



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
979944	Friendly bee and friends Avery, Sean E	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760654351	K-2	Meet Friendly Bee: he's a bee who puts himself out there, a bee who sees the best in other beings. Sometimes, Friendly Bees cheerful attitude gets him into trouble -- like almost being squashed by an excessively large shoe; or becoming a delicious meal for the mildly homicidal Enormous Hairy Spider. Luckily, Friendly Bees reluctant best friend Angry Wasp is there to save this buzzing buffoon from certain doom -- if he really has to.
950450	Play the game Weetman, Nova	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781760121754	7-9	Edie and Tess are best friends. Edie enjoys playing netball but also loves drama. Tess is obsessed with netball and with making it into the State representative team. But when Edie scores a role in the school play and makes it into the rep netball team she faces some difficult decisions which could cost her her friendship with Tess.
1209758	(Be smart about) Screen time! Brian, Rachel	Little Brown	2024	9780316575546	5-6	This book will help you stay in charge of who you are - on and off your device.

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1209716	11 Ruby road: 1925 Barkla, Charlotte	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657956	5-6	<p>It is 1925 and Bert Mueller and his German-Australian family have moved from Ipswich to their new house at 11 Ruby Road. Bert's father has been deported to Germany after the Great War, and with Dad still absent, Bert is unsure about moving away. But the city means opportunity and jobs for his mother and older siblings. And for the grown-ups , it also means fun - dressing up, going out, and all that jazz. Bert loves jazz too, but he's too young for the clubs, and instead his time is spent at his new school where the kids play cricket, not music.</p> <p>But with the help of a Gramophone, Bert has a solution. He will start his own jazz club, and 11 Ruby Road has the perfect spot to host it. But as prejudice about Bert and his German family start to affect their new life, Bert has to find a way to save his jazz club and his family.</p>
1209875	113th assistant librarian, The Wilson, Stuart	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761342257	5-6	<p>Oliver Wormwood hurries to the trade fair. He hopes to find his new life in a trade his father would be proud of but after a series of calamities Oliver is left with no prospects until he meets a mysterious man on the edge of the fair. The man was flustered, and late and before Oliver knew he found himself the 113th Assistant Librarian. But things don't go quite as planned. By the end of the first day he witnesses a death, is frozen by a book and meets a lot of cats. With the help of a strange girl called Oliver will he ever learn to protect the library and live longer than the 112 assistant librarians before him?</p>
1168017	18,000 holes in the universe: Dragonfire Wallace, Adam & Foley, Lisa & Hart, James (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9781460764824	3-4	<p>Twins Noah and Jordie discover a letter from their long-lost Grandpa Galileo and know they, with the help of their friends, need to rescue him, and soon! But they didn't count on being sucked through a magical mini-golf hole into another world, full of fire-breathing dragons. It's a race against time! Will they save Grandpa? Will they be trapped in this crazy world? Will they be burnt to a crisp or eaten by vicious dragons? Beware! If you keep reading, you might get sucked into the most incredible golf course in the universe too ...</p>
1209739	18,000 holes in the universe: Snack attack Wallace, Adam & Foley, Lisa & Hart, James (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460764831	3-4	<p>Norah, Jordie and the Golf Squad mates are on a mission to locate and rescue Grandpa Galileo. In this second book in the series, the group is once again sucked into a hole in the golf course and exposed to a new world filled with unexpected challenges.</p>

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997696	300 minutes of mystery Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761200793	5-6	10 stories. 10 mysterious situations. 10 brave kids. 30 minutes of clues. Mercer stole a secret message. What happens when the spies find out? Hamzi is trapped in a maze. Why is his brother trying to kill him? Charlene's room escape game suddenly turns deadly. Can she figure out why?
1209818	31-and-a-half things to know as you grow McKinlay, Meg & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760658052	K-2	There are so many wonderful things to know as you grow.
871583	A in the rainforest, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2021	9781925868821	K-2	This is the story of the A. The A in the Rainforest is a fun Australian-themed phoneme story that teaches young readers about the vowel sound A and where they can find it in different words. Beautifully illustrated by Janie Frith, the rich colours and vibrant use of multi-media enhance the magical experience. The book is about the journey of a young Rainbow Bird from the rainforests of Tasmania to their counterparts in New South Wales. The first book from Judith and Janie, The Oo in Uluru, won a 2019 Book of the Year award from Speech Pathology Australia; this is their fourth book, the others being The EE in the Deep Blue Sea and The O in the Snow.
1110374	ABC Disability Rose, Sarah & Pascoe, Alley & Feiner, Rebecca (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734423023	K-2	ABC Disability is a must-read gentle introduction to disability that is accessible to readers of all ages. Colourful illustrations and clear explanations help readers to understand the diversity of the human race and approach those in their community with empathy and kindness.
750973	Across the risen sea Macdibble, Bren	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526054	5-6	Neoma and Jag and their small community are 'living gentle lives' on high ground surrounded by the risen sea that has caused widespread devastation. When strangers from the Valley of the Sun arrive unannounced, the friends find themselves drawn into a web of secrecy and lies that endangers the way of life of their entire community. Soon daring, loyal Neoma must set off on a solo mission across the risen sea, determined to rescue her best friend and find the truth that will save her village.

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1209882	Adrift Guerrero, Tanya	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2022	9780374389659	5-6	Two cousins; Coral & Isa... Although the two can barely stand the thought of being apart while Coral's family goes on a sea voyage, things take a turn for the worst when the boat capsizes and Coral's family is lost at sea. Coral, who washes up alone on an island, fights to survive while Isa, at home on Pebble Island, remains hopeful that her cousin is still alive. The experience in a most difficult time is agonising and vastly different for both cousins as they wonder if they will they ever be reunited? This is an insightful and heartfelt book that balances a strong representation of Filipino culture with a heartfelt message about how it is okay to not be okay.
1233647	After Kenny, Padraig & McCarthy, Steve (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529517804	7-9	Ariel, lives in a settlement called New Horizon. His community is heavily controlled, with strict rules and a constant emphasis on obedience and loyalty. The residents are told that the world outside is dangerous, filled with threats like the Hollow Ones, which are emotionless, masked humanoids that once were people but now serve a mysterious power. Ariel is a loyal follower of the settlement's ideology until a tragic event forces him to flee. He embarks on a dangerous journey across a devastated landscape, where he meets other children who are also on the run.
1249976	Aggie Flea is not a liar! Ingram, Tania & Yi, A (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781760972547	3-4	Meet Aggie Flea, a girl with a big imagination that lands her in even bigger trouble. When a mysterious new neighbour arrives in the middle of the night, Aggie's convinced he's a vampire. Can she prove it? Or will everyone think she's a liar?
1304872	Aggie Flea steals the show Ingram, Tania & Yi, A (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760976309	3-4	The school play is almost here and Aggie wants the role of Web Legs, the superhero spider from Mars! But Aggie's stage time has always been a disaster! Will she break a leg or break the set?
1078937	Alight: A story of fire and nature Lloyd, Sam & Metcalfe, Samantha (ill)	CSIRO	2023	9781486315444	3-4	Alight shares the story of Australian native plants and animals during a planned fire. This is a fabulous story and resource for any child, who will learn how new flowers and seed capsules grow, and the challenges little animals face in the bush. It includes factual information, a lovely story to engage the reader and stunning illustrations that capture the beauty of the Australian environment.

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1209767	All about the brain Dabscheck, Dr. Gabriel & Siew, Kim (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2024	9781922610768	K-2	All About the Brain answers curious kids' questions about the brain. Want to know why the brain is the boss of your body? Read this book. Want to know which creatures have the biggest or smallest brains? Read this book.
1209939	All about the gut Bannister, Dr Liz & Feiner, Beck (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2025	9781922610973	3-4	How does your gut turn the food you eat into nutrients your body needs? What's the mind-body connection? And why do we burp? Curious kids will find the answers to these questions and more in All About the Gut by expert paediatric gastroenterologist Dr Liz Bannister.
1286592	All better now Shusterman, Neal	Walker Books	2025	9781529517590	7-9	A new virus is spreading through a world still weary from the last pandemic. This virus is different. For the survivors of this deadly new virus, a new way of seeing the world and a soul unburdened by jealousies and selfishness. Survivors are treated with contempt or worse because happiness is bad for big business. Three characters from very different backgrounds find themselves on a collision course as the world is split between those aggressively seeking a cure and those willing to stop a cure at all cost.
1209727	All the beautiful things Nannestad, Katrina & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780733343148	5-6	The Nazis want everyone to be the same. If you're different, you don't belong. Not belonging is dangerous... Anna's little sister, Eva, is frail and needs time to learn new things. She has a huge heart and a gift for loving, but Hitler doesn't value such riches. And so she's hidden away. Safe for now, but with the threat of discovery always near. Anna does her best to bring joy and light to Eva's small life with stories, trinkets and treasures from the outside world. But soon, more children need hiding. Risks are taken - by Anna, by her best friend Udo, by a Nazi seamstress and feisty Brunhilde. Until Anna wonders if any of them will make it through the war...
1209860	All the colours of the rainbow White, Rae & D'anthes, Sha'an (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423061	5-6	Jem is an active child. They bounce and spring and run. But Jem isn't sure if they are a girl or a boy. They like 'girl' things and 'boy' things and all the colours of the rainbow. When Gran tells them to wear a dress, Mum says "you can wear whatever you want". Jem discovers that it is okay to like all the colours and just be yourself.

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1209898	Allen the alien Ward, Stephanie & Morton, Aleck (ill)	Riveted Press	2024	9780648492511	K-2	Allen and his pet Byte are Earth's newest visitors. The Earthlings seem very friendly to Allen - in fact, they run and scream whenever they see him! Thankfully, Allen has brought some of his favourite alien toys along, so that he can play with the Earthlings. They're sure to love his supersonic horn and his x-ray laser. Although Allen is having a lot of fun playing, he doesn't seem to understand that the Earthlings aren't quite ready to host a guest like him. This story is a hilarious and thought-provoking tale about how we treat those who are different.
1213468	Almost a fish Negri, Julianne & Barrow, Evie (ill)	Little Book Press	2024	9781923141018	K-2	Audrey may look a little different from the other creatures in the river, but that doesn't stop this curious and lovable amphibian from embarking on a quest to find out just who she is.
1232868	Almost sunset Algarmi, Wahab	Walker Books	2025	9781761601088	7-9	Navigating a month of school and an upcoming soccer championship while fasting for Ramadan can be tough. Luckily Hassan has a winning combo of family, friends and faith and his goals in sight!
1334217	Alpacas in space Cosgrove, Matt	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761648373	K-2	Join the countdown as intrepid astronauts, Macca the Alpaca and his best pal, Al, blast off into outer space. It's an epic, cosmic adventure where anything is possible because ... they're using their imaginations!
1142223	Always was, always will be Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue	Magabala Books	2024	9781922777614	5-6	This book celebrates the strength, wisdom and bravery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples defending their lands and rights through history. It takes a close look at some of the iconic First Nations protest movements since 1788 and the great change they achieved as a result. Understanding our past helps us see how far we have come. It also shows us how we must continue to work towards healing and understanding.
1209702	Amanda Commander: The green-eyed monster Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111341	3-4	When Amanda and her friends encourage Rosie to try out for the school production, a green-eyed monster tries to discourage Rosie and sabotage the school production. Will Amanda and the Dolphin Squad be able to help Rosie and save the show?

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1186202	Amari and the Night Brothers Alston, B. B	Egmont Childrens	2022	9780062975171	5-6	Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing older brother, Quinton, is alive. Not even when the police told her otherwise, or when she got in trouble for standing up to bullies who said he was gone for good. So when she discovers a ticking briefcase in his closet containing a nomination for a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive organisation holds the key to locating Quinton - if only she can wrap her head around the idea of magicians, fairies, aliens, and other supernatural creatures all being real. Now she must compete for a spot against kids who've known about magic their whole lives. No matter how hard she tries, Amari can't seem to escape their intense scrutiny and doubt. With an evil magician threatening the supernatural world, and her own classmates thinking she's an enemy, Amari has never felt more alone. But if she doesn't stick it out and pass the tryouts, she may never find out what happened to Quinton.
1209962	Amigo the Capybara Freund, Amy & Chooky, Kooky (ill)	Five Mile Press	2024	9781923091771	K-2	Amigo the capybara loves to party! But his neighbour, Mila the chinchilla, definitely does not. Will his biggest performance yet be enough to win her over?
1141624	Anti-racism kit Kim, Jinyoung & Patawaran, Sabina	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761211171	7-9	Do you want to understand racism and racial justice in Australia? Then this book is for you. Created especially for Australian high school students, it covers three actionable, tangible areas for change - Self, School and Society.
1089022	Apart, together Booth Sweeny, Linda & Rutland, Ariel (ill)	HarperCollins US	2024	9780063264618	K-2	Apart, blue is blue and yellow is yellow but together they make green! Bold, playful art and a simple, poetic text bring to life the magic of everyday transformations.

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1209689	Apples Not Orples Stephens, R. A. & Dougherty, Carmen (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111693	K-2	Two apples plus three oranges. Does that make five orples? NO! It's still two apples and three oranges. Join the band of animals for a counting and adding challenge. But don't get too mixed up! Ever wondered why you can't add things up that aren't the same? Because apples and oranges can't make orples! In this quirky counting book, readers will engage with all the different ways you can go WRONG in adding like terms
1133430	Astrochimp Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9780008649555	3-4	Chump the chimpanzee was always being silly. He would: - make rude noises from BOTH ENDS... - pick his nose with his little toe... - eat the skins of bananas, hurling out the tasty part inside. NASA's scientists thought he'd be the PERFECT chimp to send into space. Little did Chump know that he had been selected for a deadly-dangerous mission. If a chimp could orbit Earth, then chances were a human could too. With Chump the chimp at the controls of a spacecraft, what could possibly go wrong? As it turned out, EVERYTHING. Blast off with Chump, and encounter dog space pirates, evil insects, and the silliest chimpanzee who ever lived in this wildly funny space opera, fully illustrated in fantastic colour.
1209847	At the Bach Cowley, Joy & Tapper, Hilary Jean	Gecko Press	2024	9798765670248	K-2	A beautifully poetic portrait that captures the sights, smells, and movements of a day at the Bach.
1209914	Au in dinosaur, The Barker, Judith & Firth, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2023	9781922800381	3-4	The book is about the journey of several young Australians on a time travel ride back to see real dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures. The AU in the Dinosaur is a phoneme story that teaches young readers about the vowel sound AU and where they can find it in different words.

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1286580	Australia's baby animals Racklyeft, Jess	Affirm Press	2024	9781923022812	3-4	From underground burrows to treetop nests, and from sandy beaches to riverbeds, Australia's unique landscapes provide homes for baby animals to live and thrive in. Here is a celebration of the animals that are born in this incredible country, from Snubfin Dolphin calves to Pygmy Possum joeys, Rainbow Lorikeet fledglings, Huntsman spiderlings, Thorny Devil hatchlings, and many more. Come and take a closer look at the adorable baby animals and their habitats across Australia, from one of our best-loved picture book creators.
886016	Australia's endangered bush creatures Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2022	9781925868876	5-6	Australia has some of the richest ecosystems in the world. Sadly, it also has one of the highest extinction rates. This is a comprehensive look at our endangered species.
1092485	Australian backyard birds Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2023	9781922800237	5-6	Australian Backyard Birds explores the secret life of our colourful, characterful Australian birds.
962076	Australian dinosaurs and mega beasts Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2022	9781922800060	7-9	This book captures the range and diversity of the wondrous Australian wildlife from prehistory. The book includes over 70 animals that lived in Australia at various times during the Mesozoic and Cenozoic eras (i.e from 250 million years ago), from sea creatures to amphibians, dinosaurs, reptiles, birds and mammals. With meticulous attention to the environment and flora of each period, the book presents a succession of the huge animals that marched, flew and swam across our landscape, from the terrifying Daspletosaurus to the more sedentary Diprotodon.
1212133	Australian outback birds Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800718	5-6	Australian Outback Birds explores the secret lives of our wild and unique Australian birds. The wonderment of these stunning creatures, delivered with an engaging cinematic punch, will excite the imaginations of children for life, and fully engage any adult with a love of birds.
1304928	Ava Spark: Hello, I'm here! Field, Alex & Bartel, Joanna (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2025	9781923145924	3-4	My name is Ava Spark, and I probably speak in a different way to you. Come and join me and my friends as we welcome the super awesome new girl, Liv, to our school. Are you ready? Because I am and I'm here!
1209823	Aye spy Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2024	9780987461582	5-6	The city of towers. The city of spies. On the eve of the summer solstice, Dart and Anna are without a captain and without a plan. With a deadline to meet and the clock ticking down, they will need every trick up their sleeves just to stay in the game. But do they have what it takes to outsmart an entire city of spies?

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1098751	Baboon in a balloon Guest, Patrick & Abey, Katie (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761204975	K-2	Baboon in a balloon, its a wonderful day. Up through the clouds, up, up and away.
1133437	Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's birthday (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill)	Graphix	2023	9781338762587	3-4	It's Karen's birthday. She is even going to have two parties- one at Daddy's house and one at Mummy's house. But what Karen really wants for her birthday is one big party and to celebrate this special day with her whole family together. Can she make this birthday wish come true?
1133417	Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's kittycat club (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill)	Graphix	2021	9781761122255	3-4	Karen's best friend Hannie just got an adorable new kitten. Their neighbour Amanda has a cat too, and Karen has grumpy old Boo Boo. Now that they all have cats, Karen comes up with a great idea. She wants to start a KittyCat Club. But what will the club do, and will anyone want to hire them? And what will happen when Nancy wants to join but doesn't have a cat? Friendship issues abound and are realistically presented in this delightful graphic novel.
1133384	Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's roller skates (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill)	Graphix	2020	9781338356144	3-4	It's going to be a great weekend! Karen has new roller skates and is a very good skater. She's looking forward to trying some new tricks. But, Karen falls down and has to go to the hospital. Her wrist is broken! She is determined to get everyone to sign her cast plus someone famous. It isn't going to be easy but she won't give up.
1133425	Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's school picture (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill)	Graphix	2022	9781761203978	3-4	Karen has to get glasses. She doesn't want them, especially because school pictures are going to be taken soon. Yicky Ricky starts calling her names and makes fun of her. If she doesn't wear the glasses she feels sick and can't see but how can she deal with the bully? Life in school can be tricky.
1133320	Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's witch (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill)	Graphix	2020	9781338315196	3-4	Karen Brewer lives next door to Mrs. Porter, who wears long robes and has wild grey hair. Mrs. Porter has a black cat named Midnight and always seems to be working in her garden. Karen isn't supposed to spy on her neighbour, but she is determined to prove that Mrs. Porter is a witch. Will she be brave enough to meet the witch and send her away for good?
1133393	Baby-sitters little sister: Karen's worst day (graphic novel) Martin, Ann M & Farina, Katy (ill)	Graphix	2021	9781338356182	3-4	Karen is having a terrible day. Her new jeans are missing, there's no prize in the Crunch-O's box and Boo-Boo the cat won't play with her. She even gets punished and sent to her room! Karen tries everything to make her day better, but nothing is going right, and her bad luck just won't go away. Will this be the worst day ever?

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1209789	Backyard games, The Nicholson, Alister & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180927	K-2	The Backyard Games are on today, bring your gear, come over and play. We've recreated the Olympics here in the yard, some events are easy but others are hard. Run like Cathy, cycle like Meares, and don't forget to celebrate with cheers!
1141358	Backyard tennis Merrison, Carl & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421548	K-2	A mum wants to share her love of tennis with her daughter, but they do not have a court. An improvised solution of a washing line strung between two chairs proves a worthy substitute. The picture book explores what happens when friends spy their game and ask to join in.
1215794	Banned books, crop tops, and other bad influences Young, Brigit	Roaring Book Press	2024	9781250901514	5-6	<p>Rose is a good Jewish girl. She listens to her parents and follows every rule. After all, they're there for a reasons, right? And adults always know best.</p> <p>Talia, the new girl from New York City, doesn't think so. After only a week at school, her bad reputation is already making enemies. First on the Charlotte, Rose's lifelong best friend.</p> <p>So why can't Rose stop wondering what it would be like to be Talia's friend? And why does Rose read a banned book that she recommends? Rose doesn' know. But the forbidden book makes her ask questions she's never thought of in her life. So when Talia suggests they start a banned book club, how can Rose say no?</p> <p>Pushing against her parents, her school, and even Charlotte opens a new world for Rose. But when some of Talia's escapades become more scary than exciting, Rose must decide when it's right to keep quiet and when it's time to speak out.</p>
768137	Be your own man Sanders, Jessica & Cathro, Robbie (ill)	Five Mile Press	2020	9781922385062	3-4	If you have ever felt that you should act in a certain way or do certain things, just because you are a boy, this book is for you. It will encourage you to accept the way you are and to accept others too. Everyone is unique and that is to be celebrated.

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1209930	Bear Lightfoot, Kiri	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991006936	7-9	Jasper Robinson-Woods is not okay - his name is too long, his mum has an annoying boyfriend, he never sees his dad, and he can't sleep because of a terrifying nightmare. Oh, and to top it off, his goldfish is dying. Jasper is overwhelmed with bad thoughts. Are they a sign of disaster to come? The only place he feels safe is in the tree in his front yard. But then the unimaginable happens: his nightmare comes to life and everything spirals out of control. Jasper decides it's finally time to face his nightmare.
1209784	Bear's lost glasses Timmers, Leo	Gecko Press	2024	9781776575947	K-2	While searching for his glasses, Bear spies a number of creatures whom he has never seen before; there is even a spotty snake with a long neck resting on Giraffe's chair!
1209856	Beasts and beauty: Dangerous tales Chainani, Soman & Iredale, Julia (ill)	4th Estate	2024	9780008224523	7-9	You might think you know these stories, but you are wrong. You don't know them at all. Twelve fairytales have been re-imagined with a modern twist - imagine if Red Riding Hood was the hunter, not the hunted. What if Sleeping Beauty was a Prince instead of a Princess? These twelve dangerous tales reveal truths full of triumph and warning and truths that explore life and death.
1209803	Becoming Bach Leonard, Tom	Roaring Book Press	2017	9781626722866	K-2	For Johann Sebastian there was always music. His family had been musicians, or bachs as they were called in Germany, for two hundred years. As he grew, he saw patterns in everything. Patterns he would turn into melodies and song, eventually growing into one of the most important and celebrated musical composers of all time.
1209804	Bee makes tea Sims, Lesley & Blunt, Fred (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2013	9781409550501	K-2	A rhyming story about a bee's preparations for a tea party and the clever solutions deployed when things, inevitably, go slightly awry.

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1209894	Bee squad, The: Boosting biodiversity in your neighbourhood Friedlander, Judy	NewSouth Publishing	2025	9781742238227	5-6	<p>From the coast of Western Australia to Sydney's suburbs, young people are discovering nature in their neighbourhoods and setting up nesting boxes for birds, cleaning up waterways, planting to attract bees and koalas, and building insect hotels. They're learning about amazing native species and finding ways to protect them.</p> <p>The Bee Squad inspires you to take part in these exciting adventures and projects that support threatened species by doing things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -learning how to put together a nature sleuth toolkit -planting to attract pollinators -using the tally sheet to record flora and fauna sightings -following the tips to ace your wildlife photography. <p>The best part is, you don't need to live near a national park or protected area to get involved - you can make a difference from your balcony, backyard, local park or school.</p>
1209760	Beginner's guide to choosing the perfect pet, A Rutstein, Ali & Doyle, Tommy (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761180903	K-2	Need advice about getting a pet? Consult this guide at your peril!
1096775	Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 1 Keenan, Cath (ed)	Sydney Story Factory	2021	9780648996064	5-6	The best of Story Factory Volume 1 showcases an amazing collection of prose by young writers through their participation in writing workshops which continued through the Covid-19 pandemic in Australia. Skillfully written personal and funny perspectives and ideas of what it means to write to an audience getting across what they think and feel.
1096784	Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 2 (older readers edition) Keenan, Catherine (ed) & Short, Richard (ed)	Sydney Story Factory	2024	9781922719119	7-9	Short, succinct prose writing by 16 to 20 year olds that are culturally rich, authentic anthems of youth searching their lives through people, places and events around them, conversations clicking between the now and then of lives and the world they know.
1096782	Best of Story Factory, The: Volume 2 (younger readers edition) Keenan, Catherine (ed) & Short, Richard (ed)	Sydney Story Factory	2022	9781922719102	5-6	Thoughtful, warm, insightful, interesting and funny these stories come together to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Story Factory. From talking flowers, superheroes from the neighbourhood and the Museum of COVID-19, these young authors have created and edited their own words about things their audience may like and enjoy reading, from dream to grandmother's museum.

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1176958	Best witch in Paris, The Crozier, Lauren	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790880	5-6	Luna swaps her moonstone ring for a boobook owl in the Lost forest while promising to keep the bird hidden. This is not easy when the fearsome Madame Valadon (the Best Witch in Paris) is missing her boobook owl and will do anything to find it. Could it be that Luna has Madame Valadon's boobook owl familiar? A familiar can only belong to one witch. Luna needs to solve the puzzle and avoid Madame Valadon's clutches. This is a magical adventure that will make any reader smile.
1072701	Besties work it out Miller, Kayla & Canino, Jeffrey & Luu, Kristina (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760657130	3-4	Beth and Chanda are best friends. When Beth decides she wants some expensive new earrings, the girls realise they need money to buy them. Setting up a pet sitting service they quickly get the job of looking after Ms Langford's high maintenance dog. But things don't go to plan and both girls have to work together to solve some sticky problems.
1334206	Beyond the shore Saunders, Kirli & Chester Harding, Mark	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761524646	K-2	It is safer on the edge where we can walk with our feet on the floor... But beyond the shore is a world that inspires awe. Will you dive in?
1052163	Big book of Australian nursery rhymes, The Lessac, Frane	Walker Books	2024	9781760655099	K-2	Chant and clap, play and sing along to this fun-filled collection of classic nursery rhymes with an Australian twist.
1209790	Big gorilla: Book of opposites, A Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2024	9781529509588	K-2	A beautifully illustrated picture book about opposites. Some opposites are easy to identify, others are trickier. Are you ready to have a go?
1266895	Bigfoot vs yeti: A love story Foley, James	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760994983	3-4	The clans have been enemies for as long as anyone can remember. The Bigfoots say it started when a Yeti threw a snowball across the rift. The Yetis say it started when a Bigfoot threw some fruit across the rift. Who could say for sure? One night, a young Bigfoot and Yeti decide to find the end of the rift so they can finish the feud - once and for all. Things are about to get hairy
	Billie B Brown & Billie B Mystery series Rippin, Sally & Fukuoka, Aki (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.

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1218579	Billy Slater presents: Chip and Chase Loughlin, Patrick & Slater, Billy & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857982704	3-4	Liam is the captain of the West Hill Ravens and the heart and soul of the team. He lives, breathes and sleeps footy. The only problem is that he doesn't leave much time for anything else. Now his schoolwork is suffering and his parents are on his back. He may even have to quit the team. And without their captain, the Ravens' chances of making the finals looks grim.
1218581	Billy Slater presents: Show and go Loughlin, Patrick & Slater, Billy & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857982681	3-4	Corey is one of the best players on team and everyone knows it, especially Corey. While he scores a lot of tries, he doesn't win many friends. Corey thinks his footy skills give him licence to pick on anyone who isn't as good as him, and his teammates are getting sick of it. When he makes a bet with C. C., the West Hill Ravens fullback, things really start to spin out of control. Can team mentor Billy Slater show Corey that great players aren't always the ones that score the most points?
1271883	Bin chicken feeding time at the zoo Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761294518	3-4	It's feeding time at the zoo and no-one is sharing their lunch. Luckily, Ibis knows just how to steal some snacks... and the spotlight!
1254030	Bin chicken goes for gold Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760268275	3-4	With a wobbly dive and a gangly leap, here comes Bin Chicken in a feathery heap! 'Shoo!' say the kids as she flaps on her way. 'Bin Chickens aren't welcome at school sports day!' Go Team Ibis! It's sports carnival time and Ibis has teamed up with some friends. But they aren't running to the finish line ... they're racing to lunch!
1211985	Bird & Squirrel: On the run! & On ice Burks, James	Scholastic UK	2024	9780702331008	3-4	Squirrel is afraid of his own shadow. Bird doesn't have a care in the world. And Cat wants to eat Bird and Squirrel. Join this trio as they head south for the winter in a hilarious road trip. Then, after Bird and Squirrel crash land in the South Pole during a raging blizzard, a penguin named Sakari thinks Bird has come to rid her village of a hungry Killer Whale. But when Squirrel finds out that Bird will actually be fed to the Killer Whale as a sacrifice, they hatch a crazy plan to escape...

