



K-9 Booklist - New

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

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

PRC ID	Title/Author	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Level	Annotations
1060962	Big magic Armstrong, Sarah	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2022	9781760508432	5-6	Eleven-year-old Tulsı comes from a long line of women magicians, but her mother has always forbidden her to learn Big Magic. It's dangerous, thrilling, and powerful - and Tulsı wants it more than anything. But one hot summer's night, a magic trick goes horribly wrong, and her mother disappears. Only one person can bring her back, and that is Tulsı. But first, she'll have to learn a lifetime's worth of Big Magic - in just one month. It's an impossible task, especially when her teacher - her strange grandmother, Sylvie - was long ago banned from doing any Big Magic at all. Tulsı is determined to save her mum, but does she have what it takes? And where, exactly, has her mother gone?
873924	Ella at Eden: The London thief Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761123351	5-6	Ella and Grace are off to London to represent Eden College in an international art competition. They'll be staying in a proper English boarding school, and their art will be on show in a real London gallery! But then Grace's artwork goes missing from the exhibit. And so does a multi-million-dollar painting. Are the two thefts connected? Now Ella has two mysteries to solve!

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908523	Ella at Eden: The school spy Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761120787	5-6	There's a new girl in Ella's class and she is all kinds of mean. Even though Ella tries to give her a chance, she is making life difficult for all the Eden girls. To make matters worse, there's a stranger in the school who is clearly up to something. Is Ella's beloved Eden College in danger? And if it is, how can one girl save an entire school from disaster?
1399448	Ella at Eden: The shadow pony Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781761204845	5-6	When the Eden College equestrian team need an extra member, Ella volunteers. She hasn't ridden much, but she loves horses and wants to support her best friend, Zoe. But when Ella joins the team at their equestrian camp, she keeps seeing a mysterious horse on the horizon. Some say he is not real. Others say he is a ghost. Can Ella help ride Eden College to victory and find out who the shadow pony belongs to?
1433882	12 birds of Christmas, The McLeod, Jodie & Short, Eloise (ill)	Wollemi Press	2025	9780646717944	K-2	The 12 Birds of Christmas is a uniquely Australian Christmas carol. Introducing some of our wonderful birds, this book showcases our most Christmassy birds and flowers in this joyful celebration of Christmas in Australia.
1106704	200 minutes of mystery Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760660840	5-6	10 Stories, 10 mysterious situations, 10 brave kids, 20 minutes of clues. Kane's parachute fails during a skydive. Is someone trying to kill him? Fang is investigated by secret police. Can she prove she isn't a traitor? Omar is buried alive in a coffin. How will he escape?
1423952	Adventures of Pongo and Stink, The Nicol, Lisa & Blair, Karen (ill)	Puffin Australia	2025	9781761355691	3-4	A roll-in-the-mud adventure story about two piggies who love food, but bite off more than they can chew.
1383267	Afloat Saunders, Kirli & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Little Hare Books	2024	9781760505899	3-4	Roam the water with me. We are here to learn. Here to spin wisdom, to grow. From award-winning Gunai author Kirli Saunders and seven-time CBCA-winner Freya Blackwood comes Afloat, a story told in a time of climate crisis. Against a backdrop of a changed environment, an Elder leads a child along the waterways, sharing her People's knowledge and gathering community along the way. Afloat is an uplifting and inspiring picture book that uses the practice of weaving as a powerful metaphor for the honouring and teaching of First Nations wisdom, and the coming together of all people to survive, thrive and create a more hopeful future.

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1356331	AI for beginners Hall, Rose & Firth, Rachel & Warburton, Hylton (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805074366	5-6	Artificial Intelligence is all about humans asking computers and other machines to think and even behave like humans, and to take on jobs that people find too difficult or too boring. But how do you actually define the term? What exactly can machines with AI already do, and what might they be able to do in the future? AI For Beginners answers all the questions - where answers exist - and raises debating points at every turn about what it all means. Should we be asking machines to do creative tasks, such as writing and illustrating books? Do we need to worry if intelligent machines need to be treated like people? Is there a chance that machines might take over the world, either by accident or on purpose? Is there any point going to school and doing homework if computers can do it all for us, and better?
5216	Akarnae Noni, Lynette	Pantera Press	2015	9781921997501	7-9	Sixteen-year-old Alexandra Jennings is thrust into the fantasy world of Medora after walking through a mysterious doorway on her first day at a new school. Stranded and desperate to return home, she learns only the missing Professor Marselle can help. While waiting, Alex enrolls at Akarnae Academy, a school for gifted teens, where she begins to adapt and make friends. But dark forces stir, and Alex finds herself at the centre of a dangerous mystery. As the fate of the Medorans rests on her shoulders, she must decide: will she risk everything, including her way home to save a world she's just begun to love?
1329959	Alice with a why: Return to Wonderland James, Anna & Land, Matthew (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780008611507	5-6	England, 1919. Alyce, with a Y, lives with her grandmother, the original Alice, having lost her father during the Great War. When a mysterious invitation to a tea party hits her square in the face, Alyce realises her grandmothers strange stories of a place called Wonderland might have some truth to them after all. But the land Alyce finds herself in feels different from the Wonderland of her grandmothers stories, for it is trapped in its own war. The Sun King and the Queen of the Moon are fighting over a stolen hour, and soon Alyce is tasked with setting it right. With the help of the Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and a Sailor Fox, Alyce will have to solve Wonderlands problems and, eventually, find her way back home.

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1426218	All aboard! Discovering Sydney's Central Station French, Jackie & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2025	9781923145382	5-6	ALL ABOARD! Journey through time and discover when Sydney Central station was first created right up until the opening of the modern Sydney Metro. From buildings to passengers, steam to electric, World War Two, overland to underground, this book will bring history and the station to life.
1424074	All about animals Collins	Collins	2025	9780008737535	3-4	All About Animals is great for inquisitive kids who love learning about wildlife. Find out about different types of animals - mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles, their behaviour, diets, and habitats, how ecosystems work, endangered species and wildlife conservation and lots more.
1424077	All about space Collins	Collins	2025	9780008737559	3-4	All About Space is good for inquisitive kids who love learning about the universe. Find out about planets in the solar system, stars and constellations, asteroids, comets, and meteors, spacecraft and space exploration.
895457	All the best liars Kahaney, Amelia	Flatiron Books	2022	9781250312723	9plus	A psychological thriller. Three best friends grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in the stifling California desert desperately seeking a way out. Two weeks before the end of school a fatal fire means nothing will ever be the same. They all will end up escaping. One by dying one by lying and the third by taking the fall. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1046752	All this twisted glory Mafi, Tahereh	electric monkey	2024	9780008625757	9plus	As the long-lost heir to the Jinn throne, Alizeh has finally found her people -- and perhaps her crown. Cyrus, the mercurial ruler of Tulan, has offered her his kingdom in a twisted exchange: one that would begin with their marriage and end with his murder. Cyrus's dark reputation precedes him. killing him should be easy. But despite their best efforts to despise each other, Alizeh and Cyrus are drawn together over and over with an all-consuming thirst that threatens to destroy them both. And then Prince Kamran arrives in Tulan, ready to exact revenge Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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1424093	All your wishes Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761646867	7-9	Fall in love with Two Hearts-romantic fiction for young hearts. Piper is the daughter of two famous Hollywood actors and is sick of being followed by the paparazzi everywhere they go. So when she gets the opportunity to spend six months attending a regular high school, something she's never done before, she grabs it with both hands. Piper moves in with her childhood friends, twins Chloe and Cooper, and they all agree to keep Piper's true identity a secret. Piper finds herself in a confusing new world. The cutest boy at school, Cruz, takes an interest in her, and the coolest girl suddenly wants to become friends. But why? Despite Chloe and Cooper's warnings, Piper is drawn to Cruz and his friends, who she's adamant are not as shallow as they may appear.
1019875	Amanda Commander: The blues day Tuesday Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111266	3-4	When Amanda returns to school after having a sick day, she finds fitting back into the friendship group trickier than she imagined. Amanda makes a plan, with the help of the Dolphin Squad, to go out of their way and include anyone. But when Eve is sick and has a few days off school, how will Amanda ensure Eve doesn't have a blues-day back at school just like she did?
1439368	Amelia Cheeseheart investigates: Mummy mayhem! Weldon, Cat & Lonergan, Nene (ill)	Oxford University Press	2025	9781916558359	K-2	Every evening after the museum closes, Amelia Cheeseheart and her best friend Webster go exploring. But what's this? Special objects are being stolen from the museum's Ancient Egyptian Room! Cleo the Cat Mummy is up to something... It's time for Amelia Cheeseheart to investigate!
1346583	Andromache in the dark Bergmoser, Gabriel	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460767160	5-6	Andromache Peters thought saving her dad from a parallel universe would be the end of her adventures but when arch villain Vincent Black escapes, she knows she must re-engage with the enemy. As her quest takes her to stange and dangerous new worlds filled with robot police, giant insects and suspicious soldiers, Andromache soon learns that the enemy is not always obvious, and sometimes the deadliest threats come from the last place you'd expect.

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1369650	Animorphs: Capture, The (graphic novel) Applegate, K A & Grant, Michael & Grine, Chris (ill)	Graphix	2025	9781338796261	5-6	<p>We can't tell you who we are. It's too risky, and everyone is in danger. Yeah. Even you.'</p> <p>It was bad enough when Jake found out that his older brother was one of them. It was even worse when Tobias stayed in his morph too long. But nothing compares to the horror the Animorphs are about to face. Nothing.</p> <p>The Animorphs have discovered the location of a Yeerk base, and they have a plan to hit those alien slugs where it hurts. But they were never prepared for Jake to fall into a Yeerk pool - for Jake to become a Controller. The enemy.</p> <p>It's a race against the clock as the Animorphs face their biggest challenge yet. Save Jake before the Yeerks can expose them all.</p>
1423816	Anna's war Taylor, D.J	Riveted Press	2025	9781763526075	5-6	<p>Holland, 1943: In the last eighteen months of World War II, 14-year-old Anna's life becomes a perilous world of secrets and danger. Her town in German-occupied southern Holland is transformed into a war zone , where trust is rare, and courage and resistance are everything. When the Nazis begin arresting local men and deporting them to work in German factories, Anna's father hides in a cramped, secret cellar beneath their home. Even the youngest of his children don't know he is there. Then Anna meets Karl, a young German translator, and his piercing gaze and unexpected kindness leave her conflicted. Against her better judgement, she is drawn to Karl and begins to believe he can be trusted - especially when he keeps her father's hiding place a secret from Horst, the ruthless Nazi officer he translates for. But as her feelings deepen, so do the risks. One misstep could unravel everything Anna and her family have fought to protect. Anna's War is a gripping tale of resilience, forbidden connection, family loyalties and the growing bravery of a young girl thrust into the deep shadows of war. Can Anna protect her family or will the cost of trust prove too great in a world torn apart?</p>

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1424035	Annie and Maeve are definitely not friends Muscat, Olivia	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996680	5-6	The first day of term has got off to a bad start for Maeve. Late to school, stuck sitting next to the most annoying boy in her class, and now she's been forced to buddy up with the new girl! Annie and Maeve have almost nothing in common, and they definitely do not want to be friends. But from braving the high swing at camp to battling it out in the talent contest, maybe, just maybe, this fiasco could grow into friendship.
1209927	Are you small? Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2025	9781760659899	K-2	Are you small? A hamster is small. A baby tooth is small. A cookie crumb is small. Are you small? Zoom in on the smallest things in the universe to explore one of life's most elemental questions.
1473422	Are you the Easter bunny? Janeen, Brian & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2026	9781460765494	K-2	Out in the scrub full of Australian flowers seeds and grub is a little creature who says he helps the land by burrows that he dug. Is it the Easter Bunny?
1423337	Ariana Treasure: The lost frog Rose-Ahern, Jacqueline de & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111860	K-2	When a mischevious frog apears in the Treasure Chest, it begins causing havoc. Ariana enlists the advice of her classmate, Hugo, until they find its owner. Can Ariana, her friends and the treasures from the thrift shop help them get the lost frog home?
1423336	Ariana Treasure: The lucky shoes Rose-Ahern, Jacqueline de & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111846	K-2	Ariana is excited about the talent show at school. She can't wait to see her friends perform, especially Maya. But Maya doesn't believe she has special talent. Can Ariana and the treasures from the thrift shop help her friend discover her unique talent before show day?
1333139	Ariana Treasure: The missing book Rose-Ahern, Jacqueline de & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111808	K-2	Ariana is excited to hear there is a new kid in town. She can't wait to show him around the Treasure Chest. Can Ariana use the treasures from the thrift shop to help make a new friend and find her missing book?
1423334	Ariana Treasure: The secret ingredient Rose-Ahern, Jacqueline de & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111822	K-2	Ariana is excited about the food truck competition. Her friends Hunter and Jake are confident their family will win the big prize. All they need is a standout dish. Can they find some inspiration at the Treasure Chest?

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911144	As long as the lemon trees grow Katouh, Zoulfa	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526648518	9plus	Salama Kassab was a pharmacy student when the cries for freedom broke out in Syria. She still had her parents and her big brother; she still had her home. She was even supposed to be meeting a boy to talk about marriage. Now Salama volunteers at a hospital in Homs, helping the wounded who flood through the doors. She knows that she should be thinking about leaving, but who will help the people of her beloved country if she doesn't? With her heart so conflicted, her mind has conjured a vision to spur her to action. His name is Khawf, and he haunts her nights with hallucinations of everything she has lost. But even with Khawf pressing her to leave, when she crosses paths with Kenan, the boy she was supposed to meet on that fateful day, she starts to doubt her resolve in leaving home at all. Soon, Salama must learn to see the events around her for what they truly are. Not a war, but a revolution and decide how she, too, will cry for Syria's freedom. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1436403	Audrey skips Rowe, Andrea & Coutts, Lisa (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2026	9781922858719	5-6	Bright and shiny Audrey loves to skip a jump rope rhyme, right off her rooftop and through the sleeping streets of a city. Skittering across the skyline and peering in windows, Audrey spies folks struggling with hard times as her own light dims. With a little help from city friends, Audrey's light and her hopeful spirit shine again, brighter than ever.
1409645	Aussie Christmas mix up, The Hosking, Jackie & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781761600333	K-2	Santa has checked his list not once but twice and put the gifts in his bag. If only he was as careful when he was attaching all the tags! It's an Aussie Christmas mix-up... with presents and confusion galore. Luckily the always helpful crew of Aussie animals are about to save the day...
1423838	Bapa's last canoe McCarthy Yoelu, Maree & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777775	3-4	Bapa takes his three daughters away on a long canoe ride to go to school. They travel for many months to get to the city, seeing many animals and sights along the way and enjoying each other's company.
1424102	Beach party Fowler, Mary & McGaughey, Jasmin & James, Cate (ill)	Penguin	2026	9781761356230	K-2	Today, Mary and her friends are going to a birthday party at the beach. She has made a special card and can't wait to share her present. When a cute dog appears and causes mayhem, Mary and her friends need to be creative to save the party and enjoy some cake.

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1433694	Bear rescue Gold, Hannah	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2026	9780008799144	5-6	August Wood lives in the far north of the Arctic. His best friend is a husky called Blaze, and he's the younger brother of April Wood - the girl who once famously rescued a polar bear. But one summer's day, when a sudden snowstorm strikes, August goes missing. With temperatures plummeting, it's up to April, Bear and Blaze to track him down and bring him safely home... before it's too late.
1286574	Before the mountain had a name Levings, Fiona	Forty South Publishing	2024	9780645983579	5-6	Mountains are memories...The story of mountains may be set in stone but they reveal change we can scarcely imagine. Extinctions, volcanoes, dinosaurs ... we all know they existed but how are ancient worlds and their inhabitants connected to us today? Take a journey through deep time, to a place long ago where the bones of kunanyi/Wellington were formed from the remains of a frozen sea. Not all that is ancient is lost ...
1424069	Before you close your eyes Stuart, Scott & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Bright Light Books	2025	9781761212161	K-2	With its gentle lullaby-like text and warm, comforting art, Before You Close Your Eyes encourages children to reflect on their day, be proud of what they've achieved and let go of the things they can't control as they head off to sleep.
1424078	Behind the screens: How the internet works and how to make it work for you Lal, Niraj & Aska (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2026	9780702268946	7-9	Getting your first phone is a big moment - this illustrated guide empowers young people aged 9-13 to navigate the online world with awareness, responsibility and confidence.
1424099	Belly of a wolf, The Negri, Julianne	University of Western Australia Press	2026	9781760803209	9plus	Red is going back to high school six months after the death of their best friend Wolf. Their friendship began on the first day of prep, when they were cast as Little Red and Wolf in the school play: ever after their lives were entwined as two halves of the same story. Red is defined by Wolf in life and death. As Red tries to move on with her life, she is forever pulled back by memories of Wolf and her guilt about not knowing Wolf planned to die. Red becomes increasingly self-destructive and questions: can you ever recast who you are in a story? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1424107	Bendable Brodie-Brown, Kelly & Doyle, Tommy	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761641954	K-2	Mules are known for hauling heavy burdens all day long. Mules are trusty and robust, solid and dependable ... Mules, however, aren't exactly known for being bendable! Can Julie the mule soar into the spotlight? Find out in this adorably inspiring story about reaching your goals, one tumble at a time!

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1409617	Besties prank war Miller, Kayla & Canino, Jeffrey & Turner, Sarah K (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781761602498	5-6	Trent and Sawyer are best friends with a mutual love of skateboarding and hilarious hijinks. However the joke is on them when a run-in with their fiery friend Natasha triggers an all-out prank-apalooza. Facing down booby-trapped bathrooms and loaded lockers, Trent and Sawyer are determined to step up their game. But will their plans end in big laughs or big trouble.
1423923	Between Walker, Anna	Scribble Press	2025	9781761381591	K-2	A cabbage moth and a cricket meet for the first time in the quiet space between twilight and dawn. As the unlikely pair discover each other's worlds, friendship blooms in unexpected places.
1388365	Bin chicken lights up the night Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760268282	3-4	Bin chicken's been flying, feeling quite spent, when... 'HEY! What's that marvellous scent?' Spices fill the air, rice and curries simmer. 'Delicious' she says. 'That's my dinner!'
1366541	Biology for beginners Cope, Lizzie & Lacey, Minna & Li, Hannah (ill) & Hallmann, Anton (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805076612	7-9	A guide to everything that biology is about, from things we know, to things we don't know yet. This book explores the fascinating world of biology - the study of all life, from tiny bacteria to plants, animals and entire ecosystems. Discover how living things behave and interact, and the amazing ways they adapt to the world around them. Find out how life on Earth began, how it has changed, and what living things might look like in millennia to come. Take a closer look at cells - the building blocks of life itself - and the vital role they play. Through a mix of diagrams, infographics, comic strips and clear, engaging text, this book shows readers what the study of biology is about, how much it covers, and why you might want to study it further yourself. It investigates some of the big issues that biologists are grappling with today, from preventing the spread of ever-evolving diseases to saving animals and plants from extinction.
1426108	Blue: Dragon of the sea Darlison, Aleesah & Teow, Tamlyn (ill)	Wombat Books	2026	9781761112706	K-2	Meet Blue, a Dragon of the Sea! He's also known as a nudibranch or sea slug. Blue's fleet roam the ocean, gliding on the currents, and dancing their way through dangerous adventures. Join Blue and his fellow dragons as they explore the sea!
984059	Blueberry farm King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761205644	K-2	Welcome to Blueberry Farm. The sun is shining, and the trees are filled with song. It's going to be another beautiful day.

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	Bluey series Bluey				K-2	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1270902	Bluey: Fairytale Bluey	Penguin Random House Australia	2024	9781761344787	K-2	Bandit tells Bluey and Bingo a real-life fairytale about a mean brother, a curse and a princess. It's set a long, long time ago in a place called the 80s . . .
1244441	Boab tree, The Milroy, Helen & Mills, Rebecca (ill)	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760994631	3-4	A boab tree drops a seed to the ground where generations and generations of boab trees have grown on country, but the seed doesn't land. It is taken on the back of an eagle to a far away place which is not the boab seed's rightful habitat. The boab seed grows with the help of new forest friends, but never quiet fits in. Poor Boab, will he ever make his way home? A sweet and tender story about belonging, friendship, and a little bit of hope.
1423825	Bobland Lucas, Matt & Corbalan, Begona Fernandez (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780008519964	5-6	How hard can it be to build a theme park - in your own backyard? When Bob Grubb is banned for life from Happey World theme park, he decides to build his own, invite everyone and not charge as much as greedy Arthur Happey. But with Arthur and his neice Maisie out to derail his plans, will Bob even make it to BobLand's Grand Opening, where he is due to meet the king himself? And what is the big family secret that lurks beneath it all?

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1424015	Book of dust, The: The rose field Pullman, Philip	Penguin	2025	9780241458709	9plus	Lyra: what will you do when you find this place in the desert, the opening to the world of the roses?' 'Defend it,' Lyra said. 'Die defending it.' When readers left Lyra in The Secret Commonwealth she was alone, in the ruins of a deserted city. Pantalaimon had run from her - part of himself - in search of her imagination, which he believed she had lost. Lyra travelled across the world from her Oxford home in search of her daemon. And Malcolm, loyal Malcolm, too journeyed far from home, towards the Silk Roads in search of Lyra. In The Rose Field, their quests converge in the most dangerous, breathtaking and world-changing ways. They must take help from spies and thieves, gryphons and witches, old friends and new, learning all the while the depth and surprising truths of the alethiometer. All around them, the world is aflame - made terrifying by fear, power and greed. As they move East, towards the red building that will reunite them and give them answers - on Dust, on the special roses, on imagination - so too does the Magisterium, at war against all that Lyra holds dear. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1424059	Bored Sala, Felicita	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761217661	K-2	Rita is bored. So, so, so bored. Flopped in her bedroom, limp and tragic, Rita tries everything to cure her malaise. But time drags on, and there she remains: catatonic with boredom. If only there were a special place, a non-boring place just for bored people.
1209838	Boss of your own mind Stephen, Byll & Beth & Howe, Simon (ill)	ABC Books	2024	9780733342769	K-2	You're not the boss of what other people think, what they say and how they exist. You're not the boss of how someone else behaves, the positions they take and the decisions they make. But you are the boss of one thing.
1336644	Bounce back Rocks, Misako	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761644443	5-6	Lilico's life in Japan is going well. She has great friends and is the captain of the school's basketball team. She's happy until her parents tell her they're moving to America. Lilico faces new challenges making friends and finding a basketball team. Her cat Nicco supports her along the way.

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1424111	Boy and the dog tree, The Wood, Fiona & Watson, Judy (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2026	9780702269226	5-6	<p>'So, are you my dog?' Mitch whispered, hardly daring to ask. 'No,' said Argos. 'But you are my boy. For a time.'</p> <p>Mitch's life has been uprooted. Instead of the whole family moving to a new city, Mitch and his sister are staying with their gran while their parents are stuck on the other side of the world. As he struggles to fit in at school, with the Grade Five bully picking on him, Mitch knows the one thing that would make his life better is a dog. If only he could persuade his parents. Then Mitch discovers an old oak tree that seems to ... growl. And one night, a strange, majestic dog-like creature emerges from the trunk. His name is Argos. He has been bound in the tree by 'history, mystery, magic and chance' and he is here to help Mitch find his way. While at first Mitch looks to Argos for friendship and protection, there comes a time he must stand up for this wild and magical beast.</p> <p>A heart-lifting tale of friendship, courage and belonging by three-time CBCA Award-winning author Fiona Wood.</p>
1277818	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Boy I love, The Hussey, William	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839134821	9plus	<p>1916. Returning to the Front after injury, 19 year old Stephen wonders what he's fighting for. Then he meets Private Danny McCormick, a smart, talented new recruit. From their first meeting, there's something undeniable between them. Something forbidden by both society and the army. As the summer ticks down to the Battle of the Somme, will their love save them or condemn them?</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1345008	Boy who became Queen, The Balit, Christina	Otter-Barry books	2025	9781915659491	3-4	<p>Young orphan, Jack, is snatched off the London streets to become a Blackfriars Boy, singing to lords and ladies up and down the river Thames, and even to Queen Elizabeth I. But William Shakespeare spots Jack's singing talent and takes him to work at his new Globe Theatre. And when Shakespeare needs a special boy to play the part of a fairy queen in his magical new play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Jack has the chance of his life to star on stage...</p>

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1423326	Boys can cry and Billy Dib does too Dib, Billy	Billy Dib	2025	9781764037402	3-4	Champions aren't just brave in the ring; they're brave to let their emotions shine. Join Billy on his journey from little guy to world champion, proving that real strength means letting your heart speak. Boys can cry is a reminder that it's okay to cry-because real champions know how to let it all out!
970697	Brain is (not) always right Stuart, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761204685	K-2	Heart loves puppies, and chocolate, and rollercoasters, and dancing along to music. Brain likes lists, and broccoli, and safety rails, and wearing sensible clothing. But, most of all, Brain likes always being right.
1395132	Bram Stoker's Dracula: A retelling Landman, Tanya	Barrington Stoke	2025	9780008718343	9plus	Everything is going well for Jonathan Harker who is engaged to his beloved Mina and lands a new job with exciting opportunities for adventure and travel. He sets off to see the mysterious Count Dracula but soon finds himself in a world of trouble. Meanwhile, Mina is at home waiting to hear from her fiancé, while caring for her best friend Lucy who has been acting strangely. It is only once Jonathan is found in a hospital months later that the pieces of the puzzle fall into place. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1447472	Bravepaw and the fangstone of flintfall Wilkinson, L M & Naidu, Lavanya (ill)	Albert Street Books	2026	9781761182150	3-4	Titch knows that she must find the Gems of Harmony if she is to have any hope of fulfilling the prophecy of Bravepaw. If only she knew where to begin her quest! The magnificent Library of Lexhelm seems to hold the answers, or at least its books can help Titch and her friends ask the right questions as they journey into danger. But prophecies can be twisted, enemies can be slippery, and sometimes the person it is hardest to trust is yourself. With all of Alluria on the line, can Titch make the right decision?

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1424052	Bree Boyd is a legend! Johnson, Leah	Scholastic UK	2025	9780702313455	5-6	<p>It's not everyday your life gets turned upside down by magical powers!</p> <p>Boyd's are born to stand out: Bree's dad is celebrated professor, her mum is a state senator, her brother is on his way to professional basketball stardom and her sister is a prima ballerina. But where does Bree fit in? Sure, she just won the Regional Spelling Bee and is well on her way to Nationals, but lately something doesn't feel quite right.</p> <p>With her new friends Ellie, Abby and Sam, Bree is realizing that there's more to life than being the best. Not to mention this tiny, pesky thing she keeps trying to forget about - her newfound powers!</p> <p>But when an old friend comes back to town, things get out of control. So many feelings from Bree's past come bubbling to the surface, and Bree starts to lose control of her powers. Will Bree find her way back to who she used to be? Or will she finally embrace who she is?</p>
1424056	Brielle & Bear, Volume 1 Doku, Salomey	Random House Graphic	2025	9780593711170	9plus	<p>First-year student Brielle, a daydreamy book lover, knows everything there is to know about fairy tales. Returning to the city of Rosebridge four years after moving away, she attends Once Upon a Time University, with the intention of living her fairy-tale dream. And when she meets Bear, shy vice-captain of the Princes rugby team, at the bookshop where she works, Brielle's dream is off to a good start. Determined to forget the past, and with an unexpected new relationship blossoming, Brielle feels she's finally living the dream. That is, until she discovers that she's not the only one hiding something.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1209941	Brightest wild Crampton-Larking, Tania	Lothian Books	2025	9780734420657	5-6	When eleven-year-old Alex moves to Adelaide from London after her mother gets engaged to a man across the globe, Alex must negotiate a new country, a new school, and a new stepbrother, the prickly teenaged Koen. What sustains Alex in this strange new world is the wonder of the natural world around her, particularly a magnificent tree that comes to represent magic, resilience and strength. Alex discovers the mystery of the bush, the true impact of climate change and a passion to fight for what is right.
1399471	Bush turkey: Christmas chaos Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761521690	K-2	Ho-Ho... Uh Oh! Christmas is coming really, really soon and Turkey needs decorations by this afternoon! He heads off to the store; Bin Chicken's there too. Watch out, Santa Claus! It's a Christmas Hullabaloo!
1424057	Bush turkey: Easter hunt Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761640124	K-2	Bush Turkey is building, flinging mess far and wide, when suddenly he spies shiny eggs there outside! Turkey gathers them up and takes off with a run... and crashes into a pile of hot cross buns! 'Stop!' yells the baker. But Bush Turkey's long gone.
1019763	Butterfly girl Kwok, Ashling & Li, Arielle (ill)	EK Books	2023	9781922539564	K-2	Olivia and her butterfly friends are inseparable, until she moves to a grey, gloomy city with her mother. Heartbroken to leave her butterflies behind, Olivia struggles to make new friends as the city's residents stay indoors. Missing her butterflies, she calls for them from her empty balcony, but they don't come. Realising butterflies need plants, water, and resting spots, Olivia builds a butterfly garden using what she can find. Despite her efforts, no butterflies arrive, until a gust of wind scatters her flowers to neighbouring balconies. People of all ages and backgrounds come out to collect them, and Olivia suddenly understands how to attract new friends, both butterflies and people with a little colour, kindness, and creativity.

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1360091	Callers, The: The hidden forest Thomas, Kiah	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460768631	5-6	The shocking truth about Calling has been revealed: the magical ability to conjure something out of thin air actually steals resources from another place. This leaves Quin on the run. Management will do everything in their power to catch him, the last of the Vine-touched and the only hope left to bring life back to a dying planet. His sister Davinia finds herself in the difficult position of playing a double agent. She must fool everyone, even her own mother, the head of the Council, if she is to find evidence to clear her brother's name. A single slip up will cost either of them their lives. It's a good thing that there's a friendly dragon-like creature, a long lost family member and a small village of stubborn citizens who have their backs. The Hidden Forest and all its life giving secrets is waiting to be explored and the Vine is running out of time.
1414437	Camp spooky: Attack of the aliens Harry, Pip & Foster, Kate & Bartel, Joanna (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345157	3-4	Being chosen for the Sensational Sports Superstars of the Future Sports Camp is a dream come true for aspiring swim champion Archie, but for music-loving Isla, it's the last place she wants to be. But when a repulsive stench sweeps over the camp, devices keep disappearing, and kids start to act like zombies, Archie and Isla team up to solve the mystery. Can they uncover an alien invasion, foil a secret government agency, and have the courage to go after their dreams?
1338011	Candle island Wolk, Lauren	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761721243	5-6	Lucretia and her mother move to a small island town where they hope to get away from the sadness of losing Lucretia's father, and avoid people trying to disrupt the artist life they both want to live. This small island comes with great beauty, music, and nature, but it is not the quiet paradise they hoped it would be. They find themselves in the midst of old rivalries, secrets and tragedies.
1366471	Cartographers, The Zhang, Amy	Greenwillow	2024	9780062383082	9plus	Seventeen-year-old Ocean Sun moves to New York City to start college, but she defers her enrolment, keeping it a secret from her immigrant mother, and instead uses the time to deal with her ambivalence about her place in the world. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1424065	Castle crashing Rowe, Andrea & Sommerville, Hannah	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761214073	K-2	Bonnie knows how to build sandcastles best, but her friends insist on building their own castles, every way but Bonnie's way. When Bonnie's frustration boils over, her emotions come crashing down and she storms off into the whisper-quiet dunes. Her friends are patient and understanding as they wait for her to navigate her feelings. But can Bonnie show herself the same kindness? A story celebrating friendship and self-discovery.
1289024	Cat's Cradle: Suri's dragon Rioux, Jo	First Second	2024	9781250625410	5-6	Suri gets a chance to show off her monster-taming skills as her journey with Caglio, Kolya, and her giant-sized lap dog, Byron, continues. With the caitsiths in hot pursuit, can this ragtag crew make it to the Monster's Cradle? To get to the Cradle, Suri and her friends must pass through Bridgetown, but the tollbooth charges an outrageous entrance fee! Luckily, monster tamers may pass through for free. All Suri needs to do is help the town with its "little monster problem." When she learns this problem involves a vengeful and strangely familiar dragon, her courage is put to the test
1209897	Cat's cradle: The mole king's lair Rioux, Jo	First Second	2023	9781250625380	5-6	Suri, Caglio and Byron continue their journey to the Monster's Cradle but their epic journey requires money and provisions, and they have neither. When Suri discovers a mole king's lair and meets a thief who knows the way to its treasure, she's sure she has found the solution to their problem. She wasn't counting on an ancient curse, a monster-hunting prince and a mighty mole queen to stand in the way!
1423956	Catalpa: Escape to freedom Lefroy, Mike & Lefroy, Joy	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996673	5-6	A true story of the audacious attempt to free six Irish prisoners from a remote British prison. From half a world away, supporters and spies hatched a plot to return the men to freedom. But could it work? It would take the courage of one captain and his crew to pull off the daring rescue.

