stranded on an island. Humans intervene to help him have a happy life. |
| 9844 | Magrit Battersby, Lee & Daoud, Amy (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925081343 | Magrit lives in an abandoned cemetery. She is as forgotten as the tiny graveyard that surrounds her. One night, a passing stork drops a strange bundle into the graveyard. Master Puppet, her friend and advisor, tells her it is an awful, ugly, terrible thing and she should get rid of it. But, Magrit has other ideas. |
| 16760 | Making Jamie normal Pershall, Mary K | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143302032 | Alex will be the coolest Year 9 student with the weirdest sister in Year 7 if she can't make Jamie 'normal' before she goes to high school. Jamie doesn't realise how lucky she is getting all this great advice. Some coarse language used in context. |
| 18564 | Mal rider, The Flynn, Pat | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2004 | 9780143302193 | Danny discovers girls or, rather, one special girl called Ella, and the joys of riding a malboard. Can he overcome the problems of surfing mates who only accept shortboards? He is new to town and needs a break on the waves and at school. |
| 617339 | Malamander Taylor, Thomas | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406386288 | In the basement of the Grand Nautilus Hotel, a mysterious girl crashes into Herbert Lemon's 'Lost & Foundery' crying, "Hide me!" In the window of the Eerie Book Dispensary, a mechanical mermonkey sits and waits. Old Mrs Fossil scours the beach for trinkets. And...out beyond the pier, near Captain Kraken's shipwreck, something stirs. Could the legendary malamander be surfacing in the mist? Who will uncover the secret of the malamander? |
| 8470 | Malkin Moonlight Cox, Emma | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781408870846 | Malkin is a small, black cat with a magnificent tail, who's destined to be a hero. He just doesn't know it yet. In his third life, Wild Malkin falls in love with Roux, a Domestic cat, who likes the comforts of home. Together, they explore the night and have adventures. When Roux's owners decide to move away, she chooses to become a Wild and stay with Malkin. Setting out to find a new home, they stumble across a recycling centre full of cats at war. An extraordinary adventure awaits as Malkin tries to bring peace to the land. |

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| 593267 | Mammoth mistake starring Olive Black Miles, Alex & Guesne, Maude (ill) | Affirm Press | 2017 | 9781925475548 | Meet Olive Black... ten year old superstar. Her latest movie, Mammoth Mistake, has just been released and she is riding the rollercoaster of fame and school. When she gets caught up with the biggest bully in showbiz, everything goes pear-shaped. Olive can't understand how her relationship with her best friend could go so wrong or why she can't fix things just like in the movies. |
| 9272 | Man from Ironbark, The Paterson, A B (Banjo) | Collins | 1984 | 9780006615873 | When the man from Ironbark visits the local town for a shave, chaos ensues. Because of a Sydney barber's joke on one of their men, long beards become the fashion in a small Australian settlement. |
| 2789 | Man from Snowy River & other verses, The Paterson, A B (Banjo) | HarperCollins Australia | 1997 | 9780207191732 | A classic collection of forty-six poems by Banjo Paterson. |
| 15320 | Man from Snowy River, The Paterson, A B (Banjo) & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046952 | The full text of the classic poem is beautifully illustrated and includes a CD of an unabridged recording. |
| 247 | Man, The Briggs, Raymond | Red Fox | 1994 | 9780099108818 | A little, hairy man appears in the bedroom of a schoolboy demanding food, clothing and shelter. This story is told in cartoon style. |
| 28379 | Maps Mizielski, Aleksandra & Mizielski, Daniel | The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781760065416 | Travel the world without leaving home. Fifty two lavishly illustrated maps detail not only geographical features and political borders but also places of interest, iconic personalities, native animals and plants, local peoples, cultural events, and many more fascinating facts associated with each region. This book is a celebration of the world, from its immense mountains to its tiny insects, and everything in between. |
| 97658 | Maralinga: the Anangu story Mattingley, Christobel & Yalata and Oak Valley community & Yalata and Oak Valley communities (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741756210 | In words and pictures, Yalata and Oak Valley community members, with author Christobel Mattingley, describe what happened in the Maralinga Tjarutja lands of South Australia, before the bombs and after. |
| 750979 | Mark Anchovy pizza detective Goldsmith, William | Bonnier Publishing Australia | 2020 | 9781848128613 | Colin is a pizza delivery boy with a twist, he is an aspiring detective. But in sleepy Rufflington-on-Sea, there is nothing to solve until the Golden Spatula League come calling. To join their team, Colin, nicknamed 'Mark Anchovy' has to fly to Rome and track down a prized painting. The main suspect is Big Alan Fresco, notorious art thief and pizza addict. |

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| 39926 | Marsh and Me Murray, Martine | Text Publishing Co | 2017 | 9781925498011 | There's a hill out the back of Joey's house. Hardly anyone goes there - it's not a beautiful place, just a covered-over old rubbish tip. But Joey likes it up there. It's his hill - somewhere he likes to go to wonder about life. He longs to be the best at something, to be a famous astronaut, or mountain climber, to stand out somehow. So when Joey discovers a tree house in an old peppercorn tree on the hill, he is annoyed that someone has invaded his special place. But he is also curious about who the intruder could be. But making contact isn't easy. The tree-house girl is wild and hostile and full of secrets. Joey needs to work out a way to win her over. And as he does, he finds a way to shine. |
| 9355 | Martial arts Mitchell, David | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751328158 | David Mitchell gives expert advice on fourteen of the most popular martial arts. Skilful holds to dramatic throws and kicks are featured. |
| 7799 | Martin Bridge: on the lookout Scott Kerrin, Jessica & Kelly, Joseph (ill) | Kids can press | 2005 | 9781553377733 | The fast-moving and funny sequel to Martin Bridge ready for takeoff. Young Martin must face three new challenges: spending an afternoon with an irritating houseguest; sharing lunch with a boy who eats erasers; and, embarking on a frantic search for the school's lucky mascot, a parakeet. |
| 15742 | Martin Pebble Sempe, Jean-Jacques | Phaidon Press Limited | 2006 | 9780714846224 | Martin is a little boy who blushes a lot and is happiest in the summer, when everyone else has a red face too. He sets out to find a reason for his strange affliction and finds a friend, Roddy Rackett, who keeps on sneezing even when he doesn't have a cold. The events of life are quaintly told. |

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| 885158 | Marvellers, The Clayton, Dhonielle | Henry Holt & Co | 2022 | 9781460762882 | <p>Eleven-year-old Ella Durand is the first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute, a magic school in the clouds where Marvellers from around the world practice their cultural arts, like brewing Indian spice elixirs and bartering with pesky Irish pixies.</p> <p>Despite her excitement, Ella discovers that being the first isn't easy - some Marvellers mistrust her magic, which they deem "bad and unnatural." But eventually, she finds friends in elixirs teacher, Masterji Thakur, and fellow misfits Brigit, a girl who hates magic, and Jason, a boy with a fondness for magical creatures.</p> <p>When a dangerous criminal known as the Ace of Anarchy escapes prison, supposedly with a Conjuror's aid, tensions grow in the Marvellian world and Ella becomes the target of suspicion. With the help of her friends and her own growing powers, Ella must find a way to clear her family's name and track down her mentor before it's too late.</p> |
| | Mary Poppins series Travers, P L | | | | 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. |
| 2349 | Mary's Australia Freeman, Pamela | Black Dog Books | 2014 | 9781922077905 | Mary MacKillop watched Australia grow from a collection of small colonies into a nation. Follow the changes Australia underwent during her lifetime. |
| 26674 | Master of the fallen chairs, The Porter, Henry | Orchard Books | 2008 | 9781846166259 | Thirteen year old orphan, Kim, is sent to live with his elusive guardian, surly tutor and various servants in Skirl, a grand but dilapidated old house with many ghosts and a family curse. When one of the servant girls goes missing, a dark cloud descends on the house. The arrival of a stranger in the dead of night plunges everything further into mystery, and introduces a bit of magic too. |
| 8255 | Master, The Havel, Geoff | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150852 | Rick lives on a farm with his mum and his grandfather. They're a normal family except for one thing. Rick and his Grandpa are engaged in a constant battle of practical jokes, trying to outdo each other and claim the title of The Master. Grandpa thinks that his grandson has much to learn from him but Rick thinks otherwise and devises what he thinks is an unbeatable prank. |

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| 252 | Matilda Dahl, Roald | Penguin | 2003 | 9780141314563 | Matilda is an exceptional child with magical powers. Her parents have called her some terrible things. The truth is, she's a genius and they're the silly ones. Find out how she gets the better of them and her spiteful headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. |
| 6557 | Matty forever Fensham, Elizabeth | University of Queensland Press | 2009 | 9780702237027 | Bill and Matty are neighbours and best friends. They share their deepest secrets and lean on each other when things aren't right at home. Bill misses his father and is having a hard time at his new school. Matty is realising that her family is not quite the same as everyone else's. When a new girl decides she wants Bill all to herself, Bill and Matty discover what true friendship means. Some derogatory language used in context. |
| 846205 | Max Einstein: world champions Patterson, James & Grabenstein, Chris | Penguin | 2022 | 9781529120172 | Twelve year old genius Max and her friends live for adventure. From racing across glaciers in Greenland and flying in a super fancy solar powered jet to Hawaii, they visit the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia and hang out with a robot named Leo. Whenever there is a problem to solve, the friends work better together. But there is an evil group of the rich and powerful who will do whatever it takes to split them up, even as the planet is changing before their eyes. Max has one more surprise in her playbook and she needs her team around her to pull it off. Whoever said that kids can't save the world? |
| | Max Remy super spy series Abela, Deborah | | | | 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. |
| 4098 | May Tang: A new Australian Beikoff, Katrina | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781742990743 | Born in the year of the snake, May Tang is a dreamer who will never be sensible and obedient like her elder sister Jie Jie or clever like her brother Peter. Her parents are worried by rumoured events in China, and May finds herself on her way to a new life in Sydney. It is so different that May wonders if she will ever be able to love her new country. |
| 120136 | McFig & McFly Drescher, Henrik | Candlewick Press | 2008 | 9780763633868 | McFig and his daughter, Rosie, live in a lovely little cottage far away from anywhere big. One day, McFly and his son, Anton, buy the land next door. Friendship turns to competition when McFly builds a cottage just like McFig's house. When the two start adding things onto their houses, it soon gets out of hand in this tale of jealousy, revenge and death, with a happy ending. |

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| 1872 | Me, Teddy McKimmie, Chris | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760291334 | I am Teddy. This is my scrap book. It's about me growing up from a tiny puppy, with a boofy head and big, brown, melty eyes, to a big black labrador, weighing forty kilos, and still with a boofy head and big, brown, melty eyes. This is me, Teddy. |
| 903274 | Meanwhile back on Earth Jeffers, Oliver | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2022 | 9780008555450 | How we battle over borders-told from a family car trip out past the moon. |
| | Mechanica series Balchin, Lance | | | | 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. |
| 578871 | Medical mission Ivanoff, George | Penguin Random House Australia | 2016 | 9780857988805 | In the middle of the night, Josh watched a Royal Flying Doctor Service plane land on his family's cattle station to assist his mother during a difficult childbirth. In order to thank the RFDS for their service, Josh decides to organise a community fundraiser. However, his efforts are cut short when he is bitten by a deadly snake. Will Josh get to safety in time? |
| 22317 | Meet Banjo Paterson Weidenbach, Kristin & Gulliver Hancock, James (ill) | Random House Children's Books | 2015 | 9780857980083 | Andrew Barton Paterson spent his early years in country NSW. He was sent to finish his education in Sydney, where he eventually worked as a lawyer. Paterson missed the bush and, using the pseudonym, the Banjo, after the horse he used to ride, began to write poems and stories that brought the bush to the city. He is famous for The Man from Snowy River and Waltzing Matilda. |
| 3828 | Meet Captain Cook Murdie, Rae & Nixon, Chris (ill) | Random House Children's Books | 2014 | 9780857980182 | Captain James Cook was an explorer in the British Royal Navy. In 1768, Cook and his crew on the HMB Endeavour set sail from England in search of new lands and scientific knowledge. They discovered the east coast of New Holland (Australia) and claimed it for the King of England in 1788. |
| 18816 | Meet Douglas Mawson Dumbleton, Mike & Green, Snip (ill) | Random House Children's Books | 2014 | 9780857981950 | Douglas Mawson led the first Australian expedition to the Antarctic. Under extreme conditions, he survived the dangers and challenges of the frozen continent. An inspiring story of courage. |
| 41193 | Meet Mary MacKillop Murphy, Sally & Martinez, Sonia (ill) | Random House Children's Books | 2013 | 9781742757216 | Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, started her first school in 1866. It was the first of many schools she started, to educate any child, no matter how rich or poor. |
| 977760 | Meet me at the moon tree Plozza, Shivaun | University of Queensland Press | 2023 | 9780702266171 | Carina and her family have moved to a new home. She is determined to find a moon tree. She promised her father and she is determined to keep that promise. |

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| 4843 | Meet Nancy Bird Walton Atwood, Grace & Slaghekke, Harry (ill) | Random House Children's Books | 2014 | 9780857983879 | Nancy Bird Walton grew up during the golden age of aviation. By the time she was thirteen, Nancy knew she wanted to fly. She studied under the famous aviator, Charles Kingsford Smith. This is the story of how Nancy began her career as Australia's first female commercial pilot. |
| 46409 | Meet Ned Kelly Brian, Janeen & Adams, Matt (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742757186 | Ned Kelly was a notorious bushranger, he lived in Australia's earliest days. Ned was daring and clever and bold, in a suit made of iron, and his story is still being told. |
| 7956 | Meet Sidney Nolan Mes, Yvonne & Eterovic, Sandra (ill) | Random House Children's Books | 2015 | 9780857985897 | Sidney Nolan is one of Australia's most admired and recognised visual artists. This is the story of how he developed his iconic Ned Kelly series of paintings, brought modernist art to Australia and took Australian art to an admiring international audience. |
| 11852 | Meet the ANZACS Saxby, Claire & Berry, Max (ill) | Random House Children's Books | 2014 | 9780857981929 | ANZAC is the name given to the Australian and New Zealand troops who landed at Gallipoli in World War I. They embarked on a journey that went horribly wrong. It changed their lives and the course of history. The name is now a symbol of bravery and friendship. |
| 4527 | Meet Weary Dunlop Saxby, Claire & Lord, Jeremy (ill) | Random House Children's Books | 2015 | 9780857985361 | Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop was an Australian Army surgeon during World War II. This is the story of how Weary's bravery and compassion helped to save the lives and bolster the spirits of fellow prisoners of war on the Thai-Burma Railway. |
| 914377 | Meeting Cezanne Morpurgo, Michael & Place, Francoise (ill) | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781406351132 | Yannick's mother requires an operation so he will have to spend the summer with relatives in the South of France. Here, Yannick spends time with his aunt, uncle and beautiful cousin while working at their restaurant and discovering the beauties of the countryside made famous by Cezanne. One evening, Yannick accidentally destroys an art work by the world's greatest artist and must find a way to correct his terrible mistake. |
| 15427 | Megan's journey Keir, June | Loranda Publishing | 2004 | 9780975213582 | Thirteen year old Megan discovers her mother is still alive and living in Japan. Her mother has remarried a Japanese man who lives a traditional life and they have two children. Megan has difficult choices to make. |
| 2461 | Melting pot, The: The diary of Edward, Chek Chee Cheng, Christopher W | Scholastic Australia | 2007 | 9781865049755 | It is 1903, the time of the White Australia Policy, and Edward Chek Chee is the son of a mixed marriage. His father is Chinese, his mother Australian and Edward tries to fit in to both cultures. He has to cope with racism at school and bigotry from his cousin at home, while worrying about having to go back to China to understand his ancestral roots. |

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| 1019686 | Memory thieves, The Clayton, Dhonielle | Henry Holt & Co | 2023 | 9781460762899 | Magic school in the clouds is back in session. As second-year students, Ella, Brigit and Jason, are back to learn new magic but, whilst Ella's fame among Marvellers has skyrocketed ever since she helped thwart the diabolical scheme of the Ace of Anarchy, she and her Conjuror friends are still viewed with suspicion. Add to this, increased schoolwork, a mystery illness affecting the student body, and the dangerous secrets she uncovers about the Conjure architect who built the school, and Ella and her friends must race to save themselves and the Marvellian world before chaos breaks loose. |
| 9289 | Mennymys, The Waugh, Sylvia | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780099433323 | A family of rag dolls has survived on its own for forty years until now, but they may not be able to survive if their secret is betrayed. |
| 941486 | Message through time, A Ciddor, Anna | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761180125 | When 11-year old Felix finds a message in a bottle during a family trip to France, he and his unwilling step-sister, Zoe, are flung back 1700 years to Ancient Roman times. They are offered sparrows for lunch and horse-spit as medicine, and that's just the beginning! Back in their own time, they discover they have accidentally brought a high-class and very demanding Roman girl with them. Can they get Petronia back to her time and themselves back to their time before time runs out? |
| 38689 | Meteorite kid, The Faulkner, Carol | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150807 | Morgan is so excited when she thinks she's taken the winning catch in her baseball final but the thing she catches is a strange, blue object. It makes her feel calm and happy but it has different effects on other people. |
| 1038832 | Mia Megastar Nicodemou, Ada & Costain, Meredith & Geddes, Serens | Penguin | 2024 | 9781761342158 | Mia Megastar is her story of a young Greek/Australian girl growing up above her family store. She has a huge extended family who love getting together with friends and food. Lots of food! Of course, her lunches are very different from everyone else's. She doesn't just have a simple white bread sandwich, but a large lunchbox full of pastries, figs, and assorted dips enough to share with everyone. |
| 1019851 | Mic drop: A high rise mystery Jackson, Sharna | Knopf Publishing Group | 2024 | 9781913311032 | Nic and Norva are back to solve the mystery death of pop star Trojkat. Can they solve the mystery before the police? Fast paced and full of twists and turns! |
| 14977 | Michael O'Loughlin: inside the Sydney Swans (An Indij sport report) Hall, Tammy & others | Indij Readers | 2004 | 9780975686058 | Two students and a teacher from Doonside Technology High school interview the talented AFL player, Michael O'Loughlin, who plays for the Sydney Swans. |

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| 777925 | Michaela Mason's big list of 22 worries Moses, Alexa | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781743838754 | I've been making lists ever since I could write. It relaxes me. By writing my worries down, I feel as if I'm removing them from my mind and leaving them on the paper. My secret worry list is the big boss of lists. Right now, there are 23 worries on it. New school. New Town. 23 worries. |
| 849498 | Michaela Mason's big list of camp worries Moses, Alexa | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781743838761 | A heartwarming story about a year 5 student who suffers from major anxieties. She is about to embark on the stage 3 camp of a lifetime but could think of nothing worse. She has created a BIG LIST of all the reasons why she should not attend. If that isn't enough, there is a drought in their hometown and Michaela is desperately encouraging everyone to save water. What if it never rains again? What if the town runs out of water and they won't be able to shower or wash their hands anymore? What if there are spiders at camp? What if an escaped prisoner breaks into camp? There are so many what ifs in life - how is Michaela Mason ever going to relax and enjoy life? Making lists is one way to help Michaela deal with so many challenges. |
| 4394 | Midnight club, The Howes, Jim & Hurst, Elise (ill) | JoJo Publishing | 2007 | 9780977530496 | The animals at The Lort Smith Animal Hospital meet every other midnight to share their stories. From little Dave, the puppy, to Gus, the guinea pig, the chosen animals tell of their own misadventures and share tales such as the story of the purposeful guinea pig, the courageous turtle and the trustworthy snake. The Lort Smith Animal Hospital and Dave are real. |
| 3752 | Midnight gang, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780008188573 | Tom is hit on the head by a cricket ball at boarding school and is promptly sent to hospital to recover from his injury. While there, he becomes involved with the adventures of The Midnight Gang, a gang of patients from the children's ward, who are under the strict control of the hospital's evil, children hating Matron and scarily deformed porter. Will the Midnight Gang accept Tom into the group and can they outsmart the wicked Matron and make all the gang's wildest dreams come true? |
| 257 | Midnite: the story of a wild, colonial boy Stow, Randolph | Puffin Australia | 1970 | 9780140304213 | This is the story of a bushranger in Western Australia who has four comical animal friends. |
| 9261 | Mighty Greek myth raps Mitton, Tony | Watts Publishing Group | 2002 | 9781841218113 | A humorous anthology of poetry including poems on Odysseus in Greek mythology. |

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| 23768 | Mighty Jack and the Goblin King Hatke, Ben | Roaring Book Press | 2017 | 9781626722668 | When Jack's sister Maddy is carried off through a portal by an evil Ogre Jack and Lilly must pull all stops to find her and bring her back home And they do. But what is waiting for them on the other side of the doorway between worlds is an escapade they may not be ready for. Get ready for a goblin, rat, giant and dragon filled adventure between worlds with magic beanstalks and non-stop action that will keep readers on the edge of their seats right until the last page. |
| 751016 | Migrants Wantanabe, Issa (ill) | Gecko Press | 2020 | 9781776573134 | A wordless picture book soaked in symbolism that shows the hardship, endurance and cost of forced migration. Migrants grapples with difficult themes that are left open ended to invite the reader to draw their own conclusions. Bright, detailed illustrations show the hope and courage of each individual character and why they take such a journey. |
| 12692 | Migration to Australia: Refugees Day, William | Redback Publishing | 2017 | 9781925630114 | Find out about Australia's responses to people arriving as refugees, from colonial times up until the present. Read about the contributions refugees have made to Australia and the challenges they have faced. |
| 642930 | Mika and Max Bloom, Laura | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781760651145 | Mika doesn't want to go away with her family for the weekend. It's lucky she does, though, because otherwise she never would have met Max, or stayed with him on the Magic Bus, or sung in public for the first time, or made a game-changing phone call, or swum through shark-infested waters, or discovered The Meaning of Life! And all on the one special day... |
| 855841 | Mikki and me and the out-of-tune tree Roberts, Marion | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760526795 | Eleven-year-old Alberta Bracken is having a terrible summer. Her broken arm means she can't go boogie boarding at the local beath. Her friends are acting weird, and her little sister, Clementine, is being extremely annoying. So when budding filmmaker Mikki Watanabe invites Alberta to make nature documentaries about the private life of trees, Alberta is ready for action! But then they uncover the fate of their beloved pine grove and wonder...how do a couple of eleven-year-olds save a forest before it's too late? |
| 37155 | Mill girl, a Victorian girl's diary 1842-1843 Reid, Sue | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407103730 | Eliza is shocked when she is sent to the Manchester cotton mills in 1842. The mill is noisy and suffocating, the work is backbreaking and dangerous and the workers are wrecked by poverty, sickness and unrest. Eliza realises she must fight to escape the fate of a mill girl and the miseries of the factory. |

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| 1209724 | Millicent Quibb school of etiquette for young ladies of mad science, The McKinnon, Kate & Ca'ceres, Alfredo (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9780008710682 | Gertrude, Eugenia, and Dee-Dee simply don't belong - not in their town, their adopted family, or their etiquette school. A mysterious invitation from the infamous Millicent Quibb holds the potential to change everything. Will they experience belonging? Will they practice mad science? What life changing adventures lie ahead? |
| 959176 | Millie Mak the maker Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9781460716090 | Nine-year-old Millie Mak has discovered she has a superpower! Using everyday objects, Millie turns them into something beautiful. Through her creativity and clever thinking, Millie also deals with different friendships, tricky family challenges and learning about her world. There are detailed instructions at the back of the book so you can make the special objects Millie creates, and best of all, nothing needs to be bought! |
| 1209699 | Millie Mak the mender Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2024 | 9781460763797 | Millie Mak has a superpower. She can make handy and beautiful things from items she finds at home. In story one, Millie is visiting the Aged Care Home where her mother works. She decides to make hats for the residents to cheer them up. When the whole school decides to join in, Millie finds she needs to be more than just a mender of things, but a mender of friendships too. In the second story, Millie finds her skills recognised by a TV show. As Millie and her friends get ready for the recording, they have to work out how to stay true to themselves. Look in the back to find patterns for some of the projects in the book and make them yourself. |
| 15356 | Millions Boyce, Frank Cottrell | MacMillan | 2004 | 9780330433310 | When a bag full of money drops out of the sky, Damien and Anthony find they are very, very rich. Suddenly, the brothers can buy anything they want except for the one thing they really need. Winner of 2005 Carnegie Medal. |
| 7185 | Milo and the restart button Silberberg, Alan | Simon & Schuster | 2011 | 9780857071903 | Starting over is like pressing the reset button on a game that makes you lose all your points and wipes out any of the good stuff you've spent hundreds of hours learning. Surviving the year is all Milo has to do. Start to finish in one whole piece. But, it's not just a new school he's dealing with. It's a new house, a new neighbourhood, a whole new life. And, it's one without his mum in it. |
| 20875 | Mimi and the blue slave Bateson, Catherine | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781864719949 | When grief strikes, you need an ally. For Mimi, that ally is Ableth, the wildly disobedient blue slave. He comes, he goes, he says and does whatever he likes, but he's always there when Mimi needs him most, offering his own brand of crooked wisdom. |

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| 1151645 | Minecraft Ironsword Academy: Ready set respawn Zane Huett, Caleb & Batson, Alan & Hill, Chris | Farshore | 2024 | 9780008666330 | After a storm Woodsword Middle school was to be rebuilt and in the meantime students had to attend Ironsword Academy .The Head teacher Mr Ferris is going to pull the plug on the old server which the Minecraft gamers were worried would make things go wrong in their game. Eek is to journey through the game to the end in less than 5 days, will he let us help him and what do we need to get to the end, if the Evoker Kid is trapped in the game we need to protect him too. |
| | Minecraft series Mojang | | | | 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. |
| 855796 | Ming & Flo fight for the future French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2022 | 9781460760208 | <p>Twelve-year-old Ming Qong is convinced that girls must have changed the world, even if they are rarely mentioned in history books.</p> <p>So when Ming gets the chance to go back in time, she imagines herself changing destinies from a glittering palace or an explorer's ship. Instead, she ends up in Australia in 1898, living a tough life as Flo Watson on a drought-stricken farm.</p> <p>Luckily, Ming is rescued by Flo's Aunt McTavish. Wealthy Aunt McTavish belongs to Louisa Lawson's Suffragist Society, who are desperately and courageously fighting for women's rights. And Ming is determined to get involved, to make a difference.</p> |
| 959188 | Ming & Hilde lead a revolution French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2023 | 9781460763445 | <p>Ming Qong is convinced that girls have changed history throughout the world. She has faced danger and adventure when Herstory sent her to the past to witness girls' bravery in the incredible feats left out of 'histories'. Now Ming asks Herstory for another time travelling quest. Ming finds herself in relative luxury, heading to an unknown destination on a ship carrying royal Saxon sheep, travelling with the girls who care for them.</p> <p>What do female shepherds have to do with history? Is it even possible for sheep to be royal? As Ming knows only too well, change is never easy. So how can one girl and a sheep change the world?</p> |

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| 895461 | Ming & Marie spy for freedom French, Jackie | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9781460760215 | Ming Qong is convinced that girls have changed the world throughout history. So when Ming is thrust back in time to Belgium during WW1, she faces a tough choice: will she send coded messages and risk her own life in this war on which the future depends? As Ming learns, change is never easy, so how can one girl change the world? |
| 12424 | Minnie and the super guys Godwin, Jane | Puffin Australia | 2004 | 9780141310657 | Eleven year old Minnie has no intention of allowing three little troublemakers into her life. But they come anyway, uninvited and unannounced, expecting something from Minnie that she can't possible give. |
| | Minutes of danger series Heath, Jack | | | | 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. |
| 18418 | Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane, The DiCamillo, Kate & Ibatoulline, Bagram (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2006 | 9780763625894 | Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him. He travels across the country, acquiring new owners and learning some valuable lessons. |
| 1076338 | Miraculous sweetmakers, The: The frost fair Hastings, Natasha & Smith, Alex T (ill) | Hachette Children's Books | 2023 | 9780008496067 | The Great Frost of 1683 has London in its grip. Thomasina sells sweets on the frozen Thames, and soon hears of rumours of the Other Frost Fair that appears there at night. It is said that if you find the Fair, Father Winter himself will grant you a wish. Thomasina has an impossible wish: the return of her twin brother, Arthur. Thomasina and her new friend Anne soon discover that the Other Frost Fair is not fair at all, and that some wishes never come for free. |
| 28763 | Mirror Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406309140 | This innovative picture book is two stories designed to be read simultaneously. We experience a day in the lives of two boys and their families - one from inner city Sydney, Australia and the other from a small, remote village in Morocco, North Africa. |

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| 6179 | Misfits Calonita, Jen | Sourcebooks Inc | 2018 | 9781492651284 | Devinaria dreams of becoming the best creature caretaker in the kingdom of Enchantasia. She can communicate with animals and they already seek her out for help. There is one problem: Devin is twelfth in line for the throne and her invitation to go to the Royal Academy has just arrived, but Devin isn't interested. She really doesn't want to be there, but she has special gifts and is even taken to school in a pumpkin carriage. Will she get along with her roommates? Will she wear her velvet gown? Most importantly, will she follow the rules or search deeper into the mysteries of the Royal Academy? |
| 1019782 | Miss Penny Dreadful & the mermaid's locks Rushby, Allison & Marando, Bronte Rose (ill) | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781760655747 | Penny and her Aunt Harriet, a writer of penny dreadfuls for the newspapers, explore the mysterious Mermaid of the Thames. Meanwhile another cryptic postcard arrives from Penny's missing parents. Nothing is as it seems. Will she be able to piece together all the clues? |
| 886445 | Miss Penny Dreadful & the midnight kittens Rushby, Allison & Marando, Bronte Rose (ill) | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760654030 | Penny Pickering is a creative girl with an imaginative, fanciful mind which doesn't quite fit her school for enquiring minds. When her Aunt, a famous authoress, turns up at her school to whisk her away on an adventure, it is like a dream come true for Penny. Penny and her Aunt are fascinated by a group of bewitched kittens who have tea parties, but not all is as it seems. |
| 36943 | Miss Understood Roy, James | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781864718607 | Lizzie is in trouble again. This time it was bad enough to get her expelled from school. Lizzie never sets out to make trouble but seems to find it without trying. She is willing to try her hardest to show she is worthy of returning to schools and knows that it will take a lot to prove this to her school principal. |
| 30857 | Missile mouse: the star crusher Parker, Jake | Scholastic US | 2010 | 9780545117159 | Well-illustrated, sophisticated comic or simplistic graphic novel, in which Missile Mouse, risk taker and rule-breaking, secret agent for the Galactic Security Agency, takes on his sworn enemies at RIP. They use diabolical gadgets, violent weapons and every sneaky trick possible to save or destroy the universe. |
| | Mission Survival series Grylls, Bear | | | | 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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| 68733 | Mission Telemark Mitchison, Amanda | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406311044 | In 1942, four teenagers, trained as Special Operations Agents, are sent deep into Nazi-occupied Norway. Their mission is a dangerous act of sabotage to prevent the Nazis from making the atomic bomb. If they succeed, they must survive for weeks in the frozen wilderness. But, if they fail, Europe faces destruction. |
| 885977 | Mission total resilience Middleton, Ant | Farshore | 2022 | 9780755503810 | Ant Middleton shares his top tips and tricks for building resilience whilst providing practical exercises for important life lessons for young adults. |
| 6478 | Mister Cassowary Wheeler, Samantha | University of Queensland Press | 2015 | 9780702253881 | City boy, Flynn, goes to Mission Beach with his Dad to prepare Grandad Barney's banana farm for sale. Flynn has never been north before, even when his Grandad was alive. When Flynn meets local girl, Abby, and finds two lost baby cassowaries, he is determined to find out about Grandad's mysterious death, and why his Dad refuses to talk about. And, he wants to know why his Dad is so scared of cassowaries. |
| 6040 | Mobile phone detective, The Moloney, James | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143304838 | Renton is visiting his dad in France and everything is brilliant until they stumble across a suspicious meeting by the beach. When his father disappears, it's up to Renton to save the day even though he doesn't speak French and can't drive. Luckily, Renton has his mobile phone. |
| 8675 | Molly and Pim and the millions of stars Murray, Martine | Text Publishing Co | 2015 | 9781925240085 | Molly has a strange life. At dawn, her mama collects herbs and makes potions, and her house feels like a gypsy caravan. Molly wishes she could be more like her best friend, Ellen, who has a normal life. But, she is also drawn to Pim, who is inquisitive and odd and a little bit frightening. When Molly's mama makes a potion that has a wild and shocking effect, Molly and Pim look for a way to make things right. |
| 1987 | Monkey and me Gilman, David | Penguin | 2014 | 9780143308232 | Beanie, nicknamed due to hair loss during leukaemia treatment, is a normal, intelligent almost ten year old, getting up to mischief with the best of them. When Beanie, with his older brother's gang, explores the derelict Black Gate, an overhead thumping spooks them. Beanie discovers the cause - a chimpanzee. With the gang's help, in particular their new deaf, signing female member, he attempts to hide Malcolm with hilarious consequences. |
| 8118 | Monkey come home Gallate, Bernard | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320996 | When Avery finds Earl, the monkey, he hides him in his room. His parents are surprised at how much fruit Avery is eating and his mother thinks he needs deodorant. Avery must help Eric before he is discovered by the wrong people. |
| 5409 | Monkey hill gold Bernard, Patricia | Cool Dude Books | 1992 | 9781862911338 | A miner from the 1860s and his nine year old companion find themselves in contemporary Sydney after their mining blast coincides with 20th century excavation. |

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| 29836 | Monsters Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760293369 | Tildy knows there are monsters - lolling on her cushions, reading her books, hiding under her bed. They're everywhere! So why can nobody else see them? They make Tildy monstrously miserable, until the new boy comes to school. Hendrik knows there are monsters too, and he knows exactly what to do about them. |
| 129371 | Moon bear rescue Dale, Kim | Lothian Books | 2006 | 9780734409386 | A village opts to send a lost bear cub to a rescue sanctuary rather than sell it to a bear farm, where it would have died of chronic infections after being "milked" of bile for Chinese medicines, the plight of Asiatic black bears in Southern China. |
| 3323 | Mort Chatterton, Martin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742753157 | By a quirk of DNA and luck, Mortimer De Vere and his family live for millennia. It has its advantages, even when you've lived for ten thousand years longer than the average ten year old. When unwelcome visitors arrive, Mort and his sister have to deal with some of the stranger hobbies they've tried to keep secret from one another and the outside world. Today, might be one of the most eventful in Mort's very long life. |
| 855 | Mortal combat: time's running out Chatterton, Martin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742753164 | Mort, a mere 10 000 year old boy is on a time-travel adventure and causing chaos as he hurtles through history in his Retro, from World War II to the time of dinosaurs, Vikings and Spanish galleons, having ignored the warnings of his cloned friend Oppy about the possibility of causing a catastrophic rift in time. |
| 35796 | Mortified Chatterton, Martin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742758886 | Mortimer De Vere and his sister Agnetha are 10 000 years old and desperate to avoid school. They use a time traveling machine to flee from the strict teacher who would enslave them. As they travel through time and other lands they meet historical figures who are all eccentric. How are they going to navigate between crocodiles, zombies, weird authors and Queen Victoria. |
| | Mosquito Advertising series Hunter, Kate | | | | 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. |
| 18377 | Mosquito bite Siy, Alexandra & Kunkel, Dennis (ill) | Charlesbridge Publishing | 2005 | 9781570915918 | As children play hide-and-seek on a hot summer night, a mosquito, Culex, hides and seeks as well. She must find foodblood to nourish the eggs in her body. Full of facts and interesting pictures. |

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| 1209849 | Most haunted castles Fielding, Yvette & Shaw, Hannah (ill) | Andersen Press Ltd | 2024 | 9781839134838 | Discover the spooky histories of real-life places in this chilling non-fiction series. Ghost hunter Yvette Fielding has been investigating spooky places for over 20 years. This time she is uncovering the ghostly histories of Britain's castles. From Oxford Castle to Bamburgh, these castles are filled with hauntings and spooky histories, brought to life by Yvette and the Most Haunted team's investigations. Dare to discover poltergeist and paranormal activity including the ghost of Anne Boleyn, dastardly poisoners and even Vlad the Impaler! |
| 35554 | Most important thing, The: Stories about sons, fathers and grandfathers Wortis, Avi & Wilkins, Sarah (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781925381634 | In this compellingly honest collection of stories, Avi introduces seven boys seeking acceptance, guidance, or just someone to look up to. Luke sees the ghost of his father. Paul takes a camping trip with the grandfather he's just met. And Ryan has some surprising questions for his potential stepfather. Each story shines a different light on the question, 'What's the most important thing a father can do for his son?' |
| 43423 | Most magical girl, A Foxlee, Karen & MacKay, Elly (ill) | Knopf Publishing Group | 2016 | 9780553512861 | In 1867 London, twelve year old Annabel Grey is primed for a life as a proper young lady. But, when she is placed in the care of two ageing great aunts who run a magic shop, Annabel is thrust into a world of potions, broomsticks, wands and wizards. Evil Mr Angel and his terrifying dark magic extracting machine want to put an end to good magic for ever. The wizards have dreamt of Annabel, the most magical girl, to save London. But, Annabel doesn't even believe in magic or understand the strange powers inside her. |
| 23491 | Most marvellous spelling bee mystery, The Abela, Deborah | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9780143786689 | India Wimple won the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee and is now invited to London for an international spelling showdown. The town of Yungabilla join forces to help her and her family travel to London. India and her family are invited to Buckingham Palace and she meets old friends and new spellers. When some mysterious incidents threaten to jeopardise the finals, the group sets out to discover who is involved and why. |
| 659105 | Most ungrateful girl in the world, The James, Petra & Zabel, Anna (ill) | Penguin | 2019 | 9780143793670 | Izzy Winkle has to learn to be rude, really rude. It's the only way she can win the Most Ungrateful girl in the world competition and save the world. Sounds easy, but Izzy's grandmother teaches manners, and insists children use them. Will Izzy be able to break the habits her Grandmother has taught her? |

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| 15430 | Mostly true story of Matthew and Trim Golds, Cassandra & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143302179 | Mostly true account of the tragic but inspiring life of Matthew Flinders and his cat, Trim. They relate their adventures, as they map and explore Australia, and their eventful return to England. Graphic novel. |
| 2194 | Motormouth Clark, Sherryl | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780143304432 | Since Chris lost his best mate, Dave, cars are all he really cares about. Then Josh Carter moves to town. His dad is a famous racing car driver and everyone wants to be Josh's friend. But as Chris soon discovers, Josh is a bit of a motormouth, and that's where the trouble begins. |
| 12949 | Mountain biking: extreme sports Osborne, Ian | Raintree | 2003 | 9781844430901 | One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, diagrams and a glossary of terms, this book tells you about the history, the clothing and equipment, and basic techniques of mountain biking. |
| 12947 | Mountains: extreme sports Chapman, Garry | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780732964597 | One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, extreme facts, mountain jargon and a glossary of terms, this book tells you all you've ever wanted to know about climbing mountains. |
| 262 | Mouse and his child, The Hoban, Russell | Faber & Faber | 2000 | 9780571202225 | Here is a sweet tale about a pair of wind up mechanical mice, a father and son, who embark on a quest to become self-winding. |
| 1836 | Mouse bird snake wolf Almond, David & McKean, Dave (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406322897 | In a safe and calm world, three children conjure, from twigs and leaves and stones, a mousy thing, a chirpy thing, and a twisty legless thing. But as the children's ideas grow bolder, the power of their visions proves greater and more dangerous than they, or the gods, could ever have imagined. |
| | Mr Bambuckle's remarkables series Harris, Tim & Hart, James (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. |
| 8159 | Mr Bean's definitive and extremely marvellous guide to France Driscoll, Robin & Hease, Tony | Bloomsbury | 2007 | 9780747589570 | Mr Bean gives advice on preparing for an overseas trip in the format of a scrapbook recording his trip to France. He provides advice on how to enjoy French food and art and even suggestions on how to mix important things together. |
| | Mr Gum 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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| 35877 | Mr Stink Walliams, David & Blake, Quentin (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2010 | 9780007279067 | Chloe is a lonely girl who has a difficult family life and a hard time at school. She meets the local tramp Mr Stink and befriends him. He is the one of the few people who have ever been nice to her. So when it gets cold and Mr Stink needs a warm place to stay, Chloe invites him to live in the garden shed unbeknownst to her parents. Chloe soon discovers that secrets are not so easily kept and have a way of leading to disaster! |
| 2886 | Mrs Whitlam Pascoe, Bruce & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) | Magabala Books | 2016 | 9781925360240 | Marnie Clark adores horses and helps out at the local riding stables. She dreams of owning a horse but her Dad is out of work and the family is very poor. Through sad circumstances, Marnie is gifted Mrs Margaret Whitlam, a beautiful Clydesdale, who is bold, fearless and able to jump anything. From the very first ride, Marnie and Maggie get more adventure than they bargained for. Soon, Marnie is learning to negotiate newfound friendships, the pony club and how to stand up for what she believes in. |
| 2907 | Muhammad Ali: the greatest Hook, Jason | Hodder & Stoughton | 2000 | 9780750228190 | Boxer, Muhammad Ali, is a symbol of courage and conviction, who had a great impact on the 20th century. His life is presented in a very appealing magazine style layout, using photos, text boxes and lots of great Ali quotes. |
| 31113 | Mulberry tree, The Rushby, Allison | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781760650292 | As soon as she saw the adorable thatched cottage Immy felt it calling deep within her. The house was perfect but it was the ancient, dark, fierce-looking mulberry tree standing outside in the garden that was drawing her in. There was a mystery in this house. The current owners refused to live there until their daughter had celebrated her eleventh birthday and the agent was reluctant to lease it to Immy's family. How could she convince her parents to move in? Escaping the cloud of problems that had haunted their life in Australia had they come to a whole set of new ones in the tiny village in Cambridgeshire, England? Would Immy, soon to be eleven, be safe in this house knowing the legend of the girls who went missing on the eve of their eleventh birthdays? How was the mulberry tree responsible for their disappearance? Would her family ever be whole again? |
| 2979 | Mulga Bill's bicycle Paterson, A B (Banjo) & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | ABC Books | 2005 | 9780733316524 | A classic collection of humorous Australian poems. |
| 5475 | Mummy monster game, The Pond, Roy | Scholastic Australia | 1993 | 9781862911765 | Josh, Amy and Harry are consumed by a computer game and become trapped in a terrifying adventure. They must use their wits to escape. |

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| 25771 | My Australian story: A marathon of her own Savvides, Irini | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781741699043 | Times are tough in Crete and Sophia's father has decided to make a fresh start in Melbourne. Sophia struggles to learn English and to get used to the strange new customs. No matter how hard she tries, no-one at school wants to make friends with a foreigner. Then, her talent for running starts to make a difference. With Olympic fever gripping Melbourne, Sophia's courage and determination is rewarded in unexpected ways, and the 1956 Olympic Games surprises everyone. |
| 32104 | My Australian story: Archer's Melbourne Cup, The diary of Robby Jenkins, Terara, NSW, 1860-1861 Farrer, Vashti | Scholastic Australia | 2007 | 9781865049410 | It is 1861 and a major horse race, the Melbourne Cup, is about to be run for the first time. Thirteen year old Robby Jenkins is working as a stable hand and is convinced that his favourite horse, Archer, can win. This is Robby's diary about his love of horses, life at the stables and his dreams to become a top jockey. |
| 30792 | My Australian story: Atomic testing, The diary of Anthony Brown, Woomera 1953 Tucker, Alan | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781741692174 | Anthony and his family move to Woomera for his father's job in the army. His mother cares for Anthony as he recovers from polio. At school, one of Anthony's friends has photos of the rockets at the Woomera munitions base. When a small business arises for the boys, the townspeople become suspicious of Anthony and the police become involved. |
| 3011 | My Australian story: Bridging Sydney Farrer, Vashti | Scholastic Australia | 2012 | 9781741699531 | It's 1932 and Sydney has hit hard times during the Great Depression. But, the construction of a bridge that will reach across the harbour is setting spirits soaring. Alice and Billy, whose fathers are working on the bridge, tell the story, through their diaries, of building the spectacular Harbour Bridge, which will unify a separated city from the north shore to the working class suburbs of the south. |
| 6772 | My Australian story: bushfire Murphy, Sally | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781742994307 | Amy loves to read about real life heroes. When she is faced with a life threatening situation at her Gran's house, her understanding of what it takes to be a hero might just save her life, and her Gran's. Summer in Australia means bushfires, and when Amy and her Gran are faced with a bushfire far too close for comfort, Amy knows just what to do. |
| 2451 | My Australian story: Convict girl Michaels, Chrissie | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781743620151 | Mary Beckwith has been sent to the penal colony at Port Jackson, transported with her mother, having stolen some fabric. She describes the hardships endured as well as the growth of the settlement and meeting the indigenous inhabitants. Her story is unlike most others as she joins Nicolas Baudin, the French scientific explorer, as he explores New Holland's coastline in direct competition with Matthew Flinders. |

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| 46962 | My Australian story: Escape from Cockatoo Island Poshoglian, Yvette | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742832456 | It is 1879 and life in the Biloela Industrial School is tough for eleven year old Olivia Markham. Her windswept days are filled with sewing, washing and avoiding the girls from the Reformatory School. Sydney is rapidly growing and modernising but Olivia can only imagine what life is like beyond the shores of Cockatoo Island. She dreams of freedom, friendship and, above all, family. |
| 15442 | My Australian story: Flying ace, Jack Fairfax, Royal Flying Corps, 1915-1918 Eldridge, Jim | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9780439977371 | An insight into the world of Jack Fairfax, a nineteen year old fighter pilot in World War 1. Jack takes to the skies and faces the skill of the German ace pilots over the Somme. |
| 9288 | My Australian story: Hunt for Ned Kelly, The Masson, Sophie | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781741695649 | Jamie and Ellen Ross are alone in the world after the death of their father. Determined to make their fortune, they head to Beechworth, straight into the midst of the search for Ned Kelly, the most notorious bushranger of all time. There are two views of Ned Kelly, a hero wronged by the police or a cold-blooded murderer. |
| 51036 | My Australian story: My father's war Masson, Sophie | Scholastic Australia | 2011 | 9781741698282 | Marie's dad has been away for two years, fighting on the Somme battlefields in northern France. There hasn't been any word from him for months, no letters or postcards. Marie and her mother decide to travel to France, to try and find out what has happened to him. Marie experiences first-hand what war is like, as she tries to piece together the clues behind her dad's disappearance. |
| 17687 | My Australian story: New gold mountain, The diary of Shu Cheong, Lambing Flat, New South Wales, 1860-1861 Cheng, Christopher W | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865048512 | Shu Cheong, with his father and uncle, sets off on the arduous journey to Australia's goldfields, hoping to bring back wealth for their village. But, following their deaths, Shu cannot return home without his father's body so must stay in Australia alone. Relations between the European miners and Chinese are tense and violent attacks against the Chinese are common. |
| 16093 | My Australian story: Our Don Bradman, The diary of Victor McDonald, Sydney, 1932 Allen, Peter | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865045917 | Like many Australian boys in the 1930s, Victor McDonald is cricket mad. Life is hard during the Great Depression, Victor's father has lost his job and the family is moving to Sydney. Victor keeps a diary that includes his meeting with Don Bradman. |
| 15128 | My Australian story: Our enemy, my friend, The diary of Emma Sheldrake, Adelaide Hills, 1915 Blackman, Jenny | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865045269 | Told in diary form by a young girl in an Australian village. It is 1915 and Australia is involved in World War 1. Emma writes of the perils and difficulties of wartime and the hatred against the German settlers in the area. |

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| 4189 | My Australian story: Our race for reconciliation Heiss, Anita | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781760276119 | It's 2000 and the Olympics are going to be held in Australia. In a year of surprises, enthusiastic runner Mel finds out that her hero Cathy Freeman is coming to talk at her school, and her family is heading to Sydney! It becomes an unforgettable journey to Corroboree 2000, bringing together all Australians as they march and sing to celebrate Australia's Indigenous heritage, and to acknowledge past wrongs. |
| 63454 | My Australian story: Outback, The diary of Jimmy Porter, Central Australia, 1927-1928 Harris, Christine | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865048505 | Jimmy Porter has moved to central Australia, to the middle of nowhere, to live with his uncle's family who are three days walk from the nearest neighbour. Life in the outback in 1927 is tough but people cope and Jimmy learns to adjust. When disaster strikes, Jimmy and his cousins must get help. This is Jimmy's diary, which tells how he adjusts, about the characters he meets and his experiences. |
| 14839 | My Australian story: Riding with Thunderbolt, The diary of Ben Cross Baillie, Allan | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865045801 | Life on the run with Captain Thunderbolt, famous Australian bushranger. Based on true story of young Ben Cross and the historical figures that he meets. Although his life is exciting, Ben reflects on the ethics of the choices he has made. |
| 7554 | My Australian story: The bombing of Darwin, The diary of Tom Taylor, 1942 Tucker, Alan | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781865043630 | Strong family and community ties are tested in this fictionalised account of the days prior to the bombing of Darwin. |
| 26045 | My Australian story: the Phar Lap mystery Masson, Sophie | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781741697278 | Prior to the 1930 Melbourne Cup horse race, an attempt was made to kill Phar Lap, the horse who won the race. Eleven year old Sally Fielding's father is investigating and she documents the case, or what she learns of it, in her diary. |
| 3740 | My Australian story: Vietnam Challinor, Deborah | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781743628003 | It's 1969, many social changes are underway and man is headed for the moon. Twelve year old Davey lives to surf with his older brother, Tom, and listen to the latest hits. His cherished goal is to win the inaugural Under-14 Surf Championship with his best friends, Johnno and Pete. But, when Tom is drafted into the army and sent to Vietnam, everything changes and the far-away war creates waves very close to home. |
| 23911 | My brilliant body with the gross bits left in MacDonald, Guy | Buster Books | 2008 | 9781905158911 | This book tells you everything you need to know about your body from head to toe plus things you probably don't want to know. Find out about the inner workings of the human body in a very funny way. |
| 30982 | My brother Huxley, Dee & Huxley, Oliver (ill) & Huxley, Tiffany (des) | Working Title Press | 2016 | 9781921504853 | When a grieving brother sets out to find his lost sibling, his quest takes him on an ethereal journey across land and sea. He visits fantastic, floating cities and medieval towns, vast open grasslands and eerie, silent forests. Eventually, he arrives in place of timeless beauty and light. |