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1023642	Birdy Kernot, Sharon	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790606	9plus	Following a traumatic incident, Maddy is now mute. She has moved to a remote farmhouse, with her mother and brother, to rest and recuperate. With the help of a therapist, Maddy sets herself small goals each day - journal, smile, walk outside - to build her confidence. She meets Alice, who is still waiting for her own daughter, Birdy, to return home, 45 years after she disappeared. Maddy also meets a new friend, Levi, and she is drawn into the mystery of Birdy's disappearance. Can Maddy learn to trust her new friends, let go of her guilt and shame, and learn to speak again? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1061449	Black cockatoo with one feather blue, The McLeod, Jodie & Short, Eloise (ill)	Wollemi Press	2023	9780646874708	K-2	The Black Cockatoo With One Feather Blue tells the story of one very clever black cockatoo, known across the land for her striking feathery feature. When her feather goes missing, she embarks on a quest through the Australian bush to find it, meeting a collection of characters along the way. But what begins as a search for a feather turns into the discovery of something unexpected.
1228270	Bling Jollygood Bland, Nick	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460766712	3-4	Meet Bling Jollygood: Half-Penguin, half-canary, full-time undercover reporter. Bling discovers that an egg-shaped comet is hurtling towards Earth! So, she puts together a makeshift crew to blow it up and save the planet. Everyone they meet along the way is extremely helpful. Perhaps too helpful...

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1084283	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Blood traitor, The Noni, Lynette	Penguin	2023	9781760897550	9plus	<p>She'd failed them. All of them. And now she was paying the price. Kiva thought she knew what she wanted - revenge. But feelings change, people change . . . everything has changed. After what happened at the palace, Kiva is desperate to know if her friends and family are safe, and whether those she wronged can ever forgive her.</p> <p>But with the kingdoms closer to the brink of war than they've ever been, and Kiva far away from the conflict, more is at stake than her own broken heart. A fresh start will mean a perilous quest, forcing mortal enemies and uneasy allies together in a race against the clock to save not just Evalon, but all of Wenderall. With her loyalties now set, Kiva can no longer just survive - she must fight for what she believes in. For who she believes in. But with danger coming from every side, and the lives of everyone she loves at risk, does she have what it takes to stand, or will she fall?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1233641	Bold Ben Hall: What does it mean to be a hero? Masson, Sophie	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658403	5-6	<p>Lily and her parents are travelling performers are delayed in Canowindra, just as famous bushranger Ben Hall and his gang - who has pulled off the biggest gold robbery ever - arrive. The gang hold everyone in town hostage but instead of threats, hold a strange, giant three day party, and Lily is in enthralled. She writes a secret play 'Bold Ben Hall' and dreams of sending it to a famous theatre company in Sydney or Melbourne. Meanwhile, in Forbes, stable boy Sam works for Sir Frederick Pottinger, Ben Halls nemesis. Sam who dreams of helping Sir Fred to catch Ben Hall. When Lily and Sam meet, the two are soon at loggerheads about their heroes determined to prove the other wrong...and to try any means to do so!</p>
1089004	Book of hours McFadden, Clare	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760651770	K-2	<p>Every life is made of hours, moments and feelings... This story captures the memories of one lady, told through postcard images, illustrated with paint in a dreamy and flowing way. As you follow along her life of memories from baby to adult, you can't help but reflect and ponder the moments in your own life and realise how fast time can pass us by.</p> <p>A beautiful story with every read-through delivering a new discovery and moment to notice.</p>

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1209795	Book week bear Mather, Ruth H. & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761293047	K-2	Claire's costume was amazing she had fur and teeth and claws. Plus, there was the smell of fish coming from her jaws! Claire's bear costume has a lot of flair almost enough to give everyone a scare. But is it enough to win first prize in the Book Week parade?
1089029	Borderlands: Riding the slipstream Collins, Paul (ed) & Ryan, Anne (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2024	9781922696403	7-9	Borderlands- Riding te Slipstream is an anthology for readers young and old. It features over forty short stories and poems by some of Australia's best-loved authors, including Ursula Dubosarsky, Steven Herrick, Leigh Hobbs, Barry Jonsberg, Sophie Masson and Shaun Tan. Illustrated by quirky artist Anne Ryan, this unique collection spans a kaleidoscope of genres and themes.
1177334	Bowerbird blues Parker, Aura	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761205637	K-2	I am a collector. Always looking, finding ... and keeping! Bowerbird loves blue. Magnificent colbalt. Brilliant, vibrant blue! But something is missing. What could it be?
1209874	Bowerbird brood Parker, Aura	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761521621	K-2	I am a protector. Always watching, guarding... and shielding. Bowerbird's nest is full. These fine eggs, whole and smooth...the perfect three! But will they hatch?
987826	Boy who didn't want to die, The Lantos, Peter	Scholastic UK	2023	9781761299643	5-6	Peter and his parents set out from a small Hungarian town, travelling through Austria and then Germany together. Along the way, unforgettable images of adventure flash one after another: sleeping in a tent and then under the sky, discovering a disused brick factory, catching butterflies in the meadows - and as Peter realises that this adventure is really a nightmare - watching bombs falling from the blue sky outside Vienna, learning maths from his mother in Belsen. All this is drawn against a background of terror, starvation, infection and, inevitably, death, before Peter and his mother can return home.

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1209926	Bravepaw and the clawstone of Rotwood Mire Wilkinson, L.M & Naidu, Lavanya (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180569	3-4	The prophesy of Prince Vetiver continues to evade our hero Titch and friends as they journey through the world below, a swampland with monsters escaping though the crack in the world. The quest of one little mouse Titch and her friends to follow the legend of Bravepaw with the staff of the Heartstone and defeat the curseworms is challenging. But with Briar's new plan and a fortunate message from Prince Vetiver from the faithful rescuer Earna, Titch draws her sword and helps her friends pursue the quest.
1185691	Bravepaw and the heartstone of Alluria Wilkinson, L M & Naidu, Lavanya (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761180552	3-4	Over one hundred years since danger has come to the Plateau, home of Titch, a little mouse who imagines with her friends Huckleberry and Dollop that she is the legendary Bravepaw as she waves her wooden sword in a threatening manner. One day the unimaginable , unexpected came and she was chosen to follow the Prophecy. Can she really be brave?
1329948	Breakfast club adventure, The: The headless ghost Rashford, Marcus & Hamilton-McKenzie, Isaac & Kissi, Marta (ill)	MacMillan	2024	9781035053940	3-4	The Breakfast Club Investigators are busy with drama club rehearsing for the upcoming school play. There are lots of spooky kind of things happening which may cancel the show. Are the lights flashing on and off, the scary sounds and smoke coming from under the stage a ghost? Only the BCI would be able to get to the bottom of all this paranormal activity. However, they are too busy learning lines, directing the play and building props, except Marcus. Marcus isn't in the play and wants his friends to get to the bottom of the mystery, but he also wants them to be able to perform for the school too. Can they all work together and solve the mystery before opening night? A fabulous mystery for younger readers aged 8+. Time to get out your spy glass and detective cap, and follow the clues on this very clever 'who dunnit?'.
1166493	Brightest Christmas star, The Motherway, Laura & Hudson, Deb (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734423085	K-2	A heartwarming look at the different ways in which families celebrate Christmas. Some families choose to decorate, others perform acts of kindness, while others enjoy spending time together at the beach. All these approaches are valid, and all register the joy, magic, and love that characterise this holiday.
1019795	Britannica's encyclopedia infographica Pettie, Andrew & Quilty-Harper, Conrad & D'Efilippo, Valentina (ill)	Britanica Books	2024	9781913750459	7-9	1000's of Facts & Figures about Earth, space animals, the body, technology & more revealed in pictures.

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1089000	Brown bears Crumpton, Dr Nick & Larmour, Colleen (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529508727	K-2	Spring has arrived in Alaska, and a brown bear is waking up. She was alone when she fell asleep at the start of winter; now she is climbing out of her den with two cubs. Follow them as they discover how to survive in the wilderness, from climbing trees to catching salmon, as their mother teaches the cubs how to be bears. From zoologist Dr Nick Crumpton and with stunning art from Colleen Larmour, this is a gentle and fascinating introduction to brown bears.
1244439	Bush bubs Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760994471	K-2	So many joeys, puggles and pups. Let's discover our precious bush bubs.
1272115	Bush turkey: Home and hosed Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760268299	3-4	A new neighbour's moved in, making a terrible mess. Do you know who it is? Can you take a guess? His name is Bush Turkey! Some call him Scrub. But the man with the hose calls him the world's biggest grub! Now the garden's stripped bare. Turkey's kicked all the hay! "Buzz Off!" the man cries. "I need a holiday!"
1028855	Cat on the run: Cat of death! Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761201332	3-4	What happens when the WORLD'S BIGGEST CAT VIDEO STAR gets accused of a crime she didn't commit? She becomes a CAT on the RUN that's what! But how do you avoid capture and prove your innocence when you are the most famous feline on the planet?! Well, it ain't easy...
1271816	Cat on the run: Episode 3 hidden layers! Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761294549	3-4	Brains washed! Internet wiped! Villains unmasked! Who knew being the Worlds #1 Cat Video Star could be so dangerous?! This is it! Princess Beautiful has had enough! Its time to clean out the litter tray.
1271811	Cat on the run: Episode 3hidden layers! Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761294532	3-4	The World's #1 Cat Video Star has disappeared. As a diabolical mystery unravels around her, Princess Beautiful is plunged into a terrible world where 'trending' isn't a thing, danger lurks around every corner, and cucumbers are no laughing matter.
1030431	Cat's Cradle: The golden twine Rioux, Jo	First Second	2022	9781250625366	5-6	Dreaming of one day taming monsters, orphan street urchin Suri finds her self-confidence, cleverness, and ambition serving her well when a mysterious new wagon holding something monstrous joins her merchant camp.

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1078767	☉ Catch your death Guron, Ravena	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803705422	9plus	A classic whodunit thriller which follows three girls who are stuck at Bramble Estate during a snow storm and someone is poisoned. Devi, Lizzie and Jayne are trapped inside a house with a killer and must solve the mystery before it is too late! Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1304538	Cattle muster Wolfer, Dianne & Lessac, Frane (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760657338	3-4	Its time to muster the cattle. Mums in the ute. Charlies in the chopper. Dad leads the jackaroos. Sis rides canters on the wing. Everyone has a job, everyone except me. But whose job will it be to save the day?
1209929	Caution! this book contains deadly reptiles Tutt, Corey & Williams, Ben (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181030	5-6	Corey Tutt a Kamilaroi man OAM of Yuin Country NSW and Ben Williams, Jangala/Jaburrah from Warlmanpa Country NT with the knowledge of many others have brought together this book about reptiles across 20 First Nations Country and language that you may not know about, are they endangered? Facts about Deadly Reptiles!
1209717	Charles Dickens' Great expectations: Abridged for younger readers Kennedy A.L. & Dickens, Charles & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529501926	5-6	Pip spends his formative years haunted by a brief and scary encounter with an escaped convict. As an adult, he unexpectedly comes into a fortune and sets about becoming the kind of gentleman that can woo the stunning but cold Estella. What does Pip lose in his pursuit of great expectations? What, if anything, will make him finally rediscover himself?
1209684	Cheeky toddler alphabet, The Bell, Davina & Falkner, Jennifer (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734422101	K-2	The ABC of the joy, mayhem, and mindlessness of the toddler years.
1125083	Cheer up, blobfish! Murphy, Julie & Tribout, Rachel (ill)	Affirm Press	2024	9781922863966	K-2	The Festival of Fish celebrations have begun. Everyone is enjoying themselves... except for Blobfish who appears a tad unimpressed. Will clownfish and friends be able to cheer up him?
1209936	Chickenpox Lai, Remy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781250863294	5-6	When Abbey's friend Monica gets chicken pox and then it comes to her family and they are to stay at home for two weeks her life is upended. How can she possibly retain her friendship if she has to play games and distract her brothers and sisters from scratching and fighting amongst themselves. She was the big sister, the responsible one and it was not what a 12 year old Abbey wishes for. But through it all she realises something good is happening through the spots and itches. But being cut off from friends was difficult. Hilarious and funny you really will not want to stop reading this.

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1019886	Chloe's Lunar New Year LaMotte, Lily & Lee, Michelle (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063076518	K-2	It's almost Lunar New Year, and Chloe cant wait to celebrate! But first, Chloe and her family must prepare for the new year. They buy new shoes, lay out good-luck oranges in a bowl, decorate the red envelope, and make a crispy turnip cake. But, most importantly Chloe gets to spend time with her family.
1175450	Chronicles of a lizard nobody Ness, Patrick & Miller, Tim (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529517958	5-6	Zeke's assumption that his role as Hall Monitor will be boring could not be more wrong. Pelicarnassus - fellow student, bully, and aspiring supervillain - is holding a grudge which quickly escalates. How will Zeke respond? Will he rise to the challenge of saving the school - and possibly the world - from a power-hungry pelican? A truly bonkers, must-read tale of friendship, courage, and craziness.
1209697	Chronicles of Whetherwhy: The Age of Enchantment James, Anna	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008611583	5-6	In Whetherwhy, everyone possesses magic tied to the changing seasons, but only a rare few are Enchanters, born with the ability to control all four seasons. When 13 year old Juniper learns she is an Enchanter, she is invited to study at Thistledown Academy. Her twin brother, Rafferty, determined not to be left behind, follows her to the city of Stormgrove where he begins an apprenticeship at a bookbindery.
	Clarice Bean series Child, Lauren				5-6	Spunky 12-year-old Clarice Bean Tuesday and her adventures at home and at school! Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1082798	Code Name Kingfisher Kessler, Liz & Dean, David (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2024	9781398512511	5-6	Liv is trying to research her family tree but her grandmother isn't interested in helping. Delving into the past brings up an amazing war-time story of bravery, betrayal and daring defiance. Who was Code Name Kingfisher and how did children become spies in Nazi occupied Holland? Liv is about to find out.

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1262274	Concealed Gonzalez, Christina Diaz	Scholastic US	2021	9781338647204	7-9	Eva and her family are constantly on the run from a Mexican drug cartel. They are regularly moving locations, changing identities and always looking over their shoulders. The reasons for this are unclear to Eva. She just knows that her scientist father did something to make the cartel want him dead. One day, the people they are hiding from track them down, a life and death chase begins and Eva discovers there is a lot more to the story...
1209836	Costa's garden Georgiadis, Costa & Quinlan, Brenna (ill)	ABC Books	2024	9780733343360	K-2	Put on your nature goggles and join Costa to discover the joy of nature.
1100195	Courage be my friend: The Vivian Bullwinkel story Davis, Jenny	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993726	7-9	Based on the true story of Australian nurse, Sister Vivian Bullwinkel, who was the sole survivor of a massacre by Japanese troops after the fall of Singapore. Vivian was subsequently interned in a prisoner of war camp where she formed a friendship with a lonely teenager. Together they survived for over 3 years through starvation, sickness, ill-treatment and neglect and formed an unbreakable bond.
787944	Cousins, The McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2020	9780241376959	9plus	The Storys are the envy of their neighbours: owners of the largest property on their East Coast island, they are rich, beautiful, and close. Until it all falls apart. The four children are suddenly dropped by their mother with a single sentence: You know what you did. They never hear from her again. Years later, when 18-year-old cousins Aubrey, Milly and Jonah Story receive a mysterious invitation to spend the summer at their grandmother's resort, they have no choice but to follow their curiosity and meet the woman who's been such an enigma their entire lives. This entire family is built on secrets, right? It's the Story legacy. This summer, the teenagers are determined to discover the truth at the heart of their family. But some secrets are better left alone. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1096866	Craft roach Burke, Rachel & Gray-Barnett, Daniel (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023	9781761211959	K-2	Craft Roach is an exuberant story about an artsy little bug who lives life a little differently.

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1335419	Creature clinic Aung Than, Gavin	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761215599	5-6	Welcome to Creature Clinic, where a team of dedicated doctors and nurses at the world's finest and only hospital look after mythical creatures. Here, everyone from trolls and unicorns, to tooth fairies and giants, can expect the very best treatment. Well, with one exception: humans are absolutely, 100% not welcome. So when doctor-in-training Kara Orc discovers an injured human child at the hospital, her world is turned upside down. Sure, most humans are dangerous, destructive beasts, but Kara took an oath to help all creatures. Even humans deserve care and compassion! But how long can she keep such a big secret from her boss who happens to be her mother? And what happens when the human child whose name is Mitch decides that he wants to stay at Creature Clinic?
1103087	Cross my heart and never lie Dasnes, Nora	Farshore	2024	9781662640544	7-9	Tuva is in 7th grade and she is navigating friendships and pre-teen emotions. It is a coming of age graphic novel that explores friendships old and new!
1344938	Danger Road Tait, A.L	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761646270	7-9	Everyone's talking about Corey Armstrong... Twenty-five years ago, on a dark winter's night, teenager Corey Armstrong was left to die by a hit and run driver on Danger Road. Now Corey's the subject of a podcast that's putting his hometown on the map, but with the series almost over, the case remains unsolved. When brothers Alex and Leo decide to try to find out what happened to Corey, they learn more about his world than they could have imagined. Everyone's talking about the popular footballer, but the question remains: did anyone really know him? As Alex and Leo sink deeper into the past, they uncover old secrets, ready to resurface, and realise that someone in town must know something which means someone they know might be the killer. Will bringing up the past jeopardise the brothers' own futures? And could bringing a cold case back to life prove fatal?

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1209920	Darkest night, brightest star Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180385	7-9	Thirteen year old Morgan lives with his Dad and his older brother Mitch. He hasn't seen his Mum since she left when he was two. He spends his time practicing his soccer skills in order to meet his father's high expectations about what it is to be a man. Then Morgan becomes friends with Gray at school, gets injured in a game of soccer, finds his long-lost Mum and everything changes. Morgan must decide what kind of man he wants to be. A story that ultimately asks, How do you find your light when you're stuck in the dark?
1185783	Daughter of Auschwitz, The: The girl who lived to tell her story Friedman, Tova & Sumberac, Manuel (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9781526366658	7-9	The memoir of holocaust survivor Tova Friedman who was only 5 years old when she was sent to Auschwitz. She recounts her childhood experiences during World War Two - from living in a Jewish ghetto in Poland, to a Nazi labour camp and then to Auschwitz - Birkenau. A powerful story of resilience, survival and hope.
1078769	Deadlands, The: Survival Melki-Wegner, Skye	Walker Books	2024	9781529518597	5-6	After destroying the Carrion Kingdom's stronghold, Eleri and his fellow exiles have thwarted the carnivore's invasion for now. But the enemy is regrouping, preparing for an even more fearsome war- one that could annihilate the surviving dinosaur kingdoms. Knowing their cunning foes will seek vengeance, the exiles must risk their lives to warn the war-torn herds and convince them to stand together for the future of Cretacea.
	Deadly D & Justice Jones series Chen, Li				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.
1357801	Deep dark: A Cassia Stone mystery Nabi, Zohra & Escobar, Paola (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2025	9781398532922	5-6	When children start to disappear from around the streets of London, Cassia Throne and her friends decide to investigate. As they slowly starts to unravel the deep conspiarcies at the heart of the city she learns there is more to London than meets the eye. Underground tunnels open a new world for Cassia but can she rescue the children trapped there or will the whispers of a beast below the city swallow her too?

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1080662	Deep is the fen Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066863	9plus	<p>Merry doesn't need a happily-ever-after. Her life in the charming, idyllic town of Candlecott is fine just as it is. Simple, happy, and with absolutely no magic. Magic only ever leads to trouble.</p> <p>But Merry's best friend, Teddy, is joining the Toadmen -- a secret society who specialize in backward thinking and suspiciously supernatural traditions --and Merry is determined to stop him. Even if it means teaming up with the person she hates most: her academic archnemesis, Caraway Boswell, an ice-cold snob who hides his true face under a glamour.</p> <p>An ancient Toad ritual is being held in the sinister Deeping Fen, and if Merry doesn't rescue Teddy before it's finished, she'll lose him forever. But the Toadmen have been keeping dangerous secrets, and so has Caraway. The farther Merry travels into Deeping Fen's foul waters, the more she wonders if she's truly come to save her friend... or if she's walking straight into a trap.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1286607	Design & building on country Page, Alison & Memmott, Paul & Douglas, Blak (ill)	Thames & Hudson	2024	9781760763565	5-6	What do you need to know to prosper as a people for 65,000 years or more? Join designer and artist Alison Page alongside anthropologist and architect Paul Memmott as they share some of the incredible inventions created by the oldest continuing culture in the world.
1324165	Detective Galileo Helliard, Peter	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460766217	3-4	For as long as he can remember, it has been Galileo's dream to become a police horse. But when his dream comes true, he soon realises he's not there to solve crimes he's just a vehicle to carry around the 'real' human detectives. When Galileo witnesses a crime, he decides to take matters into his own hands. He has a lot to learn, but each crime he solves is sure to take him one step closer to becoming a real detective...
1209935	Diary of a marine biologist Thomas, Anita & Wilkins, Sarah (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760656997	5-6	Follow a week in the adventures of a marine biologist and learn about our magical, mysterious watery world.

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	Diary of a wimpy kid series Kinney, Jeff				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.
1209749	Dictionary story, The Jeffers, Oliver & Winston, Sam (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781406395471	5-6	The dictionary is not like other books. Her story is not clear like those of the books around her. The dictionary has all the words used by all those other books, but as she brings these words to life things do not come together clearly or calmly.
1174755	Digger digs down Bell, Johanna & Bolliger,Huni Melissa (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702268656	K-2	Digger digs - down, deep and round and round. Along the way underground treasures are there to find, but Digger just keeps on digging. What will Digger discover? Will he be able to find his way back? A book full of energy, excitement and fun.
1244436	Djinang Bonar: Seeing seasons Froome, Ebony & Zilm, Leanne (ill)	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760994211	3-4	Djinang Bonar takes readers through the seasons of the Noongar calendar, exploring different seasonal indicators to increase readers awareness of the environment around them and their knowledge of Noongar language. Noongar country is portrayed in spectacular detail with gorgeous illustrations of the plants and animals typically seen in each season of the year.
902963	Do not open this book ever Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2023	9780655232582	K-2	Do not open this book ever. Wizz is back, and he's up to his old tricks again. He does not want you to ever read this book, and he'll use every trick he can think of to stop you reaching the end! What disaster awaits at the end of the book this time? Keep turning the pages and find out what happens when you reach the end all over again, if you dare!
1346596	Do not open this book: It stinks Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2024	9780655235712	K-2	Poor Wizz finds himself in some extremely smelly situations, which worsen at every turn of the page. If you like sniffing farts (which you don't), this book is for you.

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1038935	Do penguins' feet freeze? The Natural History Museum	CSIRO	2023	9781486317820	5-6	Do Penguins Feet Freeze? is a wonderfully weird collection of questions and answers about our natural world, written by the expert team at the Natural History Museum, London. Packed with colourful images throughout, this book reveals: Why do rabbits eat their own poo? How do polar bears stay warm? Can dolphins talk to each other? Why does rain smell? How clever is an octopus? Which animal has spines in its throat? Why do goats scream and faint? Will an asteroid hit Earth? Why are flamingos pink? Do birds sneeze? Why do honeybees dance?... and many more cool and quirky facts that prove nature is often stranger than fiction!
1337780	Dog people, ugh! Katz, Danny & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760658748	K-2	Dog people, ugh. They want to pat dogs play with dogs, cuddle dogs, talk to their dogs, jog with their dogs, kiss their dogs. How they're happy to carry around dog poop in little plastic bags like they've just gone shopping at a poop-supermarket. Yuck. I dont get it. A tail, umm, tale, of someone who doesnt get dogs, or get people who get dogs. Until they do.
1082898	Dog squad, The: The show Vulliamy, Clara	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008565473	3-4	After a fierce storm wrecks the roof of a dog shelter Happy Tails, Eva manages to include all her class in a curious petscapade to raise funds to repair it. A surprisingly fun event but not without frustration, the Wags and Whiskers Dog Talent Show raises the roof at the local school but not without a few problems to solve on the way. The Dog Squad a team of phenomenal reporters have saved the day and everyone was part of the success.
1209954	Dog trouble Varner, Kristin	First Second	2024	9781250225900	7-9	Ash is a good kid at heart. But his grades are slipping, and when he gets caught vandalizing an old building, it's the last straw. It's decided: Ash will spend some time away from the city, at his dad's place on Ferncliff Island. It's bad enough that Ash has no friends on the island (just an annoying little stepsister), but his parents are also making him do community service. He volunteers at the local animal shelter, even though he's not really a dog person.

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1125028	Doll box, The Kelly, Deborah & Bartel, Joanna (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539700	K-2	Isla is afraid of trying to scale the climbing frame in the park. She doesn't want to try it again because her legs are too shaky and her arms are too achy. However, when she takes out the small blue tin from the shelf in her bedroom, she finds three dolls inside it. Her mother explains the story behind the dolls which showcases 'girl power' built on generations of women in Isla's ancestry.
1209783	Don't think of tigers Latimer, Alex	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839133268	K-2	You are in control. Imagine anything you like and it will appear on the next page. Oh... just one tiny request: DO NOT THINK OF TIGERS!
1306002	Don't trust fish Sharpson, Neil & Santat, Dan (ill.)	Penguin	2025	9781761351082	3-4	We all know and love furry mammals, magnificent birds, even scaly reptiles. But fish aren't to be trusted! Find out why in this hilarious picture book.
1277836	Down the plot hole Byrd, Annaleise	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760659059	5-6	Neighbours and reluctant reading partners Basil and Terry are once again reading The Complete Fairytales of the Brothers Grimm. Last time, they found themselves plunged into the fairytale world, where everyone was losing the plot. This time, words - well, chickens - are disappearing! Will the boys be able to stop the plot holes from destroying everything... including their way home?
870075	Dragon girls: Azmina the gold glitter dragon Mara, Maddy & Damiao, Thais (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761123252	3-4	Azmina, Willa, and Naomi are thrilled to learn they're Glitter Dragon Girls. Summoned to the Magic Forest by its magnificent ruler, the Tree Queen, the girls quickly find out their dragon-selves have unbelievable abilities. They can soar above the treetops, breathe glitter-y bursts of fire, and roar loud enough to shake the ground. With this newfound magic comes a big responsibility, however. As Dragon Girls, they are sworn protectors of the forest and must help keep it safe from the troublesome Shadow Sprites, who are determined to take the forest's magic for their own."
1209690	Dragon guest handbook Stampone, Jeanette & Heroanto, Novia (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111686	K-2	Uh Oh. A dragon has landed in your backyard and you don't speak a word of Dragon language. Don't panic. Simply read this handbook and you'll be ready to welcome your dragon visitor. Good luck.

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1286620	Drift Harry, Pip	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423900	7-9	Fourteen-year-old Nate has just moved back to Australia and is finding it hard to navigate a new city, school and changed home life. His next-door neighbour, Luna, is dealing with her own issues: a viral video, friends who have dropped her, and a subsequent anxiety disorder. When a swarm of 20,000 bees unexpectedly settle in the walls of Nate's family's house, Nate and Luna come together to save the hive, befriending local beekeeper Tyler. Over the course of one summer, their loyalties will be tested and their lives will be forever changed.
1063788	Ducky the spy: Expect the unexpected Avery, Sean E.	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657369	3-4	A thief on the farm. A goat kidnapped by a gang of cats. A giant chicken. Ducky the Spy and Donny "The Distraction" Donkey are on the case.
1209957	Duel Bagley, Jessixa & Bagley, Aaron (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781534496545	7-9	Sixth grader Lucy is brand-new to middle school, and when her older sister GiGi - the undisputed queen bee of eighth grade - humiliates her in the cafeteria, Lucy snaps and challenges her to a fencing duel.
1209824	Dust till dawn Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2024	9780987461599	5-6	The desert awaits ...When the full moon rises over the blood-red dunes, charioteers gather for the Desert Dash - a race of speed, strength and skill. But Dart and Anna have come to the Sea of Dust seeking so much more than victory. With danger at every turn and enemies out for revenge, can they survive until dawn in the thrilling conclusion to Platinum Pie Rats?
871581	EE in the deep blue sea, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2020	9781925868401	K-2	<p>This is the story of the ee. A curious sound as you can see.</p> <p>The Ee in the Deep Blue Sea is a fun Australian-themed phoneme story that teaches young readers about the vowel sound ee and where they can find it in different words.</p> <p>Beautifully illustrated by Janie Frith, the rich colours and vibrant use of multi-media enhance the magical experience. The book explores many undersea and reef environments and introduces children to twenty of the creatures that live there.</p> <p>The first book from Judith and Janie, the Oo in Uluru, won a 2019 Book of the Year award from Speech Pathology Australia.</p>

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1096839	Eighteen summers Harrison, Penny & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761212505	K-2	Let me tell you a tale of the stars and the sea, of adventures we'll have as you grow, wild and free. For the days may drift past, but the years will sail by, and we've just eighteen summers to share, you and I...
1209741	Einstein the penguin: The case of the polar poachers Rangeley, Iona & Tazzyman, David (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008476076	3-4	When Imogen and Arthur learn that penguins in the wild have begun to go missing, they know they have to help - and they suspect that old enemies might be to blame. It's time for Imogen and Arthur to turn detective once more. And of course, they need the assistance of their most unique feathered friend: Einstein.
	Elephant & Piggie series Willems, Mo				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.
1226217	Elizabeth: The story of an Australian pioneer Wilson, Mark	Windy Hollow Books	2025	9781922998101	5-6	Elizabeth Macarthur was a true Australian pioneer. This book celebrates her life and achievements. In a society that was dominated by men, who thrived as a mother, businesswoman and farm manager. An inspirational Australian story.
	Ella and Olivia series Poshoglean, Yvette & McDonald, Danielle (ill)				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.
1337930	Ella and Olivia's puppy club: The puppy parade Poshoglean, Yvette & McDonald, Danielle (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761642333	K-2	Meet Bob the puppy, and his humans, Ella and Olivia! Bob is competing in the Grand Puppy Parade! But so are all the other puppies in the neighbourhood! Can Bob learn his new tricks in time? Will he and Ella be on TV? Or will the competition be pawisitively tough?