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1423925	Catch Brill, Sarah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182037	9plus	<p>Sometimes people fall. It happens. Sometimes people are pushed. Sometimes people jump. And sometimes there's someone there to catch them. The summer Beth turns sixteen, she grows. She grows so fast her bones hurt and she feels like throwing up. Everyone - including Etienne, the boy who lives over the road - looks at her differently. Then she starts catching people. People who are falling out of trees or from tall buildings. Soon Beth discovers that helping strangers sometimes hurts. Sometimes it also hurts or annoys the people she loves. It isn't great for her school grades, either. Is there a way to balance family and friendship and basketball and romance and... catching? An extraordinary story about finding out who you are, and discovering who you want to be.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1192360	Cave, The Kelleher, Victor	Eagle Books	2024	9780645378863	7-9	<p>Irian, Ulana and their Clan have made the cave their home ever since they used fire to drive off the Beast, a sabre-toothed tiger that had been preying on them. Protected by an ongoing fire at the cave mouth, they continue to keep the Beast at bay until one fateful night when the fire goes out! What happens next shatters the Clan and leaves Ulana badly injured and Irian too traumatised even to speak. Alone and adrift in their dangerous prehistoric world, they have little hope of survival. What saves them is a chance meeting with a prickly old woman called Trug. Grudgingly, she takes them on a strange, unexpected journey of discovery, flinging them into the many wonders and hard realities of ancient times. And that hazardous journey will eventually lead them full circle: back to the challenge of the cave, and the enduring reality of the Beast.</p>
1426197	Celebration festival Kelly, Alysia & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Larrikin House	2026	9781923345232	K-2	<p>Evie loves celebrating! This year, she's judging the grand Celebration Festival, with her cheeky pup, Biscuit (who does not like fireworks!). With so many wonderful cultures to learn about and celebrations to discover, how will Evie choose a winner? Join Evie on her Celebrations adventure as she learns Mandarin, plunges into freezing water and squelches tomatoes!</p>

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1352580	Celeste express: The war of the wurms Slater, Alexander	Puffin Australia	2025	9780241670583	5-6	<p>In the Kingdom of Galaxandria, Princess Celeste is in big trouble. As a punishment for her rotten behaviour, Celeste is sent to work at the ramshackle Intergalactic Post Office. But when she gets there, she quickly realises her problems are way worse than just towering piles of unsent letters. Cosmic magic is in the air -- and something is upsetting the balance of the universe. Now it's up to Celeste and her new friends to uncover the mysteries of the post office, save the galaxy -- and maybe deliver a parcel or two while they're at it.</p> <p>This out-of-this world story is stuffed full of incredible adventure, brilliant intergalactic worlds, and amazing cartoon-style artwork - perfect for fans of Amelia Fang, Peanut Jones and Super Mario Brothers.</p>
1303684	Celestial monsters Thomas, Aiden	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781035057191	7-9	<p>Teo never thought he could be a Hero. Now, he doesn't have a choice. The sun is gone, the Obsidian gods have been released from their prison, and chaos and destruction are wreaking havoc on Reino del Sol. All because Teo refused to sacrifice a fellow semidis during the Sunbearer Trials. With the world plunged into perpetual night, Teo, his crush Aurelio, and his best friend Niya must journey to the dark wilderness of Los Restos, battling vicious monsters while dealing with guilt, trauma, and a (very distracting) burgeoning romance between Teo and Aurelio. Determined to rescue the captured semidioses and retrieve the Sol Stone, the trio races against the clock to return Sol and their protective light so order can be restored. Now the future of the whole world is in their hands.</p>

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902211	Charlie's swim Wright, Edith & Ledden-Lewis, Charmaine (ill)	Magabala Books	2022	9781922613103	5-6	Imagine you are faced with a life-or-death situation. Do you run and hide? Or do you selflessly dive into shark infested waters with bullets flying to save a woman and child from drowning? Charlie's Swim is the kind of book that makes you question "What would I do?" Set during World War II in Broome, Western Australia, this incredible picture book tells the true story of Charlie D'Antoine -- a young Aboriginal man who showed bravery beyond belief when Broome was attacked by Japanese fighter planes in 1942, It's a story of courage, kindness, and doing what's right -- with only a split second to decide. Charlie's Swim is short but powerful and helps us remember that sometimes, the bravest people are the ones who quietly dive in to help others.
1319675	Charlie's war Bennett, Vicki & Worley, Debbie Taylor (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2023	9780645323573	3-4	A young Aboriginal boy's dream of shearing sheep turns into reality. Then war breaks out in Europe. Despite initially not being able to enlist, he and his two best friends eventually sign up and their lives are changed forever.
1369491	Childish Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin	2025	9781761343759	5-6	Me and Dot reckon it's just a word for being a child. And having a crack at solving a big problem using only a really good friendship and the world's best dumplings and a thousand kilos of plasticine. Like we're doing now.
1388266	Choose your own evolution: Go extinct or survive? You decide! Howard, Jules & Wright, Gordy (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2025	9781839945533	5-6	Think of an animal, any animal at all. It could be a shark or a squid or a snail, or even a human like you! Every single animals has a secret history. A death-defying adventure that has happened across millions of years, called evolution. You will discover a new animal with its own exciting story to tell, and it's up to YOU to make the decisions that will lead to their next evolutionary step. Can you survive to the present-day or will you face extinction along the way? Will you grow a backbone, take to the skies, or dive deeper for your dinner?
1395165	Christmas tree catastrophe, The Bowd, Emma & Shanks, Matt (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460765883	K-2	This is an occasion story with a difference! Watch naughty Kitty McCatty create complete Christmas Eve chaos! 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house...Kitty McCatty was chasing a mouse. It's Christmas Eve and the baubles are bickering over the best spots on the Christmas tree when an unexpected visitor appears. A tree-toppling catastrophe seems certain...unless the decorations can set aside their differences and work together?

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1337792	Chronicles of a lizard nobody: The hat of great importance Ness, Patrick & Miller, Tim (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529517965	5-6	Zeke is worried - and not just because his best friend Daniel has started wearing a hat. A mysterious Guidance Counsellor and a fishy new student have joined the school, and somebody keeps melting Zeke's house with a Death Ray of Death. Who is trying to zap Zeke's life into oblivion - and can he stop them?
1423340	Clara capybara Darlison, Aleesah & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111952	3-4	Clara the capybara loves pleasing others. But she is so busy taking care of everyone else, she forgets to look after herself. Can she find a balance between being kind to others and being kind to herself?
1423394	Claris: Dazzling diamond egg Hess, Megan	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761215193	3-4	In her latest adventure in Paris, Claris must find a missing Fabergé egg with her best friend, Monsieur!
	Click graphic novel series Miller, Kayla				5-6	NEW SERIES FOR 2026! Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1355850	Cloudmaker Milroy, Helen	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777829	3-4	Long ago, Cloudmaker was busy preparing for the creation of worlds. As an ancestral being he had an important job to do, to create clouds. He made sure there were enough clouds for shade, rain and light. Cloudmaker loved making clouds, but he grew sad as he realised the end of his journey was close and he had made all the clouds that were needed. He knew things would change forever. His lightness of being became heavier and heavier and he soon became so heavy he sank to the Earth. Here the birds lifted his spirits and he floated up and joined his favourite cloud and friend Cirra. He cried tears of sadness and joy and a tear landed on the tip of his wing and he created a rainbow that encircled the whole of Earth. He would live on forever in the rainbow.

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1209961	Colourful world of Poppy Starr Olsen, The Black, Jess & Olsen, Poppy Starr (ill)	Puffin Australia	2022	9780143778837	5-6	Poppy is a happy, popular 12 year old who loves skating. She lives with a loud, boisterous but loving family in Sydney's Bondi Beach. She balances her sport with her art and schoolwork. When a skate competition is announced at the local skate park she discovers that initially there is no category for girls. She also learns that a local council member wants to close the skate park because they view it as dangerous and leading to vandalism. Poppy asks her friends and family to try and save the competition (and the park) while entering the contest and pursuing her passions.
1357352	Colt from Old Regret, The Wolfer, Dianne & Wagner, Erica (ill)	NLA Publishing	2025	9781922507686	5-6	Tossing his mane, the Colt from old Regret tears through the scrub. Stones clatter and crimson rosellas shriek as he canters higher. You may have heard the story of the man from Snowy River and his fearless ride through the mountains. This is Colt's story, of nickering mares and a rearing stallion. How did Colt escape the man? What did Colt see, feel and smell as he charged through the bush?
1282887	Come Together Again: A celebration of first nations music, song and dance Firebrace, Isaiah & Biunaiwai, Jaelyn (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781741179019	3-4	Teaches young readers about the integral role music and performance have played in 60,000 years of First Nations history and culture. Learn about the yidaki (didgeridoo) and how it makes its sounds or how leaves can whistle. Be introduced to First Nations singers in pop, country and opera music. Discover dancers in the styles of contemporary, ballet and hip-hop.
1426090	Connected Stephen, R.A. & Teow, Tamlyn (ill)	Wombat Books	2026	9781761113178	K-2	Connected introduces children to the mathematical concept of networks, while emphasising that no one is alone. Everyone is connected.
1388309	Countdown to Christmas Gardland, Evie & Gyan, Rachel (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181993	K-2	It's nearly Christmas! Can you feel the excitement? From ten shiny baubles to one golden star, let's count down to the most magical time of year.
1286624	Coven Chainani, Soman & Gennari, Joel (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008734749	5-6	Need your magical crime solved? Call the Witch Coven. Hester, Anadil, and Dot are legendary across the Endless Woods as vigilante detectives and protectors of the peace. The famed trio are not only talented witches, but also ride-or-die friends who've never left a case unsolved. That is, until the Coven answers a call for help from a mysterious new world - Red Isle, where the Light and Dark Lands are on the brink of all-out war, each blaming the other for a grim spree of deaths. Now the Coven must work together and unmask the killer before Red Isle tears itself apart. Little do they know: the real enemy might be hiding in plain sight

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1209917	Croc candy Thompson, Claire & Brown, Deborah (ill)	Woodslane Press	2025	9781922800817	K-2	Croc-loving Angus struggles with reading and writing, but when he is struck by a whizz-bang croc-snapper of an idea, he learns to overcome his fears, and help others along the way! This is the true story of a rising star, Angus Copelin-Waters.
1028425	Crookhaven: The forgotten maze Arcanjo, J J	Hachette Children's Books	2023	9781444965759	5-6	It's Gabriel's second year at Crookhaven, and with a tricky Break-in challenge and a new diving class called Reclamation, it's already off to a busy start. Then Gabriel and his friends learn about Marvel's Maze, a labyrinth of obstacles hidden beneath the lake. Each tests a crook-related skill - and nearly all are impossible. But the impossible has never stopped Gabriel's crew before, especially not when there's something at the heart of the maze that they all desperately want...
1423820	Crookhaven: The impossible fortress Arcanjo, J J	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781444978360	5-6	It's Gabriel's fourth year at Crookhaven School for Thieves, and it's the most challenging one yet. Along with mastering a new class - Lay of the Land - this year's Break-in is set in a perilous location known as the Impossible Fortress. The crew must put everything they've learned to the test outside of the school gates. The real world can be a dark and dangerous place, but there may be something lurking within Crookhaven that the crew should be wary of too...
1423818	Crookhaven: The island heist Arcanjo, J J	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444965780	5-6	It's Gabriel's third year at Crookhaven School for Thieves. Along with the usual Break-In challenge - this year to Reclamation island - and difficult new classes like Signs & Signals, Gabriel and his friends have another goal: taking down the Nameless. The Nameless are the very worst type of criminals - they steal, trick and kidnap for their own benefit, rather than to do good in the world. Each member of Gabriel's crew has a very personal reason for wanting to take the Nameless down - but what can a group of underage school children do compared to the most powerful crew of the underworld? Luckily, there might be something hidden at Crookhaven that could help them. But first they have to find it...

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1423819	Crookhaven: The thieves' revenge Arcanjo, J J	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781444978384	5-6	Gabriel and his crew have called Crookhaven home for five years, but when it comes to the ultimate Break-in challenge - breaking into the school itself - they'll discover it has more secrets than they ever imagined. Despite the excitement of their final year, and a new lesson called Groundwork, the threat of the Nameless looms over them all. Gabriel knows he and his loved ones will never be safe until the Nameless are caught. but how far will he go to take them down?
1294684	Cruel is the light Clark, Sophie	Penguin	2025	9781761340512	9plus	
1388331	Cynthia is a wild dog Riddle, Tohby	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761214837	K-2	Cynthia is a wild dog. She hunts anything that moves. She scavenges for food. Because that's what wild dogs do.
1423832	Dare you, I Winter, Tamsin	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805075721	7-9	Willow and Alma are best friends, sharing a love of the spotlight. All they want is fame and fortune, and Willow is determined that the best way to get it is to go viral. So they start filming dares. Okay, so getting stuck in a basketball hoop doesn't get them the sort of attention they were hoping for, but as their challenges get more extreme, their fan base grows. Duct-taping themselves to a wall? No-brainer. Eating super-hot chillis? Of course! Waxing an eyebrow off? Super funny! And if they get in a bit of trouble, it's worth it. But if they really want to prove themselves, they have to go all-out. So they come up with the perfect idea. An idea that causes more than just a bit of trouble. An idea that might destroy not just their ambitions but their entire friendship for good.
1423939	Dark forgetting, A Ciccarelli, Kristen	Magpie Books GB	2025	9780008794750	9plus	When her grandfather goes missing, 17 year old Emeline is forced to venture into the woods to save him. There, Hawthorne Fell, a handsome and brooding tithe collector, brutally tries to dissuade her from searching, even as a magnetic spark ignites between them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1423917	Dasher and the polar bear Tavares, Matt	Walker Books	2025	9781529528824	K-2	The only thing better than making Christmas magic is making a new friend to share it with.

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1409651	Dawn Martin, Marc	Walker Books	2025	9781529527346	5-6	As the sun slowly rises, many things happen in a small window of time. The world comes alive with the actions of animals, plants, clouds, and sky. A deer drinks, an owl wakes, a dandelion shimmers in the light. A ladybug climbs, a fish jumps, birds call in a chorus. Geese fly away in formation. A flower blooms. Beautifully illustrated with glowing imagery and written with a charming simplicity holding appeal for new readers, Marc Martin's ode to the slow-blooming beauty of a sunrise and the life that unfolds in its radiance narrows the lens to show the wonder of time passing.
1423339	Day the bridge fell, The Vass, Coral	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112799	7-9	Ray Johnston is proud that his dad is working on the new West Gate Bridge in Melbourne. It is 1970 and Ray is itching to be part of the grown up world. When he hears whispers that something might be wrong with the construction, Ray attempts to share the news but nobody wants to know. When the accident happens, Ray has to grow up fast.
1424014	Dead scary: Zombie road Doom, TJ & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	Penguin	2025	9781761352898	5-6	Because when the sun goes down, the dead rise - fast, hungry and hunting for brains. So, when his best friend Cassie collapses with appendicitis, Ace has one shot to save her- steal a truck and race across the desert to the nearest hospital before nightfall. A flat tyre, an undead bike gang and an exploding petrol station? Just the beginning. Because on Zombie Road, one wrong turn means death - or worse.
1019822	Dear Santa: I don't need socks Ortiz, Consuelo Fernandez	Five Mile Press	2023	9781922943477	K-2	In Australia it is summer time, and Aussie the koala celebrates Christmas in bathers. His cousin Olavi lives in Lapland and Christmas time is freezing there.
1243196	Demolition dinosaurs Gibbes, Lesley & Crosby-Fairall, Marjorie (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760268251	K-2	There's a dangerous building in the centre of town and the Demolition Dinos are smashing it down.
1388333	Derek Donaldson, Anne & Shanks, Matt (ill)	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761215537	K-2	This is a story about a curious fish who is determined to find answers to his questions.
1286602	Desert tracks Wells, Marly & Wells, Linda	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777669	7-9	Entranced in the world of a mysterious old story, Millie is sucked up by a willy-willy and transported to Alice Springs in 1924 where she meets a crew of oddly familiar young people. As the group continue to find each other in time, they realise that Alice Springs of the past and the future are not as different as they seem.

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1423827	Detective Galileo: The dogfather Helliard, Peter & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460766224	3-4	Galileo's brand-new detective agency on Happy Valley Farm is now in business, and with the help of Agatha they've got eyes, ears and wings all across the farm ... now, if only they could find a case to solve! Meanwhile, with the Happy Valley Fair right around the corner all the animals pitch in to try and break the record for the World's Biggest Cake. All the animals except for the elusive Dogfather and his farm dogs, that is. When the milk and eggs on the farm go missing, Galileo is on the case and is determined to find any animals sniffing around where they don't belong.
1388340	Devil of a time, A: The Tasmania football club story Nicholson, Alister & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761216398	3-4	It's the Tassie Devil's time. This picture book celebrates the long history and achievements of AFL football in Tasmania in a lyrical rhyming style.
1423996	Dingo's dream Milroy, Helen	Magabala Books	2025	9781922142733	3-4	Dingo lives away from his homeland with a community of animals who are helpful when he needs them to find out who is calling him in his dream. He travels back to his homeland Country to find the answer.
1447498	Dog stayed Forster, Tammy & Davis, Margeaux (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181191	3-4	One morning, a man knocked on the door to sell something Mr Hindbottom did not need. Mr Hindbottom waved his cane, blew his nose, and slammed the door. 'And take your dirty, scruffy dog with you!' he yelled. But the dog did not belong to the salesman, and the dog stayed. When Dog turns up one day and stays, despite Mr Hindbottom's protests, they gradually find a comfortable way to get along. Life is good, but of course life doesn't stand still. When Mr Hindbottom is gone, can Dog ever love again?
1423358	Dog who danced on the moon, The Boyne, John & Lindsay, Ashling (ill)	Puffin UK	2024	9780241529515	5-6	This is the tale of an incredible dancing dog and his owner - a little boy with a big dream. Together, they defy the odds and set off on an out-of-this-world adventure. But when Earth is threatened by a blazing comet, it will take all of their imagination and dancing skills to save the planet.
1423961	Dogs with jobs Hamilton, Max	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181016	K-2	Dog may be our best friends, but sometimes they are much more than that. Meet the loyal and dedicated career canines from around the world who prove that dogs have more jobs than you can throw a stick at!

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1424082	Dogs with jobs Rowe, Andrea & Murray, Julia	Bright Light Books	2025	9781761213991	3-4	For hundreds of years, dogs with jobs have helped us in so many ways. Dogs have dedication, extraordinary noses, extra-special skills to understand commands, the ability to pick up smells and sounds that humans can't, and the power to comfort and communicate with the humans they love. Dogs can do almost anything we ask them to. They're Dogs with jobs -- from therapy and companion, to tracking and herding, and search-and-rescue support. They're here to save the day in so many remarkable ways!
1339779	Don't need a little brother, I Amoore, Nat & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761341946	K-2	No one understands. I DON'T NEED A LITTLE BROTHER! After trying all the usual ways to dispose of a sibling, one bewildered big brother discovers his little brother might actually be the one person he can't live without.
1380680	Dragonfall: The fate of dragons Clark, Sarina & Gil Celdran, Alba (ill)	Little Moa	2025	9781869715748	5-6	Long ago, Ataraxia was a magical, united nation where dragons lived in harmony. Now, the three dragon tribes - Cliffs, Fireflies, and Ferns - are divided and live in fear, hiding from monsters like the ferocious Blade Wolf. A newly hatched Fern dragon, Astra, is rescued by a Firefly dragon, Dessa, and together they show anything is possible if they work together.
1308013	Dragons vs Wolves: Eye of the Dragon Glenn Dakin	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760260187	5-6	Dark forces are at work in Hunter's Reach. Strange dragons lurk in the catacombs of Howling Rock, and signs of sorcery have left their mark upon its walls. Prince Lyricon is no longer a prisoner, but nor is he allowed fly freely. He suspects his brother's smug commands conceal a more sinister purpose. Meanwhile, Rana and the wolves find themselves in exile in the secret paradise of Ungoria. And with their warriors all missing, the pack looks to Rana to lead the strike against the dragons who've burned their lands. But how could they possibly win against such powerful foes? Little does Rana realise, a secret weapon is right under her nose ...
1308014	Dragons vs Wolves: Fallen Star Dakin, Glenn	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760260170	5-6	The ancient war between dragons and wolves is about to begin again. As a young wolf learning to hunt, Rana is teased for being a daydreamer, while Fenn, her brother, is seen as a cheeky show-off. But when Rana survives a perilous encounter with a fire-breathing dragon, she is made spokeswolf for the pack. And Fenn's claim that he can sense danger suddenly doesn't seem so wild. Only Rana and Fenn stand against the dragon's charm and magical power. And the wolves' whole world is at stake.

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1380684	Dragons vs wolves: Haunted forest Dakin, Glenn	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760260194	5-6	The final battle is at hand ... It is a dark and terrible winter in Hunter's Reach as strange phantoms prowl the lands, turning all they encounter to stone or ice. Rana is sure Lyricon and the dragons are to blame for the shocking magical attacks ... but they all seem to have disappeared. Meanwhile, in the realm of Ormeria, the dragon king prepares a mighty military force to attack Howling Rock and destroy the wolves once and for all. But neither the wolves nor the dragons are prepared for the sinister force that threatens them both.
1423962	Dreaming Goodes, Adam & Laing, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761065095	K-2	Way way back in the beginning, Akurra slithered, carving rivers, in a Creation story from my Dreaming, my Muda. In my Muda, the Ancestors are never far, and I can see how I fit in and who I am.
886448	Dreaming by starlight Curham, Siobhan	Walker Books	2022	9781529504019	7-9	What happens when a dream is impossible to achieve? Jazz, Hope, Allegra and Portia seem an unlikely group of friends but they are determined and smart and, together, the Moonlight Dreamers help one another to believe in themselves and make their dreams come true.
1414783	Dreaming, The: Volume 1 Chan, Queenie	FWG Publishing International/IPI Comics	2023	9781922856395	7-9	Twin sisters Amber and Jeanie are accepted into an exclusive boarding school - as long as they don't tell anyone, including the vice principal that they are twins. As they get to know the school, they quickly realise it is a mansion of secrets and danger - students in the past have vanished without a trace!
1414799	Dreaming, The: Volume 2 Chan, Queenie	FWG Publishing International/IPI Comics	2024	9781922856456	7-9	After the discovery of Millie's body, Greenwich Private College grinds to a complete halt as gloom and despair sets in. As students begin to leave the school, Jeanie continues to investigate more into the school's dark past, while Amber's dreams reveal a dark, namless entity.
1216886	Drop of golden sun, A Saunders, Kate	Faber & Faber	2024	9780571310982	7-9	It's 1973, and 12-year-old Jenny is in shock. She's just been cast as one of the lead roles in a feature film. She's going to be a child actor! Soon she must jet off to France, to the idyllic Chateau Mouchotte, where she will join her film family: three other children and two renowned actors. The glitz and glamour of being on set is a million miles away from Jenny's normal life, but showbiz is never straight-forward and there's one fierce and famous actor that threatens the whole shoot. It's up to Jenny and her friends to keep the peace and save the film. Jenny is about to experience a life-changing summer in the spotlight!

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1423915	Dropbear Bunting, Philip	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760657796	K-2	The say Dropbear is mean. Dropbear is savage. But They are the gossips. Meet Dropbear, if you dare, and decide for yourself!
1423946	Drought kangaroo, The French, Jackie & Snell, Danny (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460765197	3-4	Drought has devastated Joseph the kangaroo's home. He longs for green grass and the cool, clear water he can smell in the distance. Kangaroos can leap higher and further than any other animal, but can even Joseph's strong hind legs help him reach the waterhole? And will the new mob there accept a stranger? This is a true story about a young kangaroo who went on the longest journey of his life and ended up living by a creek on Jackie's property.
751268	Dry Shusterman, Neal & Shusterman, Jarrod	Walker Books	2018	9781406386851	7-9	When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, a group of teens is forced to make life and death decisions in this harrowing story of survival. The drought -- nor the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it -- has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't take long showers, don't panic. Until the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbours and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don't return, she and her younger brother must team up with an unlikely group in search of water. Each of them will need to make impossible choices to survive.
1359286	Dungeon runners: Level 1 hero trial Larwood, Kieran & Todd-Stanton, Joe (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2024	9781839945182	3-4	CALLING ALL DUNGEON RUNNERS - There's space for a new team of heroes. This is your chance to enter the leagues and fight your way to the top! Kit has dreamed of being a Dungeon Runner all his life, although being a gnorf (part gnome, part dwarf) means he's much smaller than the other competitors. But when a space opens up for a new team in the Dungeon Running League, Kit doesn't want to miss this chance to try out! With his new friends Sandy and Thorn, they're ready to take on anything - mazes, puzzles, monsters, treasure and most of all adventure! Are you ready for the games to begin? Welcome to the Dungeon!

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803512	E-boy #3: Enter the jungle Do, Anh & Wahl, Chris (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760879020	5-6	<p>New friends. Deadly foes.</p> <p>Ethan was a normal teenager, until a freak lightning strike gave him the power to control any electronic device within range.</p> <p>Now he's on the run from the dangerous Agent Ferris and his killer android Gemini, whose sole goal is to terminate Ethan.</p> <p>But at the moment, that's the least of his worries!</p> <p>When Ethan accidentally interrupts a robbery by the mysterious Money Man, the villain vows to make him pay.</p> <p>Escaping the Money Man will lead Ethan deep into the jungle, where he'll need all his wits to survive.</p> <p>And Gemini is still on his tail.</p>
1425825	e-Revolution, The McKeown, Catriona	Rhiza Press	2026	9781761112867	7-9	<p>Jolie and her friends Charlotte, Bronwyn and Hayley are at war with three boys in Year 9 at school. It's a love/hate relationship, where they set each other up with dares and the losers have consequences. When the boys win a bet, the girls cry 'Unfair!' However, their plan for revenge backfires and leads to the principal banning all e-scooters from school premises and insisting students must follow government regulations, which means they can only ride a scooter with an adult. How can they get to school? To their jobs? Jolie and her friends want to fix things, but what can they achieve on their own? Is the only person who can help the one person Jolie doesn't want to turn to?</p>
1109572	Earthquake French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761524950	3-4	<p>Down below the giant rumbled, all around us buildings crumbled, Newcastle began to shake. 'Quake!' yelled someone. 'Out! Earthquake!'</p>
1329971	Earthspeak: Boodjar Wangkiny McCann, Sean & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181238	K-2	<p>Will the earth's heart beat just like ours? A bush walk in a stunning landscape becomes a heartfelt invitation to engage with our senses, care for the environment, and learn some Noongar language words along the way.</p>

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1409496	Edie tells a lie Laguna, Ingrid	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781922790729	5-6	Edie lives with her mum-it's just the two of them. Her best friend, Bowie, lives right next door, until Bowie moves to the country. Edie feels alone and forgotten, but she soon meets Aleki, and she's happy to have a new friend. Aleki has a big family with lots going on all the time. Edie wishes she had a big, interesting family too. So she invents a story-a lie. It's only a small story, but it soon grows, and it lands her in trouble. Suddenly Edie is lonelier than ever. But then she finds a mysterious letter in an old book. It's written in Polish, the language of her dad's family, and Edie discovers she has a famous great aunt who lived a remarkable life with wild animals in a forest in Poland. Edie is proud of her Polish heritage, and she wants to tell her classmates about her amazing auntie. But, after her lie, will anyone believe her?
1149664	Eleanor Jones can't keep a secret Doak, Amy	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761342424	7-9	Eleanor Jones stirs up more mystery and danger in this fast-paced YA mystery. Things have settled down in Cooina and Eleanor Jones is getting used to her new normal - spending time with her friends, going to school, and working on a project at the local old age home. But just as things start to feel calm, a series of events once again rock Eleanor's world- Troy's ex-girlfriend is back in town and, during a visit to the old age home, Eleanor's buddy Nance admits to witnessing a murder, swearing Eleanor to secrecy. In an effort to definitely not be concerned about Troy's ex, Eleanor throws herself into solving the mystery of the murder Nance spoke about. Enlisting the help of new friend and genealogy expert Jem to research Nance's past, Eleanor soon realises that digging into old secrets can sometimes be incredibly dangerous indeed.

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1356597	Eleanor Jones is playing with fire Doak, Amy	Penguin	2025	9781761350634	7-9	Eleanor Jones isn't looking for trouble. But someone is starting fires in Cooinda - and the first one looks like a murder. Eleanor is determined not to get involved, but when she receives a note warning her to 'keep quiet' she can't help but work out who sent it. Who had motive to murder Eleanor's neighbour? Could it really be one of her classmates? And are the fires connected to the car thefts in town? The more Eleanor tries to do the right thing, the more danger she finds herself in...
1426067	Ella and the mystery of the missing frogs Polimeni, Cassy & Breeze, Hykie (ill)	University of Western Australia Press	2026	9781760803193	3-4	Have you ever had a day when everything goes wrong? Ella is having one of those. To make matters worse, the orchestra of frogs that lives in her backyard has disappeared. Ella thinks the two things might be connected, and is determined to get to the bottom of it. There's only one problem: her little brother Will. Can Ella find the frogs and break the curse -- or will her little brother keep getting in the way?
785819	Ella at Eden: Camp midnight Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760977368	5-6	The girls from Eden College are going on a camping trip to Mount Midnight National Park. Ella is nervous but excited about camping in a tent in the middle of the bush. After some confusion with the groups, Ella and her friends become lost in the national park. Can they survive the wilderness and get back to their class?
781392	Ella at Eden: Musical Mystery Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743834954	5-6	Eden College is putting on Enchantment the Musical. Ella and her friends are very excited and throw themselves into auditioning. But then things start to go wrong at rehearsals. Could the problems be linked to an old curse on the theatre? Can Ella save the show before it's too late?
1344976	Ella at Eden: Paris adventure Sieveking, Laura & McDonald, Danielle (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761521461	5-6	Ella and her friends from Eden College are off to Paris for the trip of a lifetime. Between sightseeing, sampling French treats and admiring the fashion, there is also a mystery to solve when something valuable goes missing. With each girl sharing her own perspective, readers will enjoy the fun, friendship and excitement of this Paris adventure. A lively story full of sparkle and discovery, perfect for students in Years 5-6 who enjoy school stories, travel and a touch of mystery.

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1361309	Ella at Eden: Perfect score Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761207327	5-6	Ella is training hard for the upcoming Interschool Gymnastics Championships. She's even trying to face her fear of doing a backward walkover on the balance beam. But once the competition begins, Ella discovers that someone has been tampering with the equipment. Is it an innocent mistake or something more sinister? And will Ella and her team take home the Championship trophy?
1039330	Ella at Eden: Puppy rescue Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761292590	5-6	Ella's class are given a new opportunity to help the community through their Service-Learning project, and Ella is excited to be assisting at the Morningside Animal Shelter. She immediately bonds with a dog named Luna, and has a bunch of ideas for the shelter's special adoption day. But when Ella overhears something that makes her fear for Luna's future, she knows she must do whatever it takes to help Luna find her forever home.
1399451	Ella at Eden: The missing piece Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761521454	5-6	The Eden College musicians have been given an amazing opportunity to play in a concert at the Sydney Opera House. Not only will they be on a world-class stage, but they will also get to play with real musicians, including the renowned violinist Allegra Novic. But when Allegra's priceless violin goes missing, Ella finds herself in the centre of a criminal mystery. Can Ella and her friends crack the case with the help of some special, international friends?
	Ella diaries series Various				3-4	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1424053	Ellie Engle saves herself! Johnson, Leah	Scholastic UK	2023	9780702313462	5-6	Twelve-year-old Ellie is an unassuming and unspectacular coming-book-geek, and she idolizes her best friend, Abby, who is cool, popular and talented. But when an earthquake strikes their town, Ellie learns that she has acquired an unimaginable power... And when a video of her power suddenly goes viral, Ellie's ordinary life takes an extraordinary turn.

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1424098	Elmer and the white bear McKee, David & Milewski, Marysia	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839134654	K-2	When the ice starts to melt at the North Pole, a polar bear sets off on an adventure that takes him all the way to Elmer's jungle. When a mysterious white bear appears in the jungle, Elmer and Wilbur are keen to hear his story.
943392	Elsa the koala Aussie Ark	Woodslane Press	2023	9781922800145	3-4	This is the story of Elsa, a little koala who was raised at The Australian reptile Park. Find out how Elsa is doing her part for koala conservation.
1423328	Elsewhere Matheson, Shelby	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112140	5-6	At the outbreak of World War I, eleven-year-old Elsie Clarke is shipped off to Wales to attend Miss Coleridge's Academy for Gifted Youths. What at first appears to be an institution for talented academics soon reveals that 'Gifted' means something else entirely, and only the mysterious Madam Tryll holds the answers. Only she can open the Gateway to The Place Where Lost Children Go - a sentient forest called Elsewhere with the power to enhance the talents, desires, and fears of unique souls. And then there's Elsie, the newest Guardian, with the power to open the Gateways into Elsewhere, borrow Gifts in emergencies, and enhance other Gifts with her touch so that her Gifted friends can grow stronger. But Elsie's powers are unpredictable and her new role as mentor comes with a lot of responsibility. Meanwhile, the war rages on, and the headmistress believes the students are the solution. She intends to push them to their academic limit, training them in the art of war, stripping them of their childhood. The Gifted must use their newfound talents to bring down her awful regime and win a battle of their own. But with the war growing ever closer to home, Elsie can't help but feel like Elsewhere has been recruiting them too, training them for something bigger than just school.
1359339	Embrace the serpent Mara, Sunya	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781444983067	7-9	Saphira has spent her life trying to remain invisible. Despite her rare gift for harnessing the magic in gemstones, she lets a corrupt jewelSmith take credit for her impressive work. But when the king sends his handsome huntsman to find the best jewelSmith of all, Saphira's powers are exposed. Now she must choose between falling in the grasp of the Empire that made her an orphan, or marrying a monster - the ever feared Serpent King.