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| 846120 | My brother Ben Carnavas, Peter | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263330 | Luke and his big brother Ben spend the summer on the banks of Cabbage Tree Creek. Quiet Luke sketches birds, while Ben leaps off the Jumping Tree. The boys couldn't be more different but they share the same dream: winning a boat so they can explore the creek properly. Then Ben starts high school and the boys drift apart. When Luke catches Ben sneaking out at night, he knows his brother's up to something, but what? A timeless story of birds and boats and of brotherly love that is bigger than a wedge-tailed eagle, bigger than the sky. |
| 1153323 | My brother, Finch Gordon, Kate | Simon & Schuster | 2024 | 9780645869347 | How does a family move on when a member suddenly disappears? Can they? Finch and Wren are less than a year apart and they have a strong bond even if Wren sometimes resents her brother for always being the centre of attention. Three years later, Wren is about to start high school but the loss of her brother and the mystery surrounding his disappearance still occupies so much of her time and thoughts. Fortunately, Wren meets a new and mysterious girl in high school who Wren must learn to trust with her family's sad story and her own intense grief if they can be good friends. |
| 33130 | My contemporary art book Ryan, Kate & Bennett, Cally (ill) | National Gallery of Victoria | 2017 | 9781925432466 | Meet some of today's leading artists and designers from different parts of the world. Read their stories, find out what inspires them and discover the ideas behind their works of art. Each artist has included an art activity for kids to make at school or at home. |
| 14651 | My country Mackellar, Dorothea & McLean, Andrew (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781862917309 | The poem, My Country, is widely regarded as the universal statement of why Australians love their country. Stunning watercolour illustrations capture the diversity of the landscape and its colours. |
| 642921 | My culture and me Dreise, Gregg | Penguin Books Australia | 2019 | 9780143789376 | Feel the rhythm of the music, from your heart down to your feet. Enjoy the movements of melodies, as clapsticks keep a strong beat. This is my culture. This is me. |
| 92409 | My dad thinks he's funny Germein, Katrina & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031217 | My Dad thinks he's funny. Whenever I say, 'I'm hungry', Dad says, 'Hello Hungry. Pleased to meet you.' My Dad thinks he's funny. But he's not. A book for anyone whose dad has made them laugh, or cringe. |
| 903365 | My deadly boots Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Samantha, Campbell (ill) | Lothian Books | 2022 | 9780734421456 | Spikes on the bottom boots, my favourite colour boots, making me too deadly. Can the shoes on your feet really make you jump higher? Walk taller? Dream bigger? A joyous, empowering story about finding confidence within yourself, boots or no boots, |

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| 2578 | My dog doesn't like me Fensham, Elizabeth | University of Queensland Press | 2014 | 9780702250170 | On his eighth birthday Eric is allowed to choose a puppy from the dog shelter. Ugly, so named because of a comment made by his sister, lives up to all of Eric's expectations for a little while but soon he realises that Ugly wants to be with mum, he is growing rapidly and becoming difficult to control as well as destroying everything he can get his mouth into. |
| 936306 | My Father is a Polar Bear Morpurgo, Michael & Sala, Felicita (ill) | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781406365863 | Andrew thinks he has seen his long lost father dressed as a polar bear on a show poster. The boys have so many questions and are understandably curious, so they try to find a way to get to the theatre and find out for sure if the polar bear is their dad. |
| 265 | My father is not a comedian Dubosarsky, Ursula | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141302089 | Claudia gets herself and her father into a predicament and has to help her father get out of it. |
| 12335 | My father's boat Garland, Sherry | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9780590478687 | A Vietnamese-American boy spends a day with his father on his shrimp boat, listening as he describes how his own father fished on the South China Sea. They talk about going back to Vietnam one day. |
| 7422 | My friend Flicka O'Hara, Mary | HarperCollins US | 2006 | 9780060512620 | Ken is a daydreamer and a disappointment to his demanding father. When Ken finds Flicka, a wild filly, his growing love for the horse helps Ken to grow up and gain self-assurance. |
| 267 | My Hiroshima Morimoto, Junko | HarperCollins Australia | 1995 | 9780207188732 | Recollections of life before and during World War 2, and the horrific aftermath of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Provides a potent warning of the dangers of nuclear warfare. |
| 32350 | My horrible cousins and other stories Alexander, Goldie | Teaching Solutions | 2009 | 9781921454721 | The short stories feature girls as the main characters, girls who are strong and resourceful, overcome adversity, solve problems, and are determined and passionate about causes. |
| 51414 | My island home Murray, Neil & children from Papunya & Galiwinku (ill) & Hudson Peter (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9780980564334 | Everyone who loves Australia can appreciate the beauty and diversity of our wonderful country, shown through Neil Murray's song lyrics and beautiful landscape illustrations by the school children of the Kintore and Galiwinku communities. |
| 49510 | My life as an alphabet Jonsberg, Barry | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743310977 | Candice's home is a bit hard, with her baby sister no longer with them and her parents both depressed. Her only friend, Douglas Benson from Another Dimension, wants to leave and return to the universe he claims he came from. Her penpal is not returning any of her letters and she just doesn't know what to do about her teacher's lazy eye. |
| 268 | My life in dog years Paulsen, Gary | Thorndike Press | 2000 | 9780786227402 | The author's real life adventures, and the dogs he shared them with, make fascinating and absorbing reading. |

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| | My life Tom Weekly 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. |
| 73786 | My mother's eyes: the story of a boy soldier Wilson, Mark | Lothian Books | 2009 | 9780734410894 | William was only 16 years old when he enlisted for the First World War. Like many other under-age boys at the time, he was accepted into the Australian Imperial Force and sent to the battlefields of France. His letters home from the front reveal how, for the boy soldiers, the 'great adventure' became a tragedy. |
| 8437 | My name is Rose Grindley, Sally | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9781408814024 | Rose is a young Romany gypsy girl who travels around Romania and Europe in a caravan with her family. Her life is happy, playing music with extended family and friends, until Rose suddenly finds herself an orphan after a dreadful car accident. |
| 569140 | My outback childhood: Growing up in the Territory Tapp Coutts, Toni | Lothian Books | 2018 | 9780734418333 | Toni Tapp Coutts was raised on a remote cattle station in the Northern Territory. Her descriptions of life on the land, battling snakes, spiders and goannas as well as the weather will enthrall readers. |
| 270 | My place Wheatley, Nadia & Rawlins, Donna (ill) | Pearson Education Australia | 2000 | 9780582811072 | Using maps, the author traces the history of one special Australian neighbourhood back two hundred years. |
| 9256 | My place in space Hirst, Robin & Sally & Harvey, Roland (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1992 | 9781741754049 | When an arrogant bus driver asks Henry and his sister, Rosie, if they know where they live, Henry tells the driver a good deal more than just his address. He launches into a lengthy and lucid explanation of the solar system, solar neighborhood, galaxy and supercluster to which Earth belongs. A clever blend of fact with fiction in this unusual picture book. |
| 18516 | My scary fairy godmother Impey, Rose | Orchard Books | 2005 | 9781843626831 | Isabella goes to live with her scary but glamorous cousin, Maxine. Maxine takes one look at mousy, little Isabella and decides the one thing she needs is a complete makeover. |
| 1059 | My secret war diary by Flossie Albright Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406309409 | Flossie is just nine years old when, in 1939, Britain declares war on Germany and her father leaves the family home to join the army. Flossie is left to bring up her baby brother and to face a whole host of new experiences on her own. Her diary becomes an outlet for relaying all the news from at home and abroad. |
| 271 | My side of the mountain George, Jean Craighead | Puffin USA | 2001 | 9780141312422 | Sam is determined to survive in the woods and keeps a journal to describe the birds and animals with which he learns to live. A tale of the determination and bravery of a city boy who refuses to give in. |

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| 14068 | My sister has a big black beard & other quirky verses Ball, Duncan & Millard, Kerry (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2009 | 9780207200892 | Sisters with beards, exploding bullies, a nightmare driving test, a girl whisked away by aliens and poor old Uncle Norm who got sucked up in a lightning storm. A collection of quirky, delicious and outrageously funny poems. |
| 69818 | My sister Sif Park, Ruth | University of Queensland Press | 2009 | 9780702237010 | Fourteen year old Erika and her sister, Sif, are desperately homesick and flee the city to return to their island home. However, they find the locals are frightened by the changes occurring and the cracks forming in their once-perfect home. Erika and her family also feel the threat of the encroaching world. When a young American shell-collector uncovers a long-held family secret, Erika must prevent his revealing it. |
| 13123 | My story: Snowy, the diary of Eva Fischer McHugh, Siobhan | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781865045634 | Eva Fischer has moved from Sydney to Cabramurra, the highest town in Australia. She is surrounded by people of every nationality, with different languages, food and customs, who have come to work on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. |
| 9763 | My story: the trenches, Billy Stevens, the Western Front 1914-1918 Eldridge, Jim | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9780439994224 | Two sixteen year olds put their ages up to join the Armed Forces and fight in the Great War of 1914-1918. An honest account of the horrors of war in the trenches, particularly sensitive and heartbreaking. Fictitious, with historical notes and photos. |
| 927633 | My strange shrinking parents Sworder, Zeno | Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760761233 | It goes without saying that we all believe our parents to be strange, but growing up while my parents were shrinking is definitely unusual. A heartbreaking and heart-warming story of the sacrifices parents make for their children. |
| 15352 | Mysteries & marvels of nature (Usborne) Dalby, Elizabeth | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2003 | 9780746052983 | Spectacular animal and plant photographs with interesting information about the wonders of nature. |
| 9248 | Mysteries of Harris Burdick, The Van Allsburg, Chris | Houghton Mifflin | 1996 | 9780395827840 | Fantasy black and white illustrations provide inspiration for readers to create stories of their own. |
| | Mysterious world of Cosentino series Cosentino & Heath, Jack & Hart, James (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. |
| 7047 | Mystery at Manyallaluk Manyallaluk School | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2015 | 9780992478063 | When all the pawpaws go missing from a pawpaw tree in the school garden, and then all the bananas from the banana trees too, each student at Manyallaluk School has a theory. It has to be the crows! Or could it be wild pigs? Or even an emu? Who or what is stealing fruit from their beautiful garden? How will the mystery be solved? |

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| 1122600 | Mystery of the forever weekend, The Thompson, Lisa | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9780702322648 | Life is changing for Cory and he doesn't like it or understand why. A school bully has decided to target Cory and this includes trying to move in on his best friend. He has concerns about his parents and he is struggling in school. All this paused when he finds himself caught in a time loop and his weekend never ends. This might be a case of careful what you wish for. |
| 78662 | Mystery of the mummy's mask, The Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2007 | 9780330423373 | Zac and Hannah are at the Clairesville Museum when the museum's most exciting exhibit, the gold burial mask of the famous pharaoh, Ramses II, is about to be unveiled. But, the mask has vanished. Follow the clues and the red herrings, collect the evidence and check out the suspects to solve the crime of the missing mask. |
| 15354 | Naked bunyip dancing Herrick, Steven | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741146554 | Funny and, sometimes, poignant verse novel about the kids in class 6C. They get a new male teacher, a pony-tailed hippy, who helps them put on an end of year concert. |
| 2500 | Name at the end of the ladder, The De Roo, Elena | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781922244475 | Everyone has to wait until their twelfth birthday for the Name Bank to decide each person's name. Usually, safe botanical names are chosen. September wants a special, unique name and is enticed by spooky Madame Alcina to be able to choose her own name by playing a board game. What she is not told is that, so far, no one has managed to win and some players have not reappeared. Every dice roll leads to danger. |
| | Nanny Piggins 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. |
| 855819 | Nano: the spectacular science of the very (very) small Wade, Dr Jess & Castrillon, Melissa (ill) | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406394603 | Everything is made of something... but the way we make things, from the materials we use to the science and technology involved, is changing fast. Learn how nanotechnology is the way of the future! |
| 273 | Nargun and the stars, The Wrightson, Patricia | Puffin Australia | 1988 | 9780140307801 | Simon lives with his cousins in Australia. He sees a star-like creature that moves at night and becomes involved in a life and death struggle. |
| | Nathan Nuttboard series Eaton, Anthony | | | | 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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| | Natural disasters series Park, Louise | | | | 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. |
| 43056 | Nature explorer Burnie, D & Morgan, B & Walker, R & Woodward, J | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405354042 | Become an expert nature explorer with fifty easy-to-do activities, which can be done in the park, the garden or at home. From studying bird behaviour to growing crystals, you will discover lots about bugs, birds, rocks, fossils and many other wonders of nature. |
| 4807 | Nature's day Maguire, Kay & Kroll, Danielle (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2015 | 9781847806086 | Discover the world of wildlife on your doorstep. Beginning in spring, this book revisits nine different places, during each of the four seasons, and explores the changing scenery and animal life found there. |
| 909576 | Naturopolis Frenkel, Deborah & Bartkowiak, Ingrid (ill) | Storytorch Press | 2022 | 9780645191530 | Look closer, look with care and you may find a forest.... Among the steel and stone canyons of the city, nature flourishes in tiny, tenacious ways. |
| | Navigators 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. |
| 2423 | Nearly impossible dreams Finn, Tara | Green Olive Press | 2013 | 9780987209993 | Tara Finn has always loved books and reading. When she was five, she told everyone she was going to be a writer, and at age ten she has published a collection of over thirty of her poems. |
| 9641 | Ned Kelly's helmet Stafford, Paul | Crawford House Publishing | 2008 | 9781863333269 | Every month, Mrs Bracker has an historical theme for Years 5 and 6 to study, and there's always a prize for the best project. This month, the class are bushrangers holding up local businesses for donations. The prize is a state-of-the-art billy cart so Robbie and the McGoogly will do anything to win, even trying out some ancient technology to locate a real souvenir of the bushranger period. |
| 12939 | Neil Armstrong: first man on the moon Goldsmith, Dr Mike | White-Thomson Publishing Ltd | 2001 | 9780750238854 | On 20 July 1969, hundreds of millions of people watched on television as Neil Armstrong stepped onto the powdery surface of the moon. This book provides an insight into his life. |
| 9407 | Nellie Melba Irvine, Nance | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1986 | 9780340397299 | Words and illustrations tell the story of the famous opera singer's life. |

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| | Nelly the monster sitter series Gray, Kes | | | | 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. |
| 276 | Nelson Mandela Connolly, Sean | Heinemann | 2000 | 9780431086361 | The life and work of a political activist, his imprisonment and election as the president of South Africa. |
| 979 | Nelson Mandela Nelson, Kadir | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780062246363 | The text shows the path taken by Nelson Mandela, raised in a small community, to defence lawyer, to public protester, through jail and how he became a great political leader. It traces the change in South Africa from apartheid to free state. |
| 635013 | Nema and the Xenos: A story of soil cycles Wild, Ailsa & Reed, Aviva & Barr, Briony & Crocetti, Gregory & Stock, Patricia, S. | CSIRO | 2019 | 9781486312160 | The tale of a tiny worm, the bacteria that live inside her, and a tree being munched on by a grub. When a tree cries out in pain, some unexpected heroes come to the rescue. Nema and her gang of young nematodes (tiny worms) embark on a dangerous journey underground. The Xenos, a group of wise but deadly bacteria, hitch a ride. The story of how they help the tree is full of action, life-or-death challenges and microscopic warfare. It is a story of co-operation and ancient partnership, about events happening all over the Earth, in the hidden worlds beneath our feet. |
| 26544 | Neptunia Alexander, Goldie | Five Senses Publications | 2013 | 9781741308716 | Cassie is a great swimmer but has to move to a country town with no swimming pool. But when asked to deliver an important message to the underwater city of Neptunia, Cassie has to use all her strength and skill to survive a marathon swim. |
| 2992 | Nerdy dozen, The Miller, Jeff | Harper | 2015 | 9780062272638 | Neil Andertol is a hero...Just not in real life. In video games, Neil - or as his online friends know him, ManofNeil - is a superstar. He's just one spot away from the top score on Chameleon, the cool new jet-flying game where the plane supposedly goes invisible at the highest level. But while ManofNeil can take out a whole squadron of enemy planes, regular Neil still gets picked on by the class bully. Until now. When Neil mysteriously wakes up at an undisclosed military base along with eleven other kids, he learns that Chameleon isn't just a game - it's the training simulator for a real fighter jet! Now the Air Force needs their help piloting the jets on a top-secret rescue mission. Can Neil put his gaming skills to the ultimate real-life test? Because this time Neil isn't just playing for points - he's playing to save the world! |

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| 677623 | Never lose hope: The story of Australia's first school Wilson, Mark | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9780734416797 | John, a convict child, is transported to the penal colony of NSW. Starving and alone, he is taken in by Australia's first schoolteacher, Isabella Rosson. In her simple classroom, John learns to read and write. He never forgets Isabella's lessons, the power of words and the hope for a brighter future. |
| 574736 | Never too young! 50 unstoppable kids who made a difference Weintraub, Aileen & Horton, Laura (ill) | Sterling Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781454929178 | From Picasso, who changed the art world forever, to Malala Yousafzai, the brave teen who was shot for advocating education for girls, the 50 kids profiled in Never Too Young! will inspire and empower young readers. Some, like Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges, and Stevie Wonder, are prominent figures, while others are lesser known though their achievements are just as compelling. They come from a variety of historical periods and backgrounds, and have made an impact in politics, sports, the arts, science, and more. |
| 9235 | Neverending story, The Ende, Michael | Penguin | 1991 | 9780140317930 | Fantastica is slowly decaying, its childlike empress dying. Only a human can set things right. Unicorns, dragons and sprites inhabit this enchanted world, into which Bastian ventures through the pages of an old book. |
| 904421 | Neverlanders Taylor, Tom & Sommariva, Jon (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2022 | 9781761049071 | Bee and her fellow runaways are their own found family. So when a stranger named Paco saves her life, Bee invites him to join their crew, thinking he's another lost teen. Someone else the world has overlooked. The truth is Paco's not just a lost teen, he's a Lost Boy from Neverland. And he needs Bee and the others to come back with him. When the group is then spirited away by a foul-mouthed Tinker Bell, they discover that Neverland is not some fun-filled hideaway. It's a war zone under siege by a horde of pirates with a merciless new leader who will stop at nothing to steal the land's magic. Tink leads a fairy army that barely holds them at bay. Peter Pan is gone. And rest of the Lost Boys have been killed. Paco is all that remains . . . but he hopes that this group of teens will become the new Lost Ones. These young runaways may be Neverland's only hope--but they're about to learn that it'll take a lot more than happy thoughts to win a war. |

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| 660583 | Nevertell Orton, Katharine | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406385182 | Sometimes it takes a little courage to discover magic. Eleven-year-old Lina has never seen the world beyond the prison camp until the night she escapes with her best friend, Bogdan. As the pair journey across a snowy Russian wilderness, they are pursued by a vengeful sorceress and her pack of shadow wolves. The children will need a lot of bravery and a little sorcery of their own if they are to survive. |
| 12334 | New bjorn England, Kathryn | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734403926 | Erik the Viking's father and the entire clan have been kidnapped. But, Erik isn't interested in swinging spiky balls and swords, so it is going to be very difficult for him to save his father from the Dorks and the Jerks. |
| 9229 | New book of the pharaohs, The Millard, Dr Anne | Watts Publishing Group | 1998 | 9780749631789 | Using the very latest information and in full colour, Dr Millard takes us through some of the mysteries surrounding the life and death of ancient pharaohs. King Tutankhamen and others are featured in this up-to-date look at ancient Egypt. |
| 4759 | New boy Earls, Nick | Puffin Australia | 2015 | 9780143308393 | Adjusting to a new country and a new school was never going to be easy for Herschelle. It's so different to South Africa. The food is strange and, worst of all, no one understands the Aussie slang that he's learnt on the web. But, it's the similarities that make things really hard. Herschelle will have to confront racism, bullying and his own past before Australia can feel like home. |
| 660624 | New kid Craft, Jerry | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2019 | 9780062691194 | As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds -- and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighbourhood friends and staying true to himself? |
| | New Solar System series Birch, Robin | | | | 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. |
| 5099 | New South Wales Tan, Linsie | Redback Publishing | 2017 | 9780994624710 | Dip into fascinating facts all about New South Wales. Did you know that there are about 100 plants and animals in NSW that are endangered or that people from over 220 countries live in NSW? Read these and many more interesting facts about NSW in this fascinating book. |

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| 15152 | Ngay janijirr ngank - this is my word Williams, Magdalene & Torres, Pat (ed) | Magabala Books | 1999 | 9781875641475 | Raised in Beagle Bay mission, Magdalene had been exposed to her traditional culture by her elders. Her account of the coming of the missionaries, and the resulting destruction of law and culture, is interwoven with the poetry of Nyulnyul stories. |
| 7088 | Nginingawila Ngirramini: Our story Tiwi College Alalinguwi Jarrakarlinga | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2016 | 9780734417077 | Nginingawila Ngirramini - Tiwi language for 'Our Story' - is a celebration of pride and a window into the lives of nine talented, intelligent and funny teenage girls from the Tiwi Islands. In this collection of inspiring pieces, the girls share stories about their heroes, their sacred places and the happiest moments of their lives. |
| 959171 | Nic Blake and the remarkables: The manifestor prophecy Thomas, Angie | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781529516326 | All Nic Blake wants for her twelfth birthday is for her dad to trust her enough to teach her how to use her Gift to become a Manifestor like him. But before she has a chance, she's faced with a shocking revelation. Nic and her two friends are thrown into a terrifying quest to find a powerful magical object and save her family. |
| 18699 | Nicholas and the chronoporter Monkfish, Rowley | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143302001 | One of the many inventions of Nicholas is a belt that lets him travel through time. His teacher sees it as a way to gain world domination. They become locked in an hysterical, time-hopping battle that Nicholas has to win to save the world. |
| | Nicola Berry series Moriarty, Liane | | | | 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. |
| 12810 | Night of the fifth moon Ciddor, Anna | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741148145 | Ket is desperate to learn the druid's secrets. He can predict the future from the stars, understand the raven's cry and speak words of power that can halt a battle. Five other fosterlings are competing with him to become the chosen one and, at each new moon, one of them is sent away. Friendships are strained as they all try to impress the druid. |

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| 772895 | Night ride into danger French, Jackie | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781460758939 | Jem's dad drove the Cobb and Co mail coaches between Braidwood and Goulburn, it was dark and dangerous work. They only drove at night, but sometimes Paw let Jem take the reins. This was a difficult job with 5 horses up front and passengers in the carriage. Tonight, was going to be an even more interesting drive - although they didn't know that. Jem was sitting on top of the carriage with his Paw, the mail had been packed, a mystery passenger was on board, an extremely heavy trunk too as well as all sorts of obstacles along the way. What were the secrets the passengers on this particular coach ride hiding? |
| 79289 | Night school Carmody, Isobelle & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780670072071 | A group of children spend the night in a big old school and go on a chilling journey of self-discovery when they decide to play a game. They must travel from room to room, picking up a lantern and writing down their names to ward off the dark. But, the old school holds a secret that they must confront if they are to succeed in their journey. |
| 16016 | Night they stormed Eureka, The French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2009 | 9780732285418 | It's 1854 and the Ballarat goldfields are a place of dreams and rebellion as Sam, a homeless teenager, is called back to the past. As the summer days get hotter and the miners protests are ignored, Sam experiences at first-hand the power of a united stand which will change her life forever. |
| 1162138 | Night War, The Brubaker Bradley, Kimberley | Text Publishing Co | 2024 | 9781922790637 | In 1942 much of France is occupied by the Nazis. Separated from her parents, 12 year old Miri is Jewish and not safe. Entrusted with 2 year old Nora, the girls flee to a small village where Nuns will look after them if they pretend to be Catholic. Miri takes the chance to help others at great risk to herself. Can she forgive herself for those she couldn't save and will she be able to save Nora and herself? |
| 3144 | Nimbin, The Wagner, Jenny | Penguin | 2001 | 9780140362978 | One summer, Philippa's life is changed forever when she meets a furry, shadowy little creature called a nimbin, who adopts her and takes over her beach bag as its home. A delightful tale about a mythical Australian creature. |
| 1077273 | Nina Peanut is amazing Bowie, Sarah | Scholastic UK | 2024 | 9780702329876 | Nina Peanut creates amazing videos - so why is it only her nan and best friend Brian who watch them? Surely everyone should be interested in her SERIOUS and NOT-STUPID videos about potatoes with faces? Nina dreams about being as popular as class queen bee Megan Dunne, who films NOT AMAZING AT ALL content of her pampered dog, Princess Trixie Bell. So when Nina's stinky cat Les wanders into one of Megan's videos by accident, and goes viral, Nina and Les are suddenly internet famous! But is overnight stardom as wonderful as Nina always imagined it would be? |

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| 650042 | No ballet shoes in Syria Bruton, Catherine | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2019 | 9781788004503 | Eleven year old Aya has arrived in Britain with her mother and baby brother seeking asylum from Syria. A local ballet teacher notices Aya's talent and her fascination with the dance classes. While Aya finds friends and begins to settle into life in Britain, she and her family must fight for survival and to stay in the country. |
| 885991 | No boundaries Fieseler, Clare & Salazar, Gabby | National Geographic Society | 2022 | 9781426371769 | 25 women, 25 exciting careers and every one is possible if you are willing to dream big and work hard. From mountaineer to astronomer, citizen scientist to volcanologist, enjoy their stories and learn some fun facts about the people, places and creatures of the amazing world we live in. |
| 2386 | No stars to wish on Fraillon, Zana | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743315149 | Taken from his home in the middle of the night, Jack is placed in a home for 'Orphans and Unwanted Children.' He loves telling jokes but not many people laugh in the orphanage. There are no names, only numbers on shoes, and Jack has become Number 49. The spirited, ever-optimistic Jack struggles in the loveless, cruel environment and begins to wonder if he will ever return to the family he misses so much. |
| 855848 | No way! The wildest mind-blowing facts in the universe Marshall, Dan | Pantera Press | 2021 | 9780648677024 | KLAUS (Knowledge Learning and Understanding System) the robot is here to take you on a journey of discovery. With fun facts and challenges to solve, this book of general facts will answer all your questions about space, humans, Earth, science, animals, and maths. |
| 15867 | Nobody owns the moon Riddle, Tohby | Penguin | 2008 | 9780670071609 | Clive Prendergast is a fox with a regular job and a place to call home in a busy city. His friend, Humphrey, is a struggling donkey with no fixed address. Life in the city isn't easy but a special-looking, blue envelope is about to change everything, at least for one night. |
| 7001 | Nobody's boy Bates, Dianne | Celapene Press | 2012 | 9780987255600 | Ron's family is broken. He isn't able to live with his mum or dad. Now he's being fostered by his aunt who has three sons of her own. It's a chaotic, angry environment, and Ron isn't at all happy. When strangers, Rosie and Bob, offer to care for him, he jumps at the chance. It's the kind of home he's always dreamed of. There is only one thing missing. He aches to be with his dad. |
| 81508 | Noodle pie Starke, Ruth | Omnibus Books | 2008 | 9781862917637 | Andy and his father, a Vietnamese former refugee, return to Hanoi for the first time in over twenty years. Andy experiences a real cultural shock as he feels very Australian and doesn't like being called by his Vietnamese name. Over time, Andy discovers a lot about his relatives, his father and himself, as he helps his dad tell them about his life in Australia. |

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| 774453 | North and South: a tale of two hemispheres Morris, Sandra | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781925381801 | From the frozen polar regions to warm ocean currents, scorching deserts to tropical rainforests, animals all over the world respond to the four seasons in very different ways. Their survival depends on it. Learn about their conservation status and see how animals adapt to the changing seasons in their Northern and Southern Hemisphere homes. |
| 19186 | Northwood Falkner, Brian & Bixley, Donovan (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781921529801 | Cecilia Undergarment likes a challenge. When she discovers a sad and neglected dog, she is determined to rescue him. But, her daring dog rescue lands her in deep trouble, in the form of being lost in the dark forest of Northwood. A forest where ferocious black lions roam. A forest that hides a secret castle, an unlikely king and many a mystery. A forest where those who enter never return. |
| 774421 | Not all heroes wear capes: 10 things we can learn from the ordinary people doing extraordinary things Brooks, Ben & Baines, Nigel (ill) | Wren and Rook Books | 2021 | 9781526362896 | What do you think of when you hear the word 'hero'? Is it the wall-climbing, cape-wearing, villain-fighter you see in comics and films? Heroes can actually come in all forms, shapes and sizes. Some cook for the hungry. Some nurse the poorly back to health. Others raise money for important causes. From small acts of kindness to inventions that have saved the lives of hundreds of people, every person in this book has found their passion - or their superpower. No matter how big or small it might be, your power can be used to change the world for the better too. |
| 17530 | Not cricket Caisley, Raewyn | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407924 | Twelve year old Nick loves cricket but he isn't going to play next season. Sledging opponents has become the norm at weekend games and Nick doesn't want to be a part of it. |
| 62158 | Not my sister Weeks, S | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2004 | 9780340866146 | Lana's dad and Guy's mum are going to get married but Lana and Guy hate each other. After trying to sabotage the wedding so they don't have to live in the same house, their problems are solved in an unusual way. |
| | Not-for-parents 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. |
| 6474 | Note on the door Marwood, Lorraine | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781921720611 | Full of warmth and humour, the poems provide snapshots of everyday family life, the fun of a beach holiday, raiding the fridge after school, fighting over whose turn it is to do the dishes, camping in the backyard and much more. |

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| 6041 | Notebooks of a middle-school princess Cabot, Meg | Pan MacMillan | 2015 | 9781447280651 | Twelve year old Olivia Grace considers herself to be totally average. Following her mother's death, Olivia Grace lives with her aunt and cousins, and has never met her father, although she has received letters from him. Olivia's world is turned upside down when the most popular girl at school attacks her for lying. But, rescue is at hand, in the form of a princess who whisks her away in a limousine. |
| 3826 | Numbers book, The Hendry, Lorna | Wild Dog Books | 2016 | 9781742034225 | Numbers are amazing. They help us make sense of the world around us and we use them in lots of different ways every day. Find out just what numbers are in this fascinating book. |
| 6414 | Numerical Street Bell, Hilary & Presenti, Antonia (ill) | NewSouth Publishing | 2015 | 9781742232287 | Count as you walk up Numerical Street, every page has a numerical treat. Get your pants altered, get your keys cut, hop, skip or jump up Numerical Street, past cake shops, hair stylists, laundromats, pet stores and shoe repairers, all with their curious wares on display. |
| 574230 | OCDaniel King, Wesley | Simon & Schuster | 2016 | 9781481455329 | Daniel is the back-up punter for the Erie Hills Elephants. Which really means he's the water boy. He spends football practice perfectly arranging water cups-and hoping no one notices his strange habits-he calls them Zaps: avoiding writing the number four, for example, or flipping a light switch on and off dozens of times over. He hopes no one notices that he's crazy, especially his best friend Max, and Raya, the prettiest girl in school. His life gets weirder when another girl at school, unkindly nicknamed Psycho Sara, notices him for the first time. She doesn't just notice him: she seems to peer through him. Then Daniel gets a note: "I need your help," it says, signed, Fellow Star Child-whatever that means. And suddenly Daniel, a total no one at school, is swept up in a mystery that might change everything for him. With great voice and grand adventure, this book is about feeling different and finding those who understand. |
| 21194 | Ocean and sea Parker, Steve | Scholastic US | 2012 | 9781407131511 | Meet ocean creatures up close, from the humblest microbe to the most majestic whale, plus the craziest deep-sea creatures ever seen. Find out how oceans formed, how they work, and why our future depends on them. |
| 751027 | Ocean animals Chapman, Blake & Hicks, Astred (ill) | CSIRO | 2020 | 9781486311415 | Ocean animals are truly awesome and are also some of the weirdest, sneakiest and smartest animals on the planet. Full of fun facts, sea'lebrity species profiles and amazing pictures, you will learn about issues threatening marine life and tips on how to help protect our amazing ocean environments. |

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| 48385 | Ock Von Fiend Edwards, Luke | Omnibus Books | 2007 | 9781862917484 | A funny, appealing story about Ock, the vampire, who doesn't have many friends because, well, he's a vampire. When Ock gets down about being different, he tries to remember the advantages of super hearing, night vision, vanishing power and his cool teeth. |
| 60413 | Octopus's garden, The: The secret world under the sea Norman, Mark | Black Dog Books | 2008 | 9781742030210 | For us air-breathing land dwellers, life under the water is curious and amazing. The deeper you go, the more extraordinary life becomes. An amazing variety of octopuses and squids are revealed through beautiful photographs, detailed information and a glossary of terms. |
| 6328 | Odd science: Amazing inventions Olstein, James | Pavilion | 2018 | 9781843653738 | Would you want your life saved by a slug? or sneakers made from spiders webs? Discover what amazing things creative scientists are investigating in the world around us. Prepare to consider what you know of the world, how could you use your knowledge to make the next cool invention? |
| 31025 | Oddball Brian, Janeen | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150562 | Sol still can't believe he told Aggo, the school bully and hand ball champion, that he was going to thrash him using hypnotism. Sol is sure that this moment of temporary insanity is going to lead to certain death. Sol wonders whether wit, wisdom or nothing will save him when he has to face Aggo. |
| 7971 | Odyssey, The: Usborne graphic legends Punter, Russell & Fiorin, Fabiano | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2018 | 9781474938099 | Brave and clever Odysseus, finished with battle at Troy, longs to return home to his wife and family on Ithaca and put his days of war behind him. His journey home is full of danger and challenges, including giants, the legendary Cyclops, a very angry Poseidon, six headed sea dragons, and more. Homer's epic is retold in comic format to introduce readers to an action packed classic. |
| 568903 | Off the track Burne, Cristy | Fremantle Press | 2018 | 9781925591743 | Harry is reluctantly hiking the Bibbulmun track with his mother, her friend Ana and Ana's daughter Deepika. at first all he thinks about are snakes, spiders and insects in the bush and no mobile phones. Then, just as he starts to enjoy himself Harry discovers that things can go really wrong in the bush. |
| 885149 | Offline diaries, The: As told by Ade and Shanice Adegoke, Yomi & Uviebinene, Elizabeth & Andrews, Tequita (ill) & Burton, Ruthie (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780008444785 | Ade is about to move house and is not at all happy about it! She meets Shanice outside her father's salon and they form an instant connection. Both write in diaries so they connect through their love of writing through their diary entries and through online chatting. As their friendship develops they help each other to settle into the early years of high school, building a strong, supportive connection. |
| 9332 | Okra and Acacia: the story of the wattle pattern plate Hathorn, Libby & Stoddart, Brigitte (ill) | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733614927 | A beautifully written, romantic story, weaving Aboriginal myth with ancient folklore. |

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| | Olive of Groves 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. |
| 12328 | On a camel to the moon Bloom, Valerie | Chrysalis Books Group | 2001 | 9781841382470 | A varied collection of poems about travel from dragons on buses to visiting Jupiter. A thought-provoking anthology with fantastic illustrations. |
| 18653 | On country: stories of Nyrlotte Doyle, Fiona & Doyle, Lionel (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2006 | 9780702235450 | A delightful story, set in Cape York, focuses on the relationship between a young Aboriginal girl, Nyrlotte, and her strong grandmother. Granny knows all the stories and can sing a cyclone away, and Nyrlotte knows she should always listen to her Granny's warnings. But listening isn't always Nyrlotte's strong point. |
| 7677 | On Orchard Road Edgar, Elsbeth | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921720291 | Jane's world has been turned upside down. She has a brand-new sister, and her family has moved to a small town, leaving behind everything she knows. She is sure that she will be miserable. But, a mysterious old lady, a curious boy and an amazing garden prove her wrong. |
| 19321 | On track Apel, Kathryn | University of Queensland Press | 2015 | 9780702253737 | Two brothers couldn't be more different. Shaun excels at everything, both in the classroom and on the field. His younger brother, Toby, has a stumbly, fumbly body and can't do anything well. He thinks Sports Day is the worst day of the year. So, Shaun can't understand why Toby gets a laptop or why he is now being trained by Toby's coach, and coming to an elite Athletics Camp. It's just not fair. |
| 1367 | Once a shepherd Millard, Glenda & Lesnie, Phil (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781921720628 | Once there was a shepherd, a very special coat and hope. A family during World War I. |
| 18464 | Once upon a time in the kitchen Odell, Carol | Citrus Press | 2005 | 9780975102336 | Recipes and tales from children's classics let kids cook the food enjoyed by the world's favourite storybook characters. |
| 4675 | Once upon an alphabet Jeffers, Oliver | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2014 | 9780007514274 | The twenty-six letters of our alphabet work tirelessly to make words that, in turn, make stories. Find out what happens when each of the letters has its own story. Twenty-six entertaining, short stories introduce a host of new characters plus the occasional familiar face. |
| 21160 | One beastly beast Nix, Garth | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741754681 | A collection of four fantastic stories in which rude video pirates kidnap an unfortunate boy, a feisty princess takes on a monster, a foundling is sure his lost parents should be scientific types like him and not the monsters and pirates who keep turning up to claim him, and a rather interesting sea serpent and an enchanted penguin get together. |

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| 6895 | One beetle too many: the extraordinary adventures of Charles Darwin Lasky, Kathryn & Trueman, Matthew (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2009 | 9780763614362 | Find out about Charles Darwin's legendary five year voyage to South America, his love of the natural world and how he formulated his ideas about the way the earth, humans and animals have evolved. |
| 41375 | One boy's war Huggins-Cooper, L & Benfold Haywood, I (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2010 | 9781847801265 | Sixteen year old Sydney is overwhelmed by the excitement of the 1914 recruitment campaigns and the bravado of men leaving for the Great War. With enthusiasm, he joins up but soon finds himself in a frontline trench, a long way from home. Reality and the rats begin to bite. Told through Sydney's letters and journal which portray the degradation and disillusionment of life and death in the trenches. |
| 6133 | One dog and his boy Ibbotson, Eva & Rentta, Sharon (ill) | Marion Lloyd books | 2011 | 9781407124230 | Hal really longs for a dog of his own but his rich parents are against the mess and disruption it would cause. When his father hires a dog from Easy Pets, Hal thinks all his dreams have come true. But, the dog has been hired just for the weekend and, when Fleck is returned, Hal plans to rescue the dog and run away. When Hal teams up with Pippa, who has released a whole lot of unhappy dogs from their cages at Easy Pets, a rollicking canine adventure begins. |
| 38228 | One perfect pirouette Clark, Sherryl | University of Queensland Press | 2010 | 9780702238413 | Attending the National Ballet School has been Brynna's dream. When her parents move to Melbourne so that she can attend a top ballet school, Brynna wonders why she feels so awful about the move and why her brother is angrier than she has ever seen him. Her mother is working hard to keep the family afloat. For Brynna to realise her dream, something has to give. |
| 895529 | One potoroo: a story of survival Jaye, Penny & Rogerson, Alicia (ill) | CSIRO | 2021 | 9781486314645 | A conservation story of the Gilbert's Potoroo-Australia's rarest mammal. When a bushfire destroys Potoroo's home, he becomes one of the last surviving Gilbert's Potoroo in Western Australia. Luckily, a team of conservationists knows where Potoroo can go." |
| 73591 | One small island Lester, Alison & Tulloch, Coral | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780670072361 | Macquarie Island lies in the Southern Ocean, between Antarctica and New Zealand. A speck of green in the vast, windswept sea, it is a haven for many creatures that live above and below the waves. The book explores the island's unique geological beginnings, discovery and degradation at the hands of humans, and the battle to restore it today. |
| 9207 | One thousand and one Arabian nights McCaughrean, Geraldine | Oxford University Press | 1999 | 9780192750136 | A retelling of these fantastic classic tales. |

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| 15606 | One well: the story of water on Earth Strauss, Rochelle & Woods, Rosemary (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320798 | In billions of years, the amount of water on Earth hasn't changed. There is one global well from which we all draw water. How we treat the water will affect every species on the planet now and into the future. |
| 587560 | Onibi: Diary of a Yokai ghost hunter Sento, Atelier | Tuttle Publishing | 2016 | 9784805314968 | Two travellers explore the small cities and towns of Japan's countryside. Curious about the many ghost stories of these areas, they acquire a special camera which promises to capture the images of the many unusual ghosts they hear about on their travels. |
| 25200 | Ophelia and the marvellous boy Foxlee, Karen | Knopf Publishing Group | 2014 | 9780385753548 | Ophelia doesn't believe in anything that can't be proven by science. She and her sister Alice are still grieving for their dead mother when their father takes a job in a strange museum in a city where it always snows. Ophelia soon discovers a boy locked away in a long forgotten room. He is a prisoner of Her Majesty the Snow Queen. And he has been waiting for Ophelia's help. |
| 35568 | Opposite Land Hamlyn, Charlotte Rose | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780143780816 | Welcome to Opposite Land - where socks wear feet, broccoli is meat, behind is ahead, and people poop from their head! After the worst day ever, Steve discovers a strange book written upside down and back to front. That night, when its words become mysteriously clear and Steve begins to read them, she's transported to the topsy-turvy world in the book - Opposite Land. In this extraordinarily peculiar place, roads float in mid-air, people live in giant snail shells and monsters are made of pasta! |
| 60194 | Oracle French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2010 | 9780732288402 | Combines history, myth and fantasy. From beyond recorded time, Jackie French takes us on another historical journey. A chance for one girl who tells the truth to change history, and for her brother, an acrobat who accompanies a daring horse dancer across Greece, to attempt to rescue her. |
| 11387 | Orchard book of fairy tales, The Impey, Rose & Beck, Ian | Orchard Books | 2005 | 9781843621812 | Classic fairy tales retold with a very slightly, fractured twist for today's kids. |
| 597533 | Orchard Underground, The Larkin, Mat | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2018 | 9781760500856 | Pri Kohli was the first kid to live in Dunn's Orchard. He knows the town, and knows there are no mysteries or secrets. When Attica Stone arrives and he loses the last tree to make way for more housing estates, his life takes a dramatic turn. Pri and Attica search the forbidden Razy Wood and discover more secrets and mysteries than they could have ever imagined. |

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| 846276 | Order of time and Odin's door, The Southall, Scott P | Seaview Press | 2022 | 9780648695462 | Anastasia and Edward Upston knew it was strange when the orange light bathed the snow covered fields and dipped beyond the horizon. They knew it was strange that something so beautiful could signal the arrival of something so evil. They knew for sure that when mortals are caught between two bickering gods nothing good could come of it. Surviving the Viking Age may be the hardest thing the twelve year old twins ever have to do, if they can. |
| 846275 | Order of time, The Southall, Scott P | Seaview Press | 2020 | 9780648695400 | Anastasia and Edward Upton are eleven year old twins who are inseparable and the best of friends, yet they are very different. They tackle the highs and lows of sixth grade. But their life becomes complicated when they discover that their friend and mentor from the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, Dr Gregorian, is part of a secret society called The Order of Time. It turns out that time is not fixed, it's a fluid continuum where any changes to the past can create changes to the present. It falls to the twins to travel back in time to ancient Egypt where they must overcome deadly assassins, evil high priests and vengeful gods in order to prevent disaster. Their challenge is to navigate all obstacles to preserve the past and then find their way back home. |
| 292 | Original Olympics, The Ross, Stewart | Hodder & Stoughton | 1999 | 9780750225564 | Drawings, pictures and fictional stories make the facts of Ancient Greece come to life in this book about the ancient Olympics. |
| 751052 | Orion lost Chisholm, Alastair | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2020 | 9781788005920 | After a catastrophic Unknown Event leaves the colony ship Orion stranded deep in space, it's up to thirteen-year-old Beth and her friends to navigate through treacherous and uncharted territory and reach safety. But a heavily damaged ship, a mysterious alien species, space pirates, and an Artificial Intelligence which Beth suspects may be lying to her mean that getting home has never been so difficult. Hugely gripping, with incredible twists and a fast-paced, action-packed story, this is an unputdownable science fiction adventure - perfect for fans of Mortal Engines and Star Wars. |

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| 705650 | Orla and the serpent's curse Haslam, C J | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406388480 | A spooky adventure set in Cornwall; Famous Five with a twist. A long-dead Cornish witch to thwart and a curse to stop - it's just another family holiday. Orla thought she was in for a relaxing break, but when she finds a mysterious glowing necklace in the woods, it turns out there is a slight possibility she may have uncovered a witch's ancient curse. After meeting a coven of suspicious old ladies, it becomes clear that Orla's arrival in Cornwall is no longer a coincidence. The curse is poisoning the land and destroying everything it touches, and Orla is the one person who can stop it. But she'll need help from the only other member of the family with good instincts - Dave the dog. |
| 751118 | Orphans of St Halibut's, The Wills, Sophie & Tazzyman, David (ill) | MacMillan | 2020 | 9781529013375 | There's something fishy going on at St Halibut's Home. Life has been perfect since the orphans buried their matron even though it was an accident. Tig, Stef, Herc and Pamela just have to make sure that no one finds out that they are on their own. However, stolen cakes, explosions and a very grumpy goat means that things change quickly from all is good to explosions and all sorts of trouble. |
| 31734 | Other brother French, Simon | Walker Books | 2012 | 9781921720833 | Kieran wants to fit in and be part of the in-group at school. He wants to be on the football team. But, then, his cousin Bon turns up. Bon doesn't know anything about fitting in. He looks different, he wears the wrong clothes and he says weird things. Even worse, Julia seems to prefer Bon's company to his. Kieran just wants to ignore Bon but, soon, he is forced to make a choice. |
| 767018 | Other words for home Warga, Jasmine | HarperCollins US | 2021 | 9780062747815 | Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US and her new label of "Middle Eastern", an identity she's never known before. But this life also brings unexpected surprises there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude might just try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is. |

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| 618348 | Otilie Colter and the master of monsters Williams, Rhiannon | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2019 | 9781760500900 | Otilie is back! The first and only girl to be chosen to be part of the Narrowway Hunt. But there are new challenges ahead for her. The dredretches are getting worse, and they are getting inside the walls of Fort Fiory! Otilie and her friends are trying to find out more about the hunt, only to find out that witchcraft may also be involved. No one is safe anymore and they need all the hunters they can get. Will they let the girls at the Fort fight too? Only Otilie could convince them, but will they listen? |
| 589593 | Otilie Colter and the Narrowway Hunt Williams, Rhiannon | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2018 | 9781760500849 | Otilie Colter and her brother, Gully, have always fended for themselves. So when Gully goes missing one night, Otilie sets out to find him - and soon makes a horrible discovery. Gully has been forcibly recruited by the Narrowway Hunt, a secretive male-only organisation that hunts savage, blight-spreading monsters called 'dredretches'. Disguising herself as a boy, Otilie infiltrates the Hunt - but quickly realises that taking her brother home won't be easy. Trapped in the heart of the dredretch-infested Narrowway, it's impossibly dangerous for them to leave. But as she trains to become a Huntsman alongside her brother, hoping for a chance to escape, how long can she keep her true identity a secret? |
| 813627 | Otilie Colter and the withering world Williams, Rhiannon | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2023 | 9781761212192 | Otilie and her friends are part of the Narrowway Hunt. Flying her Wingerslink her job is to make sure the Narrowway and it's people are safe from the dredretches and to try and stop the Withering Wood. But Whisler has other plans. Plans that would mean something far worse than the dredretches. But what exactly are those plans and why does Whisler need Otilie's friends to complete it? |
| | Ottoline series Riddell, Chris | | | | 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. |
| 8382 | Our Aunty Sharon Prior, Chasity & Karen Briggs (ill) | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780980359305 | Popular Sharon is one deadly relative, a proud and gregarious Aunty to all the mob. |

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| | Our Australian 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. |
| 1019712 | Our country: Where history happened Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760653576 | History is out there. In every corner of Australia, the past is waiting to be discovered. Find it in ancient rock art and a haunted convict prison. Explore a cave that echoes with the spirit of resistance. Search for a tree blazed with a fateful message. Visit the site where a legend was born. Our country is calling. |
| 5500 | Our home is dirt by sea Bates, Dianne (ed) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925081190 | Poetry is magical and funny, and tells stories about life. This collection includes forty-five different kinds of poems, by thirty-five Australian poets. They share, reveal and confess parts of their life experiences in passionate, angry, absurd, moving and hilarious ways. |
| 875694 | Our Home, Our Heartbeat Briggs, Adam & Moon, Kate & Sarra, Rachael (ill) | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2020 | 9781760504168 | Adapted from Briggs' celebrated song 'The Children Came Back', Our Home, Our Heartbeat is a celebration of past and present Indigenous legends, as well as emerging generations, and at its heart honours the oldest continuous culture on earth. |
| 660681 | Our planet Attenborough, David & Whyman, Matt & Jones, Richard (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780008180317 | Discover icy landscapes, dense jungles and endless oceans and learn how our fascinating habitats interconnect to create the one place we call home-Our Planet. |
| 8643 | Our stories: Australian Federation Brennan, Net | HarperCollins Australia | 2014 | 9781922179944 | Before 1901, the nation of Australia did not exist. Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia were six separate colonies under British rule. Find out how ordinary citizens became the first in the world to write and vote for their own Constitution, and how they came together to form the nation of Australia. |
| 34638 | Our stories: Australian flags and emblems Tayleur, Karen | Black Dog Books | 2013 | 9781742031095 | The story of Australia is told by the flags and the emblems we see around us. They display our past, our cultural heritage, our national treasures and the amazing diversity of each state. Find out about our rich history and what we value. |
| 30522 | Our stories: Canberra, Federal capital Hawkins, Tracey | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922179319 | In 1901, when the six British colonies of early Australia came together to form one country, a new capital city was proposed. Find out why Canberra was selected and how it became an important treasure trove of historical, artistic, sporting and scientific achievements. Discover Canberra, the federal capital of Australia. |