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1209753	Ella and the amazing frog orchestra Polimeni, Cassy & Breeze, Hykie (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2024	9781760802899	3-4	"Did you know frogs can find their way home? It's called a 'homing instinct' ... no matter where they are, they know where they belong. I think I know how frogs feel." Eight year-old Ella hates her new house until she discovers a secret pond in her neighbours yard filled with an orchestra of frogs! When the pond is under threat from renovations, can Ella must find a way to save the frogs before it's too late?
	Ella diaries series Costain, Meredith & McDonald, Danielle (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.
943391	Elvis the crocodile Aussie Ark	Woodslane Press	2023	9781922800152	3-4	This is the story of Elvis, a big, handsome, saltwater crocodile who lives at The Australian Reptile Park. Find out how Elvis became known as Australia's crankiest croc!
	Emmie & friends series Libenson, Terri				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.
1209745	Ethel the penguin Dubosarsky, Ursula & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180880	K-2	Ethel the penguin is fearless, independent, and a bit wild. How will her parents respond to her latest adventure?

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1209696	Evenfall: The golden linnet Armstrong, Alexander	Farshore	2024	9780008552695	5-6	An ancient magic. A deadly enemy. A reluctant hero. 12-year-old Sam's world is blown apart when he discovers that his family was once at the heart of a secret society, The Order of the Evening, that had long protected the world. Now a powerful enemy is closing in, destroying all in its path to find the Order's hidden palace of Bellasis and the source of its powerful magic. Only Sam can stop them. But first, he must bring the Order together again. The clock is ticking. Dark forces are massing. Sam must undertake perilous journeys, determine friend and foe, and discover his true powers. For this boy holds the future of the world in his hands. Its time to enter a world of magic, intrigue, danger and glory, if you dare!
1141364	Everything you ever wanted to know about the tooth fairy (and some things you didn't) Stewart, Briony	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421883	K-2	A jam packed guide to everything there is to know about the magical world of the tooth fairy.
1174839	Extraordinary disappointments of Leopold Berry, The Riggs, Ransom	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761181474	9plus	<p>There it was, beside a big brass lever: a coin slot. Pale blue light pulsed dimly within. Leopold refused to overthink it. Steadying the slight tremor in his hand, he lifted the token to the slot and let it drop plunging him and his best pal, Emmet, into a parallel world of weird familiarity and terrifying unreality.</p> <p>Ransome Riggs weaves the familiar with the peculiar in a stunning tale of loss, triumph, friendship, and magic, reminding everyone everywhere that when you're not the chosen one, sometimes you have to choose yourself.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1096825	Extraordinary elephants Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Melrose, Katie (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761211713	3-4	This fascinating non-fiction book on elephants contains a variety of interesting facts on Earth's most intelligent giants. You will learn about their excellent memory, their adorable sense of humour, why they walk on their tippy toes, and how many times a day they poo.

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1232876	Extraordinary misadventures of Lake and Birdy and their remarkable fortitude, The Leith, Damien	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760657833	5-6	This is a story so strange, it might almost be unbelievable. Sisters Lake and Birdy are latest arrivals at the Charitable Home for Poor Unfortunates Touched by Tragic Circumstances. If you think that sounds bad, thats just the beginning. Luck is not on the sisters side, it seems. Or is it? Depending on the way you look at it, together these sisters are capable of surviving everything and anything. But it is going to take all of Lake and Birdys courage to face their biggest misfortune of all: the dreadful, the awful, the terrible Miss MacGregor.
1124719	Eyes that weave the world's wonders Ho, Joanna & Kleinrock, Liz & Ho, Dung (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780063057777	3-4	A young adoptee notices that her eyes look different from her parents'. She realizes that though her eyes may not match her adoptive parents', the profound love her family shares connects them.
1209762	F1 legends: Daniel Ricciardo Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761181351	3-4	Is Daniel Ricciardo your favourite driver? Did you know that Daniel Ricciardo has won eight Grand Prix races and finished on the podium 32 times? Did you know he's entered more F1 Grand Prix than any other Australian driver? Did you know he can eat half a litre of ice-cream in one go? Daniel 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.
1209719	Fairy tale fan club, The: legendary letters collected by C.C. Cecily Ayoade, Richard & Roberts, David (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529500769	3-4	Want to know the truth about your favourite fairy tale characters? Want to understand how they understand their own stories? If so, this collection of letters and responses is a must-read!
950163	Fall of the school for good and evil Chainani, Soman & RaidesArt (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008554606	5-6	Nolan Hawker has been training at The Peak, a secret spy school that dispatches elite operatives to protect the innocent. His first mission is to go undercover at Blu Xpanse, an oceanic lab where a brilliant geneticist is making super-sized cockroach-like creatures that may have the potential to save the world. But Nolan isn't the only one with a secret identity - a Swarm agent has also infiltrated Blu Xpanse and Nolan has only days to uncover their identity and stop their doomsday plan.

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1174978	Family disasters: Road rage Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760269364	3-4	There's a reason families usually live together - to contain the horror and not inflict it on others. A family holiday is a really, really bad idea! After escaping an erupting volcanic island only to have their cruise ship intercepted by a cyclone, Jakob thought surely his family's holiday troubles were over. But washed up on the far north coast of Australia, they are still thousands of kilometres from home. There's plenty more disaster in store as they make their way south, including landslides, breakdowns, pest infections, floods and more. Nothing so far has prepared Jakob for a horrendous family road trip!
1286587	Fancy pants Hibbert, Kelly & Graham, Amanda (ill)	Little Book Press	2016	9781923141346	3-4	The Outback Dance is drawing near and the animals are excited to show off their dazzling outfits. But poor Dingo has nothing to wear! With the help of his friends, and a little imagination, Dingo finds a fancy solution to his dilemma.
1209771	Fern's School for Wayward Fae: The graveyard gift CJ, Piper	Walker Books	2024	9781760659288	5-6	Rosemary Thorpe has always been a bit different. She has the uncanny and unfortunate ability to foresee people's deaths, which tend to land her in hot water. Well, not actual hot water... where it lands her is a place between worlds called Fern's School for Wayward Fae, where Rosemary learns that her powers come from being part fae. At Fern's school, Rosemary meets other who are part fae - including Trym, her banshee roommate whose screams can kill, and Essie, a djinn who grants wishes. But just as Rosemary settles in, a student vanishes in thin air. And it's up to all the kids to use their curious gifts to find their missing friend...
1209848	First big book of how Symes, Sally & Taylor, Saranne & Slater, Kate (ill)	What on Earth Books	2024	9781804661185	3-4	If you are curious about how things work, or the world around you, then this is the book for you! Featuring fascinating questions, excellent illustrations and stunning photography, this book provides answers for inquisitive children.
	First peoples series Stevens, Vanessa & Seden, Paul (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.

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1019771	First summer of Callie McGee, The Tait, A. L.	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781760260163	5-6	In the last summer before high school Callie McGee is wondering who she really is and how she'll go at her new school. An annual family holiday will be the catalyst for finding her voice and being brave and solving a mystery along the way.
1078521	Five dark fates Blake, Kendare	Quill Tree Books	2021	9780062686190	9plus	While Arsinoe searches for a cure to Jules's legion curse, Mirabella abandons the rebel army for Katharine, but the dead queens urge caution in trusting her, and as allegiances switch, the fate of Fennbirn Island will be determined. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1096656	Fluff: Mess up! Stanton, Matt	ABC Books	2024	9781460714331	3-4	Gilbert and Fluff have got themselves into an enormous mess! They have to clean up, but Gilbert would rather not got his hands dirty. What he needs is ... a bunny with a wild idea!
1209828	Fluff: Unstoppable! Stanton, Matt	ABC Books	2024	9780733342097	3-4	Gilbert is determined to win the local surfing competition and he will do anything to make it happen. To be a real winner, maybe he needs... A BUNNY TO BEND THE RULES!
1304864	Foal in the wire, The Coburn, Robbie	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423603	9plus	Sam, a teenager, lives on a farm with his mother and emotionally distant father, a horse trainer. Haunted by trauma and depression, struggling with school and disillusioned with his home life following the death of his older brother, Sam's life changes when he finds a wounded foal tangled in barbed wire in one of the paddocks at the edge of their property. In the course of rescuing and caring for the foal he becomes close with Julia, a troubled girl from the next property. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1277767	Football GOAT, The: Mbappe v Haaland Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth & Leydon, Dan (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529521115	5-6	Get ready for the superstar clash of Mbappe v. Haaland in the ultimate football debate. Compare all the latest data, including stats, facts and stories, then decide which football legend is the greatest of all time.
1209850	Football GOAT, The: Messi v Ronaldo Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth & Leydon, Dan (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529521023	5-6	Messi or Ronaldo: Who is the greatest football player of all-time? Compare all the latest data, listen to the arguments and then decide which of these footballing legends is the GOAT!

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1209761	Football legends: Mary Fowler Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761181344	3-4	<p>Is Mary Fowler your favourite footballer?</p> <p>Did you know that Mary Fowler is one of the youngest players to ever join the Matildas?</p> <p>Did you know she is a star player for English Women's Super League club Manchester City?</p> <p>Did you know she can speak Dutch fluently?</p> <p>Mary is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about her.</p> <p>Filled with exciting facts, fun stories, and all the stats to share at lunchtime.</p>
1083092	Football superstars: Aguero rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	Welbeck Publishing	2021	9781783126316	5-6	<p>Sergio Aguero is a star from Argentina who first made it big in Brazil as a goal kicker. His coach when he made his first team debut said he was humble even in success. He is an awesome football player and the best striker in the world in 2021. This is about Kun as he was known and he is so very good.</p>
1083094	Football superstars: De Bruyne rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	Welbeck Publishing	2021	9781783126330	5-6	<p>Kevin De Bruyne had a football plan at the age of 11 and proved that he was a future star when he shot goals and went on to join a Golden Generation of brilliant Belgium players. He was a top scorer and eventually signed up to a London club Chelsea and play premier league where he rules with many honours and awards!</p>
1186654	Football superstars: Hazard rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	Welbeck Publishing	2021	9781783125852	5-6	<p>Is Eden Hazard your ultimate football hero? He was one of the best footballers in the Premier League as a Chelsea player, scoring 110 goals in all competitions, before joining Real Madrid. Encouraged by his parents, discover how Eden started kicking a ball at the age of four! He spent hours practising his now world-class skills and has become one of the most feared attacking midfielders. Includes quizzes, stats and little known facts.</p>
1246398	Football superstars: Kane rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	Welbeck Publishing	2020	9781783125364	5-6	<p>Is Harry Kane your ultimate football hero? He was the first player to score 100 goals for Spurs in the Premier League and is an awesome striker for England too, winning the Golden Boot at the 2018 FIFA World Cup. But it hasn't always been easy for Kane. When he was just eight years old he was released by Arsenal, but Kane has never been one to give up. Discover how Kane signed for local rivals Spurs and then became their star striker and a living legend.</p>

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1296854	Football superstars: Mbappe rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	Welbeck Publishing	2020	9781783125357	5-6	Discover how Kylian Mbappe went from the Paris suburbs to scoring in the 2018 World Cup Final and became a global soccer sensation at the age of 19.
1083095	Football superstars: Messi rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	Welbeck Publishing	2023	9781783129232	5-6	Discover how Lionel Messi from Argentina created a world famous career and see why Messi Rules! In this informative graphic account impress your friends with knowledge of his nickname the Flea when he went to play in Barcelona at age 13.
1246396	Football superstars: Ronaldo rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan (ill)	Welbeck Publishing	2020	9781783125333	5-6	Discover how Ronaldo went from kicking bottles in the streets of Madeira to becoming an idol at Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus. Learn how Ronaldo scored over 700 career goals, won the Champions League five times, and became the most followed person on Instagram!
1023716	Footprint Cummings, Phil & Soweol Han, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180323	K-2	You carry hope and future need with careful footprint, plant the seed. Breathe...Yes, breathe. Embark on a lyrical, meditative journey through nature's tapestry where every step you take leaves a legacy of wonder and protection for the natural world.
1289184	For she is wrath Varga, Emily	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781035055289	9plus	Betrayed by her ex-lover and falsely imprisoned for a crime she didn't commit, Dania counts down the days until she can exact her revenge. When a fellow prisoner offers a chance at escape and the keys to a dangerous Jinn magic, Dania seizes the opportunity and, armed with a brand-new identity and all the power she could want, enacts a plan to bring down those who betrayed her and her family. But the one person standing in her way is the very man who signed her life away in the first place, and retribution becomes a complicated game of cat and mouse. Because sometimes betrayal isn't as simple as it seems and revenge certainly isn't as easy -- not when your heart is involved. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.
1052158	Found Pascoe, Bruce & Ledden-Lewis, Charmaine (ill)	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936483	K-2	One small calf's journey to bravely find his family.
891432	Frank and Bert Naylor-Ballesteros, Chris	Nosy Crow Ltd	2022	9781788008402	K-2	Frank and Bert are besties, and love playing hide-and-seek together. Bert, however, is not very good at hiding so Frank wins every single time. Frank needs to decide which is more important: winning or being a good friend.

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	Friday Barnes series Spratt, R A				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.
1103850	Frog book, The: Nature's alarm Lawson, Sue & Holt, Guy (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2023	9781742036571	5-6	What animal can drink and breathe through its skin, jump up to 30 times its length and taste with its eye? Frogs are important to the health of the environment. Find out how they are natures alarm.
1209829	Frog squad: Bungle in the jungle Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Gordon, Shiloh	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460764435	3-4	The Frog Squad answer a distress call from Croakamo Island, aiming to find out who has been stealing plants from the jungle and disrupting the ecosystem of the island. Can they find out who is behind this and put a stop to their plot?
1259573	Frog squad: Sink or swim Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460764442	3-4	Professor Leap Frog gives the team a Top Secret mission by ocean treasure hunter Dr Goldie Leap Frog, To find an ancient shipwreck, in the Bermuda Triangle. Brave to face Giant Squid they will also encounter danger and clever villains who also want the spoils.
	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.
1209806	Funnybones Ahlberg, Janet & Ahlberg, Allan	Puffin UK	2017	9780141364766	K-2	A laugh out loud picture book about two skeletons and their skeleton dog who embark on an adventure to scare people.
1174829	Fyrebirds Armstrong, Kate J	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066252	7-9	A stunning sequel to Nightbirds. No longer a secret, the Nightbirds have transformed into the very powerful Fyrebirds. Together they can perform magic that nobody has seen in centuries, but fate seems intent on keeping them apart. Everyone seems to wants to control them or destroy them - no girl with magic is safe. The Fyrebirds must find their way back together and overcome their differences for the greater good.

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1209827	Game on Alcott, Dylan & Regan, Fiona & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	ABC Books	2024	9780733343209	5-6	Dylan, his bestie Hannah, and friends Yusuf and Gemma are all starting high school. How will each navigate the joys and challenges of this new environment? Will their friendship survive? And, at a time where EVERYTHING feels personal, will Dylan learn that not everything is about him?
978866	Game over girl Naomi Gibson	Chicken House	2023	9781913322021	7-9	Lola's been selected to play a new virtual reality game, but she breaks the one rule: not to recreate people or places from real life. Soon she's skipping school to play. But Lolas secrets begin to surface inside her game; how is she going to play her way out of this?
1209752	Genius ears: a curious animal compendium Anlauf, Lena & Konstantinov, Vitali (ill) & Yarbrough, Marshall (trans)	North South Books	2024	9780735845626	5-6	Ears can do much more than just pick up sound waves. In the animal kingdom, ears are sometimes an animal's strongest asset! For example, a fleeing black-tailed jackrabbit uses the position of its ears to help it confuse its pursuers and get away from danger. Some animals can close their ears to protect their bodies or use them to cool down or stay warm. Whether long, tuft, or goblin, ears can tell a lot about animals and their habits and habitats.
1209687	George the Wizard Armstrong, Tony & Sjaan Beukers, Emma (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734422163	K-2	George the Wizard has the best life on top of his magical mountain, but he's missing one key thing: friends! An uplifting story about friendship and letting others see your true colours from the ever-popular Tony Armstrong, with incredible artwork by debut illustrator Emma Sjaan Beukers.
970121	George the wombat Aussie Ark	Woodslane Press	2023	9781922800169	3-4	This is the story of George, a shy orphan wombat who was raised at The Australian Reptile Part. See how George grew up to be a big, happy, bossy wombat!
1228293	Getting dusty Thomas, Jared	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777546	3-4	When Dusty bloodies his bulllys nose in a soccer tournament, he finds himself grounded for a week. Feeling this is unfair, Dusty gets upset and its up to Uncle Xbox to help him understand why his actions have consequences and that he can learn from his mistakes. If this lesson includes spending time on Country, catching some nice waves and making new friends, well, who is he to argue.

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1019727	Giinagay gaagal, hello ocean Greenwood, Melissa	ABC Books	2023	9780733343001	K-2	Come on an adventure to the ocean, where you will listen and learn from Mother Earth. What amazing creatures will you see? What kind of games can you play before it's time to settle down for a yarn and some tea? A delightful day's journey of learning and fun. This First Nations story book is a beautiful read aloud for younger children and the illustrations are detailed and intricate, making the story come alive even more. Gumbaynggirr translation is included in the back.
850746	Gilded cage, The Noni, Lynette	Hodder & Stoughton	2021	9781529360431	9plus	Kiva Meridan is a survivor. She survived not only Zalindov prison, but also the deadly Trial by Ordeal. Now Kiva's purpose goes beyond survival to vengeance. For the past ten years, her only goal has been to reunite with her family and destroy the people responsible for ruining their lives. But now that she has escaped Zalindov, her mission has become more complicated than ever. As Kiva settles into her new life in the capital, she discovers she wasn't the only one who suffered while she was in Zalindov-her siblings and their beliefs have changed too. Soon it's not just her enemies she's keeping secrets from, but her own family as well. Outside the city walls, tensions are brewing from the rebels, along with whispers of a growing threat from the northern kingdoms. Kiva's allegiances are more important than ever, but she's beginning to question where they truly lie. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209742	Giraffe island Chanfreau, Sofi & Chanfreau, Amanda (ill) & Marshall, Julia (trans)	Gecko Press	2024	9781776575657	5-6	Vega lives on the magical Giraffe Island with her father and Grandad Hector. Vega sees things no one else can and extraordinary animals keep her company. Rabbits with four ears, horses as small as cats, beetles as big as guinea pigs, even frumbimbles and spoonlurks from her grandfather's garden. Vega has never met her mother and when she asks Dad and Hector, they reply in riddles. So Vega and her friend Nelson set off to find their own answers. Clues from Hector's garden and a pen pals' letter lead them across the sea. First stop, the circus.
1330254	Girl and the ghost, The Harvey, Jacqueline & Yi, Anne (ill)	Penguin	2025	9781761349409	5-6	Josephine has moved from Australia to France as her family has bought a chateau. Finding a beautiful locket in her room leads to ghosts and a mystery. Art thieves, a French boy and starting a whole new life is a lot for Jet to deal with.

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1334245	Girl in the painting, The White, Dee & Anthony, Sarah (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760657444	3-4	Susie lives on a sheep station and does all she can to help out alongside her sister and her rowdy brothers - collecting firewood, feeding the chickens and helping make the bread. But nobody - not the stockman nor the shearers nor the swaggies - ever notice Susie. Until one day, a painter arrives at the sheep station - the famous Tom Roberts - and all that changes.
1133751	Go girl!: Music mad! McAuley, Rowan & Lamden, Shannon (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2007	9781921288029	3-4	Iris is so excited - she gets to spend the next four days playing her saxophone and making new friends! But Iris learns there is no sheet music you can follow when it comes to friendship.
1133765	Go girl!: Secret's out Perry, Chrissie & McDonald, Danielle (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2005	9781921417184	3-4	When Casey tells Tamsin her biggest secret, she's sure it's safe with her best friend. But the next day, her secret's out! What sort of friend would do that?
1133747	Go girl!: The worst gymnast Kalkipsakis, Thalia & Oswald, Ash (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2005	9781920878573	3-4	DREAM BIG! Gemma loves gymnastics. But she's just had the worst class EVER, and her coach isn't happy. Is Gemma's life as a gymnast over? Or will her clever plan keep her on the team?
1133761	Go girl: Back to school Badger, Meredith & Oswald, Ash (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781921098437	3-4	Chloe's nervous about going back to school. She has to get used to a new teacher and harder, more challenging work. But she didn't expect to be the only student to find the new math so difficult. Is everyone else just much smarter than Chloe?
1329946	Goldens, The Wilson, Lauren	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008687526	9plus	Chloe has always dreamed of becoming a bestselling writer. Then she meets enigmatic influencer Clara Holland, and at last, Chloe has something to write about. They bond instantly, and Chloe moves into Claras mansion. But as Claras fame skyrockets, she starts behaving strangely, hosting increasingly wild parties, complete with bonfire rituals and moonlit river baptisms. Clara opens up her home to other girls desperate to live like her. The media call it a cult, and soon Chloe begins to hear unsettling rumours from Clara's past. After one spectacular party, a girl goes missing and the rumours take on a sinister new meaning. If Chloe cant escape Claras influence, she may be next... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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759605	Good girl's guide to murder, A Jackson, Holly	electric monkey	2019	9781405293181	9plus	Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1272124	Good gnus! Cummings, Phil & Parton, Daron (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761203206	K-2	Breaking gnus! Life is busy, full of fun too... What do you think the gnus will do?
1209900	Good kind of trouble, A Blurton, Brooke & Saward, Melanie	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460761496	7-9	Life is changing for Jamie. She used to worry about football and whether her first kiss would be with a boy or a girl. But when the new girl, Stella, arrives at school Jamie starts questioning more than just her love life. Suddenly, history class feels wrong. Why aren't they learning the full truth and why are First Nations voices missing from the curriculum? When Jamie finds the courage to challenge their teacher she is surprised when Stella stands with her. Together, they walk out in protest, sparking something bigger than either of them imagined. A story of friendship, love, football and finding your voice.
1334034	Goodnight daddy Dreise, Gregg	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761524639	K-2	A bedtime story about a father and daughter sharing their hopes for the future.
1133520	Gorgeously me! Van Ness, Jonathan & Nair, Kamala (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781760659462	K-2	Loving yourself, being gorgeous allows you to love others, need others and transform others. The vibe is doing it in so many different ways, such as playing together, joining in and being the best YOU. A simple recipe for growing up and getting around doubtful thoughts, just being with others to make gorgeously us.
1041323	Grandfather Emu Collard-Spratt, Rhonda & Ferro, Jacki	Boolarong Press	2021	9781925877861	5-6	Poor old Grandfather Emu can hardly walk or see. Of all the bush animals, who will lead old Weitj to the creek for food and water? In this fun Aboriginal Dreaming story, children learn how Mother Yonga Kangaroo got her pouch, and the importance of taking the time to help.
1277982	Grandmas in grand cars Elliott, Mick	Walker Books	2025	9781760655068	K-2	A glorious and grand celebration of all the different grandmas and their grand cars.

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1209889	Greedy wolf, The Knapman, Timothy & Jullien, Jean (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781406385175	3-4	A wicked and ravenous wolf is on the prowl for dinner when he spots, dun dun dun, seven young goats left at home alone. But, fear not, whilst these kid goats may be little, they are clever, innovative and have enough downright silly tricks in hand to avoid getting eaten and maybe even get a little (or rather big) snack themselves.
984529	Greenwild: The world behind the door Thomson, Pari & Paganelli, Elisa (ill)	MacMillan	2023	9781035015733	5-6	Daisy Thistledown is on the run after escaping boarding school to find her missing mother. She is being chased through London by someone who doesn't want her to find out the truth. She stumbles through a hidden doorway into another world - the Greenwild, a place of botanical wonders and green magic. A place that holds the key to finding Daisy's mother; and someone wants to destroy it. Daisy must band together with a botanical genius, a boy who can talk to animals and a cat with an attitude. Together they will uncover the truth about who she really is, and seek to save Greenwild itself...
1209780	Grimm's fairy tales Dieckmann, Sandra	Walker Books	2024	9781529505498	3-4	Enter the enchanted world of fairy tales...
1209685	Grown-up's guide to picture books, The Cain Gray, Lara & Ide, Timothy (ill) & Carrington, Lorena (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2024	9781922858504	9plus	An A-Z guide to help you to level up your picture book knowledge. Discover the tricks about titles, the science of page layouts, the purpose of illustrations and why some books live on in our hearts and minds long after we've read them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1329962	Grumpy darling Moody, Alexandra	electric monkey	2025	9780008762261	7-9	Paige has ticked off everything on her senior year bucket list except for one thing - she's never kissed anyone. And she thinks her best friend, Grayson Darling, is to blame. Grayson is the school hockey team's enforcer, and he's been scaring off any eligible bachelors. With time running out, Paige demands that Grayson stop defending her honour. Instead she asks him to become her dating coach, training her to win the guy of her dreams. But Grayson has plans of his own. He's been in love with Paige since they were kids. Perhaps coaching Paige will be his last chance to show her how good they'd be together.

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1209871	Gymnastic diaries 1: Beam queen Godwin, Georgia & Sievking, Laura & Erb, Amanda (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760266486	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! Georgia has started training in a new, Elite squad, and it is a whole new challenge for her. New friends, new coaches and new skills to learn! On top of that, she is competing in her first Team Comp, and the squad are relying on her beam routine. Will she fall off? Or will she become the new Beam Queen?
1209931	Happy birthday, Little Wombat! Fuge, Charles	Walker Books	2025	9781760655341	K-2	Little Wombat's friends band together to help Little Wombat have an epic birthday celebration.
1209809	Hazel's treehouse Louise, Zanni & Watson, Judy (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657260	K-2	Hazel has an amazing treehouse in the bush which she shares with her even more amazing animal friends. Imagination and friendship make sure there is always an adventure, but there also quiet times and pancake making.
1174864	Heart of the world, The Kaufman, Amie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761067389	9plus	<p>When Selly and Leander began their treacherous voyage to the Isles of the Gods, the captain's daughter and the playboy prince were strangers. But amid talk of war and a deadly attack on their ship, the unthinkable happened.</p> <p>They fell in love.</p> <p>Leander's ritual at the island temple was meant to prevent a war between the gods. Instead, it nearly cost him his life, and drew the goddess Barrica back from exile. Now, as her Messenger, Leander is imbued with her deadly magic, and only Selly's presence can stop it from consuming him.</p> <p>But Barrica wasn't the only immortal roused from sleep. The God of Risk, Macean, was awakened by an enemy all thought dead, and across the sea he's calling for war.</p> <p>The fight to save their world will take Selly and Leander from the gilded ballroom of the royal palace to the hallowed halls of an ancient library. Battle lines will be drawn, and bonds will break.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1209798	Heartbreak is the national anthem Sheffield, Rob	Hachette Australia	2024	9780008652715	7-9	Dive into the world of Taylor Swift in this intimate, one of a kind look at her life, lore and legacy. Mega-stars like Taylor Swift don't come around often. She hasn't just shaped music and culture - she's redefined what it means to be an icon in the music industry. A book for both fans and sceptics, who may gain a new appreciation of the icon that is Taylor Swift.
1132915	Hearts still beating Archer, Brooke	Putnam	2024	9780593698327	9plus	<p>Mara is dead - mostly. Infected with a virus that broke the world and turned her into a monster, Mara awakens in a facility to learn a treatment has been found. No longer a Tick, Mara is placed in an experimental relocation program. But she's sent to live with the best friend she hasn't seen since the world ended. Since their first and only kiss.</p> <p>Rory is alive - barely. And her nightmares are as vicious as the Ticks that infected Mara and permanently injured Rory. Even after the Island - one of the surviving communities - rebuilds itself, Rory fears a tick attack from the mainland at any time. But the Ticks that show up are treated, almost normal - not quite themselves but no longer raging monsters - and among them is the first girl Rory ever loved. And never expected to see alive.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
870595	Hedgewitch McKenna, Skye	Welbeck Publishing	2023	9781801300681	5-6	Cassie Morgan is at boarding school and hates it. She is ignored or bullied by both staff and students, but she stays because of a promise she made to her mother, her only family, and whom she hasn't seen for 7 years. Suddenly, Cassie finds out that she has a relative in the small town of Hedgely, who is a witch. Cassie sets off to Hedgely to discover herself, become a witch and find her mother.
1239088	Heist: The great chocolate caper McKerrow, Joel	Penguin	2025	9781761350276	5-6	Meet the Heist squad. aka a motley crew of hot-headed misfits who hate each other but LOVE chocolate. But then they discover a sinister chocolatey plot, right in the bowels of their high school, that will threaten the entire human race with utter annihilation. Can they put aside their differences to achieve the most audacious chocolate heist ever and save the world?