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1363767	Emperor's Egg, The Tan, Rae	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9780734422514	K-2	Looking for a worthy successor to his throne, an ageing emperor gives all the children in his kingdom an egg. After thirty days, he will judge what each child delivers to him and choose his heir. Ren brings his egg home and takes the best care of it. He reads to it, sings to it, sleeps with it and keeps it warm. Ren waits and waits, but his egg never hatches, while all around him wondrous hatchlings are emerging from other children's eggs. In a hall full of magical creatures, how can Ren present his unhatched egg to the emperor?
1304629	Endless sea, The Thai, Chi & Dao, Linh (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529516487	5-6	This story of one family's perilous journey from Vietnam to the UK. On the first day, we ate rice cakes. On the second day, they were all gone. On the third day, the water ran out. On the fourth day, we reached the sea.
1395121	⊙Enemy's daughter, The Poett, Melissa	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008716561	9plus	It's been thirty-seven years since the Republic was destroyed. Now two settlements - the five clans and the Kingsland - fight for control of the untainted land. Though the five clans are outnumbered, they've finally struck, killing Kingsland's brutal leader. In the war that follows, Isadora, an eighteen-year-old healer, risks her life to help injured soldiers. But when she stops an attack from Tristan, a Kingsland assassin, his soldiers shoot her with a poisoned arrow. As Isadora lies dying, Tristan does the unimaginable: He offers to save her life using a rare magic. In choosing to live, Isadora is unknowingly bound to the mysterious Tristan. Worse, even acknowledging the attraction between them allows him to glean fragments of her memories and the very knowledge he needs to destroy the five clans. But their magical connection works both ways. So to save her people, Isadora will have to open her heart to her most cunning enemy. Because in a race for ultimate survival, she'll need to destroy Tristan and his people first. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1409586	Epic factopia!: Follow the trail of 400 extreme facts Davidson, Rose & Smith, Andy (ill)	Britanica Books	2025	9781804661376	5-6	Follow an ingenious trail of 400 facts about daredevils, death-defying stunts, world records, wacky weather, extreme sports, unusual animals, and so much more -- all of which are connected in fun and unexpected ways.

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1423976	Escape from Sherwood Alvarez, Beattie & Allan, David (ill)	Christmas Press	2025	9780648815495	3-4	Michael Robins has a new game. It's cool. It's retro. It has bows and arrows, an evil king and something that he can see out of the corner of his eye. A chance glitch and a child's sticky fingers finds Michael and his friends sucked inside the computer where the game is reality and The Master is about to reset the program. Time is running out. Complete the levels or be deleted.
1423807	Every day amazing: Fun facts for all 365 days of the year! Barfield, Mike & Madriz, Marianna (ill)	Laurence King Publishers	2025	9781510232020	3-4	Something amazing really does happen every single day! From momentous moments in history to real-life silly stories from around the world, this incredible compendium gives you weird, wacky and wonderful facts for all 365 days in the calendar.
1395103	Every spiral of fate Mafi, Tahereh	electric monkey	2025	9780008629243	9plus	At long last, the wedding day of the Jinn queen to the enigmatic ruler of Tulan has arrived. Cyrus, tethered by a blood oath to the bride-to-be he's falling in love with, can find nothing to celebrate in this union, knowing it will result in his death at Alizeh's hand. Sworn to an ancient, unbreakable magic, Alizeh has no choice but to end her marriage in murder in order to free her people. Alizeh has been hunted all her life by insidious forces determined to keep the Jinn suppressed, and her imminent victory has disrupted the balance of power. To prepare for war and protect her people, Alizeh must finally discover her magic--and outrun the enemies trying to stop her. Every allegiance will be tested, every darkness uncovered, and when the shattering secrets of the Tullanian king are finally revealed... Nothing, and no one, will be the same. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1019789	Evolution: Join us on an exhilarating journey from the origins of life to the present day Darwin, Sarah & Sadowski, Eva-Maria & Baumert, Olga (ill)	What on Earth Books	2023	9781912920532	5-6	Dive into the history of life on Earth and learn about the theory of natural selection that Sarah's great-great-grandfather, Charles Darwin, and naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace came up with together. In this beautifully illustrated book, feature spreads explain the important things that you need to know, and a timeline plots the history of life on Earth.

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1409670	Experiment, The Stead, Rebecca	Penguin	2025	9781923058576	5-6	Although he appears to be a typical grade-six kid, Nathan learned at an early age that his family is from another planet, and that he is part of an important alien experiment to work out how to behave like a human and blend in. But the experiment suddenly seems to be going wrong. Some of the other experimenters have disappeared. Nathan's family is called back to the mothership, and what they find there makes Nathan question everything he has been taught to believe about who he is and why he is on Earth.
960018	F Team, The Arja, Rawah	Giramondo	2020	9781925818543	9plus	Meet Tariq Nader, leader of 'The Wolf Pack' at Punchbowl High, who has been commanded by the new principal to join a football competition with his mates in order to rehabilitate the public image of their school. When the team is formed, Tariq learns there's a major catch - half of the team is made up of white boys from Cronulla, aka enemy territory - and he must compete with their strongest player for captaincy of the team. At school, Tariq thinks he has life all figured out until he falls for a new girl called Jamila, who challenges everything he thought he knew. At home, his outspoken ways have brought him into conflict with his family. Now, with complications on all fronts, he has to dig deep to control his anger, and find what it takes to be a leader. In confronting and often hilarious situations, Tariq's relationships with his extended Lebanese family and his friends are tested like never before, and he comes to learn that his choices can have serious consequences. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1423823	Fair game Alcott, Dylan & Regan, Fiona & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780733343216	5-6	Dylan loves to come first. From breaking the wheelchair wheelie world record to playing with his little sister to coding amazing games, he's always trying to win. And with the school sports carnival coming up, he's sure he'll nail it on the day. But suddenly nothing seems to be going his way. His parents keep interfering, he's losing on and off the field, and then there's the disaster with the Party of the Year. It takes the people who care about Dylan to help him realise that winning is not always about coming first.
1367123	False versus facts Marshall, Dan	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760659721	5-6	Seperate truth from lies, bust some myths and discover once and for all what is false and what is fact.

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1359418	Farm by the sea, A Packer, Jillian	Berbay Publishing	2025	9781922610997	K-2	Imagine living on a farm by the sea. After you finish your chores with your family, it's time to play on the beach, where the rockpools are a place for sipping on seagrass tea and dancing to the music of the waves.
1125102	Fart club: Revenge of the beans Wallace, Adam & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760979218	3-4	Martin Kennedy, aka Fartboy, has been awarded a scholarship to attend The Amazingly Fancy School of Excellence in Sparkle City. But there's a catch. Sparkle City is under attack by alien beans out to get revenge for every bean that's ever been eaten! Their only weakness? The human fart. But there are too many and Fartboy's pong just isn't enough. He must bring together a team of Fartastic super-farters! Can he unite their stink in time to save the planet from a beany end?
1424017	Fart face Daddo, Andrew & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	Penguin	2025	9781761355882	K-2	We all do them. Yes, I know you do! But there's a time and a place for a fart face. A hilarious and irreverent picture book to entertain young and old alike.
1304503	Fast lane, The Newman, Ben (ill) & Stemville	Flying Eye Books	2025	9781913123246	5-6	A fun book filled with details and facts about racing cars, and how science, technology and teamwork work together when racing in the F1.
1244408	Father of the lost boys: The Mecak Ajang Alaak story Alaak, Yuot, A.	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993900	5-6	Once there was a man who rescued 20,000 boys from becoming child soldiers and facing almost certain death. That man was Mecak Ajang Alaak. That man was my father. One of those boys was me.
1424043	Fearless Canby, Kelly	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996611	5-6	Bea Ware is afraid of everything - from shadows to ladders to trampolines, she is in a constant state of anxiety and trepidation. Her friend, Annie Venture, seems completely carefree, skipping through life without a single worry. But Annie shares her secret with Bea. Annie is not fearless, she has simply learned to fear less. So, just a little every day, Bea tries to fear less, too, and uncover a more carefree life.
1423913	Fern's school for Wayward Fae: The grim adventure Forgettable, Fern	Walker Books	2025	9780593810507	7-9	Just before her thirteenth birthday, Rosemary and her friends return to Fern's School for Wayward Fae, where she uncovers a sinister force threatening the school, with Death itself targeting the students and their magical gifts.

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1367137	Find me on the coast McGeachin, Jess	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423634	K-2	Have you exhausted all the David Attenborough documentaries, and you are looking for your next notable nonfiction? Then Find Me on the Coast is the perfect book for you. Go and get your wetsuit on because Jess McGeachin is about to have you peering into rockpools, flipping and flopping with sea otters through kelp forests, lying belly-down in the sand staring eye to eye with baby sea turtles. Part story, part nature guide, this book shows that wherever the land meets the sea, wonderful discoveries are soon to be found.
1424018	Finding her edge Iacopelli, Jennifer	Hachette Australia	2025	9781444983951	9plus	Adriana Russo's dream is to conquer the figure skating Junior World Championships. But with her family's ice skating rink facing financial ruin, allowing cameras to film their every move is the only thing keeping that dream alive. Then her new dance partner, Brayden, sparks an idea that could turn them into stars; let the world believe their on-ice chemistry is real. But as Adriana begins to fall for Brayden, Freddie- her former partner and first crush - skates back into her life. Will Adriana claim her place on the podium, or will she follow her heart? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1424041	First day around the world Zoboi, Ibi & Londono, Juanita (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780063078888	K-2	All across the globe, on this first day of school, we will learn... of the first humans to walk the earth in Africa, of the legendary dynasties of Asia, of monarchies and myths, folklore and fairy tales in Europe, of indigenous ancestors, keepers of the land in Australia, of a warming earth and melting glaciers in Antarctica, of ancient civilisations and modern peoples in South America, of freedom, resistance, and change in North America.
1366499	First state of being, The Kelly, Erin Entrada	Greenwillow	2024	9780063472631	5-6	When a strange kid shows up at Michael's apartment he isn't sure what to make of him. The boy is dressed oddly and is acting strange. Michael has enough to worry about like preparing for the end of the world. What happens if Michael is the key to make things right in the world?

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820937	Flawed Ahern, Cecelia	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008758707	9plus	In Celestine North's world, perfection is paramount and mistakes are punished. So Celestine lives a perfect life, as a model daughter, student and girlfriend. But then Celestine breaks a rule and faces life-changing repercussions. She could be imprisoned. Branded. Found flawed. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1423342	Flip Fraser, Rebecca	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112898	7-9	Denim Davis wishes he could flip his life, just like the vintage items he sells online. He and his Dad have spent a year moving from town to town and Denim feels like he's drifting through life without an anchor.
1229313	Following the moon Norbury, James	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2024	9780241686737	5-6	Deep in the silent mountains wanders Amaya, a lost pup searching for her parents after a terrible snowstorm which, for the first time in her life, leaves her alone. Until she meets a wise and aged wolf who, having saved her life, becomes her guide on an unforgettable adventure to follow the moon. As they make their way through day and night across a wintery landscape, together they both learn profound lessons about love, sacrifice, life, loss and ultimately change.
1334248	Food for all: What we eat and where it comes from Hoffman, Mary & Ros, Asquith (ill)	Otter-Barry books	2025	9781915659378	3-4	Food! We all need it to live. This book explores questions such as: Is there enough food to go round? Do some countries have too much? Should we all eat organic food or go vegetarian? Where does the food on our plates start from and how does it get to us? Is farming making climate change worse? How can we feed everyone on our planet, now and in the future?
1019909	Football Fever: Half-time Heroes Darell, Kristin & Vamos, Lesley (ill)	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761048074	3-4	The Under 11s Merridale Fever are back! They're having their best season ever, and even better - they have the chance to play as Half-time Heroes at a Socceroos game. All they have to do is make a video showing what makes their team special. Instead of working together, the team take sides and try to convince each other that their way is the best way. Can tips from some of Australia's best footballers help the Fever agree on what makes them heroes?

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1423984	Football GOAT, The: Kane v. Bellingham Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth	Walker Books	2025	9781529530988	5-6	In this epic clash, Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham go head-to-head . . . - Read about how Kane scored in his debut England match - How Bellingham became Birmingham City's youngest ever senior player - That Kane is Tottenham Hotspur and England's record scorer - But Bellingham has won more team trophies, including a treble in a single season . . . It's a tough competition - are you ready to vote for the GOAT?
1426002	Football GOAT, The: Saka v. Yamal Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth & Leydon, Dan (ill)	Walker Books	2026	9781529530995	5-6	Read about how Arsenal signed Saka up for their academy when he was only 8 - How Yamal has become Barcelona's Clasicó King - That Saka is a back-to-back Player of the Season for Arsenal and England - But teenage Yamal has already won the Spanish treble and the Euros for Spain It's a tough competition - are you ready to VOTE FOR THE GOAT?
1409635	Football school facts: A fact for every day of the year Bellos, Alex & Lyttleton, Ben & Gerrell, Spike (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529526004	5-6	This book provides a different football fact for each day of the year, with seasonally relevant trivia, player birthdays, and quizzes. It is entertaining and informative and a must read for anyone interested in the history of soccer.
1329949	Foundation, The: Will always welcome you Salisbury, Melinda	Barrington Stoke	2025	9781800902725	5-6	When keen gamer Ivy Finch is sent to the Ash Tree Foundation after an online encounter turns dangerous, all she can think about is getting through the internet-safety course her parents have signed her up for and going back to her life. Until she meets Conrad O'Connell, famous influencer and nephew of the Ash Tree Foundation's founder Dagmar Nilsson. Conrad showers Ivy with attention and she soon finds herself drawn into his world and his work with his aunt. But Conrad isn't telling Ivy the whole truth about the Foundation's purpose, and Ivy is exactly what he, and the Foundation, have been looking for.
923798	Four all at sea Masson, Sophie & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Christmas Press	2021	9780648815419	3-4	Mrs Brown and the Four Friends from the farm had become real stars after Mr Peachy discovered them and now they were on their way to star in the Famous Four film by ship. On a deserted island they hear strange noises and an unexpected find begins, not just fireworks!
1423931	Four up in lights Masson, Sophie	Christmas Press	2022	9780648815471	3-4	It's a big day for Maxie, Flash, Fergie and Lady - they are going to be in a movie that will make them stars! When Daredevil, their co-star, is kidnapped, the four friends are flung into mystery and danger. Can they find Daredevil, defeat the bad guy and complete the movie?

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1423826	Frances Bloom Nannestad, Katrina & Zlatanova, Marina (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780733343971	3-4	Frances Bloom is eight-years-old and lives alone in a cottage by the sea. When circumstances determine that she needs a family, she finds a large bear raiding the rubbish bins and a garden gnome fishing in the flowerbed. Welcome Grandma Maude and Grandpa Harold. Together this unusual trio creates a new family, writing their own rules with each misadventure.
1425940	Freddie Jones: The mystery of the troublesome trees Foster, Kate	Walker Books	2026	9781760659936	5-6	Freddie, along with his trusty assistance dog Hobnob and Grandma Lilly, is off to join his parents at a luxury resort for his first ever holiday. He can't wait to see the rain-forest and its incredible and dangerous inhabitants like cassowaries and crocodiles. But it turns out there's more to explore - and in store - than Freddie ever imagined. The ecosystem is not behaving as it should, and noises, lights and sounds are popping up all around the resort, leaving behind a trail of mysterious and unexpected trees. Who, or what, is behind it?
1423989	Friendship book, The Louise, Zanni & Johnson, Nicky (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658106	K-2	Friends can come from anywhere! From school, the park, the shopping square. A bookstore, circus, from the zoo ... But how will we know what to do? How do we find friends, make friends or be a friend? Zanni Louise and Nicky Johnston weave a story of building friendship and community through kindness, inclusion and imagination in this delightful journey through a day of meeting, greeting, laughing and playing together.

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1470706	Friendship paradox, The Aska	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181689	7-9	<p>Note to self: no matter how messy or confusing, the universe is an orderly place with physics to guide you.</p> <p>High school is over. Dash is excited to spend their gap year working for the local science museum, travelling and teaching kids about physics. Maybe they'll even make a friend. People are part of the universe, so the laws of physics should also apply to them, right?</p> <p>Except Dash discovers the workplace is just as challenging as school - relationships are confusing, students don't follow the rules and co-workers aren't what they expect. Then Dash meets Kay. Can opposites really attract? Or will Dash's attempts to use physics to understand their world repel a potential friend?</p> <p>A heartfelt YA graphic novel about friendship and finding your place in a puzzling world by the highly acclaimed comic artist of the CBCA Notable graphic novel Stars in Their Eyes.</p>
1355854	Frog's first song, The Money, Jazz & Phu, Jason (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268977	K-2	The Frogs First Song is a playful picture book about the joys of belonging, community, courage, teamwork, collaboration and friendship. This debut picture book is a unique and melodic ode to taking chances, using your voice and coming together in song and dance. Its also a timely and sensitive story about the power of togetherness in dark times.
1423806	Frog, Log & Dave: A brush with evil Jamieson, Trent & Wilson, Brent (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761347085	3-4	The Quadbikes are delivery drivers by day and a super musical group by night. Evil Von Evil is planning a revenge after his evil plan to pollute the city failed and his target is Jeremy his nemesis. The Toothbrush Instruction Writing Company where Jeremy works is about to get a surprise, an evil plan. I'm sorry it's purely personal, ruminates Evil Von Evil. But Dave thinks things are smelling a little fishy!
	Funny kid series Stanton, Matt				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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1423979	Galaxy of whales, A Fawcett, Heather	Rocky Pond Books	2024	9780593530566	5-6	When eleven year old Fern hears about a photo contest with a big cash award she decides she'll enter and win by taking photos of whales. But her neighbour and nemesis, Jasper, is also planning to enter the contest. Will whales bring them together?
1357344	Gang, The Streich, Michel	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761205668	K-2	Watch out for the Gang. They're everywhere. They're destroying. There is no escape. What will the family do when a flock of chaos-causing cockatoos lands in their backyard?
1424096	Gaslit Davidhizar, Megan	Harper Fire	2026	9780008617035	7-9	Ella wishes she could have gone to a NYE party with her friend; instead, she arrives at her aunt's house to find that something isn't right. At all. Ella is determined to find out what really happened, but she has more than a few obstacles in her way.
1098175	General Waste Streich, Michel	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761205699	K-2	General Waste loves stuff! Wasting lots of stuff! He tosses away apples after one bite, he has hour-long showers, he must have the latest uniform fashion, and he rides around in a monster truck! He shares a house with Gram-Gram. She always saves her leftovers, does her own repairs and cycles everywhere! One day, when General Waste finds himself trapped under a mountain of his own stuff, Gram-Gram comes to the rescue ... General Waste is a hilarious tale about how to find joy in the simple things in life.
1424051	Ghost boys: The graphic novel Parker Rhodes, Jewell & Fiadzigbey, Setor (ill)	Little Brown	2025	9780316279796	7-9	Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Soon Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances. Emmett helps Jerome process what has happened, on a journey towards recognizing how historical racism may have led to the events that ended his life. Jerome also meets Sarah, the daughter of the police officer, who grapples with her father's actions

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1406496	Gift from the birds, A Stills, Caroline	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781923058453	5-6	Birds can save people's lives. You may think that's a strange thing to say. How can a small animal with wings save a person? But I know they can. It happened to me.' When Millie was nine years old her mum got sick, very sick. And now, on the night of Millie's tenth birthday party, things are getting serious. Millie sits on the back step of her house, worried and upset, and two shiny black crows fly into the yard, catching her attention. Why are they here? And why do they start leaving mysterious objects for her to find?
1424010	Girl and the ghost, The: Family secrets Harvey, Jacqueline	Penguin	2025	9781761349416	5-6	A trip to Paris and Versailles, an escaped convict, an ancient underground cave network, family mysteries and . . . ghosts. Josephine Eloise Thomas is in Paris receiving a huge reward for solving one of the world's greatest art heists. But she's not alone. Gabriel Barbier, the gorgeous French boy who helped her solve the crime is there too, along with their families and the ghost of Louis XVII, who is still Josephine's big secret, for now at least. Amid the celebrations the chilling news that Anastasia, the mastermind behind the crime, has escaped from custody sets everyone on edge.
1380606	Girl who wasn't there, The Wilson, Jacqueline	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241684054	7-9	Luna is reserved and fearful when the family moves to a new place that dad is keen to restore. It happens to be a crumbling tower and her younger sister loves it because it is a fairy tale castle. When Aurora begins a friendship with a girl, Tansy who lived in the past according to a local legend, emotions build between them all because of the wretched tower. Can Luna, mum or dad make things better for the way Aurora is behaving?
1423396	Going for pippies Laurie, Wilaaran & Mordey, Tori-Jay (ill)	Magabala Books	2025	9781922864147	K-2	Wilaaran wants to learn the old ways. He's going hunting for pippies with his mum and dad, nans and pops, uncles and cousins. But what's this special dance his family is doing in the water?
759608	Good Girl, Bad Blood Jackson, Holly	electric monkey	2020	9781405297752	9plus	Pippa and Ravi Singh have released a true crime podcast and are insistent their detecting days are behind them until a local boy goes missing. Jackson ensnares readers in another highly addictive web, woven from the dark shadows of small-town secrets. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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1388303	Gooramindi the crocodile Jaffrey, Quinlan & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Magabala Books	2025	9781922613424	K-2	This picture book tells the tale of Gooramindi, the freshwater crocodile and guardian of the river. Gooramindi rescues a boy named Corey from the claw-grips of Walwarrangga, a big cheeky crocodile who lives upstream.
	Goosebumps series Stine, R L				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1319280	Gotcha! Can you catch the thief? Henseleit, Jack & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760267094	K-2	A gang of burglars just escaped. They're coming to your town! Perhaps they've left some clues behind. Can you track them down?
1359387	Grandad Bluey	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761620126	K-2	Grandad is meant to be resting. But when Bluey and Bingo visit, they take of into the bush on a wild chase. Can mum catch them?
1356324	Grandpa's guide to happiness Daddo, Andrew & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	ABC Books	2025	9780733343629	3-4	My grandpa says the funniest things. He says the happiest days are the busiest days, and there's usually a stack of things to do. It's always fun spending time with Grandpa - fixing things in the shed, doing some gardening, fishing at the pier or telling jokes in the backyard.
1355847	🕒 Guide to falling off the map, A Arnot, Zanni L	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423597	9plus	Vinnie Smith has her post-grad life in NYC all planned out with her best friend Lilah, using future dreams to distract from her mums battle with MS. Meanwhile, her childhood friend Roo Carpenter has dropped out of school and taken a shady job to support his struggling family. When Vinnies plans fall apart, she impulsively takes Roo on a road trip across inland Australia in her mums old Kombi, hoping to fix his life instead of facing her own pain. But as grief, worsening headaches, and confusing feelings between them bubble up, both are forced to confront more than they expected, especially the risk of losing their friendship to something more. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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1475932	Guinea wigs: Fur power! McRitchie, Rebecca & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2026	9781460767184	3-4	What happens when five guinea pigs find a box of weird wigs? Best friends Jet, Minnie, Meatball, Bud and Tofu become the GUINEA WIGS - guinea pigs but with SUPERPOWERS! And it's just in time, too, because somebody in town is kidnapping all the chickens. Can the GUINEA WIGS work out how to use their new powers AND find the chickens before it's too late? Or will the superheroes have to wig it - I mean - wing it ...?
1337712	Gymnastic diaries: Fantastic floor Godwin, Georgia & Sievking, Laura & Frescura, Camilla (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761640636	3-4	Georgia is 10 years old and loves gymnastics. She wants to be an international gymnastics star and this is her diary. Join Georgia as she chases her dreams! There is a lot happening in Georgia's world with clashes in her school and elite gym schedules. At school, it's time to vote for the leadership team and Georgia wants to go for Sports Captain... but so does her bestie, Bri! In the gym, Georgia is learning a new floor routine with harder skills for an upcoming competition. Will Georgia figure out how to balance it all? Or will she have to make some tough choices?
1423974	Hansel and Gretel King, Stephen & Sendak, Maurice (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781444919349	3-4	The classic, haunting tale of two brave children lost in an eerie and dangerous forest, reimagined by literary legends: Stephen King and Maurice Sendak. Let Stephen King, global bestselling and award-winning author, and Maurice Sendak, beloved creator of the Caldecott-Medal winning Where the Wild Things Are, guide you into this most deliciously daring rendition of the traditional Grimm fairy tale. But will you find your way back out?
1296493	Harry and gran bake a cake McIntosh, Fiona & Acton, Sara (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761346941	K-2	Harry and Gran are going to bake a cake. What could possibly go wrong? A funny and charming story of a gran and her grandchild sharing the joy of baking together . . . and embracing the hilarious mishaps that occur along the way
1409643	Hatful of dreams, A Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2025	9781529525861	K-2	At the end of a dark and lonely street sits a little house that glows from within. Look through the window, and you might see the Andersons... Mum, Dad, Milly, Sonny, Jonas, and of course Maggie the dog! And don't forget Grandad - with music in his fingers and magic under his hat. No, really! The children aren't sure if they believe their Grandad's fantastical tales - "Oh, Grandad! You're joking!" they cry. But they really won't believe what happens when Grandad slowly takes off his hat...

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1209902	Heartseer: The tale of Anise Star Foxwood, Rowan	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781803707372	5-6	Anise Star is a Heartseer - only she can see daemons, which means it's her job to protect them. So when the villainous Mr Babbit tries to destroy their White Wood home, Anise sets out on an exciting and dangerous journey to stop him. Together with her daemon-dog Wolf, Anise joins forces with runaway musician Robin and fox god Whin, battling the cunning Magpie Queen and a poisonous ink monster. Anise soon realises that it's not just Wolf and the daemons of the White Wood she needs to save, it's all of the daemons in the world.
952853	Heartwood hotel: A true home George, Kallie	Disney Press	2017	9781484747360	3-4	When Mona the Mouse stumbles across the wondrous world of Heartwood Hotel in the middle of a storm, she desperately hopes they'll let her stay. As it turns out, Mona is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest, where animals come from far and wide for safety, luxury, and comfort. But it's not all acorn souffle and soft moss-lined beds. Danger lurks, and as it approaches, Mona has to use her wits to protect the place she's come to love. Because this hotel is more than a warm shelter to spend the night. It might also be a home.
1423804	Hedgehog or echidna?: Animals who are the same... but different Barton, Ashleigh & Thomas, Amandine (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734422682	K-2	A hedgehog and an echidna meet. They are both spiny animals who look very similar - but they are different. Are there any other animals around the world who also get mixed up? Let's find out!
1423924	Hello cocky Bell, Hilary & Pesenti, Antonia (ill)	Scribble Press	2025	9781761381577	K-2	Hello Cocky is a poetic and playful celebration of Australia's bossiest bird. Have a stickybeak at these beautiful creatures, curious, fearless and very loud, from bush to backyard, and from hollow trees to wheelie bins.
1304567	Heroines of the ancient world Gargill-Martin, Honor & Carpenter, Margaux (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781529507522	7-9	Celebrate the stories of incredible women from the ancient world in this beautifully illustrated gift book. Featuring powerful retellings of courageous women, including the ruler Cleopatra, Mary Hebraea the first known alchemist and the warrior queen Boudica, this stunning collection of epic stories will get children fascinated by ancient history.
1423916	Hickory dickory dock Horacek, Judy	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781761600814	K-2	The show is over! The favourite nursery rhyme, Hickory Dickory Dock is done and I mouse am signing out!

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1071754	Hidden hat, The Cummings, Phil & Goldsmith, Jennifer (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761205705	5-6	While playing hide-and-seek at Grandpa's house, Lucy and Mitch find a hat, hidden away in a deep, dark corner. It's Grandpa's hat, filled with memories. In this moving story of rediscovery, truth and mateship, a hidden hat stirs memories of a grandfather's days serving in Vietnam.
1433797	History hunter: The crystal skulls Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996550	5-6	<p>Legendary crystal skulls made by ancient civilisations have been a source of controversy for decades. But are they more modern than we think?</p> <p>Made by no known human process, the crystal skulls have defied investigations to determine who made them, when they were made, and what tools were used.</p> <p>Could they be relics from the legendary lost island of Atlantis, or are these exotic artifacts an elaborate hoax?</p> <p>The truth is out there.</p>
1345428	History hunter: The deadly diamond Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995058	5-6	The Deadly Diamond tells the fascinating true story of the Hope Diamond, one of the most famous gems in the world. From its discovery in India to its journey through royal courts and across continents, this dazzling blue diamond has been surrounded by mystery and legend. Was it a treasure or a curse? Mark Greenwood brings history to life in a tale filled with adventure, intrigue, and wonder.
1433773	History hunter: The unlucky pirate Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996536	5-6	<p>Captain Kidd is a figure shrouded in myth and legend. Hired by the King of England as a privateer to capture pirates who were attacking treasure-laden ships, he was eventually accused of turning rogue and becoming a ruthless buccaneer himself.</p> <p>His notoriety endures because of the legendary hoards of gold, silver and precious stones said to have been buried by him. But did pirates really bury their treasure? And how much of Captain Kid's treasure is still waiting to be found?</p> <p>The truth is out there.</p>

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1359457	History hunter: The wonder horse Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995034	5-6	In the 1930s, the big chestnut horse was a national icon who brought joy to ordinary Australians during the Great Depression. In dark times, people with little reason for hope cheered him on. Under the care of his faithful handler, Tommy, Phar Lap won many sensational victories. But there were some who would stop at nothing to keep Phar Lap from winning. Join the History Hunter as he tackles a web of mysteries, from the intuition of a struggling horse trainer to the role of genetics, and the biggest mystery of all: how did Phar Lap really die?
1424009	Hits and misses of Melody Moss, The Dallimore, Helen	Penguin	2025	9781761354175	5-6	Melody Moss is staring high school and everything is going wrong! Her BFF has forgotten the Forever bit and has found The Clones. Her mum is taking food experimentation to a disgusting level. Her big sister pretends she doesn't even exist. Her dog farts all the time. And, her new crush has pushed her firmly into the Friend Zone. She's holding it together, but only just. When a competition is announced to see who can write and direct the school musical, Melody jumps at the chance. Will dancing octopuses (octopi?), a possibly life-threatening babysitting gig, and a new friendship with a fellow musical-theatre tragic be just what Melody needs to get out of this mess?
1423941	Hooves of death, Volume 1 Bragg, Sam	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780063448247	5-6	The end of humanity did not begin with zombies but it might very well end with zombies. Unicorns are immune to the bite of the undead, and are reluctant protectors of the remaining uninfected. But this short lived peace will collapse and the unicorns will find themselves on an epic journey to fulfill a prophecy with a fiesty human girl and a servant of death. There certainly is glitter and rainbows, but this is also a tale of ghouls and dark powers.
1423959	Hotdog & friends: Fun park! Do, Anh & McGuinness, Dan (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761643316	K-2	The perfect picnic quickly turns into a disaster, with one hilarious mishap after another! Hotdog and friends are ready for an awesome day at the park. They have their picnic basket and games to play. But, wait... is that rain?!

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1244437	House Giovannoni, Dan & Lane, Charlotte (ill)	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760994709	5-6	House is the story of a lonely little house, all by itself in the world, without anyone to open its front door. House abandons its foundations and launches into the sky in search of a friend. From its aerial vantage it can see the whole world and then, it comes across someone just like it; someone lonely; a child, all by herself in the middle of a storm. House whisks her away to safety, and as the lonely little girl slowly makes her way through each room, she discovers the wonders inside the fantastical contraptions, the kitchen preparing anything you please, the periscope that lets you watch the world roll by down on the ground. House is a place of calm, of distraction, and of rest the house is a friend to someone in need.
1367116	House divided, A Hallifax, Clare	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658991	5-6	A coming of age story, set against the Dismissal of the Whitlam government in 1975 as battle lines are drawn, democracy is on the edge, and all of it is far too close to home. When another national crisis puts Juliet's family beach trip on hold, Juliet is disappointed, but not surprised. When your dad has a key job in the federal government, even faraway crises hit close to home, and change is the only constant. It's 1975 and Juliet has a lot to look forward to. It's the last year of primary school, wrongs are being set right, and there's new attitudes, new opportunities... as well as new friends. But as Juliet gets to know more about the people around her and the times that shape her, there are plenty of surprises still in store. But politics is casting a long shadow over the country, and it seems nothing can save Juliet, her family, and her friendships, from the biggest crisis of all.
1209883	House of rural realness, The Campbell, Curtis	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268885	9plus	Peter Thompkin needs a public image overhaul after his vicious clapback against the most popular gay in school goes viral. When his best friend Alan, aka teen drag queen Aggie Culture, announces the first public drag performance by The House of Rural Realness, Peter steps forward as their producer. It might be the only way he can restore his reputation. Peter leads the queens as they survive bigoted backlash-and one another. But will Mason County's Drag Extravaganza drop dead before they make their first death drop? And will Peter and Alan's friendship even survive past curtain call?

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1424016	House Saphir, The Meyer, Marissa	Penguin	2025	9781761357602	9plus	Trust your heart. But trust no one else. Welcome to the House Saphir. Some claim that to this day the sinister laughter of ghost Monsieur Le Bleu, can be heard echoing through the halls of his mansion. And every year, on the anniversary of his death, the fountain where he was killed runs red with blood. His evil spirit lingers and is hungry to kill again. Can Mallory Fontaine, daughter of a witch, solve a murder and banish the ghost? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1423801	Hover car racer: the graphic novel Reilly, Matthew & Hanna, John (ill)	MacMillan	2024	9781761268953	5-6	Never give up. Never say die. Meet Jason Chaser, hover car racer. He's won himself a place at the International Race School, where racers either make it on to the Pro Circuit - or they crash and burn. But he's an outsider. He's younger than the other racers. His car, the Argonaut, is older. And on top of that, someone doesn't want him to succeed at the School and will do anything to stop him. Now Jason Chaser isn't just fighting for his place on the starting line, he's racing for his life.
1359433	How big is love? Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734420176	K-2	A young child and older family member sit on the porch at sunset watching a storm roll in. The adult whispers, 'I love you,' but the child needs reassurance: 'How much?' With each new declaration, we learn that the love between adult and child is boundless.
1367134	How my family says I love you Sewankambo, Yvonne & McLeod, Aurore (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760655723	K-2	Not everyone says 'I love you', but we all have many ways of showing we care. There are so many ways to say I love you, without saying any words at all. From lending a hand, extending a hand, offering a gift, giving a hug, sharing a skill and sharing a meal, there are so many ways to express our love to family, and friends. An insightful, and delightful, celebration of how we show we care.
1334243	How to build a racing car Scott, Fran & Boston, Paul (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529524178	3-4	Build your own moving race car from household objects in this step-by-step guide based on the science behind Formula One. Take your place at the starting gate and fire up your engine: it's time to build your very own racing car! Join presenter and maker Fran Scott for a crash course in racing engineering, then use your new-found skills to build your own awesome air-powered machine using household objects.