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| 31845 | Our stories: Child convicts Brennan, Net | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9781742032238 | In eighteenth century Britain, children were tried in court like adults. Some as young as nine were transported to the colonies. Their names may not be familiar but a child convict became the first person hanged in Australia, another is celebrated on our twenty dollar note and one would count a future prime minister as a descendant. Their stories are ones of survival and building Australia as a nation. |
| 2958 | Our stories: Protest in Australia Lawson, Sue | Black Dog Books | 2016 | 9781922244543 | Through protest, Australians have united to fight for change and have influenced the outcome of many causes. From human rights to the environment, this book traces Australia's proud history of protest. |
| 31781 | Our stories: Sportsmanship Brennan, Net | HarperCollins Australia | 2016 | 9781742032337 | Australia's passion for sport often defines our history, our traditions, our values and our identity. These are the stories of the sportsmen and women whose talents have stopped the nation. These are the moments when we threw our arms in the air and cheered. |
| 817 | Our village in the sky Brian, Janeen & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743318140 | Our village sits above the great river, nestled in the Himalayan mountains. This is what we do on summer days when school is closed for holiday time, in our village in the sky. |
| 16831 | Our world of water Hollyer, Beatrice | Frances Lincoln | 2008 | 9781845076481 | Regardless of the wealth or poverty of countries, water is vital for our survival. The daily lives of six children from Peru, Mauritania, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Tajikistan and California show where water comes from, what it means to them and how they use it. The photographs and real life stories also touch on climate change and pollution. |
| 13703 | Our world: Bardi Jaawi life at Ardiyooloon One Arm Point Remote Community School | Magabala Books | 2010 | 9781921248238 | This book provides a rare glimpse into the lives of the children of a remote Indigenous community, 200km north of Broome, Western Australia. They carry on the culture of the Bardi Jaawi people as they build fish traps, make spears and boomerangs, hunt crabs, turtles and dugong, learn traditional dances and share traditional stories. |
| | Out of this world 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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| 41821 | Outbreak Prince, Alison | A & C Black | 2008 | 9780713688405 | Miriam's mother is starting to buy extra food to put away. Both her parents insist on calling her by her non-Jewish nickname and Miriam is struggling to understand what is going on. Through talking with friends who have overheard their parents' conversations and listening to the radio, Miriam learns about the coming to power of Adolph Hitler. |
| 9159 | Outlaw - the story of Robin Hood Morpurgo, Michael | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780007465927 | Lost in a dark, strange forest, Robin is rescued by a crew of misfits, the Outlaws. He seeks justice and revenge against the Sheriff of Nottingham, once and for all. |
| 1023651 | Outlaw girls Gale, Emily & Wheatman, Nova | Text Publishing Co | 2024 | 9781922790231 | Kate and Ruby have a lot in common - they both live in the Victorian high country, both are daring and prepared to break the rules and both love riding horses. They could be friends, but they live more than 140 years apart. While Kate is secretly taking supplies to her brother Ned Kelly, galloping through the mountains, she is mysteriously carried through time and finds herself in 2022 where she meets Ruby. When Ruby travels back to 1878 with Kate she gets roped in to helping the Kelly Gang from being found. But Ruby knows that disaster is looming. Is it possible to change history? |
| 751192 | Over the moon Shang, Wendy Wan-Long & Keane, Glen (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2020 | 9780063002432 | Fueled with a determination and passion for science, Fei Fei builds a rocket ship to the moon to prove the existence of the Moon Goddess. There she ends up on an adventure of a lifetime, discovering fantastical creatures in a whimsical land. Come along with Fei Fei on this adventure about moving forward, embracing the unexpected and the power of imagination. |
| 1209834 | Paddington in Peru: The Story of the Movie Wilson, Anna | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2024 | 9780008681807 | This is the story of the third Paddington movie, Paddington in Peru! Paddington and the Browns are off to visit Aunt Lucy in Peru. When he arrives, however, all is not right - Aunt Lucy has vanished! Join Paddington and the Browns as they embark upon a quest in the jungle of Peru to find Aunt Lucy. |
| 297 | Paddock of poems, A Fatchen, Max | Penguin | 1987 | 9780140324761 | This is a collection of Australian poetry. |
| 660426 | Paddy T. and the time-travelling trampoline France, Adam & Zainal, Zahra (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760523763 | A trampoline portal into the future, a magic pencil that can write stories by itself, a trip down a hill that ends up being the holiday of a lifetime. Only the weird and wonderful can happen to Paddy T. in these seven wild action adventures. |

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| | Pages & Co series James, Anna | | | | 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. |
| 903268 | Pages & co: The treehouse library James, Anna | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780008410858 | Milo Bolt is ready to be the hero of his own story. With Uncle Horatio trapped in an enchanted sleep by the power-hungry Alchemist, he sets off with his new friend Alessia to find a cure and save them all. Their journey leads them to the magical treehouse, which is home to the Botanist who is the Alchemist's sworn enemy. Together they hunt for the cure. But the Alchemist will stop at nothing to unlock the powerful secrets of The Book of Books. Tilly, Pages & Co and the whole world of imagination are under threat as a battle for the fate of bookwandering is set in motion. |
| 64097 | Painting the wind MacLachlan, Patricia & MacLachlan, Emily & Schneider, Katy (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2003 | 9780064438254 | A young boy watches various artists who come to his island over the summer. He tries to learn something from each one in the hope that he might, one day, be able to paint the wind. |
| 299 | Pannikin & Pinta Thiele, Colin & Gouldthorpe, Peter | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734403605 | The pelicans at Lake Eyre leave for the coast when the lake dries up. Pannikin and mother, Pinta, leave a little too late with the other members of the family. |
| 13454 | Paper planes Worland, Steve | Penguin | 2015 | 9780143308744 | Twelve year old Dylan Webber lives in a small country town in outback Western Australia. When he discovers a talent for folding and flying paper planes, Dylan aims for the World Junior Paper Plane Championships. He is determined to create a plane to compete with the world's best. During his quest, Dylan makes unlikely new friends, clashes with powerful rivals and comes to terms with his family's past. |
| 43458 | Paper planes: 25 superdynamic aeroplanes to make and fly Mitchell, David | Pavilion | 2017 | 9781911163312 | 25 step-by-step paper aeroplanes for you to make. Clearly arranged, easy to follow and with lots of colour diagrams, this will be a popular book with kids from 7 years to 77 years. |
| 1078779 | Paper-Flower girl Lamond, Margrete & Jager, Mateja (ill) | Dirt Lane Press | 2023 | 9780645352399 | A paper-flower girl finds herself unable to survive unless she works for a giant who enforces his own conditions and design for her skills. By her gentle nature she finds a way to respond to escaping the situation she is in through a deceit that brings her success. |
| 911796 | Paradise sands Pinfeld, Levi | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781406383942 | When a young girl and her brothers step into a ghostly hotel, they fall under the spell of the mysterious Teller. She makes a deal with him to free them all from his haunting paradise. But can she hold up her side of the bargain? |

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| 21946 | Parent Agency, The Baddiel, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2014 | 9780007554485 | I wish I had better parents! Barry said a third time. And suddenly the entire room started to shake.... Barry Bennett hates being called Barry. In fact it is number 22 on the list of things he blames his parents for, after number 1: being boring. But there is a world where parents don't just have children. That's far too random. Instead, children are allowed to choose their parents. For Barry Bennett, this world seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple.... |
| 22123 | Parents are revolting, The Katz, Danny & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780143303077 | Terry and her little brother, Harry, always get exactly what they want from their parents. But, the situation changes drastically when Mum and Dad go on strike. |
| 80084 | Passing the music down Sullivan, Sarah & Root, Barry (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2011 | 9780763637538 | A young boy travels to the hills of Appalachia to meet the old-time fiddle player whose music he admires. A friendship develops that will forge a bond between generations. Under the man's care and instruction, the boy develops. From playing on the front porch to performing at American folk festivals, the two carry on the tradition of passing the music down. |
| 304 | Pat Rafter Sheppard, Barrie | Harcourt Education Australia | 2000 | 9781863919364 | Pat Rafter is a tennis champion who has won the prestigious US Open twice and been ranked number one in the world. |
| 64414 | Patterns of Australia Bancroft, Bronwyn | Little Hare Books | 2006 | 9781921049705 | The illustrations are patterns from ten different landscapes, with a description highlighting some key features. Children can try to find certain objects within each vibrant, indigenous artwork. |
| 783577 | Pawcasso Lai, Remy | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526771 | Every Saturday, Pawcasso trots into town with a basket, a shopping list, and cash in paw to buy groceries for his family. One day, he passes eleven-year-old Jo, peering out the window of her house, bored and lonely. Astonished by the sight of an adorable basket-toting dog on his own, Jo follows Pawcasso, and when she's seen alongside him by a group of kids from her school, they mistake her for Pawcasso's owner. Excited to make new friends, Jo reluctantly hides the truth and agrees to let ""her"" dog model for an art class the kids attend. What could go wrong? But what starts as a Chihuahua-sized lie quickly grows Great Dane-sized when animal control receives complaints about a dog roaming the streets off-leash. With Pawcasso's freedom at stake, is Jo willing to spill the truth and risk her new friendships? |

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| 785306 | Paws Foster, Kate | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781760652661 | Everything is changing for eleven-year-old Alex Freeman and, as an autistic person, change can be terrifying. With the first day of high school only a couple of months away, Alex is sure that having a friend by his side will help. So he's devised a friend-making plan. But making friends is tougher than Alex expected, and it looks as if his last chance to succeed rests on the shoulders of his dog Kevin. |
| 28050 | Pax Pennypacker, Sara & Klassen, Jon (ill) | HarperCollins US | 2016 | 9780008124090 | Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But, one day, the unimaginable happens. Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he wants to be with Pax. Despite the encroaching war, Peter strikes out on his own to reunite with his fox. |
| 846079 | Pax: Journey home Pennypacker, Sara & Klassen, Jon (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2016 | 9780008470289 | It's been a year since Peter and his pet fox, Pax, have seen each other. Once inseparable, they now lead very different lives. Pax must protect his litter of kits in a dangerous world. Meanwhile Peter, orphaned after the war, has left his adopted home and joined the Water Warriors, a group determined to heal the land from the scars of the war. When one of Pax's kits falls desperately ill, he turns to the one human he knows he can trust. And no matter how hard Peter tries to harden his broken heart, love keeps finding a way in. Now both boy and fox find themselves on journeys toward home, healing, and each other. |
| 6219 | Peace and me Winter, Ali & El Fathi, Mickael (ill) | Lantana Publishing | 2018 | 9781911373650 | This illustrated collection of inspirational ideas about peace is based on the lives of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates of the 20th and 21st centuries, among them Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Theresa and Malala Yousafzai. A must for anyone interested in exploring this essential issue of our times, this child-friendly exploration of what peace means to you and me is a book for every bookshelf. |
| 28003 | Peacock detectives, The Nugent, Carly | Text Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781925603705 | The last time the peacocks, William Shakespeare and Virginia, went missing Cassie found them sitting on a coiled hose behind the fire station, and Dad called 'Cassie Andersen, Peacock Detective'. So this time she knows what to do - she'll look for clues, write down all the important details in her Notebook for noticing and track them down. But the clues lead her in unexpected directions, and Cassie finds herself investigating a puzzling mystery about her family, searching for a missing friend, and facing her worst fear. And, in the middle of it all, she is working out how to be a writer. |

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| 15180 | Pearl of Tiger Bay, The Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143300830 | Annie moves to Tiger Bay where there are lots of secrets to be unravelled. Most mysterious of all is Madam Olenka, who lives in The Pearl, a grand, dilapidated hotel, above the township. Madam Olenka has not spoken to anyone in thirty years. |
| 2027 | Pearl verses the world Murphy, Sally & Potter, Heather (ill) | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150937 | At school, Pearl feels as though she is in a group of one. Her teacher wants her to write poems that rhyme but Pearl's poems don't. At home, however, Pearl feels safe and loved but her grandmother is slowly fading, and so are Mum and Pearl. When her grandmother eventually passes away, Pearl wants life to go back to the way it was. |
| 1862 | Pearl-shell diver, The Crabbe, Kay | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760290474 | Thirteen year old Sario lives with his family on a remote Torres Strait island. it's 1898 and the pearl-shell trade is at its height. When his father is coerced to join a white trader on his pearling lugger, Sario must go to work as a swimming diver to support the family. He's excited by the idea of walking on the sea floor but the competition is fierce and the only captain who will take him on runs the worst outfit in the fleet. And, there's the the constant danger of shark attacks and the storm of the century is approaching. |
| 7159 | Peasant prince, The Cunxin, Li & Spudvilas, Anne | Penguin | 2007 | 9780670070541 | Chinese-inspired watercolours charmingly support this picture-book adaptation of the true story of the life of a boy in Communist China, during the last decade of Chairman Mao's reign. At eleven, Li was plucked from obscurity to train as a ballet dancer, thus escaping his poor, peasant village roots. He travelled the world as a dancer and was finally reunited with his parents. |
| 959178 | Pebble and Wren Hallbeck, Chris | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9780358541288 | Pebble must leave his forest home and live with humans to unlock his true monster skills. He finds Wren who loves scary things and is happy to help him. They quickly become the best of friends. But can Pebble figure out his new powers? If he can't, he will have to go back home and leave Wren and the human world behind. |
| 801163 | Peeves Van Waes, Mike | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780008249120 | Steve (Slim) Pickings has debilitating worries but when they start actually coming alive, Slim is in all sorts of trouble. Not only are they wreaking havoc on Slim's life, they are contagious ... the whole town is being taken over! Can Steve face his fears? |
| 74282 | Pencil, The Ahlberg, Allan & Ingman, Bruce (ill) | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406309621 | A lonely little pencil creates things which have a life of their own. All is well until pencil draws a rubber which then creates mayhem. Pencil must work out a way to stop the rubber from rubbing out every drawing. |

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| 4443 | Penderwicks on Gardam Street, The Birdsall, Jeanne | Corgi Books | 2009 | 9780440868408 | The Penderwick sisters, Rosalind, Jane, Skye and Batty, are ready for an adventure but what happens isn't quite what they had in mind. When Mr Penderwick's sister, their Aunt Claire, decides it's time for him to start dating, it can only mean one thing, disaster. |
| 774379 | Penguin bloom (young readers edition) Kunz, Chris | ABC Books | 2021 | 9780733341670 | Sometimes stuff happens that you would do anything to try to avoid. But you can't. And that's what happened to us. Penguin Bloom tells the true story of Sam Bloom, a young mother whose world is turned upside down after a horrible accident that means she cannot walk. Sam's husband, mother and three young boys are struggling to adjust to their new life when an unlikely ally enters their world in the shape of a magpie chick they name Penguin. The birds arrival is a welcome distraction and ends up making a profound difference in their lives. |
| 111115 | Penguin book, The: Birds in suits Norman, Mark | Black Dog Books | 2006 | 9781921167300 | Some are shy, some are curious and some are grumpy enough to give you a slap as you walk by. But, all penguins are amazing. Includes seventeen different species of penguin, with fact boxes and descriptions of penguin physiology and habitats. |
| 1013326 | Penny draws a best friend Shepard, Sara | Text Publishing Co | 2023 | 9781922790248 | Fifth grader and budding artist Penny Lowry has a multitude of worries - why does the cubby room always smell of farts? Why is my mum suddenly acting like she has a secret? And why has my best friend ditched me for the most popular (and meanest) girl in school? Penny chronicles these and other questions in a journal she writes to her dog, Cosmo. Find out how Penny deals with her worries because there's a lot to be worried about in fifth grade, and even more to laugh about! |
| 1019790 | Penny draws a school play Shepard, Sara | Text Publishing Co | 2023 | 9781922790408 | Penny Lowry is back with more worries and more challenges - what if I don't want a part in the school play? Why do we have to move to a new house? Why does everything keep changing? It's scary moving to a new house, especially one with a strange new neighbour and a bedroom with weird creaky sounds. Even scarier is the school play where everyone has to have a part - even Penny! Change is hard, but lucky for Penny, she has Cosmo the dog and good friends by her side. |
| 308 | Peppermint Pig, The Bawden, Nina | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140309447 | Poll and her family have to move to a small town in the English countryside in the early twentieth century. They take their family pet, a pig. Now Poll's father has gone away and there is a mystery surrounding his departure. |

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| 6134 | Percy Jackson and the lightning thief: Graphic novel Riordan, Rick & Venditti, Robert (adapt) & Futaki, Attila (art) | Puffin UK | 2010 | 9780141335391 | Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporised my maths teacher. That's when things started really going wrong. Now I spend my time fighting with swords, battling monsters with my friends, and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt- and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea. Can Percy find the lightning bolt before a fully-fledged war of the Gods erupts? |
| | Percy Jackson series Riordan, Rick | | | | 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. |
| 15453 | Pet crabs Simon, Leslie A & Davis, J | Indij Readers | 2004 | 9780975686034 | An 'old Koori lad' tricks some 'gungies' (police) about his seafood hunting practices, highlighting laws about Native Title Fishing rights. |
| 643772 | Peter & Ernesto: a tale of two sloths Annable, Graham | First Second | 2018 | 9781626725614 | Peter and Ernesto are sloths. Peter and Ernesto are friends. But Peter and Ernesto are nothing alike. Peter loves their tree and never wants to leave, while Ernesto loves the sky and wants to see it from every place on Earth. When Ernesto leaves to have a grand adventure, Peter stays behind and frets. The two friends grow even closer in separation, as Peter the homebody expands his horizons and Ernesto the wanderer learns the value of home. |
| 39693 | Peter in peril Bate, Helen | Otter-Barry books | 2016 | 9781910959572 | Peter is just an ordinary boy, who loves playing football with his friends and eating cake. But, when war comes to his city, Budapest, Peter and his family have to go into hiding. |
| 3322 | Peter Pan Barrie, J M | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261206 | In this classic, magical Peter Pan comes to the night nursery of the Darling children. He teaches them to fly and takes them through the sky to Never-Never Land for many adventures, including a battle with the infamous villain, Captain Hook. |
| 12740 | Peter Pan in scarlet McCaughrean, Geraldine | Oxford University Press | 2006 | 9780192726209 | The former lost boys of Peter Pan's Neverland now lead normal adult lives but are plagued by realistic dreams. In this gripping official sequel, they return to find Peter Pan and to seek some answers. |
| 3332 | Phantom tollbooth, The Juster, Norton | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1993 | 9780394820378 | A young boy receives a special birthday gift that takes him on a journey through an extraordinary land. |

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| 2837 | Phar Lap, the wonder horse Kerin, Jackie & Mullins, Patricia (ill) | Museum Victoria | 2008 | 9780980381313 | The story of Phar Lap is famous in Australia's history. His story is told in the form of a ballad accompanied by vivid illustrations that evoke the period. |
| 7983 | Pharaoh: death and life of a God Kennett, David | Omnibus Books | 2008 | 9781862915930 | Egypt of the Pharaohs comes to life in this brilliant account of the reign of two pharaohs, Seti I and his son, Ramesses II, known as Ramesses the Great. Ramesses reigned as Pharaoh of Egypt for sixty-five years and built more temples than any other ruler in Egyptian history. The life, death and successes of each pharaoh are described against the backdrop of life and customs in Egypt at the time. |
| 310 | Pheasant and Kingfisher Berndt, Catherine & Meeks, Arone Raymond (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1998 | 9781863889742 | Beautifully illustrated, by an Aboriginal artist from Cairns, the retelling of how creatures came into the world during the Dreamtime. The author, an anthropologist, lived among the Aborigines in the north of Australia for many years. |
| 89611 | Phoebe Nash: girl warrior D'Ath, Justin | Laguna Bay Publishing | 2010 | 9780980566420 | Phoebe is holidaying with her family in Africa. From the outset things do not go according to plan as Phoebe becomes involved in an adventure of a lifetime, having witnessed the kidnapping of an African politician, and then being part of his rescue. All this is set in the wilds of Africa, with lions and elephants aplenty. |
| | Phredde 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. |
| | Phyllis Wong series McSkimming, Geoffrey | | | | 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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| 628095 | Pie in the sky Lai, Remy | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760651626 | When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he's landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn't speak English, and he's often stuck looking after his (extremely irritating) little brother, Yanghao. To distract himself from the loneliness, Jingwen daydreams about making all the cakes on the menu of Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he unexpectedly passed away. The only problem is his mother has laid down one major rule: the brothers are not to use the oven while she's at work. As Jingwen and Yanghao bake elaborate cakes, they'll have to cook up elaborate excuses to keep the cake making a secret from Mama. |
| | Pie rats series Stelzer, Cameron | | | | 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. |
| 10077 | Pied Piper of Hamelin, The Morpurgo, Michael & Clark, Emma Chichester (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406315110 | In the town of Hamelin, the rich and greedy live like kings and queens, while the poor and sick scavenge rubbish tips for scraps. An orphan boy tells the classic tale of how a plague of rats take over the town and how a fantastic piper offers to rid Hamelin of its rats for a single gold coin. But, when the greedy mayor breaks his word, the piper lures the town's children away. |
| 3347 | Piggotts in peril Ball, Duncan | HarperCollins Australia | 2002 | 9780207197833 | The Piggotts of Piggot Place return, triumphantly, in this cleverly-paced story of elusive pirate treasure. |
| 312 | Pigs and honey Adams, Jeanie | Scholastic Australia | 1993 | 9781863880466 | An account of an Aboriginal family on a weekend outing. |
| 313 | Pilawuk: when I was young Brian, Janeen | Era Publications | 1990 | 9781863742573 | Pilawuk explains that she was one of the Stolen Generation, and describes her life growing up with non-Aboriginal families and her search for her surviving relatives. |
| 570820 | Pilot and the Little Prince, The: The life of Antoine De Saint-Exupery Sis, Peter | Pushkin Press | 2014 | 9781782690597 | The story of airplanes and flight captured the imaginations of many. This picture book captures the history of flight leading up to World War I, the life of author Antoine De Saint-Exupery and his imaginative work 'The Little Prince'. Featuring imaginative artworks and diagrams. |

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| 3351 | Pinballs, The Byars, Betsy | Harper | 1977 | 9780062881786 | You can't always decide where life will take you especially when you're a kid. Carlie knows she's got no say in what happens to her. Stuck in a foster home with two other kids, Harvey and Thomas J, she's just a pinball being bounced from bumper to bumper. As soon as you get settled, somebody puts another coin in the machine and off you go again. But against her will and her better judgment, Carlie and the boys become friends. And all three of them start to see that they can take control of their own lives. |
| 7255 | Pinhoe egg, The Jones, Diana Wynne | HarperCollins Australia | 2007 | 9780007228553 | In the village around Chrestomanci castle, magic is being misused and when Cat Chant finds the Pinhoe egg, chaos begins, and Chrestomanci may not be the one able to bring control to the villages. |
| 3355 | Pinocchio Collodi, Carlo | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261602 | The classic tale of Pinocchio, a wooden puppet, carved by Old Gepetto, whose nose grows longer whenever he tells a lie. He runs away and joins a circus but a talking cricket and Pinocchio's guardian fairy save him and his wish is granted. |
| 7014 | Pinquo Thiele, Colin & Milton, Mary (ill) | New Holland Australia | 1992 | 9781863025324 | The emotional story of Pinquo, a fairy penguin, who lives in a penguin colony in South Australia. |
| 35606 | Pip and Houdini Jones, J.C & Keys, Caroline (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760296056 | After the death of her guardian, Sully, Pip has finally found a family who are planning to adopt her- at least they were until Pip gets into trouble AGAIN. Pip is sure she won't find a home with a regular family. There's only one place she might belong, and that's with the mother she has never met. With her faithful dog Houdini by her side, Pip sets off to find out what has happened to Cass. It's a journey filled with colourful characters, including a musical young woman and a friendly surfer. As Pip draws nearer to Byron Bay, is she prepared for what she will find when she gets there? |
| 15322 | Pipeline O'Connor built, The Lefroy, Joy & Frylinck, Diana & Duke, Marion (ill) | Sandcastle | 2003 | 9781920731601 | Fantastic photographs, diagrams and drawings explain how water was pumped to the Kalgoorlie goldfields because of one man's vision. Told in the style of 'The house that Jack built'. |
| | Pippa's Island series Murrell, Belinda | | | | 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. |
| 315 | Pippi Longstocking Lindgren, Astrid & Ross, Tony (ill) | Oxford University Press | 2015 | 9780192793799 | A humorous story about a super strong, super rich pirate's daughter who has adventures with her two friends, a monkey and a horse. |

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| 933 | Pirate company: on the trail of the golden toucan Cason, Susan | Omnibus Books | 2013 | 9781742990026 | When Tom's famous father fails to return home from an expedition, his corrupt step-mother has the explorer declared dead. Eager to be rid of her stepson, she ships him off to his stuffy old aunt in Boston. But his journey takes an unexpected turn. Before long he is working on a pirate ship and making plans to mount an expedition to discover his father's whereabouts. |
| 877886 | Pirate queens: Dauntless women who dared to rule the high seas Lewis, Leigh & Gomez Woolley, Sara (ill) | National Geographic Society | 2022 | 9781426371950 | You have heard about all the Pirate Kings but have you heard about the Pirate Queens. They are bold, adventurous and formidable. |
| 30760 | Pirate X Clark, Sherryl | University of Queensland Press | 2011 | 9780702238895 | Will Shepherd is not having the best of times. After six days on the wintery streets of London, he is beaten and robbed. After losing consciousness, he wakes to find he has travelled back to 1717, to a world of danger. Forced to work on Blackbeard's pirate ship, looting and burning, Will's unlikely friend is Major Bonnet, a disaster as a pirate but the key to his survival. |
| 660325 | Pirates: Dead men's tales Rooney, Anne & Willson, Joe (ill) | Carlton Books | 2018 | 9781783122325 | This book takes you on an epic adventure to meet pirates throughout history. Explore what life was really like as a member of a villainous pirate crew. However, don't let the title fool you; information is included about female pirates as well. |
| 46341 | Pizza cake Gleitzman, Morris | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305989 | A reader's feast. Ten wonderfully fresh stories, full of imagination and humour. |
| 1209807 | Plague French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781743834824 | Grass and wheat-lands spread to the horizon, and so did we, with too few ibis to control us. We could rage across the land. We ate the grass, the leaves, the wheat ...Plague explores the impact of human decisions on the delicate food chains that exist, through the eyes of the locusts themselves. |
| 25417 | Plague of unicorns, The Yolen, Jane | Zonderkidz | 2014 | 9780310746119 | James, an aristocratic son in medieval England, is sent to Cranford Abbey to study under the good monks. The abbey is falling into disrepair and, to make money, the Abbott sells cider made from the golden apples. But, the apples are constantly being eaten by a herd of marauding unicorns. When various methods fail to eradicate the unicorns, James must come up with a plan to eliminate them. He must become a perfect hero and risk his life to save the abbey and the monks, and, hopefully, find a way to return home. |
| 5345 | Planetwatch Bramwell, Martyn & Burnie, David & Dicks, Lynn & Few, Roger | Dorling Kindersley | 2009 | 9781740337021 | A comprehensive look at life on Earth, a fragile and changing place. Find out how climate change affects the world around us and what might happen in the future to the food we eat, the air we breathe and the land we live on. |

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| 19091 | Playground Wheatley, Nadia (ed) & Searle, Ken (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742370972 | Read the true stories about the childhood of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, compiled from memoirs and oral histories. Find out about getting bush tucker, going fishing, taking part in ceremony, playing games and having fun. The warmth of home, the love of family and the strength of community shine through every story. Eighty Elders, both past and present, have contributed their words or artwork. |
| 628192 | Playing with collage Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406378665 | A how-to guide to making your own collages, brimful of fascinating hints and tips from a master of the genre, Jeannie Baker. In Playing with Collage, she shares her secrets at last - and encourages her readers to get creative. Within each of this book's four main sections, Jeannie presents an abstract collage of her own and offers suggestions and starting points for beginners. There are no right or wrong answers in this treasure of a book, it's all about trusting your instincts... and playing! |
| 2514 | Plenty: a place to call home Braxton-Smith, Ananda | Black Dog Books | 2014 | 9781742032429 | Maddy receives an unexpected and quite unpleasant tenth birthday present. The family is to move from their inner-city home to the country, to be closer to her rarely-visited grandmother, who is battling the early stages of dementia. Stories by her grandmother and her Sudanese refugee classmate help Maddy to realise the true meaning of home, family and belonging. |
| 3394 | Podkin One-Ear Larwood, Kieran & Wyatt, David (ill) | Faber & Faber | 2016 | 9780571328406 | As the midwinter feast rolls on, the children gather to hear the storyteller tell tales of the Great warrior, Podkin one-ear. How will the greatest Rabbit that ever lived become the Hero? How will he escape the evil Gorm, and will the children be allowed to hear the end? An eternal story, and the start of a new adventure in the five realms of rabbits. |
| 5372 | Poems by young Australians Vol 6 Petty, Ron (ed) & Grieve, Bradley Trevor (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741664065 | Enjoy this collection of bright, witty, powerful and dark poems, written by students from five to seventeen years for The Taronga Foundation poetry prize. |
| 9273 | Poems in my luggage Thiele, Colin | Puffin Australia | 1989 | 9780140342796 | Includes a wide variety of Australian poems - humorous, reflective, serious and wise. |
| 26707 | Polar eyes: a journey to Antarctica Patrick, Tanya & Hutcheson, Nicholas (ill) | CSIRO | 2009 | 9780643096103 | Find out where penguins go to dance, what it's like to sleep in an igloo and how ancient ice can be used as a time machine. Take a journey through the scenes and science of one of the most fascinating parts of the planet, and try some hands-on activities. Heat-related activities may require supervision. |

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| | Polly and Buster series Rippin, Sally | | | | 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. |
| 18565 | Polly's march Newbery, Linda | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2005 | 9780746060315 | The new occupants in the apartment upstairs turn out to be two women friends who are heavily involved in the suffragette movement. Polly is inspired by their beliefs and finds herself questioning the views of those around her. |
| 59598 | Pompeii: a Roman girl's diary AD78-79 Reid, Sue | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407103082 | Claudia lives in Pompeii and begins her diary in August AD 78. She has been to the forum and felt the earth shake. It is a day of portents and omens, and on this same day, she first sees the mysterious slave boy, Aengus. Their paths continue to cross as they live in the shadow of the great volcano, Vesuvius. |
| 5302 | Pongwiffy stories, The Umansky, Kaye & Riddell, Kate (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2017 | 9781471167386 | Pongwiffy has just moved into a new cave, and it's dirty, smelly and damp - in other words it's perfect for a witch like Pongwiffy! At least it would be if her next door neighbours weren't a group of extremely noisy Goblins... Before long Pongwiffy can bear it no more and enlists the help of her best friend, Witch Sharkadder, to find her somewhere else to live. And that's when the problems really start! Two laugh-out-loud stories of humour and warmth, enticingly mixed with much sludge, slime and very bad habits. |
| 846088 | Pony Palacio, R J | Puffin Australia | 2021 | 9780141377056 | Silas and his father live a quiet life on the outskirts of a small farming town. Besides his father, Silas' only other friend is a loyal and often helpful ghost, Mittenwool. One day their peaceful life is disrupted when some men show up on horseback to take Silas' father away because they believe he can help them with a very big crime. Silas is faced with conquering his fears of the outside world as he sets out to find his father. |
| 717669 | Pony question, The Merchant, Jackie | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651640 | Essie likes facts, and the fact is, she's left her love of horses behind her. She doesn't want a new horse and she certainly doesn't need one. Not with the price she would have to pay. That is a line she just won't cross. Except the universe has other ideas and there is a pony that needs her. This pony makes Essie face her past and her future. For the sake of the pony she must face difficult questions. In searching for answers she must decide if she can forgive the past. |

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| 579468 | Pony with no name, The: Seaview stables Corderoy, Tracey | Simon & Schuster | 2018 | 9781471170416 | Bryony knows there is something special about the beautiful bay pony she sees in the woods, she loves him at first sight. The she meets the pony's owner, Georgina, who doesn't seem to care about him at all, she hasn't even given him a name. Georgina is determined to keep Bryony away from the pony. Bryony must come up with a plan quickly or risk never seeing her dream pony again. |
| 895522 | Poo, spew, and other gross things animals do! Gill, Nic & Cristescu, Romane & Tribout, Rachel (ill) | CSIRO | 2022 | 9781486314867 | Poo and spew isn't just hilariously gross, it is an important survival strategy for animals and insects across the world. From poopy nests to slimy attractors and deterrents, the animal world is disgustingly fascinating. Discover the grossest clues to become a scientific detective. |
| 36815 | Pookie Aleera is not my boyfriend Herrick, Steven | University of Queensland Press | 2012 | 9780702249280 | In a country town, the kids in class 6A tell their stories. Mick, school captain and sometimes trouble-maker, wants to make the school a better place, while brother Jacob just wants to fly. Shy Laura hopes to fit in with a circle of friends, while Pete struggles to deal with his grandpa's sudden death. Selina obsesses over class comedian Cameron, while Cameron obsesses over Anzac biscuits and Pookie Aleera - whoever that is. |
| 318 | Pop-up machines Crowther, Robert | Walker Books | 1988 | 9780744507850 | Twenty-eight working pop-up machines feature in this book. |
| 12942 | Pope John Paul II: Pope for the people Burns, Peggy | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2001 | 9780750232487 | In 1978, Karol Wojtyla from Poland became Pope John Paul II. Through photographs, quotations and a glossary of terms, this book gives an insight into his life. |
| | Poppy Fields series Landman, Tanya | | | | 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. |
| 2495 | Poppy, The Plant, Andrew | Ford Street Publishing | 2014 | 9781925000320 | On Anzac Day 1918, a desperate counter-attack in a French town became one of Australia's greatest victories on World War I. A bond was forged and never forgotten by the town and should never be forgotten by Australians. |
| 6709 | Pow: meet the renewables Trafford, Caren & Lance, Charlotte (ill) | Etram Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9780958187848 | A fun look at how renewable energy can help turn around climate change and all the positive ways you can help. The Renewables want to Power Our World and give everyone a bright, clean, energy-efficient, power-filled, pollution-free tomorrow. |

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| | Practical guide 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. |
| 4851 | Prehistoric marine life in Australia's inland sea Clode, Danielle | Museum Victoria | 2015 | 9781921833168 | Step back to a time when Australia's red centre was flooded by a vast shallow ocean, the Eromanga Sea. While dinosaurs stalked the scattered islands that made up the Australian continent, giant marine reptiles ruled the waves. Plesiosaurs and ichthyosaurs swam in an inland sea filled with schools of ammonites. Pterosaurs flew overhead and giant carnivorous amphibians lurked in the rivers. |
| 319 | Present takers, The Chambers, Aidan | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9780099991601 | Bullies have spoiled Lucy Hall's birthday and are threatening to ruin her entire year. A gang of aggressive girls has chosen Lucy as their newest target and Lucy is unwilling and unable to defend herself or ask for help. |
| 14976 | Preston Campbell edition, The (An Indij sport report) Campbell, Preston & McDougall, Wendy (ill) | Indij Readers | 2004 | 9780975686041 | An insight into the life and family of Preston Campbell, a talented player with the Penrith Panthers rugby league team. Exciting layout contributes to the impact of the text and makes information more accessible. |
| 22779 | Previously Ahlberg, Allan & Ingman, Bruce | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781844280629 | A fascinating backwards walk through familiar narratives that would appeal to multiple age groups, the read to and the reading. A sound knowledge of fairy stories and nursery rhymes and a willingness to think in new ways are prerequisites for enjoying this book to the full. |
| 67810 | Priceless painting pinched Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2009 | 9781405037334 | A suspicious new art teacher starts at Zac and Hannah's school just as the newspaper headlines announce the robbery of a priceless painting. Follow the clues and the red herrings, collect the evidence and check out the suspects to solve the crime of the missing painting. |

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| 846230 | Primer Muro, Jennifer & Krajewski, Thomas & Lusk, Gretel (ill) | | | 9781401296575 | Ashley Rayburn is an upbeat girl with a decidedly downbeat past. She has bounced from foster home to foster home and represents a real challenge to the social workers who try to help her, because trouble always seems to find her! Ashley's latest set of foster parents are Kitch and Yuka Nolan. Like Ashley, Kitch is an artist. Yuka, on the other hand, is a geneticist working for a very high-level tech company. Yuka's latest top secret project is a set of body paints that, when applied to the wearer, grant them a wide range of special powers. When Ashley discovers the paints, she assumes these are for her, but soon realizes that she's stumbled upon something much bigger and a lot more dangerous. Although she uses her newly discovered powers for good, it's not long before the military becomes wise to what happened to their secret weapon. And this spells big trouble not only for Ashley, but for her newfound family and friends as well." |
| 15446 | Prince of butterflies Coville, Bruce & Clapp, John (ill) | Harcourt Children's Books | 2002 | 9780152058548 | A beautiful story about John Farrington, a boy who loved butterflies and grew into a man who saved them. |
| 660384 | Prince of ponies Gregg, Stacy | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2019 | 9780008332310 | War destroyed the worlds of two young girls decades apart. Their love of amazing stallions will draw them together, and bring peace to them both. |
| 9244 | Princess bride, The Goldman, William | Bloomsbury | 1999 | 9780747545187 | A classic story of pirates, evil princes, sorcerers and true love. |
| 45243 | Princess of Egypt: an Egyptian girl's diary 1490 BC Cross, Vince | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407103099 | Asha, the daughter of King Thutmose, does not want to live the constrained life of privileged, pampered Egyptian women. She loves to train her body and her mind, and resents the power and importance of men. One day, a prophecy foretells that a young woman will prove to be the best man in the Two Kingdoms and Asha is caught up in a world of plots, danger and intrigue. |
| 26143 | Princess Parsley Rushby, Pamela | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781742991610 | Parsley Patterson's first year of high school is not turning out as she had expected. It's not only her name that's the problem. Parsley is targeted by Danielle and her mean group, and bullied about her hippie family and her Possum Creek address. But, just as she decides to keep her head down and try to ignore it all until it blows over, her father's announcement causes the spotlight to rest firmly again on Parsley. |
| 12340 | Private and confidential Ripley, Marion & Backhouse, Colin | Frances Lincoln | 2003 | 9780711220973 | Laura, an English girl, discovers that her Australian pen pal is blind. She decides to learn to use a Braille machine to send him a get-well-soon card. They are soon sending Braille letters to each other, making their letters private and confidential. |

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| 9920 | Problem pony Clark, Sherryl & Young, Noela | Puffin Australia | 2006 | 9780143302599 | Beth has always wanted a horse of her own. She is thrilled when she has the chance to look after a pony called Brady. But, Brady is a problem pony who doesn't seem to want to be friends with her. |
| 4935 | Probuditi Van Allsburg, Chris | Houghton Mifflin | 2008 | 9781842707005 | Calvin and his friends hypnotise Calvin's little sister, Trudy, and make her do lots of silly things. It is only at the last moment, before Mum comes home, that she snaps out of her hypnotic state. |
| 10948 | Project, The Falkner, Brian | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781921529795 | It all began with a book so boring that nobody would ever read it, the perfect place to hide a terrible secret. Now the book has emerged from its hiding place and the world may never be the same. A prank leads Luke and Tommy into a world of trouble, requiring all their investigative skills to save civilisation from a catastrophic occurrence. World War II, da Vinci's inventions, and time travel all come into play. |
| 31244 | Promise, The Guille, Derek & Kaff-eine (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9780987313966 | Australian soldier Nelson Ferguson was wounded in battle by poison gas which damaged his eyes and lungs. These injuries were made worse because Nelson was an artist and a cornet player. After he died many years later, Nelson's grandson wanted to ensure Australians remembered what happened to thousands of young soldiers in World War 1. |
| 707966 | Puffin book of big dreams, The Puffin | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9780241438206 | Celebrate Puffin's 80 years of magical storytelling with this wonderful collection of brand-new and beloved stories, poems and pictures. |
| 751000 | Puffin little historian: The ANZACs Puffin | Puffin Australia | 2020 | 9781760897024 | How did the ANZACs get their name? Lets march back into the past to find out. |
| 15528 | Punjabi pappadum, The Newton, Robert | University of Queensland Press | 2003 | 9780702233630 | The legendary, mouthwatering Punjabi Pappadum is doing it tough against the flashy new Burger Barn. There's something sinister going on and it's down to best mates Veejay, Dexter and Travis to get to the bottom of it. |
| 1112565 | Punycorn Watson, Andi | Clarion Books | 2023 | 9780358571995 | A tiny unicorn - big on confidence, low on competence - finds himself 'on duty' when Sir Ogre unleashes his evil army on Carbuncle, the unicorn kingdom. Will Punycorn, thus named because he is a puny unicorn, rise to the challenge? Will his hastily assembled group of misfits be a help or a hinderance in the quest to save Carbuncle? |
| 1174718 | Puppet Almond, David & Stewart, Lizzy (ill) | Viking Children's | 2024 | 9781406391619 | Silvester is a retired puppet maker, but he makes one last puppet, as tall as a child. He held the puppet's arms out wide and wondered what strange kind of story Puppet might be in. New friends help Puppet discover the world and the joys of imagination. |

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| 1019719 | Puppets of Spelhorst: A Norendy tale, The DiCamillo, Kate & Morstad, Julie (ill) | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781536216752 | Spelhorst, an old and lonely sea captain, encounters a puppet which resembles a loved one from his past. He unexpectedly purchases the set of puppets and puts a story in motion just as his own story is about to end. The puppets change hands and have unexpected adventures as they wonder just when their story will begin. |
| 8340 | Pure chance Rubinstein, Gillian | Walker Books | 2004 | 9780744524000 | It's Lizzie's dream to have her own horse. Her family seems to have just enough money for everyone else, except Lizzie. |
| 2176 | Pyro Watson and the hidden treasure Hilton, Nette & Rogers, Gregory (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741664164 | Pyro Watson loves pirates, treasure and maps. When he is stranded with his Aunt Mor in her caravan on the beach with her latest beau, Pyro calls on Simeon the pirate to pass the time. When Pyro meets another boy, Min, life at the holiday camp becomes more interesting and then dangerous when the local bullies claim territorial rights to the beach. |
| 5250 | Quark's academy Pelosi, Catherine | Lothian Books | 2018 | 9780734417800 | Quark's Academy is a mysterious and futuristic facility that rewards a lucky few young budding science students a week's summer camp - run by the elusive inventor Quark. Not your usual educational camp, the children soon learn they will need to use their wits and succeed. |
| 85212 | Queasy rider Roy, James | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150579 | Thicky convinces his mate, Noddy, to help him drag a wreck of a bike, they have discovered in the weeds, back to his place. With Shirley's uninvited help, they hatch a novel plan to make money for the three of them but it may backfire. |
| 15343 | Queen Elizabeth II, monarch of our times Barton-Wood, Sara | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2002 | 9780750238861 | Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1953. This is the story of her life before and during that reign. In magazine layout, the book provides interesting and historical information. |
| 15344 | Queen Mother, grandmother of a nation, The Wood, Richard & Sara | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2001 | 9780750232470 | The Queen Mum, as she was affectionately known, led an exciting and glamorous life that was changed forever when her husband unexpectedly became King shortly before World War II. Despite his death in 1952, she was rarely out of the spotlight. |

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| 1133742 | Queen of dogs Weatherstone, Jen | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781760658588 | Maddy's family are talented and ambitious - sporting trophies, top grades, they collect them all. But Maddy would rather spend time with her best friend, her pug Gusto. When Gusto disappears... her world changes. Her search for Gusto reveals a surprising talent and Maddy can't believe her ears. She can understand everything the neighbourhood dogs are saying and suddenly Maddy becomes the go-to canine problem solver. But when more and more dogs go missing, Maddy finds herself with a much bigger problem... and she is going to need a lot of friends - two-legged and four-legged - to help her solve it... |
| | Quest of the sunfish series McConnochie, Mardi | | | | 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. |
| 695151 | Quick history of maths, A Gifford, Clive & Young, Michael (ill) | Quarto Group | 2020 | 9780711249011 | Maths was not created by cruel people who wanted to make life difficult for young students. Maths is a human story more than it is a story of numbers and symbols. What we study today comes from thousands of years of human civilisation and has changed the way humans live. This sometimes silly book does a great job of explaining some very serious and confusing mathematical subjects. |
| 482 | Quicksand pony, The Lester, Alison | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781863739313 | The lives of two children are brought together when Bella, Bidy's pony, is trapped in quicksand in the Australian outback. |
| 3538 | Quirky tails Jennings, Paul | Penguin | 1995 | 9780140371017 | A collection of humorous short stories of unexpected phenomena with a twist. |
| | Quizzical series Davidson, Leanne | | | | 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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| 825515 | Rabbit, soldier, angel, thief Nannestad, Katrina & Heiduczek, Martina (ill) | ABC Books | 2021 | 9780733341465 | In the spring of 1942 Sasha and his family are enjoying the beautiful flowers and sunshine while still missing his father who has gone to war and not come back. This peace does not last very long before Sasha is on his own and running for his life across the Russian countryside. Sasha soon finds himself in the company of Russian soldiers and faced with keeping himself and his new friends alive. |
| 5555 | Race to Kangaroo Cliff, The McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill) | Birlinn Ltd | 2018 | 9781780274539 | The School Ship Tobermory and its brave young crew are journeying to Australia to participate the prestigious Tall Ships race. Along the way, the crew will have to face a series of perilous challenges, including water shortages, crocodile attacks and scuba-diving catastrophes. Will the crew be able to win the race in the face of such adversity? |
| 13103 | Radio Boy O'Connell, Christian & Biddulph, Rob (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2017 | 9780008183325 | When Spike gets fired from hospital radio, he decides to launch his own show from a makeshift studio in his dad's shed, under the secret identity of Radio Boy. Spike quickly becomes an underground hit. But will he handle his newfound fame well? Is calling a homework strike a good idea? Will he impress Katherine Hamilton, the girl he wants to marry? Can he keep his identity a secret? The answers to these questions are inside this book. (SPOILER ALERT: mostly the answers are 'no'.) |
| 5720 | Radio boy and the revenge of Grandad O'Connell, Christian | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2018 | 9780008200596 | Radio Boy, Spike Hughes continues to broadcast to the world from his garden shed. When Grandad Ray comes to stay Spike invites him to join the radio show and he is an instant hit with the listeners, at first. |
| 321 | Railway children, The Nesbit, Edith | Puffin Australia | 2010 | 9780141321608 | A middle class family, living in London at the end of the eighteenth century, falls on hard times when their father unexpectedly goes away. They move to a simple cottage in the country where they befriend the local railway porter who goes by the name of Perks. The children have exciting adventures around the railway but the mystery about their father remains. |
| 9322 | Rain May and Captain Daniel Bateson, Catherine | University of Queensland Press | 2002 | 9780702233371 | Rain May and her mum escape their old inner-city life for a dream house in the country. There are more than a few surprises in store like discovering a platypus or the fun of befriendng eleven year old, Captain Daniel, who lives next door. |
| 20795 | Rainbow bird Cavouras, Czenya | Wakefield Press | 2007 | 9781862547735 | An unseen, unnamed narrator takes us on a journey through fear, uncertainty and despair to hope. The book was created by a fourteen year old girl, whose inspiration came from conversations with her grandfather about his trips to Port Augusta's detention centre for refugees and asylum seekers. |
| 323 | Rainforests of Australia Churchett, Graham | Jacaranda | 1992 | 9780710630391 | Colourful photographs highlight this book about the ecology of Australian rainforests. |

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| 324 | Ramona the pest Cleary, Beverly | Oxford University Press | 2000 | 9780192750976 | Ramona can't understand how she upsets people when she really doesn't mean to be a pest. |
| | Ramose series Wilkinson, Carole | | | | 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. |
| 5925 | Randall's wall Fenner, Carol | Aladdin Publishing | 2000 | 9780689835582 | Randall has found that by building an invisible wall he can protect himself from the judgements of his classmates and his many problems at home. Inside his wall, he can dream and forget about his real life. Living in a house with no running water means Randall can't bathe so he is teased for smelling. One day, Randall makes a friend and slowly, frighteningly, his wall begins to crumble. |
| | Ranger in Danger series Willmore, Sean & Reynolds, 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. |
| 5054 | Rania: this is the book of you Abdel-Fattah, Randa | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781742990118 | The ghost girl has messages just for Rania, if only she could work out what they mean. Rania works hard at school, has great friends and is happy with her life. Rania is delighted when her favourite cousin joins her at school but now Andrea seems to be competing with her. There is so much going on that Rania struggles to know just what to do first. |
| 71498 | Raps 4 little fullas Ross, Monkey Mark | Indij Readers | 2004 | 9780975686010 | Raps and chants of appeal to Aboriginal children, written by Indigenous Australians. |
| 25185 | Rapunzel's revenge Hale, Shannon & Hale, Dean & Hale, Nathan (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2008 | 9780747587439 | A fun reworking of the Rapunzel fairy tale that boasts a strong-willed, plucky heroine in an Old West setting. Expect oodles of hair-braid-lassoing as Punzie takes on the bad dudes and even finds the time to fall in love. Graphic novel. |
| 46252 | Ratburger Walliams, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780007453535 | Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother, Sheila, is so lazy, she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully, Tina Trotts, makes her life a miser, mainly by flobbering on her head. And, now, the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat. I wonder what he wants it for. |

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| | Rats of NIMH 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. |
| | Raven Lucas series Harris, Christine | | | | 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. |
| 1209734 | Raven's eye runaways, The Mabey, Claire | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781991006820 | Three friends and a one-eyed raven find themselves up against the rulers who restrict the gifts of writing and reading to an elite few. They must go on a wild and unpredictable rescue mission. Who and what will they meet along their way? And what is the terrible truth behind everything they think they know about their world? |
| 47146 | Raven's mountain Orr, Wendy | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742374659 | Raven's mother remarries and her new stepfather decides to take Raven and her older sister camping. They go to the mountain of his childhood and Raven is the first to climb to the peak. It's here that things go terribly wrong. The rock under Raven's feet cracks and she falls, crashing down over the edge of the cliff. When she finally comes to, no one answers Raven's calls. |
| 812 | Raymie Nightingale DiCamillo, Kate | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781406363135 | When her father abandons the family, young Raymie Clarke hatches a plan. To gain her dad's approval and immediate return, she'll enter and win the Little Miss Central Florida Tyre competition. Raymie must do good deeds and learn to twirl a baton. She must also contend with the frequently fainting Louisiana and the fiery Beverley. As the competition approaches, loneliness, loss and unanswerable questions draw them into an unlikely friendship, and challenge each girl to come to the rescue in unexpected ways. |

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| 839070 | Real magic Magic, Ash | Penguin Books Australia | 2021 | 9781761043925 | Magic is making the impossible possible. And there are tons of tips and tricks in this book, but the real magic is finding the good vibes every day in everything you do. Learn to bring positive energy and positive people into your life. Once you get the hang of it, life gets a whole lot easier and a whole lot more fun. |
| 40661 | Really nearly deadly canoe ride, The Metzenthen, David | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143304548 | Shiny-boy Diamond and his mate, Pod, have been given an old Canadian canoe, the Wolverine. They decide to canoe from Sockby all the way down to the sea but didn't count on revolting rubbish traps, killer rapids, freaky whirlpools and a container ship ten storeys high. |
| 499 | Really really epic mini-bike ride, The Metzenthen, David | Penguin | 2006 | 9780143301219 | Pete 'Pod' Podlewski with the bad haircut and his mate, 'Shiny-Boy' Diamond from the wrong side of the tracks, ride their illegal mini-bikes to the end of the disused railway line in search of adventure and girls. Some strong language in context. |
| 12393 | Really really high diving tower, The Metzenthen, David | Puffin Australia | 2003 | 9780143300434 | Shiny boy and Pod, spend a lot of time at the pool talking, dreaming, making funny remarks to each other about other people who use the pool and trying to impress girls. They often get into trouble with the pool boss for doing silly things. |
| 587834 | Rebel voices: the rise of votes for women Stewart, Louise Kay & Knight, Eve Lloyd (ill) | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781526300232 | Published in 2018 to mark the anniversary of Women's right to vote in United Kingdom, this incredibly crafted book documents the story of women's right to vote around the world. From 1893 New Zealand to 2015 Saudi Arabia women and their voices have risen up and united to demand the right to "a voice and a choice". |
| 1088077 | Rebels of Mount Buffalo, The Edwards, Helen | Yellow Brick Books | 2023 | 9780645218077 | <p>Last time Clara visited the Mount Buffalo Chalet she was part of a family of four. Now, in 1998, they are only three, each navigating the waves of grief that have followed the death of Clara's twin brother.</p> <p>Without her twin, Clara's identity is in a state of turmoil. Then, she meets a girl who lives near Mount Buffalo. Clara is surprised to discover that this girl is Guide Alice - a rebellious, gutsy, and adventurous girl who Clara knows from the history books as having spent her life leading people up and down the mountain.</p> <p>When Clara and Alice are confronted by danger, will Clara rediscover her courage? Will she find the strength to reclaim herself?</p> |