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1089077	Helios book, The Carter, Slade	MidnightSun Publishing	2024	9781922858412	5-6	Twins Hugo and Kitty are visiting rural Australia on holiday. They befriend their neighbour, Lucas, who has invented the Helios Book, a solar device that will transform global energy use. Desperate to escape those who seek to steal the Helios Book, the twins follow a fairy wren through a wombat burrow and find themselves in a new world. Will this world offer the twins the haven they so desperately need, or do new dangers await?
1276965	Hello lighthouse Blackall, Sophie	Orchard Books	2019	9781408357163	3-4	The lighthouse sits at the edge of the world. The lighthouse and the lighthouse keepers job is to guide ships to safety. It is surrounded by ocean and storms and ice in the winter, but inside the tower at the edge of the world is a home much like any other.
1096840	Hello twigs: Look who's grumpy Mcdonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761212031	K-2	Stump has a big problem: he is SO GRUMPY! Because his favourite splinter is missing! How terrible. Can Stump's twiggy friends help him get rid of his grumpy, or will he be grumpy forever?
1096849	Hello twigs: Puddle party Mcdonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761212024	K-2	The twiggy friends are having a pool party. But Ziggy Twig is a brave explorer and is sure she can find something bigger, better and splashier for everyone to play in. That is, until she runs into a big, droolly DRAGON! Will our explorer find her way back to the twigs? Or is her latest adventure one splash too far?
1059108	Hello Twigs: Surprise! McDonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761211980	K-2	Red is a WILD TWIG who loves giving surprises. So when he jumps out and yells 'SURPRISE' at his friends, he expects them to laugh - but instead they are shocked and scared. Oh dear! Can Red stay wild AND find a better way to surprise his friends? We hope so! Go, Red, go!
1096855	Hello twigs: Time to paint Mcdonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761212017	K-2	Noodle isn't just a twig - she's an ARTIST too. And she knows exactly what she wants to paint. There's just one problem: the twigs have made red paint, green paint and yellow paint for her to use - but they can't find any BLUE. Noodle is dismayed - until she discovers that true artists can make up their own rules. Clever Noodle! She always works things out.

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1133231	Her Majesty's league of remarkable young ladies Stegert, Alison D.	Chicken House	2023	9781915026095	5-6	An exciting adventure through a Victorian world of villains, plots and spies. Full of spectacular gadgets and inventions sure to make the mind boggle. Winifred Weatherby is a feisty girl-genius and inventor who must protect the Queen of England while saving her own father.
1108116	Heroes of Olympus : The mark of Athena Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2020	9780141335766	5-6	It was the first time they had sat down together- just the seven of them. The Prophecy of the Seven was unfolding at last. The giants would be waiting. Gaia was rising. And unless they succeeded in this quest the world would be destroyed. The old score had to be settled to bring the god's two natures into harmony. They have to work together or Gaia will destroy us. Leo is the helmsmen of the Argo II, the entire ship a weapon hovering above the Pomerian Line!
23897	Heroes of Olympus: Son of Neptune, The Riordan, Rick	Hyperion Books	2012	9780141335735	5-6	<p>Percy is confused. When he awoke after his long sleep, he didn't know much more than his name. His brain-fuzz is lingering. Somehow Percy managed to make it to the camp for half-bloods, despite the fact that he had to continually kill monsters that, annoyingly, would not stay dead. But the camp doesn't ring any bells with him.</p> <p>Hazel is supposed to be dead. When she lived before, she didn't do a very good job of it. When the Voice took over her mother and commanded Hazel to use her "gift" for an evil purpose, Hazel couldn't say no. Now, because of her mistake, the future of the world is at risk.</p> <p>Frank is a klutz. His grandmother claims he is descended from ancient heroes, but he doesn't see it. He doesn't even know who his father is. He keeps hoping Apollo will claim him, because the only thing he is good at is archery. His big and bulky physique makes him feel like a clumsy ox, especially in front of Hazel, his closest friend at camp.</p>

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1168029	Hester Hitchins and the falling stars Norton, Catherine	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460763179	3-4	It's 1866 and Hester's father is lost at sea. Determined to find him, 11-year-old Hester wins a place at Addington's Nautical Navigation Academy where she will learn to navigate by the stars. But the academy is just for boys and no one seems to be in charge. The schoolmaster knows nothing of navigation, Lord Addington is obsessed with building the world's biggest telescope and Lady Addington believes that falling stars are the souls of the dead. Can Hester and her new friends, Pru and Nelson, set things right, and will she find her own place in the universe?
1259632	Hey, Zazou! Thompson, Tony	Ford Street Publishing	2025	9781922696410	9plus	Charlie Martin has three problems. He cannot stand another day of school and would rather be a musician, the Nazis have occupied his city, and he seems to have fallen in love with someone who may be more than he can handle. This is Paris during World War II; Gestapo agents, resistance fighters and the proto-punk Zazou gang who regularly battle it out with German soldiers in illegal dancehalls. When Charlie meets Eddie, a young Zazou who plays sax, they decide to start a band. For Charlie, his dreams seem to be coming true, but nothing is ever as it appears in the occupied city. Something big is brewing and 15-year-old Charlie might be at the centre of it.
1174884	Hi from outer space Katauskas, Fiona	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761069260	5-6	Alex wants to win the National Young Cartoonist Competition. She's got the talent, but what should she draw? Along comes Hi, an alien from the planet Wendy. Hi is also working on a project: he has three days to learn about Earth's leaders for his Earth Studies class. Hi's Earthly visits sets in motion a chain of extraordinary events, including a viral TikTok, a shoe-shop haunting and an astronomically wild rock concert!
1245212	Hide & seek beautiful Gill, Nicki Esler & Robaard, Jedda (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761297335	K-2	Finding the same things beautiful is a game Annie and Boo play. They are extra-special friends. One day Boo moves away. What can Annie do without a friend to see beautiful?

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1220667	Higher ground Suwannakit, Tull	New Frontier Publishing	2025	9781922326997	3-4	After a great flood, a grandmother, her two grandchildren and their pet rabbit must learn to survive living on their rooftop garden, relying on scarce resources and limited space. Days turn into weeks, and weeks into months, but through life lessons and words of wisdom, hope emerges. Higher Ground is a coming-of-age tale of resilience, courage and spirit that shows how life can be beautiful even in the darkest of times.
1234004	History hunter: The Dragon's treasure Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993948	5-6	In 1931, four children make a remarkable discovery on a remote beach. But this is only one of many astonishing finds in the same area: silver coins, treasure mystery chests, strange objects and an unidentified skeleton. What mysteries are yet to be revealed?
1210807	History hunters: The vanishing Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993962	5-6	In 1978, a young pilot vanishes during a routine flight over a notorious stretch of water. His radio transmission to airport control is one of the most bizarre ever recorded. What did Frederick Valentich encounter? Where did he disappear to? Can the truth be found?
1239389	Holey moley guac-a-moley! Pike, Tanya & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760264598	K-2	Roley Moley dug a big honey, and filled it full of guacamole. He jumped and stomped to push it in and suck right down, up to his shin! The story of a mole with a house chock-a-block full of guac... and one helpful friend, Quok.
1209950	Hooray, hooray, it's library day! Grasso, Julie Anne & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760266042	K-2	The sun is up, today's the day. The little ones come, with smiles so wide and silky bags as big as them... A lonely library book sits on the shelf, hoping for small hands to choose them... Will today be the day they're whisked away for a reading adventure?
	Horrible histories series Deary, Terry & Brown, Martin (ill)				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.

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	HotDog series Do, Anh & McGuinness, Dan (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.
1209781	Hotel Balzaar, The: A Norendy tale DiCamillo, Kate & Sarda, Julia (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529523782	3-4	At the Hotel Balzaar, Marta's mother rises before the sun and instructs Marta to remain quiet and invisible - like a mouse. While her mother cleans rooms, Marta slips down the back staircase to the grand lobby to chat with the bellman and watch the endless turning of the grandfather clock. All the while, she dreams of the return of her soldier father. Then, one day, a mysterious countess with a parrot appears. She promises Marta seven stories, and as the stories unfold, Marta begins to wonder if they may hold the secret to her father's disappearance.
1153328	House at the end of the sea, The Adams, Victoria M	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839134234	5-6	After a family tragedy, Saffi has to move to her grandparents' spooky B&B by the sea. The walls change colour, a stranger's face appears in the mirror, and she hears eerie music at night. When a group of mysterious guests arrive at midnight, Saffi becomes enmeshed in her family's dark, magical secret...
1243769	How do I know if I'm upside down? (And other things my body knows) Ben-Barak, Idan & Zainal, Zahra (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761121371	3-4	This is me. My body can See, Hear, Smell, Taste and Touch. But it also knows if it is Hot or Cold if I am Sideways or Upside Down and many other things. Come and explore the human (and other) senses with me.
1019637	How the grinch lost Christmas! Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008626013	3-4	The Grinch has grown to love Christmas, so when the Grinch sees a poster for Who-ville's Christmas tree contest, he has an awfully crafty idea, he will show off his new festive spirit by making the tallest, most spectacular Christmas tree the Whos have ever seen. But when things don't go as planned, will the Grinch return to his grinchy ways, or can one special Who remind him of the true meaning of Christmas?

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1259617	How to be a good enough kid Peel, Alice & Feiner, Beck (ill)	NewSouth Publishing	2025	9781761170188	5-6	The guide to help children develop resilience, take on the life skills and emotional dilemmas 'good enough' kids face every day. Packed with advice on how to be mentally fit and resilient and how to deal with jealousy among other emotions, How to be a fantastic sensational good enough kid also includes 'non-painful' ideas on practising gratitude, and is chock-a-block with fascinating brain facts and inspiring stories.
1052169	How to be invisible Bland, Nick	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460764060	K-2	When Bunny arrives at the park wearing Grandpa's hat, he thinks that he is invisible, but Bird can still see him. The more Bunny tries, the less invisible he seems. The best friends enjoy the hat even if it's not magical. But are they sure it's not a magical hat?
1232870	How to be normal Crawford, Ange	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760659752	9plus	Astrid is about to start her last year at high school. And her first. When her dad loses his job, Astrid's homeschooling comes to an end. Until now, she has lived within the confines of a tightly controlled, contracted world where there's no room for anything, except following her fathers rules and pretending that everything is normal. As Astrid, and her mum, tentatively expand their world, they struggle to break free of their ingrained wariness and self-doubt. But with hope, new friends, and the strength of a promise, Astrid has a chance to find out what she wants, who she loves, and who she really is. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209747	How to draw a dragon Talbot, Kate	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761180606	K-2	We all know what a dragon looks like, right? Maybe this hilarious story about imagination, creativity, and the strength of opinions can convince you that essential features of dragons are fire and roller skates!
1124727	How to measure the ocean Zahri, Inda Ahmad	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180361	3-4	Can you measure something as big as the ocean? What would you use? A bucket? A tape measure? A cup? What is hidden beneath the ocean? What is the depth? The volume? The area? This book is a mathematical gem for early readers, with vibrant and animated illustrations, which lead the reader to understand very simple mathematical concepts, while exploring the shallows and depth of our vast oceans. A book which will spark curiosity and wonder throughout.

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1124756	How to move a zoo Simpson, Kate & Swan, Owen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180309	K-2	The true story of how at the beginning of the 20th century Jessie the elephant walked from Moore Park Zoo to her spacious new home in the Taronga Zoological Park.
1209892	How to sail to somewhere Barton, Ashleigh	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423627	5-6	<p>Release date: March 25, 2025</p> <p>Beatrice Glass - Bea - lives in a tiny fishing village that's sleepy all year until the summertime, when the tourists flock in and most of the locals leave. But summer is also when Bea's favourite person in the entire world, her fun and hilarious uncle, Byron, comes to stay.</p> <p>On their last day together the previous summer, Byron had given Bea an intriguing antique book containing a map of Somewhere, a mysterious island off the coast, and promised that next summer they'd sail to Somewhere together for their best adventure yet.</p> <p>That was last year. Now summer has arrived, but Byron hasn't. And now it looks like he never will.</p> <p>Are the book and Byron's disappearance linked? Byron has left some clues for Bea - a scavenger hunt of sorts designed to bring her and her new friend, Arabella, together and give Bea one last magical summer. Could Somewhere hold the key to both Bea's and Arabella's future?</p>
1209888	How to survive on the moon: Lunar lessons from a rocket scientist Morancy, Joalda & Cushley, Aaron (ill)	St Martin's	2025	9781916745001	5-6	How do you stay alive in a place where everything is trying to kill you? In this book, Rocket Scientist Joalda Morancy teaches you how to dodge deadly radiation, escape choking clouds of moon dust, and grow essential food so you don't starve. You'll also learn how to live in underground lava tubes and even have a go at using a giant space catapult.

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1209731	Howzat Pat! Dare to bowl Hartley, David, Geddes, Serena & Cummins, Patrick	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9781460764688	5-6	I'm Pat Cummins and I love playing cricket. I love it so much that I sleep with my bat! There's BIG NEWS in my family - we're moving from the coast all the way to the mountains and I'm NOT HAPPY about it. I have LOTS of questions, like ... -Will I FIT IN at my new school? -How will I make new FRIENDS? -What's there to DO in the MOUNTAINS?! -MOST importantly - WHERE WILL I PLAY CRICKET?!!!! If you want to know the answers to these questions, too - READ THIS BOOK!
1209862	Humongous Humdingle family and the tiny house, The Wilson, Michelle & Reece, P.J.	EK Books	2025	9781922539922	K-2	The Humdingles are a VERY large family - three generations share a small house. Life is squashy and noisy. Given an opportunity to live differently, would the family take it?
1209901	I am not Jessica Chen Liang, Ann	HQ	2025	9781038900388	7-9	Jenna Chen and Jessica Chen are cousins. Jessica is smart and beautiful, She is perfect in every way that Jenna is not. When Jessica is accepted into Harvard and Jenna is not, Jenna makes a desperate wish on a shooting star to become her cousin, literally. She finds herself in Jessica's body, but with her own thoughts and soul intact. Suddenly she gets the life and approval she's always dreamt of. But she must decide if trading everything she loves - her artistic talent, her home, even her crush - to be Jessica is worth it?
1233667	I am not the Easter Bunny! McBeth, T.L	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9780593528457	K-2	Everyone, look! It's the Easter Bunny! He says he's just a regular ol' fluffy white bunny, but he's got a vest and a bow tie and a big basket full of painted eggs and candy! He MUST be the Easter Bunny! Right? Step inside and find out for yourself! Is this the REAL Easter Bunny?
1209779	I am tree rex! Davey, Mo	Berbay Publishing	2024	9781922610669	K-2	Rex loves trees. One day, a tree disappears. Can Rex save the rest of the forest?

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1026284	I hope this doesn't find you Liang, Ann	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761049811	9plus	<p>Sadie Wen is perfect on paper: school captain, valedictorian, and a "pleasure to have in class." It's not easy, but she channels all her frustrations into her email drafts. She'd never send them of course - she'd rather die than hurt anyone's feelings - but it's a relief to let loose on her power-hungry English teacher or a freeloading classmate taking credit for Sadie's work.</p> <p>All her most vehemently worded emails are directed at her infuriating cocaptain, Julius Gong, whose arrogance and competitive streak have irked Sadie since they were kids. Sadie doesn't have to hold back in her emails, because nobody will ever read them... that is, until they're accidentally sent out.</p> <p>It's her worst nightmare - now everyone at school knows what she really thinks of them, and they're not afraid to tell her what they really think of her either. But amidst the chaos, there's one person growing to appreciate the "real" Sadie - Julius, the only boy she's sworn to hate...</p>
1334258	I'd rather be a dragon Bunting, Laura & Bunting, Phillip (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761528910	K-2	Being small is the worst! Roller coaster? Too short! Fairy floss? Too messy! Run wild? Stay close! Life would be so much better as a mighty dragon ... Wouldn't it?
1339552	Identikill Alexander, K.R	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761720314	7-9	Chelsea knows that her sister is dead. But she also knows that Angelica never really went away. Ever since that tragic day, Angelica has been around. Talking to her. Listening to her. Being her truest friend. No one else can see Angelica, and Chelsea has learned to lie about her existence, because nobody else would believe it. It's their secret... until Chelsea makes a new friend and Angelica becomes jealous. Jealous enough to hurt someone. Chelsea's biggest secret has become her biggest fear.
1262224	If I had a dragon Dawnay, Gabby	Thames & Hudson	2024	9780500653630	K-2	There are many safe and normal pets to choose from, but sometimes it is fun to explore the idea of unlikely or even impossible pets. Polar bear, octopus, kangaroos would certainly be exciting, but how about a dragon?

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1209686	Illustrated encyclopaedia of extinct animals, The Bayly, Sami	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421395	5-6	Find out how these species fit into the history of the animal kingdom and why they have become extinct or are under threat. Featuring detailed scientific illustrations and riveting facts about sixty amazing animals, including the Western black rhino, thylacine, dodo, South Island giant moa and Tapanuli orangutan, as well as megafauna such as the giant wombat-like diprotodon and the crocodile-like Quinkana.
1209755	🔗 Inferno's Heir Wang, Tiffany	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444980608	9plus	Teia is an outcast princess in her own kingdom. She has survived several assassination attempts all by her half brother. Teia must fight for her rights before her brother is crowned king! Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209903	Inkbound: Meticulous Jones and the skull tattoo Leathley, Philippa	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008660956	5-6	On her tenth birthday, Meticulous Metty, Jones receives her fate, as all children do, in the form of a magical tattoo on her hand. She hopes that her tattoo will reveal an exciting destiny: travel, discovery or adventure. What appears is a skull in the palm of a violet glove, Mettys fate is to be a murderer. When Mettys father disappears in mysterious circumstances, Aunt Magnificent takes her to the glittering city of New London, filled with magic, wonder and enchantment. But when Metty hears rumours of a shadowy organisation known as the Black Moths, she begins to suspect they are connected to her own dark fate
977767	🔗 Inkflower Zail, Suzy	Walker Books	2023	9781760653736	9plus	<p>Inspired by a true story.</p> <p>I shouldn't be kissing Adam Winter but it's my best chance of forgetting. When I kiss him, I'm not a girl whose father is dying; I'm just a girl, kissing a boy.</p> <p>Lisa's father has six months to live. And a story to tell about a boy sent to Auschwitz. A boy who lost everything and started again. A story he has kept hidden - until now.</p> <p>But Lisa doesn't want to hear it, because she has secrets too. No one at school knows she is Jewish or that her dad is sick. Not even her boyfriend.</p> <p>But that's all about to change ... And so is she.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1209859	Inside dog, The Harry, Pip & Davis, Carolyn (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423009	K-2	Cuddles is an inside dog; it is his favourite place. It is warm and safe. However, his humans go on holidays and leave him on a farm where he is outside. Will Cuddles survive the experience?
1244403	Into the blue Burne, Cristy	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993870	3-4	Blair has messed up big time. Wracked with guilt but terrified to confess. He's left floundering in the deep. What happens when a mistake just can't be undone?
1209759	Into the ice: Reflections on Antarctica Lester, Alison & Tulloch, Coral	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781760526061	5-6	Go on an extraordinary journey with Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch, two of Australia's most celebrated creators, as they share their reflections on Antarctica: sketches, writing, paintings, journal entries, their own and others'. This is a book for explorers and dreamers of all ages, and for anyone who wants to be inspired by the wonder of Antarctica.
1096544	Into the mouth of the wolf Gough, Erin	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781760507558	7-9	Dear Iris, If all goes well I will be in touch by this evening. If you hear nothing, contact Glassy Bay International Travellers' Hostel and ask after me. Use our real names. Your Mama xxx Missing people. Mysterious deaths. A growing attraction between two girls caught up in the search for the truth. Somehow, they're all connected. But in order to find out how - and in order to even meet each other - Iris and Lena will have to go into the mouth of the wolf...
1217606	Into the wild Lawrence, Hayley	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761522116	7-9	There are places in the world so remote, that if you get lost, you may never be found. Olive, Ted, Knox, Birdie and Silas enter a challenge to survive in the wild, without technology. Their stage? The majestic Blue Mountains. Working as a team, they must read maps, build fires, camp and trek through the most dangerous of terrain, in subzero temperatures. But when the teenagers are split over a decision to climb a dangerous rock, disaster strikes. And in their quest for survival, one of them makes an unforgivable choice. With catastrophic consequences. Nobody is blameless. And they may not all make it home. But those who do, may never forgive each other.

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1174896	Is my phone reading my mind? Agnew, Dr. Matt & Thomson, Hana Kinoshita (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180446	7-9	When you think of artificial intelligence, you might imagine a walking, talking robot..or you might think of a giant computer that wants to take over the world. But the reality is that AI is a brilliant human invention found in nearly every modern device from our computers to our cars. Find out more and about the pros and cons of an AI world.
1209822	Isle of wonder Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2024	9780987461575	5-6	All's not well on the carousel. With erupting geysers, a deadly mirror maze and the electrifying Serpent's Fury roller coaster, the Isle of Wonder is not for the fainthearted. When rival apprentices, Dart and Anna, scramble ashore with the rest of their crew, they wonder just how many enemies an abandoned theme park can hold.
1138110	It's boba time for Pearl Li! Chen, Nicole	Quill Tree Books	2024	9780063228627	5-6	A story about finding independence, friendship, standing up for what's important... Pearl Li loves to crochet cute dolls and hang out at her favourite tea shop, Boba Time. Its quirky owner, Auntie Cha, is the only adult Pearl can confide in about her artsy hobby - her family is tech-obsessed and has no time to care. Pearl finds out that Boba Time is in financial trouble and she bravely starts a business selling her crochet dolls to raise the money needed to save Auntie Cha's shop. Trouble is, it's harder than she thought it would be, and it means fights with family, friends and more issues along the way...
1083344	It's the sound of the thing Clarke, Maxine Beneba	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761212123	5-6	This collection revels in the joy of language and offers accessible, relatable, and exciting poems that shine light on the everyday realities of young people.
1023608	Jawsome: Licence to rock Timmis, R.J	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761068607	3-4	Finley, Hunter, Gilleon and Gnash are busy juggling their double lives as ordinary school sharks and as members of the sensational rock band, JAWSOME! But they soon find themselves deep in a sea of suspicious shark-nanigans. From stopping evil A.B.B.A. agents to unmasking a strange new band, JAWSOME will need to use all their rockstar skills to save Chumville.
1209912	Jolly swagman, The Nanayakkara, Bec & Haan, Kim de (ill)	Woodslane Press	2025	9781922800893	K-2	Will dreams of going waltzing Matilda with Ollie - the swagman who comes to shear at his family's station. But then Ollie disappears...

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1209884	Jungle escape Luff, Nathan	Walker Books	2025	9781760659257	3-4	<p>When Branson's parents announce a ski trip to Aspen, he's thrilled - until he learns he won't be going with them. Instead, Branson is being sent to an exclusive retreat in the Daintree Rainforest that promises poolside luxury, cuisine classes, and lessons in interior decoration. Not his idea of a holiday.</p> <p>But, when they arrive at the resort, Branson and the other kids learn they've been duped! The building is in ruins, the bathroom's covered in slime, and the pool is empty. It turns out the owners have lured the kids to Jungle Escape to work as free labour and restore the resort.</p> <p>Branson and his new friends need to find a way out of this hell hole and the Daintree Rainforest. Will they be able to escape this jungle, or will they end up as cassowary - or crocodile - lunch?</p>
1337879	Junie B. Jones and the silly smelly bus Park, Barbara	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761721229	3-4	<p>Junie B. is almost six. Almost six is when you go to kindergarten. And today is Junie B.'s first day of school! Only guess what? Junie B. does not want to ride the school bus home. It smells on the bus. Plus also, what if there are meanies on the bus who might pour chocolate milk on your head?! In fact, what if Junie B.'s so scared of the bus that when it's time to go home, she doesn't?!</p>
1209722	Junkyard fairies: Dig deep Wyatt, Edwina & O'Hara, Lauren (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657048	3-4	<p>Fur, Tup and Nug are not your average fairies: they live at the bottom of the junkyard, and are messy, bossy, and not at all fond of vegetables. Join them on their adventures as they make magic and transform trash into treasure.</p>
1209772	Just another story: Graphic migration account, A Saade, Ernesto	Graphic Universe	2024	9798765623367	9plus	<p>When Carlos was nineteen years old, his mother decided to leave her life in El Salvador for a new start in the United States. Carlos joined her on the journey north and during their trip through Mexico and into the US, they experienced many risks and fears. This stirring and thoughtful graphic work goes beyond headlines and statistics to provide a powerful individual account of migration.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1124926	Katie goes to KL Tan, Su-May	Penguin Books Australia	2023	9789815127812	9plus	<p>16 year old Katie, finds out her dead mother is not dead after all and her father has been lying to her since she was 7.</p> <p>This story begins its journey in Australia, where Katie immigrated with her father when she was four. She travels to modern day Kuala Lumpur (KL) for her grandmother's death. This is where the adventures and contentions begin when Katie's quest to reconnect with her mother and discover her roots against a backdrop of rising political tension between the Chinese and the Malays. When Katie discovers that her mother is Malay, she finds herself caught between her Chinese cousins and her mother's conservative Muslim community, the Wira group. As Katie bonds with her cousins through KL's underground music scene, she is forced to define her loyalties. Which community should she support and where does she belong?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209700	Keeper of the archives Stringer, Lynne	Rhiza Press	2024	9781761111563	7-9	After their home in Sendirian City burns to cinders, Eden gets a job working in the government's archives to try and support her family and protect them from her abusive, alcoholic father. But the city is threatened by crime boss Kore and his henchman Izrod who is targeting government employees. Is anywhere safe for Eden and her family and what does the future hold for the city itself?
1181104	Kelpie chaos Fitzpatrick, Deb	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993856	3-4	A kelpie puppy is about to be sent to the pound and Eli knows he has to do something. After adopting the flame-chested kelpie, now named Zoom, the family falls in love, but they soon learn theres a lot involved in raising a dog. Especially a working dog, who is hardwired to round up pretty much everything, even socks. When Zoom goes missing on a family bushwalk, the family sets out on a frantic search. With each passing moment, anxiety mounts, but they refuse to give up hope. As night falls, their strength is tested, both physically and emotionally. Will they be able to find Zoom? What mischief could a dog get up to in the bush?

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	Kensy and Max series Harvey, Jacqueline				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.
1337859	Kick flip vol. 1 Lapinski, L.D & Hanning, Logan (ill)	Hachette Australia	2025	9781510112537	7-9	At school, Elliot gets bullied for being 'different to other girls' whereas at the skate park, everyone welcomes Elliot - presuming they're male - but neither label feels right. As Eliot's love of skateboarding and friendships grow, their worlds collide at a sports expo where the school netball team and skate crew are competing. Can Elliot find the courage to share what they've learned about non-binary identity? Will best friend Jess or the skateboarding crew accept Elliot for who they are? And what about Ryan, the skater who Elliot has been feeling increasingly close to?
1209703	Kimberley kickers: Jy goes for gold Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Farrar, Jy & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460765074	3-4	A glimpse into the journey of Jy Farrar from a kid in outback Halls Creek to a professional Aussie Rules footy player. Learn about his upbringing, his experiences in boarding school, his relationship with his family, and his enduring love of footy.