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1423995	How to get magically popular Sanghani, Radhika	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805318286	5-6	Sabina Patel just wants to fit in. But in her new school, in a new town where she doesn't know anyone, Sabina feels more out of place than ever. Then she accidentally unlocks magic powers and starts to see the future, and she quickly stands out as one of the most popular girls at school. But when Sabina starts seeing futures she'd rather not know about, she's not sure if she's unlocked a gift or a curse.
1312676	How to help when you really want to help Bell, Davine & Tapper, Hilary Jean (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423658	K-2	A tissue for a tear. A cloth to clean. Somewhere to stay. Something to snuggle. A warm-hearted exploration of some of the big and small ways we can all make a difference in the world, no matter our age - at home, around the neighbourhood, at school and in the community.
1229903	How to make a bedtime McKinley, Meg & Blair, Karen (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760653712	K-2	Beautiful bedtime and sleepy good nights. This is how the night wraps around you sleepily and slumbry.
1423795	Howzat Pat! Money mystery Hartley, David, Geddes, Serena & Cummins, Patrick	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460764701	3-4	I'm Pat Cummins and I love playing cricket. I love it so much that I sleep with my bat! Australia's biggest cricket stars might play at our cricket ground if we raise funding for solar lights! While we're cleaning out recycling from the bush, something AMAZING happens. Will we meet the MYSTERIOUS hairyman? What's INSIDE the hidden suitcase? Can we raise the MONEY?!
1209837	Hullabaloo about elephant poo, The White, Dee & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460766194	K-2	Elephant poo. How much does an elephant make? What can it be used for? Read this book to explore the hullabaloo about elephant poo.
845816	Human for Kingsley, A Evans, Gabriel	Little Hare Books	2021	9781760506919	K-2	Kingsley had decided to own a human. This was not a decision to be taken lightly. After all, owning a human is a responsibility. But finding the right kind of human is much harder than Kingsley expected. Some are too bossy. Some are too busy. And some just don't seem to appreciate a dog the way they should. Will Kingsley ever find a human that is exactly right?
1388327	I flew around the world Rutherford, Zara & Liu, Jiatong (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	2024	9780241662311	5-6	In August of 2021, 19-year old Zara Rutherford embarked on a mission to fly solo around the world. 155 days later, she returned victorious. Over five months, the brave young explorer encountered ice caps, volcanoes, bolts of lightning, wildfires, freezing temperatures, typhoons, remote stretches of sky, turbulence, and much more.

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1209915	I in the island, The Barker, Judith & Firth, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2022	9781922800077	K-2	This is the story of the 'I'. A young dancer performs a Brolga Dance at a spring festival in Sydney's Centennial Parklands. She imagines two brolgas entwined and circling then flying back to K'gari, her island home. This Australian story teaches young readers about the long vowel 'I' and where they can find it in different words.
1423821	I killed the king Mix, Rebecca & Hannah, Andrea	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008782146	9plus	<p>After a decade of war, the kingdoms of Avendell and Istellia have finally agreed to peace. As nobles and magic wielders from both countries arrive at remote Castle Avendell for a historic all-night masquerade to celebrate, King Costis summons an unlikely group to his the crown prince, his Istellian bride-to-be, his personal guard, a wild beast teamer, and the palace's questionable new healer. But before Costis can reveal why he has gathered them, the castle goes dark.</p> <p>When the lights come back, the king is dead-murdered with the princess's knife, in a weak spot only his guard knew of, and with venom from one of the beast tamer's monsters lacing the blade.</p> <p>With no clear killer-and everyone a suspect-they make a risky decision to tell no one until the treaty is signed. But when a winter storm seals everyone inside and someone aware of the king's untimely death begins to pick off guests one by one, the six suspects must work together to discover who killed the king... before one of them is next.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1446680	I know what you're hiding Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761526794	7-9	<p>A deadly blaze. A desperate girl. Three days to crack the case.</p> <p>Everyone knows the story. Jamie George was the golden child. Her sister, Morgan, was nothing but trouble. When their house mysteriously burned down, Jamie barely survived. Morgan wasn't so lucky.</p> <p>Three years later, teen podcaster Zoe Gale receives an urgent message. Jamie needs help. She's received a threat written in blood and a demand for cash. Instead of paying up, Jamie wants Zoe to unmask the blackmailer.</p> <p>Zoe's tangled with dangerous people before. And there's something about Jamie she just doesn't trust. But soon she's digging up secrets someone would kill to keep buried ...</p>
1399465	I survived the destruction of Pompeii, AD 79: The graphic novel Tarshis, Lauren & Shephard, David (ill)	Graphix	2024	9781761527838	5-6	<p>No one in the bustling city of Pompeii worries when the ground trembles beneath their feet. The beast under the mountain Vesuvius, high above the city, wakes up angry sometimes -- and always goes back to sleep. But Marcus is afraid. He knows something is terribly wrong -- and his father, who trusts science more than mythical beasts, agrees. When Vesuvius explodes into a huge cloud of ash and rocks that fall from the sky like rain, will they have time to escape -- and survive the epic destruction of Pompeii? Includes a section at the back with facts and photos about the real-life event.</p>
1345003	I'm a photon Vavagiakis, Eve M & Malbrough, Mike (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529526318	K-2	<p>Meet the incredible photon -- the fundamental particle that makes up light. Thanks to the photon, we can see colours and the world around us -- and photons also make up the light we can't see, like radiowaves and X-rays. Travel faster than the speed of light as you join the photon on a fascinating journey to uncover their extraordinary secrets. Then work together with the photon to make new scientific discoveries and change the world for the better.</p>

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1423789	I'm very busy: a (nearly forgotten) birthday book Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008771911	K-2	Are all of Bridget's friends too busy for her birthday? It's Bridget's birthday and she thinks it would be fun to spend the day with friends. But Royal has places to go, Rodney has to see a man about a dog and Regis has to wash his hair. Bridget's friends are all too busy to hang out! Will Bridget have to spend her birthday all alone?
1304505	Ice apprentices North, Jacob	Simon & Schuster	2025	9781398533936	5-6	Tundra is the last settlement in a world of ice. Oswin Fields is its only stray, rescued from the Endless Expanse. So, when he's summoned to the school for ice apprentices, he sets out to prove his worth. But all isn't as it seems in this enchanted place. When the beasts begin to strike, Oswin has to risk everything he holds dear. Can he look deep within himself to find the strength to prove that he belongs?
1155280	Ice house, The Sherwood, Monica	Little Brown	2023	9780316705318	5-6	Louisa feels trapped. There's a global temperature drop, and her family's been snowed into their apartment building for months. Her parents are overwhelmed. Her little brother is driving her up the wall. She's barely seen her friends, so they're growing apart. But her neighbour and former friend, Luke has been around a lot after his dad's scary ice-related accident. The universe is out of whack and all she wants is for "normal" to return - fast. Everything changes when Louisa and Luke build an ice house as a getaway from their stressed-out families. But when they discover a mystifying window to what could lie ahead, it sets them on an impossible mission to restore the world to its rightful order.

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759155	Ickabog, The Rowling, J.K. & Mantle, Ben (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781510202795	5-6	<p>Once upon a time there was a tiny kingdom called Cornucopia, as rich in happiness as it was in gold, and famous for its food. From the delicate cream cheeses of Kurdsburg to the Hopes-of-Heaven pastries of Chouxville, each was so delicious that people wept with joy as they ate them.</p> <p>But even in this happy kingdom, a monster lurks. Legend tells of a fearsome creature living far to the north in the Marshlands... the Ickabog. Some say it breathes fire, spits poison, and roars through the mist as it carries off wayward sheep and children alike. Some say it's just a myth...</p> <p>And when that myth takes on a life of its own, casting a shadow over the kingdom, two children - best friends Bert and Daisy - embark on a great adventure to untangle the truth and find out where the real monster lies, bringing hope and happiness to Cornucopia once more.</p>
1424034	If I could eat the stars and other poems Newman, Rebecca M & Murphy, Sally & Stewart, Briony (ill)	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996482	5-6	Pick up 'If I could eat the stars and other poems' for poems like 'Space Whales', 'Treasure', 'Wish', 'The Solitary Crow', 'Paati's Garden' and 'Breeze on the Djarlgarro Beelie' for hilarious, thoughtful, magical explorations in poetic form - free verse, found poems, Haiku, cinquain, shape, and everything in between!
1359442	If we were dogs Blackall, Sophie	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423641	K-2	If we were dogs, what would we do? Wag our tails and drink from bowls? Fetch big sticks and dig deep holes? But wait - what if you don't want to be a dog at all. Can we still play?
1472330	If you make a call on a banana phone Sterer, Gideon & Hughes, Emily (ill)	Clarion Books	2025	9780063375222	K-2	If you make a call on a banana phone, who will answer? What will you talk about? Will you share secrets or ask questions? No one knows what will happen, really? This very silly story is full of the whimsy and wisdom that comes from making new friends in unexpected places. Go ahead, pick up a banana and make a call -- you'll be glad you did.

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1399475	Illustrated encyclopaedia of fast and slow animals, The Bayly, Sami	Lothian Books	2025	9780734421418	5-6	This beautifully illustrated book introduces readers to the animal kingdom through the theme of speed. From the fastest creatures on land and sea to the slowest movers in the natural world, each entry combines fascinating facts with colourful and detailed artwork. The short descriptions are easy to read and encourage curiosity, while the variety of animals included will appeal to both confident and reluctant readers. Suitable for students in Years 5 to 6, this book offers an engaging mix of learning and discovery that readers will return to again and again.
1321170	Impossible creatures: The poisoned king Rundell, Katherine	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526680976	5-6	Book two in the Impossible Creatures tales, Christopher Forrester is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face. He is about to be drawn in to a rescue mission on the back of a sphinx and an epic world full of dragons. Christopher and his new friend Anya will need strength and bravery to survive.

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1423814	<input checked="" type="radio"/> In the company of killers Cook, Elora	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2025	9781444979343	9plus	<p>Inside the tony suburb of Scarsdale is New York's worst-kept secret: The mob runs everything, and the Nicastro family is at the centre. Seventeen-year-old Tasha Nicastro lives a life of glitz and glamour, but she has no idea her family harbours a dark truth. Tasha might look like your classic high school mean girl, but behind the designer clothes is a sharpshooter who knows how to bring anyone to their knees. The only person who has ever gotten under her skin is her former best friend, Leo Danesi, the youngest son of the Nicastro family's rivals. After Leo returns to New York older and more handsome, Tasha thinks he'll be the worst of her problems -- until the life she thought she knew takes a violent, shocking turn. When her father and beloved older sister are murdered before her eyes, Tasha learns the dark truth: Her family runs the most powerful Mafia branch in New York, and now she's set to inherit it all. Tasha vows vengeance on the mysterious new mob behind the hit, but she can't do it alone. She needs someone who already knows the underground world to help track them down. And that person is none other than Leo, the heir to his own family's dangerous empire. But Tasha is a Nicastro. She's been raised in the company of killers, and there's absolutely nothing she won't do to avenge her family. That is, if the enemy doesn't put her in gold chains first.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1371152	In utero Gooch, Chris	Top Shelf Productions	2024	9781603095341	7-9	<p>Twelve years after a disastrous explosion, young Hailey is dropped off by her mum at a holiday camp in a dilapidated shopping mall. Alienated from the other kids, she connects with an eerie older teen named Jen -- but soon dark horrors awaken, and the two new friends are caught up in a cataclysmic battle between two terrifying creatures who have been lying dormant for years.</p>

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1424054	In want of a suspect Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2025	9780063278035	7-9	It is a truth universally acknowledged, that London's first female solicitor in possession of the details of a deadly crime, must be in want of a suspect. The tenacious Lizzie Bennet has earned her place at Longbourn, her father's law firm. Her work keeps her busy, but luckily it gives her plenty of reasons to consult (and steal occasional kisses) with Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy, a stern but secretly softhearted solicitor at Pemberley. Lizzie is hired to investigate a deadly warehouse fire and to find the mysterious woman who was spotted at the scene moments before the flames took hold. But when the case leads to the sitting room of a woman Darcy once proposed marriage to, the delicate balance between personal and professional in their relationship is threatened. Questions of the future are cast aside when the prime suspect is murdered and Lizzie's own life is threatened. As the body count rises and their suspicions about what was really going on in the warehouse grow, the pressure is on for Lizzie and Darcy to uncover the truth.
1338014	Incorruptibles, The Magaziner, Lauren	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761722561	7-9	Fiora Barrowling lives in a world where sorcerers have taken over. After her parents are murdered by sorcerers when she was little she is sent to live and work with her Uncle who is a tailor. One day, two sorcerers go to steal from her Uncle's shop and Fiora impulsively decides to stand up to them. This sparks her journey in joining the underground resistance - The Incorruptibles.
1209972	Internment Ahmed, Samira	Atom Publishing	2019	9780349003344	7-9	Set in a horrifying 'fifteen minutes in the future' United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin is forced into an internment camp for Muslim-Americans along with her parents. With the help of newly-made friends also trapped within the camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards. Heart-racing and emotional, Internment questions the imaginary boundaries that separate us and challenges readers to fight the complicit silence that exists in our society today.

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1401634	Invisible parade, The Bardugo, Leigh & Picacio, John (ill)	Orion Children's Books	2025	9781510112988	3-4	Everyone in the neighbourhood was getting ready for the party. Everyone knew somebody on the guest list. This was the day the dead returned. There's a party tonight, but Cala doesn't want to go. While her family prepares for the celebration, Cala grieves her grandfather and tries to pretend she's not afraid. But when she is separated from her family at the cemetery, Cala encounters four mysterious riders who will show her she is actually quite brave after all. Set on the night of Día de Muertos, Cala's story is one of love, loss, and the courage that can be found in unexpected places.
1367138	Is it asleep? Tallec, Olivier	Gecko Press	2025	9798765670521	K-2	Pock and I love to sit on the old stump and watch the birds flash by. When we're tired of that, we follow the path to the yellow meadow so we can listen to the bird we like best. But today the blackbird isn't there.
1424058	J vs. K Alexander, Kwame & Craft, Jerry	Little Brown	2025	9780316597104	5-6	J and K are the most creative fifth graders at Dean Ashley Public School (DAPS). J loves to draw and his wordless stories are J-ENIUS! K loves to write and his stories are K-LASSIC!! Both J and K are determined to win the DAPS annual creative storytelling contest or at least get in the top five. And when they find out that they are both entering The Contest, it's the beginning of one of the most intense rivalries the world has ever seen.
864867	Jack of spades Masson, Sophie	Eagle Books	2017	9780994528001	7-9	It's May 1910 and 16 year old Linda Duke has just received a strange message: a playing card, the Jack of Spades, in an envelope that was sent from Paris, where her widowed father, Professor Charles Duke, a noted but impractical Shakespearean scholar, has gone on a research trip. In the code devised by her late French mother Madeleine, who was a dedicated card-player, 'Jack of Spades' means treachery and danger. Her father knows that. But it is not his handwriting on the envelope. Linda is convinced he is in great danger, and being both brave and determined, decides to set out immediately to Paris to look for him.
121391	Jack's island Jorgensen, Norman	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760992958	5-6	Living on an Island during WWII, Jack and his best friend Banjo have the run of the island and a remarkable knack for getting into trouble. Dafty, a simple but loveable young boy, is their constant companion. But when Dafty seeks revenge against the local schoolmaster for a punishment inflicted on Banjo, life becomes suddenly more serious.

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1304854	Jane Austen's Pride and prejudice: Abridged for young readers Landman, Tanya & Austen, Jane	Walker Books	2025	9781529501322	7-9	When two wealthy young men move to the neighbourhood, Mrs Bennet -- mother to five unmarried daughters -- is thrilled. Surely it is only a matter of time before one of her girls is snapped up! But the course of love does not always run smooth. While Jane and Mr Bingley seem destined for one another, there are those who would wish it otherwise; while Elizabeth and Mr Darcy do not seem destined for one another, somehow their paths must always cross. Then there are Lydia and Kitty, the silliest and vainest of the Bennet sisters, keen to attract the wickedly attractive Mr Wickham and his military comrades. Love is in the air - but where will it all end??
1423824	Jet set pets: Hop on board! Mara, Maddy & May, Kyla (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460761816	3-4	Violet Voom has three pets, one jet and an itch to travel. Wherever Violet goes in her fabulous purple jet, her fabulous (but not purple) pets go too. The pets - a sleek cat, a goofy poodle and a parrot with a terrible case of beak leak - are called the Jet Set Pets. And the jet? It's called the Pet Jet. Of course. Fly stunt planes in Japan! Find the egg thief in France! Sail the seas with your besties on a friend-SHIP!
1292388	Jet set pets: Ready, set, go! Mara, Maddy & May, Kyla (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460761809	3-4	Violet Voom has three pets, one jet and an itch to travel. Wherever Violet goes in her fabulous purple jet, her fabulous (but not purple) pets go too. The pets, a sleek cat, a goofy poodle and a parrot with a terrible case of beak leak are called the Jet Set Pets. And the jet? It's called the Pet Jet. Of course. From Hawaii to the Swiss Alps via a movie set, Violet and the Jet Set Pets jet all around the world. The Jet Set Pets are good at many things, but the thing they are best at is finding stuff.
	Julius Zebra series Northfield, Gary				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1423355	Juniper's painting Bauer, Catherine & Horn, Jennifer (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112409	K-2	It's a grubby grey, hazy sky day. All Juniper wants is to play on the sand, but it's too wet and Mamma's busy with work. Mamma suggests she paint a picture, but what can Juniper paint? How about a beach the way she wants it to be?

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1209885	Just a pinch of magic Dow, Alechia	Feiwel and Friends	2024	9781250829122	5-6	Wini's family of enchanters runs a little bakery, but with the prices of magical ingredients skyrocketing, they're going under. Desperate to save her family's business, Wini takes a risk by casting a (sort of illegal) spell that would allow them to gather their own supply of their most needed magical ingredient: love. But the spell doesn't work and Wini soon discovers that it didn't just not work; it backfired. Badly. It's just been Kal and her dad for as long as she can remember. They've weathered everything together, including Kal's mental-health struggles. But just as they're about to move to a new town for a fresh start, Kal's grandfather - who mysteriously vanished years ago - has suddenly re-entered their lives with a desire to make amends. He joins them in opening their bookstore in the new town, but Kal can't help but wonder if he has anything to do with the whispers around her new home about wicked magic. When Wini and Kal cross paths - both hoping for the chance to finally make a friend without worrying about their family histories following them - the girls bond over being fellow outcasts. Together, they search for the solution to fixing the magic gone awry in their beloved town- and just maybe get their dads to go out on a date.
	Kalika magic series Hughes, Karen				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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1423803	Keep your friends close Murphy, Cynthia	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241712788	9plus	Chloe Roberts is on top of the world at Morton Academy. She's a shoo-in for Head Girl and the lead spot in the school's secret society: Jewel and Bone. But then her best friend, Nikhita Patel, betrays her, and life comes crashing down. Things take a darker turn when Chloe stumbles upon the Book of Crime and Punishment - a record of every misdeed committed by Morton students and the fitting penalty. And it's not long before entries in the book start to match up with murders of Jewel and Bone members. Anyone could be a suspect. Can Chloe get to the bottom of this twisted game before she's next on the killer's hit list? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
	Keeper of the Lost Cities series (NEW series 2026) Messinger, Shannon				7-9	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1423914	Kerfuffle, The Perrin, Clotilde	Gecko Press	2025	9798765688656	K-2	This is the story of Kitty and Pup, who get along like cat and dog. It's the story of a kerfuffle. And a wall that goes up, up, up until... Lift the flaps and peek through the gaps!
1332955	Key to Rome, The Masson, Sophie	Eagle Books	2023	9780645378856	7-9	Ancient Roman province of Britannia, AD 84. Twelve-year-old orphan Livia has to keep a promise made to her late father: to take a mysterious key to her estranged uncle Marcus. She sets out with the key, her old horse Pegasus and her father's doctoring kit, only to learn that her uncle has left for a town further north. By the time she reaches it, her uncle has gone, and she can't find out where-until a boy named Mato informs her that he knows. But he refuses to tell her unless she takes him with her. As the two young people journey on the trail of Livia's uncle, they start to suspect that the key holds a very dangerous secret. And now Livia and Mato must keep their wits about them, in a deadly game of cat and mouse. But figuring out who is friend, and who is foe, is the greatest challenge of all...

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1359349	Killing at the box office, A Westmoreland, Paul	Penguin	2025	9780241732793	7-9	<p>Solve the puzzle. Save the world. Simple, right?</p> <p>Step into the shoes of Arlo Banks, and return to a world of secrets and spies.</p> <p>This time, he's on the trail of a shadowy group determined to stop the young sleuth in his tracks.</p> <p>From the bright lights of Hollywood to the snowy alps, from prison breaks to car chases, Arlo must use all his skill and cunning to solve murders, catch killers and - just maybe - stop the end of the world.</p> <p>You choose what path you take, what puzzles you solve, and what answers you choose in this interactive high-stakes mystery.</p>
1366482	Kimberley kickers: Krstel kicks to win Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Patrecski, Krstel & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460765081	3-4	<p>I'm Krstel Petrevski and the dream I had to play professional Aussie Rules footy since I was a kid in outback Halls Creek has finally come true. Let me tell you the story of how I got here, about my mates, my family, growing up in the Kimberley on a huge station with motorbikes, horses, swimming holes, playing footy and going to boarding school far away from home.</p>
1162611	Kingdom over the sea, The Nabi, Zohra	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781398517707	5-6	<p>When twelve-year-old Yara's mother passes away, she leaves behind a letter and a strange set of instructions. Yara must travel from the home she has always known to a place that is not on any map - Zehaira, a world of sorcerers, alchemists, and simmering magic. But Zehaira is not the land it used to be. The practice of magic has been outlawed, the Sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme - and the answers Yara is searching for seem to be out of reach. Yara must summon all her courage to discover the truth about her mother's past and her own identity, and to find her place in this magical new world.</p>

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ID 1228275	⊙ Kirby's lessons for falling (in love) Gao, Laura	HarperCollins US	2025	9780063067790	9plus	Once dubbed the Queen of Balance as her school's top rock climber, Kirby Tan suffers an injury that sidelines her for the rest of the season. Now she's forced to join the newspaper club for some desperately needed extra credit. Worse, she's recruited by crystal-wearing, tarot-reading Bex Santos for her astrology-based love advice column. As Kirby reluctantly agrees to orchestrate matches made in heaven with Bex, she begins to wonder if their own stars could be aligned. But loving who she wants isn't so easy when her family and church community are on the line. Can Kirby pull off her greatest balancing act yet? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1329955	Kung fu roo: Crouching kanga, hidden hippo Do, Anh & Ley, Jeremy (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181726	3-4	Kai, Charley and Harry are beyond excited to discover that the Ninja Ridas will be performing on gold bikes at Hollybrook Fair. But spending the day at the fair means our heroes need cash fast. As they work on their money-making scheme, Harry struggles to control his new powers. Meanwhile the Crocka gang is making plans of their own for the fair...One thing's for certain - the Ninja Ridas performance will go off with a bang! But can Harry help his friends when they need him the most?
1424025	Kurrartuwarnti brolgas Nixon, June	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2024	9781922592545	K-2	In the wet season, a family of brolgas make their nests in the long grass. They look after their eggs, search for food, and dance together. Written in Walmajarri and English, the story is about brolgas nesting, dancing, and defying any foes who might want to eat them up.
1231021	L.O.L: G.O.A.T laughs out loud Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760261153	K-2	This is Goat. He loves to laugh out loud. But Duck can't make a LOL that will make anyone LOL! Can Goat help?

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1423333	Last chance Joey Resce, Meredith	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112614	7-9	No phone, no wi-fi, no friends and no options. Expelled from three schools, Joey is sent to the country to live with his aunt. She asks him to help an old man recovering from an accident, and now he has a choice. It sounds like a crazy idea, but he chooses to help. What else is there to do, a million miles from anywhere? But when Joey meets Harry, he finds in him a friend - even if he's eighty-five. Maybe life when people trust you might be a good thing. As Joey's desire for acceptance grows, break-ins threaten the community and Joey's past starts to catch up with him. How can Joey turn his life around when his mistakes follow him everywhere he goes? And will he be there for Harry when he needs him?
1424070	Last ember, The Dodd, Lily Berlin	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761217234	5-6	Aerimanders are extinct or so the government would have you think, having centuries earlier destroyed the last of these deadly, dragon-like creatures. So when wealthy twelve-year-old chemistry student Eva Alexander unwittingly purchases an aerimander egg, she becomes the target of the Thieves' Union and its newest member, thirteen-year-old orphan Dusty St. Ichabod. But Eva is no easy mark, and soon she and Dusty are driven into a maze of sinister threats, betrayals and surprises, all while fighting to keep the egg away from power-hungry hands. As the unlikely duo races against time, their fates, and that of the whole world are at stake. Because there's one question no one dares to ask: What happens when the egg hatches?

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1423811	Last letters from Villa Clara, The Steele, Sarah	Headline Review	2025	9781035413027	9plus	<p>1939. Europe is on the brink of change and in the fear and chaos of pre-war Italy, a painting disappears and is never seen again. 1963. London is on the cusp of change in the swinging 60s. Nightclubs are in their heyday, as are the art thieves of the East End underworld. But when a lowly boarding-house landlady attempts to take on the upper-crust establishment, and is accused of spying for the Russians, she can save only one thing - her reputation, or the love of her life. 1989. Phoebe Cato is on the verge of losing her Museum, which houses Bruce Cato's collection of masterful reproductions, and worse than that, her beloved uncle Bruce himself. With only months to live, Phoebe may not be able to save Bruce's life, but little does she know that he had planned on saving hers all along.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1188544	Last man out: A personal account of the Gallipoli evacuation Park, Louise	Wild Dog Books	2023	9781742036427	5-6	<p>The evacuation of Australian and New Zealand troops from Gallipoli was a remarkable logistical feat. Soldiers had to secretly depart by night, but some were needed to stay behind and cover their retreat, likely facing death. A fierce rivalry arose over who would be chosen for this final, deadly task. Only the most capable, brave, and selfless men were selected for this "rear guard of honour," knowing they would be killed or captured. Among them was John Alexander Park, a seasoned British-born soldier who had served in Africa, Afghanistan, and China before settling in Australia. After joining the Australian Army in 1915, he was sent to Gallipoli as part of the 19th Battalion. At 36, he was experienced and courageous and ultimately, the last man out of Gallipoli.</p>

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1446670	Last word, The Tait, A.L.	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761646874	7-9	<p>There are two things Matilda Bell can count on: her best friend, Gemma, and being top of every class. But it's year 8, and everything has changed. Gemma has moved away, leaving Matilda all alone at school, and Will O'Connor has moved to town. Not only does Will disrupt every lesson - Matilda's pet hate - but he's somehow matching her grades with zero effort. If only Matilda could ignore him ... but Will gets under her skin in a way that no-one else ever has.</p> <p>When Will is forced to join the debating team, he and Matilda spend more time arguing with each other than winning debates. With their team losses mounting up, Gemma ignoring her calls and old enemies getting up to new tricks, Matilda feels like her life is out of control. Can Matilda find a way to work with Will so they can win as a team? Or will they end up hating each other in the process?</p>
1423929	Lastling, The Kelleher, Victor	Eagle Books	2025	9780648815488	5-6	<p>It's a day like any other for Guido, a Droid guide in the Wilderness Park, until he receives a warning: human Enforcers are about to eliminate him and all his fellow Droids, on the orders of the supreme leader, Brother John. Desperate to escape, he sets in motion a chain of consequences that will reach over the years to a human girl named Verne, who's been hired to break into the home of an old Enforcer and retrieve a mysterious weapon... What happens next will set both Verne and Guido on the path to discovering the dangerous truth about the world they thought they knew. A gripping adventure set in a disturbing future, and also a timely exploration of what it means to be human.</p>
1423933	Leaf letters Carrington, Lorena	Christmas Press	2024	9780645378887	5-6	<p>Hazel meets Cole and together they find buried treasure, solve puzzles, and restore bruised friendships.</p>

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1277866	Leap Popescu, Simina	Roaring Book Press	2024	9781250838292	9plus	Ana has been studying contemporary dance since she was little, but her heart isn't in it anymore. Instead her focus is on Carina - a beautiful, ambitious ballerina whose fear of being outed keeps Ana in the closet and their fragile relationship from seeing the light of day. Risking her own career, Ana gives up more and more in order to fit into the shadows of Carina's life. Sara, on the other hand, is fielding whispers she may be the best dancer their school has produced in years. Much of that is thanks to her mentor and instructor, Marlena, who plucked Sara from the classical track and encouraged her to blossom as a contemporary dancer. Sara has always been in awe of Marlena, but recently, that admiration has sparked into something more, and Sara's not sure what to do about it. As junior year at their performing arts school begins, Ana and Sara are assigned as roommates. What starts off as a tentative friendship soon becomes a much-needed anchor. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1329974	Learning Country Dank, Ryhia	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460765517	3-4	A journey around Australia by a First Nations author teaching Australia's traditional place names while sharing what you can learn and hear while on this beautiful adventure.
1304649	Lemon for Safiya, A Shafei-Ongu, Jemima & Chantanakom, Nisaluk (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734422224	K-2	A little girl and her family help a lost and confused stranger to find her way home.
1423802	Lessons in power Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241763124	9plus	For Tess Kendrick, a student at the elite Hardwicke School, making problems disappear runs in the family. However, she has another legacy, too - one that involves power and the making of political dynasties. When Tess is asked to run a classmate's campaign for student council, she agrees. But at a school like Hardwicke, even a class election can have life-shattering consequences. When friendly competition turns into a deadly struggle for control, Tess discovers that no one can be trusted and power always comes at a price. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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1423353	Like, comment, subscribe? Ost, Kat	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112577	7-9	When her online baking platform starts to lose popularity and instead attracts critical comments about her appearance and age, fifteen-year-old kidfluencer, Becca starts to question the influencer life that has supported her family since she was a cute toddler. Can an unexpected friendship in an online writing community help her find the words and courage to find a path out from behind the camera and into real life?
1424092	Lila Mackay is very misunderstood Sims, Gill	electric monkey	2025	9780008513788	9plus	Fourteen-year-old Emily is stuck in the country with no tech, no BFF and no chance of the gorgeous Toby asking her out. No one understands her, least of all her mum. But when she finds an old diary, Emily is stunned to discover that her mum was once a teenager too. A nineties teenager called Lila Mackay. Lila's world is a long-forgotten era of weird fashions, odd TV shows and strange music. There are boys too. Perhaps Emily and her mum are not so different after all... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1337815	Line they drew through us, The Khan, Hiba Noor	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839134722	5-6	Three best friends are born on the same day under miraculous circumstances. But by their twelfth birthday, Jahan, Ravi and Lakshmi's lives are about to change forever. The British announce Indian independence and draw lines of Partition that tear apart the country, and the friends. One of them flees, one of them disappears, and the other is left wondering, could a miracle bring them back together?
771238	List of things that will not change, The Stead, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2020	9781922268679	5-6	Sonia and I have a lot in common. Our parents are divorced. Our dads are gay. We both love barbeque potato chips. But she is different from me in just one way, you can't tell how she's feeling just by looking at her. When Bea's dad and his partner, Jesse, decide to marry, it seems like Bea's wish for a sister will finally come true. But some families are complicated and Bea is learning just how complicated hers can be.

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1356336	Listen closely Egan, Leon	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008626600	9plus	When Jude and Aiden are paired up together for an internship at a local radio station, things are awkward. Jude is quiet, withdrawn, has one friend, and is suspicious of everyone. Aiden is charming, outgoing, and popular, with a seemingly easy confidence and golden retriever energy. But after they discover a shared love of podcast dramas, Jude and Aiden realise that they have more in common than they first realised - especially after Aiden reveals that he is a huge fan of Jude's own podcast, The Night Merchant. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1370105	Little book of Australian nursery rhymes, The Lessac, Frane	Walker Books	2025	9781761601231	K-2	A selection of nursery rhymes with an Australian twist taken from The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes, also by the author.
1345055	Little experts: Superhero plants Packham, Chris & Williams, Jake (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780008503628	3-4	Join a journey of discovery with Chris Packham CBE and encounter some incredible plant superheroes to find out why we owe them so much more than the air we breathe.
1329952	Liz Watson: Netball legends Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181733	3-4	Is Liz Watson your favourite netballer? Did you know that Liz Watson is one of the best midcourters in the world? Did you know she has played over 90 games for the Australian Diamonds? Did you know her favourite colour is purple? Liz is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about her. Filled with exciting facts, fun stories, and all the stats to share at lunchtime.
1417287	Locked room, The Cece, Adam	Penguin	2025	9781761351068	7-9	The clock is ticking... Andy and three other kids wake up in a locked room. The room has no windows, but it has a locked door, with a countdown clock above it. They have less than an hour to figure out how to get out of this room. But when they do...? There's another locked room, and more locked doors. And they can't go back.