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| 896426 | Rebound Alexander, Kwame | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780358494836 | Hoop kings SOAR in kicks with wings. Game so sweet it's like bee stings. It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ. When he gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again? |
| | Reconciliation in Australia seeries Various | | | | 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. |
| 6548 | Red Gleeson, Libby | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781741758535 | Red can't remember the cyclone, doesn't remember her name, where she lived or who her parents are. Is there anyone left in Sydney she can trust to help her discover who she is and why she needs to get to Melbourne so urgently. |
| 3064 | Red pencil, The Davis Pinkey, Andrea & Evans, Shane W (ill) | Little, Brown & Co | 2014 | 9780316247801 | Twelve year old Amira's dream is to go to school. But, life in her peaceful Sudanese village is shattered when the terrifying Janjaweed militia arrives. They burn her village and unleash unspeakable horrors. Amira needs to find the strength to make the long journey, on foot, to a refugee camp. Life is tough at the camp until the gift of a simple red pencil opens her mind and all kinds of possibilities. Verse novel about real events. |
| 23669 | Red piano, The Leblanc, Andre & Barroux (ill) | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9780980607017 | For one young girl, a resident of a labour camp, a run-down, old piano brings some humanity into her life and to a system that has none. Each night, she bravely steals away to play on the battered instrument and, sheet by sheet, she gradually assembles, then copies, the music. One night, she is caught at the piano. A story about international concert pianist, Zhu Xiao-Mei, and the Chinese Cultural Revolution. |
| 23697 | Red poppy, The Hill, David & Colston, Fifi (ill) | Scholastic New Zealand | 2013 | 9781775430704 | Young soldier Jim McLeod waits in the trenches of World War I for the order to attack the enemy. With him are his friends, and Nipper, the messenger dog. When they charge across no-man's land, Jim is shot and finds himself face to face with an enemy soldier. |

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| 1013107 | Red vs Blue Tedesco, James & McKenzie, Heath (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2021 | 9781760982928 | A new rugby league team has been created for Teddy and his mates, The Camden Blues. The only problem is they don't have enough players to fill it. Can Teddy and his friends form a team and gel together quickly enough to take on their Camden Red rivals? |
| 74142 | Red wind, The Carmody, Isobelle | Penguin | 2010 | 9780670074037 | Every year, Zluty journeys to the great forest while his brother, Bily, stays to tend their desert home. And every year, Zluty returns with exciting tales of his adventures. But, when a devastating red wind sweeps across the land, destroying everything in its path, each brother must fight for his survival. |
| 1089059 | Red, white and whole LaRocca, Rajani | Quill Tree Books | 2023 | 9780063047433 | Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. But Reha's parents don't understand why she's conflicted - they only notice when Reha doesn't meet their strict expectations. Reha feels disconnected from her mother, or Amma. Although their names are linked - Reha means "star" and Punam means "moon" - they are a universe apart. Then Reha finds out that her Amma is sick. Really sick. Reha, who dreams of becoming a doctor even though she can't stomach the sight of blood, is determined to make her Amma well again. She'll be the perfect daughter, if it means saving her Amma's life. |
| 4217 | Redback mansion Marwood, Lorraine | Five Islands Press | 2002 | 9780864187680 | A collection of well-crafted literary poems with a rural theme. |
| 4377 | Redwall: the graphic novel Jacques, Brian | Philomel Books | 2007 | 9780399244810 | A black and white, beautifully illustrated rendition of the classic story. Mathias, the young and clumsy field mouse, must take the place of Martin the Warrior and save Redwall Abbey from the vicious rats. Led by Cluny the Scourge, the rats prove to be devious and merciless enemies and there will be great battles and much sadness before the end. |
| 2810 | Reef superstar Killingbeck, Lesley & Toft, Kim Michelle (ill) | Brolly Books | 2005 | 9781877035579 | In a wondrous world deep within a coral reef, sea creatures assemble for a contest. Each creature has a special skill or a magic trick to display. Find out who wins the contest to become reef superstar. |
| 66479 | Reflections of a solitary hamster Desbordes, Astrid & Martin, Pauline (ill) | Gecko Press | 2009 | 9781877467455 | Meet Hamster, completely self-obsessed and passionate about waffles. Join him and his friends, kindly Mole, diffident Hedgehog, selflessly generous Snail and super-confident Rabbit as they prepare for a celebration, set to change everybody's lives. A deceptively simple book includes philosophical musings on life. |

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| 885986 | Reluctant witch's guide to magic, A Plozza, Shivaun | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761043994 | Willa Birdwhistle does not want to be a witch. So when she is told she must choose a coven, she is certain it is a mistake. But it is not. She has only one year to learn how to control her wild magic or she will explode. During that year she faces magical books, an army of cats and a rogue witch who may cause total destruction. Can Willa master her magic and unravel a mystery to save her city, her friends and herself? |
| 11382 | Remarkable secret of Aurelie Bonhoffen, The Abela, Deborah | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741660951 | Aurelie's family owns, runs and performs on Bonhoffen's Seaside Pier. They have been there for decades but a developer is working to have the fair and the Bonhoffen's removed. |
| 15155 | Remember me Simons, Moya | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781862915268 | A diary is a good way to get rid of the worries that clutter your mind. Amber needs a diary because her life is getting confusing. Her mum has remarried. Nothing feels the way it should any more, and nothing is ever simple. |
| 70580 | Replay Creech, Sharon | Bloomsbury | 2005 | 9780747581864 | Leo, a quiet boy nicknamed Sardine because he's the middle child in a boisterous family, is cast in the school play as an old woman. He discovers the journal his father kept at thirteen and finds out there's more to dad than he ever knew. |
| 327 | Reptiles Creagh, Carson & Greer, Allen (ed.) | Time Life | 1999 | 9780809492473 | Outstanding colour photography with clearly written text presented as informative captions and key paragraphs, on a double page spread for each reptile. Lots of Australian reptiles are featured. |
| 660641 | Republic of birds, The Miller, Jessica | Text Publishing Co | 2020 | 9781922268044 | Since the war with the republic of birds, magic has been banned and any girl showing signs of magical ability is whisked away to Bleak Steppe, to a life, it is said, of unspeakable horror. When Olga begins to experience strange things, she knows she must keep it hidden from everyone. But when the birds take the thing that is most precious to her, Olga must summon all her courage, and more, to get it back. |
| 660634 | Rescue Long, David & Hyndman, Kerry | Faber & Faber | 2019 | 9780571346325 | Scrambling from the wreckage of his school after an earthquake, a nine-year-old Sichuan boy rescues two unconscious friends. "I was a hall monitor" he said afterwards. "It was my job to look after my classmates". Whether dragging a friend from a blazing car, leading a search far below the earth's surface, or recovering astronauts from space, the true stories in this book reveal the ingenuity, courage and determination of people all over the world who have risked their lives to save others. |
| 682656 | Respect Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue & Kennedy, Lisa | Magabala Books | 2020 | 9781925936315 | Our way is old, other than red earth, older than flickering stars. Our way is respect. A tender, thoughtful story reminding us to respect others and respect ourselves, Respect is suitable for readers of all ages. |

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| 587662 | Restless girls, The Burton, Jessie & Barrett, Angela (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781408886915 | For her twelve daughters, Queen Laurelia's death in a motor car accident is a disaster beyond losing a mother. Their father, King Alberto, cannot bear the idea of the princesses ever being in danger and decides his daughters must be kept safe at all costs. Those costs include their lessons, their possessions and, most importantly, their freedom. But the eldest, Princess Frida, will not bend to his will without a fight and she still has one possession her father can't take: the power of her imagination. And so, with little but wits and ingenuity to rely on, Frida and her sisters begin their fight to be allowed to live. |
| 846253 | Return to FACTopia! Hale, Kate & Smith, Andy (ill) | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781913750398 | Enter Factopia- the amazing world of facts. Every fact is connected in weird and wonderful ways. Choose your own route through the book and discover facts about snowball fights, volcanoes, blue whales and ear wax. Where will your curiosity take you? |
| 1209846 | Revenge of the toxic space potato First Dog on the Moon | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761066771 | Letitia, Binky and Worried Norman are no ordinary teens. They are the superheroes better known as the Indefatigable EnviroTeens! Unluckily they have been space snorkelled - sucked up by giant tubes, teleported through the galaxy, stripped of their powers and squeezed out on...Mars?! Forced to join the Great Snorkel Manufactory, the three teenagers overhear the evil Baron Kartuffelpoffen's plan to snorkel up all of Earth's water. It really sucks! Can their trusty sidekicks, Stuart the wobbegong and Beverly the sourdough starter, come to the rescue? |
| 3646 | Revolting rhymes Dahl, Roald | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2001 | 9780140568240 | Quite gory but always funny, classic tales retold in a collection for those who love their fairy tales with a satirical, and worldly twist. Meet Cinderella, a young woman who wants to marry a nice, ordinary man and Goldilocks, the house-breaker. |
| 4135 | Rich & rare Collins, Paul (ed) | Ford Street Publishing | 2015 | 9781925272116 | Enjoy this wonderful variety of short stories, poetry and artwork from forty-eight of Australia's best creators. Find out about a knitting needle ninja, a violin that comes to life, a cat with many names, a love that cannot be bought, an alien invasion and so much more. From humour to horror, thriller to fantasy, encompassing the past, the present and the future. |
| 9956 | Richard Hammond's blast lab Hammond, Richard | Dorling Kindersley | 2009 | 9781740337069 | Over thirty really cool experiments from the man who loves fast cars and all things scientific, Top Gear's Richard Hammond. Try these experiments at home but note that some require adult supervision. The book gives practical advice on which ones and how to proceed. |

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| 751206 | Rick Gino, Alex | Scholastic US | 2020 | 9781338048100 | Rick is starting high school and is meeting new kids who we would like to get to know better, but his best friend from primary school, Jeff, is much less kind to people who are different than him. Rick is lucky to have people in his life who he can speak openly and honestly with about the questions he is having about himself as a young man, and about the importance of being true to what you know is right. |
| | Riddle Gully series Banyard, Jen | | | | 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. |
| 3654 | Riddle of the Trumpalar Bernard-Waite, Judy | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781863884914 | When two children want to save the Moreton Bay fig tree in their local park, they are taken back in time to colonial days. |
| 13249 | Ride, Ricardo, ride Cummings, Phil & Devries, Shane (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2015 | 9781742990736 | Ricardo loved to ride his bike through the village. He rode every day, under endless skies, quiet and clear. But, then, the shadows came and changed Ricardo's life. |
| 7957 | Ridiculous story, A Heimann, Rolf | Little Hare Books | 2006 | 9781921049453 | A fantastic collection of funny stories about a pirate ship, a singing spider, a dancing cat, a sugar fairy, a widow who was mistaken for a witch and many more unlikely characters. |
| 9353 | Riding Green, Lucinda | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751327892 | Lucinda Green, professional horsewoman, eventer and TV commentator, presents an in-depth beginner's guide to the secrets of riding, from choosing a riding school and mounting for the first time to competing in a show and saddling up. |
| 10937 | Rif and the riddle Cason, Sue & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143306375 | After the death of a prime bull which belongs to the village, young Rif is in big trouble. Rif and his grandfather were supposed to be guarding the bull but they went fishing instead. In his quest to make things right, Rif must face a mountain troll, a pair of tricksters, a terrifying dog and a very tough riddle. |
| 329 | Ring of bright water Maxwell, Gavin | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141308074 | Set in the wilds of Scotland, this story follows the adventures of Mijbil, an adorable and mischievous otter. |
| | Ripley's twists 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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| 660788 | Rise of the Isle of the Lost De La Cruz, Melissa | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781742995861 | The Descendants are back again. Auradon is celebrating the annual Seaside Festival, but something goes wrong. King Titans trident has gone missing - through the magical barrier to the Isle of the Lost, where villains are kept in and magic is kept out. Once the rumour spreads, that a magical object is missing, everyone on the Isle of the Lost wants to get their hands on it, especially Uma, Mal's rival since childhood. The future of Auradon is in her hands. Will Mal and the others be able to save the trident before it falls into the wrong hands? |
| | Rise of the Mythix 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. |
| 886014 | Rise of the School for Good and Evil Chainani, Soman | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780008508029 | Together, they watch over the Endless Woods. Together, they choose the students for the School for Good and Evil. Together, they train them, teach them, prepare them for their fate. Then, something happens. Something that will change everything and everyone. Who will survive? Who will rule the school? The journey starts here. With magic, surprises and daring deeds at every turn, courage and loyalty will be put to the test, only to lead you to the very beginning of the adventures that are The School for Good and Evil. |
| 2355 | Rivertime Balla, Trace | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743316337 | A boy and his Uncle Egg are on a paddling trip down an Australian river. They come across a swimming wallaby, a crashing koala and some friendly campers. |
| 20788 | Road to Goonong Cox, David | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742375212 | The road to Goonong was just a pair of wheel tracks, packed down by buggies and drays that had travelled that way. Our farm, Goonong, was at the end of the road. We had beef and dairy cattle, and plenty of room to play and ride horses. It was a time when timber-cutters felled big ironbarks and blacksmiths' hammers rang out from the forge. The skies were always blue and rain was scarce. |

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| 2895 | Road to Ratenburg, The Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill) | Gecko Press | 2016 | 9781776570751 | Fleeing from their home in an abandoned building as it is demolished, Spinnaker Rat, his wife and four young begin a search for the legendary Ratenburg, a place where it's said rats can live in peace and comfort. But, only if they can survive the perils of the journey. The rats must rely on each other, making the most of each animal's strengths and understanding individual limitations. And, Spinnaker Rat, the father, learns more than he expected. |
| 39203 | Road to war: a First World War girl's diary 1916-1917 Wilding, Valerie | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407104614 | It is 1917 and Daffy Rowntree's brother has gone missing in action somewhere in Europe in the First World War, known as the Great War of 1914-1918. Daffy is determined to do something to help in the war effort and finds herself in the mud and horror of the battlefields of France amongst the dead and wounded. She drives an ambulance, transports the wounded from the trenches and searches for her lost brother. |
| 38134 | Robe of skulls, The French, Vivian & Collins, Ross (ill) | Walker Books | 2007 | 9780744583618 | All is not well in the crumbling castle high above the mountain village of Fracture. The sorceress, Lady Lamorna, has her heart set on a new, very expensive robe. To get the cash, she will stop at nothing, including kidnapping, blackmail and more than a little black magic. But she reckons without some heroic, gallant and wicked folk who want to stop her. |
| 330 | Robin Hood Early, Margaret | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780949183941 | Robin Hood's classic tales of daring-do in a delightfully aesthetic presentation. |
| | Robots and robotics series Hyland, Tony | | | | 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. |
| 33124 | Robyn Boid: Architect Coote, Maree | Melbournestyle | 2017 | 9780992491741 | Meet Robyn Boid - a small, dedicated bird who loves to build nests and dreams of becoming an architect. She lives at the University, where she listens to the architecture class through the window each day. Eager to learn, Robyn practises building all the important architectural shapes, but all the while, she seeks the perfect design for her very own nest. |
| 332 | Rockhopper Broome, Errol | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1995 | 9781863736787 | Quentin is dominated by an overprotective mother, but he learns self confidence from Gus, a man with a past. |
| 1875 | Rockhopping Balla, Trace | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760112349 | Join Clancy and Uncle Egg on a rambling, rockhopping adventure in Gariwerd (the Grampians), to find the source of the Glenelg River. A story about following your flow, and the unexpected places you may go. |

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| 598 | Rockstar robbery, The Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon & Axelsen, Stephen (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2007 | 9780330423380 | Hannah's rock star idol, Josh Jamieson, is in town. But, as Zac and Hannah emerge from his packed concert, they discover there's been an explosion at the Central Bank next door and ten million dollars is missing. Follow the clues and the red herrings, collect the evidence and check out the suspects to solve the crime of the missing money. |
| | Rogues series Tanner, Lian | | | | 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. |
| 4523 | Roland and Eugenie Flynn, Rachel & Smith, Craig (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302902 | Roland knows that girls can be trouble but nothing could have prepared him for Eugenie. |
| 802043 | Roller girl Jamieson, Victoria | Penguin | 2015 | 9780141378992 | One night Astrid and her best friend taken out on a surprise excursion with Astrid's mother. They expect a very boring night but instead Astrid discovers a love of roller derby. The only problem is Astrid's best friend does not share this interest. Their differences begin to pile up and push them apart. Astrid's summer vacation is full of big challenges but she finds new strengths and new toughness along the way. |
| 14369 | Roman invasion: a British boy AD 84 Eldridge, Jim | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407107370 | Bran is a prince of the Carvetii tribe in ancient England. He has been captured by the Romans and kept hostage with a legion of Roman soldiers building a military road across his country. Bran is there to ensure their safety and they are keeping his family hostage at their base camp to make sure he complies. But, no-one is safe in newly-conquered Britain. |
| 4921 | Roman quests, The: Escape from Rome Lawrence, Caroline | Orion | 2016 | 9781510100237 | In Rome in AD 94, the evil Emperor Domitian is busy killing those he suspects of being disloyal to him. When soldiers arrive to seize Juba's family home, his parents help him and his siblings to escape. They travel to their uncle's house in distant Britannia, on the edge of the known world, The children have never been outside on their own or done anything for themselves, having depended on slaves all their lives. Juba's daunting quest is to avoid capture and death, to find a safe haven and save the children. |
| 8033 | Roman quests, The: The archers of Isca Lawrence, Caroline | Orion | 2016 | 9781510100268 | Britannia AD 94. On the run from the Emperor Domitian, fifteen year old Fronto has joined the Roman army in order to find security and structure. He wants to be a good soldier but, when his younger sister, Ursula, is captured by a Druid called Snakebeard, Fronto must decide whether or not to leave the army to rescue her. Desertion is punishable by death. |

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| 777 | Romans, The: gods, emperors and dormice Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406339185 | Experience life as an ancient Roman through the rise and fall of Rome, through the eyes of a gladiator, dormouse and berry-nibbler. |
| | Rondo series Rodda, Emily | | | | 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. |
| 799 | Rooftoppers Rundell, Katherine | Faber & Faber | 2013 | 9780571280599 | Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck that left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive - but "almost" means that it's not impossible. And you should never ignore a possible. So when the Welfare Agency writes to her guardian, threatening to send Sophie to an orphanage, they takes matters into their own hands and flee to Paris to look for Sophie's mother, starting with the only clue they have - the address of the cello maker. Evading the French authorities, she meets Matteo and his network of rooftoppers - urchins who live in the hidden spaces above the city. Together they scour the city in a search for Sophie's mother - but can they find her before Sophie is caught and sent back to London? Or, more importantly, before she loses hope? |
| 334 | Rose blanche McEwan, Ian & Innocenti, Roberto (ill) | Red Fox | 2004 | 9780099439509 | A picture book that tells of Rose, a little girl living in a small German town during the war, who sees trucks going to a place outside of town and wants to find out more. |
| 660592 | Rose Muddle mysteries, The: Amber pendant White, Imogen | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474927291 | Workhouse girl Rose Muddle is surprised to inherit a powerful amber pendant. But more shocking is the news that a second pendant, held by the treacherous Brotherhood of the Black Sun, could unleash darkness on the world. Along with her friend Rui, and Bahula the monkey, Rose is flung into a daring adventure to stop the forces of evil. |

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| 6239 | Rose Muddle mysteries, The: The secret ruby White, Imogen | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2018 | 9781474927307 | When Rose Muddle and Rui Singh travel to India to return a precious ruby, they learn they're being followed by an ominous and mysterious stranger. An evil individual who wants to steal the gem. As a dark curse falls across the land, Rose and Rui find themselves in mortal danger and must uncover a sinister plot before it is too late. Can they uncover the ruby's secrets before their shadowy enemies wreak their deadly chaos? |
| 995916 | Rotten! Vultures, beetles, slime, and nature's other decomposers Sanchez, Anita & Ford, Gilbert | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780358732884 | From sharks and vultures feasting on animal carcasses to worms, maggots, and dung beetles devouring decaying plants, decomposition is happening everywhere. Decomposition isn't always ugly and disgusting. And, believe it or not, it isn't always smelly. So unplug your nose! Get ready to take a fascinating trip into the world of rotten. |
| 3707 | Round the twist Jennings, Paul | Puffin Australia | 2022 | 9780140342130 | From bestselling and beloved author Paul Jennings comes the inside scoop from the making of his Round the Twist stories into the hugely popular TV series, now enjoying a new life on Netflix. Including three short stories that were made into episodes, behind-the-scenes glimpses of the actors and sets, and loads of extra fun tidbits to bring the zany world of Round the Twist to a whole new audience. |
| | Rowan of Rin series Rodda, Emily | | | | 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. |
| | Roxy Ran series Hall, Tiffany | | | | 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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| 4814 | Ruben Whatley, Bruce | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781743810354 | Ruben's dreams were of places that made no sense to him. Places that didn't exist. At least not anymore. Ruben lives in a safe place in a city that takes everything and gives nothing back. He begins to feel that he is in danger and ventures to Block City where he meets Koji. She too has been hiding from the dangers of the industrial city and its excesses. Ruben and Koji realise that if they combine their knowledge of how the city works they can find a way to escape . . . together. |
| 992541 | Ruby and the pen Lawrence, David & Dignam, Cherie (ill) | EK Books | 2023 | 9781922539380 | Ruby and the Pen is the story of a 12-year-old, cartoon-drawing girl who buys a pen from a mysterious market stall. She soon learns that the pen has a magical power: whatever she draws, happens! Initially the pen protects Ruby from the meanest girls at her new school, but over time the pen's power becomes dangerous. Soon, Ruby has problems galore and one big question to be answered - should she fix all of her problems with the stroke of a pen? |
| | Ruby Redfort series Child, Lauren | | | | 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. |
| | Ruby Rosemount series Brownlee, Jodie | | | | 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. |
| 46630 | Ruby talisman, The Murrell, Belinda | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781864719871 | Tilly falls asleep wearing a ruby talisman, wishing she could escape to a more adventurous life. In 1789, Amelie-Mathilde is living at the opulent palace of Versailles but her guardians want her to marry the horrible old Chevalier. Amelie-Mathilde falls asleep holding her own ruby talisman, wishing for rescue. |
| | Rugby League Reads Magazine Hirsch, Suzan & McDonald, Dr Lorraine (ed) | | | | Jam-packed with information on all your favourite Rugby League teams and players. 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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| 41514 | Rules for stealing stars Haydu, Corey Ann | HarperCollins US | 2017 | 9780062352736 | Eleven year old Silly, the youngest of four sisters, is feeling ignored and lonely since their family has moved to her mother's childhood home in a desperate search for the peace her mother needs to stave off the sadness from her past. The house itself plays its part by sharing some of the family secrets through the power of magical wardrobes, each attuned to just a particular sister. However the wardrobes' powers are not always positive and it will take all four sisters working together to avoid the dreadful secrets from the past being repeated. |
| 1883 | Rules of summer Tan, Shaun | Hachette Children's Books | 2013 | 9781444908893 | A summer in the lives of two boys. Each spread tells of an event and the lesson learned. By turns, these events become darker and more sinister as the boys push their games further and further. |
| 12731 | Run, kid, run Daddo, Andrew & Smith, Craig (ill) | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733319280 | School holidays and Mum and the kids are off to the country. Mum is called back to her work where there is a no kid rule. When Mum has to break that rule, Jess and Harrison get into more and more strife. |
| 7748 | Run, Pip, run Jones, J C | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743319222 | Pip Sullivan's tenth birthday was a disaster, and that was only the beginning. With her beloved Sully in hospital and the welfare hot on her heels, Pip needs time, money and a place to stay. She's determined to stay one step ahead of Senior Constable Molly Dunlop. With help from her friends, including a psychic cat and a canine escape artist, Pip must survive on wits and luck to stay out of dreaded foster homes so she can help Sully get better. |
| 49351 | Runaway troll, The Haig, Matt | Bodley Head | 2009 | 9780370329888 | Samuel Blink has a list of what not to do if you're bored in Norway and want to stay out of trouble. It includes not finding a one-eyed troll under your bed, not hiding the troll in your wardrobe, not lying about why there is a smell of cabbage in your room and not attracting the attention of the most evil troll of all time, the Betterer. Unfortunately, Samuel breaks all his own rules but, luckily, he has a loving little sister. |
| 642937 | Runaways, The Stark, Ulf & Crowther, Kitty (ill) | Gecko Press | 2019 | 9781776572342 | Grandpa hates being in hospital. He thinks only of the place he was happiest--the island where he used to live. He wants to go back, but they won't let him out of the hospital. So Gottfried Junior, his namesake, helps Grandpa make a plan to run away. They think of everything. Their deception is so complete that when Gottfried Junior finally decides to tell the truth, no one believes him. |
| 3741 | Runestone Ciddor, Anna | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865086897 | Oddo, the farmer's son, gets into trouble for doing magic and Thora, the spell worker's daughter, is teased because she can't. Using the power of runes to fix things seems like a good idea, but they discover there's more to it than they thought. |

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| 903260 | Runt Silvey, Craig & Acton, Sara (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781761067846 | Runt, not so affectionately named by the town folk of Upson Downs, is a solitary stray who wreaks havoc on the town until he meets and befriends Annie, a known fixer. Annie and Runt work together to try to save the family farm but with complications at every turn, it may take more than a few jumps and hurdles to achieve this great feat. |
| 337 | Sack, The Mattingley, Christobel | Penguin | 1993 | 9780140365580 | When Shane's dad loses his job, everything begins to change. |
| 1019776 | Safiyyah's war Khan, Hiba Noor | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781839133138 | War comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes for ever. Her best friend's family have fled, and the bombing makes her afraid to leave the mosque where she lives. But when her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run the dangerous errands around the city. It's not long before hundreds of persecuted Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can Safiyyah find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under Paris and lead the Jews to safety? |
| 804795 | Salih Ahmad Zahri, Inda & Ryan, Anne (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2021 | 9781925804645 | Like a turtle, Salih carries his home on his back. He must cross a raging sea in search of a safe home. Salih paints his happiest memories and sends them as messages in bottles. Will someone find them and understand? Will Salih find a new home? |
| 15946 | Samsara dog Manos, Helen & Vivas, Julie (ill) | Working Title Press | 2006 | 9781876288624 | Samsara Dog lived many lives. Some were long, while others lasted only a few days. Dog never remembered them. He lived each life as it came until he learned the most important lesson of all. |
| | Samurai kids series Fussell, Sandy & Nest James, Rhian (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. |
| 340 | Sand swimmers: the secret life of Australia's dead heart Oliver, Narelle | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780850917680 | A picture book that follows Charles Sturt's journey north from Adelaide in 1844 and describes the desert environment he encountered. |
| 341 | Sarah, plain and tall MacLachlan, Patricia | Walker Books | 1998 | 9780744560169 | Sarah has come from Maine to live on the prairie farm to be mother to two children, but she misses the sea. |

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| 13000 | Save our sharks Metzenthien, David & Smith, Craig (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143306405 | The Seaport Junior Sharks just can't win a game. Their coach is in trouble, their footy ground is unsafe due to lack of rain and the team needs more players. They are in danger of ceasing to exist but the Sharks never give up. |
| 17478 | Saving Arthur England, Kathryn | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734408716 | Casey Cantrell's mother buys an antique grandfather clock but when Casey turns the clock's key, she is magically transported back to the time of King Arthur. |
| 846142 | Saving Celeste Fombelle, Timothee & Ardizzone, Sarah (trans) | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406397192 | The day that Celeste comes into the boy's classroom changes everything for him. He can't stop thinking about her, and when she suddenly disappears in the smoke filled high rise city, he is determined to track her down. He finds her in the most polluted part of the city. She is sick and weak. As sick and weak as the planet itself. Can he save Celeste and in doing so, save the world? A heartfelt, environmental fable about two children fighting for a better world. |
| 751084 | Saving Hollow Woods Haynes, Wendy | Imprint Publishing | 2020 | 9780987643513 | Twelve year old orphans Gertrude and Tristan find themselves on a train heading to the countryside. But when they discover a hidden door deep in the woods life on the farm soon takes a twist. They find themselves in Hollow Wood, a land full of Elves, Trolls, goblins and Dwarfs. Strange things start to happen and Hollow Woods is in danger. Can Gertrude and Tristan help save Hollow Wood from the Evil High Elf Folmar? |
| 21033 | Saving Moonbeam Clark, Sherryl & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143303602 | When Gemma sees a starving, neglected horse, she is determined to help him survive. Gemma soon discovers that, with everyone trying to stop her including the owner and her parents, saving the horse won't be easy. |
| 51064 | Saving pandas Litchfield, Carla | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742031149 | Cute, cuddly and completely misunderstood, giant pandas are endangered, with fewer than 2500 adults left in the wild. Find out about their life cycle, their diet, mating habits and why we need to protect this endangered species. |
| 587894 | Say something Reynolds, Peter H | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781760664992 | The world needs your voice. If you have a brilliant idea... say something! If you see an injustice... say something! |
| 5030 | Say yes: Story of friendship, fairness and a vote for hope Castles, Jennifer & Seden, Paul (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760294670 | Once there were two little girls who were best friends. They did everything together. As they got older they weren't allowed to do the same thing anymore. Because they looked different. Because of the law. This is a story about the landmark 1967 Referendum, the two women who came together to change the law...and how the Australian people said yes. |

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| 1010483 | Scar Town Bancks, Tristan | Penguin | 2023 | 9780143791812 | A town submerged by a now leaking dam. What will emerge? Three inquisitive kids find more than they bargain for and have to make decisions that could affect more than just their own lives! Will and his friends were already dealing with BIG challenges but nothing has prepared them for the mysteries that lie ahead. |
| 18524 | Scarecrow and his servant, The Pullman, Philip | Corgi Books | 2005 | 9780440863762 | An ordinary scarecrow, struck by lightning, comes to life. Jack becomes his faithful servant. As the scarecrow plunges them into terrifying dangers, Jack does not realise he's being followed by a family desperately wishing it had never happened. |
| | Scarlet and Ivy series Cleverly, Sophie | | | | 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. |
| 1019703 | Scarygirl: The origin story Jurevicius, Nathan | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761069277 | Abandoned on a remote beach, Scarygirl doesn't know who she is or where she's come from. Blister, a kind and intelligent giant octopus, wants to keep her safe, but Scarygirl needs answers. Who is the strange man haunting her dreams? Will Bunniguru help her unlock the mysteries of her past? Can she trust the wily forest dwellers? Her journey takes her to the edge, and beyond... |
| | Scholastic question & answer 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. |
| 846176 | School between winter and fairyland, The Fawcett, Heather | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526542 | Twelve-year-old Autumn is a beastkeeper at Inglenook School for Magicians, which she secretly dreams of attending as a student. Instead, she must care for Inglenook's menagerie of dangerous creatures so the king's future monster hunters can study them. But when she isn't mucking out the griffin stalls, Autumn searches for clues about her twin brother's mysterious disappearance. Everyone else thinks that he was devoured by the terrifying Hollow Dragon, but Autumn isn't so sure. |

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| 751063 | School for extraterrestrial girls: Girl on fire Whitley, Jeremy & Noguchi, Jamie (ill) | Papercutz | 2020 | 9781545804933 | Tara Smith's parents are super strict with all their rules and routines, and Tara is a dutiful daughter. Rule #1: No friends her own age. Rule #2: keep her bracelet on, or else. But when she breaks her routine - and then loses her bracelet - she's in trouble. Now outed as an extraterrestrial after wielding fire and losing her humanoid form, Tara is captured by the government. She's given two options: get shipped far away where she won't be a danger to anyone or stay on Earth and join a school for other extraterrestrial girls like her. Things at the school aren't easy - especially for the girl whose only friends were textbooks. But Tara's goal to learn how to control her powers is soon sidelined by the discovery that the people she's called Mom and Dad all these years aren't her parents. |
| 46789 | School for good and evil, The Chainani, Soman | HarperCollins US | 2013 | 9780007492930 | Every four years, two girls are kidnapped from the village of Gavaldon. Legend has it these lost children are sent to the School for Good and Evil, the fabled institution where they become fairytale heroes or villains. Sophie, the most beautiful girl in town, has always dreamed of her place at the School for Good while her friend Agatha, with her dark disposition seems destined for the School for Evil. But when the two are kidnapped, they find their fortunes reversed... |
| | School magazine - Orbit and Touchdown School magazine team | | | | Any two Orbit or Touchdown 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. |
| 3825 | School of wizardry Doyle, Debra & Macdonald, James D | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780733616891 | Twelve year old Randal's apprenticeship in the School of Wizardry is marred when he realises one of the master wizards is using evil spells to destroy the school and gain supreme power. |
| 751072 | School rules are optional Hart, Alison | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525712 | It's the first day of school and already Jesse has 3 problems, 1. His teacher is so old she taught his dad. 2. He accidentally got voted as school captain and 3. His grade 6 jumper has gone missing before recess. That's a lot to happen in half an hour, the rest of the day has to be better..... |

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| 1017956 | School trip Craft, Jerry | Quill Tree Books | 2023 | 9780062885531 | Jordan's last days at Riverdale Academy will be spent on a school trip - to Paris! As an aspiring artist himself, Jordan can't wait to see all of the amazing art in the city of lights. Exotic food, a foreign language and a different culture are just some of the tricky things Jordan and his friends are navigating. |
| | Schooling around series Griffiths, Andy | | | | 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. |
| 4169 | Sci-fi Junior High Martin, John & Seegert, Scott | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781743818046 | It isn't easy being the son of two of the smartest people in the galaxy, especially when everyone at your new school expects you to be a genius too! Kelvin Klosmo and his interterrestrial friends will need to work together to save the universe, because you never know in a science space station, if one of the scientists will turn out to be a mad robot. |
| 26153 | Science book, The Golion, Matilda (edit) | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405354134 | Explore science through twenty-four big ideas, the key concepts to help understand how science works in your world. Bursting with facts and close-up graphics, this book explains tricky concepts using accessible visuals. Discover why supercooling frogs show how living things adapt to their environment and how the bumps on a whale's fin help aeroplanes to fly. |
| 689549 | Science comics: Crows Vanderklugt, Kyla | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781626728028 | A crow befriending a dog and getting it to perform tasks might seem like an unlikely way to begin an information text, but this is exactly what crows are capable of doing. This science comic explains more and more ways that the crow is one of the smartest animals on the planet through lots of facts and sharing real experiments done showing how crows use tools, trick other animals, and have amazing memories. |
| 1078773 | Science factopia! Davidson, Rose & Smith, Andy (ill) | Britanica Books | 2024 | 9781804660249 | Grab your safety goggles! Every STEM-tastic fact is connected in amazing and unpredictable ways. Follow a trail that zooms from facts about sharks eyes to facts about mini motorcycles, and from facts about chemistry to facts about koalas. And there isn't one trail through these super science facts. Sometimes your path branches, and you can choose to teleport to a completely different (but still connected) part of the book. Where will your curiosity take you? |
| 1153340 | Scientists in the wild: Antarctica Scales, Helen & Hendry, Kate & D'hipolito, Romolo (ill) | Flying Eye Books | 2024 | 9781838741228 | Join a team of scientists as they explore one of the most remote and fragile environments on Earth - Antarctica. |

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| 638699 | Scoop McLaren: Detective editor Castles, Helen | New Frontier Publishing | 2019 | 9781925594836 | Scoop McLaren publishes an online newspaper and solves mysteries. When Sonny Fink starts publishing a rival newspaper that reports the news before it happens, Scoop, and her best friend, Evie, are straight on the case. |
| 781958 | Scoop McLaren: Waves of mystery Castles, Helen | New Frontier Publishing | 2020 | 9781922326010 | Scoop McLaren runs her very own online newspaper with the help of her Evie, her friend and roving reporter. Higgity Harbour is holding a top surfing competition and Scoop's friend, Fletcher, decides to enter. But strange things start to happen and Scoop finds herself sailing into uncharted waters of mystery and suspense. Who is trying to do anything and everything to stop Fletcher from winning? And why? Can Scoop and Evie solve this monster wave of a mystery or are they out of their depth? |
| 885148 | Scorpion Falls Chatterton, Martin | Ford Street Publishing | 2022 | 9781922696090 | Following the arrival of an unsettling guest in the strange Queensland mining town of Scorpion Falls, teenagers start disappearing. And, when local Theo Sumner tries to dig out some answers, he finds himself being drawn deep into the terrifying underbelly of his home town. |
| 989995 | Scout and the rescue dogs Wolfer, Dianne & Flowers, Tony (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760655860 | The summer holidays have finally arrived and Scout can't wait for her adventure in the big rig with Dad. They're on a mission to deliver donations of dog food to animal rescue shelters in rural Victoria and NSW in time for Christmas. But there are so many sad and lonely dogs at each shelter looking for a new home. Scout thinks she has a great idea to find the perfect owners for these pups. But with reports of bushfires in the area, it's not just the dogs who will need rescuing. |
| 27925 | Scream: The human flytrap Heath, Jack | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9781760152086 | Josh lives in Axe Falls - a town of mysterious disappearances, terrifying visions and unusual events. When his family moves into a spooky old house, and his strange neighbour tells him to GET OUT, he thinks his life is weird enough. But when his best friend's science experiment goes horribly wrong and he finds himself running for his life, Josh starts to wonder what's really going on in Axe Falls and if anyone will survive long enough to find out! |
| 977575 | Sea glass Fraser, Rebecca | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9781761111075 | Cailin's holiday plans are ruined when she and her mum go to stay with her eccentric grandfather at Whitefoam Cove. She barely knows him and reminders of her father are everywhere. Then, just when Cailin and her grandfather are really connecting, disaster strikes. |

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| 5735 | Seahorse Pascoe, Bruce | Magabala Books | 2015 | 9781921248931 | Whenever they can, Jack and his family escape to Seahorse Bay. On one visit, Jack is excited to discover a sunken boat, not far off the coast. When he shows his father, they realise it's in pristine condition and decide to take on the challenge of salvaging it. When the mysterious boat is finally raised, the adventure begins. |
| 825622 | Seasons in the city McKean, Megan | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734420442 | Do you know springtime in Tokyo is cherry blossom season? Or that on the longest day of summer in Stockholm the sun stays up for 18 hours? Seasons divide the year and bring about changes in the world around us. Different seasons bring warm or cool weather; snow or extreme heat; wet, windy weeks or dry, dusty days; and even big weather events like super storms and twisting tornadoes. Throughout history people have welcomed new seasons with important rituals. Plenty of these traditions continue today, as the change in weather brings different occasions to celebrate and activities to enjoy all year round in many of the world's cities. Discover what different seasons look like in cities all around the world. |
| 1209714 | Seawitch McKenna, Skye, Tomislav, Tomic (ill) | Hachette Children's Books | 2024 | 9781801301282 | Seawitch continues the adventures of Cassie and her friends and in Cassie's development as a witch. A call for help from Sebastian sends them to Cornwall to investigate an intriguing mystery. They find the Erl King continuing in his plots to cross over from Faery, and the Seawitch incapable of stopping him. What can Cassie and her friends do to stop him? And what will Cassie discover about her mother? Join them in this magical adventure to find out. |
| | Secret Agent Derek Danger Dale series Bauer, Michael Gerard & Bauer, Joe (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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| 27774 | Secret cooking club, The Remington, Laurel | Chicken House | 2016 | 9781910655245 | Twelve year old Scarlett is the star and the victim of her mum's popular blog. The butt of school jokes, she's eager to stay firmly out of the spotlight. So, when Scarlett discovers the kitchen next door, left empty by an elderly neighbour in hospital, she begins to bake from the hand written recipe book she finds. As more people find out and Scarlett's confidence grows, The Secret Cooking Club is formed. Scarlett's life changes forever. |
| 660714 | Secret friends Laird, Elizabeth & Harris, Alleanna (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781529015409 | Rafaella is new to secondary school as is Lucy. Rafaella is a little different and unsure on how to make friends. In an awkward moment when meeting Rafaella, Lucy calls her a name which will stick with Rafaella and make it even harder for her to make friends. On their walks home from school they begin to form a friendship, and Lucy finds warmth and love in the home of Rafaella's family. However, Lucy keeps this friendship secret and it is only under the most terrible of circumstances that she realises the consequences of her decisions. |
| 1174711 | Secret garden rewilded, The Simmons, Anthea | Andersen Press Ltd | 2024 | 9781839134203 | Spoilt rich-kid Mia's world is turned upside-down when she is orphaned and whisked away to Mis Tor Manor on the edge of Dartmoor to live with her uncle and cousin Christopher. Mia is appalled to find herself in the remote countryside, in a freezing, crumbling manor. Grieving and missing her old life, she takes an instant dislike to Christopher, who never leaves his bedroom due to illness. Yet little by little, Mia starts to discover the beauty of this wintry world, and befriends local boy Daniel, who loves animals and teaches her how to ride a Dartmoor pony. One day she discovers a hidden door, covered in brambles and ivy, which leads to a walled garden... A special, secret place which needs someone's care to bring it to life once again so nature can flourish. |
| 344 | Secret Garden, The Burnett, Frances Hodgson | Oxford University Press | 2001 | 9780192835963 | After losing her parents, young Mary Lennox is sent from India to live in her uncle's gloomy mansion on the wild English moors. She is lonely and has no one to play with. But, when she learns of a hidden, secret garden, somewhere in the grounds that no one is allowed to enter, Mary discovers a world she could never have imagined. |

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| 1019880 | Secret of the blood-red key, The Farr, David | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2024 | 9781801311090 | After saving the land from the evil dictator Malstain, Rachel has found herself a Keeper of the Key. An honour bestowed on some to guard the Hinterland using the magic held in the key to stop any who would exploit it's borders. Not knowing how to use it Rachel swears she will not refuse the key when it calls. When Elsa , a young innocent girl, goes missing, the key does call and Rachel finds herself on another adventure, but this time it may not end so well. |
| 6132 | Secret of the lonely isles, The Van Os, Joanne | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781741662528 | Jem's world has been turned upside down by a family crisis, and then it gets worse. Along comes Ella, Jem's great-aunt, who's also a solo round-the-world sailor. She decides that what Jem, his sister, Maddy, and brother, Tyler, need is a sea change. Seasickness isn't the only thing that Jem adds to his list of woes. He keeps having strange and troubling dreams, and someone is stalking them. |
| 18583 | Secret world of wombats, The French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2005 | 9780207200311 | An engaging, personalised account of living with wombats. Anecdotal notes made over a number of years make this an entertaining, scientifically interesting and informative book. |
| 9955 | Secrets in the Tingle Forest Schofield, Louise | Fremantle Press | 2003 | 9781863683715 | The book follows twelve year old Sharni on a journey into the Tingle Forrest. It is exactly a year since Sharni's father died in a horrific forestry incident and she is still in deep mourning. Sharni blames her mother for her father's death. |
| 625475 | Secrets of a schoolyard millionaire Amoore, Nat | Penguin Books Australia | 2019 | 9780143796374 | 10-year-old Tess is an entrepreneur with big ideas and plans for her future, all involving earning lots of money. When a dodgy neighbour leaves a very full bag of cash in her backyard, her life takes a turn. Together with her best friend Toby, Tess finds that there is a lot you can get with a million dollars, including a whole lot of trouble. |
| 587749 | Secrets of a sun king Carroll, Emma | Faber & Faber | 2018 | 9780571328499 | It's November, 1922. In a valley in Egypt the tomb of a long dead pharaoh is about to be discovered. The world watches and waits for news with baited breath. Thirteen-year-old Lilian Kaye, who lives in a flat above a shop in London, is eagerly following the story. One morning the news takes a sinister turn: a man- a famous Egyptologist- disappears. All that remains of him are his feet. Then Lil's grandfather is taken suddenly ill, and when a mysterious package turns up for him from the Egyptologist, Lil starts to believe there is truth to the rumours of a pharaoh's curse. |

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| 23179 | Secrets of Deltora Rodda, Emily & McBride, Marc (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781741692082 | Doran, the Dragonlover, is compelled to undertake the great task of introducing the wonders of Deltora to travellers. Follow his expedition through the seven gem territories and gain an insight into Deltora's dangers, people and places, magic and monsters, creatures and customs. Keen readers may even uncover a hidden message. |
| 18549 | Secrets of Eromanga Gwyther, Sheryl | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780734409126 | Ellie loves fossils and has the opportunity to go on a dig with Tom and Peta. When they encounter ruthless criminals illegally mining for valuable fossils, they must work together to survive. |
| 2972 | Secrets we keep, The Weetman, Nova | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702254215 | Clem Timmins has lost it all, her house, her possessions and her clothes. Now living in a tiny flat with her dad, she has to go to a new school, far from what she knows. On Clem's first day, she meets Ellie and, to fit in, Clem reveals a secret she immediately regrets sharing. When Clem receives a letter she doesn't want to read, it becomes clear that she can't run from her past forever, especially when the truth appears right in front of her face. |
| 5253 | Secrets we share, The Weetman, Nova | University of Queensland Press | 2017 | 9780702259784 | Clem is slowly rebuilding her life after a house fire destroyed everything. She's about to start high school with her two best friends and she's finally settled into living with her dad in their tiny flat. But when her mum unexpectedly moves in, Clem feels like there's no space for her. Then she meets Matt, a funny and rebellious fourteen-year-old with family troubles of his own. When everything starts to unravel, Clem must decide which secrets to keep and which to share. |
| | See inside Usborne flap books 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. |
| 1066733 | Seed to sky: Life in the Daintree Freeman, Pamela & Anelli, Liz (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781760653750 | This is a Nature Storybook, every wonderful word inside is true. Discover the abundance of insects, butterflies, birds, lizards, snakes and wildlife that get to witness the magnificent Bull Kauri pine growing in the Daintree Rainforest and how over 200 years it grows to be the watchtower of the rainforest. Read this story and learn all about the beauty of the rainforest from the forest floor to the canopy. The adaptation of animals and plants evolving to deal with climate change over the past 130 million years of its life. |

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| | Selby series Ball, Duncan | | | | 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. |
| 31213 | Selfish giant, The Wilde, Oscar & Voutila, Rita (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742376509 | The children always played in the giant's garden, but when he returned after years away, he said 'What are you doing here' and the children fled. |
| 1096816 | Sensational sharks Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Melrose, Katie (ill) | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2023 | 9781761211706 | Dive into the fascinating world of our most fearsome deep-sea predators. Discover little-known facts about sharks: learn about how they hunt and what they eat, how many teeth they have, how they move, the weirdest-looking sharks, and find out if they're scared of people. |
| 4567 | Sensational survivors Morris, Sandra | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781921150661 | New Zealand is home to many fascinating creatures. From a prehistoric reptile to one of the world's largest insects, you'll discover some of the most unusual and impressive species on our planet. |
| 639355 | Sensitive Webster, Allayne L. | University of Queensland Press | 2019 | 9780702260483 | New town. New me. Thirteen year old Samantha is rebranding herself 'SJ' and is determined that at her new school the real Samantha will be well hidden. SJ will be strong, confident and eczema free. But it's not easy hiding her skin condition. Will she ever learn to love herself? |
| | Series of unfortunate events series Snicket, Lemony | | | | 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. |
| 4952 | Serpents & werewolves: Stories of animal shape-shifters from around the world Don, Lari & Greenwold, Francesca (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781472916341 | Werewolves, talking snakes and cursed princes are the stuff of fairy tales. Stories that we have all heard and enjoyed but with a modern twist. Slimy, ugly frogs wanting a favour, playful sisters who tease their older brother, brides who cannot live with any secrets, and unusual household items that are best left untouched. Stories crafted to be read aloud and shared. Illustrated with simple silhouettes. |

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| 871557 | Seven days Ferris, Fleur | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761043352 | Seven days to solve a century old crime. Seven days to unearth the treasure. Seven days to survive... The countdown is on. Ben works to overcome his own shortcomings to set right a wrong and bring some credit back to a wronged family? But, can he live long enough to succeed? A fast paced, action packed story that will make you snigger and gasp, just not at the same time. |
| 637582 | Seven keys, The Rushby, Allison | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781760650797 | Flossie Birdwhistle is the Turnkey at London's Highgate Cemetery. Seven years have passed since Flossie saved her country from a ghostly invasion during World War II. Since then, things have been quiet. That is, until Flossie's nemesis, Hugo Howsham, reveals a secret the pair have been keeping - the keys of the Magnificent Seven cemeteries can be combined to make a Turnkey not only mortal, but immortal. When Hugo Howsham begins stealing keys, the other Turnkeys turn against Flossie, trusting her no longer. With family, friends and her cemetery in danger, can Flossie find the inner strength to protect everything she has ever cared about? |
| 348 | Seven little Australians Turner, Ethel | Penguin | 1994 | 9780140347333 | The seven Woolcot's children live in cheerful turmoil with their father who does not understand them and their young mother. Among them is Judy, spirited, brave and clever. A classic story of family life in Australia during the 19th century. |
| 47694 | Shadow Morpurgo, Michael & Birmingham, Christian (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2010 | 9780007339600 | This story is based on two real life events. Never have Aman and his mother needed a friend more than when a Springer Spaniel appears, thin and war-ravaged, in the mouth of their Afghan cave. Nursed back to health by Aman, the dog becomes a constant companion, a shadow. But, as life in war-torn Afghanistan becomes more dangerous, Aman, his mother and Shadow embark upon the treacherous journey from Afghanistan to a relative's home in Manchester, England, where they hope to be safe. |
| 4207 | Shadow forest Haig, Matt | Corgi Books | 2007 | 9780552555630 | A giant log falls from the sky on to his parents' car and changes forever the lives of Samuel Blink and his sister, Martha. Don't tell Samuel that he is going to be a hero because he doesn't know it yet. Don't tell him he is going to Norway to live with his aunt and uncle beside a mysterious forest into which his loved, little sister will disappear. Samuel doesn't know any of this and it might ruin the book if you tell him. |
| 15530 | Shadow snake Svendsen, Mark | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734406552 | Pud, Cuppy and Skeeta must be real men enough to stay out camping, even after telling really wicked, snake stories. They may be taken by the mutant crocodile-man lurking in the dark shadows. Some coarse language in context. |