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1154375	King of nothing Lessore, Nathanael	Hot Key Books	2024	9781471413247	9plus	<p>Anton and his friends are King of Year 9. They're used to ruling the school and Anton wears the crown. The other kids run away when he's about but that's the way he wants it - he's got a reputation to live up to after all.</p> <p>So when he gets into serious trouble at school, he doesn't really care, but his mum most definitely does. She decides it's time for Anton to make some new friends and join the Happy Campers, a local activity group. Anton would quite literally rather do anything else, especially when he finds out Matthew, the biggest loser in school, is also a member.</p> <p>But after Matthew unexpectedly saves Anton's life, Anton figures maybe this kid is worth a shot. As the boys strike up an unlikely friendship, Anton finds himself questioning everything he thought was important. Does he want ruling the school to be his crowning glory or should he set his sights on better things?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1075166	King of the world, The Clanton, Ben	Farshore	2024	9780008646578	3-4	<p>Rot is ready for another adventure and this time he's going "Spudlunking!" But while Rot is excited to dig through the muck for treasure, all his friends seem to be more interested in their own plans.</p> <p>When Rot uncovers a shiny old crown, he's sure it'll change their minds. And it does... in a most unexpected way. When Rot wears it he feels powerful... He feels invincible... He feels like... the King of the World! And everyone has to do what the king says.</p> <p>But when Rot realizes he's the only one having fun in his kingdom, suddenly he wonders whether he might have let the crown go to his head...</p>
2508	Kingdom by the sea, The Westall, Robert	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2009	9780007301416	7-9	<p>A sensitive and well-told story set in WW2 about a boy who's home is bombed by the Germans. Thinking his family is dead he runs away, and in what becomes a desperate journey of survival, Harry must use wisdom and instinct to survive.</p>

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1250480	Kip of the Karoo Gourlay, Emma & Moon, Kate (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781922033130	5-6	Kip lives on a mountain in South Africa. She rides horses at Sunnybrook Ranch and a magical creature called Buffel is her loyal companion. Life is good. But when her roof falls in and her dad can't afford to fix it, Kip vows to save the day. She knows there's treasure in the Karoo desert. Unfortunately, there are also killer leopards and cowboy ghosts, and a film set full of dodgy Hollywood people. Knowing who to trust will be her toughest battle yet.
1252859	Kittens do not care for baths Rutstein, Ali; Nill, Nina	Bright Light Books	2024	9781761213274	K-2	Maya is playing, imagining she is a kitten and when dad calls, she says she doesn't need a bath. Can dad tempt her with some warm milk then a bath, maybe even something else she loves best about bathtime!
1209732	Kung fu roo: Enter the roo Do, Anh & Ley, Jeremy (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761069918	3-4	Kai, Harry and Charley are best friends. They do everything together including entering the town's Kung Fu competition. They dream of using their kung fu skills to save the world. But disaster strikes when a train they were travelling in gets hit by a meteor. Strange things start to happen, and the friends find they can now transform into animals. Can the team use these new skills to fight crime and save the town after all?
1352194	Lady's Knight Kaufman, Amie & Spooner, Meagan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761069284	9plus	<p>Gwen has spent the past several years manning the blacksmith's in place of her father, an open secret in the village in which she lives. A much more covert secret, however, is that she knows not only how to craft but also how to wield a sword, and an incognito stunt at the local jousting tournament manages to catch the eye of the wily Lady Isobelle.</p> <p>Isobelle has secret dreams too, but she's been promised in marriage to the winner of the whole stupid tournament, which means an end to any freedom or choices for her. Desperate to avoid this fate, when she connects the newcomer knight to the female smithy she saw earlier that day, she begins to hatch a scheme ...</p> <p>Petty knights. Backstabbing noblemen. A prison breakout. Cheesecake on a stick. One particularly large and angry dragon.</p> <p>Will our ladies survive the night? And can our knight save the day?</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1096850	Ladybirds do not go to day care Rutstein, Ali & Nill, Nina (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023	9781761213113	K-2	It's the first day of day care, but Ravi's dressed up as his favourite insect and he is quite certain that ladybirds do not go to day care. In fact, this ladybird would rather stay home and eat aphids. Can an anxious and unsure Ravi find the bravery he needs to take flight? A spirited, funny and empowering picture book to encourage even the most nervous of children to spread their wings and try something new.
1153331	Land of Lost Things, The: Adventures Unlimited Griffiths, Andy & Hope, Bill (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761268267	5-6	Hey, you - yes, YOU! Remember the time we went to the Land of Lost Things to look for my lucky rabbit's foot and then we got lost too? That was one of our most exciting, surprising and knuckle-headed adventures ever. What? You don't remember? Well, have I got a story for you! It all started like this....
1209947	Land recalls you, The Saunders, Kirli & Cragg, David (ill) & Cragg, Noni (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760975159	3-4	Do not mourn the hands that raised you. Do not weep for songs of land. Honouring the Stolen Generations and all who've been taken, The Land Recalls You is a powerful story of returning.
1209735	Landovel: The poison taster Rodda, Emily	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761069758	5-6	Derry remembers nothing before his capture by the vicious sea raider Cram. Gifted with the ability to read, he has seen and knows things about the sinister El. Now that he's been rescued his challenges are just beginning. Coded journals, friends and foes. He will need to be strong and wise for the dangerous journey ahead. Part One of the Landovel Quest trilogy.

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1209855	Language of dragons, A Williamson, S.F	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008652296	7-9	Set in London in 1923, in a class-based society where dragons and humans have co-existed since the Peace Agreement of 1866. Seventeen-year-old Vivien is intent on gaining an internship to study dragon languages. However, as protests erupt on the streets of London and Vivien's parents are suddenly arrested, Vivien finds herself in the middle of a civil war. So when she is offered a mysterious job in order to save her family, she grabs it, only to discover she has been recruited to uncover the secrets of a hidden dragon language. If she succeeds she will save her family. If she doesn't they will die. However, as she learns more about the society she lives in, Vivien must first decide which side she wants to fight for.
1089071	Last comics on earth: Too many villains! Brallier, Max & Pruett, Joshua & Cooper, Jay (ill) & Holgate, Douglas (ill)	Farshore	2024	9780008588274	7-9	<p>Jack, June, Quint, and Dirk have forgotten to write a promised sequel to their first Last Kids on earth Graphic Novel. While they hurriedly get to work, their superhero alter-egos make a startling discovery - supervillains do not come up with their own evil plans! Every supervillain scheme comes from the mind of a single, mysterious bad guy.</p> <p>Now, Jack, June, Quint, and Dirk's BIGGEST SEQUEL IN HISTORY has our superheroes in a mad-dash, puzzle-filled race across Apocalypitia to stop the BIGGEST EVIL PLAN IN HISTORY! How will they defeat the never-ending stream of villains and figure out who is behind the chaos? And will the sequel be finished in time? Join them and find out!</p>
1329973	Last egg, The Laguna, Sofie & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180330	5-6	A mother bird sits patiently on her three beautiful eggs. Not long now she thought. Then one morning there were four eggs and the mother bird felt nothing but love for the new addition. Not knowing who the egg belongs to mother bird is determined to hatch the egg even after her own eggs had hatched and chicks flown away. What is in the egg?
1209800	Last kids on Earth, The: the graphic novel Brallier, Max & Churilla, Brian (ill)	Farshore	2024	9780008720292	7-9	Jack is a 13 year old who is trying to survive the end of the world with zombie-monsters apocalypses. With the help from Jack and his mates you will be amazed by the adventure they will have!


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1209819	Last life of Lori Mills, The Boucherat, Max	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008666484	5-6	Lori is old enough to stay home alone! She insists. She's almost twelve which means she's almost a teenager. When she gets her wish, she prepares for a night playing her favourite online game, but a dark force inside the game seems to know she is alone and begins to stalk her. She quickly realises that neither her game nor her own home is safe anymore.
1199013	Laughter is the best ending Master, Maryam & Hicks, Astred (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761560132	5-6	Zee is a loner. She likes to read Oscar Wilde and watch documentaries all day which, according to her parents, is not normal for 13 year olds. So they decide to send her on a five-day holiday camp, hoping she'll make at least one friend. Now, Zee would rather take a bath in Tabasco sauce than attend a camp called Youth Fusion. But with influencer Tiffanee and super-nerds Jonah and Moses, she soon finds herself in the middle of a hair-rising mystery, hurling her into some fierce detective work and bringing her face to face with the notorious Old Bat Viv.
1209826	Legend of the lighthouse moon Edwards, Helen	Roaring Book Press	2024	9781763526013	5-6	13-year-old Mona and her younger brother Albert live with their grandparents at a remote lighthouse on Kangaroo Island. Together, they keep the lighthouse operational. Mona has complicated feelings about her recent type 1 diabetes diagnosis. It is through her engagement with the local sea lions and learning about an ancient legend that she finds the inner strength to work through these feelings. Additionally, and unexpectedly, she also begins to unravel the mystery of her missing father.
1166482	Let's try again another day Barkla, Charlotte & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734422019	K-2	Learning and making mistakes is how all new things learnt begin. Stepping always starts unsteady, new skills come when we are ready. If you are young or getting older succeeding in learning comes with mistakes no matter who you are. You will feel happy, sad or even angry along the way but you can try again another day.
1209815	Lethal lizards Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2024	9781922777294	K-2	Join a variety and lizards and goannas in a creation story that celebrates difference and highlights the value of self-belief.

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1096841	 Liar's test Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790873	9plus	<p>Bell Silverleaf is a liar.</p> <p>It's how she's survived. it's how all Treesingers have survived since they were invaded by the Risen and their fickle gods. But now Bell is in the Queen's Test - she's one of seven girls competing in deadly challenges to determine who will rule for the next twenty-five years. If Bell wins, she'll have the power to help her people and take revenge on the Risen. But first she has to make it through the challenges alive.</p> <p>She doesn't know how much she's been lied to, or where she fits in a bigger story, a mystery stretching back generations. And she's facing much bigger dangers than the Queen's Test. She's up against the gods themselves.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1096789	Life on us Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Ramiro, Xavi (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761211744	5-6	An accessible and often funny accounting of the tens of thousands of species that live on and in the human body.
995868	Lifesize deadly animals Henn, Sophy	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008534301	3-4	Have you ever wondered how big the most deadly animals on earth were? Come on an adventure around the world and see how big some of the most deadly animals alive really are. Watch out for tiny poisonous frogs, giant black caiman, cute but deadly primates and so much more.
	Lighthouse keeper's series Armitage, Ronda & Armitage, David				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.
1124676	Listen, Hippo! Evans, Gabriel	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761341700	K-2	Billy is feeling sad. he wishes he had someone to talk to. He thinks what he needs is someone to listen. But his best friend, Hippo, believes he knows exactly what Billy needs.
1153343	Little Axel's axolotl MacIver, Juliette & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781760656195	K-2	Axel adores his axolotl and Harris lives a life of ease: warm and cosy and coddled. But Harris has a secret dream and is about to surprise everyone!

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1209906	Little bones Bigna, Sandy	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268878	5-6	Bones has a fascination with drawing animal skeletons and collecting small dead things. Her friends think she's weird and Bones is on her own after losing her brother in an accident. Her mum has gone too. When a tiny baby bird comes back to life Bones makes an unexpected friend. How can she let Bird go when she doesn't want to say goodbye?
1089009	Little books of the little Brontes, The O'Leary, Sara & May Smith, Briony (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529518313	3-4	The inspiring true tale of the young Bronte siblings who loved to make stories ,and who grew up to be among English literature's finest writers. The four motherless children of the Bronte family - Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne lived in a windswept house at the edge of the moors with their father. Hungry for stories, the Brontes devoured poetry and fables, history and novels.
1019847	Little experts: Marvellous vehicles May, James & Emans (ill)	Farshore	2023	9780008520878	3-4	Hit the road with James May to discover amazing human-powered vehicles- from bicycles and submarines to amphibious vehicles and even a helicopter.
1075175	Little pago Briggs, Lauren	Boolarong Press	2021	9781922643001	3-4	Little Pago is a teeny tiny Sea Turtle who loves to swim and play with his friends all day but playing in the currents makes him so hungry. The problem is everything Little Pago tries to eat is not what it seems. Plastic Straws, balloons and plastic bags all pose a danger to Little Pago, so how can he know what is safe to eat? A lovely story about friendship and the importance of keeping our oceans clean.
	Little people, big dreams series Sanchez Vegara, Maria Isabel & Cushley, Aaron (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.
1051107	Little treasure Gosper, Chanelle & Goldsmith, Jennifer (ill)	Lothian Books	2023	9780734421494	K-2	A sweet and gentle book that celebrates the bond of mother and daughter. Together the explore a deserted beach and revel in the joy of collecting treasure, only to discover that the best treasure is not something that can be stored in a bucket or held in a hand.
1209944	Lobsters can't knit Courtney, Karla & John Frith, Nicholas (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2024	9781763571808	K-2	To guard against the cold of the ocean, Lobster needs a jumper. Lobster wants to knit a jumper of his own, but his big claws make it impossible. How can Lobster and his sea creature friends solve this problem?

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1209775	Lockett & Wilde's dreadfully haunting mysteries: The ghosts of the manor Strange, Lucy & Smy, Pam (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529523249	3-4	Matilda Lockett typically plays the role of Poor Dead Edna in her aunt's spooky show. It is only when she experiences a haunting at Beauchamp Manor that she learns that she has the gift - she can see ghosts! She can even converse with one, a ghost boy named Edgar Wilde. Will Matilda and Edgar's snooping be the key to solving the mystery at Beauchamp Manor?
1209770	Loki: A bad god's guide to making enemies Stowell, Louie	Walker Books	2024	9781529515800	5-6	Loki's fourth doodle-packed diary in the number one best-selling series. Loki has made a fair few enemies during his time in Asgard. Too many to count and certainly too many to remember. When the elf, Vinir beams Loki aboard his chariot and challenges him to a magical duel, Loki hasn't got a clue why. Sweet talking his way out of a fight by pointing out there's little honour in duelling someone who can't remember how they wronged you, and even less in picking on a child, Loki is returned safely to school. That is until Vinir shows up in child form, as resolute as ever about seeking that duel... and vengeance.
1211974	Look on the bright side Williams, Lily & Schneemann, Karen	First Second	2023	9781250834102	7-9	Old friends. New Loves. The future is looking bright. A new year of school is starting, and Brit finds herself struggling with feelings for a seemingly rude boy from class who might have a soft side. Meanwhile, Christine can't deny that she likes her best friend Abby...as more than just a friend. The only question is, does Abby have feelings for Christine, too? And will their feelings for each other mess things up in their friend group? Misunderstandings, betrayal, and jealousy are bound to get in the way. But hey! Look on the bright side: They're in this together. Always.
1052153	Losing the plot Byrd, Annaleise	Walker Books	2024	9781760656409	5-6	Basil doesn't want to help his sporty neighbour with reading. When Terry brings over Fairytales by the Brothers Grimm neither of them realise just how real the fairytales will become when they find themselves transported into the world in the book! Killing witches and escaping faceless giants is only the start.
1115428	Love we share, The Carty, Jack & Carty, Natasha (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760266356	K-2	The love we share is everywhere. The love we share is magic. The love we share will be there, forever, you and I. Celebrate the enduring gift of family love.

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1209866	🕒 Lovely and the lost, The Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241763094	9plus	Kira has a great respect for the family she has been adopted into who are skilful search and rescue workers. This is a story about the training and dedication of 4 teens Kira, Jude, Free and Ash, their dogs Silver and Saskia. Mum Cady Bennett gives her tender family the kind of strength and fearlessness that is needed to both deal with searches in the wilderness and the ultimate truths of rescue. Kira's past keeps being a mess, what happened when 11 years earlier as a little girl found in the wilderness, memories almost erased. A dramatic, tough and gritty story. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1151649	🕒 Lover birds Egan, Leanne	Farshore	2024	9780008626570	9plus	Isabel Williams moves to a new school and she meets Eloise. Isabel criticizes everything about Eloise but why does she make her pulse race? A uplifting story about acceptance and finding yourself and the power of friendship. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
846160	🕒 Macbeth graphic novel Punter, Russell & Longo, Massimiliano (ill) & Forlini, Valentino (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474948128	9plus	As a battle ends and a storm rages, three witches predict that Macbeth will become King of Scotland, and he decides to take fate into his own hands in an attempt to gain the throne. This graphic novel provides an excellent introduction to Shakespeare's play, using illustrations and simplified language. It maintains all of the mystery, drama and suspense of the original while bringing the play to life for new readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1079740	Magic's most wanted Whitesides, Tyler	Harper	2022	9780062568380	5-6	Mason Mortimer Morrison has bad luck. His Dad is in jail and his grades are terrible. He does not think things could get worse, until two officers from some organisation called Magix show up to arrest him in fourth period. Mason knows he is innocent. He might have to rethink his belief that magic is not real. He might need to run for his life and stop up to save his family. Firstly, he will need to befriend a talking rabbit.

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1153333	Magicalia: Race of wonders Bell, Jennifer & Wyatt, David (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529506143	5-6	<p>FEEL THE MAGIC. CONJURE THE IMPOSSIBLE.</p> <p>When her dad is kidnapped by a woman with a giant hamstoceros, Bitsy and best friend Kosh are swept into a secret world of ancient meteorites and strange beasts called magicores, each conjured using a different emotion. Using a powerful bestiary called Magicalia, the friends must quickly become conjurors themselves, before following a trail of clues that will take them from London to India to Paris, in a race to rescue Bitsy's dad from a mysterious villain...</p>
1244701	 Manslaughter Park Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2024	9780062889874	9plus	<p>Fanny Price, a talented but unwanted guest at Mansfield Park, relies on her uncle Sir Thomas' protection to avoid being cast out by her cruel relatives. When Sir Thomas dies in a suspicious accident, Fanny discovers evidence of murder, but revealing it could cost her everything. Pressured by her friend and secret love Edmund to stay quiet, Fanny chooses instead to seek justice.</p> <p>Her investigation pulls her into the Bertram family's shadowy art business and the dazzling world of London society, complicated further by the arrival of the charming Crawfords and their bold proposal. With unexpected help from Lizzie Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy, Fanny uncovers secrets that change everything, about the family, the murder, and herself.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1209911	Manu!! Fernandez, Kelly	Graphix	2021	9781338264180	5-6	<p>Set at a magical school for girls, this graphic novel is about friendship, defying expectations, and finding your place. Manu is always getting into trouble. The headmistress at school believes Manu has the potential to help people with her magic, but Manu would rather have fun than fit in. The other students claim she's secretly a demon and that she was raised by wolves.</p>

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1253499	Marty Moose: First class mischief Powell, Claire	Walker Books	2025	9781529524031	3-4	When Marty's name was being written on his birth certificate a plob of ink fell where the 'u' should have been, forming a perfect circle like an 'o'. It could not be changed so Marty is known as Marty Moose. It's Marty's first day on the job as Postmouse. He's polished his buttons and combed his whiskers - he's ready to go. But can he escape the twists and turns of Whisker Warren, deliver parcels to two angry toads without being eaten, figure out who's been up to mailbag mischief at the post office - and still be home in time for jam sandwiches?
1259537	Marvellous submarine, The Comber, Clayton Zane & McCammon, Conor (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460766804	3-4	Welcome to Monkey Island! Poppy and Billy live in a lighthouse with a gorilla named Harold and the world's greatest inventor - their mum! But a normal day is turned upside-down when Mum is kidnapped by The Fugitives and taken back to their secret volcano lair. Luckily, Poppy and Billy have Mum's greatest invention yet: a marvellous submarine. With the help of the animal crew, the twins set off on a wild adventure to save Mum, and maybe even stop The Fugitives from draining the Pacific Ocean. There'll be pirates, blue whales, exploding basketballs, and a whole lot of water. Just as well Poppy and Billy aren't regular kids.
1124599	Mawson in Antarctica: To the ends of the earth Grochowicz, Joanna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180590	7-9	Mawson is seen undeniably for his leadership in this exciting and dramatic set of events that take place over a year when he and 18 others embark on a scientific expedition of observations measuring meteorological conditions mapping routes discovering new lands, learning valuable lessons for survival against the howling blasting winds of Cape Denison on the Antarctic continent. They are punished to within an inch of their lives. After months hunkered in their huts built as diligently as their ubiquitous penguins building their nests, until after a winter that nothing prepares them for sledging can begin. In 5 separate sledging parties they suffer blizzard and subzero temperatures forging into the unknown Magnetic south. Displaying skills of inventiveness, repurposing and rejigging, keeping safe and a sense of humour they face the ancient land whose willful and unpredictable character was determined long ago.

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1237047	Me and you Royce, Ellie & Pratley, Penelope (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2025	9781922696502	K-2	Come and join in on a day of joyful discovery, where treasured memories are made, connection is celebrated, and sharing love is as simple as holding hands. A gently humorous book which celebrates the simple joys of being together with someone you love.
1277981	Meatball goes to school Jellett, Tom	Walker Books	2025	9781760655648	K-2	Meatball is the newest member of our family. And he loves eating everything. But when he ate Mum's slippers, he was sent to Dog School. It seems that Meatball has done so well at Dog School, that now he's going to MY school. With me!
1165724	Medici heist Schneiderhan, Caitlin	Atom Publishing	2024	9780349125411	7-9	Welcome to Florence, 1517, a world of intrigue, opulence, secrets, and murder. The Medici family rules the city from their seat of wealth, but the people of Florence remember the few decades they spent as a Republic, free from the Medicis and their puppet Pope, Leo X. Sharp-witted seventeen-year-old con-woman Rosa Cellini has plans for the Pope and the Medicis - and, more specifically, the mountain of indulgence money they've been extorting from the people of Tuscany. To pull off the Renaissance's greatest robbery, she'll recruit a team of capable misfits. Old secrets resurface and tensions in the gang flare as the authorities draw closer and the Medicis' noose pulls tighter around Tuscany itself. What began as a robbery becomes a bid to save Florence from certain destruction - if Rosa and company don't destroy each other first.
1209863	Meerkat mayhem Fox, Mem & Horacek, Judy	Puffin Australia	2024	9780143777687	K-2	After eating a large meal Meerkat finds himself stuck in his burrow. Will his animals friends rally to the rescue?
1209886	Meet the mubbles Pichon, Liz	MacMillan	2025	9781035068326	K-2	Something ODD has landed on the Isle of Smile. But WHAT is it? (Good question.) Can the Mubbles solves the mystery in time before the colour disappears from their world... forever?

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846053	Mertales: The daring reef rescue Timmis, Rebecca	Albert Street Books	2021	9781760526566	3-4	<p>Tomorrow is the Fancy-Fins Dress-up Party, and the MerTales crew are very excited!</p> <p>Pearl, Sandy and Coral are extra thrilled to be testing out their mer-mazing new magic powers. But what about Shell? She doesn't seem to have any powers, and is feeling a bit left out. Then a giant turtle blunders into Cockleshell Cove, and Shell is worried that she is too much of a scaredyfish to help. Together the girls must find a way to save the turtle, rescue Cockleshell Cove and have the best dress-up party ever!</p>
846180	MerTales: The great treasure hunt Timmis, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526573	3-4	<p>It's the day of the Great Treasure Hunt and everyone is joining in! Coral is excited to lead her team of best friends to the treasure first. But soon they discover that there is a bigger mystery to solve...</p> <p>Who is the mer-sterious Count Frumplesquid, and what does he really want in Cockleshell Cove? Can Coral and her crew work together to uncover the truth and keep the precious treasure safe?</p>
871651	Mertales: The mysterious rainbow thief Timms, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526580	3-4	<p>The colours are disappearing from Cockleshell Cove! The bright coral reef is grey and dull, and even the clownfish have lost their colour. The MerTales crew are worried their tails might be next!</p> <p>Sandy sets out to investigate with the help of her friends, Pearl, Shell and Coral. F.I.N.S. have saved Cockleshell Cove from reef dragons, giant turtles and catfish burglars, but the Mysterious Rainbow Thief moves faster than anything they have ever seen.</p> <p>Can the mer-crew catch the thief and bring back Cockleshell Cove's beautiful rainbow?</p>

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941486	Message through time, A Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180125	5-6	When 11-year old Felix finds a message in a bottle during a family trip to France, he and his unwilling step-sister, Zoe, are flung back 1700 years to Ancient Roman times. They are offered sparrows for lunch and horse-spit as medicine, and that's just the beginning! Back in their own time, they discover they have accidentally brought a high-class and very demanding Roman girl with them. Can they get Petronia back to her time and themselves back to their time before time runs out?
903285	Messy roots Gao, Laura	Balzer & Bray	2022	9780063067769	9plus	After spending her early years in Wuhan, China, riding water buffalos and devouring stinky tofu, Laura immigrates to Texas, where her hometown is as foreign as Mars - at least until 2020, when COVID-19 makes Wuhan a household name. Laura illustrates her coming-of-age as a girl who simply wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school, and figure out why girls make her heart flutter. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
777925	Michaela Mason's big list of 22 worries Moses, Alexa	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781743838754	5-6	I've been making lists ever since I could write. It relaxes me. By writing my worries down, I feel as if I'm removing them from my mind and leaving them on the paper. My secret worry list is the big boss of lists. Right now, there are 23 worries on it. New school. New Town. 23 worries.
1261591	Midwatch, The Rossell, Judith	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761212369	5-6	Banished to the Midwatch Institute for Orphans, Runaways and Unwanted Girls, Maggie Fishbone is certain she is in for a life of drudgery. But, she quickly discovers that there's more to Midwatch than meets the eye....Maggie is thrust into adventures and mysteries that she must solve.
1209857	Miles and Jones: The anaconda attack Smith, Sam & Lador, Cesar (ill)	Little Moa	2024	9781869715564	3-4	Shackleton Jones is excited about his very first sleepover. He has to walk across the park with his dad to meet up with his best friend Amelia Miles. What they never expected was the evil neighbour would curse the park making their trip back to Jones' place much more interesting. Floodwaters can hide the most unusual things. Come on a fast paced graphic adventure with Miles and Jones.

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1209724	Millicent Quibb school of etiquette for young ladies of mad science, The McKinnon, Kate & Ca'ceres, Alfredo (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008710682	5-6	Gertrude, Eugenia, and Dee-Dee simply don't belong - not in their town, their adopted family, or their etiquette school. A mysterious invitation from the infamous Millicent Quibb holds the potential to change everything. Will they experience belonging? Will they practice mad science? What life changing adventures lie ahead?
1209699	Millie Mak the mender Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460763797	5-6	Millie Mak has a superpower. She can make handy and beautiful things from items she finds at home. In story one, Millie is visiting the Aged Care Home where her mother works. She decides to make hats for the residents to cheer them up. When the whole school decides to join in, Millie finds she needs to be more than just a mender of things, but a mender of friendships too. In the second story, Millie finds her skills recognised by a TV show. As Millie and her friends get ready for the recording, they have to work out how to stay true to themselves. Look in the back to find patterns for some of the projects in the book and make them yourself.
1227725	Minecraft Ironsword Academy: It's now or nether Zane Huett, Caleb & Batson, Alan & Hill, Chris	Farshore	2025	9780008680688	5-6	Eek journeys into the Nether alone, and Ash has to go after him. Piglins and Hoglins at every turn make survival seem unlikely! Meanwhile, Po, Harper and their fellow students at Ironsword Academy get into deep trouble with Principal Ferris when they wage a friendly sword fight in the cafeteria. Now they will have to spend the afternoon doing chores around the school instead of playing Minecraft. Will they get done in time to save Eek and Ash?
1151645	Minecraft Ironsword Academy: Ready set respawn Zane Huett, Caleb & Batson, Alan & Hill, Chris	Farshore	2024	9780008666330	5-6	After a storm Woodsworth Middle school was to be rebuilt and in the meantime students had to attend Ironsword Academy .The Head teacher Mr Ferris is going to pull the plug on the old server which the Minecraft gamers were worried would make things go wrong in their game. Eek is to journey through the game to the end in less than 5 days, will he let us help him and what do we need to get to the end, if the Evoker Kid is trapped in the game we need to protect him too.

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	Minecraft series Lore, Danny				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.
1292412	Ming & Maria explore the universe French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460764886	5-6	Ming has travelled through history to meet girls who have changed the world. However, this time is different as Herstory, History's sister, promises to reveal to Ming something of her own past: her long-lost mother. When Ming washes up on the icy shores of Nantucket Island in 1836 she is saved by the elderly Mrs Sloe and the wealthy Miss Reynolds, but there is no sign of a woman who might be her mother. The island is home to Maria Mitchell, who at seventeen has already published her first papers on astronomy and will go on to inspire scientists around the world for generations to come. Maria's future holds extraordinary promise and fame. But what about Ming? And who is her mother? In this final book in the Girls Who Changed the World series, Ming Qong discovers who she is, and how she, too, will change the world.
1233662	Mini and Milo: Elephants never forget Dimos, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658427	K-2	Mini has the best memory in the whole animal kingdom. She remembers the good stuff, the bad stuff and everything in between. And because Mini remembers everything, she also remembers mistakes. Usually other peoples mistakes. So when her best friend Milo accidentally loses Mr Cuddles, Mini has to learn how to forgive, and forget.
1209748	Mini and Milo: The last plum Dimos, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760656171	K-2	Mini the elephant wants to win the annual cooking competition. Unfortunately, she has insufficient plums to bake her prize-winning plum pie. Milo the rabbit declines to give his only plum to Mini; he has been waiting a long time for it to ripen and he does not wish to share. Will Mini find the final plum needed to bake her plum pie, or will she find something else - something more special - instead?