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1423945	Lone husky, The Gold, Hannah & Pinfold, Levi (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008582128	5-6	April Wood is no stranger to adventure. After all, she lives in the Arctic and her best friend is a polar bear. But when April finds herself volunteering for the Polar Race, even she wonders if this may be an adventure too far. April will need all the help she can get if she's to make it to the finish line. But April has Blaze, a solitary husky with a troubled past, who may just prove to be her secret weapon.
1484259	Lonely Lunch Club, The Mara, Maddy	Affirm Press	2026	9781923419308	K-2	One lunchtime, Benji goes to the worst bench in the whole school instead of playing footy. There he meets a girl named Alice and a spider named Mabel. And Mabel needs their help! But can Benji and Alice do it alone?
1329975	Loo of one's own, A Harris, Eleri	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181832	3-4	The fascinating (and sometimes hilarious) story of the first women elected to federal parliament and the rather pressing issue they discovered on their first day on the job: there were no women's loos in Parliament House! In 1943, the first two women were elected to the Australian parliament. Enid Lyons and Dorothy Tangney had very different political views, but they soon discovered they had at least one problem in common: none of the loos for elected officials in Parliament House were marked 'Ladies'.
1423986	Lost Evangeline DiCamillo, Kate	Walker Books	2025	9781529525892	5-6	When a shoemaker discovers a tiny girl in his shop, he takes her in and raises her as his own, naming her Evangeline, a name full of joy and curiosity, daring and courage. A story of a girl and her father separated by malice and by fate, and their quest to be reunited.
1209710	Lost history, The La'Brooy, Melanie	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702266393	5-6	After rescuing Princess Seraphine from the evil Malevolents, servant girl Penn thought her fate had finally changed. But now her powerful Talisman is gone and Seraphine is ignoring her again. Even worse, the ruthless Inquisitor has been summoned to uncover why Malevolence has returned to Arylia and fingers are pointing at Penn. Her only hope is to find the Lost History, which might be the key to unlocking both the Inquisitor's and her own mysterious past. But someone else is hunting for it - only they want to destroy it. Even as she races to retrieve the Lost History, Penn knows that if she digs up her past, she might not like what she finds. Because Malevolence has started calling to her and she's finding it strangely hard to resist ...

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1358871	Lost loot of Lima, The Wray, Melissa & Flett, Sandy	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111600	3-4	Benjamin loves being a treasure hunter. But learning he is a pirate is even better. Ben discovers a treasure map left by his late grandfather and embarks on a treasure hunt with his Nan's help. But does someone else know about the location of the treasure? Ben must face danger and use his wits, or risk losing the loot forever. And in doing so, Ben must face his own grief over losing his grandfather.
1282818	Lost notes of the soul spinners, The Carter, Reece	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761066801	5-6	When a ghost-eating wraith appears in the forgotten seaside town of Elston-Fright searching for the magical Notes, it's enough to make any kid ghost a bit nervous. Faye de Corail may have the townsfolk under her spell, but Girl, Corpse and their friends are determined to stay out of her way. After old foes resurface and a child is snatched, Girl and Corpse begin to piece together a sinister plan that not only threatens the lives of their friends, families and the people of Elston-Fright, it may send them all to Death Proper too. Somehow, at the heart of the mystery, lies the truth about both kid ghosts. Who are Girl and Corpse really? What is their connection to the lost Notes? And will they find answers before it's too late? The conclusion to the Elston-Fright Tales series.
1289196	Lost saint, The Craw, Rachel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991142290	7-9	Recently dumped, heart-broken Ana struggles to put the past behind her on a post-graduation summer holiday. When a catastrophic earthquake hits, Ana and the other survivors emerge in a world they don't recognise, stumbling into a 14th century battle. The students flee and Ana is chased off a cliff by one of the soldiers, Leon, who is badly injured in the fall. Sparks fly between Ana and Leon: to survive, they need to rely on each other and as their trust grows, so does romance. Together they must endure a treacherous journey and find the legendary mystic everyone calls 'The Saint' who is said to have the power to send Ana home... until an unexpected twist changes everything.
1424108	Love is bigger than the sky, My Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761528620	K-2	In the brambly forest Oli asked, 'Mummy, how much do you love me?' 'More than the whole world and everything in it,' said Mummy. From best-selling author and illustrator, Anna Pignataro, comes a tender-hearted story about infinite love.

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1424086	Ludicrous legends: Myths with a twist Temple, Jol & Conley, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2026	9781460767719	3-4	Hector and his best friend, a centaur named Hylo, are about to be tested on Greek mythology by their teacher Mr Socrates. Join them as they come to grips with the mighty Minotaur, the famous Trojan Horse/Cow, and the terrifying Medusa whose snake-hair is definitely not keen on a haircut.
754441	Luna Roo the kangaroo baller Jackson, Adam & Lloyd, Adrian & Minton, Jake A (ill)	Little Book Press	2025	9781923141315	5-6	Rookie captain, Luna Roo, leaves nothing on the pitch as she leads DC Outback in a thrilling face-off against Bush United. Cheer for Luna Roo as she finds her inner strength on the field in this gripping underdog story! The official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2026, to be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand! This book is on the 5-6 booklist for 2026 only, which allows all students to add it as a PRC title. It will return to the K-2 booklist in 2027.
1273929	Luna's world: Library dreams Gannon, Hayley & Conn, Michelle (ill)	Affirm Press	2025	9781922992765	5-6	Hi, I'm Luna! This diary you're reading? My mum's idea. She said it will help me to focus. You see, my mind is always racing with a million thoughts! I have so much I want to say and do! So, I'm going to use this diary to show you everything that's going on in my world ... Luna Merrian is a ten-year-old with big dreams. This year, Luna is desperate to become a library monitor. AKA a Little Librarian! The only problem? Her school enemy: Jade Jones. There can only be one Little Librarian from their class, and Luna has three chances to prove that she's the best person for the job. But the contest between Luna and Jade reveals parts of Luna that she's not proud of ... Will Luna ever achieve her library dream?
836019	Lunch at 10 Pomegranate Street: A Collection of Recipes to Share Sala, Felicita	Scribble Press	2019	9781925849059	3-4	In each apartment, someone is preparing a special dish to share with their neighbours, Mr Singh is making coconut dahl with his daughter while Maria mashes some avocados for her guacamole, Will everything be ready on time? This book is filled with recipes from all over the world with simple instructions perfect for young chefs.
1423793	Maggie the dragon Armstrong, Tony & Beukers, Emma Sjaan (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734422187	K-2	Maggie the Dragon's job is to guard the most FARAWAY edges of the kingdom. She's not afraid of any creatures, big or small, even the SCARY ones. The problem is, other creatures are sometimes scared of MAGGIE. When disaster is imminent, will Maggie be able to convince everyone that she is there to help and not to harm?

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1423786	Magic tree house - The graphic novel: The knight at dawn Osborne, Mary Pope, Laird, Jenny, Matthews, Kelly (ill) & Matthews, Nichole (ill)	Puffin UK	2024	9780241712023	3-4	Magic. Mystery. Time travel. KNIGHTS! When the Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie back to the Middle Ages, they go looking for a knight but instead find the Great Hall of a castle where a great feast is underway. But Jack and Annie aren't exactly welcome guests...
1425930	Magicalia: Storm of chaos Bell, Jennifer & Wyatt, David (ill)	Walker Books	2026	9781529522464	5-6	An incredible new invention can duplicate magicors! But when the device is sabotaged, rogue magicors escape across the globe. Bitsy and Kosh embark on a dangerous quest to hunt them down in an adventure that takes them from the Galapagos Islands to the rainforest of Borneo. With the help of their Magicalia handbook, the friends must confront their greatest fears or watch chaos destroy everything.
1424050	Magpie riddle, The Thompson, Lisa	Scholastic UK	2025	9780702344282	5-6	Clever, curious Melody Bird has discovered an old abandoned house in the corner of the graveyard, and a mysterious boy hiding there. Hal tells her that he's a spy-in-training using the house as a base for his undercover surveillance of a known local criminal. Her friends Matthew and Jake don't believe that a twelve year old would be entrusted with this mission and turn the tables to spy on him, uncovering secrets and unravelling a mystery as they go.
1019729	Mama's sleeping scarf Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi & Grace-James, Nwa & Avelino, Joelle (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008550073	K-2	Chino loves the scarf her mother ties around her hair at night, and takes it on endless adventures during the day as a reminder of the ones she loves.
1329953	Marcus Bontempelli: Footy legends Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181740	3-4	Is Marcus Bontempelli your favourite AFL player? Did you know that Marcus Bontempelli is one of the best midfielders in the competition? Did you know he's made the All-Australian team 6 times? Did you know he has a pet dog named Mya? The Bont is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about him. Filled with exciting facts, fun stories, and all the stats to share at lunchtime.
1373958	Matched up Ireland, Jenny	Penguin	2025	9780241720950	7-9	When Lexie sees Shane for the first time, she's blown away. Not only by the way he plays football (although that is great), but by his looks, and how he's not like the other boys. Best of all, he feels the same way about her. Electricity at first sight.

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835141	Matthew Flinders: Adventures on leaky ships Wilkinson, Carole & Pittock, Prue (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2020	9781742034935	5-6	Matthew Flinders was determined to map the entire coast of the continent we now call Australia. His story is packed to the gunwales with adventure -- storms and shipwrecks, death and danger, a race to beat the French -- but more than this, it is a story of loyalty to his crew, love for his wife, and affection for the brave little cat who sailed with him.
1423364	Mega rich guinea pigs Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460767207	3-4	The world's richest man, Magnus McAloon, has tragically died in a rocket experiment gone wrong. The sole heirs to his estate are his four beloved pet guinea pigs: Hot Head, Lunk, G-Chip and Big Pig (who is actually a capybara, but don't tell him that). Not everyone is happy - especially the members of the McAloon family, who are determined to get back the fortune that they feel belongs to them, and not the newly mega rich guinea pigs.
879788	Memory tree, The Teckentrup, Britta	Orchard Books	2013	9781408326336	3-4	Fox has lived a long and happy life in the forest. One day, he lies down in his favourite clearing, takes a deep breath and falls asleep for ever. Before long, Fox's friends begin to gather in the clearing. One by one, they tell stories of the special moments that they shared with Fox. And, as they share their memories, a tree blooms, big and strong, eventually watching over all the friends, just as Fox did when he was alive.
1409468	Michael Rosen's pocket Shakespeare: A beginner's guide to the best bits of the bard Rosen, Michael & Riddell, Chris (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781844287628	7-9	Enjoy Shakespeare without the hard work! Two former Children's Laureates bring Shakespeare to life in this accessible and handy guide to the best bits of the bard.
1409689	Midnight chew, The Morgan, Sally & Blair, Karen (ill)	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995096	K-2	When Boofa Boy Jones steals Skippy Gillespie's very big bone, a marvellous doggy race ensues. But who will win the mighty bone, and will they feast all alone?
1209955	Miles and Jones: The blizzard of blobs Smith, Sam & Lador, Cesar (ill)	Little Moa	2025	9781869715588	3-4	Best friends Amelia Miles and Shackleton Jones team up to save their park from the curses of Glam-Evil, an ultra-villain with a grudge.

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1423792	Millicent Quibb school of etiquette for young ladies of mad science, The: Secrets of the purple pearl McKinnon, Kate	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008710774	5-6	It's summertime in Antiquarium and everyone has flocked to the majestic lakeside Purple Pearl Hotel, including the nefarious group of evil mad scientists, the Krenetics Research Association. They haven't given up on resurrecting their fearsome leader, Talon Sharktüth, and now, they're hot on the trail of the legendary purple pearl, a source of power that is rumoured to be lost at the bottom of Kagloopy Lake. All they need to do now is find a mysterious creature called a Shrimpmid, boil the lake (and everything in it) away, and pluck up the pearl! But Millicent, Gertrude, Eugenia, and Dee-Dee are onto them, and they are determined to stop the KRA. While Millicent and the gang work together to prevent the second coming of Talon Sharktüth, they discover more secrets than they bargained for--including where they came from, and who they truly are.
1423954	Millie and Stella best friends forever: The puppy project Moon, Josephine & Robaard, Jedda (ill)	Puffin Australia	2025	9781761346507	3-4	Millie and Stella have wanted a puppy for the longest time. So when Fergus, an adorable assistance dog in training, needs their help, they're up for the challenge. But it's harder than they thought and the cheeky puppy has his own plans about what to learn.
1395154	Millie Mak makes her mark Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460767009	5-6	Millie at fourteen wants to be independent and involved with building her Fru-Gals business Ahem Creations. The holidays are perfect for all their ideas except they also have their siblings to look after. Undeterred by complaining neighbours and personal fears, brimming with new projects like the cloth dyeing factory. Millie makes her mark through thoughtful consideration of all her friends and Shanelle keeping it real to get their business started.
1380683	Millie the cutest puppy in the world: Dance concert Whittle, Cate & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761291685	3-4	Millie is a tiny fluffy puppy with an ink-black nose and great big honey-brown eyes. She loves going to Miss Sparrow's School of Dance, and can't wait to perform with her best friends in their special concert.
1203574	Millie the cutest puppy in the world: New home Whittle, Cate & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761291678	3-4	Millie is a tiny fluffy puppy with an ink-black nose and great big honey-brown eyes. She loves going to Miss Sparrow's School of Dance, and can't wait to perform with her best friends in their special concert.
1423938	Mind blown! Ultimate science book for curious kids, The Carley, Shane	Applesauce Press	2025	9781400353026	5-6	Did you know you can taste garlic with your feet? Or that comets smell like rotten eggs? The truth is here for you and more...Blast off into a universe of discoveries - with Science Facts..

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1286603	Minecraft movie, A: The junior novelization Lewman, David	Farshore	2025	9780008699147	3-4	One day in a small Idaho town, a mysterious portal opens to the Overworld, a cubic wonderland where creativity - and crafting - are key. As a group of adventurers step through, they encounter familiar and fan-favourite characters, from piglins to zombies to skeletons!
1423791	Minecraft: House of horrors Colon, Angel Luis	Farshore	2025	9780008727963	5-6	Amy is pretty happy living the quiet life at home. She can mine ore, read up on oceanography, hang out with her pet cat, Tuna. What's not to love? But her brother Marc is always leaving their village to look for excitement. But when a couple of weeks go by without any word from him, Amy can't help but worry and decides to mount a solo rescue mission. She and Marc explored together all the time when they were little. How hard could it be to find him now? Turns out-it's pretty hard. After facing spiders, zombies, a roving band of illagers, and some deceptively difficult cows, Amy is beginning to realize that something is seriously off with Glory's Haven. Like why does this house seem to go on forever? And where did all these mobs come from? Amy will have to unravel these mysteries-and fast-if she hopes to find her brother and escape the spooky house unscathed. Whether she likes it or not, she's in for the adventure of a lifetime!
1446814	Minecraft: One last quest Hoang, Brandon	Farshore	2026	9780008727994	5-6	With middle school starting, Lam Dang is officially ready for a change. He loves to play Minecraft, embarking on epic builds with his crew - Jazz, Elias, and Britt - in their beloved shared world, the Kingdom of the Killer Bunnies. But Lam also wants to try new things and meet new people. So maybe going into sixth grade with a little distance from his old friends wouldn't be such a bad thing... Lam's plans change, though, when mysterious letters show up in the gang's lockers. Someone calling themselves The Griefer is threatening to destroy everything the Killer Bunnies worked so hard to build in the Overworld, from their magnificent castle to the surrounding village. If they don't play The Griefer's twisted game, everything will be lost. Lam may be ready for something new, but he's not prepared to give up the old just yet. Following clues in both the real world and the Overworld, Lam and his friends race to beat The Griefer and save their kingdom, all while trying to puzzle out the identity of their new enemy. Who could do this to them? And, more important, can The Griefer be stopped before it's too late?

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1367124	Mini and Milo: Room for one Dimos, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658434	K-2	Meet Mini and her best friend Milo. Mini's dream boat was no ordinary boat. It was silky, snuggly and soft. But when Mini's best friend Milo wants to get on board, Mini doesn't want to share. When Mini gets cross, things go wrong and she discovers her boat, and her friendship, is heading in the wrong direction.
1380646	Misfits, The: A Royal Conundrum Yee, Lisa & Santat, Dan (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2024	9781984830296	5-6	Olive Cobin Zang has . . . issues. And they mostly aren't her fault. (No, really!) Though she often slips under the radar, problems have a knack for finding her. So, imagine her doubts when she's suddenly dropped off at the strangest boarding school a former castle turned prison that's now a "reforming arts school"! But nothing could've prepared Olive for RASCH (not "rash"). There, she's lumped with a team of other kids who never quite fit in, and discovers that the academy isn't what it seems-and neither is she. In fact, RASCH is a cover for an elite group of misfits who fight crime . . . and Olive has arrived just in time. Turns out that RASCH is in danger of closing, unless Olive's class can stop the heist of the century. And as Olive falls in love with this wacky school, she realises it's up to her new team to save the only home that's ever welcomed them.
1362585	Mismatched: A graphic novel Camlin, Anne & Zeferino, Isadora (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839136047	7-9	A queer retelling of Jane Austin's Emma. This novel is a mix of if Emma and Clueless had a queer cousin. Evan Horowitz is obsessed with three things in life: makeup, social media, and matchmaking! When shy new girl, Natalia, starts at his school, Evan begins work on his newest and most ambitious matchmaking project yet. Who better than him to give her a push in the right direction? With so many matches to choose from and Natalia hopelessly clueless when it comes to love, it's not long before Evan sets his plan into motion (much against the better judgment of his best friend, Davi). But he takes things too far, creating a web of drama that spirals out of his control. Can he learn to put the people closest to him before his misguided ambition? Or will he lose them, and his chance at romance, too?

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1009281	Miss Franklin: How Miles Franklin's brilliant career began Hathorn, Libby & Lesnie, Phil (ill)	Lothian Books	2019	9780734417879	3-4	The story of iconic Australian writer Stella Miles Franklin, namesake of two major literary prizes, during her brief but formative time as a teenage governess in rural NSW. Forced to work to help support her family, Stella hates her job and longs for the freedom and excitement of city life. While working, she meets a young orphan girl, Imp, who is almost as feisty as Stella herself, and who inspires the older girl to follow her dreams.
1484263	Missing Pencil Case, The McGaughey, Jasmin & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Affirm Press	2026	9781923419315	K-2	Lea has lost her pencil case. It's full of money she has collected for charity. Lea must search all over her apartment block for the missing pencil case. Where could it be?
1308094	Mondays are murder Guron, Ravena	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805075707	7-9	Seventeen-year-old Kay left her sleepy hometown after the devastating death of her friend, Ivy. But when her parents go on holiday without her, Kay is forced to come back to stay with her cousin. And her return comes with a bang. Because when Kay arrives, it's to find an anonymous letter on her bed. The letter tells her that there will be a thrill on Tuesday, a wreckage on Wednesday, treachery on Thursday, a fire on Friday, sabotage on Saturday, a stabbing on Sunday and her murder on Monday. And if Kay can't figure out who is behind the threats, the worst day of the week is about to get deadly.
1304552	Moon, The: A visitor's guide Lerwill, Ben & Corrigan, Patrick (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529517309	3-4	Discover everything you need to know about the Moon in this entertaining visitor's guide! What's this floating high in the starry sky? We call it the Moon. But has it always been there? What's the weather like? And how many giraffes would it take to reach it?

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1277886	☉ Moonlight and dust McGaughey, Jasmin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181337	9plus	<p>There's something dangerous in the air. It shimmers in the night, wrapped in the warm, humid breeze. I stand on the kerb outside my cousin's house waiting for my sister.</p> <p>Zillah has always been a good girl - nothing like her rebellious big sister Nik. After Nik has an accident that leaves her comatose, Zillah has to find a way to navigate life and high school in Cairns without Nik's guiding light.</p> <p>Determined to fit in, Zillah seeks out the secrets of her school's after-hours party scene and discovers Moondust - a sparkling elixir with magical properties. Could this have something to do with Nik's accident? To find out, she must plunge further into a world of moonlit parties and take out-of-character risks.</p> <p>As Zillah unravels what might be going on at Craigmont High, she forges friendships with other Island students and starts falling for a boy who might know more about Nik than he lets on. But Zillah is not entirely sure who she can trust. And she has no idea of the danger they're all in.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p> <p>LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Jasmin McGaughey read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website!</p> <p>Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#moonlight-and-dust-jasmin-mcgaughey</p>

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1423833	Moth dark Hatzopoulou, Kika	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241733097	9plus	<p>Six years ago, vicious creatures began to crawl out of the dark crevices of the world, and with it Sascia's fascination with the darkness was born. Now that fascination has become an obsession, and while exploring an area known for its connection to the Darkworld, Sascia - impossibly - pulls out a person from the shadows. But Nugau is no ordinary person, they're the heir to the Darkworld, with one mission . . . to kill Sascia. Except, the second time they meet, Nugau is younger and doesn't recognise Sascia. And the third time, Nugau stumbles out of the darkness with poison running through their veins, expressing their undying love for her. Piecing together the puzzle, Sascia makes two shocking discoveries: the timelines of her world and Nugau's are not linear, and she is inexplicably entangled in a war between humanity and the Dark. But with their worlds at battle, is it worth fighting for each other . . . ?</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1424109	Mum's amazing!, My Cummings, Phil & Marks, Hannah (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761297380	K-2	My mum's amazing-it's true, I'll show it! She's a hero, but doesn't know it! A celebration of all the light, laughter and never-ending love that mums bring to the world.
1423955	Mum's busy work Ardern, Jacinda & Jones, Ruby (ill)	Penguin NZ	2025	9781776957415	K-2	Even though day care is fun, it's still hard not to miss Mum throughout the week. But despite her busy job, there's always time for stories, time for games, time for hugs, and time for love.
1423971	Murder is going down, A Emery, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182211	7-9	This is what happens when you put a pair of unemployed teenagers in charge of a murder investigation. What we lack in investigative skills we make up for in free time. Heidi's meant to be having the time of her life on exchange in Switzerland, but instead she's cold, alone and on an involuntary dairy-free diet. So when she hears the news of her brother Felix's death, she's quick to jump on the first plane home to Perth. To be completely honest, Felix wasn't that much of a brother, so Heidi's not that sad - but she's not exactly happy either. Thanks to an epic betrayal by her (ex) best friend and (ex) boyfriend, Heidi has absolutely nothing to do and no one to talk to. No one, that is, except Patrick, the wisecracking younger brother of Felix's widow, who convinces her that they need to investigate her brother's mysterious demise. Can Heidi and Patrick get to the bottom of Felix's death - and do they really want to?

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1356333	Mushroom in the sky, The French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460766057	5-6	Japan has bombed Sydney Harbour. Sixteen-year-old Ossie lies about his age to protect his country, even though it means abandoning his only family, a one-eyed dog named Lucky. Kind-hearted Mrs Plum is already looking after forty-six dogs belonging to soldiers who've gone to war. She can't possibly care for another. But just when she's becoming desperate to find a way to feed them, help arrives: thirteen-year-old Kat Murphy volunteers to care for Lucky and persuades the girls at school to help, too. As Kat and Lucky grow closer, Kat realises he can still see Ossie, the master he loves. And somehow, Kat and Ossie catch glimpses into each other's lives, too. This extraordinary connection helps Ossie survive when he is taken as a prisoner of war to Japan. There, he witnesses a strange mushroom cloud rise above Nagasaki, the result of a bomb that will take, save and change lives, and forever leave the question: was it worth it
1307702	Music camp Tangey, Penny	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702269028	5-6	Miley and Juliet have nothing in common, apart from a love of music. Miley lives in a caravan because she lost her home in a flood the year before, so she's excited to win a scholarship to attend the five-day Music Camp. This is her chance to prove to everyone that the recorder is a serious musical instrument. Flautist Juliet comes from classical music royalty. Her late father was an esteemed clarinet player and she wants to honour his legacy. She's also keen to make friends with people who don't know about her tragic past - though perhaps not with that girl who thinks the recorder is a serious musical instrument. Over the week, Miley and Juliet don't always see eye to eye, especially when they both audition for the only woodwind solo at the final night's concert. But with torrential rain threatening to flood the camp, their dreams might get washed away too. Can they put their differences aside and face the music together?
1423380	Mutt dog! 21st anniversary edition King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761723780	K-2	Mutt Dog! The scruffy dog is brave and fast and smart ... but he is all alone. No-one feeds him. No-one wants him. No-one loves him. Until one day ...

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1424117	Muttonfish magic Simms, Ruth & Robertson, Lucy & Seymour, Jasmine (ill)	Magabala Books	2026	9781922864130	3-4	Aunty Ruth remembers a day out with her late mother and brothers at the cove near their home at La Perouse. Mummy gets the kids together to learn traditional fishing and abalone hunting and cooking ways. After a day on the rocks watching mummy work her magic, they return home with a feed for their family.
1331630	My big secret Arena, Felice	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761349706	K-2	Everyone in my family goes for the RED team. My dad goes for the RED team. My mum goes for the RED team. Everyone goes for the RED team. Well, ALMOST everyone... A fun story about love and acceptance, no matter what team your heart belongs to.
1424083	My brother Otto Laguna, Ingrid	Text Publishing Co	2026	9781923058729	5-6	Quinn's not happy about all the fuss her mum and Alex are making about the new baby. She's sick of their excitement. She likes things the way they are: just the three of them, and Disco, her lop-eared rabbit. She doesn't want a baby brother. And she definitely doesn't want to share a bedroom with him. But when Otto is born three months early things change more than anyone could have expected. Quinn meets her little brother in the hospital neonatal intensive care unit surrounded by tubes and beeping machines. And she becomes the best sister any baby brother could have.
1289044	My cousins, my world Attai, Shahara & Pereira, Michelle (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180972	K-2	I have more cousins than I can count on my fingers. And toes. I have cousins who are near. And some who are far. A joyful celebration of the rich and unbreakable bonds we share with our cousins.
1355843	My dog Wakeford, Olivia & Litchfield, David (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008658588	5-6	When Rhys finds a lost black Labrador with big conker eyes and ears like soft velvet, he can't quite believe his luck. He names the dog Worthington, and jumps at the chance to prove he's a good owner. But as his dad HATES dogs, Rhys decides to keep Worthington hidden and soon discovers that looking after a secret dog is anything but easy ...

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1423788	My dream holiday Barty, Ashleigh & McGaughey, Jasmin & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460765173	K-2	Every sizzling summer, my family travels to Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) for our dream holiday. SPend time with Ash Barty on her dream family holiday! There's fishing, whale spotting and paddleboarding at the beach, plus games, exploring and animals to see in the bush. At night, there's a campfire, stargazing and thrilling stories until everyone falls asleep in their tents ... to be ready for another fun-filled day! Visit the sun and the sand and the sea with the bestselling creators of the Little Ash series, Ash Barty, Jasmin McGaughey and Jane Goodwin.
1470643	My feelings, my rules Gill, Nicki Esler & Desai, Kruti (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761721786	K-2	You're precious when you're happy, and you're precious when you're blue. With all your different feelings, it's just part of being you! Learn about all the different emotions you might feel throughout the day and ways you can express your feelings safely - even when they get messy!
1229325	My language rights: A child's right to their language Thompson, Judy & Garcia, Tete (ill)	Scribe Publications	2024	9781761380488	3-4	What makes us human is our ability to think and use language to communicate. Language connects us to our past, to our self and each other. Each year hundreds of languages are becoming extinct. This book helps us spread the word about the importance of celebrating and protecting all languages. It is a must read for families and classrooms that value inclusivity.
1228289	My so-called family Gordon, Gia	MacMillan	2024	9780374392055	7-9	Sixth-grader artist Ash, who has been in foster care most of her life, struggles with an ancestral tree assignment, but soon discovers the true meaning of family.
1426168	My spinning anxious brain Vee, Dani & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Larrikin House	2026	9781923345324	K-2	What is it like to experience anxiety? This beautiful picture book explores the challenges of experiencing anxiety while providing strategies to help keep kids calm. Celebrating the resilience and courage it takes to have anxiety, this is a positive story that encourages kids to accept their brains and love who they are!
1326117	My super charged ADHD brain Vee, Dani & Layton, James & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345041	K-2	What is it really like to have ADHD? This picture book explores the strengths and challenges of having a different kind of brain. Celebrating diversity and being unique, the story encourages young readers to love who they are. Written and illustrated by creatives who have ADHD and/or children with ADHD this story celebrates sparkly supercharged brains.

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1424061	My super uncle Patterson, Dannika & Walsh, Seantelle (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2026	9781922696540	K-2	My friends all love my uncle when he jokes and fools around. To me, he's super special 'cause he never lets me down. I don't need x-ray vision, to see the way he cares. I don't need super senses, to know he'll be right there.
1424114	Mystery of Mystic Mountain, The Fox, Janet	Simon & Schuster	2025	9781665956673	5-6	Becca Soloway's perfect summer goes up in smoke when her mom flees a looming divorce by dragging Becca to a Montana resort. To make matters worse, her mom's hasty booking lands them not at a spa, but an aging dude ranch called Far Away. Becca is miserable until she meets the wrangler's son, Jon, who shows her what might be the first clue to a century-old mystery: the lost treasure of a Robin Hood-like outlaw known as Pearlhandle Pete. As they slowly uncover the true history of Pete, venture into the mountains, search haunted ghost towns, and are threatened by a treasure-hunter-social-media-star, Becca discovers that treasure is in the eye of the beholder and the important things in life are always worth fighting for.
1424113	Narm-jaap: A Flinders street station history Fogarty, Melissa-Jane & Finney, Dylan	Lothian Books	2026	9780734423399	5-6	A comprehensive history of one of Australia's most prominent landmarks, Flinders Street Station, and the land on which it is built.
1470699	Nature knows Farmer, Yvette & Harris, Chloe Jasmine (ill)	Thames & Hudson	2026	9781760765293	K-2	Sometimes life gets busy - too busy. Mum calls it feeling foofy. Dad calls it time-to-go-camping! Journey into the wild and discover what nature knows about calming busy minds and bringing us home to ourselves. Includes scientific facts based on current research into children's wellbeing through nature-based play.

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1017883	Never a hero Len, Vanessa	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760878351	7-9	Despite all of the odds, Joan achieved the impossible. She reset the timeline, saved her family--and destroyed the hero, Nick. But her success has come at a terrible cost. She alone remembers what happened. Now, Aaron, her hard-won friend--and maybe more--is an enemy, trying to kill her. And Nick, the boy she loved, is a stranger who doesn't even know her name. Only Joan remembers that a greater and more dangerous enemy is still out there. When a deadly attack forces Joan back into the monster world, she finds herself on the run with Nick--as Aaron closes in. Torn between love and family and monstrous choices, Joan must find a way to re-gather her old allies to face down the deadliest of enemies, and to save the timeline itself
1263721	Never thought I'd end up here Liang, Ann	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761351495	7-9	After an incident at a cousin's wedding, Leah's parents realise she has forgotten how to speak Mandarin and send her on a travel program to immerse herself in the language and culture. Unfortunately for Leah, her childhood nemesis Cyrus is also on the trip and is annoyingly more handsome than the last time she saw him. Leah quickly plots to seek her revenge on Cyrus while on this trip, surely he won't suspect a thing.
1424024	New famous five, The: Five and the smuggler's code Smith, Chris & Lancett, James (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2026	9781444978759	5-6	Fran, Tom, Maddy and Gilbert the dog can't wait for their holiday with Professor George at Kirrin Cottage. But when they arrive, they realise George is missing. They follow the trail to an old house called Smuggler's Top, full of secret tunnels and ancient hiding places, where they discover a master criminal who must be stopped at all costs.
1409684	New world rises, A: Tales of a LEGO future Harvey, Jackson & Towler, Alex & Burne, Cristy	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760994167	5-6	The year is 2130. Humanity's reign has ended but the world is regenerating - one brick at a time. LEGO Masters Jackson Harvey and Alex Towler combine storytelling and artistry to imagine a futuristic civilisation where minifigures colonise the forgotten objects humans have left behind. Step into the future. Uncover the past. Inspire your own LEGO worlds.
1209916	Ng in ningaloo, The Barker, Judith & Firth, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800787	K-2	"The Ng in Ningaloo" illustrates the beauty of the Ningaloo Reef's creatures and its environment... Dive right in to this beautiful collage and cacophony of rhyme while being immersed in the beauty of Australia.

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1386300	Ngurra home Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Leffler, Dub (ill)	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777966	5-6	<p>We first met Mia in Black Cockatoo as she navigated her way through culture, Country and familial ties. The second book Dirrarn, follows Mia as she finds herself at boarding school navigating the challenges of living thousands of kilometres away from home and family and maintaining her sense of identity and belonging. In this final book, Mia is now studying Conservation and Wildlife Science at university whilst working part-time for a wildlife sanctuary when she is suddenly called upon to return home to her family. She is faced with the responsibility to protect the country, which her Jiwajji has given her. It is time for Mia to fight for country, and her education, knowledge and experience in wildlife science will guide her.</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that this book may contain images and names of people who have died.</p>
1359331	🕒 Nightblood Prince, The Chang, Molly X	Orion	2025	9781399630221	9plus	<p>Two Princes. One prophecy. A fate she cannot outrun. Torn from her family as a child and raised in the palace to one day marry the Crown Prince of the most powerful empire in the land. Plagued with nightmares of bloodshed, Fei tries to rebel against her fate. To outrun destiny, Fei must spark a wave of events that will change the world as she knows it.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1423835	Nightmare house, The Allen, Sarah	MacMillan	2023	9781250869869	7-9	Penny Hope used to be brave, but that was before she met the Fear Maker. Years later, he still haunts her nightmares -- a tall, thin man with red eyes, in a haunted house in the woods, who devours human souls and leaves their eyes hollow and empty. Penny's beloved grandma tells her to write down these nightmares as poems in her notebook. But then Penny starts seeing blank-eyed people in the waking world, too. She's the only one who notices. As more people around her fall prey to the Fear Maker, Penny must gather her courage once and for all to save the souls of those she loves. With the help of a magic garden and a new friend, she ventures to the Fear Maker's house. But the house is a labyrinth of shadows and tricks -- and the Fear Maker's fun is just beginning. Can a pocketful of sunflower seeds and a notebook filled with poems be enough to defeat a master of nightmares? And if Penny sets foot in the Fear Maker's house, will she ever leave?
1019646	Nightsong Soweol Han, Sally	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266188	K-2	After a big day in the noisy city, Lewis and his mother are heading home. But on the way, their bus breaks down, leaving them stuck on the side of a country road. It's still and quiet, but when Lewis ventures into a nearby field, he discovers that nature is full of wonder and music.
1424042	Ningaloo: Australia's wild wonder Winton, Tim & Lane, Cindy (ill)	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995324	5-6	Discover this World Heritage treasure with author and conservationist Tim Winton, exploring the coral reefs, mangrove forests, desert rangelands and subterranean realms of this remarkable ecosystem, home to some of the world's rarest and most endangered creatures. Ningaloo's incredible biodiversity is like nowhere else on Earth.
1337935	Ninja girl 2: Ninja superstars! Do, Anh & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760269050	3-4	Niki used to be an average, everyday kid ... until she found out she has amazing ninja skills. And that her kitten can talk and do karate! Now, evil lizards are terrorising the town and causing chaos at the talent quest. Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten will have to come up with their best ninja act ever to fix this mess!