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| 18655 | Shaggy gully times, The French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2007 | 9780732284107 | This week's edition of The Shaggy Gully Times, the punniest newspaper, is jam-packed with exciting news from a small town full of interesting animals we have met before, including barber, Pete the sheep, and Josephine, famous ballerina. |
| 96461 | Shake a leg Pryor, Boori Monty & Ormerod, Jan | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741758900 | When three young boys go to a pizza parlour and meet an Aboriginal chef who can speak Italian and make a deadly pizza, they're in for a surprise, learning about aboriginal culture in a light-hearted and humorous manner with eye-catching graphic novel style illustrations. |
| | Shakespeare stories series Matthews, Andrew & Ross, Tony (ill) | | | | 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. |
| 1209776 | Shakespeare's first folio: All the plays (Children's edition) Shakespeare, William & Chouhan, Dr. Anjna & Sutton, Emily | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529514421 | The words in this book are Shakespeare's and have been adapted for young readers. The folio was published according to the true original copies seven years after Shakespeare's death in 1623. Beautiful illustrations are inspired by rare books and beautiful historic objects in the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's collection. Well known verses such as the witches, Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble, and Hamlet's eulogy, To be or not to be, that is the question, encourage performance of these classic works. |
| 943169 | Shaking things up Hood, Susan & Strickland, Shandra (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780062741721 | Meet fourteen revolutionary young women who, through their persistence and determination, sparked change in the world and paved the way for the next generation of female trailblazers and activists. Join this celebration of women-and, who knows, maybe you'll be inspired to shake things up one day too! |
| 12329 | Shape game, The Browne, Anthony | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780552546966 | A family reluctantly visits an art gallery but, one by one, each member is enthralled by a different picture in the gallery and transported into an imaginative and colourful world. |
| 7151 | Shape, The Bates, Dianne & Rippon, Sally (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781865083537 | Julia's life is overshadowed by the death of her little sister. From her forbidden treehouse, Julia can see everything and she hides secret treasures there. In her house, there are secrets too but Julia can't figure them out by herself. |
| 31141 | Shark book: The fish with attitude Norman, Mark | Black Dog Books | 2008 | 9781742030128 | Sharks have been around since before the dinosaurs and there are more than 370 types of sharks in the world. Some are ferocious and others are just plain shy. Beautiful photographs and detailed information reveal the majesty of the shark and why many varieties are protected. |

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| 779534 | Shark caller, The Bethell, Zillah | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474966849 | Ever since a notorious shark took the lives of her parents, Blue Wing's ambition has been to become a Shark Caller like her guardian. It is a skill that she believes will help her get revenge. But instead, she has been asked to keep Maple, the daughter of a university professor who has come to her island, company while Maple's father searches the island for the answers to a secret he keeps close to himself. Once the two girls stop being angry at their situation, they begin to realise they have a great deal in common and become friends. However, as they begin to unravel the mystery of what brings Maple's father to the island, their friendship and bravery are really put to the test. |
| 352 | Sharon, keep your hair on Rubinstein, Gillian | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9780091831608 | This is an illustrated, rhyming book with modern language and scenarios in which Sharon is marrying Jase and moving into his shed which is not quite big enough. Jase has an interesting solution to the problem. |
| 630902 | She persisted around the world Clinton, Chelsea & Boiger, Alexandra (ill) | Penguin USA | 2018 | 9780525516996 | Women around the world have long dreamed big, even when they've been told their dreams didn't matter. They've spoken out, risen up and fought for what's right, even when they've been told to be quiet. Whether in science, the arts, sports or activism, women and girls throughout history have been determined to break barriers and change the status quo. They haven't let anyone get in their way and have helped us better understand our world and what's possible. In this companion book to 'She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World', Chelsea Clinton introduces readers to a group of thirteen incredible women who have shaped history all across the globe. 'She Persisted Around the World' is a book for everyone who has ever aimed high and been told to step down, for everyone who has ever raised their voice and been told to quiet down, and for everyone who has ever felt small, unimportant or unworthy. |

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| 630877 | She persisted: 13 American women who changed the world Clinton, Chelsea & Boiger, Alexandra (ill) | Penguin USA | 2017 | 9781524741723 | Throughout American history, there have always been women who have spoken out for what's right, even when they have to fight to be heard. In early 2017, Senator Elizabeth Warren's refusal to be silenced in the Senate inspired a spontaneous celebration of women who persevered in the face of adversity. In this book, Chelsea Clinton celebrates thirteen American women who helped shape our country through their tenacity, sometimes through speaking out, sometimes by staying seated, sometimes by captivating an audience. They all certainly persisted. 'She Persisted' is for everyone who has ever wanted to speak up but has been told to quiet down, for everyone who has ever tried to reach for the stars but was told to sit down, and for everyone who has ever been made to feel unworthy or unimportant or small. |
| 18436 | She's all that: poems about girls Hollyer, Belinda | Kingfisher | 2005 | 9780753411346 | Diverse poems for girls bringing together some modern verse and some nostalgic classics. Moving and uplifting, these poems will help girls to find their place in the world. |
| 9201 | Sheep-pig, The King-Smith, Dick | Puffin Australia | 2003 | 9780141316000 | A piglet becomes famous after being adopted and trained as a sheep dog. |
| 1133450 | Shiny misfits Zayid, Maysoon & Amin, Shadia (ill) | Graphix | 2024 | 9781338139280 | Bay Ann is a keen dancer who has won a school talent show. This graphic novel follows the perspective of a person with a disability in a inclusive story. Bay Ann sees her disability as a part of her and not a problem. The story is full of friendships, coming of age and a talking cat. |
| 7091 | Shock 'em: Stories of the Big River Hawks Various & Heiss, Anita & Phillips, Sandra R. | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2016 | 9780994465429 | Shock 'em! is an expression used by the players of the Big River Hawks for when the football hits the opposing player hard and shocks them, and the title of a new book. Eight players have shared some of their stories of their love for football, their heroes and their special places. The stories are full of tension, drama, highs and lows - along with plenty of shock 'em moments - that characterise playing in the biggest game in the AFL annual calendar. |
| 803715 | Shockingly good stories Spratt, R A | Penguin Books Australia | 2021 | 9781761043376 | Piranhas on the run, stolen sandwiches, chocolate waterfalls and so much more! From R.A. Spratt, bestselling author of Friday Barnes, comes this collection of twenty short stories featuring fractured fairytales told by none other than Nanny Piggins, previously unpublished Friday Barnes mysteries and a bunch of other hilarious and highly original tall tales. This book will delight kids from seven to seventy, whether they're after a bedtime story, entertainment for a long car ride or distraction in the doctor's waiting room! |

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| 15157 | Shoes news Grantford, Jacqui | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734405159 | A quirky history of shoes interwoven with historical events. |
| 677709 | Shoestring: The boy who walks on air Hunt, Julie & Newman, David | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760297213 | Twelve year old Shoestring, is leaving behind his life of crime and starting a new career with the Troupe of Marvels. He is their lead performer. With an invisible tightrope he has an act to die for. But trouble is brewing. The magical gloves that caused so much trouble for KidGlovz are back. When Shoestring is wearing the gloves it is easy for him to help himself to whatever he likes including other people's hopes and dreams. But when he steals his best friend's mind, he's at risk of losing all he values most. |
| 18700 | Shooting star, The Impey, Rose | Orchard Books | 2005 | 9781843625605 | Jelly Jackson and her netball team are the clear favourites to win the League Final when their competition is cancelled due to a council ban on competitive sports. They embark on a campaign to convince the community this is a mistake. |
| 4069 | Shop at Hoopers Bend, The Rodda, Emily | HarperCollins Australia | 2017 | 9781460753668 | Eleven-year-old Jonquil Medway is a girl with more than an unusual name. Quil's parents died in a car accident when she was a baby and she now goes to boarding school. She spends her holidays with an aunt - or at camp, which is where Quil is heading when she decides to get off early at a train stop called Hoopers Bend. There is something magical about the shop at Hoopers Bend, and it draws Quil and Bailey into an unlikely friendship as they join to fight to save the shop from developers. |
| 3973 | Short Goldberg Sloan, Holly | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781743816516 | Julia is very short for her age, but by the end of the summer she'll realise how big she is inside, where it counts. This is the summer she gets cast as a munchkin in a production of The Wizard of Oz. Through some new friendships, and her turn in the spotlight, she finds that she may not be as tall as everyone else, but she more than deserves to hold her head high. |
| 15160 | Short and incredibly happy life of Riley, The Thompson, Colin & Lissiat, Amy (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734408068 | Riley's life is short but happy as he revels in the moment and has no need of material possessions. |
| 798 | Shot boom score Brown, Justin & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313688 | Sport loving Toby can't believe his luck when instead of being punished by his parents, they issue him with a sporting challenge. All he has to do is take 20 wickets in the cricket season and make 10 tries in rugby to earn the latest gamebox. But unfortunately the new boy at school seems to be blocking Toby all the way. |

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| 5184 | Shout out to the girls: a celebration of awesome Australian women Penguin Random House Australia | Penguin Books Australia | 2018 | 9780143789420 | Let's hear it for the Australian women who have shaped our history and are expanding our future! Shout-outs to 50 awesome Australian women with easy-to-read biographies of their incredible achievements. From Cathy Freeman to Turia Pitt, Edith Cowan to Julia Gillard, Mum Shirl to Vali Myers, plus rally car drivers, molecular biologists and more, this book is a celebration of women in all fields, from all walks of life, and from Australia's past and present. |
| | Shoutykid series Mayle, Simon & Catlow, Nikalas (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. |
| 3969 | Shrek: the novel Weiss, Ellen | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141312491 | A contemporary fairy tale of a monster from the swamp. |
| 354 | Shrinking of Treehorn, The Heide, Florence Parry & Gorey, Edward (ill) | Holiday House | 1992 | 9780823401895 | Treehorn has a problem. He is shrinking but his parents don't seem to notice. |
| 6653 | Sian, a new Australian Lockett, D | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781742990392 | Sian is the unlucky, thirteenth child in a Welsh coalminer's family. Life is hard. Her mother died after giving birth to her and her father is grief-stricken. Sian's sister hatches a plan for a better life. It will involve a long ocean voyage but Sian is looking forward to a country where the sun shines and she can go to school, instead of picking coal scraps for pennies. The only problem is, no one must know about their journey. |
| 639349 | Sick bay Weetman, Nova | University of Queensland Press | 2019 | 9780702260322 | Having met in sick bay, Riley and Meg are intrigued by each other and little by little, as circumstances contrive to bring them together, become friends. Twelve year old Riley must choose between her popular group or the very unpopular Meg. There is a reason behind Meg's odd behaviour. She appears to be a loner, wears slippers and the same ratty t-shirt to school each day, spouts bookish quotes and carries a paper bag. On the surface, Riley appears cool and confident, hanging out with the popular girls and being noticed by the boys. Both girls are hiding secrets that unfold as the end of the year and graduation night looms. |

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| 5120 | Side by side in the beginning McMullin, N & Walters, Ainsley | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9780980794809 | One hundred years ago, AFL football was quite different. Footy grounds were rough and muddy, and the game was characterised by long, passing kicks. Jumpers were canvas cotton vests, laced up the centre, and shorts were long and worn with long socks. Caps and hats were often worn. These were tough times of war and depression. But, from the very beginning, Collingwood Football Club wanted to win. |
| 4275 | Side by side shoulder to shoulder McMullin, N & Walters, Ainsley (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9780980794823 | It's 1935 and Tom is off with Grandpa to watch his favourite team at footy training. As they walk through the gates of Victoria Park, his grandfather removes his black and white Collingwood scarf and gives it to Tom. This scarf has been passed down through generations of Collingwood supporters. |
| 903382 | Sideways orbit of Evie Hart, The Kamaledine, Samera | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9781460762653 | Evie Hart likes rules. A lot. But as she embarks on her very last year of primary school, it feels like all the rules around her are being broken. When Evie's class starts learning about the Earth's place in the universe, it makes Evie think about her own place in the world and where she belongs. Which has her more worried than ever. When your mum writes a horoscope page for a living, it's hard not to think about what the future holds. Especially when she and the only dad Evie has ever known are acting like they're on different planets. But the more Evie learns about the sky and the stars, the more she learns that changes in the world can't always be controlled. And maybe that's not a bad thing. |
| 3979 | Sign of the seahorse, The Base, Graeme | Puffin USA | 1998 | 9780140563870 | An aquatic, colourful gangster tale with a cautionary moral that greed is bad. |
| | Significant people in Australia's history series Barrett, Rees | | | | 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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| 579249 | Silent one, The Cowley, Joy | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141310619 | When Jonasi was sent from the sea as a boy to grow up in an isolated Pacific Village, no one knew the unique gift he would reveal. Unable to hear or speak, Jonasi retreats to an underwater world where he develops a friendship with a rare white turtle. When the villagers turn their back on Jonasi and believe him and the turtle to be spirits of bad luck, Jonasi must find a way to save the turtle... and himself. A mysteriously moving story of a lonely boy and his strange destiny. |
| 17448 | Silk & venom Lasky, Kathryn & Knight, C G (photo) | Candlewick Press | 2011 | 9780763642228 | Love them or hate them, spiders are feared and misunderstood by many. Join Greta Binford, a biology professor and arachnologist, on a trek to the Caribbean in search of the elusive Loxosceles, a deadly recluse spider. The DNA in its venom may hold the answer to many scientific questions. Amazing photographs will get you up close and personal with many spiders. |
| 769305 | Silver Arrow, The Grossman, Lev | Bloomsbury | 2020 | 9781526629418 | When Kate is given a colossal steam train for her birthday, she can't believe her luck. After 11 years of waiting, adventure has finally found her! Soon the silver arrow is whisking Kate and her brother Tom to a magical station with passengers standing ready to board. From the porcupine to the pangolin each one is rare wonderful. But these animals have been waiting a very long time. Can Kate deliver them home before it's too late? |
| 15395 | Silver donkey, The Hartnett, Sonya | Viking Children's | 2004 | 9780670042401 | A blind soldier, who has deserted from the war, wants to return to England to see his brother before he dies. Two young girls befriend him. The soldier shares four stories about donkeys throughout history that have been brave, kind and trustworthy. |
| 1017918 | Silver linings Nannestad, Katrina | ABC Books | 2023 | 9780733342257 | Nettie Sweeney is the youngest in her family and wishes they had a Mum. When her new Mum finally arrives, it seems like the Sweeney family have it made. But tragedy strikes and nothing will ever be the same again: Nettie attempts to help fix things but will her actions lead to disaster? |
| 886455 | Silver sea, The Murrell, Belinda | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761045554 | Who do you trust if you have been told to trust no one? Sophie returns to the magical land of Tuscia and is instantly thrown into danger - Nanna and Caterina Rossellana have been kidnapped. To save them, Sophie and Nicco must team up with a theater troupe who are performing for the Mago in the city across the Silver Sea. Can Sophie unravel the political intrigues of Venetto and save the grandmothers? Or will she fall foul of the evil Mago and be thrown into the dungeons to be eaten by the Mostro of the Dark Waters? |

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| 2156 | Simple things, The Condon, Bill & Norling, Beth (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743317242 | Stephen is not keen to meet his great aunt Lola, who is turning eighty. He discovers she is not only very old but also grumpy and scary. When Stephen meets an unexpected friend, Allie, he shares the simple things in life, like fishing, cricket and climbing trees. A medical emergency with aunt Lola leads to a secret being revealed and Stephen wondering if he has also made another new friend, aunt Lola. |
| 12440 | Simpson and Duffy Small, Mary & Kasepuu, Ester (ill) | ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated | 2001 | 9780957795747 | This is one of the many stories about Simpson and his donkey which has been especially written and illustrated for younger readers. |
| 4008 | Singing hat, The Riddle, Tohby | Puffin Australia | 2002 | 9780141313207 | When a bird makes its nest on Colin Jenkin's head, his gentle and courteous acceptance redefines his life. |
| 29957 | Single shard, A Park, Linda Sue | University of Queensland Press | 2012 | 9780702239373 | Tree-ear has a dream. He has watched the master potter, Min, take a lump of clay and shape it into a thing of beauty. Tree-ear wants to perform the miracle too. But, an orphan like Tree-ear can't just walk up to a master potter and ask him to teach his craft. Tree-ear must prove he is worthy so he asks if he can work for him, without pay. Tree-ear has taken his first step but realising a dream can be very hard. |
| 31862 | Sir Katherine Brooksbank, Anne | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302841 | When Katherine's parents die of the plague, her grandmother decides it would be safer to raise her as a boy. Little do they know that 'Kit' will be made a knight of King Arthur's court and sent on a dangerous quest to rescue one of the Queen's maidens from a dragon. |
| 15159 | Sister chick McDonald, Meme | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865089867 | The journey of a curlew in its migration from Siberia to Australia and a journey of a child from silence to speech. |
| 9243 | Sister Madge's book of nuns MacLeod, Doug & Smith, Craig (ill) | Omnibus Books | 2002 | 9781862910577 | An hilarious and irreverent account of convent life, told in cheeky verse. |
| 3928 | Sisters Telgemeier, Raina | Graphix | 2014 | 9780545540605 | Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But, once Amara is born, things aren't quite what she expected. Amara is cute but she's also a cranky baby, who mostly prefers to play by herself. Over the years, their relationship doesn't improve much. When a baby brother enters the picture and something doesn't seem right between their parents, Raina and Amara realise they must work out how to get along. They are sisters, after all. |
| | Sisters Grimm series Buckley, Michael & Ferguson, 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. |

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| 660791 | Sit, stay, love Howard, J J | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9780545861571 | Cecilia Murray has been wishing for a dog for as long as she can remember. And when a cute pug named Potato is brought in to Orphan Paws, the shelter where she volunteers, she knows he is the dog she's been waiting for. There's just one problem: Eric Chung, a popular, arrogant boy from school, adopts Potato first. What's worse, he hopes to train the little tater to become a show-dog superstar. Cecilia knows that Potato is not cut out for a life of sparkly collars and snobby judges, so she sets out to sabotage Eric's plans. But the more time Cecilia spends with Potato and Eric, the more she questions everything she thought she knew about dog shows... and a certain cute show-dog trainer. Can Cecilia save Potato while also listening to her heart? |
| 1141346 | Six summers of Tash and Leopold Binks, Danielle | Hachette Australia | 2024 | 9780734421890 | Leopold and Alytash - Leo and Tash - are neighbours who used to be best friends, but aren't anymore, for reasons that Leo doesn't entirely understand. But now it's the last week of Year Six and Tash is standing in Leo's front yard with a misdelivered letter - and a favour to ask. It's a request that will set off a chain of events in their little crescent in Noble Park, a suburb that is changing, and fast. In the process of solving an unfolding neighbourhood mystery and helping Ms Shepparson, a reclusive neighbour with a tragic past, Leo and Tash each have to confront fault-lines in their own recent histories and families. They will discover that friendships can grow and change, that bravery takes many forms, and that, most of all - whatever the future holds - friends and family are what matter. |
| 358 | Sixth worry doll, The Dwyer, Christina | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781863887465 | A story reflecting the experience of immigration. |
| 867794 | Skandar and the unicorn thief Steadman, A.F. | Simon & Schuster | 2022 | 9781398502734 | Get ready for unlikely heroes, magic, secrets and ferocious unicorns. If you never felt that unicorns were made from rainbows, you are in luck - because ! Unicorns are not nice! |
| 9290 | Skateboarding Herran, Joe & Thomas, Ron | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780732979041 | A book for skateboarding enthusiasts. |
| 8768 | Skateboarding: extreme sports Powell, Ben | Raintree | 2003 | 9781844430918 | One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, diagrams and a glossary of terms, this book shows you the techniques of skateboarding, the equipment and the right gear to wear. |

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| 359 | Skating on sand Gleeson, Libby | Penguin | 1995 | 9780140371611 | Being the youngest of three girls, Hannah often feels left out, especially when she so desperately wants to learn how to skate. |
| | Skinny mysteries series Ball, Duncan & David, Mark (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. |
| 120068 | Skull alphabet book, The Pallotta, Jerry & Masiello, Ralph (ill) | Charlesbridge Publishing | 2002 | 9780881069150 | To call it an alphabet book is really misleading. It is a science book and a remarkable study of mammal skulls. For each letter of the alphabet, the reader has to identify, by learning functions of facial bones and teeth, the skull of the mammal. |
| 1019869 | Skull, The Klassen, Jon | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781529509571 | Otilia is on the run from something unnamed but formidable. The night is cold and dark, but just as she begins to lose her resolve a very large and very old house appears in the forest. The house appears abandoned except for a skull offering shelter but maybe not safety. |
| 751082 | Skunk and Badger Timberlake, Amy & Klassen, Jon (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525484 | Skunk is Badger's new roommate. Badger who prefers to be left alone doing his Important Rock Work suddenly has his world upended by potato rockets and chickens when Skunk moves in. They say opposites attract but will Badger and Skunk find a way to overcome their differences? |
| | Sky dragon 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. |
| 916540 | Sky full of stars, A Jackson, Linda Williams | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2023 | 9780358667209 | Thirteen-year-old Rose Lee Carter has chosen to live in Mississippi, even as racial tensions mount. Caught between those who want change by meeting violence with violence and those who believe in peaceful protest, Rose doesn't see a way forward. But when she decides to help Aunt Ruthie start her own business, Rose begins to understand how she can make a difference. Life might be easier in the North but Mississippi is her home and that's worth fighting for. Set in 1955, this novel seamlessly blends a fictional portrait of a young African American girl and the factual events from a pivotal era in American history. |

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| 774238 | SkyWake invasion Russell, Jamie | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406397512 | When gaming obsessed Casey Henderson - aka CASEY_FLOW - is invited to attend an international gaming tournament, she is torn by the fact that this would mean her true female identity would be revealed to her team mates and her desire to play the game she loves. This becomes an insignificant drama when the world is turned upside down by a tournament turned alien invasion. |
| 19787 | Sleeping beauty, The McAllister, David & Tylesova, Gabriela (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2017 | 9781760129934 | The story of The Sleeping Beauty spills over with fairies and princes, passion and despair, magnificence and splendour, and the ballet version of this classic tale is the most romantic and spectacular of all. |
| 55178 | Slightly skewed life of Toby Chrysler, The Collins, Paul | Celapene Press | 2009 | 9780975074244 | Toby Chrysler's mum has been missing for more than a month. His new friend, Ginger, has lost her dad. And everyone is looking for Toby. An abandoned red shoe and some map coordinates help them in their search for their parents. |
| 8937 | Small change for Stuart Evans, Lissa | Doubleday | 2011 | 9780385618007 | When ten year old Stuart moves to a new town at the beginning of the summer holidays, he expects to be bored. Soon, he is drawn into an intriguing adventure when he discovers his missing great uncle was an inventor and magician, who has left him the contents of his workshop, should he ever find it. There are clues and puzzles to solve but what starts as fun ends up as danger. |
| 1209799 | Small fry Baddiel, David & Loftis, Cory (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2024 | 9780008621988 | The story of one boy and his brilliant burgers. Benny Burns spends every weekend helping his dad by working at their burger van. He invents the best tasting burger ever but then the rival Bonkers Burger boss gets a whiff of his talents. Who makes the best burgers? A competition will decide. |
| 3159 | Small things Tregonning, Mel | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781742379791 | An ordinary boy in an ordinary world. This wordless picture book tells the story of a boy who feels alone with his worries but who learns that help is always close by. |
| 6184 | Smart girls don't wear mascara Paterson, Cecily Anne | Wombat Books | 2018 | 9781925563443 | Abby Smart is planning to have the most awesome year ever. She's the leader of the Smart Girls Club and after winning the talent quest, her dream to be a musical singer looks like it might come true. And then Stella turns up, fluttering her mascara eyelashes. She's way too cool for little old Kangaroo Valley. Worst of all, she's making Abby's friends like ridiculous things such as makeup and new music! Abby's plans to have a great year are being turned into dog food. Will Abby follow her friends, or follow her dreams? Because she can't have both. After all, Smart Girls don't wear mascara! |
| 50129 | Smarty-cat Dawe, Bruce | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302537 | Barry is more than just clever. He's a talking cat, a TV star and a quiz show champion. Barry is a cat in a million, a real smarty-cat. |

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| 361 | Smith Garfield, Leon | Sunburst | 2000 | 9780374467623 | Smith is a twelve year old pickpocket who finds himself involved in murder, suspense and the London underworld. |
| 1670 | Smooch and Rose Wheeler, Samantha | University of Queensland Press | 2013 | 9780702249860 | When Rose and Gran save a baby koala from a pack of blood-hungry dogs, Rose is so happy - caring for bush babies is her dream. But things change for the worse when Gran gets a letter from the bank. Then Uncle Malcolm mentions bulldozers and Rose realises it's not just her that's at stake. |
| 2772 | Smuggler's curse, The Jorgensen, Norman | Fremantle Press | 2016 | 9781925164190 | Red Read's life takes a surprising and alarming turn when his mother sells him to an infamous smuggler, plying his trade off the north-west coast of Australia. From terrifying encounters with cut-throat pirates to battling the forces of nature in a tropical typhoon, from dining with head-hunting guerrillas to making meals of monkey stew, Red is in for a hair-raising adventure that may cost him his life. |
| 16091 | Snakes, lizards, crocs and turtles of Australia Wilson, Steve | New Holland Australia | 2006 | 9781921073014 | Well-presented factual information and stunning photographs about Australian reptiles. Includes a comprehensive glossary, a quiz section and suggested books to read and web sites to view for further information. |
| 18422 | Snapshot Swindells, Robert | Barrington Stoke | 2005 | 9781842993477 | Victor has a new state of the art digital camera. He can't wait to try it out but taking a photo can change your life. Victor gets more than he bargained for. |
| 3890 | Snot Chocolate and other funny stories Gleitzman, Morris | Puffin Australia | 2016 | 9780143309222 | Very Yummy Stories. Stop your mum picking her nose, read the secret diary of a dog, catch a bus and then let it go, discover how one slice of toast can make you the most popular person in school, start wearing a crown and give up eating pig-nostril gruel, use a wrecking ball to defeat a bully, show your big sister the very scary secret in your wardrobe, unleash the awesome power of chips, live in a house that gets wiped clean more often than a bottom. Funny stories from a favourite Australian author, Morris Gleitzman. |
| 4077 | Snow goose, The Gallico, Paul | Penguin | 2001 | 9780140299526 | A beautiful classic set in a tragic war. The tale of a hunchbacked artist, a girl and a wounded bird that culminates in a courageous act at Dunkirk. |
| 12946 | Snow: extreme sports Chapman, Garry | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780732964580 | One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, extreme facts, snow jargon and a glossary of terms, this book tells you all you've ever wanted to know about sports in the snow. |
| 9291 | Snowboarding Herran, Joe & Thomas, Ron | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780732979065 | A book for snowboarding enthusiasts. |

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| 652807 | So she did: The story of May Wirth Genziuk, Simi & Tremi, Renee (ill) | Affirm Press | 2018 | 9781925712926 | At a time when girls weren't encouraged to be bold and daring, Australian circus rider May Wirth lived by her own rules. Instead of just looking pretty on a fancy circus pony, she longed to do thrilling stunts that would amaze crowds with her courage and skill... So she did. Here is the story of a girl from humble beginnings who defied expectations and became the world's bareback riding queen. |
| 959170 | So that happened... but maybe you already knew that Sussman, Tami | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781760656010 | As Nutty plans and prepares for her bat mitzvah, she is suddenly beset with many more challenges than she expected. Not only are her parents having money troubles, but her best friend no longer feels like a girl. Follow Nutty as she tries to keep her family and friendships from falling apart. |
| 15140 | So you want to write fiction Bradman, Tony | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2003 | 9780750236478 | A useful overview of the process of writing for aspiring writers. Excerpts from books and helpful addresses and websites are included. |
| 79395 | Soccer camp Bedford, David & Brumpton, Keith (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2004 | 9781877003455 | The Team is excited to be going to Soccer Camp. They are a little nervous to be playing against the best of the best. They are even more nervous that they will be sent home if anyone finds out that Mark 1 is a robot. |
| 365 | Soccer: great moments, great players in world football Lovelock, Damien | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9781864480856 | Written by a keen fan of the sport, this book highlights some of the key aspects of soccer, its followers and players. |
| 4996 | Socks, sandbags and leeches: Letters to my Anzac dad Deeves, Pauline | National Library of Australia | 2016 | 9780642278845 | Ivy and her mother live in Australia, far away from where the Great War is raging. Ivy writes to her father, who is fighting overseas, all about life at home. About the socks and sandbags she and her friends make and the leeches they catch to sell to the hospital. The war keeps dragging on and she keeps on writing, hoping her dad returns safe. |
| 1277 | Solid rock: sacred ground Howard, Shane & Mutijulu, Kaltukatjara and Imanpu children (ill) & Hudson, Peter (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9780980564327 | This song was one of the first songs of its type to touch on the subject of Aboriginal rights in Australia. Beautiful illustrations by the school children from Mutujulu, near Uluru, Australia. |
| 885153 | Solomon Macaroni and the Cousin Catastrophe Barton, Ashleigh & Davis, Sarah (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2022 | 9780702265617 | You've never met a vampire like Solomon before. He is friendly and polite. But when his parents go on a one hundred year cruise without him, he is not impressed. Especially when it means he has to stay in creepy Transylvania with his uncle, Count Dracula, and six naughty cousins. He ends up in spooky Wildwood on a dangerous mission to try to save his catastrophic cousins and possibly the world A fangtastic tale about loving your family, even when they drive you batty." |

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| 1019625 | Solomon macaroni and the vampire vacation Barton, Ashleigh & Davis, Sarah (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2023 | 9780702266300 | Solomon is traveling to Paris with his cousins and his Uncle Dracula. To help cheer up their Uncle Dracula, the mischievous cousins steal the Mona Lisa with the help of Mademoiselle Bon-Bon. But things don't go quite as planned. |
| 1019791 | Solve your own mystery: The Transylvanian express Jones, Gareth P & Forshaw, Louise (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760656591 | Private Detective Mr Solstaag and his assistant Klaus have been asked by a mystery client to board a train at Haventry underground station taking its passengers to visit Count Fledermaus's castle. One of the passengers disappears... and the trains conductor Mr Rubrick asks the detective to solve the case. A classic 'Who done It?' story to enjoy solving with a surprising end to this hearty horror. |
| 16511 | Someday Angeline Sachar, Louis | HarperTrophy | 2005 | 9780747587231 | Angeline's mum died a long time ago and her father works on a garbage truck so he can send her to college. Angeline is a genius but works out that people will only like her if she pretends not to be. |
| 903281 | Something to say Moore Ramee, Lisa | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780062836724 | Something to say is a delightful fiction story about eleven year old Jenae set in high school. Jenae likes to be alone and is happy with that until Aubrey comes to her school. Will Jenae find her voice and overcome her fears of public speaking and stand up for what she believes in. This story highlights the importance of being a good friend and gaining confidence when you least expect it. |
| 21138 | Somewhere else Gordon, Gus | Viking Children's | 2016 | 9780670078851 | George has no interest in exploring the world. He's far too busy at home baking fine pastries. That's what he tells everyone when they invite him along on their wonderful adventures. But, George's friend, Pascal, digs a little deeper. |
| 1249 | Song for a scarlet runner Hunt, Julie | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313589 | When young Peat is blamed for bringing misfortune to the local settlement, she flees to the marshes. There she is caught by a marsh auntie whose trade is stories that act as gateways, and Peat finds herself trapped in somebody else's life-and-death bargain. |
| 4944 | Song from somewhere else, The Harrold, A.F. & Pinfeld, Levi (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781408853368 | Frank doesn't know how to feel when Nick Underbridge rescues her from bullies one afternoon. No one likes Nick. He's big, he's weird and he smells- or so everyone in Frank's class thinks. And yet, there's something nice about Nick's house. There's strange music playing there, and it feels light and good and makes Frank feel happy for the first time in forever. But there's more to Nick, and to his house, than meets the eye, and soon Frank realises she isn't the only one keeping secrets. Or the only one who needs help. |

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| 846158 | Song of Lewis Charmichael, The Laguna, Sofie & McBride, Marc (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760878573 | Matthew stood on the snowy peak and stared out at the world spread before him. Beyond those icy plains, the sea; and beyond the sea, a land that floated on the ice. He put the binoculars down and saw valleys and cliffs and rivers all made of snow. Everywhere was white. For as long as he can remember, Matthew has dreamed about the north pole. And one day a crow named Lewis Carmichael lands at Matthews window- a crow who believes in Matthew in the most simple and ordinary ways. Soon, the unexpected voyage of a lifetime begins..... |
| 19214 | Song of the dove Broome, Errol & Kretschmar, Sonia (ill) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781921529245 | The compelling story of the Italian composer Bellini's rise to fame and his forbidden love. |
| 617179 | Songbird Laguna, Ingrid | Text Publishing Co | 2019 | 9781925773538 | A new house. A new school. A new language. A country far from home. Jamila wants to make new friends and fit in, but it's hard when you miss your best friend at home in Iraq and you're worried about your father's safety in Iraq. Your mother needs your help with simple tasks like shopping and communicating with people. When Jamila joins the school choir, she finds a place where she can belong, a place where she might find a friend and a place where she can dare to hope. |
| 98778 | Songlines and stone axes Nicholson, John | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741750027 | Magical pearl-shell pendants, greenstone axe-heads, belts made of human hair, outriggers for canoes, songs and dances, body paint, feathers, extra strong glue, cloaks made of 80 possum skins sewn with kangaroo sinew were traded around Australia before white settlement. All this happened without money until the Macassans and then the Europeans arrived. |
| 647916 | Sophia and the Corner Park Clubhouse Bell, Davina | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2019 | 9781760503970 | Sophia and her lifelong best friends, Belle, Maisie and Lola, are reunited at their old favourite hangout - the Corner Park Clubhouse - after their first term at different high schools. But it soon becomes obvious that, in spite of pinkie swears and promises, they're drifting apart. The one thing keeping them together is the clubhouse, which holds special memories for each of them - and after what happened there last summer, it means more than anything to Sophia. So when they find out it's going to be bulldozed, the girls set out in a race against time to save it - and their friendship - from demolition. |
| 13656 | Sophie's secret war: a Second World War girl's diary, 1939-1940 Atkins, Jill | Scholastic UK | 2009 | 9781407108650 | Sophie has an important but terrifying role to play in the Second World War. As a citizen of France during German occupation, her youth and frequent bike rides to visit other towns enable her to pass messages under the enemy's nose. She becomes deeply involved in the French resistance and a daring plan to save a young Scottish soldier. |

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| 29801 | Sorry day Vass, Coral & Leffler, Dub (ill) | National Library of Australia | 2017 | 9780642279033 | Maggie holds tight to her mother as they await the long anticipated apology to the Stolen Generations by the Prime Minister. In the excitement of the crowd, Maggie loses touch of her mother's hand and is lost. She is reunited with her mother but the faces and memories of the Stolen Generations are all around them. Two stories entwine in this captivating retelling of the momentous day when then Prime Minister of Australia Kevin Rudd acknowledged the sorrows of the past and said 'sorry' to Indigenous children who were taken from their homes. |
| | Space brigade series Moriarty, L M | | | | 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. |
| 4123 | Space games Carter, Mick | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734402738 | Multicultural science fiction about Johnny, who joins a team of cadets chosen to combat an alien force that threatens the world. |
| 4126 | Space pirates on Callisto French, Jackie | Koala Books | 2002 | 9780864614209 | A sequel to, The cafe on Callisto, in which things go wrong on a camping holiday to the planet, Callisto, where everyone is happy and food is unashamedly revered. |
| 5619 | Spaced out Simons, Moya | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921529917 | Centuria, a planet full of new technology and fascinating inventions. A great place for Jesse to spend his two hundred and fifty space credits that he's brought with him from Earth. But, when he rescues a human-like robot boy, Jesse must go deep into the Farlands around the city to help Michael find his family. Jesse wonders if he will be able to get back to Earth. |
| 15076 | Spaceman Bill Kelleher, Victor & Smith, Craig (ill) | Word Weavers Press | 2004 | 9781877073151 | When Spaceman Bill lands in Sydney, supposedly from the future, he causes a sensation. Bill may not be what he appears to be. |
| 80195 | Spartacus and his glorious gladiators Brown, Toby & Goddard, Clive (ill) | Scholastic UK | 2004 | 9780439981873 | Spartacus, the gladiator who fought for and against the Romans, had a life full of surprises. Learn about the Roman Empire and Spartacus's story from amassing an army inside a volcano to the crucifixion of six thousand slaves. |
| | Specky Magee series Arena, Felice & Lyon, Garry (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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| 4392 | Spectacular Spencer Gray, The Fitzpatrick, Deb | Fremantle Press | 2017 | 9781925164671 | Spencer Gray is just an ordinary kid, but he manages to get into some pretty extraordinary situations. Playing soccer at school with his mates he accidentally uncovers a sinister operation and rescues a super-endangered marsupial, but in the process he risks becoming super-endangered himself. |
| 916634 | Spectaculars, The Garnish, Jodie | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2022 | 9781801312547 | When three figures arrive at Harper's window in a flying canoe, they inform her that she is a Spectacular - a magical performer, gifted with special powers from the stars. Harper is thrilled to be part of the Spectaculars' travelling theatre and boarding school but, before long, she and her new friends are plunged into great danger that threatens everything and everyone they love. |
| 941474 | Spellhound: A dragons of Hallow book Tanner, Lian & Soweol Han, Sally (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761180057 | What do a minch-wiggin, a Queen, and a rather large magical pup have in common? They need to find the dragon that has turned their worlds upside-down... even if it means revealing all they want to keep hidden! A delightfully pleasing whimsical fantasy novel for readers who love Cressida Cowell or Katrina Nannestad. |
| 10026 | Spider and the fly, The Howitt, Mary & Diterlizzi, Tony (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2003 | 9781743478172 | The spider entices the fly to come on inside. The fly is not convinced but flattery is so hard to ignore. |
| 66585 | Spiderlings and their families Calabrisello, Antonio & Turner, Nadia (ill) | Brolly Books | 2008 | 9781921346439 | Spiderlings are baby spiders. This is a lavishly illustrated and factually accurate book about spiders and their families that is both fascinating and just a little bit creepy - in the nicest possible way. |
| 1019684 | Spies in the sky McWilliams, Beverley | Pantera Press | 2023 | 9780645624533 | Royal Blue is a royal racing pigeon from a long line of champions. Every morning he wakes and spends the day training, but there's a war growing and things are changing. One day the King himself comes to the loft and selects Blue for a special assignment. Blue needs to find the courage to leave his secure home to be a war pigeon and face dangers he never could have imagined, and will he survive to return to his family? |
| | Spirit Animals 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. |
| 12452 | Spook's shack Orr, Wendy & Millard, Kerry (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781865086453 | Deep in the bush, Finn discovers an old, deserted shack. When a dog growls and a gravelly voice snarls, Finn's hair stands up like bristles on a brush. But, there are greater dangers for this beautiful, bushland environment. |

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| 375 | Spooner or later Jennings, Paul & Greenwood, Ted & Denton, Terry | Penguin | 1999 | 9780140543629 | Picture puzzles and humorous drawings highlight this book of word games and spoonerisms. |
| 771182 | Spotlight Raphael, Solli | Penguin Random House Australia | 2020 | 9781760898410 | Slam poet and social advocate Solli Raphael shines a spotlight on the concerns teenagers face today with over 30 impressive new poems and performance pieces. He shares his experiences of helping to create change and contribute to a sustainable world. Packed with activities for kids and teens to find their own voices, everyone can be proactive in shaping the future. |
| 595786 | Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth Boyce, Frank Cottrell | Pan MacMillan | 2016 | 9781509819973 | The Earth is about to be destroyed, you need to make a list of ten things on Earth that make it worth saving, what will you pick? Prez mets Sputnik, a small loud alien who looks like a dog. They both make a list but they are very different, will they be able to work together and save the world? |
| 628088 | Squidge Dibley destroys the school Elliott, Mick | Hachette Children's Books | 2019 | 9780734419422 | Meet the most hilarious year 6 class ever, with the worst teacher of all time then add Squidge Dibley, a kid like no other. Everything is about to change! |
| 9401 | Stage fright: plays based on the stories of Paul Jennings Tulloch, Richard & Jennings, Paul | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140376913 | Scripts for the stage adaptations of four of Paul Jennings' popular stories. |
| 3805 | Stand up and cheer Re, Loretta | The Wild Colonial Company | 2015 | 9780992306922 | It's 1934 and the Great Centenary Air Race from London to Melbourne will be the biggest and most exciting race that the world has ever seen. Ten year old Jack longs to see the race but he lives in Albury, miles away from the action. But, when a giant Dutch plane is lost in a terrible thunderstorm over Albury, Jack finds himself part of the action. |
| 859 | Star Bateson, Catherine | Omnibus Books | 2012 | 9781862919815 | Star and her mum used to manage. Now mum's old friend Charlie has moved in and life is topsy-turvy. Star knows she wants a horse and needs a new best friend. But how is that going to happen when no one is listening to her? |
| 7824 | Star jumps Marwood, Lorraine | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150722 | Ruby's family and the dairy farm are struggling through the drought. Life isn't easy, but Ruby is determined to do her own bit to help save her family and the farm. |
| | Star League 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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| | Star of Deltora 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. |
| 10759 | Star of the show Hilton, Nette & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2006 | 9780702235795 | Aimee is tired of playing second fiddle to Serena Sweetmay, who it seems, can do no wrong and is great at everything. Aimee is determined to outdo Serena when her class is asked to present the school Christmas play. |
| 23498 | Star scouts: Graphic novel Lawrence, Mike | First Second | 2017 | 9781626722804 | Avani is the new kid in town, and she's not happy about it. Everyone in school thinks she's weird, especially the girls in her Flower Scouts troop. Is it so weird to think scouting should be about fun and adventure, not about makeovers and boys, boys, boys? But everything changes when Avani is "accidentally" abducted by a spunky alien named Mabel. Mabel is a scout too - a Star Scout. Collecting alien specimens (like Avani) goes with the territory, along with teleportation and jetpack racing. Avani might be weird, but in the Star Scouts she fits right in. If she can just survive Camp Andromeda, and keep her dad from discovering that she's left planet Earth, she is in for the adventure of a lifetime. |
| 19230 | Star, The Marshall, Felicity | Ford Street Publishing | 2010 | 9781876462925 | Marion, a wooden doll, has her loyal friends, Harley, and Polka, the dog. Marion longs for adventure and is lured by the world of glamour and fame. She becomes a glamorous Star but learns, painfully, that stardom has a use-by-date. |
| 833104 | Starboard Skinner, Nicola | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008422417 | This is the story of Kirsten, an apparently happy and successful eleven-year-old reality-TV star who meets a ship that comes alive. Inspired by the true history of the SS Great Britain, Starboard is about the friendship, heroism and bravery that you can find in others, whether they're made of flesh or iron. It's about going on epic adventures. But most of all, it's about finding out who you really dare to be when you're completely out of your depth. |
| 886026 | Stardiving Plant, Andrew | Ford Street Publishing | 2022 | 9781922696021 | Fluke dreams of seeing stars. But it's difficult for a young sperm whale to see the sky. When wise old Cachalot challenges him to look down, Fluke discovers stars he could never have imagined! |

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| | Starfell series Valente, Dominique & Warburton, Sarah (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. |
| 2341 | Staring owl, The Edwards, Luke | Omnibus Books | 2010 | 9781862919112 | Owl began staring as soon as he was born. He makes people feel uneasy with his staring and begins to feel like a weirdo, so he sets out to find somewhere where he feels comfortable being a starrer. |
| 1082884 | Starminster Hopkins, Megan | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2024 | 9780008626891 | Astrid has lived in the rhubarb shed all her life. Her mother explains that it's dangerous outside. When a stranger with wings unlocks the door, Astrid is taken to London Overhead, a secret city in the sky for the Librae, winged folk. Astrid is also Librae, and will soon grow wings of her own. But soon she hears rumours of missing children, and realises that her mother may have been right about the dangers awaiting all along. |
| 526 | Starship Q Alexander, Goldie & Hamill, Dion | MacMillan | 2004 | 9780732992200 | After initial mistrust, Jackson, a human boy, joins forces with young, telepathic aliens, Iyaki and Aari, to overcome a mutiny aboard a starship. A fun-packed, fast-paced, courageous adventure to save the imprisoned crew results. |
| 4651 | Startling story of Lachlan Macquarie, The: Founding father or failure Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill) | Berbay Publishing | 2017 | 9780994384102 | Lachlan Macquarie is celebrated for his inspired infrastructure building, as well as his enlightened treatment of convicts and emancipists. His treatment of the Aboriginal population, however, was far from enlightened. So how should history remember this towering figure of Australia's past- founding father or failure? |
| 5359 | Stay well soon Tangey, Penny | University of Queensland Press | 2013 | 9780702249945 | Stevie has a lot of dreams - more friends at school, better drawing pencils and a pony. When her brother becomes sick, her world is filled with trips to the hospital, where she becomes friends with Lara, an older girl who has cancer. |
| 378 | Staying alive in year 5 Marsden, John | Pan MacMillan | 1996 | 9780330358842 | Mr Murlin is not an ordinary teacher. His rules are amazing, like eating chocolate in class is compulsory. Johnny and Max love being in his class but still get into lots of scrapes. Contains language and actions that may offend some readers. |
| 8911 | Steam, steel and speed Nicholson, John | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741750461 | Find out how steam power changed Australia. You can read about paddle steamers trading up and down the nation's waterways, steam-powered factories churning out everything from biscuits to iron ships, new railways slashing travel times and all kinds of new jobs for fitters and firemen, puddlers and pumpers, barge-masters and billy-boys. |

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| 7912 | Stella by starlight Draper, Sharon M | Atheneum Books for Young Readers | 2016 | 9781442494985 | In 1932, ten year old Stella lives in the segregated South of the United States. Some stores she can go into, others she can't. Some folks are right pleasant, others less so. To Stella, it sort of evens out, and the Ku Klux Klan hasn't bothered them for years. But, one late night, Stella and her little brother see something they're never supposed to see, something that is the first flicker of change to come. As Stella's community and her world are upended, she decides to fight fire with fire. She learns that ashes don't necessarily signify an end. |
| 12413 | Stella by the sea Starke, Ruth | Puffin Australia | 2003 | 9780143300663 | Stella wants a private property that she can call her own, a cubbyhouse with an ocean view. A little advertisement in the newspaper changes her life. |
| | Stella Montgomery Intrigues series Rossell, Judith | | | | 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. |
| 8008 | Stephen's music Laguna, Sofie & Pignataro, Anna | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734410160 | When Stephen first hears the sound of the flute his whole world changes. He knows he must have one in his life but he must convince his parents first. |
| 2931 | Stick dog tries to take the donuts Watson, Tom | Harper | 2016 | 9780062457158 | Stick Dog and his team of strays are off on another outrageous canine caper. To snatch some breakfast treats for his hungry pals, Stick Dog will need to stop a moving truck, outfox a man on a telephone pole, and calm down a very caffeinated Karen. But that's not all. He'll also need to manage the greatest confrontation in history when his good friend Poo-Poo comes face-to-face with the ultimate enemy; a squirrel! With Stick Dog's smarts, daring, loyalty and patience he just might lead his buddies to the best breakfast ever. |
| 1193371 | Stickboy Young, Rebecca & Ottley, Matt | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9781742994468 | Stickboy lived in wind and dust, where ancient rock loomed like waves waiting to break... |
| 30306 | Sting Huber, Raymond | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781921150890 | Ziggy's not your average bee in a box. He does not fit in with the honey bees in his hive. He knows that he is different and is determined to find out why. His decision to leave Bee City leads Ziggy into danger and new friendships. Share Ziggy's exciting adventure and find out a lot more about bees, too. |
| 382 | Stinky cheese man and other fairly stupid tales, The Scieszka, Jon & Smith, Lane (ill) | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1993 | 9780140548969 | In this collection of traditional stories, the retelling does not resemble the original tales at all. The humour in this book is in its unusual design. |

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| 44093 | Stinky Ferret and the JJs Lemon-Scott, Candice | Puffin Australia | 2008 | 9780143303978 | Adrian hates ferrets. He thinks they're boring and ugly and stinky. So, when it's his turn to take home Ferret, the classroom pet, Adrian knows he's in for a bad weekend. |
| 1133512 | Stitch Kenny, Padraig | Walker Books | 2024 | 9781529517781 | Stitch and his friend Henry Oaf were brought to life by the genius Professor Hardacre. But when the Professor's wicked nephew takes over the laboratory, Stitch and Henry must escape - and make their way in a world that may only ever see them as monsters. |
| 85740 | Stolen girl Saffioti, Trina & MacDonald, Norma | Magabala Books | 2011 | 9781921248252 | When a young girl is taken from all that she knows and loves, she dreams of how she will return to the life she had to leave behind. The book follows one girl who was taken from her home and placed in a children's home. Australian Government policy at the time removed one hundred thousand Aboriginal children who are known as the Stolen Generation. |
| 5038 | Stone man mysteries, The: Stone cold Yolen, Jane & Stemple, Adam & Zangara, Orion (ill) | Graphic Universe | 2016 | 9781512411553 | When a gargoyle comes to life and saves Craig from jumping to his death in the city of Edinburgh, Craig is pulled into a high paced world of murder, crime and mystery. A new crime fighting team that includes a hard-nosed priest, a demon gargoyle and a young boy is formed and they will need their wit, skills and a little luck to solve the mysterious murders that are plaguing the city's streets. |
| 660438 | Stone sat still, A Wenzel, Brendan | Chronicle Books | 2019 | 9781452173184 | A book about a stone sitting still does not seem very interesting until you think about the world around it. The still stone plays a different part for each of the passing creatures over changing time, weather, and geography. You will not step over a simple stone again without thinking of the parts it plays in the world long after you are gone. |
| 9251 | Stone swan, The Bell, Helen | Benchmark | 2000 | 9781876615017 | A pair of black swans, separated from their flock, is forced to nest alone in shrinking wetlands where they face unknown dangers in changing and increasingly hostile conditions. |
| | Stopwatch series Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ambelin, Blade & Ezekiel | | | | 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. |
| 120065 | Stories from the billabong Marshall, James Vance | Frances Lincoln | 2008 | 9781845077044 | Ten Aboriginal dreaming stories of the Yorta-Yorta people, with beautiful illustrations and information about the animals. |

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| 386 | Storm boy Thiele, Colin | New Holland Australia | 2002 | 9781864367669 | Storm Boy has a fascinating life along the seashore with his friend, Hideaway, and the pelican, Mr Percival. |
| 572756 | Storm keeper's island, The Doyle, Catherine | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781408896884 | When Fionn Boyle sets foot on Arranmore Island, it begins to stir beneath his feet. Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn's grandfather, a secretive and eccentric old man, to step down. Soon, a new Keeper will rise. But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn. As the battle to become the island's next champion rages, a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling an ancient war. |
| 825448 | Story doctors Monty Pryor, Boori & Sinclair, Rita (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526559 | This is a book for everybody. Welcome! Take a seat! And listen carefully, because this story has a heartbeat. Can you feel it, there in your chest? Legendary storyteller Boori Monty Pryor invites us to travel with him from the first footsteps through 80,000+ years of strength, sickness, and immense possibility. From the very first stories and art, to dance, language, and connection with the land, Boori offers a powerful, beautiful, and deeply rich account of Australia's true history, drawing on a lifetime of wisdom, and on his generous instinct to teach and heal. |
| 387 | Story of crow, The: A Nyul Nyul story Torres, Pat (storyteller) | Magabala Books | 1990 | 9780731617364 | A traditional Aboriginal story about why crows are black and emus can't fly, written in Nyulnyul and in English. |
| 677977 | Story of Doctor Dolittle, The Lofting, Hugo | Puffin Australia | 1920 | 9780099582489 | The famous doctor who can speak to animals first appeared in Hugh Lofting's letters to his children during World War I. Written and illustrated by Lofting himself, The Story of Doctor Dolittle follows John Dolittle and his misadventures with a crew of animals that he befriends. After learning he can speak to animals and he transitions from human medicine to veterinary practice, he loses most of his income and human patients. However, word in the animal kingdom spreads of this doctor with an extraordinary gift. Animals travel from far and wide to visit the doctor's practice and receive treatment for their ailments. |
| 9206 | Story of King Arthur and his knights, The Pyle, Howard | Dover Publications | 1982 | 9780451524881 | Legends and heroic tales are the focus of these classic stories. |