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	Minutes of danger series Heath, Jack				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.
1076338	Miraculous sweetmakers, The: The frost fair Hastings, Natasha & Smith, Alex T (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2023	9780008496067	5-6	The Great Frost of 1683 has London in its grip. Thomasina sells sweets on the frozen Thames, and soon hears of rumours of the Other Frost Fair that appears there at night. It is said that if you find the Fair, Father Winter himself will grant you a wish. Thomasina has an impossible wish: the return of her twin brother, Arthur. Thomasina and her new friend Anne soon discover that the Other Frost Fair is not fair at all, and that some wishes never come for free.
1151565	Mirror of Beasts, The Bracken, Alexandra	Quercus Children's Books	2024	9781786541758	7-9	Tamsin must travel to the mysterious world of Avalon where she survives. Tamsin makes her way back into the mortal world however she discovers that she is cursed. Tamsin must break the curse before it breaks her.
1209833	Mitchell Starc: The incredible true story Gifford, Clive	Farshore	2024	9780008608903	3-4	Australian Mitchell Starc is a renowned fast bowler and one of the all-time cricketing greats. Learn about his journey from a kid bowling in his parents' yard to a celebrated world champion in this unofficial true story.
1153332	Monster calls, A: The play Peck, Adam & Dowd, Siobhan & Ness, Patrick	Walker Books	2018	9781406387131	7-9	Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill. But tonight is different. Tonight when he wakes, there is a monster at his window. it wants something from Conor. It wants the truth.

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1209924	Moonboy Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180743	5-6	An engaging time slip novel featuring a present day girl who slips back in time to the exciting days of the first moon landing. Letty is almost 11 and is not happy about having to spend her school holidays with her Nan and visiting her Grandpa, who has dementia and lives in a nursing home. But when a boy named Keith pops up from nowhere in Letty's bedroom, accusing her of invading his room, Letty is astonished. But things become even stranger when she realises she is able to slip back and forth in time. As Keith and Letty share the thrill and excitement of the first astronauts landing on the moon, Letty realises her trips to the past have the power to change history. But what if something she says or does causes a disaster, or messes up the moon landing?
1209953	More than peach Woodard, Bellen & Liem, Fanny (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781338809275	3-4	When Bellen Woodward's classmates referred to "the skin-colour" crayon she knew just how important it was that everyone understood that "skin can be any number of beautiful colours." This stunning picture book spreads Bellen's message of inclusivity, empowerment, and the importance of inspiring the next generation of leaders.
1209688	Mosaic, The Kelly, Deborah & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539731	K-2	When mum's vase breaks, everything changes. Dad moves out, Nan moves in, and Frankie's world feels a little bit broken, too. That is, until Nan has an idea.
1209849	Most haunted castles Fielding, Yvette & Shaw, Hannah (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839134838	5-6	Discover the spooky histories of real-life places in this chilling non-fiction series. Ghost hunter Yvette Fielding has been investigating spooky places for over 20 years. This time she is uncovering the ghostly histories of Britain's castles. From Oxford Castle to Bamburgh, these castles are filled with hauntings and spooky histories, brought to life by Yvette and the Most Haunted team's investigations. Dare to discover poltergeist and paranormal activity including the ghost of Anne Boleyn, dastardly poisoners and even Vlad the Impaler!

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1337807	Mr Duckins' chickens Elliott, Mick	Walker Books	2025	9781760659080	3-4	Meet Mr Duckins... Not only is he the funniest, silliest, strangest Year 4 teacher in the universe, he's also the most epic. That's because Mr Duckins isn't like other teachers. He doesn't believe in tests. Or homework. Or opening doors before he runs through them. But when he hatches a plan to breaks the world record for eating the most eggs in a day, Mr Duckins and his loyal class of misfits embark on a chicken-filled adventure that could turn rotten!
1334021	Mr Luke's magic library: Ocean adventure Mr Luke & Kennett, Chris (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761642708	K-2	There's a special place, hidden within the school. It's a magical place where the books inside can take readers on journeys beyond their wildest dreams. Welcome to Mr Luke's Magic Library ... Mr Luke's class have opened a magic book and found themselves under the sea!
	Mr McGee series Allen, Pamela				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.
1168005	Murray and Bun: Murray the knight Stower, Adam	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008561277	3-4	Murray and Bun travel through the enchanted cat flat and find themselves in the land of knights. There, Murray must defeat Sir Nasty in a jousting competition. Will Murray rise to the challenge and become an unlikely hero? What are the implications for Princess Rubytoes whose preferred destiny has little to do with marrying either Murray or Sir Nasty?

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728149	Music from another world Talley, Robin	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781867202257	9plus	<p>It's summer 1977 and Tammy Larson can't be herself anywhere. Not at her strict Christian high school, not at her conservative Orange County church and certainly not at home. Tammy's only outlet is writing secret letters in her diary to activist Harvey Milk...until she's matched with a real-life pen pal who changes everything.</p> <p>Sharon Hawkins bonds with Tammy over punk music and carefully shared secrets, and soon their letters become the one place she can be honest. The rest of her life in San Francisco is full of lies. The kind she tells for others-like helping her brother hide the truth from their mom-and the kind she tells herself. But as antigay fervor in America reaches a frightening new pitch, Sharon and Tammy must rely on their long-distance friendship to discover their deeply personal truths, what they'll stand for... and who they'll rise against.</p> <p>Usually read by student sin years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1259264	My body, my brain Gills, Nicki Esler & Daniels, Inge (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761524622	K-2	Have you ever been a chatterbox, with lots of things to say? Or has it seemed that your voice has left and gone on holiday? Have you spent the day high-swinging, spinning, tumbling, giving chase? Or snuggled in a blanket in a quiet, cosy place? We're all important, not for what we can or cannot do, but because each child is precious. And every brain is too! A fun and engaging introduction to neurodiversity for all young readers.
1209813	My dad's gone away Krakouer, Andrew & Dinan, Jacqueline & Seden, Paul (ill)	Magabala Books	2024	9781922777249	3-4	Tarah's Dad is not around anymore, and she does not know why. Join Tarah as her parents support her to adjust to her Dad being in prison.
1209730	My family and other suspects Emery, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781760529215	7-9	<p>"What happens when your closest family are the prime suspects in a murder mystery?</p> <p>Spending a weekend visiting her step-grandmother and hanging out with relatives at the family farm isn't 14 year-old Ruth's idea of fun, especially when there is no internet or phone reception, and there is the added complication of trying to suppress her crush on her sort-of-cousin 15 year-old Dylan. But when the sudden and suspicious death of step-grandmother GG keeps the extended family trapped at the farmhouse, it gives Ruth and Dylan a chance to solve the murder mystery themselves."</p>

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1209887	My mum is a bird Cui, Angie & Barrow, Evie (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268632	K-2	Today is Parents' and Carers' Day at school. I don't want to bring anyone, but my mum is coming anyway. She is a bird. A delightfully absurd and touching story about celebrating differences and loving your family feathers and all.
1209933	My mum is the best McPickle, Nic & Doyle, Tommy (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181160	K-2	A funny and loving celebration of mothers everywhere!
1334252	My name is Jemima Muscat, Olivia & Colpoys, Allison (ill)	Scribble Press	2025	9781761380457	K-2	Meet Jemima, a lovable Labrador with a very important job! While she loves playing with her favourite yellow bone and getting lots of cuddles, Jemima is also a fully trained guide dog who helps her handler navigate the world. Through playful adventures and heartwarming moments, discover how Jem balances her fun-loving nature with the focused dedication needed to be a guide dog extraordinaire.
1273538	My pet croc Vee, Dani & Faber, Jules (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781922804983	5-6	Felix Marigold is given an extraordinary pet to look after by his Aunt Opaline (who also happens to be a famous scientist), but it doesn't take him long to discover that Jupiter is a crocodile. With his best friend Autumn and her pet ferret, Felix sets out to save Jupiter and defeat the four evil Caitlins who might just ruin everything.
1212158	Myke Mollard's mini to maxi: Australian creatures from microscopic to monstrous Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800664	5-6	Through Myke Mollard's rich visual storytelling, Mini to Maxi explores the scale of our natural world. From the microscopic to the monstrous it is delivered with engaging cinematic punch, exciting any child's imagination and fully engaging anyone with a love of nature and science.
1122600	Mystery of the forever weekend, The Thompson, Lisa	Scholastic Australia	2024	9780702322648	5-6	Life is changing for Cory and he doesn't like it or understand why. A school bully has decided to target Cory and this includes trying to move in on his best friend. He has concerns about his parents and he is struggling in school. All this paused when he finds himself caught in a time loop and his weekend never ends. This might be a case of careful what you wish for.
1272111	Nanna Croccles Lu, Susan Joy	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761527340	K-2	Nanna Crackles is no ordinary nanna! She spreads joy and colour everywhere she goes, even on her way to fetch bananas! At home, she always knows exactly what everything needs. But what will she do when she finds a friend in need?

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	Nanny Piggins series Spratt, R A				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.
768239	Nat enough Scrivan, Maria	Scholastic UK	2020	9780702300486	5-6	Making friends isn't easy, but losing them is even harder! Natalie has never felt that she's enough - athletic enough, stylish enough, or talented enough. And on the first day of middle school, Natalie discovers that things are worse than she thought - now she's not even cool enough for her best friend, Lily! As Natalie tries to get her best friend back, she learns more about her true self and natural talents. If Natalie can focus on who she is rather than who she isn't, then she just might realize she's more than enough, just the way she is.
1019908	Nerd Herd, The: Pig Out Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781761128516	3-4	Barney and his friends have escaped from Mrs Fox, but now they have a new problem: Kevin Bacon has a job for them. He wants them to help him impress the new pig on the farm, Barbie Q. Will a swine-dining experience win her over? Or the new musical show, Mo-hair? Join Barney and his friends for their wackiest job yet!
1019906	Nerd herd, The: Raging wool Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760974619	3-4	Barney the Lamb and his friends may have scared off the fox. But now they have a new problem. A gigantic bull (with behavioural issues) is on the loose. Can Barney and his gang get the bull back in his pen and earn the respect of the petting-zoo farm? Or will this be another big mis-steak?
964881	Nerd Herd, The: Kitty Litter Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761205002	3-4	Plus-sized Puss has given birth to five kittens, and they are all kinds of trouble! So the whole farm call upon The Nerd Herd to do something about it - and fast! Can Barney the Lamb, Shaama Llama Ding Dong and Billy the Kid succeed on their mission? And will they finally get the farm cred they deserve?
1233669	Neville's great escape Avery, Sean E.	Walker Books	2025	9781760659042	K-2	Neville was a penguin known for being somewhat of a risk taker. He was brave, bold, and beloved by all. Until the day he was eaten by a whale. Or so it seemed. Because that was only the beginning of the story.

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1209956	New famous five, The: Five and the forgotten treasure Smith, Chris & Lancett, James (ill)	Hodder & Stoughton	2025	9781444978728	3-4	When Maddy, Fran, Tom and their dog, Gilbert, head to Kirrin Village for the holidays, they are quickly caught up in a mystery. A top-secret treasure map has gone missing. Luckily, help is at hand - answers left behind by Kirrin's best-known adventurers: the Famous Five....Can they catch the thief before the treasure itself is stolen?
1209872	New girl, The Calin, Cassandra	Graphix	2024	9781761527654	7-9	Lia and her family are waiting to board a flight across the Atlantic, leaving behind family, friends and Romania - the only home Lia has ever known. But Lia's heartache is overshadowed by the discomfort of her first period. As if things weren't difficult enough! Now Lia is thrust into a world where everything is different: her home, her language and even her body. With so many changes happening at once, Lia struggles with her schoolwork, has trouble communicating with classmates and has no idea how to manage her unpleasant periods. Will she ever feel like herself again?
1162138	Night War, The Brubaker Bradley, Kimberley	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790637	5-6	In 1942 much of France is occupied by the Nazis. Separated from her parents, 12 year old Miri is Jewish and not safe. Entrusted with 2 year old Nora, the girls flee to a small village where Nuns will look after them if they pretend to be Catholic. Miri takes the chance to help others at great risk to herself. Can she forgive herself for those she couldn't save and will she be able to save Nora and herself?
1019644	Nikki Hind: Dressed for success Dickson, John & de Sousa, Chantel (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2023	9780645558425	3-4	Nikki Hind always dreamed of being a fashion designers. When she was little, she had trouble seeing. Later a stroke took away almost all of her eyesight. Nikki didn't let that stop her. Now she has her own fashion label and her fashions are shown all around the world. Discover how being vision impaired has made Nikki who she is today.
1077273	Nina Peanut is amazing Bowie, Sarah	Scholastic UK	2024	9780702329876	5-6	Nina Peanut creates amazing videos - so why is it only her nan and best friend Brian who watch them? Surely everyone should be interested in her SERIOUS and NOT-STUPID videos about potatoes with faces? Nina dreams about being as popular as class queen bee Megan Dunne, who films NOT AMAZING AT ALL content of her pampered dog, Princess Trixie Bell. So when Nina's stinky cat Les wanders into one of Megan's videos by accident, and goes viral, Nina and Les are suddenly internet famous! But is overnight stardom as wonderful as Nina always imagined it would be?

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1124940	Nine girls Gregg, Stacy	Penguin NZ	2024	9781776958146	7-9	Set in New Zealand in the late 1970's to early 1980's, the main character Titch is 12 years old when her father goes bankrupt, causing her family to move from the predominantly white city suburb of Remuera to the small, predominantly Maori, town of Ngaruawahia, to be close to her mothers family. In Ngaruawahia Titch and her cousins hear about a stash of gold buried on their family land and they become determined to find it. Titch also meets an unusual creature who guides her through the stories of her ancestors. As Titch learns about her heritage she must navigate feeling like an outsider in her own world.
1240055	Ninja girl Do, Anh & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760264949	3-4	Niki is having the wildest week, she stumbles across a mysterious gem, her kitten goes missing and she discovers she's a ninja. Can Niki work out how to use her new powers to save the town? And who on earth is Niki's wisecracking ninja sidekick?!
	Ninja kid 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.
1153635	Nobody likes Monday Lee, Kelly & Calauti, Amy (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539847	K-2	Nobody likes Monday, and the complaint letters are piling up. People dread the start of the week and waking up early. Monday tries hard to change to be more like the other days, until one day she notices a colourful envelope... Readers will love this warm-hearted adventure about learning to celebrate our individual talents and strengths.
1286590	Nora notices Moss, Tegan	Little Book Press	2025	9781923141131	K-2	Nora notices the world in a different way. She sees things that others forget to see. She transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary wherever she goes. Slow down and look closer with Nora and find beauty in the smallest surprises that life has to offer.
1228279	Normal women: Making history for 900 years Gregory, Philippa & Snell, Alexis (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780008725075	7-9	This book is a radical retelling of the story of Britain--not of the rise and fall of kings and the occasional queen, but of social and cultural change, powered by the determination, persistence and effectiveness of women, from 1066 to modern times.

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1222296	Not for the faint of heart Croucher, Lex	Bloomsbury	2024	9781526651846	9plus	<p>Mariel, a newly blooded and perpetually grumpy captain of the Merry Men, is desperate to live up to the legacy of her grandfather, the legendary Robin Hood. Clem, a too-perky backwoods healer known for her new-fangled cures, just wants to help people.</p> <p>When Mariel's ramshackle band of bandits kidnap Clem as retribution for her guardian helping the Sheriff of Nottingham, all seems to be going (sort of) to plan - until Jack Hartley, Mariel's father and Commander of the Merry Men, is captured in a deadly ambush. Determined to prove herself, Mariel sets out to get him back - with her annoyingly cheerful kidnappee in tow.</p> <p>But the wood is at war. Many believe the Merry Men are no longer on the right side of history.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1096856	Nothing alike Moor, Zewlan & Cheong, Peter (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023	9781761212239	K-2	<p>Reuben and his best friend think it's impossible to tell Esme and Eunwoo apart! They both have the same dark hair, are both short, and they even wear the same school uniform. Except that once Reuben starts to think about it, of course he knows who is who. But the girls have a surprise in store for him. He and his best friend look more like than they realise!</p>
909088	Nothing more to tell McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2022	9780241473689	9plus	<p>Four years ago, Brynn left Saint Ambrose School following the shocking murder of her favourite teacher. The case was never solved, but she's sure that the three kids who found Mr Larkin's body know more than they're telling, especially her ex-best friend Tripp Talbot. He's definitely hiding something. On her return to Saint Ambrose, Brynn decides to investigate, but the further she dives into the past, the more secrets she finds. Someone got away with murder and now it is time to uncover the truth....</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1357154	Notwitches, The Panton, Gary & Sutton, Dotty (ill)	Chicken House	2025	9781915947413	3-4	While lots of children have one or two problems, Melanda Notwitch has three: her horrible aunts. They really are the absolute worst. Luckily, she meets Mitch, a young witch who knows of a magic spell that might make everything better. All they have to do is find one special ingredient. How hard can it be?
871584	O in the snow, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2021	9781925868609	K-2	What words contain the O sound?
1292430	Odder: an otter's story Applegate, Katherine & Santoso, Charles (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702269158	3-4	Odder spends her days playing underwater and learning from her mother. But Odder's life takes a dramatic turn when a storm hits, and she is rescued by humans. Inspired by the true story of a program that pairs orphaned otter pups with surrogate mothers, this lyrical tale explores resilience, healing and the importance of play through the eyes of one of nature's most beloved animals.
1238365	Ogg Fryer, HP	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761299728	3-4	Merlin was a marvellous wizard but his little brother Ogg was not. Ogg couldn't make any of his spells work and most of them exploded or went up in flames. When a terrible troll is found under the bridge Merlin is tasked with removing it but without mistletoe he couldn't make his potion. So, Ogg decides to help but never imagines what happens next. A tale of bravery and kindness and a bit of magic too.
1061458	Oh, olive! Cho, Lian	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063237490	K-2	Olive's parents are professional artists who always paint prim, proper, perfect shapes, and they want Olive to follow in their footsteps. But Olive wants to paint differently; she likes to splatter and splash colour across her work and never paints perfect shapes, or any shapes at all. What will happen when Olive and her bright paints reach her parents' pristine art gallery?
	Ollie and Bea series Trembl, Renee				K-2	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.

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1066669	On silver tides Bishop, Sylvia	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839133589	7-9	Kelda and her family are silvermen, a hidden people who swim like fish and breathe through their skin. When Isla, Kelda's little sister, is born without these abilities, her life and the lives of her whole family is at risk and she must be protected from the suspicions of their community. When betrayal comes, Kelda and Isla escape on a desperate journey across Britian's waterways.
1209691	On the Hunt for Santa Gibbes, Lesley & Michael King, Stephen (ill)	Working Title Press	2024	9781922033109	K-2	Three friends, Cat, Hare and Pig, head off on a snowy, Christmas adventure.
700327	One and only Bob, The Applegate, Katherine	Harper	2020	9780008390679	3-4	Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family.
1209721	One and only family, The Applegate, Katherine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008702465	3-4	Ivan is the resident silverback gorilla in a wildlife sanctuary, with his friend Ruby next door in the elephant enclosure, frequent visits from his canine friend Bob, and his mate Kinyani by his side. Ivan has also just become a dad - to twins! But as he navigates the joys and challenges of parenthood, he can't help but recall his own childhood in the jungle - and his own twin.
1141609	One day by the numbers Jenkins, Steve	Clarion Books	2022	9780358470113	3-4	What happens around in the world in twenty-four hours?
1209932	One day: a true story of courage and survival in the Holocaust Rosen, Michael & Phillips, Benjamin (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529515985	5-6	Eugene Handschuh was a Jewish member of the Resistance in occupied Paris. After he was captured by the Nazis, he was placed on a convoy to Auschwitz. Against all the odds, with the help of strangers and fellow members of the Resistance, Eugene and his father escaped the convoy and survived - when so many others did not. Former Poet Laureate Michael Rosen was inspired to tell this story after discovering his father's uncle and aunt were on the same convoy as Eugene, but never returned.

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1209740	One wise sheep Hub, Ulrich & Muhle, Jorg (ill)	Gecko Press	2024	9781776575954	5-6	Tonight the sheep can't sleep. The pasture is floodlit by a strange new star and their shepherds have disappeared. They've probably been kidnapped by a UFO. Or perhaps they've gone to see the child lying in a manger that everyone's talking about. The sheep decide to go too. What a surprise the shepherds will get, seeing their sheep turn up after such a long hike! But many pitfalls await an unruly flock in search of good tidings on their first night hike.
1292421	Only branch on the family tree, The Clark, SherryI	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268915	5-6	Its always been Gemma and her mum, just the two of them. As close as best friends. But while researching a class project about family, Gemma makes a life-changing discovery. Her nan is not dead, like Mum told her, but alive and well and living close by. Gemma now has huge question marks hanging over her. Why would Mum lie about this? What is her nan like? And what would happen if Gemma tried to find her? The Only Branch on the Family Tree is a story about secrets, forgiveness and finding a way for relationships to blossom.
871585	OO in Uluru, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2020	9781925868180	K-2	This is the story of the OO. An amusing sound for all of you! Learn about the vowel sound OO and where you can find it in different words as you explore Australia's Red Centre.
1209778	Open wide!: jaw-dropping mouths of the animal world Diamante, Letizia & Brown, Ed J.	What on Earth Books	2024	9781804661352	3-4	Gobble up hundreds of incredible facts about animal mouths, teeth, beaks, tongues and lips. Explore the most marvellous mouths of the animal kingdom, from the awesome jaws of the great white shark to the tiny teeth of the garden snail.
1197190	Order of masks, The Bellchambers, Alina	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761560149	9plus	In the cut throat Ravalian Court, alliances, seduction and magic are the key to survival. Circus performer Mira has spent her life on the run and is determined to secure her future by competing in the deadly Trials and winning a place in one of the three magical Royal Orders. Princess Scarlett is fighting to withstand her half-brothers' sinister ambitions and seize power. Mira is the opportunity she has been waiting to. Will Mira and Scarlett be able to navigate the world of magic, ambition and court intrigue - as co-conspirators or as rivals for the throne? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1304825	Orris and Timble: Lost and found DiCamillo, Kate & Mok, Carmen (ill)	Candlewick Press	2025	9781536225303	3-4	Orris the rat and Timble the owl are friends. Each night, Timble comes to the barn to visit Orris and listen to his stories. But Timble is growing up, and when he doesn't appear one day, Orris wonders if perhaps Timble has forgotten him. Is their friendship over - or does Timble have a story of his own to share?
1174716	Oscar vs the grand old dude named York Curnow, Ross	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657819	7-9	Oscar has more going on than a kid in year 7 should have to deal with. His neighbour is out to get him, the police don't believe him and at school he is in love with Tiffany, the most popular girl who does not know he is alive. Oscar hopes to win her affection by giving her a necklace that his grandfather left him, but this necklace may be more valuable than Oscar realizes. Tiffany will not be the only one interested in such a valuable necklace which may put Oscar and all his friends in danger. Life is definitely a challenge for this teenage boy.
813627	Otilie Colter and the withering world Williams, Rhiannon	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761212192	5-6	Otilie and her friends are part of the Narrowway Hunt. Flying her Wingerslink her job is to make sure the Narrowway and it's people are safe from the dredretches and to try and stop the Withering Wood. But Whistler has other plans. Plans that would mean something far worse than the dredretches. But what exactly are those plans and why does Whistler need Otilie's friends to complete it?
1304674	Our beautiful world Speedie, Sarah & Davis, Margeaux (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2025	9781923145573	K-2	Join us on a colourful journey of discovery to every corner of our amazing world. From the vibrant red rocks of Australia, to the glittering gold dunes of Morocco, to the tropical blue oceans of Fiji, our earth is home to a dazzling rainbow of natural colours. Our Beautiful World is a lyrical celebration of the many cultures and colours found on this awe-inspiring planet that we call home.
1096821	Our bugs Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211188	K-2	Discover the bugs of Australia through the evocative and intricately detailed artwork of best selling Bundjalung author-illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft.
1259662	Our dance Daniher, Jacinta & Hampton, Taylor & Burger, Janelle (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423429	K-2	Under the moon of a big gum tree children gather to learn how to dance. Painting their faces and sitting by the fire, the elder plays the Yidaki and teaches the mob how to dance. Follow the kids as they learn how to slither like a snake and dance like an emu.
1105017	Our flag, our story: The Torres Strait Islander Flag Namok Jnr, Bernard & Mayo, Thomas & Mordey, Tori-Jay	Magabala Books	2024	9781922613509	K-2	Flags are symbols of identity, pride, and difference. Join Bernard Namok Junior as he explains the elements of the Torres Strait Islander flag designed by his father.

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1060225	Our house Trewin, Trudie & Naidu, Lavanya (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761293030	3-4	We share a hug, with shiny eyes. 'I love you, house,' I cry. We all hold hands and walk through the door. One home can tell many stories in this heart warming, reversible tale about family, togetherness and moving on to new beginnings.
1209880	Our infinite fates Steven, Laura	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241671108	9plus	Evelyn and Arden are star-crossed souls who have lived multiple lives. But in each life Arden hunts Evelyn and kills her before they reach their eighteenth birthdays. Evelyn doesn't know why he does this. But in her present life, Evelyn has something she needs to live for - her younger sister Gracie who is dying of leukemia. Evelyn needs to live long enough to donate her stem cells for Gracie. Can she convince Arden not to kill her, and figure out why she's being hunted so that she can break the curse once and for all? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
983373	Our mob Daniher, Jacinta & Hampton, Taylor & Walsh, Seantelle (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696229	3-4	Join our yarnning circle and listen to our stories. Our Mob proudly celebrates our Aboriginal culture. Our Mob explores Aboriginal culture and how it is practised within families today through the perspective of a preschool child.
1023651	Outlaw girls Gale, Emily & Wheetman, Nova	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790231	5-6	Kate and Ruby have a lot in common - they both live in the Victorian high country, both are daring and prepared to break the rules and both love riding horses. They could be friends, but they live more than 140 years apart. While Kate is secretly taking supplies to her brother Ned Kelly, galloping through the mountains, she is mysteriously carried through time and finds herself in 2022 where she meets Ruby. When Ruby travels back to 1878 with Kate she gets roped in to helping the Kelly Gang from being found. But Ruby knows that disaster is looming. Is it possible to change history?
1209711	Over or under? Harry, Pip & Tapper, Hilary Jean (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421807	K-2	Maisie's dad is teaching her about the ocean. She quickly learns to jump over big waves, but finds it trickier to know when to dive under the bigger ones. Will she be able to muster up the courage to give it a try?
1209834	Paddington in Peru: The Story of the Movie Wilson, Anna	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008681807	5-6	This is the story of the third Paddington movie, Paddington in Peru! Paddington and the Browns are off to visit Aunt Lucy in Peru. When he arrives, however, all is not right - Aunt Lucy has vanished! Join Paddington and the Browns as they embark upon a quest in the jungle of Peru to find Aunt Lucy.

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1125089	Pancakes for plum Tan, Rae	Lothian Books	2024	9780734422491	K-2	Plum worries she's not good at anything. Big Brother is good at climbing trees and Second Brother is good at painting, but when Plum tries to join them, she discovers climbing and painting aren't really for her. Then she hears piano notes for the first time and her heart flips over like a pancake on a hot pan. Could playing the piano be the thing that's truly meant for her? Pancakes for Plum is a gentle, whimsical celebration of self-discovery, beautifully illustrated by remarkable new author-illustrator Rae Tan.
884072	Paradise on fire Rhodes, Parker Jewell	Orion	2021	9781510109858	7-9	Addy, a young Black girl goes on a wilderness camp to discover herself and to deal with past trauma. She comes face to face with challenges, getting to know herself better and facing the dangers brought on by climate change.
1209774	Pau: The Last Song of the Kaua'i 'o'o Piedra, Tony & Joy, Mackenzie	Candlewick Press	2024	9781536219494	K-2	This book takes you on a journey way back in time. If you listen closely you will hear the sound of the 'o'o bird. Over time, that song grows fainter and fainter until it disappears completely. The 'o'o bird is no more; it is pau (lost forever). What has happened to the o'o' bird? Why did its journey end?
	Pearl series Odgers, Sally & Thomas, Adele K (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.
959178	Pebble and Wren Hallbeck, Chris	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780358541288	5-6	Pebble must leave his forest home and live with humans to unlock his true monster skills. He finds Wren who loves scary things and is happy to help him. They quickly become the best of friends. But can Pebble figure out his new powers? If he can't, he will have to go back home and leave Wren and the human world behind.
1097641	Penguin oh Penguin Milroy, Gladys & Milroy, Helen	Magabala Books	2023	9781875641697	K-2	Can Penguin make it back to its family?