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	Ninja kid series Ahn Do				3-4	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1423330	No dress, no idea Stephens, R.A	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112485	7-9	Graduation is just over a year away, but all Tarni can think about is her Year 12 formal. The shoes, the makeup, the car, the photos and most importantly, the dress! But Tarni's perfect dress is a whopping \$950, and she will have to save every cent to get it. Tarni checks each item off her list, one by one, but by the time she's saved enough money, the dress has disappeared! Can she find her perfect dress-and in the right size? And what will she do when she graduates?
1286578	Now for the good news Planet ARK & Artery, Jordan & King, Rebecca (ill) & Wiecek, Sarah (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9780143779582	5-6	With so much bad news hitting the headlines, it's time for the good news! Discover all the amazing things people are doing to create a greener future for us all, and learn some helpful tips for how you can save our planet too.
1423389	Now you are a chicken McDonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill)	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761214035	K-2	Get ready to flap and cluck and do eggs, because this book will turn you into a chicken! All you need is a few magic words and ... WAIT!!
1423950	Nugly Ross, M. C.	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760265250	5-6	The one thing Nugget, a cute puppy, has ever known to do is love, and his cuteness has always been enough for others to love him back. But when Nugget is put up for adoption, he thinks it is because no one loves him anymore, that he isn't cute anymore. So he does the only thing he can think of: he runs away. Now Nugget is alone on the streets of Boston, where he quickly learns that not everyone is kind. After an unfortunate run-in with another animal leaves him disfigured, he can't rely on his cuteness to get by like he used to. As Nugget learns to navigate his new life, searching for a new family to give all his love. Will he learn to love himself, too?
1423375	O.M.G: Oh my G.O.A.T! Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761642357	K-2	Oh My, Goat! What do you say when you see something very surprising, like ... Outstanding Marching Grasshoppers? Or an Overjoyed Massive Goldfish? Find out with Duck and Goat in this playful new laugh-out-loud story.

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1392438	Oceanforged: The wicked ship Mellor, Amelia	Affirm Press	2025	9781922992390	5-6	The realm of Aquinta has fallen into a dark age. And no one knows that better than thirteen-year-old Cori, who is fighting for her life in a pirate crew more beastly than Aquinta's sea monsters. But Cori's life changes when she finds the Oceanforged Gauntlet - a piece of armour belonging to the legendary Champions who once ruled the islands. Whoever wears the armour wields the Champions' magic and has the power to return Aquinta to its lost glory. Cori must begin a treacherous journey to find the rest of the armour. But first, she'll have to escape from her captain, who craves the gauntlet's magic for himself.
1424068	Ocelot and the crab, The Micallef, Shaun & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761641961	3-4	An ocelot can run like the dickens, and this is the tale I must tell, of a race to the face of Mount Olaf against something with pincers and shell...Ocelot may be fast, but he has a lousy sense of direction-he's Ocelost! Can slow-and-steady Crab map out a better way to win the race?
1344957	Of flame and fury Bridge, Mikayla	Pan MacMillan	2025	9781761563805	9plus	A fiery alliance. An explosive secret. The race is on. Phoenix racing: it's profitable, it's deadly. No one knows this better than Kel Varra and her crew, the Crimson Howlers. They live on the edge of survival. When a mysterious tech billionaire offers them a place at his training facility, it gives them hope but also forces Kel to team up with Coup, her arrogant, infuriating rival. Embroiled in political scheming, volatile phoenix magic and a smouldering romance, Kel and Coup discover a conspiracy that threatens them all. For in this world of extreme stakes, there are two options only: win or burn. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1406612	Oh dear, look what I got! Rosen, Michael & Oxenbury, Helen (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529510898	K-2	I went to the shop to get me a carrot. Oh dear, they gave me... a parrot! Oh dear, look what I got! Do I want that? No I do not!' Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud, with a final twist and a joyful ending.
1252266	Oi dinosaurs! Gray, Kez & Field, Jim (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9781444971828	K-2	According to Frog, in dinosaur times sitting down hadn't been invented. So . . . Pterosaurs didn't sit on bendy straws, velociraptors didn't sit on plug adaptors, triceratops didn't sit on lollipops. Join Frog, Cat and Dog for oodles of prehistoric rhyming in this dino-packed new title in the Oi Frog and Friends series.

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1359293	Once a villain Len, Vanessa	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760878368	9plus	The heart-stopping finale in the incredible Only a Monster fantasy time-travel series takes Joan into the darkest timeline in the monster world, as she fights to restore the world she remembers. Joan has failed to stop Eleanor and her monstrous plan. Eleanor now rules ruthlessly over a new London, in which monsters live openly among humans, preying on them and subjugating them. Only Joan, Aaron and Nick remember that there was once a better timeline. Now, as they negotiate their fractured pasts and face wrenching emotional decisions, they must fight to survive the new world and fix the broken timeline. But how will they defeat a whole family of monsters with power over time itself? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1388287	Once I was a tree McLaughlin, Eoin & Karsten, Guilherme (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2025	9781805130406	3-4	"Once I Was a Tree" by Eoin McLaughlin is a hilarious and heartwarming picture book that transforms the life cycle of a tree into a joyful celebration of storytelling.
1286576	One little dung beetle Williams, Rhian & Potter, Heather (ill) & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2024	9781742036656	K-2	Beetles are clever, diligent environmental engineers, working away under our very noses. What's not to love about beetles?
1423999	One race Dreise, Gregg	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761298585	K-2	How can there be racism when we are one human race? Our difference is our biggest strength; not something to debase. From Kamilaroi and Euahlayi author and artist Gregg Dreise, comes this call for unity, embracing what connects us all ... our humanity.
1333899	One word and a bird King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761520860	3-4	From out of the sky, like a clear idea, flew a bird. She landed on my nose. A story of serendipity, love and looking for the right word when nothing seems to fit.
1067080	One wrong turn Marrapodi, Chenee	Fremantle Press	2023	9781760992439	7-9	If I wanted the lead role, Valentina had to go. A contemporary Ballet Shoes set in an elite dance academy, this compelling coming-of-age novel is all about overcoming pressure, standing up for yourself and the joy of ballet! The perfect gift for all young dancers. Amelia is a ballerina on the rise - she's talented, dedicated and set to star in the lead role of the annual production. But when Valentina arrives from Italy and joins the ballet academy, the competition gets fierce. Can Amelia outshine Valentina and keep her place in the spotlight?

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1424101	Oopsie gardeners: Hired by mistake Runmore, Ash	Grace Bell Publishing Kids	2026	9781923534001	3-4	Pip and Pat Pickle just want to sell lettuce. Instead, they accidentally get hired as the official gardeners at the joyfully messy Goodworth Estate. With one week to complete a list of very confusing tasks, they must prove they're up for the job... even though they've never gardened before. A new series full of sill mix-ups, garden mishaps, kindness, and blooming where you're planted.
1423335	Our map Cui, Angie & Heroanto, Novia (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112362	5-6	JJ loves maps because they show all the cool places in the world. Her friend Lee can't find his parents' country on any map. Are some things missing from maps? With markers, paper and lots of imagination, their class creates a magical map that's all their own - and so everyone belongs.
1329967	Our world by the numbers Jenkins, Steve	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9780063315716	5-6	The author uses engaging graphics and visual literacy to convey scientific facts and concepts, making them accessible for all kinds of readers. Learn about the complex and wonderful place we call home. This book opens wide on the solar system and then zooms in on planet Earth -- its history, its creatures, its climate, and its future. Discover some of the most fascinating aspects of our world through astonishing numbers: the stretch of time from Earth's formation to the present, how often lightning strikes in one day, the temperature at the centre of the sun, what percentage of Earth's land is covered in deserts or forests or cities, and so much more.
1386446	Outback astronomer Barry, Trevor & Hayes, Liz & Smith, Ali	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460765449	9plus	Born and raised in remote Broken Hill, Trevor Barry left school after Year 10 to work in the mines. Years later, a single glimpse of Saturn through a colleague's telescope knocked Trevor's world completely off its axis, turning his whole life upside down. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1423982	Paddock grove: Riding for gold Rose, J. P.	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781529522853	5-6	Katie is delighted to be selected as the captain for Paddock Grove's under-14 equestrian team in the county competition. She and her horse, Sheriff, are a great duo and she's excited to prove this in the arena and on the cross country course. But when the competition starts, strange things start to go wrong around the stables. At first Katie suspects mean-girl Megan who's been banned from competing, but as the 'pranks' start to escalate, she starts to believe that someone on one of the other teams might be trying to sabotage Paddock Grove's chances by playing tricks on their team captain. If she can't find the culprit, they might run her and Sheriff out of the competition altogether...
1423932	Paper chase Donaldson, Julia & Sandoy, Victoria (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761723360	3-4	Much loved author Julia Donaldson weaves a magical tale of two friends, a tall tree and the amazing story of how paper is made.
1379522	Paperbark tree committee, The McEwen, Karys	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781922790705	5-6	Twelve-year-old Art and his younger brother Hilary are great friends, best friends. When they move to Melbourne from a small town in Queensland things seem to be easy for Hilary, who is still in primary school, but Art struggles to fit in, and he's become a target for school bully Jack. His dad is too busy to give him much attention, but Art has his stepmum, Sally, who is always ready to listen. And there's the paperbark tree. Art and Hilary climb into its branches and hold a secret meeting whenever they need to sort things out. The only problem is Art's not sure he still wants to be part of the paperbark tree committee. He's getting older and he thinks he needs to solve his problems on his own.
1177168	Pasta! Arena, Felice & Cerocchi, Beatrice (ill)	Affirm Press	2023	9781922848604	K-2	Pasta tastes delicious, but do you know that pasta names are also fun to say? Grab your fork and spoon and get stuck into this rhyming feast. It's enough to make anyone hungry for pasta!
1395175	Peach king, The Simpson, Inga & Harricks, Tannya (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734418517	K-2	This contemporary fable tells the story of the Peach King and his orchard as the land faces drought, bushfires and change. It is a gentle and lyrical tale that shows how nature is able to endure and renew itself. The accessible language and rich imagery invite readers to reflect on the beauty and resilience of the natural world. Suitable for students in Years 3 to 4, this book offers an age appropriate way to explore themes of hope, growth and connection with the environment.

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1357354	Peculiar parents Reeder, Stephanie Owen & Bartkowiak, Ingrid (ill)	NLA Publishing	2025	9781922507822	3-4	Peculiar Parents explores 60 Australian native animals, focusing in particular on all things family, including their courting practices, gestation periods, births and the raising of their young.
	Percy Jackson series Riordan, Rick				7-9	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.
1333993	Phantom hearts Talbot, Rosie & Maxwell, Sarah (ill)	Scholastic UK	2024	9780702333408	9plus	Malia's life is upended when a student bus crash kills her fellow classmates: rebel and dropout Shepherd; volatile track star Russ; brainy Emil; and mysterious new girl Carolina. Malia's dad was driving, and housing journalists are reporting that he crashed on purpose. While her dad remains in a coma and unable to tell the truth, Malia sets about clearing his name with the help of her cute crush, Keezy. But then the ghosts of the students start appearing. Wherever Malia goes, the restless spirits follow ... Why do her classmates all have unfinished business? Secrets will out. Will Malia ever find the courage to tell Keezy how she feels? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1424125	Pink easter Hennessy, Tanya & Kent, Sophie	Albert Street Books	2026	9781761181153	K-2	'Twas the night before Easter, the workshop was busy! There were baskets to fill and eggs to make pretty. There was so much to do for the Big Easter Quest. And the Bunny herself? She was, honestly stressed. Sometimes a catastrophe is just what you need to see the world in a whole new rosy light!

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1120944	Pirate Academy: New kid on deck Somper, Justin & Skaffa, Teo	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761182044	5-6	The year is 2507. The oceans have risen. A new dawn of piracy has begun. Jacoby Blunt and Jasmine Peacock are students at the elite Pirate Academy. This is no ordinary school. Lessons range from Knots Class and Sailing to Combat Workshop. The students hail from famous pirate families. The teachers are all legendary sea captains. The pressure is always on and friendship is everything. When a new kid - the mysterious Neo Splice - arrives, everything changes FAST. Suddenly, the dangers are no longer at sea but stalking the classrooms and corridors of Pirate Academy. In the face of real peril, the students of Barracuda class must put everything they have learned to the test against an unexpected and ruthless new enemy. Welcome to Pirate Academy where every day is a swashbuckling adventure!
1401591	Pocket Potters: Harry Potter Rowling, J.K & Smillie, Natalie (ill)	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526672605	5-6	How old was Harry when he first started at Hogwarts? Who gave him the Marauder's Map, and how big is a Golden Snitch? Find out all this and much more about Harry Potter! Peek at Harry in his spidery cupboard under the stairs, find out what he buys in Diagon Alley and explore the Gryffindor dormitory. Get set for dragon encounters, Quidditch thrills, secret passwords and a wand from Ollivanders ...
1401608	Pocket Potters: Hermione Granger Rowling, J.K & Proietti, Laura (ill)	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526674029	5-6	What is Hermione's favourite subject? How did she make friends with Ron and Harry, and what does a mountain troll smell like? Find out all this and much more about Hermione Granger! Follow her through a day at Hogwarts, discover why she loves the library and learn all about her pet cat, Crookshanks. Get set for spectacular spells, charms and potions, and lots of Gryffindor house points!
1447488	Pocket Potters: Luna Lovegood Rowling, J.K & Brady, Helen (ill)	Bloomsbury	2026	9781526688682	5-6	How did Luna first meet Harry Potter? Why does she wear spectrespecs, and what sort of beast is a crumple-horned snorkack? Find out all this and much more about Luna Lovegood!
1447481	Pocket Potters: Professor Dumbledore Rowling, J.K & Escobar, Paola (ill)	Bloomsbury	2026	9781526685186	5-6	Why is Dumbledore such a brilliant headmaster? What's on his chocolate frog card and who is his favourite quidditch team? Find out all this and much more about Professor Dumbledore!

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1401573	Pocket Potters: Ron Weasley Rowling, J.K & Muza, Olia (ill)	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526674012	5-6	How many big brothers does Ron have? Where do the Weasley family live, and how exactly do you de-gnome a garden? Find out all this and much more about Ron Weasley! See Ron get sorted into his Hogwarts house, explore his bedroom at The Burrow and meet the rest of the Weasleys. Get set for a flying car, wizard sports, Hogwarts feasts and a houseful of unforgettable pets ...
1424081	Poem for every question, A Bilston, Brian & Berger, Joe (ill)	Red Shed	2025	9780008682804	5-6	What are rainbows made of? Can poo heat your home? Why do my fingers and toes wrinkle in water? Brian Bilston will have you laughing out loud at these funny, informative and intriguing question and answer poems.
1425877	Poppy & Pipsqueak: The mighty pipsqueak Kelly, Deborah & Sabadin, Amie (ill)	Wombat Books	2026	9781761112768	3-4	Jessie-Dog has had her puppies, but one is much smaller than the others. Dad says there's no place for weak pups on a farm. But Poppy insists it can do everything the others can, too. After all, when Poppy was born, it was a long time before she could come home from the hospital. So Poppy is determined to convince him that Pipsqueak can grow into a fine dog. But what if she fails? What if Dad decides Pipsqueak needs another home, far away from Poppy?
1424119	Prickles Cummings, Phil & Goldsmith, Jennifer (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781760266028	K-2	Prickles lived in a city alleyway. He wandered the streets every day, bringing warmth and joy to the lives of everyone he met. But then... the colour in his eyes began fading to shadow. Prickles was afraid and alone, with no-one to help... until he met Molly and her family. A gentle but powerful story of community, connection, family and the importance of those who help us find our way.
919357	Pride and premeditation Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2020	9780062889829	7-9	When a scandalous murder shocks London high society, seventeen-year-old aspiring lawyer Lizzie Bennet seizes the opportunity to prove herself, despite the interference of Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy, the stern young heir to the prestigious firm Pemberley Associates. Convinced the authorities have imprisoned the wrong person, Lizzie vows to solve the murder on her own. But as the case - and her feelings for Darcy-become more complicated, Lizzie discovers that her dream job could make her happy, but it might also get her killed.

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1433867	Princess and unicorn: Mikka's magical surprise Louise, Zanni & May, Kyla (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2026	9781460766965	3-4	Princess Mikka has a palace, a dress for every occasion and even her own water-slide, but there's one thing she wants more than anything else: a pet. So when her parents surprise her with her very own unicorn called Marshmallow, all her dreams come true. That is, until Marshmallow's magical horn ZAPs everything in sight! Can Mikka help Marshmallow manage her magic, or will the kingdom be covered in orange juice, floating sheep and dancing teapots forever?
1423943	Princess knight, The Jacobs, Cait	Magpie Books GB	2025	9780008609115	9plus	Prince Domhnall and Princess Clía are the perfect royal match - that is until he ruins everything by refusing to propose. Heartbroken but determined, Clía wins a place at Domhnall's military academy to win him back. After all, how hard can duelling really be? Warrior Ronan has no time for blonde princesses. Even if she is...well, cute. He tells himself there's no harm training her. Even if his heart does race around her. Even if Domhnall is his best friend. But, as they say, love is a battlefield - and unfortunately for them, a very real war is looming on the horizon. It's a fight that will threaten their kingdoms and their hearts. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1409487	Promises and other lies Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2025	9781760658649	7-9	One year on from a devastating bushfire, the small coastal town of Wangaroo Bay is still reeling. Fletch's family lost their home, and his best friend Immie lost her beloved dad, a volunteer firefighter. Throughout it all, Fletch and Immie have had each other. Immie's grandparents push for the Bayfire investigation to be reopened, but Fletch's mum, dad and elder brother Cooper want to put the past behind them. And when a local, one of their own, is charged with arson, emotions flare, sides are taken, and promises - and secrets - are at stake. The fire has already destroyed Wangaroo Bay, now its aftermath threatens to destroy Fletch and Immie and their families too.

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1424080	Protect biosphere reserves Spilsbury, Louise & Medina, Victor	Franklin Watts	2026	9781445189994	3-4	How would you like to join Team Planet, as they investigate some of the most awe-inspiring places in our world? Trek through rainforests in South America, canoe across gigantic lakes in Asia and get up-close to gorillas in Africa! These are all UNESCO Biosphere Reserves, places which have special importance for everyone on our planet and they are protected by an organization called UNESCO. But these amazing Reserves are under threat - from people, pollution, climate change and natural disasters. Come on an expedition to discover what we can all do to help protect these incredible places.
1316525	Pull of the moon, The Smith, Pip	University of Western Australia Press	2025	9781760803032	7-9	<p>Coralie threw the life jackets one by one, as hard as she could, and watched them catch on the wind and blow into the sea.</p> <p>Coralie is thirteen years old and lives on Christmas Island, where sea birds circle the sky and the seasons are marked by the migratory patterns of crabs. But life on the island isn't always paradise.</p> <p>During a fierce tropical storm, a fishing boat carrying eighty-nine asylum seekers crashes into the island's cliffs. Coralie locks eyes with Ali, an eleven-year-old Iranian boy, as his mother pulls her life jacket over his head. But soon Ali disappears beneath the waves and when his body isn't recovered, Coralie resolves to do everything she can to find him.</p>
1424088	Puppy love: Jett dreams big Johnson, Rebecca	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761648403	3-4	Sophie has always wanted a puppy -- she's learned everything there is to know about caring for and training border collies. Now that her family has moved to the country, she can finally get one to help on the farm. But when Sophie brings home a tiny runt named Jett, they are not even sure if he is strong enough to survive. Will Jett ever be the champion that Sophie knows he can be?
1218503	Quokka finds a friend Stewart, Katie	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760994204	K-2	When Quokka meets Seal, he wants to be friends. Quokka thinks that making Seal smile would be a great way to start. But, despite his best efforts, Seal doesn't smile. Can they be friends after all?

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1356329	Quoll Cheng, Christopher & Lane, Cindy (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760655679	3-4	An exciting addition to the narrative non-fiction series Nature Storybooks, about an Eastern Quoll. The blue-black sky is painted with glistening stars. Quoll has woken. It's playtime here in the moonlit night. Join a female Eastern quoll and her playful pups as they venture through the forest and fields on their nightly hunt for food.
1334027	Ratus Moratus Pike, Tnya & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760261146	3-4	Ratus Moratus cared only for status, he made himself leader and sat on a matus. He carried a cane and wore a top hatus, but all the rats knew he was really a bratus When Catus arrives, there's trouble for lazy Ratus. Will Ratus scatus ... or end up splatus?!
1159940	Reading to baby Wild, Margaret & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Affirm Press	2024	9781922930378	K-2	Dora has doting big brothers who play with her, look after her, and guide her as she grows. One of her brothers, Peter, reads to her, which turns out to be the greatest gift of all.
	Real pigeons series McDonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill)				3-4	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1058404	Really short journey through the body, A Bryson, Bill & Young, Emma & Long, Daniel (ill) & Et al.	Puffin UK	2024	9780241606247	5-6	We spend our whole lives in one body and yet most of us have no idea how it works and what goes on inside it. Get ready to marvel at the wondrous creation that is you.

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1337892	Red flags Jo, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761721120	7-9	<p>Neither Poppy nor Cam want it to work ... until it does.</p> <p>Poppy is known for her high standards. Why bother with relationships when boys don't ever seem to live up to her expectations? One red flag and she's out.</p> <p>Cam is known for quickly developing the ick. He's never dated anyone for long - a week here, a month there, but he always spooks.</p> <p>When Poppy's friends challenge her to give someone a chance for two whole months, Poppy decides that Cam (her mysterious bus crush) could be the best of an underwhelming bunch. But Cam's been set his own challenge: he's banned from ending things in his next relationship... and that means he's ready to do whatever he can to put Poppy off. Two skeptics. Two months. And this time, neither of them can disappear the moment they spot something they don't like.</p>
1424127	Red star rebels Kaufman, Amie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761182556	7-9	<p>Eight hours to stop an explosion ... Eight hours to fall in love.</p> <p>It's 2067, and the Graves family has transformed Mars from a lifeless rock into a chaotic patchwork of settlements. You can buy a one-way ticket to a new life - if you're rich. Enter Hunter Graves: handsome, ambitious, and with spectacularly bad timing.</p> <p>He shows up unannounced at the United Nations base just as an emergency evacuation sends everyone scurrying for safety. And he's left behind. Uh-oh. Also stranded: Cleo, a sharp-tongued stowaway with no intention of dying today, and even less patience for overconfident trust fund boys. But the enemy of your enemy is the jerk who might just help you survive, so here we are. Now, Hunter and Cleo have one shot to stop the explosion, escape alive, and deal with the inconvenient fact that they're falling for each other.</p>

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1423836	Relic Hunters: The Amulet of Hath Hardy, Vasti & Sheerin, Rebecca (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2025	9780008680725	3-4	A long-lost amulet holds the secret to finding the ancient land of Hath and its hidden treasures. But just as famous relic hunter Lucy Greystone is about to retrieve it, the amulet falls into the hands of nefarious glory hunter Byron Cogsworth. Now the race is on to be the first to uncover the location of Hath and its gold. But how can Mabel and Will Greystone help their aunt when they only have access to half of the clues, and can they stop Cogsworth before his dirty tricks lead to treasure being lost for ever?
1477088	Relic Hunters: The clockwork key Hardy, Vashti & Sheerin, Rebecca (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2024	9780008680732	3-4	Mabel and Will Greystone are looking forward to an exciting holiday with their aunt Lucy, a famous relic hunter in the land of Marvolia. Using an ancient map, they are searching for the legendary lost town of Umber, famous for the invention of clockwork, which was mysteriously abandoned hundreds of years ago. The only other clue they have is a strange old key left behind by the last inhabitant of the town, but they have no idea what the key is for. Also on the hunt for Umber is devious Byron Cogsworth, desperate for the glory such an important discovery will bring. Can Mabel, Will and Aunt Lucy find Umber before him? And what secrets will the clockwork key unlock?
1220580	Richard Scarry's planes and rockets and things that fly Scarry, Richard	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008694982	3-4	Join Huckle as he takes flying lessons and his friends as they take a trip to the moon in their very own rocket.
1310427	Riley's fail proof guide to...Breaking a school record! Vee, Dani & Faber, Jules	Larrikin House	2024	9781922804815	3-4	Riley Noodle has been trying to break a school record for seven years. There is only one problem: Riley doesn't think she's very good at anything. From being superglued to the principal's dog, accidentally swallowing the class pet and being constantly embarrassed by her dad who is intent on saving the world in a kaftan, this year has been nothing but a series of FAILS! Can Riley and her two best friends - Henry the school's hot dog eating champion and the sassy new girl Olivia - help Riley achieve the ultimate goal of finally breaking a school record?

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1268022	Rival darling Moody, Alexandra	Farshore	2025	9780008762247	9plus	When seventeen-year-old Violet is left heartbroken by the captain of her school's ice hockey team, she vows to never date a jock again. But, in an attempt to prove she's moved on, she turns to the most unlikely person - her ex's biggest rival, the notorious captain of the Ransom Devils. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1209706	Riz Chester: The evidence track Stephens, R.A. & Hammond, Em (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111525	3-4	Riz Chester loves mysteries, and with an interest in forensics she keeps finding crime. But nothing has happened for months. When the news reports a real theft at the petrol station, and some unknown tracks appear in the freshly laid dirt outside Riz's house, everyone gets involved to find out what happened.
1019768	Riz Chester: The fingerprint code Stephens, R.A. & Hammond, Em (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761111280	3-4	Riz Chester has a passion for forensic science. One day at school there is a commotion outside the music room and something is missing. Riz recruits her friends, Jenny, Sabrina, Lachie A and Lochie C and breaks out her fingerprint tools. Is it more than a misunderstanding? How can they work out what happened when no one will even tell them what is missing? And is the mark left behind in the music room really a fingerprint? Join the five friends as they recruit some extras to take fingerprints from everyone who might have gone into the music room and find a potential suspect.
1414402	Robo-teacher Barkla, Charlotte & Petruso, Gabriella (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345089	3-4	Miss Horrid is truly horrid. She makes her students wash her dirty socks, measure blades of grass and on their birthday Miss Horrid has especially horrid chores for them to do. When she cancels the class trip to the funpark Hazel has had enough and with the help of her super clever friends she replaces Miss Horrid with an AI-powered robot. It's not long before robo teacher turns robo-evil. It's up to Hazel and her friends to make it right before something really goes wrong.
1453972	Ruby's perfect fire safety plan Rudge, Wendy & Jellet, Tom (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2026	9781742037110	3-4	Hot on the heels of the wildly successful Emergency! Emergency!, Ruby's Perfect Fire Safety Plan provides the perfect companion story to primary school fire safety programs.

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1424128	Ruby's web Neerven, Ellen van	Magabala Books	2026	9781922864017	7-9	Ruby is starting year 7 at a new school. Her cousin Amber used to be her best friend, but she has started hanging out with the cool kids and pretends she doesn't know Ruby anymore. Ruby dreads school every day. Ruby's Web is about how to seek help when dealing with online bullying and racism, the connections that the internet makes possible, and the power of using your voice.
1423785	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Ruling class, The Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241763070	9plus	When Tess Kendrick is sent to stay with her older sister in Washington, she has no idea that Ivy is a professional 'fixer', a person who makes powerful people's scandals disappear. Then Tess enrolls at the elite Hardwicke School and unexpectedly becomes Hardwicke's own high school fixer. As each sister leads a double life, their worlds collide when a scandal from the halls of Hardwicke reaches the most powerful people in the city. Now Tess must uncover who's behind the power play before she becomes a target herself... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1209952	Ruru: night hunter Furze, Katie & Barraud, Ned (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781775438397	3-4	Ruru has hungry chicks to feed. Swiftly, silently, he swoops and snatches his prey. Meet Aotearoa's only native owl, wildlife treasure and hunter!
1423930	Sabina and the cats of Rome Masson, Sophie	Christmas Press	2024	9780645378894	3-4	An adventure was just what Sabina needed with Cleo a talking cat who needed help. A King Rat sent a spell to curse her father and somehow Cleo needed to get to a wizard to remove the curse.
1337938	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Salvage Mills, Jennifer	Pan MacMillan	2025	9781761563775	9plus	Jude's life has been about survival. She works on rebuilding - fixes roofs, trucks supplies, transports refugees. Tries to stay free from attachments and obligations. But Jude won't talk about her past. Or her sister Celeste, lost in the tragic failure of a space station that was supposed to save her, and the other ultra-rich, from the wreckage of a dying world. When an escape pod falls from the sky, its passenger near death, Jude knows her anonymous existence can't continue. As the fragile peace of her community is put at risk, Jude must re-examine the terms of her survival - and her exile. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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1484255	Sapphire and the monster hunters: Beware of sleeping pixies Stuart, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761203473	3-4	Sapphire Sparks may not be trying to be the best monster hunter anymore, but she's determined to prove that she is the best Assistant Curator of all time. And, with the curator away, she's in charge for one whole day! Will Sapphire's big plans take everyone away with the pixies? Or do monsters really know best?
1446612	Sapphire and the monster hunters: How to impress a sea monster Stuart, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761203480	3-4	Could you help a lovesick sea monster? Find a Snagglefoot's library book? Defeat a world-famous monster hunter?! Then you belong in the Museum of Wonders! A super-famous, expert monster hunter is coming to catch all the monsters at the museum, and only Sapphire can stop him. This is Sapphire's moment to shine-she is an expert at not catching monsters! Can Sapphire's big plan keep everyone safe? Find out in this funny new story from bestselling creator Scott Stuart!
1209853	Save our forest! Dasnes, Nora & Byrn, Lisa Laerdral	Farshore	2024	9780008653781	7-9	After being leader of 'girls-who-never-fall-in-love" in Cross My Heart and Never Lie, Tuva's best friend, Bao, faces a challenge unlike any she's faced before: the PTA wants to raze down the students' beloved forest, removing the space where Bao and other student have always played and integral to both Bao and other students' lives and the environment they call home. When the adults are too apathetic, too cynical, or too preoccupied to see the importance of the forest, Bao and the others will have to stop playing nice and take matters into their own hands. But Bao and her classmates are only twelve years old--how can they get the adults in power to see this crisis for what it is?
998778	Saving Charli Walker, Di	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761297311	5-6	Twelve-year old Charli knows no other way of being than as a twin. But when her twin sister Freya, succumbs to a lifelong battle with illness, Charli, consumed by grief, retreats into a tent in her backyard. Closed off from her family and friends, Charli risks losing not only her other half but her whole self. Without her twin, who is left to save Charli.

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1424039	Scaring and daring Horror Writers Association	Harper	2025	9780063372474	7-9	Get ready for a terrifying spin on some of literature's most beloved tales-no story is safe! From Captain Hook's run-in with dark magic to Sherlock Holmes narrowly escaping graveyard spirits to a happily never after for Cinderella, this horror anthology is anything but a bedtime story. In this terrifying new collection for young readers, the best-loved stories from the literary canon are revisited and reimagined with a deadly twist by some of the top authors working in middle grade today. Featuring tales from authors Jonathan Maberry and Kelley Armstrong, Carlos Hernandez, Lisa Morton, Maurice Broaddus, and many others, this collection will haunt you long after you turn the last page.
7276	Scream: The haunted book Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760152109	7-9	Dale lives in Axe Falls, a town of mysterious disappearances, terrifying visions and unusual events. A family trip turns spooky when Dale finds an old handwritten book, starting with the words: Do not stop reading; my life depends on it. But when ghosts from the book start stalking him through the forest, Dale starts to wonder...
27109	Scream: The spider army Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760152093	5-6	Axe Falls is a town of mysterious disappearances, terrifying visions and unusual events. Everyone there has heard the urban legend of the deadly blue-back spider. But when Yvette sees a real one at school, she starts to wonder if the whispers might actually be true. Were the victim's agonised screams, grotesque disfiguration and disappearance more than just a campfire story? What's really lurking in the shadows? And will anyone survive long enough to find out?
1423928	Secret battle, The Rushby, Pamela	Eagle Books	2021	9780648815426	5-6	It's 1942. Over two days, American and Australian servicemen fought against each other, rioting in the streets of Brisbane. This became known as the Battle of Brisbane. When nine-year-old newspaper seller Roddy helps an injured American serviceman he never expects that the battle will become covered up - a wartime secret never to be reported in the newspapers he sells. Or that his life will change forever.....