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| 4058 | Story of life: Evolution Scott, Katie (ill) | Templar Publishing | 2015 | 9781783704446 | A graphic guide to evolution and life forms, starting with the first single-cell organisms and ending with modern life forms. Explore extraordinary land, sky and sea creatures, from algae to Archaeopteryx and Pterygotus to Tyrannosaurus Rex. Each life form, whether tiny bacteria or ice-age megafauna, represents its period in earth's history and shows life's incredible diversity. |
| 388 | Story of the falling star, The Jones, Elsie | Aboriginal Studies Press | 1991 | 9780855751999 | A retelling and recreation of the Paakantji people of the Darling River in New South Wales. |
| 4830 | Story of Tutankhamun, The Cleveland-Peck, Patricia & Greenberg, Isabel (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408876787 | Everything you wanted to know about Tutankhamun is in this graphic novel. But this is not just the story of Tutankhamun. It is also the story of the men who discovered the tomb and the wonderful things they found and learnt there. Readers too will learn about ancient Egyptian fashion about mummification and hieroglyphs and of course read all about the dreaded curse of Tutankhamun. A beautifully illustrated graphic novel for anyone interested in History, Egypt or mummies. |
| 65442 | Stranded Ramage, Jan & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742030975 | The bay was awash with stranded whales. Their high-pitched calls filled the air. Ben had to get help. Based on the true story of a town whose people saved 120 beached whales, Stranded is the story of one little whale, and the boy who risked his life to save it. |
| | Strangest adventures series Adornetto, Alexandra | | | | 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. |
| | Strangeworlds travel agency 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. |
| 12945 | Streets: extreme sports Chapman, Garry | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780732964634 | One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, extreme facts, street jargon and a glossary of terms, this book tells you all you've ever wanted to know about sports on the streets. |
| 4257 | Stuart Little White, E B | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141305066 | Mr and Mrs Little are delighted with their second son, even if he is a mouse. A fantasy about Stuart, the mouse, and his relationship with his human brother and parents. |

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| 1569 | Stuck on history Miles, Chris | Black Dog Books | 2008 | 9781742030333 | Find out what fascinating things are trapped in the coloured squares that we stick on the corners of envelopes. Includes a timeline of events coinciding with stamp issues. |
| | Stuff happens 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. |
| 33584 | Stupendously spectacular spelling bee, The Abela, Deborah | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925324822 | India Wimple is a brilliant speller. When her family tries to convince her to enter the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee competition, India is reluctant. She remembers the stage fright she got in the school play and she certainly doesn't want to repeat that experience. And, there's also Summer Millicent, who's determined to win and isn't afraid to step on anyone who gets in her way. |
| 77350 | Sucked in Parker, John | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150623 | When Zainey, the brunt of class jokes, sells his prized bike to purchase a mysterious and magic eye, Dan decides to save Zainey from his own stupidity and this useless joke. The eye, however, is not joking. The eye is seriously after blood and it could be Zainey's or Dan's blood that it gets. |
| 78841 | Sucked out Parker, John | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781921529689 | That creepy eyeball is on the loose again. It has left the back of Old Grimmo's head and is out for blood. Dan and Zainey have to try and capture it before the eyeball finds a new home. |
| 609736 | Suite for Human Nature Lampert, Diane Charlotte & Puybaret, Eric (ill) | Atheneum books | 2016 | 9781416953739 | Mother Nature is busy caring for the Earth and all of its creatures, but more than anything she desires a child of her own. So she creates one, Fear, but this child is not what she expects, so she tries again. Next she creates Envy, then Hate, Greed and Fickle but none of the children seem to be what she was hoping for. As she works, Mother Nature asks the humans to watch over her children. When the children's personal qualities begin to seep into humanity, Mother Nature becomes distressed and tries to find a solution to her family troubles. |

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| 1209708 | Summer of Shipwrecks Plozza, Shivaun | University of Queensland Press | 2024 | 9780702268373 | <p>When Sid sets off on her annual summer holiday to the Shipwreck Coast, she's desperate for some familiarity after a year of unwanted change. Two weeks with her best friend, Lou, is exactly what she needs. They can continue their search for the millions of dollars' worth of riches that disappeared in a tragic shipwreck over a hundred years ago.</p> <p>But Lou has brought along her popular new school friend, Hailey, who's more interested in boys than treasure hunting. So while Lou is busy chasing Hailey's approval, Sid is left scrambling to catch up, wondering when everything changed. Can Sid protect her heart from getting shipwrecked, too?</p> |
| 5347 | Summerlost Condie, Ally | Penguin | 2017 | 9780141371047 | <p>It's the first real summer since the devastating accident that killed Cedar's father and younger brother, Ben. But now Cedar and what's left of her family are returning to the town of Iron Creek for the summer. They're just settling into their new house when a boy named Leo, dressed in costume, rides by on his bike. Intrigued, Cedar follows him to the renowned Summerlost theatre festival. Soon, she not only has a new friend in Leo and a job working concessions at the festival, she finds herself surrounded by mystery. The mystery of the tragic, too-short life of the Hollywood actress who haunts the halls of Summerlost. And the mystery of the strange gifts that keep appearing for Cedar.</p> |
| 21494 | Sunny side up Roberts, Marion | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741752366 | <p>Sunny Hathaway is eleven years old, an only child, an introvert, a dog lover and part-owner of Pizza-a-Go-Girl, home made pizza delivery service. And, one summer, everything and everyone in her life changes including one step-dad, two siblings, one best friend, one sworn enemy and one long lost grandmother.</p> |
| 977698 | Sunshine on Vinegar Street Comer, Karen | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761180132 | <p>Freya has moved with her mother from a regional area to the inner city of Melbourne. She has left behind her two best friends, her basketball team and the world she loves the most. She is stuck and needs to develop resilience for a whole lot of issues that come her way: school, kids, netball, eleventh floor apartment and just being the new girl on the block.</p> <p>What is the connection between Freya and the illuminated skipping girl on the side of her building? Can Freya figure out how to belong on Vinegar Street?</p> |

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| 695248 | Super sidekicks 1: No adults allowed Aung Than, Gavin | Penguin | 2019 | 9780143795865 | Superheros have it easy. They leave all the messy work to their sidekicks like me while they take all the credit. I'm Junior Justice but you can call me JJ and it's time we made our own team. |
| 695265 | Super sidekicks 2: Ocean's revenge Aung Than, Gavin | Penguin | 2019 | 9780143795889 | Super-Duper alert! An unidentified object is heading straight for the city, moving fast. Something fishy is going on. The world's superheroes are missing and humankind is under threat from an ancient underwater menace. Can the Super Sidekicks save the planet before it's too late? |
| 815214 | Super-secret diary of Holly Hopkinson, The Brooks, Charlie P & Riddell, Katy (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008328115 | These are the memoirs of ME, Holly Hopkinson, aged almost ten, except without any of the rubbish adults usually put in, thank you very much. My dad just lost his job, which means me and the rest of my family have to leave London and move to the middle of nowhere, which is a TOTAL DISASTER! But then for my birthday, my eccentric aunt gave me a magic pocket watch, which I can use to hypnotise and CONTROL people. This new power is REALLY FUN and has led to the MOST unexpected things -- including a visit to the QUEEN. |
| 6088 | SuperCat vs the chip thief Willis, Jeanne | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2014 | 9780007518630 | Tiger is an ordinary, tubby, tabby cat who likes to sleep. Tiger's owner, James, is disappointed because he wanted a fun pet, like a wolf. One day, Tiger licks a toxic sock and is transformed into SuperCat. With his brand new powers and his best friend James, SuperCat must try to save the world, and all the chips, from the dastardly Count Backwards. |
| 27549 | Superhero street Earle, Phil & Ogilvie, Sara (ill) | Orion | 2016 | 9781444013887 | Michael Mouse lives in a very chaotic household, with younger brothers, a set of twins and a set of triplets. His father is a magician, struggling to keep the household afloat. Mouse sees himself as an aspiring superhero but, when his father suddenly leaves home, Mouse must do more to help around the house. Michael Mouse begins to think he'll never get his chance to be a superhero. |
| 11663 | Surf: extreme sports Chapman, Garry | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780732964610 | One of a series of books about extreme sports. All you've ever wanted to know about the sport of surfing with a glossary of terms and surf argon, and extreme facts throughout the book. |
| 67367 | Surface tension McKinlay, Meg | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921720284 | When Cassie and Liam start swimming at the lake, neither of them realises the dark secrets that lie beneath. As summer heats up, the water level gets lower and lower, and a shocking truth is slowly uncovered. |

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| 20348 | Surrealism for kids Queensland Art Gallery | Queensland Art Gallery | 2011 | 9781921503344 | The surrealists were a clever and cheeky bunch of artists and poets, who loved breaking the rules of art and finding new ways to look at the world. They enjoyed inventing and playing games with word and pictures. You can find out about the main surrealists and have fun at home playing some of their most surreal games and activities. |
| | Survival guide series Ivanoff, George | | | | 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. |
| 15347 | Survival: life in earth's toughest habitats Taylor, Barbara & Few, Roger (cons) | Dorling Kindersley | 2002 | 9780751339222 | Presented in a magazine style, this book provides excellent information about, and photographs of, animals who survive in various difficult habitats around the world. |
| 394 | Swallows and Amazons Ransome, Arthur | Red Fox | 2001 | 9780099427339 | This series is for sailing and boating fans who love adventures on the water. |
| 49867 | Swan kingdom, The Marriott, Zoe | Walker Books | 2007 | 9780744529272 | Alexandra is a princess, albeit by her own description, a very plain looking one. She lives happily with the Queen and her three talented brothers but less happily with her father, the King. After her mother is killed by a terrible beast, Alexandra is banished to stay with her aunt and her brothers are exiled. Alexandra must find the inner strength to oppose her step-mother, restore her brothers and, thereby, heal the land. |
| 4288 | Swan song Thiele, Colin | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780734403254 | Mitch Bird, the son of a wildlife ranger, rescues and raises two pelican chicks and hatches a black swan from its abandoned nest. It is a struggle for Mitch to reproduce the natural environment for two pelicans and a black swan. |
| 395 | Swashbuckler Moloney, James | University of Queensland Press | 1995 | 9780702228254 | Peter's saviour from the school bullies is an unlikely hero dressed in a cape who speaks in old-fashioned English. An exciting, heart-warming story about bringing the truth out in people. A realistic stories with non-stop action. |

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| 6388 | Sweet Adversity Gwyther, Sheryl | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2018 | 9781460755105 | There's never a good time to be orphaned - or abandoned ... especially when you are twelve years old, and it's the Great Depression. In 1928, Shakespearean actors, the McAllisters, are forced to leave their daughter Adversity at the Emu Swamp Children's Home. They fully intend to return, but things don't go according to plan. Then, to make matters worse, Scrimshaw, a villainous theatrical agent, hears the talented Addie sing. He plots to use her in his next money-making venture, but when he turns up at Emu Swamp to collect his prize, Scrimshaw finds she's run away. Together with Macbeth, her Shakespeare-quoting cockatiel, Addie is about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime. |
| 4516 | Swimming on the lawn Hamid, Yasmin | Fremantle Press | 2017 | 9781925164855 | Farida lives with her family in Khartoum, Sudan. For Farida the 1960s are a time of fun and adventure, from riding the train to a remote village by the remains of Nubian pyramids to seeing the twirling dancers of the Mawlid festival. But as columns of black smoke rise on the horizon, can Farida's happiness last? |
| 397 | Switchers Thompson, Kate | Apple | 1999 | 9780786813964 | An Irish girl and her strange companion save the world from freak weather by using their ability to switch into animal forms. |
| 45552 | Tail of two diggers, A Gillam, John & Fletcher, Yvonne & Durell, Paul (ill) | Returned Services League (RSL) | 2016 | 9780646952260 | Digger, a mischievous pup, ran away from home seeking adventure. He became the soldiers' mascot and, during World War I, Digger's adventures were not quite what he expected. He was wounded and befriended by Sergeant James Martin. When he returned home, Digger hated loud noise and certain smells, which reminded him of war. For his bravery and long service, Digger was presented with a silver engraved collar. Based on a true story. |
| 30015 | Taj and the great camel trek Hawke, Rosanne | University of Queensland Press | 2011 | 9780702238772 | Taj and his camel are on the adventure of a lifetime. They join explorer Ernest Giles to cross the Australian desert, where they encounter wild dogs, poisonous snakes, Aborigines and a constant shortage of water. Taj also learns the hard reality of travelling with animals. |
| 17281 | Take it easy, Danny Allen Cummings, Phil | Pan MacMillan | 2008 | 9780330423731 | When the family farm is repossessed by the bank, Danny has no alternative but to accept his parents' decision to move to the city and start a new life. But life in the city frightens Danny and he has difficulty adjusting and making friends. A runaway dog helps Danny to adjust. |
| 13117 | Tale of Despereaux, The DiCamillo, Kate & Basil Ering, Timothy (ill) | Walker Books | 2004 | 9780744598698 | Despereaux is a very small mouse who longs to be near the beautiful Princess Pea. Mouse law forbids any contact between mice and humans. When Despereaux lands in the castle dungeon, he must show enormous courage and ingenuity to escape. |

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| 3968 | Tale of rescue, The Rosen, Michael J. & Fellows, Stan (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2015 | 9780763671679 | When a blizzard traps a family outside in a whiteout, a cattle dog devises a stunning rescue in a moving, suspenseful, and gorgeously illustrated story. |
| 400 | Tales from Shakespeare Lamb, Charles & Mary | Penguin | 1994 | 9780140366778 | Prose adaptations of twenty of Shakespeare's works written especially for children. |
| 574727 | Tales of a Korean grandmother Carpenter, Frances | Tuttle Publishing | 2019 | 9780804849203 | Just as the children of the Kim family are treated to traditional folk tales from their beloved grandmother, the reader is invited into the life of this noble family from an older time. As big and small events happen in the life of the Kim family, grandmother has a different story to share from thousand of years of Korean history and tradition to entertain and to explain everything from why cats and dogs are not friends and to how the Korean people came to be. |
| 686523 | Tales of all kinds: The world of Ursula Dubosarsky Dubosarsky, Ursula | The School Magazine | 2020 | 9780731387618 | Have you ever had a chaotic birthday party? Have you ever eaten your Teddy Bear? Do you ever wish you had the power to bring an object to life, or to speak to birds? Have you ever done odd jobs around the house to earn pocket money? Do you wish you could speak a secret language? Then this is the magazine for you! Flip open the pages and enjoy your reading adventure! An amazing publication written by Ursula Dubosarsky, the 2020-2021 Australian Children's Laureate, produced by The School Magazine team of the NSW Department of Education 2020. |
| 18560 | Tales of Deltora Rodda, Emily & McBride, Marc (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781865048079 | Questions answered about where the Shadow Lord came from and who were the Masked Ones. The truth about the battles and bloodlines that forged the Deltora adventures are revealed. |
| 15403 | Tales of the Trojan war Khanduri, Kamini (reteller) & Anderson, Jeff (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2002 | 9780746052013 | The history of the Trojan war, a well-told story of the folly of gods and men. The Greeks attack Troy to force the Trojan prince, Paris, to return their queen, Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world. |

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| 1075644 | Tamarra: A Story of Termites on Gurindji Country Wadrill, Violet & Ngarnjal, Topsy Dodd & Leaman, Leah & Edwards, Cecelia & Algy, Cassandra et al. | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2023 | 9781741178302 | Tamarra: A Story of Termites on Gurindji Country is a fascinating, illustrated science book that takes kids inside the life of termites through storytelling from the Gurindji People. Did you know there are four types of termite poo? Or that a warm paste made from termite mound is used to strengthen a Gurindji baby's body and spirit? Or that spinifex (which termites eat) is one of the strongest plants in the world? Created as a collaboration between over 30 First Nations and non-Indigenous contributors, the story and artworks explore how termites and their mounds connect different parts of Country, from tiny Gurindji babies and their loving grandmothers, to spiky spinifex plants growing in the hot sun. |
| 723937 | Tamworth Pig stories Kemp, Gene | Faber & Faber | 2020 | 9780571356645 | Tamworth Pig is wise and bold and smart. He is the respected pig of the farm and the small English town where he lives. His very good friends, Thomas and Blossom, help Tamworth with his various projects like persuading people to stop eating meat and saving the trees. In turn, Tamworth is always there for Blossom and Thomas, especially Thomas when his mischievous ways get him in more trouble than he can manage. |
| 402 | Tangara Chauncy, Nan | Puffin Australia | 1987 | 9780140321852 | When Lexie was eight, she discovered an old shell necklace that had belonged to her great-great-aunt. Through the necklace, she meets Merrina, who takes her to a gully that holds a mystery. A combination of fantasy and Tasmanian history. |
| 43471 | Tarin of the Mammoths: Clan of wolves Sandhu, Jo | Penguin Books Australia | 2017 | 9780143309383 | Tarin's quest to save Mammoth Clan seems increasingly out of reach. Badly injured while fleeing the savage Boar Clan, Tarin and the twins face certain death as the harsh Winter descends. But an unexpected refuge not only saves their lives but offers new friends, and Tarin finally realises his greatest wish. When Spring comes, will Tarin have the strength to leave and continue his dangerous journey? |
| 4934 | Tarin of the mammoths: The exile Sandhu, Jo | Penguin Books Australia | 2017 | 9780143309376 | Tarin longs to be a hunter, but his twisted leg means he is feared and bullied. After a disastrous mishap, Tarin is forced to leave his family and travel alone across wild, unknown land to save the Mammoth Clan. Battling the hostile and savage Boar Clan, a deadly illness, and treacherous terrain with twins Kaija and Luuka and their wolf cubs, Tarin realises that if they are to survive he must conquer his greatest fear- his inner self- and embrace the magic that is hiding within him. |

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| 1209864 | Taronga big book of animals Taronga Conservation Society Australia | Penguin | 2024 | 9781761347467 | Think you know animals? Bet you didn't know... - The most poisonous animal in the world is a frog? - Bilbies can turn over 20 tonnes of soil a year? - Tigers have spikes on their tongues? - Walruses can sing? - Echidna poo is glittery? Explore these and hundreds more funny, surprising, and completely unexpected facts about creatures from all corners of the globe. This book is packed with charming, vibrant illustrations of over 140 creatures and their habitats, guaranteed to capture your imagination. |
| 660481 | Taylor Turbochaser, The Baddiel, David & Lenton, Steven (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780008334178 | Amy loves cars, and has always dreamed of being a race car driver. She's always wanted to learn how to drive...and now, she finally has her chance...in the Taylor Turbochaser! |
| 3027 | Teacup Young, Rebecca & Ottley, Matt (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781743623848 | Once there was a boy who had to leave home and find another one. Among his possessions was a teacup, holding earth from where he used to play. |
| 871542 | Team trouble! Woo, Eddie & Hartley, Dave & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2022 | 9781760983000 | A cryptic message, a coded menu, ciphers, skateboard spills.... Eddie Woo and his best friends Rusty and DT are on a mission to save a friend's home, thwart the plans of evil smugglers and come first in the Triple Threat Quest. |
| 35349 | Tears in the jungle Clarke, Daniel & Clarke, William | CTQ Management Consulting | 2011 | 9780646558158 | Two brothers, aged ten and twelve, travel to the jungles of Borneo to experience the critically endangered orangutan in the wild. Their story is inspiring. |
| 9230 | Technology in the time of ancient Rome Snedden, Robert | Raintree | 1998 | 9780817248765 | A look at the innovative tools and methods used by early Romans focusing on weaving, metalwork, food production, transportation, and building plus activities where students can try using the same techniques as the ancients. |
| 700423 | Tell 'em Germein, Katrina & Sullivan, Rosemary & the children of Manyallaluk School & Briggs, Karen (ill) | Working Title Press | 2020 | 9781921504921 | Tell 'em how us kids like to play. We got bikes and give each other rides. Tell 'em about the dancing and singing, And all the stories the old people know. |
| 9053 | Telling lies Glensor, Tricia | HarperCollins NZ | 2012 | 9781869509347 | Against the background of paranoia, fear and betrayal that is German-occupied France in 1942, a defiant French family decides to help Paul, a downed New Zealand airman. If they are to hide him, smuggle him to safety and survive, they must weave a web of lies. |

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| 977754 | Temora and the wordsnatcher Gordon, Kate | Wombat Books | 2023 | 9781761110122 | Temora Murphy doesn't fit in with other girls or with her mother, until a birthday wish brings escape through magical books that appear at the bottom of her garden. On her twelfth birthday she makes another wish that transports her to an another world. Inhabitants of this world have long been waiting for her and they appreciate her arrival. When other apprentices catch a magical disease it seems a monster thought long dead could be responsible. Temora realises she must face the darkness to save everyone. |
| 23234 | Ten pound pom Wilkinson, Carole & Anelli, Liz (ill) | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781925381214 | I don't want to come to Australia. I have just started grammar school. My best friend Sally goes there too. But it looks like there could be another war and Dad has convinced Mum to go. Because we're migrants, the voyage is costing Mum and Dad only 10 pounds each! My brother and I are travelling for free. It's a long way to Australia. What if we never come back to England? |
| 9350 | Tennis Stich, Francesca (ed) | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780754327844 | Meet Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, a professional tennis player who won the French Open when she was only seventeen years old. This comprehensive guide introduces young players to all the basic skills, essential techniques and rules of tennis. |
| 18488 | Tennis star Caisley, Raewyn | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407757 | Thirteen year old Nathan loves playing tennis. When he is recruited to portray his hero, champion tennis player Richard Krafter, in advertisements, Nathan's ego is enhanced but with negative effects on family relationships and his friendships. |
| 68569 | Tensy Farlow and the home for mislaid children Storer, Jen | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780670073399 | Tensy Farlow was dumped, hunted and betrayed, leaving her in mortal danger, without a guardian angel. She is thrown into a gloomy orphanage, which is exactly what the dark world needs. |
| 1885 | Teresa, a new Australian Abela, Deborah | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781742990941 | During the war, Teresa and her family survived the bombing of their home and went hungry during the long siege of their island. But, life in peace time is still hard. Her parents want a better life and apply to migrate to Australia. But, after the long voyage to Sydney, there are more testing times ahead for Teresa as she tries to learn Australian ways, avoid the bullies and do well at school. She is not about to let anything stop her from making her family and her nanna, back in Malta, proud of her. |

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| 2298 | Terrible thing that happened to Barnaby Brocket, The Boyne, John & Jeffers, Oliver (ill) | Doubleday | 2012 | 9780857531476 | The Brockets are normal and respectable, and they hate anyone who is different. When Barnaby is born, he's certainly not ordinary. He defies the laws of gravity and floats. Barnaby is desperate to please his parents but he just can't keep both feet on the ground. The Brockets decide Barnaby must go. Betrayed and alone, Barnaby floats into the path of a special hot air balloon and begins a magical journey with extraordinary new friends. |
| 751054 | Terry Denton's really truly amazing guide to everything Denton, Terry | Penguin | 2020 | 9781760898922 | Join Professor Denton as he takes you on a wild adventure exploring our amazing universe and history, the ins and outs of biology and your human body, the fascinating world of geography, geology and the weather! Get ready to laugh and be amazed! |
| 12354 | Tessa Lawson, Sue | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734406095 | Tessa wants a puppy to keep her company and protect her from her neighbour. Tessa leaves brochures lying around the house for her mother to notices but she's not sure it works. Perhaps her Mum has other ideas. |
| 42557 | Thaddeus Bix and the Pirates of Pepperjack Mansfield, Kylie | Meraki Books | 2016 | 9780994520906 | When Thaddeus Bix is kidnapped by a gang of pirates and thrown inside a magical sea chest, he thinks things have gone pretty bad. Little does he know they are just about to get worse. A swashbuckling adventure on the high seas awaits, with Thaddeus and his new friends Molly and Juniper as they attempt to outwit and escape a crew of stinking pirates, wizards, witches, giant talking spiders and worse. |
| 997 | That boy, Jack Brian, Janeen | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922179005 | Jack and Gilbert made a pact when they were younger - to work together in the mines, just like their fathers and other immigrants. Jack is turning twelve, and the thought of working underground fills him with panic. When Gilbert leaves school to earn a wage, Jack wants to keep his word - but that means facing his fear. All the while his heart is telling him to follow another path. That boy, Jack must find the courage to choose. |
| 688313 | That time I got kidnapped Mitchell, Tom | HarperCollins US | 2020 | 9780008292263 | Fourteen-year-old Jacob has won a once-in-a-lifetime chance to appear in a Hollywood movie. But when he misses his flight in Chicago and catches the Greyhound to L.A. he meets Jennifer and the real trouble starts. Jennifer in on the run, carrying a mysterious package, and Jacob soon finds himself her unlikely partner in crime on a wild road trip across the USA. Miles of open road lie ahead of them, but the police, a furious grandmother and a sinister figure known only as 'the Cowboy' are just a few steps behind... |
| 18542 | That's the trick Bell, Krista & Dunk, Sarah (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780734408945 | This little book will delight word buffs. It contains examples of homonyms with cartoon drawings to illustrate the words. |

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| | The baby-sitters club (graphic novels) 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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| | The Dragons series Thompson, Colin | | | | 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 Gateway series Jones, Cerberus | | | | 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 Indian in the cupboard series Banks, Lynne Reid | | | | 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 Keepers trilogy series Tanner, Lian | | | | 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 land of stories series Colfer, Chris & Dorman, Brandon (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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| 37496 | The mermaid of Warsaw and other tales from Poland Monte, Richard & Hess, Paul (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847801647 | Enchanting, wicked and often very funny, these eight folk tales from Poland have a timeless, universal appeal. |
| | The Midnight Children series Halim, Tunku & Chitale, Parag (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. |
| | The Mysterious Benedict Society series Stewart, Trenton Lee | | | | 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 Royal Academy of Sport for Girls series Sieveking, Laura | | | | 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 secret histories 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. |
| | The silver brumby series Mitchell, Elyne | | | | 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 Spiderwick chronicles series Black, Holly & Di Terlizzi, 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. |
| | The Swashbuckler series Gardiner, Kelly | | | | 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 thing series Falkner, Brian | | | | 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 three doors trilogy series Rodda, Emily | | | | 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 treehouse series Various | | | | 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. |
| | The Warlock's child 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 wild magic trilogy Kiernan, Celine | | | | 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 Wombles series Beresford, Elisabeth & Price, 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. |
| 3756 | Their great gift Coy, John & Huie, Wing Young (photo) | Lerner Publishing Group | 2016 | 9781467780544 | Through the eyes of children from many different backgrounds, find out what it would be like to emigrate to the United States of America. |
| 5491 | Theophilus Grey and the demon thief Jinks, Catherine | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760113605 | Theophilus Grey heads a team of linkboys who guide Londoners by torch light, through dank eighteenth century alleys. They gather useful information for the master who runs a spy network. When thieves start dropping without a scratch and a wave of crime sweeps the area, Philo wonders if the events are connected. He will need to use all his cunning to uncover the truth behind the demon thief, in time to save his friends. |

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| 1801 | Theophilus Grey and the traitor's mask Jinks, Catherine | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760113612 | In eighteenth-century London, twelve year old Philo Grey is a linkboy. He collects information to sell. One of his best customers pays good money for intelligence about the Jacobites, who are plotting to overthrow King George. But, spying on the Jacobites is a dangerous business, especially when Philo becomes the target of a rival gang of linkboys. And, Philo's old master has never forgiven him for leaving and will stop at nothing for revenge. Luckily, Philo has friends as well as enemies. He must rely on them as well as his instincts to escape harm. |
| 24449 | There may be a castle Torday, Piers | Quercus Children's Books | 2016 | 9781848668621 | On Christmas Eve, eleven year old Mouse, his mother and two sisters are travelling to his grandparents. It's snowing, visibility is bad, and the car crashes off the road. Mouse is thrown from the car and, when he wakes, he's not in his world any more. So begins a quest to find a castle in a world of monsters, minstrels, dangerous knights and mysterious wizards. There's terrifying danger but also more excitement than Mouse has ever known. But, as the cold grows, Mouse's quest becomes more important than ever. |
| 751109 | They threw us away Kraus, Daniel & Cai, Rovina (ill) | Henry Holt & Co | 2020 | 9781250224408 | When Buddy wakes up in the middle of a garbage dump, he is aware he is a teddy bear that was waiting patiently for a child to love him but something has gone terribly wrong. After finding other discarded teddies, he takes lead of the troop who are determined to get back to the store. This perilous and unforgiving journey will present them with unsurmountable challenges which may claim a few of them before the end. |
| 660543 | Thing about Oliver, The Kelly, Deborah | Wombat Books | 2019 | 9781925563818 | Tilly dreams of becoming a marine biologist, but she doesn't even own a swimsuit. She lives in a drought-stricken town with her mum and brother Oliver who is autistic. Oliver's meltdowns are making life unbearable and after therapy there's no time or money left for swimming lessons. Tilly knows Oliver's needs have to come first but its hard feeling invisible all the time. |
| 15324 | Third prince, The Flynn, Rachel | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143301189 | When Princess Glori wishes for a charming prince and he doesn't turn up, she gets impatient and wishes again and again. Surprising things may happen. |
| 410 | This is still rainbow snake country Berndt, Catherine & Meeks, Arone Raymond (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1988 | 9780725310660 | Aboriginal Dreaming stories. |

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| 1038 | This morning I met a whale Morpurgo, Michael & Birmingham, Christian (ill) | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406306460 | Michael loves an early morning walk along the Thames River to see the water birds. One day, he is surprised to spot a whale in the river. He thinks he must be dreaming when he can hear the whale's thoughts. The whale has come on a long and difficult journey to pass on a very special message to a child. Michael has to try to help deliver the message. |
| 1019628 | This spells trouble Collins, Paul & McMullen, Sean | Ford Street Publishing | 2023 | 9781922696311 | Winston is fourteen and apprenticed to the wizard Faramond. Winston's problem (well, one of them) is that he is much brighter than his master, bringing him to the attention of the evil High Sorceress, Yolantha. She needs Winston to help her secure the Imperium Key and access to a world of magical slaves. He wants to stop her and free the magical creatures already in his world. Can Winston and his companions thwart Yolantha's evil plans? |
| 98586 | Three cheers for inventors Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406301717 | Find out about some great inventors from hundreds of years ago through to the present time. Follow their successes and difficulties and decide who is your favourite inventor. Includes a wide range of inventions from steam engines to mobile phones. |
| 4466 | Three Indian goddesses Gavin, Jamila | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406330953 | Enter the magical and exotic world of Indian legends in these three modern stories, inspired by Hindu tales. There are temples, festivals, dancing, curses and battles, as well as three Indian goddesses, Kali, Lakshmi & Durga. |
| 15759 | Three Indian princesses Gavin, Jamila | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406330960 | Discover the enchanting lives of three Indian princesses, Savitri, Damayanti and Sita, in these retellings of three Hindu tales. Enter the world of palaces, beautiful jewels, romance, jealousy, secrets and demons. |
| 37064 | Three loves of Persimmon, The Golds, Cassandra | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143205012 | In the 1920s, Persimmon lives a solitary life, pouring her passion into the florist shop she owns in an underground railway station. Her only companion is Rose, a talking cabbage. Intriguing young men come and go but Persimmon has yet to find the love of her life. Beneath the shop lives an enquiring mouse, Epiphany. When Persimmon and Epiphany meet, life will never be the same again. |
| 411 | Three way street Nicholls, Bron | Penguin | 1984 | 9780140317763 | A realistic novel told by twelve year old Aggie who lives in Melbourne with her mother, siblings and new dog, Bruce. |
| | Through my eyes series 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. |

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| 4436 | Through the looking glass Carroll, Lewis & Tenniel, John (ill) | Puffin UK | 2010 | 9780141330075 | One moment, Alice is wondering what life is like on the other side of the mirror, the next she finds herself through the looking glass and in a topsy-turvy land. Alice meets a host of bizarre characters, none of whom are quite what they seem. |
| 47234 | Thunderbolt pony, The Gregg, Stacy | Harcourt Children's Books | 2017 | 9780008257019 | Twelve year old Evie has a lot to deal with. First came her dad's cancer followed by the OCD that dominates her life. Now a devastating earthquake has shaken apart her world. When the evacuation starts and Evie realises she must leave her pony Gus behind, she refuses to join the others and sets out with her best friend Gus, dog Jock and cat Moxy to reach the rescue ship. But the earthquakes are not over and time is running out. |
| 12443 | Tiff and the trout Metzenthen, David | Penguin | 2004 | 9780141306575 | Tiff Porter lives in a tiny, mountain town. She loves trout fishing and her best friend, Cass. As winter approaches and the seasons change, so life will change for Tiff. A challenging read involving a family break-up with some strong language. |
| 414 | Tiger in the bush Chauncy, Nan | Pan MacMillan | 2001 | 9780330362566 | This is an adventure story about the Tasmanian tiger and a family living deep in the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness. |
| 1209831 | Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger French, Jackie | HarperCollins Australia | 2024 | 9781460763506 | Tigg is orphaned, twelve-years-old, and the youngest bushranger on the Ballarat goldfields in 1859. When a robbery goes awry Tigg must go on the run, disguised as one of the thousands of Chinese men and boys who brave perilous conditions on the road from Robe in South Australia to the goldfields in Victoria. The danger does not abate. In fact, it multiplies. Who has offered an large reward for Tigg's capture? Should Henry Lau be considered a friend or an enemy? Can Tigg solve the mystery necessary to guarantee safety? |
| 895451 | Tilda Whiting, Sue | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781760654634 | Tilda has been left by her papa in an orphanage in Adelaide. He promises he will come back to get her after he serves his country in the Boer War. A promise is a promise and keeps the hope alive in Tilda while she waits for his return. But as she waits, she notices that something isn't quite right at the orphanage. Sister Agatha is determined to get Tilda to admit that she is an orphan, and that her papa isn't coming back for her. Tilda holds on to her hope and with her best friend, Annie, tries to get to the bottom of this mystery before it's too late. |

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| | Time hunters series Blake, Chris | | | | 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. |
| 885988 | Time out! Woo, Eddie & Black, Jess, & Vane, Mitch (ill) | Pan MacMillan | 2022 | 9781760982997 | Eddie Woo is a super sleuth with a mind for maths and a nose for adventure. Join Eddie and his BFFs, Rusty and DT, as they find clues, crack codes and race against time in a hunt for treasure that is both exciting and dangerous. |
| 1108 | Timekeeper, The Rodda, Emily | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781862918382 | Two worlds, the real world and the one across the Barrier, are in terrible danger. Only Patrick can save them from destruction. The sequel to Finders keepers. |
| 751001 | Timeline Science & Technology: A visual history of our world Goes, Peter | Gecko Press | 2020 | 9781776573004 | A comprehensive journey through the inventions, discovered and technology which have shaped the world. When, where and why science and technology happens on a large scale. |
| 5029 | Timing the machine Crew, Gary & O'Sullivan, Paul (ill) | Harbour Publishing House | 2016 | 9781922134530 | Is H.G. Wells' legendary Time Machine still travelling into the past, the future, or lost somewhere in the here or now. Take the journey with Enoch as he tries to find out. |
| | Timmy Failure 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. |
| 579250 | Ting Ting the ghosthunter Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin Random House Australia | 2018 | 9780143787334 | Ting Ting is a ghost-hunter in training. Her adoptive grandmother is Por, the famous ghost-hunter, and Ting Ting's teacher. When Por disappears, Ting Ting must bravely face a powerful spectral enemy. Will she be strong enough to save Por and the villagers? |
| | Tintin series Herge, Georges Remi | | | | 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. |
| 15573 | Titanic Claybourne, Anna & Daynes, Katie | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2006 | 9780746068311 | The Titanic was one of the largest, most luxurious steamships ever built. Learn about its incredible story from a shipyard in Ireland to the icy Atlantic Ocean where the unsinkable ship met a tragic end on the way to America. |

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| 11743 | Titanic unclassified Stewart, Alex | A & C Black | 2012 | 9781408160527 | Discover the secrets of the Titanic, the ship designed to be unsinkable. Yet, in 1912, on its very first voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, the Titanic did sink, taking the lives of more than fifteen hundred passengers and crew. |
| 4689 | Titanic: an Edwardian girl's diary 1912 White, Ellen Emerson | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407103785 | Margaret Anne is plucked from the orphanage to be the companion of a woman who wishes to travel without her husband. She can't believe her luck when wealthy Mrs Carstairs takes her aboard the great ship, Titanic, bound for America, where she can be reunited with her brother. On the journey, she falls in love with a brave cabin boy. But, one freezing night in April 1912, she finds herself caught up in an unimaginable nightmare. |
| 416 | Tjarany / Roughtail Greene, Gracie (storyteller) | Magabala Books | 1996 | 9781875641307 | The Dreaming stories are told in this book in Kukatja and English, including a Kukatja word list and English translations. |
| 23646 | To dance: A ballerina's graphic novel Cherson Siegel, Siena & Siegel, Mark (ill) | Aladdin Publishing | 2006 | 9781416926870 | Siena was six when her dreams of dance kept skipping and leaping, circling and spinning, from airy runs along a beach near her home in Puerto Rico, to dance class in Boston, and her debut performance with the New York City Ballet. Twirl along with Siena as she shares her story, in words and pictures. |
| 60823 | To kill a queen: an Elizabethan girl's diary 1583-1586 Wilding, Valerie | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407108124 | In the 1580s, Queen Elizabeth's enemies plot against her, planning to kill her and place Mary, Queen of Scots, on the throne. Kitty Lumdsden's father, Sir Nicholas, is abroad, working on secret projects for the Queen and her brother is mixing with suspicious characters. As Mary's supporters come closer and become more powerful by the minute, Kitty fears that they'll all be thrown into the Tower. |
| 5882 | To the goldfields Tonkin, Rachel | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9781864484113 | This book depicts many aspects of life in the Victorian goldfields of 1850. |
| 18557 | To the light Flynn, Pat & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2005 | 9780702234927 | Jamie loves surfing which can affect your friendships and your popularity. Jamie tells us about the day to day school and family life of a Year 8 surfer whose eyes are focussed on winning the surfing competition. |
| 15389 | To the moon and back Sullivan, Bryan & French, Jackie & Gordon, Gus (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2004 | 9780207200090 | The story of space travel, especially the staff at Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station in Australia who relayed, to the world, the television pictures of Neil Armstrong's first step on the moon. The real story behind the movie 'The Dish'. |
| | Toad 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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| 660190 | Toffle Towers: Fully booked Harris, Tim & Foley, James (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2019 | 9780143795421 | Toffle Towers hotel has been run by a Toffle for over one hundred years - and it's about to be inherited by the next generation. Chegwin Toffle is only ten years old. But he isn't going to let that stop him from turning this run-down hotel into a success. Chegwin is determined to transform Toffle Towers from a boring hotel for grown-ups into an incredibly exciting destination for children (and their families). But running a hotel isn't easy. Chegwin has a lot to learn, and his tendency to drift off into daydreams isn't helping. Chegwin has plenty of ideas. But can he turn his madcap daydreams into reality? |
| 37151 | Toilet kid, The Flynn, Pat & Jellett, Tom (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2009 | 9780702237171 | Matt, also known as The Tuckshop Kid, is back. He's lost weight, he's healthier and he has a fabulous girlfriend, Kayla. It all seems great but then there's Kayla's catty girlfriend, Tash, and his old, best friend who isn't his friend at all any more. Matt gets talked into doing something terrible, spying on Kayla, and she finds out. But, Kayla has a terrible secret and maybe Matt is the one who can help her. |
| | Tom Trueheart series Beck, Ian | | | | 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. |
| 34683 | Tom's Midnight Garden: Graphic novel Pearce, Philippa & Edith | Oxford University Press | 2016 | 9780192747051 | A graphic adaptation of Philippa Pearce's classic tale from 1958. When Tom's brother gets the measles Tom is sent away to his aunt's house for his own safety. But it is the start of the holidays and Tom could think of nothing worse. But he soon finds that the strange building and its weird occupants will begin him on the biggest and most bazaar adventure of his life. So good he might just decide never to come home. But where is Tom's midnight garden anyway? Is it the future? The past? A dream? A spellbinding fantasy, beautifully illustrated, balancing magic and science fiction in a timeless tale for readers of all ages. |
| 11699 | Tony Hawk, professional skateboarder Hawk, Tony & Mortimer, Sean | HarperCollins US | 2002 | 9780060096892 | How Tony Hawk became a professional skateboarder, beginning as a child and following his career through the highs and lows. Some insensitive language used in character and context when speaking about himself, may offend some readers. |
| 420 | Too many Captain Cooks Tucker, Alan | Scholastic Australia | 1994 | 9781862912106 | A picture book that shows the history of early Aboriginal and European encounters along the Australian coastline. |

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| 19812 | Too much trouble Avery, Tom | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847802347 | When African refugees, Emmanuel and Prince, are sent to live with their uncle, he finds them too much to handle and throws the brothers out. Twelve year old Emmanuel knows that he must look after his younger brother. These were his father's last words to him. Without food or money, the boys turn to petty crime to keep themselves alive. And, that's when things start to spin out of control. |
| 3991 | Too small to fail Gleitzman, Morris | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143306429 | Oliver's parents own their own bank so he has everything a Year Five boy might want. Everything, that is, except the small dog in the local pet shop, which he's not allowed to have. When a mysterious woman buys the puppy and threatens to harm it if Oliver can't return her thousands of dollars, he hatches a plan which includes sixteen camels. |
| 3219 | Took the children away Roach, Archie & Hunter, Ruby (ill) & Hudson, Peter (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9780980564341 | From the lyrics of this iconic song a very special book has been created. Featuring the heart wrenching lyrics of Archie Roach and the classic artwork of his late wife Ruby Hunter, this book describes the anguish suffered by the Stolen Generation. |
| 587797 | Top secret undercover notes of Buttons McGinty, Book 1, The Darby, Rhys | Scholastic New Zealand | 2018 | 9781775434979 | Buttons McGinty is just your average 12 year old boy, living an easy and carefree existence. That is, until his parents mysteriously disappear and he is transported to a strange school located on a deserted island. Upon arrival, Buttons quickly learns that he must uncover his parents' whereabouts whilst avoiding the suspicion of his evil new principal. Along the way, Buttons meets new friends and is faced with a host of incredible obstacles, including sinister teachers and a genetically enhanced owl! |
| 19121 | Toppling Murphy, Sally & James, Rhian Nest (ill) | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781921529429 | John is obsessed with dominoes, spending hours setting up lines until a small push causes them to fall as they should. When John's friend, Dominic, is diagnosed with cancer, John and his friends' worlds fall apart. They find ways to support Dom through his illness and gain understanding from an unlikely source. |
| 61947 | Topsy-turvy world Murray, Kirsty | National Library of Australia | 2013 | 9780642277497 | To the first Europeans who came to Australia, everything seemed topsy turvy. Christmas was in the summer and trees shed their bark but not their leaves. And the animals were bizarre. There was a bird that laughed like a donkey and a type of greyhound that bound along on its hind legs like a hare. |
| 1110613 | Tornado French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2024 | 9781760264895 | From the award-winning creators of Flood, Fire, Cyclone, Drought, Pandemic, Earthquake and Plague. I was born of twisting air, touching ground and spinning there. Do not laugh, just feed me thunder, I will soar and roar and plunder ... |

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| 751056 | Total eclipse of Nestor Lopez Cuevas, Adrianna | MacMillan | 2020 | 9780374313609 | <p>All Nestor Lopez wants is to live in one place for more than a few months and have dinner with his dad.</p> <p>When he and his mother move to a new town to live with his grandmother after his dad's latest deployment, Nestor plans to lay low. He definitely doesn't want to anyone find out his deepest secret: that he can talk to animals.</p> <p>But when the animals in his new town start disappearing, Nestor's grandmother becomes the prime suspect after she is spotted in the woods where they were last seen. As Nestor investigates the source of the disappearances, he learns that they are being seized by a tule vieja - a witch who can absorb an animal's powers by biting it during a solar eclipse. And the next eclipse is just around the corner...</p> <p>Now it's up to Nestor's extraordinary ability and his new friends to catch the tule vieja - and save a place he might just call home.</p> |
| 11425 | Totally creepy Simons, Moya | ABC Books | 2003 | 9780733311116 | Nothing exciting ever happens in Glenville and Gemma is bored over her long summer holidays. When the new neighbours move in across the street, Gemma's life suddenly becomes very exciting. |
| 13363 | Toto the ninja cat and the great snake escape O'leary, Dermot | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2017 | 9781444939453 | Toto is no ordinary furry feline. She is almost totally blind, she has Ninja skills and at night she has amazing adventures with her cheeky brother Silver. Recently arrived in London they meet Catface going through their bin one night, and next thing they are trying to capture a deadly king cobra in the city's underground. |
| 1153334 | Toxic Johnson, Mitch | Orion | 2024 | 9781510111929 | Hidden in the heart of the rainforest is an amazing frog that holds the key to staying young forever. Beautiful billionaire Anura Hegarty says she wants to save the rainforest ... she's lying. Jessica and Renata are determined to protect the frog from Anura's toxic plans. Dodging blow darts, poachers and giant snakes has them running for their lives, as danger and betrayal lurk around every corner. Can they protect the frog? Can they make it out alive? |
| 54595 | Tracey Binns is lost Clark, Sherryl & Apfelbaum, Alexis (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2009 | 9780702237058 | Tracey's school has started a new healthy-eating and exercise program, and the kids are not happy. They're even less happy when Mr Gunning, their dreaded PE teacher, announces that he is taking grade six on a bush survival and fitness camp. |

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| 43647 | Tracey Binns is trouble Clark, Sherryl & Apfelbaum, Alexis (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2008 | 9780702236679 | While her parents are working hard to provide the perfect life in the perfect house, Tracey Binns is working hard at misbehaving. Called Tracey Trouble or Rubbish Binns by classmates, she prefers to get detention than go home to an empty house. Then, Isabella comes to the school and, to Tracey's surprise, they become friends. |
| 38563 | Tracy Lacy for classy captain Lacy, Tania & McDonald, Danielle (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781760275969 | Remember how I was ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN, well pretty sure, probably about 99.7% sure, that I maybe, nearly, might actually get through High School like a normal person? Well SHOCK, HORROR, its not going exactly as I planned . . . Its BETTER!' Tracy Lacy has made it to high school, and Tracy is the king, the queen, AND the star of the schoolshes going to be CLASSY CAPTAIN! (Go Tracy!) Alright, lets face it, it all goes to her head and its a COMPLETE DISASTER. The question is; will her friends stand by her this time? |
| 12620 | Tracy Lacy is completely coo-coo bananas Lacy, Tania & McDonald, Danielle (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781760279820 | I'm absolutely certain, well pretty sure, probably about 99.7% sure, that I maybe, nearly, might actually get through high school like a normal person. Follow the comedic horror of Tracy Lacy's discovery that her perfect plan for being normal is ruined, and the hilarious list of things to fix about herself, as she counts down the days to the start of high school. Is Tracy going to be able to overcome her completely coo-coo bananas-ness? |
| 5112 | Trap, The Smelcer, John | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842707395 | In the Alaskan wilderness, Albert Least-Weasel is out checking his traplines as he has done for the past sixty years. When he doesn't return as scheduled, his grandson, Johnny, begins to worry. The temperatures are steadily dropping and there are bears and wolves out there. Johnny must decide whether to follow his uncle's advice and wait, or follow his heart and look for his grandfather. |
| 12338 | Trapped by the ice: Shackleton's amazing Antarctic adventure McCurdy, Michael | Walker Books | 2002 | 9780802776334 | A dramatic introduction to Ernest Shackleton's Trans-Atlantic expedition which was brought to a chilling halt when his ship, Endurance, was gripped by the Weddell ice pack and he, and his crew, had to face appalling conditions. |
| 5056 | Travel book, The Croft, Malcolm & Li, Maggie (ill) | Lonely Planet Publications | 2017 | 9781743607718 | Take a world tour through 200 countries with this travel book. It is packed full with thousands of amazing facts on wildlife, how people live, sports, hideous and mouth-watering food, festivals and a wide range of other quirky insights on every page. Every single country gets its own dedicated page, and a mixture of photographs and sensational illustrations bring each country to life. |

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| 8364 | Travels of an extraordinary hamster Desbordes, Astrid & Martin, Pauline (ill) & Burgess, Linda (trans) | Gecko Press | 2015 | 9781927271834 | Hamster lives in the clearing among his friends Mole, Snail, Hedgehog and Rabbit. They are very accepting of Hamster, who is unapologetically selfish but, somehow, endearing. Hamster is determined to visit his cousins on the moon. He knows they must be eager to meet him. But, his friends decide to go to the North Pole instead. |
| 14254 | Tread softly: betrayal wears a gilded cloak Pennington, Kate | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340873434 | Mary Devereux is the daughter of the head tailor in Sattleigh Hall in Tudor England, a time when many wealthy women live trivial and useless lives. One night, she overhears the steward plotting to murder the Queen. |
| 1290 | Treasure box, The Wild, Margaret & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2013 | 9780670073658 | Peter, a young boy, and his father must flee their town when the enemy orders 'everyone out of their houses'. They take with them a treasure box which contains, 'no rubies, no silver, no gold' but instead holds a book 'about our people, about us'. |
| 48747 | Treasure Island Stevenson, Robert Louis | Puffin USA | 1994 | 9780140366723 | Following the death of bloodthirsty buccaneer, Captain Flint, young Jim Hawkins finds himself with the key to a fortune. For he has discovered a map that will lead him to the fabled Treasure Island. But, a host of villains, wild beasts and deadly savages stand between him and the stash of gold. Not to mention the most infamous pirate ever to sail the high seas. |
| 751090 | Tree beings Huber, Raymond & Severgnini, Sandra (ill) | Exisle Publishing | 2020 | 9781925820539 | Trees are essential to our world. Tree Beings is your guide to appreciating trees through the stories of people who love them. So strap on your hiking boots, and enjoy this informative adventure through the wonderful world of Tree Beings! |
| 8100 | Tree of life Strauss, Rochelle & Thompson, Margot (ill) | Kids can press | 2004 | 9781553376699 | A simple introduction to biodiversity, using a tree as a metaphor to explain how scientists organise life into five kingdoms, each one having thousands of species. Some species are barely hanging on to survival. |
| 15413 | Tremada Hoopmann, Kathy | Puffin Australia | 2004 | 9780143300854 | Shiana helps a dragon, found injured in the forest behind her home, to find its way home, only to discover that he is the King of Tremada. War between the dragons and gnomes of Tremada is imminent. Shiana has an important role to play. |