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1176759	Penny draws a class trip Shepard, Sara	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790712	3-4	Our class trip to New York was to be my first time away from home except Grandma Mini's and Grandma Anne's. I have more worries of a competition between BJP Elementary and Amsterdam Academy for a new library, were they now the enemy? We had three workshops to work together but Riley is assuming a leadership role and not listening, maybe I could lead this group to win. Billy made is sound like worrying was a good thing. My buddy is Violet and we aren't friends any more why was she acting strange , how I can get her to feel like she can talk about it? On the last day of our trip, the Winner is!
1176746	Penny draws a secret adventure Shepard, Sara	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790569	3-4	Dear Cosmo, I have a cereal box project, What Makes You YOU? Me I'm a worrywart with some peculiar slants on life, like Riley stealing Violet my best friend from me and I haven't let it go. Maybe friendships can be mended. Rocco, Kristian, Petra, Maria, Chloe and me Penny are on a new adventure looking for treasure with a map I found in the attic. Having to sneak to the witch's house on Mulberry Street to get the next clue was worrying me as much as being in a new house and having new twins that scream a lot. Perhaps a pep talk or contacting my Feelings Teacher will sort things, and we have a babysitter teenager Grace. Dear Cosmo, my friends are so excited to start Mission Lockbox.
1153623	Pepper Masalah and the disappearing rope Hawke, Rosanne & Berry, Jasmine (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111624	3-4	Pepper Masalah and Zamir fly on their magic carpet back in time to Mughal India as the carpet tries to find its original owner. Zam is accused of stealing the carpet and thrown in the dungeon. How will Pepper and hew new friends rescue him? And if the emperor keeps his carpet, how can they return home to Australia?
	Percy Jackson series Riordan, Rick				5-6	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.

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1153329	Perfect Guy Doesn't Exist, The Gonzales, Sophie	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444964653	9plus	When Ivy's parents go away for a week, she plans to binge-watch her favourite TV show. But her plans go awry when she wakes up to find the handsome main character of said TV show in her bedroom. Weston may be her soulmate on paper, but what about in real life? In order to deal with this turn of events, Ivy must somehow work with her ex-best friend Mack, and she starts to wonder if perhaps someone else was her soulmate all along...
1209698	Periodic tale, A Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9780733340345	7-9	The only child of Holocaust survivors who fled to Australia in 1950, Karl has always forged his own destiny in an idiosyncratic way. Before he became one of the world's favourite scientific storytellers, he ambled through a convoluted cacophony of a career. In Dr Karl's memoir, you will learn that it's okay to not take a linear path through life, and that by following our curiosities and our passions, we can bend the universe to our liking.
1019902	Pidge's poppies Andrews, Jan & Ide, Timothy (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2024	9781922696380	K-2	Pidge's Poppies brings to light the message of hope with the symbol of the red poppy in a curious, delightful way when two pigeons tell a story about building a nest in the Australian War Memorial from cloth poppies strewn among the name plates of those who fought the war and lost their lives doing so. Pidge's remembering of how important carrier pigeons were in communication is both factual and comforting when the nest is complete.
877886	Pirate queens: Dauntless women who dared to rule the high seas Lewis, Leigh & Gomez Woolley, Sara (ill)	National Geographic Society	2022	9781426371950	5-6	You have heard about all the Pirate Kings but have you heard about the Pirate Queens. They are bold, adventurous and formidable.
1209959	Pizza face Ogle, Rex & Valeza, Dave (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761640155	5-6	Rex just wants to feel cool for just one minute, but when a zit appears in the middle of his forehead and he is aware that he smells most of the time, he feels like an alien and no one would understand. His friends are either too angry and alone to help or they are not experiencing puberty yet so he feels weird. With the help of grandma and the unusual friendships he forges at Courtney's party trying not to think of himself but others especially Brody who Rex thinks has a lot more going for himself, but Brody is not easily convinced. Rex also has to problem solve to find ways around his smelliness when he cannot afford deodorant.

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1209807	Plague French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781743834824	5-6	Grass and wheat-lands spread to the horizon, and so did we, with too few ibis to control us. We could rage across the land. We ate the grass, the leaves, the wheat ...Plague explores the impact of human decisions on the delicate food chains that exist, through the eyes of the locusts themselves.
1263569	Plantabulous!: More A to Z of Australian plants Clowes, Catherine & Gyan, Rachel (ill)	CSIRO	2024	9781486317202	7-9	Did you know that there are plants that can survive fire? Plants with seed pods that explode, shooting seeds far and wide? Plants that can help clean up pollution? Or that Australia is home to the most 'venomous' plant in the world? This book presents 26 iconic and unique native plants for you to discover in your local park, bushland or even your own backyard.
	Pow pow pig series Do, Anh & Cheong, Peter (ill)				3-4	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.
1346804	Pretty please, do not open this book Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2023	9780655232612	K-2	Whether 'pretty please' is a polite request or a desperate plea is for you to decide! This time, Wizz is reunited with his delightful friend Nessie, in some more highly relatable and hilarious situations. Anyone who occasionally (or not so occasionally) is nervous or unsure of themselves will delight in Wizz's escapades.
1334254	Pride oasis Rainbow, Kasey	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761720192	K-2	Welcome to Pride Oasis, a magical land inside the whimsical world of Kutopia! Luka the Lion wants nothing more than to fit in with his pride, so he tries very hard to hide his differences. Can Luka learn from the caring critters of Kutopia that being unique is something to be proud of?
	Princess in black series Hale, Shannon & Hale, Dean & Pham, LeUyen (ill)				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.

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887077	Prison healer Noni, Lynette	Penguin	2024	9781760897512	9plus	<p>Seventeen-year-old Kiva Meridan has spent the last ten years fighting for survival in the notorious death prison, Zalindov, working as the prison healer.</p> <p>When the Rebel Queen is captured, Kiva is charged with keeping the terminally ill woman alive long enough for her to undergo the Trial by Ordeal: a series of elemental challenges against the torments of air, fire, water, and earth, assigned to only the most dangerous of criminals.</p> <p>Then a coded message from Kiva's family arrives, containing a single order: "Don't let her die. We are coming." Aware that the Trials will kill the sickly queen, Kiva risks her own life to volunteer in her place. If she succeeds, both she and the queen will be granted their freedom.</p> <p>With an incurable plague sweeping Zalindov, a mysterious new inmate fighting for Kiva's heart, and a prison rebellion brewing, Kiva can't escape the terrible feeling that her trials have only just begun.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1112565	Punycorn Watson, Andi	Clarion Books	2023	9780358571995	5-6	<p>A tiny unicorn - big on confidence, low on competence - finds himself 'on duty' when Sir Ogre unleashes his evil army on Carbuncle, the unicorn kingdom. Will Punycorn, thus named because he is a puny unicorn, rise to the challenge? Will his hastily assembled group of misfits be a help or a hinderance in the quest to save Carbuncle?</p>
1174718	Puppet Almond, David & Stewart, Lizzy (ill)	Viking Children's	2024	9781406391619	5-6	<p>Silvester is a retired puppet maker, but he makes one last puppet, as tall as a child. He held the puppet's arms out wide and wondered what strange kind of story Puppet might be in. New friends help Puppet discover the world and the joys of imagination.</p>

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1133742	Queen of dogs Weatherstone, Jen	Walker Books	2024	9781760658588	5-6	Maddy's family are talented and ambitious - sporting trophies, top grades, they collect them all. But Maddy would rather spend time with her best friend, her pug Gusto. When Gusto disappears... her world changes. Her search for Gusto reveals a surprising talent and Maddy can't believe her ears. She can understand everything the neighbourhood dogs are saying and suddenly Maddy becomes the go-to canine problem solver. But when more and more dogs go missing, Maddy finds herself with a much bigger problem... and she is going to need a lot of friends - two-legged and four-legged - to help her solve it...
1329936	R.I.P Nanny Tobbins Stevens, Lucie	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460766521	5-6	When Nanny Tobbins fell off a horse and broke her neck, the grown-ups told nine-year-old Albertine she'd never see her beloved governess again. But it simply isn't true. For every night, when the clock strikes twelve, Nanny returns to the nursery. Yet in her new ghostly state, Nanny Tobbins quickly causes chaos in the household -- and the timing couldn't be more inconvenient. Albertine's stepmother is struggling to settle in, and Papa is much occupied working with Prince Albert on the Great Exhibition. To make matters worse, the grown-ups don't believe in ghosts at all, leaving Albertine to take the blame for Nanny's unruly antics. How will Albertine restore peace to her home before the unthinkable occurs?
886256	Raiko's run Heffernan, John	Five Senses Publications	2022	9781760324438	7-9	Previously published as "More than Gold" As thirteen year old Bosnian refugee, Raiko, trains with an Aboriginal mate, Jay, his Olympic dream quickly draws both the local doctor and soccer coach to his side.
	Ranger's apprentice series Flanagan, John				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.


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977533	Ratbags: Best of pests Harris, Tim & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)	Penguin	2023	9780143777472	3-4	Humans have had enough of rats and their ratbag ways. Even Mr Pecky has stopped giving them pizza. But things get taken to a whole new level when robot minks with laser eyes roam the streets, ready to destroy all ratbags, stray cats and jazz musicians! How are the ratbags to survive the humans' latest pest control? By joining forces with their enemy, naturally! With Cracker and the ratbags on the same team, things are about to get really hairy!
1175034	Ratbags: Dummy spit Harris, Tim & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)	Penguin	2024	9781761346088	3-4	The Ratbags have their hands full when a toddler ratbag crashes into town. But where did he come from? Between the muffin mayhem and hairy heists, can Jigsaw and his friends find the missing parents in time? Or will they have to deal with the dreaded dummy spit?
941494	Ratbags: Midnight mischief Harris, Tim & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)	Penguin	2023	9780143777458	3-4	When rule-loving, leaf-collecting, piano-playing Jigsaw was naughty for good, he dropped his ratbag friends in a bit of bother -- he gave them a good reputation! This nightmare situation needs fixing, pronto, and Ripple and Onion are the best ratbags for the job. But while performing some ratty mayhem, they fall into Cracker the cat's claws... Will their midnight mischief turn them into a midnight snack? Or will Jigsaw find a way to save them? Again!
1093121	Ratbags: Take flight Harris, Tim & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)	Penguin	2023	9781761340505	3-4	The ratbags are on holiday on the trash-filled Scum Island, where everything is just how the ratbags like it -- terrible! Even cats are kept in line by a high-flying falcon, who puts on a show for the ratbags! But when Cracker is carried away to the falcon's lair, Jigsaw starts to worry... is the pesky falcon a feathery friend or foe? One thing's for sure, with the ratbags in town, the holiday is packed with action, danger and VERY bad manners.
1209734	Raven's eye runaways, The Mabey, Claire	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781991006820	5-6	Three friends and a one-eyed raven find themselves up against the rulers who restrict the gifts of writing and reading to an elite few. They must go on a wild and unpredictable rescue mission. Who and what will they meet along their way? And what is the terrible truth behind everything they think they know about their world?

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1209814	Raymangirrbuy dhawu - When I was a little girl Gatjawarrawuy Mununggurr, Kylie	Magabala Books	2024	9781922142306	3-4	Written in English and Djambarrpuynu, this is a story about a young girl's childhood in Raymangirr, a Yolnu homeland in North-East Arnhem Land.
	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.
1075159	Reappearance of Rachel Price, The Jackson, Holly	electric monkey	2024	9780008507268	9plus	18-year-old Bel has lived her whole life in the shadow of her mother's mysterious disappearance. Sixteen years ago, Rachel Price vanished and young Bel was the only witness. Rachel is gone, presumed dead. The case is dragged up from the past when the Price family agrees to a true crime documentary. Bel can't wait for filming to end, for life to go back to normal. But then Rachel Price reappears, and life will never be normal again... Usually read by studwents in years 9, 10, or above.
750997	Rebel gods Kostakis, Will	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734419262	7-9	Newbie gods Connor, Sally and Locky want to change the world, no biggie. When their first attempted miracle doesn't quite go to plan, they find themselves at odds with their families, the media and each other. To make matters worse, they're drawn into a centuries old conflict between the gods of Love and Fear that just might destroy the world they're striving to make better.

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1088077	Rebels of Mount Buffalo, The Edwards, Helen	Yellow Brick Books	2023	9780645218077	5-6	<p>Last time Clara visited the Mount Buffalo Chalet she was part of a family of four. Now, in 1998, they are only three, each navigating the waves of grief that have followed the death of Clara's twin brother.</p> <p>Without her twin, Clara's identity is in a state of turmoil. Then, she meets a girl who lives near Mount Buffalo. Clara is surprised to discover that this girl is Guide Alice - a rebellious, gutsy, and adventurous girl who Clara knows from the history books as having spent her life leading people up and down the mountain.</p> <p>When Clara and Alice are confronted by danger, will Clara rediscover her courage? Will she find the strength to reclaim herself?</p>
896426	Rebound Alexander, Kwame	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780358494836	5-6	<p>Hoop kings SOAR in kicks with wings. Game so sweet it's like bee stings.</p> <p>It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ. When he gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again?</p>
1096800	Recipe for magic potion, A Henseleit, Jack & Horne, Natasja (ill)	Bright Light Books	2024	9781761211881	K-2	<p>To make a magic potion, you will need these things: A friend (or two or three) A bucket or a pot Or a hole And... ingredients.</p>

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1209744	Rene & Glumfoot in the cafe at the edge of the woods Please, Mikey	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008639006	3-4	<p>Welcome to the Cafe at the Edge of the Woods, the utterly charming picture book from BAFTA award-winning writer Mikey Please.</p> <p>Rene's dreams have finally come true! She's opened a cafe beside an enchanted wood, and with the help of a newfound waiter, Glumfoot, she is ready to serve the finest cuisine! But the locals seem to favour a most peculiar palette, requesting all sorts of disgusting things.</p> <p>Can Glumfoot's quick-thinking save the day?</p> <p>Join Rene and Glumfoot in this incredible other-worldly story full of magical humour, mythical creatures and culinary curiosities.</p>
1125059	Return to sender Draper, Lauren	MacMillan	2024	9781761266515	9plus	<p>Brodie was sent away from her town of Warwick, after being accused of stealing the town's magical 'Adder Stone'. She returns to strained friendships with Elliot and Levi, needing to face both the town and her former best friends. While living with her eccentric grandmother, Brodie learns about her Grandmother's job in the Dead Letter Office and is drawn into town mysteries once again. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1209811	Returning Saunders, Kirli	Magabala Books	2023	9781922613707	9plus	<p>Returning is a stunning work - a poetic and visual feast that takes you on Kirli's journey of rediscovering self, Country and Connection. Kirli's heartfelt experiences address large contemporary themes of decolonisation, self-determination, Identity, First Nations patriarchy, queerness, justice, love, liberation, and truth-telling.</p> <p>Each poem is accompanied by evocative and poignant artwork that was created in response to its poem and vitalises its meaning. Returning was developed with consultation and guidance from First Nations Elders, Custodians, academics and artists. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1209846	Revenge of the toxic space potato First Dog on the Moon	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066771	5-6	Letitia, Binky and Worried Norman are no ordinary teens. They are the superheroes better known as the Indefatigable EnviroTeens! Unluckily they have been space snorkelled - sucked up by giant tubes, teleported through the galaxy, stripped of their powers and squeezed out on...Mars?! Forced to join the Great Snorkel Manufactory, the three teenagers overhear the evil Baron Kartuffelpoffen's plan to snorkel up all of Earth's water. It really sucks! Can their trusty sidekicks, Stuart the wobbegong and Beverly the sourdough starter, come to the rescue?
1233657	Ride north De Jong, Maria	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839135200	5-6	Twelve-year-old Folly is angry and grieving for her mum. She isn't ready for Dad's plans for a new life in Auckland with his new girlfriend. So Folly runs away with the one person who truly understands: her wise pony, Tooth. With her mother's ashes in her backpack, Folly sets off to the fabled Cape Reinga, the northernmost point of New Zealand. Through tourist towns and wilderness, across beaches, roads and forest tracks, Folly and Tooth find both adventure and hardship. But then a spur-of-the-moment choice sets danger on their tail. Girl and horse must fight to survive together -- to the very end of the road.
1244416	Right way down and other poems Newman, Rebecca M. & Murphy, Sally (eds) & Stewart, Briony (ill)	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993429	3-4	Stand on your head with Sally Murphy, explode some dynamite with Cristy Burne or shoot some hoops with Cheryl Kickett-Tucker. Grow a poet-tree with Meg McKinlay or curl up next to your cat with Amber Moffat and watch a bit of Stink-o-Vision with James Foley. These and loads more poems by Australian poets are there to discover in Right Way Down. With striking illustrations by Briony Stewart, these poems will have you laughing, thinking, and playing with words whichever way up you read them.
1100639	Roarsome Slack-Smith, Joel & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761297212	3-4	Half lion. Half werewolf. All pillow. Totally roarsome! All Walter wanted for his birthday was a limited edition, nitro-powered drone. Instead, he gets a tattered old lion-shaped pillow (that smells suspiciously like werewolf wee). Roarkward! Now the full moon is out and Roars the lion-pillow has come to life for one night only, looking for adventure. Roars doesn't just want some fun... he wants all the fun!

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1254385	Roarsome phase 2: February freeze! Slack-Smith, Joel & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761297229	3-4	Walter's cousin Jeff has come to stay, and he's brought his monster net so that he can catch a were-pillow and pull its stuffing out - ROARFUL! Can Walter keep Roars safe from Jeff? Can Roars help Walter evade a flesh-eating Yeti?
1243332	Robbit the job-hopping frog Bauer, Michael Gerard & Dreiling, Katrin (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760266035	3-4	Robbit the frog hopped down from his log, And popped into town in pursuit of a job. But finding employment can be super tricky, When you're tiny and green and a little bit sticky! A heart-warming and hilarious tale about courage, perseverance and never giving up on your dreams!
1081685	Robert runs Sweetman, Mariah	Magabala Books	2023	9781922613387	7-9	Two boys from the Ugarapul tribe of Green Tree Frog are focused on winning the mission's biggest race. Will the boys be strong enough to win the race?
1211887	Robin Hood aged 10 3/4 Miller, Ben & Paganelli, Elisa (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2024	9781398523685	3-4	Lonely at school, Charlie prefers to escape into a world of books. But when she finds herself on the other side of the library in a place of outlaws, queens and knights, she is welcomed as the hero who will save the forest from the dastardly sheriff. Learning to use a bow and arrow and stand up against the bullies is harder than it looks, but there might just be some friends to help her with her quest...
1019750	 Rosewood hunt, The Reed, Mackenzie	HarperTeen	2023	9780063287624	9plus	<p>Lily Rosewood has lived with her grandmother since her dad's death a year ago. She and Gram have always been close. Gram's role as chair of their family's luxury coat business has inspired Lily's love of fashion, and Lily hopes to follow in Gram's footsteps one day.</p> <p>Then Gram dies suddenly, and Lily's world is upended. Gram's quarter of a billion dollar fortune is missing, and Lily has been banned from the manor she and Gram shared.</p> <p>But Gram has always loved games, and even in death, she still has a few tricks up her couture sleeve. When Lily and three other seemingly random teens get letters from Gram sending them on a treasure hunt around Rosetown, they hope the fortune will be the reward. But they're not the only ones hunting for Gram's treasure, and soon the hunt becomes more dangerous than they ever could have imagined</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>

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1038896	Rover's story, A Warga, Jasmine	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780063113930	3-4	As part of her school project, Sophie has decided to write letters to Resilience a Rover who has been sent to Mars on a mission, but Res has feelings not allowed for Mars. 'You are whole, I say. I am no longer just a brain sitting on a table.' Res is built to be an unbiased observer. But there is more. He is glad and he wants, anticipates and wonders about events unlike the real Mars Rover. As dramatic events unfold a reader is left so far from the real events of the NASA mission with a rogue robot taking literally 'I was sent here to explore all places of interest possible' to 22 years later in a museum after a journey across space and time in the lives of the characters.
1209858	Royal heirs academy Duga, Lindsey	Christy Ottavino Books	2025	9780316578660	9plus	Titus, Alaric, Emmeline and Sadie are all vying to be the new ruler of Ashland. These four are summoned to Almus Terra Academy, a prestigious institution known for ruthless practices in grooming future leaders. Once there, King Leander Eldana reveals their royal lineage and announces a competition to determine the next heir. As the teens navigate alliances, betrayals, and personal demons, the line between friend and enemy is blurred as the four work towards their goal. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1262284	Salty Parsons, Sandy	Faraway Nearby Ink	2024	9780987615770	5-6	Dara is starting at a new school and is determined to be popular but it seems Josh her new assignment partner is going to make being popular very difficult. Dara loves to use fancy words so at least their assignment on Ned Kelly's death mask should be interesting. That is until the death mask goes missing from the museum and Josh is convinced the new art teacher Ms Isoba is the thief. As Josh hunts for clues he discovers Ms Isoba isn't the only one hiding Secrets.

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1288273	Sam(ira)'s worst (best) summer Hamza, Nina	Quill Tree Books	2024	9780063024946	5-6	Samira knows this is going to be the worst summer ever. Her best friend, Kiera, ditched her for the cool girls. Her parents and older sister are taking a trip to India, so Sammy is staring down endless weeks spent with Imran, her little brother, and her Umma. To top it all off - literally! - her house gets TP'd. The TP'ing upsets Imran, who is convinced that they're being targeted because they're the only brown family on the block. When Sammy attempts to solve the problem, she creates a bigger mess instead. But she also meets new girl Alice, who is determined to figure out who was behind the TP'ing. Suddenly, Sammy's "boring" summer is full of clue-finding hunts, garage band practices, and getting to know her neighbours like never before. But when Kiera starts stealing Alice away, Sammy must decide if she wants to stand up for herself. One thing is certain: This summer is either going to be the worst (or maybe the best) of Samira's life.
1219592	Sapphire and the monster hunters Stuart, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761203466	3-4	Sapphire Sparks wants to prove she's a brave and clever Monster Hunter. There's just one teeeeny problem ... she's not very good at it! Can Sapphire finally catch an evil, scary monster? And how will she work out who are really the bad guys?
1304723	Save the gum trees, bees and big blue seas Arnold, Luke John Matthew	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760264970	K-2	A colourful call to action to love the land and everything upon it, from iconic Australian visual artist Luke John Matthew Arnold.
1209907	Scarlet: Defender of the universe Davis, James & Sutton, Dotty (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008653620	3-4	Scarlet only responds to the advert at the back of the Beano for the role of Defender of the Universe to prove to her annoying younger brother that it's not a real thing... so she's a little surprised to be told that she's got the job and is now responsible for the safety of the entire galaxy. Along with her co-Defender Jasper, Pom-Pom, the cutest alien in existence, and Bot, the cleverest AI robot that's ever been invented, Scarlet is thrown into a whirlwind adventure that takes her to the furthest reaches of the cosmos and back again, on a mission to prevent the destruction of planet Earth by an alien species who will do anything for a warm cup of hot chocolate.

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	Scholastic question & answer series Rippin, Sally & Kennett, Chris (ill)				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.
	School of monsters series Rippin, Sally & Kennett, Chris (ill)				K-2	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.
1153340	Scientists in the wild: Antarctica Scales, Helen & Hendry, Kate & D'hipolito, Romolo (ill)	Flying Eye Books	2024	9781838741228	5-6	Join a team of scientists as they explore one of the most remote and fragile environments on Earth - Antarctica.
27925	Scream: The human flytrap Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760152086	5-6	Josh lives in Axe Falls - a town of mysterious disappearances, terrifying visions and unusual events. When his family moves into a spooky old house, and his strange neighbour tells him to GET OUT, he thinks his life is weird enough. But when his best friend's science experiment goes horribly wrong and he finds himself running for his life, Josh starts to wonder what's really going on in Axe Falls and if anyone will survive long enough to find out!
944267	Sea Country Cameron, Aunty Patsy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill)	Magabala Books	2021	9781925936032	K-2	My people are proud, strong people. We are the descendants of Mannalargenna of the Pairrebeene Trawlwoolway clan, We grew up on Flinder's Island in eastern Bass Strait. The bush and the beach were our playground. We were free there to hear Country speak to us. Sea Country will give you everything you need, if you watch and listen.
1124710	Sea of wolves, A Street, Sarah	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444967821	9plus	The fifty year old treaty is in tatters and ships are washing up filled with dead bodies. Mersey Drake seeks to free her city from the clutches of a pirate called the Heartless King. Her plan fails when she is captured by the pirate crew. Mersey falls for the ship's cold blooded first mate, a girl called Golde, unaware that a wolf is getting ready to pounce. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1209937	Searching for treasure Bell, Johanna & Long, Emma (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180682	K-2	This story celebrates the joy and wonder of a walk along the beach.
1209714	Seawitch McKenna, Skye, Tomislav, Tomic (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781801301282	5-6	Seawitch continues the adventures of Cassie and her friends and in Cassie's development as a witch. A call for help from Sebastian sends them to Cornwall to investigate an intriguing mystery. They find the Erl King continuing in his plots to cross over from Faery, and the Seawitch incapable of stopping him. What can Cassie and her friends do to stop him? And what will Cassie discover about her mother? Join them in this magical adventure to find out.
1025217	Secret agent Mole book 1: Goldfish-finger Foley, James	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761200151	3-4	Max is a mole on a mission. With Helen Hippo and June Bug by his side, Max must stop the evil Goldfish-Finger from stealing a priceless, solid gold fish-finger. This dangerous, top-secret mission will involve explosions, a naked mole rat, and being flushed down a giant toilet. Will Max and the team defeat the fiendish fish? Time to rock and mole!
1209782	Secret FACTopia! Towler, Paige & Smith, Andy (ill)	Britanica Books	2024	9781804661079	3-4	Follow the trails as you flip through the pages of amazing facts and discover more. Some of the facts are hidden, mysterious and weird, from secret poison rings, secret bangle compartments, a Morse code necklace, smoke signals and braided messages in hair designs. Find out about transport long ago, hidden places and lots more.
1174711	Secret garden rewilded, The Simmons, Anthea	Andersen Press Ltd	2024	9781839134203	5-6	Spoilt rich-kid Mia's world is turned upside-down when she is orphaned and whisked away to Mis Tor Manor on the edge of Dartmoor to live with her uncle and cousin Christopher. Mia is appalled to find herself in the remote countryside, in a freezing, crumbling manor. Grieving and missing her old life, she takes an instant dislike to Christopher, who never leaves his bedroom due to illness. Yet little by little, Mia starts to discover the beauty of this wintry world, and befriends local boy Daniel, who loves animals and teaches her how to ride a Dartmoor pony. One day she discovers a hidden door, covered in brambles and ivy, which leads to a walled garden... A special, secret place which needs someone's care to bring it to life once again so nature can flourish.

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1019880	Secret of the blood-red key, The Farr, David	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2024	9781801311090	5-6	After saving the land from the evil dictator Malstain, Rachel has found herself a Keeper of the Key. An honour bestowed on some to guard the Hinterland using the magic held in the key to stop any who would exploit it's borders. Not knowing how to use it Rachel swears she will not refuse the key when it calls. When Elsa , a young innocent girl, goes missing, the key does call and Rachel finds herself on another adventure, but this time it may not end so well.
1236902	Secret of the stone, The Lefroy, Kathryn	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760994648	5-6	When Olive and her friends find a mysterious stone and discover it grants wishes, they think their lives are made. Sure, they are going to save the world and all that stuff, but there are a few fun things they want to do first. Then they realise other people are looking for the stone. People who will stop at nothing to get it. As the stakes get higher, secrets are kept, loyalties are questioned, and promises are broken. How much are Olive and her friends willing to risk to make all their dreams come true?
1119030	Secret of the treasure keepers, The Howell, A.M	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474991117	5-6	In 1948 London is beset by fog and life is hard. The one bright spot for Ruth is the thought of her mum getting a job at the British Museum. They both love archaeology and when Ruth takes a phone call suggesting that buried treasure might be buried on a farm, it seems like all of their hopes and dreams could finally come true. This is a thrilling story of buried secrets, bravery and friendship, inspired by real life events after the Second World War.
1038944	Secrets of the saltmarsh Saxby, Claire & Rogerson, Alicia (ill)	CSIRO	2023	9781486317141	3-4	Saltmarshes are full of energy and life. They provide food and shelter for migratory birds as well as microscopic plants and animals. They also protect our coastlines. Most of all, saltmarshes are places of discovery and wonder. Secrets of the Saltmarsh offers a close-up look at the fascinating world of Saltmarsh wetlands.