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1357338	Secret green, The Wilson, Sonya	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991142085	5-6	Strange, magical things happened when Nissa was lost in the wilds but was it actually real? Or had she made it all up in the forest inside her head? When the mysterious forest creatures come for Nissa again, she discovers that Fiordland is under threat. What are the sparks so afraid of? What is the secret they're so desperate to protect? And why do they think a thirteen-year-old kid can save them all?
1337870	Secret keeper Walker, Di	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761527920	5-6	Change was coming. Possibly sooner than any of the friends were prepared for. Nell and Eden have been best friends forever. But now they are at the end of Year 6 and on the cusp of high school. Nell has been scouted to play in a new netball club the following year, but she doesn't feel like she can tell Eden. And then there's Birdie. A mysterious girl who has moved onto Nell's street. She is quiet and reserved and doesn't appear to go to school. When Nell meets Birdie, their friendships begins to grow. But what secrets is Birdie hiding? And why doesn't Nell feel she can tell Eden about netball or Birdie?
1423990	Secret world of seahorses, The Davies, Nicola & Baker-Smith, Lou (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529522815	K-2	Dive beneath the waves and enter the secret world of seahorses. Meet creatures that are no bigger than the end of your little finger! See how we can help seahorses thrive on our changing planet.
1195666	See inside the ancient world Jones, Rob Lloyd & Ablett, Barry (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781836044598	5-6	A stunning flap book introducing young readers to several fascinating ancient civilisations. Take a tour of the ancient world, to discover the wonders, and terrors, of its incredible civilisations. Eight scenes show readers all around the cities, countryside, and mighty monuments of several incredible ancient civilisations - from the dawn of civilization in Ancient Egypt, to the rise of the great Mayan culture in Central America. Lift the flaps to find out how ancient people lived, and how they died, what they ate, and how they built some of their amazing monuments. Look inside an Egyptian temple, open the doors of ancient Chinese houses, witness an Assyrian army laying siege to a fortress, and find out what goes on behind the walls of a Roman army fort.

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1423837	Seeing red Ainsworth, Eve & Valentine, Luna (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2025	9780008705800	5-6	Football used to be a way for Amelia to escape when her parents were arguing, but now that her dad has moved out and her mum is struggling to cope, it's just another source of stress. Amelia is late for practice while trying to help her mum and finds it hard to concentrate during important matches. Her coach and teammates are all worried, but it's difficult to help when Amelia lashes out in anger. Can Amelia find a way to get the support she needs before her temper pushes everyone away?
1344953	Seekers of the lost cavern: Into the dragon's nest Duncan-Watt, Thomas & Perera, Suren (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761521522	3-4	Its not easy being Davern Cavern. Having only narrowly escaped a zombie tomb and his evil rival, Davern is still following the mystery trail left by his dad, the super-famous explorer who went missing months ago. Next stop: a cursed, ancient dragons nest !But first, Davern and his friends have to learn to fly a hovership, dodge a dumpling food-fight and deal with a real live dragon!
1019627	Sense and second-degree murder Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2023	9780062889843	7-9	When eighteen-year-old aspiring scientist Elinor Dashwood discovers her beloved father slumped over the desk of his office study, she knows his death means dire straits for the Dashwood women. To make matters worse, an outdated will entails his estate-including Norland & Company, the private investigation firm where her younger sister Marianne worked as her father's partner and protégé-to their half-brother and his haughty wife, who waste no time in forcing the Dashwoods out of their home and into a cramped apartment on London's Barton Street. But before they go, the Dashwood sisters make a startling discovery that points to foul play, and the killer might be family. Obviously, the girls must investigate. It could be dangerous; it could ruin their reputations; and most importantly, it won't bring back their father. But if the Dashwood sisters can combine their talents and bring their father's murderer to justice, it may bring them all some comfort-and it might even lead to love.

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1423822	Serpent sea Ibrahim, Maiya	Hodder & Stoughton	2024	9781399702096	7-9	Once, Imani swore to protect her home from the monsters roaming the desert. But now an even worse enemy threatens the Sahir, and as the Harrowlanders march south with their stolen magic, it is only a matter of time before the invasion begins. The only chance for survival is a dangerous alliance with Qayn, a djinni king. If Imani journeys with him on a quest beyond the sands to restore his lost powers, he will summon a supernatural army to save her people. Meanwhile, her rival, Taha, has been captured and is on a dangerous mission of his own. One wrong move could cost them their lives and everyone they love. But they may find that there is more than meets the eye crossing the Serpent Sea... and betrayal cuts deeper than any dagger.
1359278	Set-up girl, The Vey, Sasha	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181542	9plus	<p>Amalia's life runs like clockwork: school, family book club, hanging out with her best (and only) friend Mae. It's comfortable in its predictability. So when Mae announces she's ready to start dating - against the wishes of her strict parents - Amalia's world is thrown into chaos. Forever the dutiful friend, she agrees to help set Mae up with the hottest boy in class: Kasun. The only problem? He's Amalia's secret crush. Adopting the role of wingwoman, Amalia does her best to navigate an unfamiliar world of parties and romantic drama. Meanwhile, she grows closer to Kasun's best mates, Jake and Laeli, who frustrate and intrigue her in equal measure. When misunderstandings (and secret kisses) threaten to derail relationships, Amalia is left more confused than ever. Who does she really want to be with? Can the set-up girl ever become the main character of the story? A feel-good romantic comedy of errors, where the road to love rarely runs straight!</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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871193	Seven Wherewithal Way Bound, Samantha-Ellen	Affirm Press	2021	9781922419224	5-6	Celeste is having the worst summer ever. Her parents are off on an adventure and she's stuck at Gran's house with her annoying little sister, Esme, and strict instructions to be responsible. Or, as Esme says, boring. So when their eccentric cousin Ferd crash-lands a flying bus in the yard, what choice does Celeste have but to follow Ferd back home to Seven Wherewithal Way? Ferd's house, and the gateway to the many realms unreachable from Earth - is bursting with magic and mystery and otherworldly creatures. But when something tries to break in through the portal in the pantry - the door to the mystical Realm of Forests - Celeste learns that both Wherewithal and her beloved cousin are under threat. If Celeste wants to save her cousin, their home, its inhabitants and possibly even all the realms, she is going to have to find her adventurous side.
1286612	Seven Wherewithal Way: Into the faerie realm Bound, Samantha-Ellen	Affirm Press	2025	9781923135383	5-6	Wherewithal has fallen. When their beloved home comes under siege, the Wherewithal crew flee through the portal to the Realm of Fae. Behind the walls of the Faerie Market, they search for ways to stop the increasingly powerful Red Cap from achieving Realms-wide domination?
1423978	Shadow thieves Burns, Peter	Farshore	2025	9780008667818	7-9	13-year-old Tom scrapes a living as a pick-pocket on the street of London until the day his friends are caught and sent to a brutal workhouse. Frantic to save them, Tom takes up an offer from the enigmatic Corsair to train at an elite boarding school for thieves. Tom is swept into the world of the Shadow League where his street smarts give him an edge - and make him dangerous enemies. But the more he learns about this place, the harder it is for him to leave and rescue his friends. Dark forces are at work. And Tom is the only one who knows it.
1423960	Shibu's tail Thomas, Tess & Fong, Kamwei (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182525	K-2	A tale about a tail and a cat with some very big feelings.
1357342	Shmoof McKinnon, Heidi	Albert Street Books	2025	9781760876661	K-2	Shmoof moves into a new house where he meets Floof. Shmoof and Floof do not get along until they find something that has in common.

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1341049	Short stories Borando, Silvia	Scribble Press	2025	9781761381560	K-2	Short Stories presents eleven encounters between unexpected animal pairings, each told with remarkable economy. From the unseen dangers of a hedgehog at a birthday party to the unexpected uses of a chameleon's colour-changing abilities, these bite-sized narratives showcase the art of storytelling at its most precise and playful. Silvia Borando's comic timing turns each page into a lesson in narrative craft. With just a few words and simple illustrations, she creates moments of surprise, irony, and pure delight.
1259027	Signed sealed dead Murphy, Cynthia	Scholastic Australia	2024	9780702318528	7-9	After years living in Britain, Paige and her mum move to the small American town where Paige's dad is from. They find a big, though rundown, home waiting for them and some friendly townsfolk. Yet, the house has secrets which are revealed to Paige through handwritten letters in the mailbox. A serial killer ravaged the town 28 years ago and then disappeared. It seems that the house, the killer, and Paige have a connection!
1380611	◉ Silken thread, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761350740	5-6	<p>A magical story of friendship forged over distance between two children, from very different worlds, who share a common experience of loss and a passion for a life where dreams can come true. Moonie lives in Melbourne and dreams of designing dresses for movie stars. Eight thousand kilometres away, on Chongming Island in China, peasant boy Little Dipper cares for the silkworms on his family's farm and hopes to learn English. On the day Moonie's beloved Ma Mi goes away, Little Dipper appears in her house. Before they can speak, he is whisked back home. Aided by a magical silk cocoon, Little Dipper's visits become a regular event and although neither knows how or why they are connected their bond grows each time. Will the silken threads of friendship be enough to help Moonie bring Ma Mi home, or to save Little Dipper from the troublesome ghosts who stand between him and his dream of learning English?</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1380634	Sinister summer: Menacing manor White, Kiersten	Random House Children's Books	2023	9780593570043	7-9	Weird and strange continues as the friends trundle along towards Science Camp at Stein Manor. Below a thrashing ocean and deep caves giving a rather threatening feeling to this week long day camp. Discovering that their parents attended this camp with Victor Stein in their youth deepens the mystery of their disappearance and the place is as unsettling as well as exciting as the storm erupting around them. Will they be safe as they delve into the fascinating science ? Alexander is happy about the three meals and uneasy about the rest, Mr Frank and other eerie characters.
1366503	Skin Deborah, Kelly	Rhiza Press	2025	9781761112454	7-9	When a tiny freckle on Lexie Collinss cheek turns out to be a rare kind of melanoma that requires surgery, she is left with a big, ugly scar across one cheek. She had just earned a spot in the state finals for public speaking, but with the scar, her confidence has vanished. She doesnt even recognise herself anymore. Mum and Dad keep reminding Lexie how lucky she is that she didnt need further treatment. But Lexie doesnt feel lucky at all. She suddenly feels ugly, unsure of herself and different from all her friends. She doesnt want to be seen, let alone speak, n public ever again. But when a chance encounter turns into an unexpected friendship, Lexie's feelings about her scar and herself slowly begin to change.
1151292	🕒 Skin I'm in, The Tisdell, Steph	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781760984977	9plus	<p>A feisty, funny and poignant novel - about being 17; being Indigenous and navigating high school, cultural and personal expectations and responsibility.</p> <p>Layla is in her final year of school. It's the last year to make sure that the next major phase of her life begins correctly because she's got big plans.</p> <p>All Layla wants to do is fit in and be a normal teenager but when her troubled cousin Marley comes to stay, he unwittingly challenges everything she thought she was. Plus her best friend Amy has a new best friend, she's trying to work out what it means to be Indigenous, and she's falling in love.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1356338	⊙ Skipshock O'Donoghue, Caroline	Walker Books	2025	9781529520927	9plus	Margo is on a train to a new boarding school when she slips into another dimension, passing from the height of Irish summer into the chill of an alien winter, from a 24-hour day to one that begins and ends in just six hours. From a stranger on the train - a travelling salesman by the name of Moon - she learns that New Davia is part of a world scarred by uprisings, travel bans and world sealings. Power is determined by time - who has it, who doesn't, and who has the freedom to travel between time zones. Can Margo find a way to get back home - or will she choose to stay in a world where her teenagehood is slipping away faster than ever before, but where she may have found the only person with whom she would choose to spend eternity? A dazzlingly inventive sci-fi fantasy romance. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
	Skulduggery Pleasant series Landy, Derek				7-9	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1380686	Sleepover BFFs: Big dreams Harris, Fiona	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761642265	5-6	BFFs Abbie, Violet, Zi and Naira love hanging out and having SLEEPOVERS! And when a new girl, Mackenzie moves to town, Abbie has the perfect plan to welcome her a SLEEPOVER of course. Will their first sleepover be a huge success or and EPIC FAIL?
1424116	Sleepover BFFs: Bright star Harris, Fiona	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761642272	5-6	A fun and relatable story about friendship, creativity, and finding the confidence to shine. When the girls plan something exciting for a school talent show, things don't go quite as expected, leaving one friend questioning her abilities. With the support of her BFFs, she learns that believing in yourself - and having people who cheer you on - can make all the difference. Warm, engaging, and full of heart, this is a great read for anyone who loves stories about friendship and growing confidence.

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1409603	Small wonder Montgomery, Ross	Walker Books	2025	9781529526127	5-6	Tick lives at the edge of Ellia, along with his little brother and faithful horse -- until a deadly assassin descends. Enemies are invading and the kingdom is in danger. Tick only has six moons to get to King's Keep and warn their ruler. Travelling forests and mountains, encountering bandits and rogue knights, he is determined to honour his grandfather's last advice... Make it count.
903257	Smarty pup #1: Friends fur-ever Do, Anh & Amdin, Anton (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526399	3-4	Hi! My name is Lily. Nothing exciting ever happens to me. Right now, I have a potato in my schoolbag because it was the most interesting thing I could find for show-and-tell. But all that's going to change now that we are getting a dog... Lily's new pup JJ is kind of clumsy, but something about his smiley face makes her really happy inside. So you can imagine Lily's surprise when she wakes up to discover that JJ can TALK and is SUPER SMART. In fact, he might have the smartest brain in the whole wide world!
936115	Smarty pup #2: JJ and the giant panther Do, Anh & Amdin, Anton (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068720	3-4	'Okay, okay!' said Mr Hosking. 'Fine, JJ can come on school camp. But he has to be on his absolute best behaviour!' 'Deal!' promised JJ. JJ the genius pup has Lily and her teammates rolling around with laughter at his antics, until glowing eyes start appearing in the shadows . . . Could it be the legendary GIANT PANTHER??
1019702	Smarty pup #3: To the rescue Do, Anh & Amdin, Anton (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068959	3-4	'I've decided what to be when I grow up!' announced JJ. 'I want to be a firedog!' Lily and JJ the genius pup are thrilled when Chief Firefighter Do and his son Weirdo visit their school. JJ would love to be a firedog! But when fire threatens to burn down a local building, they realise there's more to firefighting than just driving a big red truck. Will JJ and his latest invention save the day?

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1423794	Snowman code, The Stephenson, Simon & Brown, Reggie (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008668792	3-4	It's ArticleTwo of the Snowman Code: A snowman always helps a child in need. In the depths of London's longest-ever winter, ten-year-old Blessing meets Albert, a talking snowman. Albert gets muddled because snowmen don't go to school, but the Snowman's Code means Albert is duty-bound to help Blessing - and she needs all the help she can get. As the unlikely pair work together to overcome Blessing's bullies and finally end the long winter, they find themselves creating a friendship that will outlast all the seasons to come.
1244406	Soaring with the Sugarbird lady: The Robin Miller story Wolfer, Dianne	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995270	5-6	Imagine flying solo, crisscrossing the north-west of Australia in your own plane, and single-handedly delivering lifesaving vaccines to remote communities. Robin Miller did this. This is her story of real-life extraordinary adventures!
1395168	Some days you'll have days like these Pyke, Josh & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761527067	K-2	A picture book about navigating sunny days and sad days, happy days and hard days.
1425960	Something terrible: Sam stop-your-frowning Barton, Sally & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books	2026	9781761601972	3-4	Sam Crisp lives at 6 Rufus Street. You might be surprised to know that is his name, because most people think his name is Sam Stop-your-frowning. But no matter how many people tell him, or how often, Sam never stops his frowning. One morning, just as Sam was leaving for school, his mum called, 'Sam! Stop your frowning. Something terrible could happen!' This is the story of the something terrible that did.
1367118	Something terrible: Wanda wear-your-glasses! Barton, Sally & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760659035	3-4	One morning, just as Wanda was leaving for school, her mum called 'Wanda! Wear your glasses. Something terrible could happen!' This is the story of something terrible that did.

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1362578	Song of a thousand seas Frallion, Zana	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702266317	5-6	All day long we can hear / that Sea howl prowling wild / inside our brains and every part of us is straining / to feel it taste it twirl it whirl it swirl it / inside our body / again. Houdini the octopus lives in an aquarium, but she misses her home in the wild Sea. She doesnt like the visitors who bang on her tank. Or the way she cant feel the sun on her skin or the wind rippling the water. Its a dull existence for a creature with nine brains. Then one day she meets someone who is different to the other visitors. Junos busy brain buzzes with so many questions and thoughts that Houdinis skin tingles with wonder. But the singing of the Sea is growing stronger and harder to resist. Can Houdini make Juno understand what she needs before its too late?
1243803	Song to drown rivers, A Liang, Ann	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761561290	9plus	A love story that transcends time and place. Xishi's beauty is seen as a blessing to the villagers of Yue - where the best fate for a girl is to marry well and support her family. When Xishi draws the attention of Fanli, the famous young military advisor, he presents her with a rare opportunity: to use her beauty as a weapon; one that could topple the rival neighbouring kingdom of Wu, improve the lives of her people, and avenge her sister's murder. All she has to do is infiltrate the enemy palace as a spy, seduce their immoral king, and weaken them from within.
1355845	Sonny & Tess Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268427	7-9	It's the end of year 7 and Tess wants a summer job. She's keen to earn her own money and buy her own clothes. But her mum has other ideas: it looks like Tess will be stuck at home babysitting her twin brothers. Thirteen-year-old Sonny is tired of moving around. With his dad up north, he's staying with his uncle and aunt above their fish and chip shop. And it just so happens his uncle is hiring extra staff for the holidays. When Sonny and Tess crash into each other outside the shop, sparks and dim sims fly. Soon they're both wondering if the other feels the same way, but, as Sonny loves to say, it's complicated. Over hot chips and chicken salt, can these two work out what they really want?
1424105	Space tour: The ultimate journey across the universe Isham, Charlotte & Patel, Dhara	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008752804	5-6	Get ready for a supersonic tour of the universe through stunning photographs and fascinating facts.

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1424104	Spare kisses Harry, Pip & Marcatili, Yiscah (ill)	Lothian Books	2026	9780734423511	K-2	Eve's Nan is prepared for anything, seats at the table for morning tea drop-ins. In Nan's cupboards Eve finds an assortment of treasures and Nan's spare kisses make everything right, from let-downs, rained out matches and burnt batches. Her limitless love (and treats) are never spared.
1399468	Speedy sloth Christmas, A Young, Rebecca & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761649219	K-2	Oh no! Santa is sick and an elf crashed the sleigh. Lucky the Speedy sloth is there to help. Spike, Dash and the elf have to work out how to deliver all the presents to the animals in the bay while the sleigh gets fixed.
903360	Spice road Ibrahim, Maiya	Hodderscape	2024	9781399702034	9plus	The desert city of Qalia has shielded its existence - and the secrets of its magic misra tea - from outsiders for generations. But when her brother disappears into the Forbidden Wastes, soldier Imani joins the mission sent to find him before he can expose Qalia's magic, and face punishment for his crime. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1395136	Spick and the span, The Van Martin, Pil	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008724788	7-9	Thanks to many generations of careless magicians, the city of Helm is overflowing with magic, which has made it a very dangerous place to live. Leave anything alone for too long and it will transform into something else: your house will turn to gingerbread, your teapot will start pouring pond water or - if you're really unlucky - your floor will turn to lava. The magicians liked to pretend it's them who keep the worst magical hiccups in check, but the real heroes of the whole sorry situation are of a wholly different occupation: equally well known but decidedly less respected. The heroes of the city of Helm are the cleaners. Ward, an ambitious twelve-year-old cleaner, wants nothing more than to belong to the League of Cleaners, who will grant him the prestige and popularity he's been looking for all his life - if only he can pass three near-impossible tests. Struggling toward this goal with a team he doesn't trust, Ward's world is upended when his friend disappears and mysterious magic-eating monsters appear all over the city and start tearing holes in the fabric of reality. Suddenly his ambitions are the least of his problems...

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1423831	Spud and Snowball and the fancy fish Rossell, Judith	ABC Books	2025	9780733343865	K-2	Every day, Spud and Snowball lie on the couch and watch TV. When they see an ad for Fancy Fish, the two cats work out a way to have this new food delivered to their door. But what actually arrives is totally unexpected. Can Spud and Snowball outwit this loud, bossy and very fancy intruder?
823326	Squirrels who squabbled, The Bright, Rachel & Field, Jim (ill)	Orchard Books	2018	9781408340479	K-2	Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: the last pine-nuts of the season. Uh-oh! The race is on!
1424094	Stage left, heart right Forster, Kate	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761646850	7-9	Fall in love with Two Hearts-romantic fiction for young hearts. When it comes to surviving Year 9, Ava Riccardo has three rules: 1. Stay invisible. 2. Stay quiet. 3. Never bring attention to herself. But when her best friend, Izzy, convinces her to audition for the school play, a modern Romeo and Juliet, everything changes. Somehow, Ava lands the lead role, opposite Cameron Reed, Izzy's long-time crush and the funniest, cutest guy in their year. Now, Ava must navigate rehearsals, school work, Izzy's anger with her for getting the lead role, and her own growing crush on Cameron. But as the spotlight grows brighter, so does the tension between friendship and first love. Ava never wanted to be the centre of attention. So, why does it feel so right standing beside Cameron on stage?
1176406	Stand up! Speak up! Andrew Joyner	Penguin	2020	9780593301586	3-4	After attending a climate march, a young activist is motivated to make an effort and do her part to help the planet... by organizing volunteers to work to make green changes in their community, from cleaning a lake, to planting trees, to making composting bins, to hosting a clothing swap and more! Here is an uplifting picture book that is an important reminder that no change is too small--and no person is too young--to make a difference.
1282890	Stories from Magic beach: The book of the Robert Connolly film Lester, Alison & Kelly, Emma	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181559	3-4	Ten children find themselves on a magic beach of their imagination. They explore caves, build giant sandcastles, poke around rock pools and converse with sea animals. They dive with horses in the waves and play with magical underwater creatures. Sandcastles are built and destroyed in terrible wars. Pirates smuggle treasure into caves. And Dreamtime serpents fly through the sky and shed their scales. The dreams of these children are limitless and the magic of the beach will be in their hearts forever.

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1470709	Storm Saxby, Claire & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181719	3-4	It begins with a puff. Then another. A flutter, a ripple, a shiver show where the breeze blows. Tiny water drops join and grow until they are too heavy to stay aloft. Lightning cracks and thunder bellows. The storm is here. An evocative exploration of the birth of a thunderstorm and the effects of wind and weather on the natural environment.
1367127	Stuck in a handstand! Hansen, Drew & Roberts, Jessica (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760658717	3-4	Pattie Cake would love to have a special talent, just like everyone else in her class. Luckily, her school principal (umm, make that 'un-principal') has a magic fish. It grants Pattie the special talent she longs for doing handstands. The only problem is, she gets stuck upside down! Will she ever be the right way up again?
1356323	Style secrets of Gareth McGreen, The Brodie-Brown, Kelly & Carty, Natasha (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761527043	K-2	Gareth McGreen was a stylish toad, no toad in the town appeared finer. He always impressed with the way that he dressed; a fabulous fashion designer. Gareth McGreen is a toad who sews, designing the very best clothes for creatures from all over the world. Until one day when he just cant find the right design for a shy young possum. Can Gareth unlock the style secrets he needs to create the perfect fit?
983946	Sunbearer Trials, The Thomas, Aiden	Feiwei and Friends	2024	9781250822741	7-9	Teo, the seventeen-year-old trans son of the goddess of birds, isn't worried. As a Jade, it is unlikely he'll be chosen to compete in the Trials, and even if his best friend Niya competes, she's a born and bred Gold semidios with unparalleled abilities. But for the first time in over a century, Sol chooses not one, but two Jade competitors: Teo - and Xio, the thirteen-year-old child of the god of bad luck. With the odds stacked against them, Teo is determined to get himself and his friends through the trials unscathed.
1336141	Sunbird, The Haddad, Sara & Awoor, Baraa (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2026	9780702271076	5-6	It's 1948 and Nabila Yasmeen lives a happy life in her village in Palestine. She plays in the hills with her friend Khalil and climbs high in the olive trees to pick the sweetest fruit. But when bombs start falling, Nabila and her family are forced to leave. Where will they go?
1423921	Sundays under the lemon tree Busuttill Nishimura, Julia & Yim, Myo (ill)	Scribble Press	2025	9781761381485	K-2	On Sundays, our family gets together to eat good things under the lemon tree in our backyard. A delicious story of family, food and tradition.

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1376138	Sunny at the end of the world Bowe, Steph	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781922790767	9plus	In 2018, seventeen-year-old Sunny and Toby are on the run after zombies have destroyed most of the adults in their world. Cut to 2034 when Sunny is being held in an underground facility. What happened? Was it aliens, a conspiracy, a simulation, biological terrorism, a totalitarian takeover? And who can infiltrate the facility and release the surviving prisoners? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1337992	Super epic dragon quest: The slimy eyeball Wallace, Adam & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761524141	3-4	Arlo and Julia are deep in the heart of the Icky-Wicky Ooey-Goey Forest, searching for Super Epic Dragon's next treasure. Unfortunately, so are vengeful Giggle Goblins, a disgustingly stinky swamp, and a deadly (but adorable) two-headed hydra. Is restoring the glory of Ticklebrook really worth all this trouble?
1334235	Susurrus, The Young-Evans, Genevieve & James, Cate (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760657611	K-2	Frankie doesnt know what a susurrus is. She knows it not its not a platypus, an octopus, or even a kind of saurus. So Frankie searches for the susurrus, while her friend Andy has suggestions as to what a susurrus might be. Everyone has a go at guessing what a susurrus is. But no one has ever seen one. What is a susurrus? Frankie now knows. Do you?

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1424038	Swan's daughter, The Chokshi, Roshani	Hodder & Stoughton	2026	9781399717571	9plus	<p>Prince Arris knows that marriage means murder. Thanks to a poorly worded wish to a sea witch, all one needs to rule the Isle of Malys is the heart and hand of the kingdom's heir. Historically, this has been construed quite literally. Thus, Arris expects that the day after his marriage and murder he will wake up as a sentient tree alongside the rest of his predecessors. His only chance at a long life is finding true and lasting love. When Arris's parents announce a tournament of brides to compete for his hand and heart, a slew of eligible, lovely and (possibly murderous) bachelorettes make their way to Rathe Castle. Amidst glittering balls in ozorald caves, strolls through menageries of daydream trees and pearl crocodiles, tea time on glass boats and kisses that leave his head spinning, Arris cannot tell who is here out of love for him...or lust for power. Until he meets Demelza. As a veritas swan, Demelza's song wrings out the truth. Forced into hiding, Demelza strikes a deal. Arris will provide her with safekeeping in exchange for her truth-telling song to sort through his potential brides.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1069718	Swifts, The Lincoln, Beth & Powell, Claire (ill)	Puffin UK	2024	9780241536452	5-6	<p>Shenanigan Swift doesn't believe in destiny. Her relatives may think her name means she's fated to be a troublemaker, but Shenanigan knows she can be whatever she wants - pirate, explorer, or even detective. Which is lucky, really, because when one of the Family tries to murder Arch-aunt Schadenfreude, someone has to work out whodunnit.</p>

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1337907	Take a chance on me Eulberg, Elizabeth	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781546129271	9plus	<p>Evie is heartbroken and betrayed when a video of her confronting her cheating ex boyfriend goes viral, so what's a girl to do? Flee to London for the summer, of course! Evie loves everything about London, the double decker buses, afternoon tea, history around every corner. Everything, that is, but having to stay with the person who's hurt her most of all, her father. Desperate for a distraction from their contentious relationship, Evie spends her days wandering the historic streets where, as though fate is intervening, she keeps meeting a charming and beautiful British busker named Aiden. Evie doesn't want to open herself up again, but Aiden is funny, kind and he never treats Evie like she's too much. He may just be worth taking a chance on, if Evie can keep her past from getting in the way of her future.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1163079	Take me to your leader Agnew, Leonie & Beavis, Paul (ill)	Puffin NZ	2024	9781776958160	5-6	<p>Eleven-year-old Lucas has got a new worry to add to his long, long list. His rural school is on the Ministry of Education's list for closure. What's his mum going to do if he and his sister have to start travelling to a school an hour or two away? She can't drive them; she certainly can't afford boarding school fees and already works long hours in a poultry processing plant to keep the family going. If the school closure goes through, they might have to move to the city. And there's no way Lucas will ever leave his dad's grave behind. He and his friends come up with a mad idea to revive their town and save their school - they stage an alien encounter. Before they know it, tourists are flocking in to check out the crop circles and it looks like the plan might be working. But there's also the vehicle with tinted windows that seems to be following them around. Why would it be interested in a group of country schoolkids? Before Lucas knows it, he's lost control of his plot, and the chain of unpredictable (and often hilarious) events that follow are quickly turning to chaos!</p>
1388462	Tawny trouble Fitzpatrick, Deb	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995294	3-4	<p>Tess and her family are driving through the Australian bush when they accidentally hit a tawny frogmouth. The owl is alive but needs their help. In helping the owl, Tess goes on journey that leads her to unexpected places.</p>

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	The baby-sitters club (graphic novels) series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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 bad guys series Blabey, Aaron				3-4	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1423977	The big bad wolf murder Bell, P. C.	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781836040743	5-6	Alarick is the biggest and baddest wolf of the Tooth & Claw games -- a fierce sport where teams of runners must escape vicious wolves. But when Alarick drops dead in the middle of the championship final, rival Ruby is horrified.. because she gets the blame. Determined to find the real murderer and clear her name. Ruby and her wolf-cub friend Fillan go on the run. But with a crooked cop, a killer wolf and a gangland granny on their tails, they're going to need all of Ruby's prize-winning speed and cunning to save themselves and hunt down the truth.
1424048	The magic paintbrush Zhang, Kat with Darnell, Eric	Random House Children's Books	2024	9780593179963	5-6	Amy has always loved art, but lately her drawings have been less than impressive. There's no passion, no personality, no...magic. Until Amy visits her Lao Lao, her grandmother, and finds an ancient paintbrush that brings anything Amy creates to life! Now her creation Luna has taken over her bedroom and is running through the streets of Flushing, Queens. What awaits: an international adventure filled with an ancient Chinese legend, a greedy adversary and ghastly beasts!

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1386432	The Mizzy mysteries: A skeleton in the closet Hatcher-Smith, Claire & Apollonova, Yarslava & Magoogan, Lester	Farshore	2025	9780008645571	5-6	Twelve-year-old Mizzy dreams of being a detective and she won't let anything stand in her way -- not her reputation for tall tales, or her embarrassing fear of escalators, and definitely not her Down syndrome. Dumped for the summer with cousins who've outgrown her, Mizzy feels even more sidelined than usual. But when she discovers Great Aunt Jane's diaries in a locked wardrobe in their spare room, and realises her aunt didn't die in her sleep but under suspicious circumstances, everything changes. What's more... someone in the family appears to have been involved. Under the guise of a family-tree project for school, and armed with a brand new set of Pipsqueak markers, Mizzy grabs the chance to prove herself to her cousins -- and the world.
1423927	There's a prawn in Parliament House: The kids' guide to Australia Crabb, Annabel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760637750	5-6	A funny and informative account of how Australia's democracy works. Every three years, Australians come together on a Saturday to elect a government. We do this because having a government is the best way for large groups of people to live in peace and enjoy things like roads and airports and hospitals and delicious food without having to personally arrange all the boring stuff. But how do we elect a government? How does the government make decisions? And what is so special about our system of democracy?
1206459	These infinite threads Mafi, Tahereh	electric monkey	2023	9780008529529	9plus	With the heat of a kiss, the walls between Alizeh, the long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom, and Kamran, the crown prince of the Arduanian empire, have crumbled. And so have both of their lives. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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1289197	This dream will devour us Clancey, Emma	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181221	7-9	<p>Nora is the opposite of lucky. She's still wrangling her dead dad's debts when a mysterious illness lands her brother in hospital. But her fortunes take an unexpected turn when she wins the lottery to attend the Lamour family's exclusive magical Dream Gala. If Nora can win over the Lamour heirs, she'll get a coveted spot in their magical training program - and the money she needs to save her brother. There's just one problem: Nora never bought a lottery ticket. Determined to discover who wants her at the Gala - and why - Nora plunges headfirst into magical high society. Caught up in a decadent world of brutal billionaires and cutthroat celebrities, Nora is soon in over her head. When her search for answers uncovers a sinister conspiracy, will Nora stay silent or risk the wrath of a family powerful enough to get away with murder?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1409590	This fatal kiss Jasinska, Alicia	Walker Books	2025	9781760659158	7-9	<p>Cursed to haunt the river running through the magical spa town where she drowned, water nymph Gisela dreams of returning to the living world and the family she left behind. All it takes to regain her humanity is a kiss from a mortal ... if only others didn't see her as monster. Kazik, the brooding, interfering, spirit-hunting grandson of a local witch is determined to rid the world of unholy creatures like Gisela, but his plans go awry. Gisela strikes up a deal: she won't tell the other spirits that he's losing his magic, if he agrees to play matchmaker. But trouble arises when both she and Kazik set their sights on the same, devilishly handsome, young man ...</p>
1395162	This is an elf Stanton, Matt & Stanton, Beck	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780733344169	K-2	<p>For the Grown-Ups: You know how you're right all the time? All. The. Time. Well, it's Christmas! Time to give the kids a turn. Which is why almost everything you read in this book will be wrong. You'll say it once and they'll check it twice. It won't be a silent night ... And the kids will love it!</p>

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1394223	This season's draft Gent, Jason	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181696	9plus	<p>Summer. Winter. Autumn. Spring.</p> <p>As the year unfolds, AFL footy season starts and the dreams of six teenagers play out on and off the field.</p> <p>Elias. Team player. Running keeps him calm. Zac and Fletcher. Best mates. Top 5 Draft picks? Mason. Perfect practice with Dad makes perfect play. Dane. Great footballer. Terrible boyfriend. Beth. It's always been 'Dane and Beth'. What does 'just Beth' look like?</p> <p>Plans unravel and life bounces in unexpected directions. A brilliant YA novel about coming of age, and the love of the game with all its triumph, heartbreak and hope.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p> <p>LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Jason Gent read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website!</p> <p>Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#this-season-s-draft-jason-gent</p>
1019628	This spells trouble Collins, Paul & McMullen, Sean	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696311	5-6	<p>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?</p>

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956693	⊙ This woven kingdom Mafi, Tahereh	electric monkey	2022	9780755500093	9plus	To all the world, Alizeh is a disposable servant, not the long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom forced to hide in plain sight. The crown prince, Kamran, has heard the prophecies foretelling the death of his king. But he could never have imagined that the servant girl with the strange eyes, the girl he cant put out of his mind, would one day soon uproot his kingdom -- and the world. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1282822	Thylacine and the time machine, The Trembl, Renee	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181184	5-6	Buckle up! The time machine awaits! Join twelve-year-old Violet, her dog Tassie and her new friend Thyla - the ghost of the last Tasmanian Tiger - on a wild ride to learn all about the legendary, elusive and extinct thylacine. Could there still be hope for one of Australia's most missed (and misunderstood) native animals?
1344997	Tiny gardeners, The Macleod, Kat	Thames & Hudson	2024	9781760763367	K-2	Explore the five senses with the Tiny Gardeners as they plant, grow and harvest their produce for the Summer Market. The fruit is ripening and the flowers are blooming, but it's a hot, humid day and the garden needs one last thing.
1424072	Tinysaurs, The Odgers, Sally & Thomas, Adele K	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761528576	3-4	The tinysaurs are the smallest dinosaurs in the land: living in tunnels, foraging for food and hiding out of the way of big stomping feet and swooshing tails. Until one day, they discover a hidden entrance to The Enchanted Valley! Could this magical new world of sparkling lakes, ancient forests and mysterious creatures become their new home?
1277974	Tomato sandwich Magerl, Caroline	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658045	3-4	Ottily has decided that today will be magical. She pulls on her fairy dress, waves her wand and wishes for a fairy cake! But instead, Dad gives her tomato sandwich.
1271867	Tonight, I bleed Adams, Katharine J	Lothian Books	2025	9780734422729	9plus	Penny Albright has fought night after night to escape Malin's contract, but now her free will is at stake. As the Warden prepares to destroy magic at the Samhain ball, Penny's family is missing, her friends are captive, and only the chained Sorcerer on the library's ninth floor can help. One drop of blood could free him - or doom them all. Torn between her Resistance circle and the covens, Penny must risk love, loyalty, and her life in a rebellion where a single night could ignite a war or shatter her heart.