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| 1108788 | Trials of Apollo, The: Burning maze, The Riordan, Rick | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9780241534267 | <p>The formerly glorious god Apollo, cast down to earth in punishment by Zeus, is now an awkward mortal teenager named Lester Papadopoulos. In order to regain his place on Mount Olympus, Lester must restore five Oracles that have gone dark. But he has to achieve this impossible task without having any godly powers and while being duty-bound to a confounding young daughter of Demeter named Meg. Thanks a lot, Dad.</p> <p>With the help of some demigod friends, Lester managed to survive his first two trials, one at Camp Half-Blood, and one in Indianapolis, where Meg received the Dark Prophecy. The words she uttered while seated on the Throne of Memory revealed that an evil triumvirate of Roman emperors plans to attack Camp Jupiter. While Leo flies ahead on Festus to warn the Roman camp, Lester and Meg must go through the Labyrinth to find the third emperor - and an Oracle who speaks in word puzzles - somewhere in the American Southwest.</p> |
| 1133516 | Trials of apollo, The: Dark prophecy, The Riordan, Rick | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9780241377550 | <p>Zeus has punished his son Apollo - god of the sun, music, archery, poetry, and more - by casting him down to earth in the form of a gawky, acne-covered sixteen-year-old mortal named Lester. The only way Apollo can reclaim his rightful place on Mount Olympus is by restoring several Oracles that have gone dark. What is affecting the Oracles, and how can Apollo/Lester do anything about them without his powers? After experiencing a series of dangerous - and frankly, humiliating - trials at Camp Half-Blood, Lester must now leave the relative safety of the demigod training ground and embark on a hair-raising journey across North America. Fortunately, what he lacks in godly graces he's gaining in new friendships - with heroes who will be very familiar to fans of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians and Heroes of Olympus series. Come along for what promises to be a harrowing, hilarious, and haiku-filled ride.</p> |

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| 1108779 | Trials of apollo, The: Hidden oracle, The Riordan, Rick | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9780241377536 | <p>How do you punish an immortal?</p> <p>By making him human.</p> <p>After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disorientated, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favour.</p> <p>But Apollo has many enemies - gods, monsters and mortals who would love to see the former Olympian permanently destroyed. Apollo needs help, and he can think of only one place to go... an enclave of modern demigods known as Camp Half-Blood.</p> |
| 1133752 | Trials of Apollo, The: Tower of nero, The Riordan, Rick | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9780241588086 | <p>Will the Greek god Apollo, cast down to earth in the pathetic mortal form of a teenager named Lester Papadopoulos, finally regain his place on Mount Olympus?</p> <p>Lester's demigod friends at Camp Jupiter just helped him survive attacks from bloodthirsty ghouls, an evil Roman king and his army of the undead, and the lethal emperors Caligula and Commodus. Now the former god and his demigod master Meg must follow a prophecy uncovered by Ella the harpy. Lester's final challenge will be at the Tower of Nero, back in New York.</p> <p>Will Meg have a last showdown with her father?</p> <p>Will this helpless form of Apollo have to face his arch nemesis, Python?</p> <p>Who will be on hand at Camp Half-Blood to assist?</p> |

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| 1133738 | Trials of Apollo, The: Tyrant's tomb, The Riordan, Rick | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9780241534274 | <p>Things are getting very bad, very fast, for Apollo...</p> <p>The former God Apollo is having a pretty rough time of it. Well, for one thing, he's been turned into a human and banished from Olympus. And he's called Lester. But being an awkward mortal teenager is the least of his worries right now.</p> <p>Though he and some of his friends have emerged from the Burning Maze, rescued the Oracle and lived to fight another day, they can't escape the tragedy that has befallen them, or the terrible trials still to face.</p> <p>So, with heavy heart, Apollo (OK, Lester) and Meg have a triumvirate still to defeat, oracles to rescue, and prophecies to decipher, so that the world may be saved, and Lester may ascend into the heavens to become Apollo once again.</p> <p>But, right now, Caligula is sailing to San Francisco to deal with Camp Jupiter personally, and they have to get there first. Failure would mean its destruction...</p> |
| 869505 | Tricky Vic Pizzoli, Greg | Penguin | 2015 | 9780670016525 | <p>Robert Miller, a bright boy and a good student, would grow up to be known by over 40 aliases as he tricked people out of their money from European cities and the United States. His greatest scam would be to sell the Eiffel Tower. Find out how he did this on more than one occasion.</p> |
| 743 | Trolley boys Moloney, James | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143303145 | <p>It's summer, it's hot and Brent is stuck collecting trolleys at his local shopping centre. When an attempt at the world-record trolley push ends in disaster and a priceless diamond goes missing, Brent's summer job starts to look a lot more exciting.</p> |
| 83387 | Trophy kid, The Flynn, Pat | University of Queensland Press | 2010 | 9780702238406 | <p>Marcus is a future tennis star, with a solid forehand, a strong backhand, but his biggest asset is his mind. When Marcus learns he has to win the next state title or lose someone he loves, his mind is tested like never before.</p> |
| 3328 | Trouble tomorrow Whitebeach, Terry & Enadio, Sarafino | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760291464 | <p>Obulejo's name means 'trouble tomorrow' in the Ma'di language, and there is plenty of trouble for sixteen-year-old Obulejo when his town is attacked by Rebel troops. Separated from family and close friends, Obulejo flees into the hills and then makes a terrifying journey, full of danger from wild animals and pursuing soldiers. Once across the border in a refugee camp, he is safer but has no future - until he joins a pioneering peace education program and begins to find ways to create a more helpful life for himself and others.</p> |

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| | Trouble twistlers series Nix, Garth & Williams, 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. |
| 6207 | Troy Thompson's excellent poetry book Crew, Gary | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9780850918342 | An excellent collection of clever poems. The dialogue between student and teacher in Troy's school exercise book is all written in poetry. Just like Mrs Kranke, Troy's teacher, this book will encourage a love of poetry. |
| 754441 | Truck Cat, The Frenkel, Deborah & Snell, Danny (ill) | Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | 2024 | 9781761215766 | Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away for both of them. Yacoub drives his truck to make a living, learning the landscape of a new country along the way, and longing for connection. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other and, in doing so, might find more than they expected. The official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2025, to be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand! This book is on the 5-6 booklist for 2025 only, and will return to the 3-4 booklist in 2026. |
| 12326 | Truck dogs: a novel in four bites Base, Graeme | Penguin | 2003 | 9780670893331 | In a far-off desert world, similar to outback Australia, evolution has taken a turn. It is inhabited by creatures covered in fur but with living steel panels beneath who gnaw on bones, sniff lamp posts and fill up on oil. |
| 120059 | True green kids: 100 things you can do to save the planet McKay, Kim & Bonnin, Jenny | ABC Books | 2008 | 9780733322860 | Set up a swap club with your friends, plant an edible garden, turn-off appliances, use both sides of the paper, cut-down on packaging organise or a rubbish-free day at school. True Green Kids is full of 100 fun, easy and practical things kids can do to become a green change agent at home, at school and in the community. |
| 18295 | True story of Mary who wanted to stand on her head, The Godwin, Jane & Drahos, Zak (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741147162 | A story in rhyme about a girl who wants to stand on her head. Mary attends a school where one of the school rules is never to stand on your head. Mary is very wilful and there is no stopping her. |

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| | Truly Tan series Storer, Jen & Robertson, Claire (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. |
| 18611 | Truth about magic, The (School of magic 1) Lockett, Dave | Scholastic Australia | 2005 | 9781862915404 | At birth, each human child is bestowed a gift by the Faeries. Sometimes, these gifts cause their owners much inconvenience. Two children learn the value of their gifts when they are sent to the faery school of magic. |
| 425 | Tuck everlasting Babbit, Natalie | Bloomsbury | 2002 | 9780747555957 | Drinking the water from a special spring ensures immortality. The Tuck family has become immortal and faces a difficult situation when a girl uncovers their secret. |
| 426 | Tucker Abdulla, Ian | Scholastic Australia | 1995 | 9781862912069 | Telling the story of his childhood spent living along the Murray River, Ian Abdulla's pictures speak of fishing and hunting with his Aboriginal brothers in the 1950s. |
| 96801 | Tuckshop kid, The Flynn, Pat | University of Queensland Press | 2006 | 9780702235672 | Matt has a unique ability to help kids make the most of their lunch money at the tuckshop. He's not so good at making friends though. A funny story about friendship and fast food. |
| | Tuesday McGillycuddy series Banks, Angelica | | | | 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. |
| 824 | Tunnels of Tarcoola, The Walsh, Jennifer | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742376752 | A network of tunnels leading under the park, a secret exit to an abandoned mansion and a hidden box of documents. It's all very mysterious. When shadowy figures start watching Kitty, David, Andrea and Martin, they know they've stumbled onto more than a forgotten piece of history. |
| 427 | Turbulent term of Tyke Tiler, The Kemp, Gene | Faber & Faber | 2002 | 9780571212675 | Tyke's good friend, Danny, gets into all sorts of trouble with his practical jokes. |
| 617175 | Turkish Charlie Ryan: Canakkale's Anzac hero Gillam, John & Fletcher, Yvonne & Webb, Lillian (ill) | Legends & Lessons | 2018 | 9780646974842 | When a young Australian doctor looking for adventure answered an advertisement to join the Turkish army, he didn't realise how monumental that choice would become. As Charles Ryan lands on the beaches of Gallipoli as part of the ANZAC contingent, he knows he is there to fight his former friends. It is this friendship that will initiate the legendary battlefield camaraderie between the Turkish soldiers and the ANZACs. |

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| 500 | Turn in the grave, A Bowwayne, A E & Snow, Alan (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2004 | 9780746060278 | Young Danny writes a fan email to a deceased horror writer, which enables him to put a hex on his horrid stepmother. |
| 27734 | Turners, The Elliot, Mick | Hachette Children's Books | 2016 | 9780734416629 | Leo Lennox has a very disappointing thirteenth birthday and an epic problem. Rather than catching the eye of the lovely Lily across the library or hanging out with his buddy Jinx, or even just having a quiet evening with his father and annoying, big sister, Leo has grown a very uncomfortable, quite itchy tail and gained a craving for mice. Something is not right. |
| 29159 | Turners, The: Camp freakout Elliot, Mick | Hachette Children's Books | 2016 | 9780734416636 | Thirteen year old Leo Lennox has made a massive mistake. The secret that his shape-shifter ancestors have kept hidden for thousands of years is now in danger of being discovered. Leo insisted on going to school camp but he's surrounded every minute of every day by his classmates, including his secret crush and two terrifying bullies. Leo's about to find out just how much he still has to learn about transforming. But, when he discovers a fiendish plot, Leo realises that surviving camp is going to be the least of his worries. |
| 48870 | Turning the page Pulman, Felicity & Cox, David (ill) | National Museum of Australia Press | 2008 | 9781876944704 | It's 1851 and eleven year old Maggie is living at Springfield, a sheep station near Goulburn. She helps her mother with the laundry and daydreams about getting away and doing something exciting. When she gets the opportunity to help in the nursery at the big house, she also gets the chance to learn to read and write, until her curiosity gets her into trouble. |
| 31103 | Turnkey, The Rushby, Allison | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925126921 | Twelve year old Flossie Birdwhistle is no ordinary girl. Chosen to be the Turnkey at London's Highgate Cemetery, Flossie has the special task of looking after the souls that reside there. When she discovers the ghost of a mysterious German soldier, far from his home and carrying a strange object, Flossie uncovers a terrible secret that threatens the worlds of both the living and the dead. With the help of the other cemetery Turnkeys, Flossie must unravel the mystery In order to save London. |
| 5981 | Turtle trackers Wheeler, Samantha | University of Queensland Press | 2018 | 9780702259951 | Ten year old Isaac is always busy helping his mum run a caravan park on the Queensland coast. When he finds a sea turtle nesting on the beach he really wants to be a volunteer turtle tracker. But it is summer and will his mother find time for him to volunteer? |

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| 1076914 | Tweet Gleitzman, Morris | Penguin | 2024 | 9781761343742 | <p>Clyde, a budgie who has grown up with his human family Jay, Poppa, mum & dad. Clyde's bird-brain view of humans and the world has a humorous perspective, but also covers some serious matters with an approach that is not too heavy.</p> <p>The world is facing some major problems and birds have a message to share. Gathering in greater and greater numbers is finally beginning to get humankind's attention. A silent protest has begun and Clyde is to be a key part of it. Will the humans listen and pay attention to the millions of birds trying to warn against about climate change and protect our planet?</p> <p>Maybe Jay's missing parents can help unravel the mystery? But where are they? Will Clyde and his best friend (human brother) Jay manage to get the government and world leaders to listen?</p> <p>Funny, emotional, birdy, lots of birds.</p> |
| 17741 | Twilight ghost, The Thiele, Colin | Running Press Kids | 2006 | 9780762426522 | <p>Robby has moved from the city to a small town where there is a dilapidated house rumoured to have ghosts. If one of them is seen, disaster soon follows. Robby doesn't really believe until a couple of incidents shake his certainty.</p> |
| 1019743 | Twin stars Clutterbuck, Charlotte | MoshPit Publishers | 2023 | 9781923065093 | <p>Thousands of years ago in Stone-age Scotland twin brother and sister, thrall-born, have dreams beyond the Custom of the Beaver Clan. Bhoid is a skilled hunter and Sulaire is a healer, but when Bhoid injures the Headman's son whilst protecting his sister, he is forced to flee, alone and defenseless. Separated for the first time in their lives, it will take all their skill and courage to survive apart. Will the twins ever see each other again?</p> |
| 1185 | Twins of Tintarfell, The O'Loghlin, James | Pan MacMillan | 2016 | 9781743548097 | <p>Life's hard when you're an orphan stuck working in a castle all day. And, it doesn't get any easier for twins Dani and Bart when they end up separated, beyond the castle walls. They meet untold dangers and an assortment of bizarre characters, including a retired witch, a cowardly prince, an evil magician and a sarcastic giant. They not only have to save each other but Tintarfell itself.</p> |
| | Twisted tales 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> |

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| 2275 | Twister Ryan, Chris | Doubleday | 2008 | 9780385612982 | After an uneventful holiday in the Cayman Islands, young Ben is advised to avoid an approaching hurricane. Managing to survive a skyjacked plane, a resulting crash landing and a kidnapping, Ben must rescue his friend from a precipice with one good arm because the other one has been broken. But, Ben will have to do this without exploding a detonator and before the hurricane hits. |
| 838755 | Twitch Leonard, M G | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406389371 | Twitch has made it through the end of another school year with all its challenges and is looking forward to a summer vacation spent bird watching in his well built and well hidden hide. This peace is quickly challenged by the likelihood an escaped robber is hiding in the bush where Twitch does his bird watching. Even worse, this robber may have hidden the stolen money there, so Twitch, and the birds, have to endure treasure hunters, bullies, mysterious strangers, and maybe the robber himself. |
| 428 | Two bullies, The Morimoto, Junko | Scholastic Australia | 1991 | 9780868966434 | Two strong men try to out bluff each other, and each becomes a winner. This has been translated from an original Japanese story. |
| 429 | Two hands together Kidd, Diana | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141307480 | Cultural and racist issues are explored in this story about a girl who befriends an Aboriginal family, who live next door. |
| 15375 | Two peas in a pad Wide, Steve & Mackintosh, Michelle (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405180 | Two peas have the grooviest pad in town and hold the best parties. A funny book, jam-packed with tasty characters. |
| 876 | Two tales of Brothers from Ancient Mesopotamia Heffernan, John & Durack, Kate (ill) | Christmas Press | 2016 | 9780994234049 | The ancient civilisations of Mesopotamia, located in what is now Iraq, Syria and Kuwait, produced the heroic saga, the Epic of Gilgamesh. Two tales tell of the mighty king Gilgamesh, two parts god, one part human, who rules Uruk. But, when his human side becomes cruel, his subjects beseech the gods for help. A wild man, Enkidu, is created to foil the king's meanness. In the second tale, Gilgamesh and Enkidu join forces to slay the ferocious Humbaba, part man, part bull, part monster, who terrorises the countryside. |

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| 7049 | Two ways strong: Jaz's story The Deadly Mob & Scobie, Claire & Ellis, Kristine | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2017 | 9780648260417 | Going to boarding school can be a difficult transition for many students, but for Indigenous students from remote communities, it can be quite a culture shock. In Two Ways Strong, Indigenous students from Concordia Lutheran College have combined to tell their experience in a story about Jaz a young girl from Palm Island who goes to boarding school at the age of fourteen. Jaz has many challenges to face, not least having to speak English and make herself understood. Her fellow Indigenous students help to ease the way for her but ultimately it's up to Jaz to make the most of what boarding school has to offer. As she becomes accustomed to school life, has fun with her friends and has academic success, Jaz realises just how much she has gained and grown in the time she is been at school. She's no longer just one way strong like she was on Palm Island, she's now two ways strong and ready to take on the world. |
| 9343 | Two weeks in grade six Pershall, Anna & Mary K | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300205 | It is the third term in grade six and Kaitlin's teacher has switched table groups around. Now, Kaitlin's on a table with stuck-up Ashleigh and all the losers. |
| 430 | Two weeks with the queen Gleitzman, Morris | Pan MacMillan | 1990 | 9780330271837 | Colin is trying to find the best cancer doctor in the world to treat his younger brother. |
| 8724 | Two wolves Bancks, Tristan | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9780857982032 | A knock at the door changes Ben Silver's life forever. Two police officers are looking for his parents. When Ben's parents arrive home, they bundle him and his little sister into the car, claiming they're going on a holiday. Ben begins to realise his parents are in trouble. He has always dreamt of becoming a detective and now he gathers evidence to try to uncover what his parents have done. Ben will have to make a terrible choice. |
| 855838 | Tyenna: Through my eyes Hunt, Julie & Whitebeach, Terry | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760877019 | When Tye arrives at her grandparent's place in beautiful Tasmania, it's not the school holidays she expects when threat of major bushfires begin to threaten the local area. Then when she discovers Bailey, a young runaway boy who is hiding in the bush from his foster family, she is torn between keeping his secret or telling her family to make sure he is safe. As fires start to make their way towards them and evacuations are called, Tye is swept up in the chaos and finds herself in real danger. Will they survive? |
| 5812 | Tyger Tyger Stanley, Elizabeth | University of Western Australia Press | 2007 | 9781920694845 | The tigers living in the jungle are threatened by poachers. The monks take many of them in and become their devoted keepers, but how can they protect the tigers still in the jungle. |

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| 6440 | Ubiquitous: celebrating nature's survivors Sidman, Joyce & Prange, Beckie (ill) | Houghton Mifflin | 2010 | 9780618717194 | The book's title, Ubiquitous, means something that is, or seems to be, everywhere at the same time. Through beautifully illustrated poems, this book investigates the natural world, from the single-celled bacteria and diatom to the ever-present ant and dandelion, and describes how these very special life-forms avoided extinction to become nature's survivors. |
| 7618 | Ugly: young reader's edition Hoge, Robert | Hachette Children's Books | 2015 | 9780733634338 | Australian Robert Hoge was born with a large tumour in the middle of his face and legs that weren't much use. Dedicated doctors removed the tumour from his face, operated on his legs then stitched him back together. But, Robert still looked different. Told with humour and candour, this is the true story of how Robert, through sheer grit and determination, grew up to have an ordinary life. That became his greatest achievement. |
| 18415 | Ulysses Moore: the door to time Piemme, Edizioni | Scholastic US | 2006 | 9780439774383 | A mysterious old mansion, a strange locked door with four keyholes and three adventurous, courageous and curious kids determined to solve the mystery of Ulysses Moore, who once owned that house. |
| 4062 | Uncle Trev and his whistling bull Lasenby, Jack | Gecko Press | 2012 | 9781877467158 | In New Zealand in the 1930s, a sickly schoolboy is in bed, trying to get over a long sickness. When his Uncle Trev arrives to let Mum go out and do the shopping. he tells one tall story after another, about the animals out on his farm, and his neighbour, Gotta Henry. But, when Mum returns, she chases Uncle Trev and his dog with her broom and threatens what she'll do to 'that man' next time he comes in. |
| 433 | Uncovered Jennings, Paul | Penguin | 1995 | 9780141301778 | A group of nine appealing science fiction fantasy stories. |
| 434 | Under the cat's eye Rubinstein, Gillian | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9780733605543 | A story of mystery and suspense, centred around Jai, who is at a strange boarding school headed by the monstrous Mr Drake. |
| 903321 | Unexpected tale of the bad brothers, the Povey, Clare | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2022 | 9781474986502 | Bastien Bonlivre is in trouble again. His sworn enemy, Olivier Odieux, has escaped jail and is out for revenge. Meanwhile, fires are burning in Paris and the people are uncertain. Bastien and his friends, Theo and Alice, set off on a daring adventure to find answers. |
| 795 | Unfinished angel, The Crech, Sharon | HarperCollins Australia | 2009 | 9780143203759 | In the ancient, stone tower of the Casa Rosa, life for one angel has been the same for as long as s/he can remember. Until Zola arrives. For neighbours who have been long-time enemies, children who have been lost and villagers who have been sleepily living their lives, beware. Zola and the angel are about to collide. |

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| 4798 | Unforgettable what's his name, The Jennings, Paul & Smith, Craig (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760290856 | Even before all this happened, I had never been like the other kids. I tried not to be seen. If I climbed a tree or hid among the bins, no one could find me. Then, one weekend, I got what I wanted. First, I blended in with things. But, on the second day, I changed. I mean, really changed. |
| 5430 | Unforgotten Riddle, Tohby | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2012 | 9781742379722 | Nobody knows where they come from. But they come. Impossible birds of the big sky and the long night. |
| 9167 | Unforgotten coat, The Boyce, Frank Cottrell | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406333855 | Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool schoolmates. They bring so much of Mongolia to Bootle that their new friend and guide, Julie, is hard-pressed to know truth from fantasy, as she recollects a wonderful friendship that was abruptly ended when Chingis and Nergui were forced to return to Mongolia. |
| 21224 | Unicorn quest, The Benko, Kamilla | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781408878316 | Claire Martinson still worries about her older sister Sophie, who battled a mysterious illness last year. But things are back to normal as they move into Windermere Manor. Everything changes when the sisters climb a strange ladder in a fireplace and enter the magical land of Arden. There, they find a world in turmoil. The four guilds of magic no longer trust each other, the beloved unicorns have disappeared, and terrible wraiths roam freely. Scared, the girls return home. But when Sophie vanishes in the night, it will take all of Claire's courage to climb back up the ladder, find her sister, and uncover the unicorns' greatest secret. |
| 29506 | Unicorn quest, The: Secret in the stone Benko, Kamilla | Bloomsbury | 2019 | 9781408898512 | Claire and her sister are the lost princesses of Arden. They have released the last unicorn from its stone prison hoping it could save the waning magic of the kingdom. But the unicorn has vanished and it is being pursued by enemies. The sisters face challenges if they want to help the unicorn rise again. Claire will have to find the courage to master her new magical powers. Sophie must face dangerous truths about the people she thought were her friends and about herself. |
| 700330 | Unipiggle the unicorn pig: Unicorn muddle Shaw, Hannah | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2020 | 9781474972178 | Welcome to Twinkleland Kingdom where everything is 100% perfect, except Princess Pea. Today's the day Princess Pea has to choose her own unicorn at the Royal Unicorn Parade. All is well until the muddy Unipiggle appears and creates a big muddle. It looks like Princess Pea has met her perfect match. |

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| | Unlikely exploits series Ardagh, Philip | | | | 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. |
| 9826 | Unlikely story of Bennelong and Phillip, The Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill) | Berbay Publishing | 2015 | 9780980671186 | An important and intriguing tale of an extraordinary friendship between two unlikely characters, Captain Arthur Phillip and the Aborigine, Bennelong, which remains largely unknown. The background of the first settlement in Australia heightens the polarity between the two worlds of the traditional Aboriginal culture and values, and European culture and values. |
| 438 | Unreal Jennings, Paul | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141301761 | Boys are the heroes in each of the tales in this assortment of funny, scary and disgusting short stories. |
| 886904 | Unsettled Faruqi, Reem | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780063044708 | When Nurah's family moves from Karachi, Pakistan, to Peachtree City, Georgia, all she really wants is to blend in, but she stands out for all the wrong reasons. Nurah's accent, floral-print kurtas, and tea-colored skin make her feel excluded, and she's left to eat lunch alone under the stairwell, until she meets Stahr at swimming tryouts. Stahr covers her body when in the water, just like Nurah, but for very different reasons. But in the water Nurah doesn't want to blend in: She wants to stand out. She wants to win medals like her star athlete brother, Owais - who is going through struggles of his own in America - yet when sibling rivalry gets in the way, she makes a split-second decision of betrayal that changes their fates. As Nurah slowly begins to sprout wings in the form of strong swimming arms, she gradually gains the courage to stand up to bullies, fight for what she believes in, and find her place. |
| 855827 | Unstoppable flying Flanagan, The Arena, Felice | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761044366 | Maggie Flanagan is mad about AFL. But in a time when girls should sew and bake cakes and not do anything so unladylike as play footy, her suggestion to hold an all-girls charity game to raise money for the boys at war are met with laughs and ridicule. Will that stop the Flying Flanagan? |
| 1019709 | Until the road ends Earle, Phil | Andersen Press Ltd | 2023 | 9781839133169 | When Peggy rescues a stray dog from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins. Nothing but the looming war can part them. Peggy is evacuated to safety and Beau is left behind in London, where he becomes an unexpected war hero. Night after night, as bombs rain down and lives are destroyed, Beau searches the ruins, rescuing countless survivors. But then tragedy strikes and Beau sets off on an incredible journey to find his beloved Peggy. |

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| 4648 | Upside down girl, The D'Ath, Justin | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781865081342 | Desperate to be famous, young Brittany Hu attempts to set a "McGuinness record", but ends up weightless, a condition which results in some hilarious predicaments. The tongue-in-cheek subtexts are very entertaining. |
| 587848 | Upside-down history of Down Under, The Lloyd, Alison & Denton, Terry (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2018 | 9780143788669 | The Upside-Down History of Down Under delves into the history of Australia from dinosaurs to Federation. It explores how the continents formed and changed, looks into our dinosaurs and mega-fauna, and discusses how the first people arrived and their survival. Did you know that the oldest human home in Australia is 65,000 years old? The Upside-Down History of Down Under describes the various ships that landed on our shores, the arrival of the British, convicts, the Rum Rebellion, exploration, bushrangers, gold, equality, federation plus much more. But don't be fooled. It is full of fun anecdotes, interesting quizzes, questions, timelines and pictures to keep you entertained. |
| 5847 | Us minus Mum Butler, Heather | Little, Brown & Co | 2014 | 9780349124070 | George and Theo's mum is brilliant. She tells great stories, can wave the fastest of anyone on the planet and, most importantly, she suggested they adopt a scruffy dog called Goffo. The boys also think she's invincible. But, they're wrong because Mum is ill, really ill. It's up to George and Theo to keep Mum smiling. This will probably, definitely involve wellies, shepherd's pie and Goffo's victory at the pet talent show. |
| | 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 Hull, Sarah & Mumbray, Tom & Boston, 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. |
| 774434 | Usborne book of the brain and how it works, The Ip, Dr Betina & Nilsson, Mia (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474950589 | Come on a journey through the brain. Learn about all the different jobs your brain can perform - all at once! |

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| 41518 | Usborne creative writer's handbook, The Daynes, Katie & Cullis | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474922494 | All the help you need to write better stories, blogs, scripts and poetry. Features lists of inspiring words and tips on editing and grammar. See how well-known writers put techniques into practice and try jotting out your own ideas on the blank pages at the back. |
| | Usborne for beginners 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. |
| | Usborne great searches 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. |
| 22698 | Usborne Lift-the-flap: Periodic table James, Alice & Nielsen, Shaw (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474922661 | Everything in the entire Universe is made of just 118 elements - all listed together in a grid called the Periodic table. Delve inside this book to meet each one in great detail. |
| 30888 | Valentine Joe Stevens, Rebecca | Chicken House | 2014 | 9781909489608 | Rose and her grandad are visiting the grave of his father, who died there during World War I. She chances upon the resting place of fifteen year old Valentine Joe. Later, Rose finds herself in a different place, one hundred years before, with Valentine Joe and his friends. Rose learns why Joe enlisted so young, of the camaraderie among the soldiers, and about the terrifying and horrific effects of war. |
| 9656 | Valley of gold French, Jackie | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2003 | 9780207199882 | One valley's stories of gold through the ages, from the beginning, four billion years ago, to the valley's creation and the history of its deposits. |
| 17416 | Vampyre Wild, Margaret & Yeo, Andrew (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781921529221 | I am Vampyre, feared and despised. I live in darkness. I long for light. From the depths of his dark vampyre world, a young vampyre boy reflects on his joyous childhood, compared with his current life and his longing to join the light. |

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| 33131 | Van Gogh and the seasons: An art book for kids Ryan, Kate & Bennett, Cally (ill) | | 2017 | 9781925432374 | Join Theo, a little field mouse, to find out about Vincent's lifelong love of the seasons and the world around him. Along the way, there are activities and quizzes for kids to do with family and friends. A selection of iconic works by Van Gogh such as 'A Wheat Field, with Cypresses' (early September, 1889) and 'Orchard in Blossom' (April, 1889), are featured throughout, and these are paired with interesting facts about the changing seasons, Van Gogh's life and artistic techniques. |
| 6129 | Vanishing Lucas, Mike & Harrison, Jennifer (ill) | MidnightSun Publishing | 2018 | 9781925227444 | Once, creatures of all shapes and sizes wandered this empty land. They had horns and wings, scales and feathers. They lived in vibrant forests, desert plains and icy tundras. But where are they now? |
| 804727 | Vanishing at the very small castle, The French, Jackie | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781460757734 | Another mystery clouds the very small castle of the O'Bryan family when glamorous actress, Delilah Devince vanishes in the middle of filming on Howlers Beach. With the monster co-star as lead suspect and more strange disappearances happening, it's up to Butter to solve the mystery. Can he crack the case before it's too late? |
| | Verity Sparks series Green, Susan | | | | 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. |
| | Vermonia series Yoyo | | | | 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. |
| | Vet Cadets series Johnson, Rebecca | | | | 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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| 871559 | Vexatious haunting of Lily Griffin, The Hayes, Paula & Jiang, Katy (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2022 | 9781760991753 | Bookworm Lily Griffin has a lot to handle with a bullying big brother and a frenetic family. But going to stay with her beloved grandfather changes everything. In his rambling country house, long-forgotten secrets lurk in locked rooms. With her gift of intuition and imagination, Lily is the perfect person to investigate the strange goings-on. And as magical mysteries unravel, Lily finds herself surrounded by weird and wonderful pals - both dead and alive. |
| 5913 | Victor's challenge Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150326 | Prince Victor must complete three challenges before Valerian's father will consider him as a suitor for her hand in marriage. Victor knows he can be brave and persistent but he is very worried about the cleverness test. When your heart is pure and true, anything can happen even where fierce dragons and enchanted mountains are concerned. |
| 439 | Victor's quest Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 1996 | 9781862912861 | Prince Victor of Serendipity solves some sticky problems like finding the princess. Fortunately, he is aided by his horse, Quince, who is smarter than Victor. |
| 49319 | Vietnam diary Wilson, Mark | Hachette Children's Books | 2013 | 9780734412744 | Jason's grandfather fought on the Western Front, his father fought at Kokoda and now Jason has received his conscription letter, called up to Vietnam. His training and war experience in Vietnam are explored through pictures and letters. |
| 977 | View from the 32nd floor Cameron, Emma | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922077295 | William lives on the thirty second floor of an apartment block with a clear view of the building opposite. He sees his neighbours' daily lives and worries about the loneliness of some of them. With his new friend, cakes and a dictionary of names, Williams plans to tempt his neighbours back into the world. |
| 62368 | Viking blood: a viking warrior AD 1008 Donkin, Andrew | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407104812 | After being injured in a raid that has gone terribly wrong, Tor Scaldbane loses his chance to be a legendary warrior. After this devastating blow, his faith is restored when he discovers the sagas of his ancestors, including the stories of glorious battles, ancient heroes and powerful gods. Now, he has his own stories to tell. |
| 885972 | Viking boy: The real story Bradman, Tony | Walker Books | 2022 | 9781406395037 | Take an immersive tour of everyday world of the Vikings, with Gunnar, the hero of the action packed novel Viking Boy, as your guide. Find out how the Vikings lived, what they believed, and how they gained their legendary reputation as warriors. |
| 110909 | Villains: a gallery of Australian rogues Baillie, Allan | Phoenix Education | 2003 | 9781876580421 | Short, simple text that is easy to read but with gutsy content profiling the rogues of Australian history including how they lived and how they died. Full of action and drama. |

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| 625476 | Vincent and the grandest hotel on Earth Nicol, Lisa | Penguin Books Australia | 2019 | 9781760890681 | High on the snowy slopes of the Mabombo ranges lies the Grandest Hotel on Earth. This is the most magical, fantastical place on Earth where even seeing is not believing. When ordinary Vincent has the opportunity to leave his life for a short while and experience this grand place he cannot believe his fortune. What he doesn't count on are the temptations and life altering choices he will have to make. |
| 12944 | Vincent van Gogh: the troubled artist Claybourne, Anna | White-Thomson Publishing Ltd | 2003 | 9780750243230 | Van Gogh's life was tragic. He failed in love, fell out with friends and fellow painters, felt the suffering of others deeply and died by his own hand. During his short life, he painted hundreds of vibrant paintings, now recognised as masterpieces. |
| 25104 | Vinnie's war McRobbie, David | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742375762 | Twelve year old Vinnie has escaped from his foster mother and her tough rules and expectations. He has found a friend with whom he can share dreams and music. Then, war begins and Vinnie is evacuated from the London bombs. All he has left of his old life is his harmonica. On the train, Vinnie meets three other evacuee children and when they arrive in the small country town of Netterfold, their own war begins. |
| 772962 | Violet Veil mysteries, The: A case of grave danger Cleverly, Sophie & Peck, Hannah (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780008297367 | Violet Veil is a young girl desperate to join her father in the family business, Veil and Sons Undertakers, as an apprentice. But being a girl, she faces lots of challenges in achieving her goal. When a client unexpectedly goes missing, and then suddenly turns up alive, Violet is thrust into a mystery. Can she and her dog, Bones, solve the case and prove her worth to her Father? |
| 903332 | Virtually Christmas Baddiel, David | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2022 | 9780008334321 | Is Christmas still Christmas if all the things that made it special are gone? Global internet giant, Winterzone, have taken over Christmas with their robots, drones and 3D holograms of Santa doing all the traditional 'Santa' work. When eleven-year-old Etta and her friend Monty stumble across a curious clue, they find themselves in a race against time and the mighty Winterzone in order to find the real Santa before the true meaning of the festive season is lost forever. |
| 5958 | Visconti house, The Edgar, Elsbeth | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921529016 | Laura's house is indeed puzzling. It's an Italian-style villa of the 1800s, built in a small country Victorian town, with a myth claiming it is haunted by the spirit of an elderly Italian man. Laura and Leon are outsiders and they both have secrets. Alienated by their classmates, the pair tackles the mysteries of her house and its former occupants. |

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| 885970 | Votes for women! The story of Nellie, Rose and Mary Wilson, Mark | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9780734420138 | In 1980, Rose Birk and her stepdaughter, Nellie, write letters and attend meetings to help improve the lives of women and children in Adelaide. This action soon changes their lives and they become part of a bigger movement which changes Australian history. |
| 1960 | Wabi sabi Reibstein, Mark & Young, Ed (ill) | Little, Brown & Co | 2008 | 9780316118255 | Wabi Sabi, the little cat, sets out to find out the meaning of her name. Beautifully told and illustrated in the Japanese style with a special form of stylised Haiku poetry as a main feature. |
| | Wacky but true magazine Down, Michelle | | | | A monthly magazine format mix of freaky, funny and fascinating facts. 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. |
| 1019766 | Walk with us Goodes, Adam & Laing, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761065071 | Harvey and Mum are heading to their favourite park for a walk on Cammeraygal land. 'Time to awaken the ancestors,' says Uncle Boris. 'Every time we sing or acknowledge Country, the ancestors are listening.' What do you know about the Country where you live? Inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, Walk With Us is an invitation to go on a journey of learning and appreciation - with family, with friends, and with our nation - together. |
| 9269 | Walker book of classic poetry and poets, The Rosen, Michael | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744582642 | An anthology of over eighty, memorable poems by a variety of poets, William Shakespeare, Banjo Paterson, W B Yeats, Emily Dickinson, Edward Lear and Carl Sandburg. The book includes colour illustrations, biographical sketches and paintings. |
| 803504 | Walking in Gagudju country: Exploring the monsoon forest Lucas, Diane & Tyler, Ben & Long, Emma (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760525958 | When we go walking, we never know how long we will be, what we will hear and what we will see. We pack our bags with food and water, a billy and some matches to light a fire. We head off into the shady monsoon forest on the edge of the billabong. Diane Lucas, Ben Tyler and Emma Long share their knowledge and love of the Top End in this enchanting and accessible book about one of Australia's most ancient and beautiful ecosystems. |

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| 12337 | Walking with the seasons in Kakadu Lucas, Diane & Searle, Ken | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741144710 | This book introduces children to the birds, plants and animals that live in Kakadu. It also features the Gundjeihmi-speaking aborigines of the region and the six aboriginal seasons. |
| 4705 | Waltzing Matilda Paterson, A B & Blackwood, Freya (illus) | Scholastic Australia | 2006 | 9781865048154 | Waltzing Matilda story with pictures that are overlaid with the story of the shearer's strike of the 1890s. Excerpts from newspapers reports and 'wanted' posters add further information. |
| 846064 | Wandi Parrett, Favel & Ingram, Zoe (ill) | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734420633 | A dingo cub is snatched from his mountain home by a giant eagle, then dropped, injured and alone, in a suburban garden. He longs for his mama's soft tail, warm and snug over his body. He longs for the safety of his brothers and sisters, snuggled together as the snow fall heavy and solid above their den. With them his nose was never cold, his tummy never empty. He was safe. Then he meets his first human and so begins his long journey to becoming Wandu, the most famous dingo in the world. But will he ever see his family or his home again? |
| 4707 | Wannabe wallaby Clark, Margaret | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780733612091 | When a black dog, Wannabe, who has been reared by wallabies, and believes he is one, is brought to the Animal Haven refuge, unexpected things happen. |
| 616660 | War is over Almond, David | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781444946574 | John is the son of a soldier and his mother works at the munitions factory making weapons for the first World War. More than he wants a glorious victory for the British, he wants his family back together and all families back together. Even the German families. John finds that wanting peace during war time can be as dangerous as being at the front, yet without a vision for peace, how can it ever be found? |
| 24958 | War that saved my life, The Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781925355642 | Nine year old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted, club foot to let her outside. So, when Ada's little brother, Jamie, is shipped out of London to avoid the war, she escapes to join him. A new adventure begins for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman forced to take them in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan. And, Susan begins to love them both. But, wartime and Ada's cruel mother threaten the growing bond. |

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| 846112 | Warrior in my wardrobe, The Farnaby, Simon | Hachette Australia | 2021 | 9781444954395 | Rose has magic! She uses it for good to save injured animals in her area. Her brother, Kris, has also discovered he has magic. But Rose thinks he needs to be better at using it to help people rather than just doing magical tricks for the neighbourhood kids. She is jealous that he has learnt his skills so quickly and is VERY good! Then Kris disappears, and Rose needs to help him. Will she be strong enough? She will need to time travel and meet an old friend Merdyn to help save her brother. Will her powers be enough to defeat his kidnappers and not change history? |
| | Warriors graphic novels 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. |
| | Warriors series Hunter, Erin | | | | 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. |
| 2938 | Wasim and the champ Ashley, Chris & Pankhurst, Kate (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847800572 | Footie-mad Wasim and his team mates enter the local football competition. But, after an incident at the local mosque and a fight involving Wasim's older brother, the teams become split between white and Asian boys. Wasim and the surprise celebrity at the competition, an international boxing champion from their area, cleverly diffuse a tense situation. |
| 21500 | Wasim's challenge Ashley, Chris & Pankhurst, Kate (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2010 | 9781847800565 | Year Five are off to Snowdonia and Wasim Ahmed has been looking forward to it for months. He has vowed to participate in the Ramadan fast but keeps his fasting a secret. Lack of food and drink cause him to sit out the first day's activities. When a box of chocolates disappears, Wasim becomes prime suspect. Then, on a walk, the group gets lost and Wasim is in serious danger on the mountainside. |
| 4717 | Water babies, The Kingsley, Charles | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2000 | 9781853261480 | While cleaning chimneys, Tom emerges in Ellie's bedroom and she mistakes him for a thief. In this classic story, Tom runs away, slips into a cooling stream and falls asleep to become a Water Baby, with a quest to the Other-end-of-Nowhere. |

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| 4718 | Water dragons, The Wrightson, Patricia | Puffin Australia | 1999 | 9780141305363 | Sam, Lin and Jerry must save their pet water dragon when their natural habitat, the drain behind their homes, is being cleaned up. But, two of the water dragons have disappeared. |
| 15329 | Water the amazing journey Trafford, Caren & Eriksson, Megan (ill) | Etram Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780958187817 | With cartoon-style graphics, appealing illustrations and interesting facts, this book shows why water is so important and how we can conserve it. |
| 946 | Waterslain angels Crossley-Holland, Kevin | Orion | 2008 | 9781842556917 | The discovery of a beautifully carved angel wing at the village church intrigues Annie. She and her new friend, Sandy, are determined to solve the centuries old mystery of the angels that went missing from the Waterslain Church. What begins as a childish quest soon becomes an extremely dangerous adventure. |
| 21206 | Waves Rawlins, Donna & Potter, Heather & Jackson, Mark (ill) | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781925381641 | Every journey is perilous, every situation heartbreaking. Every refugee is a person forced by famine or war or fear to leave their home, their families, their friends and all they know. Children have travelled on the waves of migration to the shores of Australia for tens of thousands of years. This book tells some of their stories. |
| 18391 | Waves: from surfing to tsunami Kampion, Drew | Gibbs Smith, Publisher | 2005 | 9781586852122 | This informative, documentary style book contains wonderful, visual images of waves. Photographs portray the origin and parts of a wave, and the effects of river and ocean waves on the environment. Includes a glossary of terms. |
| 871535 | Way of dog, The Fraillon, Zana | University of Queensland Press | 2022 | 9780702265563 | Be strong. Be fierce. Life is more than a concrete floor. Scruffity is born into the harsh, grey world of a puppy farm. Taken from his mamma and locked in a concrete cage, what he yearns for most is Family. To belong is The Way of Dog. But no one wants him. Just as his chances of adoption grow dangerously thin, Scruffity is set free by a boy as unwanted and lonely as he is. Outside, Scruffity learns all about The Way of Dog - it is to run, to dig, to howl and, biggest of all, to love. But when tragedy strikes, Scruffity is suddenly all alone. |
| 6546 | We are all born free: the universal declaration of human rights in pictures Amnesty International (contr) | Frances Lincoln | 2008 | 9781845076504 | Proclaimed by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, the Declaration of Human Rights applies to every child and adult throughout the world. Each of its 30 articles has been written in a way that children can understand and beautifully illustrated by well-known artists. |

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| 751126 | We are wolves Nannestad, Katrina | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780733340888 | War is not just the story of soliders and generals and battles, but it is also the story of children and parents, and families lost and found. As the second World War comes to an end, the Wolf family face their greatest test of survival when the reality of a German defeat comes to their village. Liesl is tasked with keeping her younger brother and sister close and alive while also trying to survive without losing all the things which make them human. |
| 720959 | We dream of space Kelly, Erin Entranda | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780062747303 | Meet three siblings in Park, Delaware in 1986, as the country waits expectantly for the launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger. Cash, who loves basketball but has a newly broken wrist, is in danger of failing seventh grade for the second time. Fitch spends every afternoon playing Major Havoc at the arcade on Main and wrestles with an explosive temper that he doesn't understand. And Bird, his twelve-year-old twin, dreams of being NASA's first female shuttle commander, but feels like she's disappearing. The Thomas children exist in their own orbits, circling a tense and unpredictable household, with little in common except an enthusiastic science teacher named Ms. Salonga. As the launch of the Challenger approaches, Ms. Salonga gives her students a project-they are separated into spacecraft crews and must create and complete a mission. When the fated day finally arrives, it changes all of their lives and brings them together in unexpected ways. |
| 871558 | We run tomorrow Amoore, Nat & Barry, Mike (ill) | Puffin Australia | 2022 | 9781760897697 | You can run from your past, but the future is tomorrow . . . Tonight, we're gonna kidnap our best friend. And tomorrow? We run. Sticks, Maki, Jed and Tommy live on the same street. But the adults around them are making decisions that could tear the four friends apart. When they discover their favourite comic book series is being made into a blockbuster movie, they know what they have to do. Get to the audition. Get the parts. Stay together. |
| 8023 | We're all Australians now Paterson, A B (Banjo) & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2015 | 9780732296476 | In 1915, Australia's much-loved bush poet, Banjo Paterson, wrote a poem as an open letter to the troops fighting in World War I. |
| 112309 | Weather or not: it's a climate for change Trafford, Caren & Wilsher, David (ill) | Etram Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9780958187831 | Let's talk about the weather. A complex subject made easy for young people to understand, using whimsical pictures, humour, cartoons and puns. An encouraging look at global warming solutions and positive action. |

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| 450 | Web, The Hilton, Nette | HarperCollins Australia | 1992 | 9780207172458 | Violet-Ann befriends a seven legged spider that she names, Sam. |
| 886447 | Wednesday Weeks and the dungeon of fire Knight, Denis & Burne, Cristy | Lothian Books | 2022 | 9780734420237 | Gorgomoth the Unclean is back and he's up to no good, of course. Can Wednesday and the gang beat Gorgomoth to the long-lost Stone of Power, or will the world be plunged into Never-Ending Darkness? |
| 774352 | Wednesday Weeks and the tower of shadows Knight, Denis & Burne, Cristy | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734420190 | Wednesday Weeks is a sorcerer's apprentice. She would rather be studying science, but when her grandpa is kidnaped, she has no choice but to rescue him from the Gobin King in the Tower of Shadows. To do this, she must combine her love of science and her new knowledge of magic. Luckily her best friends Alfie and his super cute robot are there to help her, because the Goblin King is going to challenge them in ways they never imagined. |
| 825484 | Weird school Callinan, Damian & Thomas, Adele K (ill) | Penguin | 2021 | 9781760893446 | Wally Park Primary School is the weirdest school in Australia. There is no other school quite like Wally Park. The principal is the meanest, vainest one in Australia, and the Naughty Tree is like no other. Just be aware of the Out of Bounds area. You may never return. |
| 14687 | Welcome home Booth, Christina | Ford Street Publishing | 2013 | 9781925000085 | Whaling has long been part of Australia's history. Over the past centuries many coastal towns owe their existence to the hunting and slaughter of whales for numerous by-products. More recently these same towns focus on viewing the beauty of these majestic creatures as they travel between the cold and warmer waters. Here both stories are told through the eyes of a young boy who hears the distant calls, sometimes joyful, sometimes apprehensive, of a whale. |
| 14828 | Welcome to country Murphy, Aunty Joy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781922244871 | Welcome to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people. We are part of this land and the land is part of us. This is where we come from. Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondee bik. Welcome to country. |
| 5412 | Welcome to my country Burarrwanga, Laklak | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313961 | Laklak Burarrwanga and her family invite you to their Country. Centred on a beautiful beach in Arnhem Land, its crystal waters are full of fish, turtle, crab and stingray. The bush holds fruits, pandanus for weaving and wood for spears. Laklak shares her history, her long childhood walks across Arnhem Land, her people's fight for land rights and for a say in their children's schooling. She and her family stand tall and proud. |
| 451 | Werewolf knight, The Wagner, Jenny | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9780091825942 | Feolf is a loyal knight who becomes a wolf on nights when the moon is full. |

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| 846244 | Whale of the wild, A Parry, Rosanne | Greenwillow | 2020 | 9780062995933 | Vega, a young orca whale, lives with her pod in the Salish Sea. When a double tragedy strikes her family and Vega and her little brother Deneb are separated from everyone they love, it's up to Vega to keep Deneb safe. Their journey is full of peril and wonder, and Vega and Deneb encounter a giant octopus, strange killer whales, and packs of hunting sharks as they travel into the blue wilderness of the deep ocean. Will Vega be able to protect her brother and find her way home? Will her beloved sea ever be the same again? |
| 452 | Whalers, The Mumbulla, Percy & Robinson, Roland E. & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2002 | 9780207191770 | Stepping between Aboriginal Dreaming stories and the Australian yarn, the story of the Whalers reflects the ideas and practice of reconciliation showing the relationship between the orcas and the Aboriginal whalers of Twofold Bay. |
| 453 | What do you think, Feezal Honey, Elizabeth | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9781864484397 | Bean has to move to Sydney to live in a penthouse, where she can't have a dog. |
| 4756 | What is poetry: The essential guide to reading and writing poems Rosen, Michael | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781844287635 | Over many years as a working poet, Michael Rosen has thought a great deal about what poems are, what they can do and the pleasure that comes from writing and reading poetry. In this invaluable handbook, he shares this knowledge and experience in book form for the very first time. Starting with a detailed analysis of a number of classic poems, he offers a real "writer's guide" to writing and performing poems, as well as a wealth of technical information and tips. He then takes a fascinating look at a selection of his own poems and explains how and why he wrote them. |
| 832933 | What on Earth institute of Wonder, The Nicol, Lisa | Puffin Australia | 2021 | 9781761041556 | A mind-boggling expedition into the secrets of the Animal Kingdom with only an invisible map of the human heart as a guide. (Unless, of course, you count the talking parrot.) What on Earth could possibly go wrong? Sal has always had an affinity with animals - especially the lost kind. But when two rare and endangered creatures appear out of nowhere, life takes a detour into strange and uncharted territory... One elephant, one kakapo, one unlicensed teenage driver, one boy waiting for the world to end and one twelve-year-old girl with a very special gift. |
| 846252 | What snail knows Apel, Kathryn & Foot, Mandy (ill) | University of Queensland Press | 2022 | 9780702265464 | Lucy and Dad move a lot, so its hard to make friends. Lucy's glad she has snail, the perfect pet for a lonely girl. If only she had her own shell to hide in every time she started a new school. But this place is different. She likes her teacher, her classmates and the caravan park. This place feels like home. Can she convince her Dad to stay? |