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1271966	Tony the moany groany pony Avery, Sean E	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761520877	K-2	Tony is a moany groany pony. When the farmyard animals have a fabulous and fantastical parade, Tony is not impressed. Will he keep his opinions to himself.. or tell us how he really feels?
1286573	Too many tigers Reeve, Monica	Forty South Publishing	2024	9780975640654	3-4	Most people know of the Tasmanian Tiger. Do you know how they actually became extinct...and were there ever "too many tigers"? Journey through this pictorial timeline to find out what really happened and how we can use our past to better care for the unique species of today.
1388344	Train of thought Horn, Jess & Wells, Hayley (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761214301	3-4	Andy has a brilliant imagination, and it carries him to the most amazing places. Mum calls it his train of thought. But, when it's time for real-world tasks, Andy's train doesn't always stop. Can Andy find a way to be a treasure hunter and sit down in time for dinner?
1424040	Trapped!: The entombed miner of Bonnie Vale Lawrinson, Julia	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760994990	7-9	In 1907, the mining town of Bonnie Vale experiences a sudden deluge of rain that floods a gold mine while miners are still at work down the shaft. Joe's dad is one of them. And it soon becomes clear that he's the only one who hasn't made it back out yet. Where is he? Why didn't he escape with the others? And more importantly, how will they rescue him? Inspired by the true story of the trapped miner of Bonnie Vale and told in verse, Julia Lawrinson weaves a tale that will beckon readers down into the gold mine with Joe's dad to find out how the rescue unfolded.
	Travelling bookshop series Nannestad, Katrina & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)				3-4	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.
1289018	Truth of it, The Metzenthen, David	Ford Street Publishing	2025	9781922696519	5-6	This is a moving story of courage, friendship and truth set in the early days of Australia. Through vivid storytelling and authentic detail, readers see how ordinary people lived, the challenges they faced, and the way Indigenous people were treated at the time. Themes of resilience, crime and justice are woven through the narrative, with characters who must make difficult choices about right and wrong. The language reflects the period, immersing readers in the past while remaining accessible to upper primary students.

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1359448	Tubowgule: A Sydney Opera House history Fogarty, Melissa-Jane & Finney, Dylan (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423351	5-6	The Sydney Opera House is an Australian icon and a building recognised all around the world, but the land on which it stands has a long history. We step back in time to when Tubowgule was a ceremonial place for the Gadi people and we follow along as the land is claimed by the colonisers and then takes on various forms and uses before it comes back around again as a place to gather and share song, dance and culture.
1423975	Turbo turtle Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2025	9781922864109	K-2	During Dreamtime a lizard hatched out of a cluster of eggs. An eagle swept down and snatched him up! That lizard wriggled so much his tail broke off. He fell, but Biamme made a safe landing for him. Biamme gave him speed and he became turbo-charged. Biamme shared the Lore with him.
1337722	Twinning: Friendship fallout Moses, Alexa & Karmazina, Sofya (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761640148	3-4	Grace and Izzy are twins-identical twins -- and they're closer than BFFs. But even though they look alike, they're not similar at all! When twins Izzy and Grace are assigned a group project, they're delighted. Hooray! But trouble strikes when their gang can't agree on an idea. Meanwhile, Grace's dad has bought her the most embarrassing school shoes! Can the twins make up with their friends before they fail the project, or is this a fatal friendship fallout? And will Grace ever gather the courage to tell Dad the truth about those shoes?
1334035	Two cranky bears Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761640131	K-2	Two bears, one hill. Everything was fine until they reached the top and that's when fine turned quickly into... 'Mine!' Can these cranky bears learn to share?
1356339	Ultimate rugby superstars Oldfield, Matt & Alphonsi, Maggie & Leydon, Dan (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529525045	5-6	From fantastic fly-halves to wizard wingers, it's time to meet the greatest superstars in rugby union. Be inspired by the incredible stories from your favourite heroes, including: Jonny Wilkinson, the fearless fly-half; Siya Kolisi, the inspirational captain; Ellie Kildunne, the rising star of England Rugby; Brian O'Driscoll, the legendary Ireland superstar; Ilona Maher, the winger with the dancing feet. Packed with expert insight from World Cup winner and rugby pundit Maggie Alphonsi.

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1280484	Ultra Violet: Down to business Burne, Cristy & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Larrikin House	2024	9781922804730	3-4	Violet is a science genius. Izzy believes in aliens. Leonardo da Pinch is a talking crab. Together, they are on a mission to save their school, only, today is the sort of day when ANYTHING could happen (including an outer space invasion and explosions!) Its time to get Down to business with some wacky science in a graphic novel that will leave you sitting on the edge of your (toilet) seat!
1414375	Ultra Violet: Escape from Uranus Burne, Cristy & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345010	3-4	What is LEAKING from Uranus? How hard is it to HIJACK a UFO? Uncover the truth in this madcap STEM-MEETS-ADVENTURE graphic novel, a blend of laugh-out-loud chaos and real science!
1424060	Unbearable Apel, Kathryn & Wylie, Beau	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761528842	K-2	This is the story of three grumpy bears, who couldn't see anyone's viewpoint, but theirs. Until, with a bowl ... and a bed ... and a stool, a little girl taught them the Golden Grr-rule!
1424049	Under a fire-red sky McCaughrean, Geraldine	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781836040774	7-9	With World War II looming, four young people sit on a train waiting to be evacuated to a safer place - but they don't want to go. They climb out of the carriage window and head back to Greenwich, forming an unlikely friendship. They spend their days trying to be useful. Laurence is building a secret machine. Gemmy searches bombed-out homes for things of value - only to find an adorable mutt she can't even give away. Franklin wants to join the Fire Service, although it means lying about his age. Olive looks after her father, who is broken by the deaths of his fellow firefighters. And together, the four roam the streets of London, discovering their resilience amongst the secrets of the city. But as the Blitz unleashes a barrage of bombs on London, turning the sky ragged with flame, can the friends keep each other safe and survive?

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1211218	Unhallowed Halls Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760631673	9plus	<p>Page Whittaker has always been an outcast. She's too smart, too quiet, too weird. And after the deadly incident that destroyed her only friendship at her old school, she needs a fresh start. Agathion College is everything Page has ever wanted: a safe haven of wood-panelled halls and dusty books, on a remote Scottish moor. And for the first time in her life, she has a close group of friends. Cyrus, Ren, Gideon, Lacey and Oak help her feel at home at Agathion; the only problem is, they're all keeping secrets from her. Page doesn't know it yet, but her perfect new school has a crooked foundation, rooted in an ancient clandestine society with rumoured ties to demonic magic. Soon, Page will learn that not everyone at Agathion is who they say they are. Least of all, her friends. Agathion claims to teach its students history... but some histories are better left buried.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p> <p>LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Lili Wilkinson read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website!</p> <p>Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#unhallowed-halls-lili-wilkinson</p>
1313451	Unhappy camper LaMotte, Lily * Xu, Ann (ill)	HarperCollins US	2024	9780062973894	3-4	<p>Unhappy Camper is a heartfelt graphic novel that follows middle-grade student Claire as she's sent to a Taiwanese American summer camp with her older sister Michelle. While Michelle fits right in, Claire struggles with feeling out of place, not just at camp, but within her own family and cultural identity. As the sisters navigate camp life, traditions, and challenges, they begin to reconnect and understand each other in new ways. This beautifully illustrated story explores themes of belonging, sibling relationships, and self-discovery.</p>

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1424079	Unicornia: The frozen palace Punset, Ana & Vicedo, Diana (ill)	Candlewick Press	2026	9781536248173	3-4	Claudia and her friends are on a school trip to the Frozen Palace - a wonderland of ice unicorns and everlasting snow! But they soon get lost within the glistening walls. And is the Palace starting to melt?! Get ready for a frosty adventure sparkling with wintry magic, snowflakes and unicorns.
1423998	Unstoppable Rodgers-Healey, Diann	An Imaginarium for Whimsy	2025	9781763635869	7-9	When a girl's hair grows outrageously, one would simply know that a haircut is needed badly. But this option is out for Princess Melina, even though her hair grows unstoppably. Her father, King Fartysand commands that her hair is never to be cut. So, her mother, Queen Laviniya, and her loyal followers take care of the Princess' billowing metres of hair. When they and the Princess defy Fartysand's command in small ways, he unleashes his windy revenge to ensure their obedience. But on her nineteenth birthday, when Fartysand declares the Princess is to be married off against her wishes, what will she do? Will she find a way to stop the madness and assert herself, free her people, take control of her massive hair, and live happily ever after? Or will she accept her ridiculous fate?
965120	Very special moon mission, A Fung, Rebecca	Christmas Press	2022	9780645378801	3-4	Phoebe and Elliott are space-mad best friends, but Julia, the unpopular new girl at school, has tagged along with them on a visit to the local Space Station.
1423797	Villain: Respawn Beck, Adrian	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760267674	5-6	All villain Z is gone for good, or so Jay thinks. But when Leni locates Z's secret abandoned facility, Jay is forced to investigate. This time, the deadly games are being played on Z's turf and it's not just Jay's life on the line. If he and his friends can't figure out what's going on, all of humanity will suffer the consequences. No pressure.
1359327	Voice of the ocean Impicciche, Kelsey	Atom Publishing	2025	9780349125657	9plus	Voice of the Ocean follows a daring young siren who defies her people to save a human prince, unearthing ancient magic and igniting a dangerous romance amid treacherous waters. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1414270	Wait a minute Unwin, Shelly & Azore, Lana (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345027	K-2	Have you ever sent your little one off to fetch their shoes, only to find them completely distracted 10 minutes later? Readers will be surprised by how wild procrastination can get. Parents will relate. Expect the unexpected or, everyone should expect the unexpected.

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1424090	War of wyverns, A Williamson, S.F	Harper Fire	2026	9780008652364	9plus	Vivien Featherswallow has translated a secret language of dragons - sparking an all-out civil war, with dragons and humans fighting on both sides, in the process. And after defeating Prime Minister Wyvern mire and escaping Bletchley Park, Vivien has become the reluctant face of the rebellion - and been labelled the most wanted criminal in Britain. But what good is a rebel who must remain in hiding, powerless to help her friends? Unsure of her purpose, and torn with doubt about the life she thought she was meant to lead, Vivien travels to the remote Scottish Isles to find a mysterious, long-forgotten species of dragon - one which might hold the key to ending the war... forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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1423944	Warriors: A starless clan: Star Hunter, Erin	HarperCollins US	2025	9780063050419	7-9	Can a Clan that has turned on itself ever truly recover? The fate of all Clanhood hangs in the balance. After killing Harelight and pronouncing himself leader of RiverClan, Splashtail's thirst for power has only grown. Soon his greed threatens the safety of not only RiverClan but all Clans. Yet Splashtail's trickery knows no bounds, and the Clans find themselves in more danger than they could have imagined. Only one thing is certain: They will have to work as one to defeat Splashtail before he tears them apart.
1209893	Washpool Fuller, Lisa	Lothian Books	2025	9780734420756	5-6	<p>This world looked as though it had been drawn in weird crayon colours ... There were no bird calls. No distant rustling of animals in the scrub. No breeze teasing the tops of the trees. Everything was still.</p> <p>Bella is shy and thoughtful. Her big sister, Cienna, is popular and brave. One thing they have in common is their love for Washpool, the local swimming spot. But one weekend when they dive into Washpool, Bella and Cienna surface in the strange new world of Muse.</p> <p>Lost and confused, the sisters find themselves working with magical creatures on an eye-opening quest. Lady Dragon - keeper of the land where an important Summer Feast is held - has lost her egg. Can Bella and Cienna save the egg in time? And how will they ever find their way home?</p>
1386188	Wasteland warriors Wallace, Adam & Hart, James	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345072	3-4	Meet the Lone Wolf who is just trying to survive the end of the world alone. Set in 2046, the world has been destroyed, and the Lone Wolf is forced to fight zombies and monsters from other dimensions and worlds, in between eating ice cream of course, and trying to find his way home. When he meets Ariana and Alby, he needs to make a decision. Should he let them in, or should he continue the journey alone? This book is a fast-paced, action-packed monster adventure set in a dystopian world.

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916526	☉ We could be something Kostakis, Will	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180170	9plus	<p>Harvey's dads are splitting up. It's been on the cards for a while, but it's still sudden. Woken-by-his-father-to-catch-a-red-eye sudden. Now he's restarting his life in a new city, living above a cafe with the extended Greek family he barely knows. Sotiris is a rising star. At seventeen, he's already achieved his dream of publishing a novel. When his career falters, a cute, wise-cracking bookseller named Jem upends his world. Harvey and Sotiris's stories converge on the same street in Darlinghurst, in this novel about how our dreams shape us, and what they cost us.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p> <p>LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Will Kostakis read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website!</p> <p>Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#we-could-be-something-will-kostakis</p>
1423972	We fell apart Lockhart, E.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182426	9plus	A girl arrives at her long-lost artist father's isolated seaside compound to find him missing, a mansion in neglect, and three teenage boys whose dark secrets might hold the key to her own family saga.
1484297	We're all gonna die-nosaur! Tan, Kon	Disney Press	2025	9781368101912	3-4	Pterry the pterodactyl has the sc-sc-scariest dreams--the kind that come true! Last night, Pterry dreamed that dinosaurs will go extinct. Pterry's parents tell him that there's no danger a pterodactyl can't fly away from. But Pterry doesn't know how to fly! Will Pterry learn in time to protect himself and his family? Or will the smell of his nervous farts be all he leaves behind?
1446569	We're all gonna die-nosaur! Escape of the apes Tan, Kon	Disney Press	2025	9781368101929	3-4	Pterry the pterodactyl has the scariest dreams - the kind that come true! Last night, Pterry dreamed about terrifying creatures: monkeys! Then, on the first day of school, Pterry's class takes a field trip to Primate Park - and the apes that live there escape. Can Pterry find the courage to save himself and his new friends? If not... we're all gonna die-nosaur!

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1356326	Weaving Country Joy, Chris & Wandin, Aunty Kim & Pugh, Ashleigh (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760657628	3-4	Walert's grandmother, Gugung, is collecting reeds (djirra) to weave a basket (binak) and finally, Walert is big enough to take part and learn this important cultural practice. But when a pair of blue wrens interrupt them, Walert realises that the birds have something to teach her, too. Featuring Wurundjeri language and a glossary.
1289022	WeirDo Weaver Jr, Tony & Wibowo, Jes & Chin (ill)	First Second	2024	9781250772862	7-9	Eleven-year-old Tony Weaver, Jr. loves comic books, anime, and video games, and idolizes the heroic, larger-than-life characters he finds there. But his new classmates all think he's a weirdo. Bullied by his peers, Tony struggles with the hurt of not being accepted and tries to conform to other people's expectations. After a traumatic event shakes him to his core, he embarks on a journey of self love that will require him to become the hero of his own story. WeirDo is a triumphant, witty, and comedic story for any kid who's ever felt awkward, left out, or like they don't belong. An adolescence survival guide that will give every reader the confidence to make it to the other side.
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1423381	Weirdosaurus: Prehistory's most peculiar creatures Bunting, Philip	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761214653	3-4	The great age of the dinosaurs played host to more than its fair share of bizarre beasties. Whether by frill, quill, tooth, or claw, every creature in this book was extraordinarily odd in its own wonderful way. Meet a dinosaur with a built in megaphone. Learn which dino had metre-long sword-like claws. And discover a flying carnivore as tall as a giraffe! Petrifying!
1423935	What came first? Frost, Kit & Cushley, Aaron (ill)	Red Shed	2025	9780008568153	5-6	Discover a host of surprising facts about science, animals, people, games and much more in an incredible journey through the world's timeline.
1426180	What can I get for Mother's Day? Hayward, Renae & Lu, Susan Joy (ill)	Larrikin House	2026	9781923345270	K-2	Choosing the perfect Mother's Day gift can be quite the challenge. Will it be hot air ballooning or a close encounter with a moose? The only certainty is that there are no boring gifts allowed because all mothers deserve an awesome Mother's Day!

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1433887	What do you call your mum? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina	ABC Books	2026	9780733343810	K-2	In every country around the world are mums - some short, some tall. Though they go by different names, we love them one and all. A celebration of ways to say 'Mum' from Okaasan in Japanese to Miimi in Gumbaynggirr.
1482198	What have they done to Liza McLean? Doak, Amy	Penguin	2026	9781761350641	9plus	Meg McLean is a scholarship student at the ultra-elite Douglas College. Meg's younger sister, Liza, is along for the ride, and everything Liza has done since they arrived at the school seems to be putting their chances of success at risk. Until one day, when Liza's behaviour is so at odds with her usual temperament that Meg knows something is very, very wrong. Benedict Hargreaves (the Fourth) is Douglas College's wealthiest student and perhaps the only one who isn't influenced by the school and its strict code of conduct. Is he brave enough to help Meg uncover what has happened to her sister? Or is he part of the elusive 'they' who seem to be controlling everything - and everyone? When more than one murder takes place, can Meg really trust anyone? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1424087	What it was like to be an... ancient Greek Long, David & Tambellini, Stefano (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2025	9780008700546	3-4	Around 3,000 years ago, the ancient Greeks created one of the world's most advanced civilisations. While most worked as farmers and fishermen to feed their families, others studied hard to become brilliant astronomers, navigators, philosophers, artists and athletes. Then, under the rule of Alexander the Great, their language, art and ideas spread through an enormous empire that stretched from Egypt to India. From the myths and legends of the gods atop Mount Olympus to the origin of marathon races, find out what life was really like in Ancient Greece.
1423968	Whatever the weather, we're in this together Braithwaite, Jessica & Ralfe, Rebecca & Bee, Laura (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761182297	K-2	Like a warm hug on a cold morning, this beautiful book reassures children that they are loved ... always.

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1307692	When dark waters burn Shapter, Zena	MidnightSun Publishing	2025	9781922858627	7-9	Stay out of sight. Stay hidden under the lake. Even as giant water-ants scout the surface, and deadly trees slop their hungry roots along the shoreline. For unrest surges in the swamps, getting closer and closer...Sala will only be safe for as long as their ship's location remains a secret. But when a horrifying threat ignites close to home, and the lakeside hillfarms are forced to reveal a desperate truth, it unleashes a wreckage of terror and destruction on the world of Palude. What Sala fears most becomes irrelevant. All she can do is run, and make one irrevocable choice after another. If she's to have any kind of future, she must fight to accept the collapse of her past. Hiding from it was never an option.
1209705	When Haru was here Thao, Dustin	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761264511	7-9	After the death of his best friend, Eric Ly creates imaginary scenarios in his head to deal with his grief. Until one of them becomes real when a boy he met last summer in Japan finds his way back into his life. When he least expects it, Haru Tanaka walks into the coffee shop and sits down next to him. The only thing is, nobody else can see him. In a magical turn of events, Eric suddenly has someone to connect with, making him feel less alone in the world. But as they spend more and more time together, he begins to question what is real. When he starts losing control of the very thing that is holding him together, Eric must finally confront his reality. Even if it means losing Haru forever.
1087422	When I can fly Stewart, Katie	Fremantle Press	2023	9781760992682	K-2	Little Boobook is obsessed with the idea of going to the city. He promises himself that as soon as he learns to fly, he will set off on his adventure. The city, however, is not what he imagined at all, and he finds himself missing his mum and ready for a new adventure back at home.
1423912	When the sky falls: graphic novel Fordham, Fred & Earle, Phillip	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839135620	5-6	1941. War is raging. And Joseph has been sent to live in the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, he will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, Joseph and Adonis become friends, but what will happen when the bombers set him rampaging free?
1346581	Where shall we travel today? Martin, Kristin & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2025	9781922858542	K-2	A group of neighbourhood friends search for adventure. They climb mountains, sail through waterfalls and snorkel the reef. At night, they marvel at the sky above and wonder where to go next

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1423969	Where would you go? Lester, Alison & Godwin, Jane (ill) & The Royal Children's Hospital (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181573	K-2	If you could travel wherever you choose, to worlds imagined and new, where are the places that you'd like to go and what in the world would you do? Take a journey through words and drawings in this magical adventure as the children of The Royal Children's Hospital wonder where everyone at the hospital might go - the doctors, the nurses, the teachers, and even themselves.
1423798	Which way to the future Cowell, Cressida	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2025	9781444982398	5-6	Planet Earth, in case you do not know it, is a small, green little world, out on the end of a remote and rarely visited Milky Way. All magic was supposed to have disappeared from this particular planet many centuries earlier. But in an ordinary, slightly damp part of the planet there are five human children with extraordinary magical gifts that the universe has never seen before. Only two of them don't know it yet. What will Mabel and Izzabird's Gifts be? And how will they navigate bounty hunters, a witch and three perilous tasks to reach the end of their story? After all, there's nothing like an adventure to find out whether you are a hero or not.
1357346	Who might you be? A tale in tangrams Henderson, R	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760526276	K-2	A lively story in which all the illustrations are tangrams; the well-known geometrical puzzle that is a square cut into seven pieces arranged to make various other shapes. It is also a delightful story about the imagination where the words and pictures combine to tell a deeper story about the idea of self, from the creator of I See, I See.
1344158	Wild robot on the island, The Brown, Peter	Piccadilly Press	2025	9781835871645	K-2	Roz is not where she's supposed to be. You see, the robot wasn't designed to live in the wilderness. But when she washes up on an island, she must learn from the animal inhabitants and adapt to her new, natural surroundings. And before long, the island begins to feel like home.
1436388	Wilder zoo: Neeka and the great search Strachan, Tina & Hamilton, Max (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2026	9781460764572	5-6	Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder is living her dream -- spending her days with wildlife, learning how to be a vet like her mum, and hanging out with Hudson and Rumi, her two best friends. When Hudson and Rumi go away for the school holidays, Neeka creates a big list of zoo jobs to keep herself busy. But her plans go anything but smoothly. With three am wake-ups, video editing fails, friendship troubles and a search for an injured koala joey, Neeka's life is much busier than she expected!

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1346580	Wilder Zoo: Neeka and the storm Strachan, Tina & Hamilton, Max (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460764565	5-6	Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder has always loved animals and is lucky enough to live at Wilder Zoo, where her mum is head vet. The deadline for the school reading challenge is only a few days away and Neeka has a lot of reading to do. Then a wild storm hits. Emergency evacuation plans are put in place and even Neeka's bedroom turns into an animal nursery. But when the rain stops and the clean-up begins, focusing on reading becomes Neeka's biggest challenge.
1423953	Willa and Woof: Best idea yet Harvey, Jacqueline & Yi, A (ill)	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761343575	3-4	When Willa accidentally learns that Sunset Views Retirement Village, home of her best old-age friend, Frank, is about to be sold, she has a feeling something isn't right. It's up to Willa to put the pieces together and save the residents of the retirement village and the town from a dastardly developer. Can Willa come up with her best idea yet?
1423988	Windy washing day Low, Yvonne & Talbot, Kate (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2025	9781922858672	K-2	It's a dry, sunny day and perfect for hanging out the laundry. But what happens when an unexpected wind pulls the washing off the line and carries it next door - to the zoo! Will the animals give up their new-found clothes and can all the washing be returned safely?
1359413	Winston's special day Evans, Gabriel	Berbay Publishing	2025	9781922610980	K-2	Winston is wearing his brightest, yellowest sweatsuit today because it's an important day for him. It's the kind of day that only happens once a year. He hopes his friends will remember and help him celebrate. But everyone is busy, even his good friend Miles. Miles is working on a special mission that requires an awful lot of help. Winston didn't plan to hide in a bin, crawl through a hedge and wear a disguise on his special day. Luckily Miles is as good at surprises as he is at secret missions in this story about expectations and friendship.
898959	Wiradjuri Country Brandy, Larry	NLA Publishing	2025	9781922507525	5-6	Welcome to Wiradjuri Country in New South Wales. Wiradjuri people are known as the people of the three rivers and their Country is the second largest in Australia. Come with Uncle Larry Brandy on a journey through his country and discover some of the plants and animals of its rivers, woodlands, grasslands and rocky outcrops. Learn more than 100 Wiradjuri words along the way.

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1359336	Witch's guide to love and poison, A Qureshi, Aamna	Hachette Australia	2025	9781444980882	9plus	Bisma knows three things to be true: the Enchanted Forest will always be her home, she would go to the ends of the Earth to protect her sisters, and Xander Chapman is the most irritating guy she's ever met. Since finding a home in the Enchanted Forest, Bisma - a garden witch with a penchant for potions - has always been protective of other runaways. So, if a drop of one of her poisons finds its way into the porridge of those who have hurt them . . . that's none of her business. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1304819	Wizard of Earthsea, A: A graphic novel Le Guin, Ursula K & Fordham, Fred (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529526264	7-9	Ged, the greatest sorcerer in all Earthsea, was called Sparrowhawk in his reckless youth. Hungry for power and knowledge, Sparrowhawk tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world. This is the tale of his testing, how he mastered the mighty words of power, tamed an ancient dragon, and crossed death's threshold to restore the balance.
	Wolf girl series Do, Anh & Ley, Jeremy (ill)				5-6	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.
1299761	Wonderful world of carnivorous plants, The Houghton, Suzanne	CSIRO	2025	9781486319527	3-4	Have you ever heard of a meat-eating plant? Or a plant that traps spiders and flies? Welcome to The Wonderful World of Carnivorous Plants, where sticky leaves and slippery stems are just some of the fascinating ways some plants capture their food. Explore the unique features and adaptations of these plants and the important role they play in our environment.

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1423973	Wondrous tale of Lavender Wolfe, The Foxlee, Karen & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182020	5-6	Lavender Wolfe is a clapperdudgeon and pickpurse, with a magical secret. She is all alone on a wharf when she is snatched by Big Agatha and thrown into the galley of a pirate ship, The Good Marchioness. Disguised as a boy (for only boys may live in the galley) and renamed Hans Whitby, Lavender has to make her home among the kitchen rats. However, The Good Marchioness is no ordinary ship. Captained by Odyessia Pleasant, a fierce pirate with long blonde hair, violet eyes and a bird's wing in place of an arm, the crew are on a desperate voyage - to find and return stolen treasure before all those who sail within the cursed pirate ship are turned to sand. Lavender included. Lavender is quick-witted and sharp as a tack, and as her magic starts to be revealed she finds herself coming under the arresting gaze of Captain Pleasant. Will Lavender help break the curse? Or will she be just another victim of this story within a story, her true identity lost to the sands of time?
1424084	Words apart Lucido, Aimee & Corcutt, Phillippa (ill) & Corcutt, Rachael (ill)	HarperCollins US	2025	9780358729914	5-6	Olive collects words. Rare words, common words, fancy words, funny words. She expresses herself by writing poetry, making crossword puzzles, and creating dictionary definitions for what she refers to as "neologisms." Her sister, Mattie, could not be more different. Mattie struggles with words and so instead prefers pictures, expressing herself through cartoons and sketches. Despite their differences, the two girls are inseparable. Or at least, they were. After their dad moves away and Olive develops her first crush, the sisters' dynamic changes. Olive wants to spend more time with people who aren't related to her, but Mattie doesn't want anything to change. When their dad starts acting suspiciously and Mattie's grades begin to fall, the sisters' relationship fractures. Olive and Mattie must discover that love isn't always how we envision it.
1337818	World's worst alien, The Primmer, Alice & Blunt, Fred (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529519655	3-4	When alien "Sky" creates planet Earth as part of a school project, she's delighted by her success. Those dinosaurs roaming about the place are top-mark material! Then humans sweep in and it's farewell dinosaurs, hello destruction. This disappointing evolutionary twist calls for drastic measures: Sky, the laziest student in class, is going to have make an effort, go down to Earth and fix humanity

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1201743	Worms are our friends D'Alia, Toni & Purnell, Mimi (ill)	Bright Light Books	2024	9781761212994	K-2	Worms Are Our Friends invites readers into stunning garden to admire the hard work of one tiny worm, and to marvel at the essential role it plays in nature.
1396273	Wormwood Abbey Baehr, Christina	Christina Baehr	2023	9798868395758	7-9	As a Victorian clergyman's daughter, Edith Worms has seen everything--until a mythical salamander tumbles out of the fireplace into her lap. When a letter arrives from estranged relatives, Edith is swept away to a crumbling gothic Abbey in the wilds of Yorkshire. Wormwood Abbey isn't just full of curious beasts and ancient family secrets: there's also a tall, dark, and entirely too handsome neighbour who is strangely reluctant for her to leave. An unexpected bond with her prickly cousin Gwendolyn gives Edith a reason to stay in this strange world--especially when it turns out that Edith herself may have a role in guarding her family's legacy. But not all of the mysteries of Ormdale are small enough to fit in her lap ... and some of them have teeth.
1424106	Wowee! Look at that tree! Knight, Ben	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761723810	K-2	Not every tree grows straight and tall. Some twist and turn, some lean and fall. This is the story of one small tree who chose to grow a little differently.
1423980	Wrapping things Burgess, Linda & Tapper, Hilary Jean (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991142009	K-2	Rosie likes to wrap things. Her crayons, a parcel for Granny, some flowers. What other special things might be wrapped up, waiting for her?
1285333	Wreck of seabirds, A Olsen, Karleah	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760996505	9plus	When Briony first meets Ren, he is standing in the freezing sea at the edge of their tiny town. Ren hasn't been home for a decade but has returned to be with his dying father. Briony won't leave, hoping that Sarah, her missing sister, will one day reappear. But Sarah and her friend Aria have been stranded on a desolate island far off the coast. The longer they're trapped there, the less alone they seem. How many secrets in this town have been swallowed by the brooding sea? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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1088075	Wrong answers only Madden, Tobias	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9780143777403	9plus	<p>Marco's always done the right thing. But now it's time for wrong answers only.</p> <p>Marco should be at university, studying biomedicine. Instead, he's been sent to live on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean with his estranged uncle, all because of a 'blip' everyone else is convinced was a panic attack. (Which it most definitely was not.) And even though Marco's trip is supposed to provide answers - about himself, about his family - all he finds on board the Ocean Melody are more and more questions. But then his best friend CeCe proposes a new plan- for someone who has always done the right thing, in every possible way, it's time for Marco to get a few things wrong.</p> <p>And hooking up with a hot dancer from the ship is only the beginning.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1424055	Year in Fleurville, A: Recipes from balconies, rooftops, and gardens Sala, Felicita	Scribble Press	2021	9781925713299	3-4	In each garden, someone is tending to their produce. Maria is picking asparagus, Ramon's mum is watering the cucumbers, and a gaggle of kids are eating cherries fresh from the tree and even wearing some as earrings! Meet the many people in Fleurville, delight in their harvests, learn their recipes, and find comfort in the cycle of the seasons.
1389072	You & me and the peanut butter beast Griffiths, Andy & Hope, Bill (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2025	9781761269004	3-4	When the friends go down memory lane reminiscing about adventures, things quickly get out of hand. What starts as a simple investigation about whats over the fence becomes a hilarious adventure filled with surprises. Andy Griffiths' humour and wordplay make this story a delightful read for anyone who enjoys a bit of chaos with their peanut butter.
1307021	You are a wildlife warrior! Irwin, Bindi & Prasadam-Halls, Smriti & Kaulitzki, Ramona (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761350962	K-2	Answer the call of the wild! Discover how you can join Bindi and Grace in their work to help save animals and protect their homes.

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1423799	You've found Oliver Thao, Dustin	Pan MacMillan	2025	9781761563492	7-9	It's been a year since his best friend, Sam, died. Even though Oliver knows he won't get a response, he can't stop texting Sam's number, especially as the anniversary of his death approaches. Then one day, he accidentally hits the call button, and someone picks up.
	Young samurai series Bradford, Chris				7-9	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.