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| 669419 | What stars are made of Allen, Sarah | Penguin Books Australia | 2020 | 9780241427965 | Libby adores her big sister, Nonny, who always makes her feel special. Nonny doesn't care that Libby has Turner Syndrome, and stands out a little from the other kids. Libby tries not to mind, too: she knows it won't stop her from being an amazing scientist one day, liker her hero, astronomer Cecilia Payne. When she discovers that Nonny is in trouble Libby comes up with a great plan to help her. |
| 52191 | What the raven saw Bound, Samantha-Ellen | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742757353 | In a churchyard, the raven watches the comings and goings of everyone, making sure that peace and order are maintained. He keeps to himself, except during church services, when he sneaks into the building so he can listen to the hymns that he loves. The raven would be happy if everything stayed this way forever. Until a new, small grave is dug, an annoying pigeon arrives and a church member is up to no good. |
| 93723 | What's eating you Davies, Nicola & Layton, Neal (ill) | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406313543 | Every animal has a habitat, a place where it belongs, finds food and shelter, and raises its babies. You are a habitat for many small, almost invisible creatures. Find out about parasites like fleas and lice, tapeworms and pinworms, and the animals, human and non-human, on and in which they live. |
| 846193 | What's new Harper Drew? Weeks, Kathy & Bitskoff, Aleksei (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9781444961775 | Harper Drew has an annoying brother, an absurd dad and a mysterious uncle. All she wants to do is fit in, but with her family, how is this possible? Desperate to get invited to Maise's party she will try anything, but with so much family drama, will she make it? Will it all be worth it? How can Harper Drew fit in? |
| 9960 | What's your story Giannone, Rose & Emmerichs, Bern (ill) | Berbay Publishing | 2016 | 9780994289544 | Australia has a long history and many stories. This is the story of Leonard, a young orphan boy, who was on one of the ships in the First Fleet that came to Australia from England. He was both frightened and amazed by his new country. When Leonard met Milba, an Eora girl, she showed him the animals of his new land and the cave drawings of her people. Without words, they could still tell their stories. |
| 846106 | When fishes flew: The story of Elena's war Morpurgo, Michael | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008454654 | Australian-Greek girl Nandi travels to her ancestors' home in Ithaca, and discovers - through a friendship with an extremely unusual flying fish - the extraordinary story of her great-aunt Elena; of how she fell in love, in the hardest of times, and how of how she became an unsung hero of World War Two. But Elena has gone missing, and Nandi has to find her. In her search, she will discover that Elena was an even greater hero than she thought - and still is... |

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| 2344 | When friendship followed me home Griffin, Paul | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781925355499 | Twelve year old Ben Coffin has never felt that he fits in. A former foster kid, he keeps his head down to avoid school bullies and spends his afternoons reading sci-fi books at the library. But, when Ben finds a scruffy, abandoned dog and befriends the librarian's daughter, Halley, he starts to feel he belongs in his own life. Then, everything changes and, suddenly, Ben is more alone than ever. But, with a little help from Halley's magician father, Ben discovers his place in the world and learns to see his own magic through other's eyes. |
| 4780 | When Hitler stole pink rabbit Kerr, Judith | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1999 | 9780006754008 | In 1933, nine year old Anna was too busy with schoolwork and friends to take much notice of Adolf Hitler's rise to power in her native Germany, until she is forced to learn the skills needed to survive as a refugee. |
| 871667 | When I see blue Bailey, Lily | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9781510109803 | There are 4 things you should know about ben: 1. He's 12 years old 2. He's the new kid at school 3. His special number is 4 4. He has a bully in his brain. |
| 9421 | When I was little, like you Malbunka, Mary | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741142563 | A precious recount of growing up in the early days of the Papunya settlement in central Australia. The author tells about going bush with her family and learning about her culture and way of life. |
| 751213 | When stars are scattered Jamieson, Victoria & Mohamed, Omar & Geddy, Iman (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9780571363858 | Omar feels like he is waiting for his real life to begin. Forced to flee war-torn Somalia at the tender age of four, Omar and his younger brother Hassan have already endured more hardships than most could imagine - the death of their father, witnessing family and friends succumb to injury, illness or hunger, and being separated from their mother. But when they arrive at Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, life doesn't get any easier. Food is scarce, the chances of resettlement slim, and there is no access to the medical treatment his younger brother - who is non-verbal and has seizures - needs. When Hassan is given the opportunity to attend school, he is struck with guilt. How can he attend school when he is responsible for his little brother, the only family member he has left? But school might be the only chance to escape the open prison of Dadaab. |

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| 819137 | When the sky falls Earle, Phil | Andersen Press Ltd | 2021 | 9781839135729 | It is 1941 and bombers control the skies. Joseph, sent to the city to live with Mrs F, must navigate his new circumstances, facing the challenges of school and helping at Mrs F's zoo head on. Will Joseph find the stability and connection that he so desperately craves? Will he win over the zoo's most famous resident, a giant silverback gorilla named Adonis? What will happen if the bombers inadvertently free Adonis from his cage? Will Joseph or Mrs F be brave enough to act? |
| 1209794 | When the war came home Parr, Lesley & Dean, David (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2022 | 9781526621009 | The First World War has ended but it hasn't gone away. Natty has to move to a new village and meets two young soldiers who are suffering from the effects of war. Meanwhile her own troubles involve her mother and a life that keeps getting derailed by her outspoken behaviour. Merry learns that some things are worth fighting for. |
| 751138 | When this bell rings Rushby, Allison | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651947 | Tamsin lives next door to Edie St Clair, a famous author know for her ten book graphic novel series. Edie shares a secret with Tamsin, and the two begin an unusual friendship. When Edie goes missing, Tamsin knows she has to find her, following Edie into a different London. Tamsin discovers that Edie needs her desperately - only she can write the perfect ending to the last book in the series. But it will come at great cost..." |
| 773928 | When we got lost in Dreamland Welford, Ross | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2021 | 9780008333812 | When 11-year-old Malky and his younger brother, Seb, come into possession of Dreaminators they discover they can now share and control their dreams. But when they suddenly start losing control, Malky manages to wake up but finds that Seb is still asleep and trapped in their dream! With the help of a new friend and her eccentric grandmother, it's up to Malky to return to Dreamland and bring his brother back. |
| 616951 | When we were warriors Carroll, Emma | Faber & Faber | 2019 | 9780571350407 | It is Summer, 1942. Everyday life in Britain is filled with air raids, rationing, fear, friendship and pets. Three thrilling stories about three different children, who find adventure, courage, untrainable dogs and an impossibly tall American GI where they least expect it. |
| 800 | When you reach me Stead, Rebecca | Text Publishing Co | 2009 | 9781921656064 | Miranda and her best friend, Sal, know their New York City neighbourhood, where it's safe to go and who to avoid. But, things start to unravel when Sal gets punched and shuts Miranda out. The apartment key, hidden for emergencies, is stolen and mysterious notes start to arrive. Miranda realises that the note writer is aware of things that no-one should know and only she can prevent a tragic death. |

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| 15330 | Where does the poo go...when you flush Trafford, Caren & Oakley, Jade (ill) | Etram Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780958187800 | With cartoon-style graphics, appealing illustrations and interesting facts, this book talks about effluent waste, the history of its disposal and how our views are changing about the treatment of sewerage. |
| 455 | Where the forest meets the sea Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 1989 | 9780744513059 | A book without words in which superb collages tell the story of a boy and his father visiting an endangered rainforest in Queensland. |
| 886467 | Where? Collins, Jordan & Lesnie, Phil (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760526382 | Where are you from?' they say. What they mean is, 'Why is your skin that colour?' 'Why does your hair look like that?' I am from the mountains, The seas and the sky. I am from children of millions of years, A timeline of humanity. I am from this planet And all others. |
| 4793 | Which witch Ibbotson, Eva | Pan MacMillan | 2001 | 9780330398008 | Arriman the Awful, evil Wizard of the North, devises a spell-casting competition so he can marry the winner and produce an heir. Belladonna longs to be a fiendish hag and win the competition, but doesn't know how. |
| 903283 | While I was away Brown, Waka T | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780063017122 | When twelve-year-old Waka's parents suspect she's having trouble understanding the basic Japanese they speak to her, they make a drastic decision to send her to Tokyo for several months to live with her strict grandmother, Obaasama, so she can brush up on the language and reconnect to their family's culture. Once in Japan, Waka feels like an outsider, even though this is the country her parents came from. If she's always been the "smart Japanese girl" in America but is now the "dumb foreigner" in Japan, where is home...and who will Waka be when she finds it? |
| 934175 | While the storm rages Earle, Phil | Andersen Press Ltd | 2022 | 9781839132056 | It is September 1939 and war is imminent. As Noah's dad prepares to join the fight, Noah promises to keep their family dog safe. When the government issues an advisory that all pets be euthanised in readiness for the war, Noah decides not to comply. He and two other children embark upon a mission to save their pets, and as many other animals as they can. |

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| 8949 | Whimsy & Woe McRitchie, Rebecca & Kretschmar, Sonia (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2017 | 9781460753040 | After being abandoned by their thespian parents, Whimsy and Woe Mordaunt are left in the care of their awful Aunt Apoline. Forced to work in Apoline's boarding house, slaving at the beck and call of outlandish guests and sharpening the thorns of every plant in the poisonous garden, Whimsy and Woe lose all hope that their parents will ever return. Until one day, quite by accident, the siblings stumble upon a clue that sets them on an adventurous path to finding freedom and hopefully their parents. |
| 587818 | Whimsy & Woe: The final act McRitchie, Rebecca & Kretschmar, Sonia (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9781460754672 | In the final act of this dramatic search for their parents, Whimsy and Woe Mordaunt must escape villainous thieves, travel beneath a desert in an untested machine of an ingenious inventor, climb the Mountainous Mountains and perform a death-defying trapeze act in the Big Top of Benton Brothers Circus... all before going undercover at the annual Thespian Society Masquerade Ball. Can they stop the Purple Puppeteer's evil plan in time to rescue their parents? Or will the Purple Puppeteer pull their family's strings forever? |
| 46550 | Whippersnapper Arena, Felice | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143306092 | Fourteen year old Gus lives and breathes basketball. When he's in a terrible accident, Gus can't believe he's survived. But, he's woken up in the body of an old man and his own body is unconscious in intensive care. Now, he has a seventy year old wife, really bad taste in clothes, his friends don't recognise him and his family thinks he's crazy. Gus just wants to be fourteen again and play basketball. |
| 457 | Whipping boy, The Fleischman, Sid | Greenwillow | 2003 | 9780060521226 | Jemmy must take the whippings for the royal heir, Prince Brat, but the Prince must rely on Jemmy when they both run away from the castle. |
| 18341 | Whisperer, The Butterworth, Nick | HarperCollins Australia | 2005 | 9780007120178 | An adorable version of a Romeo and Juliet tale, told from the rat's perspective. |
| 44583 | Whisperer, The McIntosh, Fiona | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2009 | 9780732286675 | Griff works in a circus and has a unique ability to hear the thoughts of others, without their knowledge. When the greedy circus master discovers his talent, Griff escapes, taking Tess and her collection of magical creatures. On the run, Griff hears a cry for help from a mysterious source he calls the Whisperer. |
| 459 | White fang London, Jack | Pearson Education Australia | 2000 | 9780582418158 | Born in the wilds of the freezing cold Yukon, White Fang who is half-dog, half-wolf, is the only animal in the litter to survive. He is fiercely independent and soon learns the harsh laws of nature, yet buried deep inside him are the distant memories of affection and love. This is a classic story of a wolf-dog who learns to survive in the bleak Alaskan wilderness. |

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| 20425 | Whiz mob and the grenadine Kid, The Meloy, Colin & Ellis, Carson (ill) | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780143787860 | It is an ordinary Tuesday morning in April when bored, lonely Charlie Fisher witnesses something incredible. Right before his eyes, in a busy square in Marseille, a group of pickpockets pulls off an amazing robbery. As the young bandits appear to melt into the crowd, Charlie realizes with a start that he himself was one of their marks. Yet Charlie is less alarmed than intrigued. This is the most thrilling thing that's happened to him since he came to France with his father, an American diplomat. So instead of reporting the thieves, Charlie defends one of their cannons, Amir, to the police, under one condition- he teach Charlie the tricks of the trade. |
| 15044 | Who did that? Bruce, Jill B & Wade, Jan (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2004 | 9780864175755 | Lots of useful information about identifying Australian native animals by their droppings and footprints. |
| 3831 | Who what when where why and how Hope, Charles | Wild Dog Books | 2016 | 9781742034263 | Have you ever wanted to know why does the wind blow or why do some people walk in their sleep, this is the book for you. Those tricky questions you have always wanted to be ask are answered here. |
| 46942 | Why I love Australia Bancroft, Bronwyn | Little Hare Books | 2010 | 9781921541780 | In a similar vein to Dorothea Mackellar's My Country. Stunning images and words showcase the awe-inspiring beauty of the Australian continent. |
| 2991 | Why should I bother about the planet Meredith, Susan & Rojo, Sara (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2015 | 9781409599630 | Find out what has gone wrong with the planet, what needs to be done, and how every little bit helps to solve the problem of climate change and pollution. Discover how you can save energy, what a carbon footprint is and lots more about the human impact on our planet. |
| 8494 | Why should I bother to keep fit Meredith, Susan & Larkum, Adam (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2015 | 9781409599623 | An informative guide to the hows and whys of keeping fit, and having fun on the way. Find out why keeping fit is good for you, how to choose the appropriate exercise regime and how to stay healthy in day-to-day life. |
| 6696 | Why shouldn't I eat junk food Knighton, Kate & Larkum, Adam (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2015 | 9781409599616 | A fun, informative guide about food that's good and not so good for you, and how to exercise. Find out why junk food tastes so good, what food additives and processed food are, and what's in a burger. Includes simple recipes for healthy snacks and burgers, ideas for exercise, information on food labels and advertising, and how food is grown. |

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| 1820 | Wicked's way Fienberg, Anna | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781743319901 | From an early age, Will could walk a tightrope and juggle bananas. His mother told him that, one day, he would be the star of a circus. But, until then, Will must be kept a secret because, each year, pirates come to the islands to steal young boys for their crew. But, when his mother disappears and pirates arrive at his door, Will takes courage from a crazy, truth-telling parrot and his mother's advice. But, this may not be enough to survive the perils at sea. And, Will will have to do something about that infuriatingly polite boy, Horrendo. |
| 18701 | Widow's broom, The Van Allsburg, Chris | Houghton Mifflin | 1992 | 9780395640517 | A witch's broom is left at a widow's house and it gradually takes over all the tasks. The people in the local village decide the broom is evil and needs to be destroyed. In response, the widow and the broom fight back. |
| 601802 | Wilam: A Birrarung story Murphy, Aunty Joy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill) | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781925381764 | As ngua rises, Bunjil soars over mountain ash, flying higher and higher as the wind warms. Below, Birrarung begins its long winding path down to palem warreen. Wilam - home. In this stunning picture book by Indigenous artist Lisa Kennedy, respected Elder Aunty Joy Murphy and Yarra Riverkeeper Andrew Kelly tell the Indigenous and geographical story of Melbourne's beautiful Yarra river, from its source to its mouth, from its pre-history to the present day. Wilam is an ode to Australian rivers, the flora and fauna that live on them, and the function they perform as a part of modern day life and brings Aboriginal life, culture and language right in to the heart of the city. |
| 855865 | Wild Australian Life Cronin, Leonard & Nixon, Chris (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760637224 | More than one million animal species make their homes in Australia- from the deepest oceans to the top of mountains and the harshest deserts. How do they survive Discover the remarkable stories behind some of the world's most extraordinary creature in this must-have collection for every Australian family. |
| 7689 | Wild one, The Hartnett, Sonya | Penguin | 2014 | 9780670076970 | Charlie met the wild one when he was young. They caught tadpoles and watched spiders. As Charlie grows up, he forgets the wild one, until he grows much older. |
| 6075 | Wild robot escapes, The Brown, Peter | Piccadilly Press | | 9781848127517 | Roz is not a normal robot. She is a wild robot who has lived with animals her entire life. Roz has even adopted and raised a baby gosling named Brightbill. But Roz has been taken away from her home and been forced to work for humans like a normal robot. Now Roz must find a way to escape her confines and be reunited with her son. Will she be able to escape the prying eyes of humans and a gang of robots following her every move? |

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| 708559 | Wild robot, The Brown, Peter | Little, Brown & Co | 2016 | 9781848127272 | Unlike the other robots who washed ashore, Roz survived. Activated but alone and unsure of what to do, she works to understand the animals around her and how to survive. Survival is not enough for Roz. She also wants to learn how to make friends and become a part of life on the island but her robot makers might stand in the way. |
| 18702 | Wild wind Forrestal, Elaine | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143300717 | When a cyclone strikes the vineyard, the four cousins are in the homestead alone. They are without power and the phone line is down when they see a large dog-like creature attacking the chickens. |
| 660517 | WildLives: 50 extraordinary animals that made history Lerwill, Ben & Walsh, Sarah (ill) | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2019 | 9781788005098 | Extraordinary true tales of many amazing animals who have achieved great things. |
| | Wildwood trilogy series Meloy, Colin & Ellis, Carson (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. |
| 19990 | William Bligh: A stormy story of tempestuous times Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill) | Berbay Publishing | 2016 | 9780994289568 | You may have heard of the famous mutiny on the ship, the Bounty, or the Rum Rebellion coup. They are two extraordinary events in Australia's history, yet the details in and around these events are largely unknown. Peel back the layers of this incredible and controversial period in Australia's early development. |
| 120053 | William the conqueror Drummond, Allan & Nguyen, Du-Tran (ill) | Green Barrow Publishing | 2008 | 9781876460044 | Details the life of William the Conqueror from birth to death. Lots of good battles and interesting characters. |
| 570156 | William Wenton and the luridium thief Peers, Bobbie | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406371703 | After the mysterious disappearance of his grandfather William and his parents have been living in hiding in Norway since. William has a gift for cracking codes. He is kidnapped and taken to the Institute for Post-Human Research. The Institute was jointly founded by his missing grandfather. A thrilling adventure with action and mysteries at all turns. |
| 23001 | William Wenton and the secret portal Peers, Bobbie | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406371710 | Racing around the world using the latest of technology from the Institute of Post Human Research William must try to prevent the opening of a cryptoportal. Using all his skills and luck William will face the most impossible of codes and robotics in this series. |
| 464 | Willow tree's daughter, The Freeman, Pamela | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9781864488562 | Max escapes being made a king and marries Salizia, a tree dryad. Their daughter, Betony, has magic powers. |

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| 587744 | Willow tree's daughter, The Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9781863736916 | With a king for a father and a tree spirit for a mother, Betony is a reluctant princess who prefers the simple, outdoor life. This is the story of her life at the palace, her adventures with wizards, hobgoblins, unicorns and dragons, and her love for the gardener's apprentice. |
| 782493 | Wind in the willows, The: graphic novel Punter, Russell & Bonet, Xavier (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474968867 | When Mole pops his head out of the ground one fine, spring morning, his friend Rat introduces him to the world of the riverbank and its most famous resident, the exuberant Mr. Toad. Mole soon finds himself caught up in Toad's mischievous exploits, culminating in a battle for Toad Hall itself. |
| 466 | Window Baker, Jeannie | Walker Books | 2002 | 9780744594867 | A book without words showing the growth and development of a child and his environment. Superb collages tell the story. |
| 587745 | Windrider Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9781863739283 | This story centres on Princess Betony, half human, half dryad. When the great dragon Windrider bewitches her father, King Max, she journeys to the high country to obtain his release. With the help of her friends, Basil and Clover, she tries to achieve her aim without changing into a wood-nymph. |
| 15331 | Wings Chataway, Carol & Lee, Declan (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734405081 | When her parents go away, Saffy is not at all happy about staying with her boring Aunt Joesa. Things soon become far from boring when Saffy's aunt begins to undergo a bizarre and life-altering change. |
| 17434 | Wings Huber, Raymond | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781921720208 | Ziggy has a new mission. He travels to Japan to find out what is causing the bees of Tokyo to disappear. But, the big city is not a friendly place for a honey bee. While investigating, Ziggy comes across a colony of honey bees with a very different way of protecting their hive, and a new, terrifying enemy, the huge hornet, Torgo, and his gang. |
| | Wings of fire graphic novel series Sutherland, Tui T & Holmes, Mike (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. |
| | Wings of fire 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. |
| 4877 | Winnie the Pooh Milne, A A | Egmont Childrens | 1998 | 9780749702106 | The classic tales of Christopher Robin's beloved bear and his pals, Tigger and Eeyore. |

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| 467 | Winning back dad Bone, Ian | Walker Books | 2000 | 9780744572919 | A boy takes on a challenge to stop his father from being depressed after he has to sell his truck. |
| 751145 | Winterborne Home for mayhem and mystery Carter, Ally | Hachette Australia | 2021 | 9780734419187 | April and her four young friends are an unusual bunch, but since coming to live at the Winterborne Home for orphans, they've become a family. Head of this crew is Gabriel - the last Winterborne and heir to the family home, as well as the family legacy. This means Gabriel is The Sentinel, sworn to protect the city. But when Gabriel goes missing once again, April is the one who has to step up to unmask the fakes, protect her new family, and keep everyone together when everything is working to tear them apart. |
| 895469 | Wintrish girl, The La'Brooy, Melanie | University of Queensland Press | 2022 | 9780702265631 | Although knot-bonded to a princess, Wintrish girl Penn is ineligible for a Talisman that would give her special powers and reveal her destiny. She is doomed to a lonely life as a servant and outcast. When sinister events start to occur, Penn must trust her new friends and believe in herself if she is to counter dangerous enemies with terrifying powers. What can an ordinary Wintrish girl do, because without a Talisman, there is no changing your fate ... is there? |
| 568011 | Wish for a witch Umansky, Kaye & King, Ashley (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2018 | 9781471160936 | Elsie Pickles has returned to her mundane life after living for a week with unconventional witch, Magenta Sharp. She loves her family and her dad's shop, but life is seeming rather dull until her magical friend needs her help again. Will Elsie be able to help Magenta save her magic licence and deal with some wayward magical creatures? |
| 6363 | Wish pony, The Bateson, Catherine | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741663242 | Ruby has had her mum and dad and best friend, Sarah, to herself for as long as she can remember. Now everything is changing because her mum is having a baby and her best friend has found a better friend. She wishes things could be back to how they were. Ruby learns that we must be careful what we wish for. |
| 1776 | Wishbird, The Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin | 2013 | 9780143307525 | Oriole's beloved Wishbird is dying and she must leave the forest to save him. But in the City of Soulless there is danger everywhere. Can Oriole and Boy save Soulless and the Wishbird, or will the city's darkness prove too great even for magic. |

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| 571657 | Wisp Fraillon, Zana & Baker Smith, Grahame | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9780734418043 | Idris is a child refugee, born into a world of tents and fences. He has known no other life than this. He has no memories of the world outside. Then the Wisp arrives, floating in on the evening breeze. Everyone who holds it finds their memories reawakened, their hopes of freedom reborn. But what about Idris, who has no memories? What will happen when he holds the magical Wisp? |
| 7720 | Witch baby and me at school Gliori, Debi | Corgi Books | 2009 | 9780552556774 | Lily's sister, Daisy, is one year old and she's no ordinary baby. When she was born, something went wrong and Daisy is a Witch Baby. Nobody knows this but Lily. She's the only one who can see Daisy make the fridge float in the air or turn people into slugs. It's time for Lily to start at her new school. It will be hard enough being the new girl and, then, there's Daisy. |
| 5181 | Witch for a week Umansky, Kaye & King, Ashley (ill) | Simon & Schuster | 2017 | 9781471160905 | When Elsie offers to house sit the home of local witch Magenta she has no idea what she's getting herself into. Left with a talking raven and a scruffy dog for company, a magical tower that has a mind of its own and a book of instructions what could possibly go wrong? But Elsie soon finds out that looking after Magenta's home isn't as easy as she first thought. Does she have what it takes to be a witch for a week? |
| 4905 | Witches, The Dahl, Roald | Puffin UK | 2004 | 9780141311395 | The scary, funny and imaginative tale of a seven year old boy who has a run-in with some real-life witches. |
| | Witness to disaster series Fradin, Judy & Dennis | | | | 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. |
| 751137 | Wizzard in my shed, The: The Misadventures of Merdyn the Wild Barnaby, Simon & Powell, Claire (ill) | Hachette Australia | 2020 | 9781444954388 | Merdyn the Wild is from the Dark ages but banished to the 21st century for bad behaviour. He's the greatest Warlock of all time. He will tell you to bow down before him or feel his wrath. He's about to cause problems for 12 year old Rose, who is on a mission to mend her broken family and has no intention of bowing down before anyone. And then, there's Bubbles. He's Rose's guinea pig. He just poos a lot. |

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| 4910 | Wizard of Oz, The Baum, Frank L | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261121 | Dorothy thinks she is lost forever when a terrifying tornado crashes through Kansas and whisks her and her dog, Toto, far away to the magical land of Oz. To get home, Dorothy must follow the yellow brick road to Emerald City and find the wonderfully mysterious Wizard of Oz. With her companions, the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion, Dorothy embarks on a strange and enchanting adventure. |
| 751061 | Wizard of Oz, The: Graphic novel Punter, Russell & Bursi, Simona (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2020 | 9781474968850 | After Dorothy's house is carried off by a tornado, she finds herself in the strange and magical Land of Oz. With the help of her new friends the Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion, she must persuade the Wizard of Oz to help her get back to Kansas. L. Frank Baum's timeless fantasy is beautifully recreated in this enchanting graphic novel. |
| | Wolf girl series Various | | | | Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen. |
| 6307 | Wolf wilder, The Rundell, Katherine & Ongbico, Gelrev (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781408872352 | In Russia, Feodora and her mother are wolf wilders. A wolf wilder trains domesticated wolves to fend for themselves in the wild. When her mother is taken captive and her own life is threatened, Feo flees to the woods, with her three precious wolves and a young trainee soldier, on a journey to save her mother. As a furious General Rakov pursues them across the snow, Feo must learn from her wolves how to survive. |
| 825503 | Wolf's howl, The Tait, A L | Penguin | 2021 | 9781761041792 | On a secret mission Maven and Reeve find themselves at the far flung and gloomy Glawn Castle while Sir Garrick secretly searches for supporters of the rebellion. While in this hostile landscape a cook goes missing and the Airl's personal guards take more than a passing interest in the disappearance. Danger looms and the potential for discovery grows. Can Maven and Reeve solve the mystery? Or will they be unmasked and sentenced with treason? |
| 12420 | Wolfchild Hawke, Rosanne | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404824 | In the lost land of Lyonnese in 1099, Raw struggles to learn how to trust while Morwenna has to choose between friendship and rules. |
| 12933 | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: musical genius Ross, Stewart | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780750243216 | Mozart, a child prodigy who was composing music at five years of age, is recognised as one of the greatest composers of all time. Photographs, quotations and a glossary of terms provide an insight into Mozart's life. |

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| 12330 | Wolfspell Ciddor, Anna | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781741140132 | The second book in the 'Viking Magic' series combining adventure, magic, fantasy and historical detail. Young heroes, Oddo and Thora, join together on a dangerous journey to foil a greedy neighbour and save their families from eviction. |
| 4006 | Wombat warriors Wheeler, Samantha | University of Queensland Press | 2017 | 9780702259586 | When Mouse's parents head away to Ireland she is packed off to spend the winter in South Australia with her Aunt Evie. But what Mouse thought was going to be a dull winter turns into an adventure she never expected. When Mouse makes friends with the local wombats she couldn't be happier but as she learns more about her new surroundings she finds out that others don't feel as kindly towards the cuddly wombats as she does. Desperate to save the wombats from farmers whose fences the wombats destroy, Mouse begins a journey that will change not only her life but the lives of people and wombats everywhere. |
| 5190 | Women in science: 50 fearless pioneers who changed the world Ignotofsky, Rachel | Penguin | 2017 | 9781607749769 | Do you love science? Do you love technology? Do you love engineering? Do you love maths? Well, let's check out 50 famous women scientists from the ancient and modern world. Like the Greek mathematician, philosopher, and astronomer, Hypatia; Marie Curie, a physicist and chemist; biologist Rachel Carson; primatologist Jane Goodall; and lots more famous women scientists! |
| 5317 | Women in sports: 50 fearless athletes who played to win Ignotofsky, Rachel | Penguin | 2017 | 9781607749783 | Do you love sports? Well, let's check out 50 famous women athletes like tennis player Billie Jean King; gymnast Simone Biles; skateboarding pioneer Patti McGee; Toni Stone, the first woman to play baseball in a men's professional league; the Bloomer Girls; Skate Bettys and lots more famous female athletes! |
| | Wonder series Palacio, R J | | | | 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. |
| 37649 | Wonderling, The Bartok, Mira | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406370645 | Have you been unexpectedly burdened by a recently orphaned or unclaimed creature? Worry not! We have just the solution for you! Welcome to the Home for Wayward and Misbegotten Creatures, an institution run by evil Miss Carbunkle, a cunning villainess who believes her terrified young charges exist only to serve and suffer. Part animal and part human, the groundlings toil in classroom and factory, forbidden to enjoy anything regular children have, most particularly singing and music. |

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| 705661 | Wonderscape Bell, Jennifer | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406391725 | When Arthur, Ren and Cecily investigate a mysterious explosion, they find themselves trapped in the year 2473. Lost in the Wonderscape, an epic in-reality adventure game, they must call on the help of some unlikely historical heroes to play their way home before time runs out. |
| 25070 | Wonderstruck Selznick, Brian | Scholastic US | 2011 | 9780545027892 | Ben and Rose secretly wish their lives were different. Ben longs for the father he has never known. Rose dreams of a mysterious actress whose life she chronicles in a scrapbook. When Ben discovers a puzzling clue in his mother's room and Rose reads an enticing headline, both children set out alone to find what they are missing. Set fifty years apart, Ben's story is told in words while Rose's story is told in pictures. |
| 983575 | Woodwitch McKenna, Skye | Welbeck Publishing | 2023 | 9781801301091 | Cassie has settled into life in Hedgely when, out of the blue, her troubled cousin, Sebastian, comes to stay for Hallowe'en. Sneering and scornful, Sebastian trails after Cassie and her friends, interfering with their coven projects and belittling the dangers of the faery world. But Cassie, Rue and Tabitha have bigger problems - as the nights grow longer, a dark shadow creeps out of the Hedge and villagers start behaving strangely, possessed with the desire to find a mysterious object. When the Hedgewitch is called away, the girls decide to investigate and discover that whoever is controlling the villagers is seeking a faery relic: an ancient and dangerous weapon, hidden somewhere in the village. Their magical training will be put to the test as they venture deeper into the Hedge and race to find the faery treasure before it falls into the hands of the Erl King. |
| 15332 | Woolly jumpers Hilton, Nette | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407573 | When his family move to the country, Mike is convinced that life will be very boring. Two renegade sheep, a snake and some chooks soon prove him wrong. |
| 783671 | Word smith: The competition Kok, Stephen & Dedelis, P.R & Freeman, Peyton (ill) | TL Creative | 2020 | 9780994289988 | The war of words is coming up. Victoria is the very best Word Smith in the city. But will she be knocked off the top place by the competitive Mei Lei? |
| 833169 | Work it, girl: Rule the music scene like queen Beyonce Knowles Moss, Caroline & Erkas, Sinem (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2021 | 9780711249462 | Young Beyonce Knowles was a shy girl who dreamed of being a star. With bravery and determination, she has elevated herself from dance student to international icon. Now she's inspired millions through the power of her voice. |

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| 39186 | Workhouse, a Victorian girl's diary 1871 Oldfield, Pamela | Scholastic UK | 2008 | 9781407104805 | It's January 1871 when Edith, the sheltered daughter of a wealthy widow, pays her first eventful visit to the workhouse for the poor. There, she meets Rosie, a rebellious, quick-tempered orphan who is always getting into trouble. Edith soon finds herself drawn into Rosie's wild schemes and both their lives are never the same again. |
| 49276 | World according to Warren, The Silvey, Craig & Martinez, Sonia (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2007 | 9781920731212 | Warren is a guide dog for his blind mistress, Eleanor Rigby. He is fiercely aware of his own importance and nobility. See the world, especially busy inner city streets, through Warren's eyes, and also through various media, such as cinema advertising, comic books and dream states. |
| 12685 | World heritage sites in Australia: Sydney Opera House, Gondwana Rainforests, Blue Mountains and more... Millen, Ellen | Redback Publishing | 2017 | 9781925630152 | From the ancient Willandra Lakes, through to colonial buildings, natural sites and the world renowned Sydney Opera House, New South Wales is the proud custodian of some of Australia's most iconic World Heritage Sites. Discover how these sites are managed so that the competing demands of tourists, wilderness and wildlife are all satisfied while still preserving the sites for the future. |
| 22605 | World of supersaurs, The: Raptors of paradise Burrige, Jay Jay & West, Chris (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781786968074 | Enter a place where dinosaurs and raptors are not extinct but co-exist with humans. As Bea Kingsley adventures to remote Indonesia with her grandmother and godfather to see these marvellous creatures, she encounters more excitement than she was expecting. The 11 year old mystery of her missing parents begins to unravel as Bea and her family fight for survival. |
| 59493 | World War 1: 1914 - 1918 Brasch, Nicolas | Pearson Education Australia | 2009 | 9781740705981 | See history through the eyes of the everyday Australians who lived it, featuring interviews, diary and journal entries, newspaper articles and official documents, sometimes presenting differing points of view. |
| | World War I tales series Deary, Terry | | | | 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. |
| 2681 | World's best Karlson, The Lindgren, Astrid & Ross, Tony (ill) | Oxford University Press | 2009 | 9780192727732 | On the ordinary roof of an ordinary house lives an extraordinary man called Karlson. He's the world's best at everything, or so he says. Best of all, he has a propeller on his back and can fly. |

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| | World's worst 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. |
| 18453 | World-wide waste Trafford, Caren | Etram Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780958187824 | Through humour, environmental waste issues are discussed featuring simple, easily understood text and cartoon-style drawings. |
| 67847 | Worlds next door Wessely, Tehani (ed) | FableCroft Publishing | 2010 | 9780980777017 | Let your imagination wander and wonder. Science fiction, fantasy, humour and horror feature in twenty-five diverse, short stories by well-known and new Australian authors. |
| 35058 | Worldshaker Harland, Richard | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741757095 | Worldshaker, a gigantic mobile city, is cruising the world, wreaking ecological havoc. It's a relic of Victorian England, with a Queen and class system of lords above and Filthies below. Col has been chosen as the next Supreme Commander but with the escape of a girl, Filthy Col's safe, elite world is about to fall apart. |
| 9505 | Worm's eye view Trafford, Caren | Etram Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780646415888 | The history of the humble worm is traced by Wilbursaurus Junior, Wilbur Worm, from the time of the dinosaurs, including a period during the Industrial Revolution when worms were under threat of extinction. |
| 705098 | Worse things Murphy, Sally & Davis, Sarah (ill) | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651657 | When you're part of the team the sideline is a place of refuge of rest of reprieve. But when you're out of the team the sideline changes. Suddenly it's the loneliest place of them all. After a devastating football injury, Blake struggles to cope with life on the sideline. Jolene, a gifted but conflicted hockey player, wants nothing more than for her dad to come home. And soccer-loving refugee, Amed, wants to belong. On the surface, it seems they have nothing in common. Except sport. A touching and inspirational story about the things that bind us all. |
| 9249 | Worst band in the universe, The Base, Graeme | Penguin | 2000 | 9780140565874 | A poetic narrative involving Sprocc, an alien, and his struggle for freedom of expression. |
| 472 | Worst team ever, The Gwynne, Phillip & Smith, Craig (ill) | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141305103 | Country boy, Jimmy, boasts about his prowess in the game of Australian Rules football and is accepted into a city team. |
| 69312 | Wow human body Walker, Richard | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405353465 | Crammed full of amazing photographs, graphics and information about the human body, its parts and how they work. |
| 51816 | Wow Space Stott, Carole | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405353472 | Crammed full of facts and photographs about gargantuan galaxies, astounding asteroids and big black holes. Everything you want to know about what's out in space. |

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| 473 | Wow: amazing science facts & trivia Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon | ABC Books | 2002 | 9780733307478 | A collection of scientific facts in chapters, illustrated with cartoons. |
| 22076 | Wow: Earth Dorling Kindersley | Dorling Kindersley | 2009 | 9781405341578 | A visually amazing encyclopaedia all about Earth. Crammed full of incredible stuff to dip into, from magnificent meteorites to cool caves, crystals and coral reefs, all revealed in an exciting and totally different way. It's like a museum, a search engine and the world's most exciting geography field trip, all rolled into one. |
| 22018 | Wow: the visual encyclopaedia of everything Dorling Kindersley | Dorling Kindersley | 2008 | 9781405322485 | Through visually stunning graphics and photographs, discover everything you've ever wanted to know about nature, the human body, science and technology, space, earth, people and places, history, art and culture. Every spread explores an encyclopaedic subject in a unique way. Pour over amazing images and pick up fascinating facts and figures in bite-sized chunks. |
| 475 | Wrinkle in time, A L'Engle, Madeleine | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9780440498056 | Meg, her brother, Charles, and Calvin, their best friend, search for Meg's scientist father. An unearthly visitor takes them on a fantastic voyage to rescue him. |
| 476 | Wunambi the water snake O'Brien, May L & Wyatt, Sue (ill) | Aboriginal Studies Press | 2000 | 9780855752231 | When the children disturb old Wunambi, the giant water snake, there is big trouble ahead. |
| 877962 | Wylah the Koorie warrior Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill) | Albert Street Books | 2022 | 9781761180033 | Meet Wylah: warrior, hero and friend. Her adventures have been 40,000 years in the making! Wylah is brave, clever and strong-willed, and all her best friends are giant megafauna animals. But she isn't a warrior. Not yet, anyway. Then comes the day when her family is stolen by the dragon army, and her life is forever changed. She must find the courage to set out on a journey to save them. What will it take for Wylah to become a warrior, like her Grandmother before her? Introducing an unforgettable cast of characters, Wylah The Koorie Warrior is a heart-stopping and imaginative adventure, inspired by First Nations history and grounded in culture. |
| 977252 | Wylah the Koorie warrior: Custodians Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2023 | 9781761180040 | Wylah has already accomplished the unbelievable feat of uniting the five Guardians, but her journey is far from over. Together with her megafauna friends, she must travel through the treacherous and forbidden Valley of the Spirits to face off against the Dragon Army. Can Wylah defeat the perils that lay ahead and become the ultimate Koorie Warrior? |

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| 1133720 | Wylah the Koorie warrior: Protectors Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2024 | 9781761180798 | Wylah is finally the Koorie Warrior, but her troubles are far from over! Her family and people are still prisoners of the cruel Dragon Army, and animals and children are disappearing. Faced with new responsibilities and a dangerous new adversary, can Wylah rise to the challenge and become the leader and protector her people need? |
| | X-zone 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. |
| 903298 | Xavier in the meantime Gordon, Kate | Yellow Brick Books | 2022 | 9780645218091 | Xavier knows he has depression. But he also knows he has friends and family who support him. When Xavier thinks of a way to support kids like him he knows he will need lots of help to make his plan succeed. Life is full of challenges and Xavier, with the help of his best friend Astor, knows he can make a difference! |
| 885157 | Xenoflight McKenzie, Nean | MidnightSun Publishing | 2022 | 9780987226518 | A delightful adventure fantasy set in rural Australia which follows 13 year old Carla on a journey to find her estranged father who she has never met. The story is full of mythical creatures who Carla meets along the way and the more creatures she meets the more questions she has about her past. |
| 641668 | Yakanarra day, A Yakanarra Community School | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2013 | 9781378540602 | A Yakanarra Day reflects the beautiful small community located in the foothills of the St George Ranges between the Fitzroy River and the Great Sandy Desert, in Central Kimberley, Western Australia. It was written and illustrated by the senior students of Yakanarra Community School and has been translated into Walmajarri, with the help of school teachers and local elders |
| 641685 | Yakanarra dogs, The Yakanarra Community School | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2013 | 9781230189567 | There are lots of dogs in Yakanarra. Hunting dogs, swimming dogs, spotty dogs and much more. The students of Yakanarra Community School have written and illustrated this gorgeous book that reflects the beautiful small community located in the foothills of the St George Ranges between the Fitzroy River and the Great Sandy Desert, in Central Kimberley, Western Australia. It has been translated into Walmajarri, with the help of school teachers and local elders. |

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| 7094 | Yakanarra song book: About our place in Walmajarri and English Moora, Jessie Wamarla & Vanbee, Mary Purnjurr & Yakanarra Community School | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2017 | 9780994465443 | In this fabulous book are fourteen songs, ten in Walmajarri language about four in English, all beautifully illustrated by the kids from the Yakanarra Community School. There are songs about how the Walmajarri come to Yakanarra, their special places, the animals and birds and the sounds that they make, hunting, fishing and collecting bush food, and more. The songs, sung to the tunes of well known classics, were written to help the kids at Yakanarra speak Walmajarri, but this is a book to be treasured and enjoyed by everyone. |
| 677705 | Year the maps changed, The Binks, Danielle | Hachette Australia | 2020 | 9780734419712 | The year is 1999, the year Winifred's world and perspectives are turned upside down. Her grandfather is in a rehabilitation home after a fall, and now her adoptive father's new girlfriend and her son, Sam, have come to live with them. What's worse, now there is a baby on the way. Where does she possibly fit in now? But when 400 Kosovar-Albanian refugees arrive in her town escaping their war-torn homes, she quickly begins to understand and appreciate the importance of family and compassion when she and the visitors experience a year of change that they will never forget. |
| 660431 | Year we fell from space, The King, Amy Sarig | Text Publishing Co | 2019 | 9781922268853 | At 12 years old, Liberty already has a lot of changes in front of her, including her approaching start at high school, but her parent's separation and divorce makes it feel as if her life is crashing to earth. Neither of her parents speak openly about what is happening or why, which leaves Liberty to understand her dad's depression and her own reaction to this huge life change. |
| 12940 | Yellow-eye Spillman, David & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Era Publications | 2001 | 9781863746076 | The Yellow-eye fish are becoming scarce. Neither the Impatjara Aboriginal community nor the Newmob white community can find the answer alone. Through communication, both cultures approach the problem together. |
| 846270 | Yesterday Crumb and the storm in a teacup Sagar, Andy | Hachette Australia | 2022 | 9781510109483 | Yesterday Crumb has always felt cursed because of the fox ears she was born with. She is forced to work in a circus as her parents are a complete mystery. When she is rescued by Miss Dumpling and her magical, walking teashop, Yesterday learns she is a strangeling who has lost her magic. Surrounded by fantastical customers, a flying teapot turtle and incredible friends Yesterday rediscovers her powers and finally starts to feel like she might belong. But a mysterious figure of darkness is working hard to make sure her new life comes crashing down by tricking her and placing a deadly shard of ice in her heart. Adventure and magic await in every teacup. |

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| 660421 | Yinti's desert dog Lowe, Pat & Pike, Jimmy | Magabala Books | 2019 | 9781925936902 | Spinifex the dingo thought that she would be killed, but she was adopted into Yinti's family. She learnt how to hunt and cared for the family she lived with. She travels with her new family and experiences adventures with them. This is the story of her family, her travels and adventures with them - all through her eyes and senses. A fabulous tale that shares how a dingo behaves and lives, while also sharing the lives of the family she bonds with. The next story of Yinti's life and family from a different perspective. |
| 477 | Yinti: desert child Lowe, Pat & Pike, Jimmy (ill) | Magabala Books | 1992 | 9781875641017 | Yinti, an Aboriginal child, growing up in the Western Australian desert, has no contact with white people until the last chapter of the book. |
| 7079 | Yirara mix book, The Yirara College | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2015 | 9780992478056 | Here are our deadly poems and stories. They talk about life, adventures, hard times and happy times. They are powerful, intelligent, funny and sometimes scary. You'll want to read them again and again. The Yirara Mix Book is a collection of short stories and poems from young Indigenous writers from Yarara College in Alice Springs. |
| 92064 | Yirra and her deadly dog, Demon Heiss, Anita | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320392 | Demon is a disaster zone, causing havoc wherever he goes. Yirra has to find a way to train Demon or she will be forced to give him away. |
| 2857 | Yong: The journey of an unworthy son Brian, Janeen | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925126297 | Thirteen year old Yong doesn't want to leave his home in China to travel to the Australian goldfields in Ballarat. But, as the firstborn son, he has no choice. On the long and treacherous journey, Yong strives to be an honourable son, while he and his father face many hardships and dangers. But, in his heart, Yong knows the shameful truth. His honour is a lie. Somehow, Yong must find the courage to face what lies ahead. |
| 751003 | Yorick and Bones Tankard, Jeremy & Tankard, Hermione (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780062854315 | Poor Yorick, all but a skeleton, is woken by a mysterious potion spilt on the ground. Rescued by a little white dog, Bones, Yorick begins his life above ground, slowly realising life as a skeleton is not without some challenges. |
| 660371 | You can change the world Bell, Lucy | Pantera Press | 2019 | 9781925700527 | Kids are on a mission to make our Earth a better, safer, happier place, and you can join in! Every day, we see a problem we would like to fix. A piece of rubbish in a green, grassy park. Plastic water bottles buried in the sand at the beach. A garbage bin overflowing onto the street, and much more. This book gives the reader simple and mostly free ways to better a more environmentally aware human. |

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| 902465 | You can do it Rashford, Marcus & Anka, Carl | MacMillan | 2022 | 9781035005598 | Marcus Rashford the famous football player from England gives a empowering story of finding your identity and making a difference in the world. His powerful messages of being kind to yourself and others provides practical and empowering messages for young adults to be happy in their own skin. |
| 616658 | You don't know everything, Jilly P Gino, Alex | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780545956246 | Jilly P is just starting year 7 and is a confident and happy girl with good friends in real life and in the chat site devoted to her favourite fantasy books. When her baby sister is born deaf, she reaches out to her deaf and Black friend Derek for insight. Jilly begins to realise the diverse challenges others face and how difficult it can be to really understand others. |
| 109957 | You have ghost mail Blacker, Terence & Stower, Adam (ill) | MacMillan | 2003 | 9780330396998 | Matthew has a new computer and he finds that someone who died fifty years ago is trying to communicate with him through this technology. Every real adventure has its funny, scary and desperate turns but this one has a startling twist. |
| 478 | You kids, count your shadows: hairy men and other Aboriginal folklore in New South Wales Povah, Frank | self-published | 1997 | 9780646346731 | A collection of stories, taken from interviews, which gives an insight into the knowledge and ancient beliefs of the Aboriginal people in NSW. |
| 15376 | You wouldn't want to be a slave in ancient Greece Macdonald, Fiona & Antram, David (ill) | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2001 | 9780750232531 | Through humour, this book provides snapshots of ancient Greece from a slave's point of view. |
| 3792 | You're history, mate Stafford, Paul & Nagle, Shane (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741662764 | Among all those legendary Australian bushrangers, stoic explorers and genius inventors, surely there must have been some losers. This book has all the dingbats, dropkicks, dills, duds and disasters in Australian history, from the explorer who claimed to have found an enormous reef of gold then lost it again to the ugliest, least successful and unluckiest colonial bushranger ever. |
| 479 | Young bloods Wakefield, Kerry | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140383805 | Australian Rules football features in this story of Deet, a boy who decides to wreak havoc on the local football club. |
| 4932 | Young magicians and the thieves' almanac, The Mohammed, Nick | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2017 | 9780141376998 | Zack, Sophie, Johnny and Alex have their holiday all planned, they want to learn about card tricks and picking locks at the world famous Magic Circle Club. Suddenly their plans vanish in a puff of smoke when they have to deal with a difficult club president, a stagehand ghost and a crime right under their noses. Join these young magicians as they step inside an adventure that may or may not involve the search for a secret book and a set of impossible crimes. |
| 17542 | Young Murphy Crew, Gary & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407801 | John Murphy was fifteen years old when he joined Leichhardt's ill-conceived expedition of discovery into northern Australia in 1844. |

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| | Zac Power and Zac Power Extreme missions series Larry, H I | | | | 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. |
| 12341 | Zac's PB Stanford, Michael | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780733616624 | Zac isn't sure if he is good enough to be a sports star. To find out, he goes to the Institute of Sporting Dreams where he discovers golf, baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer and the fact, it doesn't matter if you don't win as long as you do your best. |
| 871661 | Zadie Ma and the dog who chased the moon Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761046513 | Zadie Ma is a girl who writes magical stories that sometimes come true. One day she starts to write about rescuing a poor unwanted dog called Jupiter. Can Zadie bring to life her most important story of all where she finds Jupiter, the dog of her dreams? This book will make you believe in the power of stories, courage and friendship, just like Zadie. |
| 23094 | Zita the Spacegirl: Graphic Novel Hatke, Ben | MacMillan | 2011 | 9781596434462 | When her best friend is abducted by an alien doomsday cult, Zita leaps to the rescue and finds herself a stranger on a strange planet. Humanoid chickens and neurotic robots are shocking enough as new experiences go, but Zita is even more surprised to find herself taking on the role of intergalactic hero. Before long, aliens in all shapes and sizes don't even phase her. Neither do ancient prophecies, doomed planets, or even a friendly con man who takes a mysterious interest in Zita's quest. |
| 26569 | Zobi and the zoox: A story of coral bleaching Wild, Ailsa & Reed, Avivia & Barr, Briony & Crocetti, Gregory | CSIRO | 2018 | 9781486309603 | With her home under threat from a warming ocean, Zobi, a brave rhizobia bacterium, teams up with a family of slow but steady zoox (zooxanthellae). As the coral bleaves, everyone begins to starve ... Can Zobi and the zoox work together to stave the day? A beautifully illustrated science-adventure story set on the Great Barrier Reef. |
| 750939 | Zoe, Max and the Bicycle Bus Herrick, Steven | University of Queensland Press | 2020 | 9780702263002 | The students of 5D are all getting to know each other and their new teacher who is a passionate cyclist. With their teacher's help, the students gradually get permission from their parents to ride to school each day, but not everyone is a confident rider and the road leading into the school is not safe due to a lack of bike lane. Zoe and Max think they might have a solution to this problem, but it might get them in trouble! |

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| 846117 | Zombies vs the Illuminati Larkin, John & Lin, Matt (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2021 | 9781925804874 | Three 12-year-old boys and the world's sassiest teenage girl join forces to defeat the zombie hordes before the world is plunged into a new Dark Age. The quartet's weapons of choice? A light-sabre that doesn't have any batteries, a sack of doorknobs, and a non-existent Pegasus. What could possibly go wrong? |
| 3910 | Zoo of magical and mythological creatures, The Bowring, Sam | Pan MacMillan | 2009 | 9780330424752 | Twelve year old Zackary s a disappointment to his parents, the King and Queen of Zedge. He as failed with the Artists, the Scholars and the Knights so is sent to work reckoning cutlery and kitchen utensils. When Zackary stumbles across an adventurous job as sorcerer's assistant in the Zoo of Magical and Mythological Creatures, he must survive the most dangerous and destructive creature the zoo has ever seen. |