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1066733	Seed to sky: Life in the Daintree Freeman, Pamela & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760653750	5-6	This is a Nature Storybook, every wonderful word inside is true. Discover the abundance of insects, butterflies, birds, lizards, snakes and wildlife that get to witness the magnificent Bull Kauri pine growing in the Daintree Rainforest and how over 200 years it grows to be the watchtower of the rainforest. Read this story and learn all about the beauty of the rainforest from the forest floor to the canopy. The adaptation of animals and plants evolving to deal with climate change over the past 130 million years of its life.
1228958	Seekers of the lost cavern: Tomb of the Zombie King Duncan-Watt, Thomas & Perera, Suren (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761296444	5-6	It's not easy being Davern Cavern. Everyone in his family is a super-smart, super-brave Explorer ... except for Davern. But when Davern's world-famous dad mysteriously disappears, it's up to Davern and his besties, Zara and Woop, to search where no-one else dares. Can Davern and his friends solve the mystery AND survive a zombie curse? And, most importantly, will there be enough brussels sprout sandwiches?!
1181400	Sensational Australian animals Reeder, Stephanie Owen & Hart, Cher (ill)	CSIRO	2024	9781486316892	3-4	Explore the fascinating world of native Australian animals through the five basic senses sight, sound, smell, taste and touch. Covering more than 145 animals from sharp-eyed whale sharks to sticky-bellied green tree frogs this title showcases the strange things these creatures can do with their eyes, ears, noses, mouths and skin! Meet birds that laugh, frogs that quack and fish that sing. Discover mammals that glow in the dark and seahorses disguised as seaweed. Be surprised by turtles that breathe through their bums and squirm at lizards that clean their eyes with their tongues. And last, but not least, the dangerous creatures that bite and sting!
1096816	Sensational sharks Flannery, Tim & Flannery, Emma & Melrose, Katie (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761211706	5-6	Dive into the fascinating world of our most fearsome deep-sea predators. Discover little-known facts about sharks: learn about how they hunt and what they eat, how many teeth they have, how they move, the weirdest-looking sharks, and find out if they're scared of people.
1019848	Seven days Shaid, Rebeka	Walker Books	2024	9781529513967	7-9	Noori has it all figured out. She may be only sixteen, but she knows a thing or two about life and its messy heartaches. Aamir is trying to escape a painful past. The last thing he needs is more complications. Yet after his world collides with Noori's, he can't forget her. Their lives are connected by invisible threads.

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1227707	Shadow and tide Greenlaw, Rachel	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008642617	7-9	A magical bargain always comes at a cost. On Rosevear, Mira is plagued by nightmares. She is lost and untethered and then the watch strike, burning her home. The attack ignites a spark within her, and Mira knows its time to call in her bargain with Elijah, and tear down Captain Renshaw and the watch. But she must find allies to help her unlock her siren abilities, and the witches arent all on Miras side. In Coven Septern, Brielle has always believed in her work as a hunter, is proud to slay the monsters plaguing their world. Shes a trained weapon, a sharpened blade, a nocked arrow. She knows the blood she drains will be used for good, and yet her next assignment is a human girl. For in the eyes of the council, Mira is a monster, and monstrous creatures must be tamed...
1153640	Shadow play Forsyth, Kate & Street, Rosalie (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781925563740	K-2	Minnie May is plagued by fear; her shadow follows her everywhere, she cannot shake its dark and menacing presence. An encounter with Ziggy heralds a shift in perspective, encouraging Minnie May to think about her shadow anew.
1080643	Shadow world, The Randall, Caity & Ford, Craig & Perring, M.K. (ill)	Sassey Pty Ltd	2023	9781922851284	7-9	Sometimes when we do not know what we are looking at or dealing with, it can be overwhelming and potentially dangerous. We are here to help you navigate your way around this online world, arming you with your very own knowledge torch. This book is the creation of experts who share their experience and knowledge with you, so your world is less at risk of slipping into The Shadow World beyond your device screens.

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846812	Shadowghast Taylor, Thomas	Walker Books	2021	9781406386301	5-6	In this third adventure, shipwrecked orphan Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, must square off with a creature of town lore as he confronts a shadow from his past. While other towns celebrate Halloween, in Eerie-on-Sea its Ghastly Night, and a grim spirit in a lantern awaits its moment. Legend has it that if people fail to light manglewick candles on Ghastly Night, and if no showman conjures shadow puppets on the pier as an offering, the insulted Shadowghast will seize and devour the shadows of the living. This year, a professional theatre troupe has been summoned, including a raven-haired magician named Caliastra with startling news of Herbies origins. No sooner have the players checked into the hotel than townspeople start vanishing into thin air, including the guardian of Herbies best friend, Violet Parma. Its up to Herbie and Violet to separate truth from sleight of hand and solve the mystery of the Shadowghast lantern before darkness swallows them all.
1209776	Shakespeare's first folio: All the plays (Children's edition) Shakespeare, William & Chouhan, Dr. Anjna & Sutton, Emily	Walker Books	2024	9781529514421	5-6	The words in this book are Shakespeare's and have been adapted for young readers. The folio was published according to the true original copies seven years after Shakespeare's death in 1623. Beautiful illustrations are inspired by rare books and beautiful historic objects in the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's collection. Well known verses such as the witches, Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble, and Hamlet's eulogy, To be or not to be, that is the question, encourage performance of these classic works.
1125054	Sharkman and Blowfish: World domination Woodland, David	Berbay Publishing	2023	9781922610751	3-4	Sharkman has big ideas like taking over the world, and its Blowfish's job is to work out how. Readers will love this funny, fast paced tale of friendship, power and giant undies.
1133450	Shiny misfits Zayid, Maysoon & Amin, Shadia (ill)	Graphix	2024	9781338139280	5-6	Bay Ann is a keen dancer who has won a school talent show. This graphic novel follows the perspective of a person with a disability in a inclusive story. Bay Ann sees her disability as a part of her and not a problem. The story is full of friendships, coming of age and a talking cat.

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1334231	Sidney of Sydney Whiting, Sue & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760657703	K-2	Sydney is a big city with a busy harbour. Sidney is a young penguin... and he's in trouble. Sidney doesn't mean to be trouble, he's just curious. And one day that curiosity takes Sidney all over Sydney and on a grand adventure that lands Sidney in... TROUBLE!
1302647	Silverborn: The mystery of Morrigan Crow Townsend, Jessica	Lothian Books	2025	9780734421012	7-9	When Morrigan is invited into Nevermoor's wealthy Silver District, she discovers a world of extravagance and a family mystery she's eager to unravel. She could never imagine where it will lead: a white wedding, a golden dragon and a red pool of blood. Embroiled in suspicion and danger, Morrigan leaps headfirst into a murder investigation, while also grappling with her ever-growing Wundersmith powers. And although her friends are there to help, she fears that could change if they learn she's keeping a terrible secret of her own. As shadowy forces awaken in Nevermoor, can Morrigan find a killer and solve the mystery in her own past... before the clock strikes midnight?
1106572	Sisters of sword and song Ross, Rebecca	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008699291	7-9	Evadne is finally going to be reunited with her older sister, Halcyon, who has been serving in the queen's army for eight long years. But when Halcyon unexpectedly appears a day early, Evadne knows something is gravely wrong. Halcyon has been charged with a heinous crime and though her life is spared, she has been sentenced to fifteen years of punishment -- five years of hard labour, five years of imprisonment and five years serving the house that she has wronged. Suspicious of the charges, as well as the details of the crime, Evadne volunteers to take part of her sister's terms. If there's a way to clear Halcyon's name, she'll find it. But as the sisters begin their sentences, they quickly learn that there are fates worse than death.

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1141346	Six summers of Tash and Leopold Binks, Danielle	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734421890	5-6	<p>Leopold and Alytash - Leo and Tash - are neighbours who used to be best friends, but aren't anymore, for reasons that Leo doesn't entirely understand. But now it's the last week of Year Six and Tash is standing in Leo's front yard with a misdelivered letter - and a favour to ask.</p> <p>It's a request that will set off a chain of events in their little crescent in Noble Park, a suburb that is changing, and fast.</p> <p>In the process of solving an unfolding neighbourhood mystery and helping Ms Shepparson, a reclusive neighbour with a tragic past, Leo and Tash each have to confront fault-lines in their own recent histories and families. They will discover that friendships can grow and change, that bravery takes many forms, and that, most of all - whatever the future holds - friends and family are what matter.</p>
867794	Skandar and the unicorn thief Steadman, A.F.	Simon & Schuster	2022	9781398502734	5-6	Get ready for unlikely heroes, magic, secrets and ferocious unicorns. If you never felt that unicorns were made from rainbows, you are in luck - because ! Unicorns are not nice!
	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.
1209817	Sky country Cameron, Aunty Patsy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill)	Magabala Books	2024	9781922777218	3-4	With our grandmother we walk all the way to the peak of the mountain...We hear whispering and we listen with all our ears. Grandmother is going to tell us the story of our Ancestral Beings.
	Sky dragon series Various				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.

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916540	Sky full of stars, A Jackson, Linda Williams	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780358667209	5-6	Thirteen-year-old Rose Lee Carter has chosen to live in Mississippi, even as racial tensions mount. Caught between those who want change by meeting violence with violence and those who believe in peaceful protest, Rose doesn't see a way forward. But when she decides to help Aunt Ruthie start her own business, Rose begins to understand how she can make a difference. Life might be easier in the North but Mississippi is her home and that's worth fighting for. Set in 1955, this novel seamlessly blends a fictional portrait of a young African American girl and the factual events from a pivotal era in American history.
1209750	Sleepy sheepy and the sheepover Cummins, Lucy Ruth & Oswald, Pete (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760658953	K-2	It's time for Sleepy Sheepy's very first sleepover. But when it's time for bed, Sleepy Sheep cannot sleep. His blankets scratch and his PJ's don't match.
1214199	Slouch Wyman, Christina	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2024	9780374391904	5-6	As the tallest girl in the seventh grade, twelve-year-old Stevie receives unwanted attention that weighs on her self-esteem as she navigates family issues and struggles to stand tall on the debate team.
1209799	Small fry Baddiel, David & Loftis, Cory (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008621988	5-6	The story of one boy and his brilliant burgers. Benny Burns spends every weekend helping his dad by working at their burger van. He invents the best tasting burger ever but then the rival Bonkers Burger boss gets a whiff of his talents. Who makes the best burgers? A competition will decide.
1209960	Smaller sister Willis, Maggie Edkins	Roaring Book Press	2022	9781250767424	5-6	Lucy has always looked up to her big sister, Olivia. But then Livy starts to change, and Lucy discovers that her sister is struggling with an eating disorder. Now Lucy also has to navigate middle school, making new friends, and a mean classmate. In time, Livy and Lucy rebuild their relationship, and learn that a sister is one friend you can never leave behind.
1080654	Smarty pup #4: Talent quest Do, Anh & Emdin, Anton (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761069857	3-4	Timmy and Carla want to buy dad a good present for his birthday, but they don't have enough money until Miss Ann announces that next week the school will be holding a Talent Quest with a cash prize. JJ and Carla enter as a duet in the singing category. Problem is that JJ cannot sing and at the Talent Quest things don't go as planned until a final surprise they couldn't believe and dad had the best birthday ever.

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1289192	Smarty pup pawsome genius 5: Time to fly Do, Anh & Emdin, Anton (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761069932	3-4	When Miss Anne announces the whole class will be dancing at the Awesome Schools Concert, everyone's excited! But the AMAZING routine finishes in a pyramid ... with JJ at the very top. Can JJ conquer his fears and become Top Dog?
34498	Something special Rodda, Emily & Young, Noela (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460766415	3-4	In the spare room, the second-hand clothes hang in rows, stirring in the sunlight. Sam walks through the rows, brushing velvety sleeves, touching lace, sensing memories and magic. The clothes all have neat price tags. They're ready to be sold at the school fete on Saturday. Sam knows that some of them are Special. Her mother has told her so. But she is soon to find out just how Special they really are.
1277798	Something terrible: Becky Brush-your-hair Barton, Sally & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658410	3-4	One morning, just as Becky was leaving for school, her mum called, 'Becky! Brush your hair. Something terrible could happen!' This is the story of the SOMETHING TERRIBLE that did.
1277813	Something terrible: Tim Tie-your-shoelaces Barton, Sally & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658564	3-4	One morning, just as Tim is leaving for school, his mum and dad call after him, "Tim! Tie your shoelaces. Something terrible could happen!" This is the story of the SOMETHING TERRIBLE that did.
1209919	🌀 Song of a blackbird Van Lieshout, Maria	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181795	9plus	Emma is a young student about to be drawn into what will become the biggest bank heist in European history: swapping 50 million guilders' worth of forged treasury bonds for real ones - right under the noses of the Nazis. Emma's life - and the lives of thousands, including a little girl named Hanna - hangs in the balance. Almost seventy years later, Annick discovers something surprising about her family. Her grandmother needs a bone marrow donor but none of her relatives is a match. In fact, they are not even related. Desperate to find a living blood relative, Annick dives into the past, aided by her grandmother's only childhood possession, five copper etchings, and the name of their maker: Emma Bergsma. In this stranger-than-fiction graphic novel, Maria van Lieshout weaves a tale about family, courage and the power of art. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1078523	SOS: Heatwave Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2022	9780645133165	3-4	When SOS is struck by a heatwave, the students decide to cool off with ice creams and a swim at the beach. But in the rush to escape the school, Samuel So 'n' Slow is left behind. Can the sloth catch up to his friends before the temperature gets even hotter?

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1209825	SOS: Muddy mystery Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2022	9780645133158	3-4	When Mischief's schoolbag disappears on a farm excursion, the detective dog goes searching for clues. Can he solve the mystery of the muddy footprints? And what priceless treasure is hidden in his bag?
949674	SOS: So cool Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2022	9780645133189	3-4	When a family of hamsters are shipwrecked, the Scallywags help by raising money with a costume parade. but every costume The Big Chipper tries to make is a disaster. How will the salty seagull feel when he discovers Deluchio's cool costume?
1078532	SOS: Tiny trouble Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2022	9780645133110	3-4	Will Horace's little lies lead to a whole lot of trouble?
1078528	SOS: Top shot Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2022	9780645133196	3-4	When Scorch turns up to the team tryouts for the Cannonball Cup, he never imagines he can make the team. But after he stops a runaway ball, he is the talk of the town. Will the fireball fox be the next top shot, and who will be left off the SOS team?
1078784	Sound the gong He, Joan	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790682	7-9	All her life Zephyr has tried to rise above her humble origins as a no-name orphan. Now she is a god in a warrior's body , and she has never felt more powerless. Her lordess, Xin Ren, holds the Westlands, but her position is tenuous. In the north, the empress remains under Miasma's thumb. In the south, the alliance with Cicada is in pieces. Fate also seems to have a different plan in mind for the three kingdoms, but Zephyr has no intention of respecting it.
1185511	South with the seabirds McGeachin, Jess	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761068645	5-6	Mary Gillham was a naturalist who went all around the world studying nature. The one place she wanted to go - the sub-Antarctic - was however, off limits. However, with determination she was allowed to go and embarked on an adventure with 3 other female scientists to discover the beauty of Macquarie Island.
987857	Spark hunter Wilson, Sonya	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991142221	5-6	Ever since she was a little girl, Nissa has seen mysterious, supernatural lights deep in the forest of Fiordland. She is curious about what they are and why they seem to want her attention. When Nissa sneaks away from her school camp to track down the lights, she finds herself lost in a dangerous wonderland. But Nissa is not the only one at risk - the Fiordland forest and the creatures in it are also under threat. Can Nissa help them and also find her way back home?

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1231533	Speedy sloth meets her match, The Young, Rebecca & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760266479	K-2	Spike was a sloth, and yes she was slow. But, unlike the others, she wanted to go! Then Spike meets Dash, just what she needs - someone to play with who goes at her speed! A joyful story about finding friends in unexpected places.
1209701	Spirals and stars Gordon, Kate	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111709	7-9	Set in the nineties Spirals and Stars is a timeless story of friendship loss and gain, finding your place in the world, and finding the confidence to break free from expectations. Set on a backdrop of small town life, "nerd culture" and the big life moments and discoveries in our bodies and our souls, Spirals and Stars features a cast of diverse characters, a found family, a protagonist on the cusp of self-discovery, and a wealth of nineties era fun.
1209922	Spirit of the crocodile Fa'aoso, Aaron & Tucker, Michelle Scott & White, Lyn	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781743317099	5-6	Twelve year old Ezra lives on Saibai Island in the Torres Strait. He loves the island, his family and he also loves a dare. But when one of his dares goes wrong, Ezra realises he needs to make better choices and take responsibility for his actions. As climate disasters threaten Saibai and it's inhabitants, Ezra and his best friend Mason must draw on their courage to help the community survive a massive out-of-season storm.
1240904	Spiro McGregor, Anna	Scribble Press	2024	9781761381010	K-2	A hilarious tale of one spider's determined search for a decent meal from award winning author and illustrator Anna McGregor.
1209854	Splinter & Ash Nijkamp, Marieke	Greenwillow	2024	9780063326262	3-4	Ash, a princess, and Splinter, a squire cross paths. Their meeting, and the partnership that ensues, will change the fate of the kingdom of Haven. Together - the princess who uses a cane and the squire who is neither a boy nor a girl - are unstoppable. When a conspiracy intent on challenging the queen's rule comes to light, Splinter and Ash work to save the kingdom and each other.
1209793	Spy academy: Doomsday Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761290480	7-9	Nolan Hawker has been training at The Peak, a secret spy school that dispatches elite operatives to protect the innocent. His first mission is to go undercover at Blu Xpanse, an oceanic lab where a brilliant geneticist is making super-sized cockroach-like creatures that may have the potential to save the world. But Nolan isn't the only one with a secret identity - a Swarm agent has also infiltrated Blu Xpanse and Nolan has only days to uncover their identity and stop their doomsday plan.

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1209873	Squad, The Soontornvat, Christina & Cacao, Joanna (ill)	Graphix	2024	9781761640971	7-9	It's eighth grade and Christina and her besties, Megan and Leanne, are once again going through the brutal trials of cheerleading tryouts. This year, Christina feels more confident: She dresses in her own style and has amazing friends, even her first crush. But what if the girls don't all make the squad? Worse than that, Christina learns her parents' marriage is collapsing. Suddenly, her family, her future, and her identity seem in total freefall. Can she keep it together and still make her cheerleading dreams come true?
1292401	Starminister: The month of birthdays Hopkins, Megan	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008626921	5-6	Astrid has her wings at last. But, unlike all her Starminster classmates, she can't get them to work, no matter how hard she tries. The formidable new headmistress warns that Astrid must learn to fly soon, or leave London Overhead forever. Then the Month of Birthdays arrives, bringing circus shows, roller coasters, mountains of cake -- and a legendary series of games, with a prize beyond Astrid's wildest dreams. Astrid knows she has to win : it's the only way she can fix her wings and keep her home. But the games are far more dangerous than she could ever have imagined -- and someone is out to ensure Astrid never makes it to the end.
1330265	Starspill Fisher, Catherine	Simon & Schuster	2025	9781915444684	5-6	It's been 140 years since the Wolf swallowed the Sun. The cats in fog-shrouded Starspill want Zac to recover the one of the legendary Embers of the Sun and they've taken his precious secret map to make sure he agrees. This is an adventure Zac, his friend Aly and the people of Starspill will never forget.
1096844	Stay for dinner Parappukaran, Sandhya & Pereira, Michelle (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023	9781761211966	K-2	Reshma loves dinnertime with her family. They eat with their hands not just finger food type-eating, but hands-on squishy eating. But, when she's invited to stay for dinner at her friends' houses, she finds out that they all eat in different ways and worries about what they will think when they have dinner at her house.

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1209890	Steady for this Lessore, Nathanael	Hot Key Books	2023	9781471413223	7-9	Shaun (aka MC Growls) is ready to drop his best bars and smash the competition at Raptology. That way, he's convinced Tanisha, his crush, will finally give him a chance. But when a livestream practice goes epically wrong, Growls's dirty laundry is literally exposed. He's finally achieved his dreams of going viral, just not in a good way. Now Tanisha won't look at him, he's the joke of the school and there's no way he can show his face at the competition. Will he ever catch a break? Then a new girl on the block appears who might be just the friend Growls needs. Especially when she points out that Raptology could be the answer to his problems after all. It's MC Growls and he's ready for this. He's steady for this. It's comeback season and they call him comeback king for a reason.
1209704	Stepping sideways: Worlds of steampunk and dystopia Larkin, Emily (ed) & Stringer Lynne (ed)	Rhiza Press	2024	9781761111785	7-9	An anthology of twelve short stories from diverging worlds, some are steampunk and others dystopian, written by Australian authors. Be transported into complex worlds of fog and mist, dystopian civilisations, time travel, slavery, steam engines, airships, clockwork devices and very bad food.
1193371	Stickboy Young, Rebecca & Ottley, Matt	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781742994468	5-6	Stickboy lived in wind and dust, where ancient rock loomed like waves waiting to break...
1133512	Stitch Kenny, Padraig	Walker Books	2024	9781529517781	5-6	Stitch and his friend Henry Oaf were brought to life by the genius Professor Hardacre. But when the Professor's wicked nephew takes over the laboratory, Stitch and Henry must escape - and make their way in a world that may only ever see them as monsters.

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903269	Strike the zither He, Joan	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781911231417	7-9	<p>The year is 414 of the Xin Dynasty, and chaos abounds. A puppet empress is on the throne. The realm has fractured into three factions and three warlordesses hoping to claim the continent for themselves.</p> <p>But Zephyr knows it's no contest.</p> <p>Orphaned at a young age, Zephyr took control of her fate by becoming the best strategist of the land and serving under Xin Ren, a warlordess whose loyalty to the empress is double-edged; while Ren's honor draws Zephyr to her cause, it also jeopardizes their survival in a war where one must betray or be betrayed. When Zephyr is forced to infiltrate an enemy camp to keep Ren's followers from being slaughtered, she encounters the enigmatic Crow, an opposing strategist who is finally her match. But there are more enemies than one - and not all of them are human.</p>
1209896	Such charming liars McManus, Karen M.	Penguin	2024	9780241676998	9plus	<p>"For all of Kat's life, it's just been her and her mother, Jamie - except for the forty-eight hours when Jamie was married and Kat had a stepbrother, Liam. That all ended in an epic divorce, and Kat and Liam haven't spoken since.</p> <p>Now Jamie is a jewel thief trying to go straight, but she has one last job at billionaire Ross Sutherland's birthday party. And Kat has figured out a way to tag along. What Kat doesn't know, though, is that there are two surprise guests at the dazzling Sutherland compound that weekend. The last two people she wants to run into. Liam and his father - a serial scammer who has his sights set on Ross Sutherland's youngest daughter.</p> <p>Kat and Liam are on a collision course to disaster, and when a Sutherland dies, they realize they might actually be in the killer's crosshairs themselves. Somehow Kat and Liam are the new targets, and they can't trust anyone - except each other. Or can they?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1176766	Sugarcane kids and the empty cage, The Archbold, Charlie	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790996	3-4	Gloria the talkative eclectus parrot is missing from the animal sanctuary, and Anna the massive Australian scrub python has vanished from her enclosure at the library. Have they escaped or were they stolen? Andy is back with the sugarcane kids to solve the mystery and find the missing animals.
943599	Sugarcane kids and the red-bottomed boat, The Archbold, Charlie	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781922458520	3-4	Andy and his best friend Eli live in a small coastal town in far north Queensland between the sugarcane fields and the mangrove swamps. When Eli's cousin Jacob is arrested for a jewellery theft, Andy and Eli both know he is innocent. The trail of clues leads them to a mysterious red-bottomed boat hidden deep in the mangroves guarded by the fearsome saltwater crocodile Sebastian.
1209708	Summer of Shipwrecks Plozza, Shivaun	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702268373	5-6	When Sid sets off on her annual summer holiday to the Shipwreck Coast, she's desperate for some familiarity after a year of unwanted change. Two weeks with her best friend, Lou, is exactly what she needs. They can continue their search for the millions of dollars' worth of riches that disappeared in a tragic shipwreck over a hundred years ago. But Lou has brought along her popular new school friend, Hailey, who's more interested in boys than treasure hunting. So while Lou is busy chasing Hailey's approval, Sid is left scrambling to catch up, wondering when everything changed. Can Sid protect her heart from getting shipwrecked, too?
1244430	Sunny & shadow Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995119	3-4	Calla and her family had a special gift of speaking dingo language and to protect the dingo homeland. Now changes and different ways have threatened the balance. Will a cheeky dingo pup be able to restore it?

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1264381	Sunrise on the reaping Collins, Suzanne	Scholastic US	2025	9781761641176	9plus	<p>As the day dawns on the fiftieth annual Hunger Games, fear grips the districts of Panem. This year, in honour of the Quarter Quell, twice as many tributes will be taken from their homes. Back in District 12, Haymitch Abernathy is trying not to think too hard about his chances. All he cares about is making it through the day and being with the girl he loves.</p> <p>When Haymitch's name is called, he can feel all his dreams break. He's torn from his family and his love, shuttled to the Capitol with the three other District 12 tributes: a young friend who's nearly a sister to him, a compulsive oddsmaker, and the most stuck-up girl in town. As the Games begin, Haymitch understands he's been set up to fail. But there's something in him that wants to fight... and have that fight reverberate far beyond the deadly arena.</p>
1286372	Super epic dragon quest: The deadly fang Wallace, Adam & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761521515	3-4	<p>Arlo is a brave, hard-working farm boy who dreams of doing more than brushing the unbrows of his unicorns. Julia's a plucky adventurer who is tired of having no-one to talk to but her onesie-wearing father. With nothing in common but embarrassing dads, Arlo and Julia find themselves on a quest to save the land of Ticklebrook from eternal grumpiness and disgusting lemonade. All they have to do is find an invisible island, face a freaky foe and bring home a Super Epic Dragon treasure!</p>
1208957	Super snake Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2024	9781922142955	K-2	<p>Dhurruluwi guuma-li - come together! Wantima - Rise up! Woorri - Share!</p> <p>This is the refrain of the Super Snake as he locates the water that communities need to survive, and as he teaches us the value of sharing our resources.</p>
1101133	Super speedy sloth, The Young, Rebecca & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781760978488	K-2	<p>Ever since she was small, Spike wished she could be a super speedy sloth on a great rescue spree. The other sloths said it just wasn't right but Spike was read to show them her might.</p> <p>A joyful and inspiring zero to hero story.</p>


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1125049	Superheroes for a day Cormick, Craig & Mullinder, Lauren (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539977	5-6	Max, Daniel, and Natalie may not be popular, but they do have some special abilities. Some might even call these superpowers! Although these abilities differentiate them from their classmates, they are just the key to restore access to the sports shed and save the school from a day of maths!
1286203	Superteacher Project, The Korman, Gordon	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063032798	5-6	Oliver Zahn thinks school rules are made to be broken. Especially stupid rules. A new teacher appears at Brightling Middle School and something strange is afoot. Everyone thinks Mr Aidact is unreal. Oliver has to find out what is going on..
1277774	Surface Trials, The Waugh, HM	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181788	5-6	Three days, three clues, one hungry planet. Constant surveillance. The entire universe watching every move. Some will shatter. Most will fail. A select few will make it through, instant celebrities. Welcome to the Surface Trials. The only way into Starquest Academy. For Amethyst Antares, Starquest Academy offers an escape from the prison of her home planet. For Rian - the uber-famous and expertly disguised heir to the universe's two greatest dynasties - failure to get into his own academy is not an option. And Deneb? Well, he's an outlier... But this year not everything goes to plan, and Amethyst and her squad find themselves playing for more than Starquest admission. To survive, they'll have to outsmart carnivorous creatures, share dangerous secrets, maintain trust and embrace the most shocking truth in the galaxy.
1338017	Sweet valley twins: Sneaking out Andelfinger, Nicole & Whittle, Knack (ill) & Lynde, Lyle & Montgomery, Warren	Scholastic Australia	2025	9780593807217	5-6	Jessica and Elizabeth's favourite band is finally coming to town, and everyone they know is going... but the twins' parents say they can't. Elizabeth might be fine sulking about it, but Jessica is determined to see that concert no matter what - even if she has to sneak out to do it. Will Elizabeth break the rules with Jessica - or will she turn their big night out into a boring night in?
1337729	Sweet valley twins: The haunted house Andelfinger, Nicole & Whittle, Knack (ill) & Lynde, Lyle & Montgomery, Warren	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761646041	5-6	When Nora Mercandy moves to town, she becomes the talk of Sweet Valley Middle School. After all, everyone knows the Mercandy house is haunted. Nora must be a witch! Elizabeth isn't so sure, but when Jessica and the Unicorn Club spread rumours around school, Elizabeth is forced to choose between her new friend and her twin. Can Elizabeth convince Jessica that Nora is just an average girl? Or is Nora hiding something?

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1209764	Sweetness between us, The Winifred Searle, Sarah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761181245	9plus	<p>Perley has been diagnosed with diabetes and is trying to get his head around sugar levels and insulin shots. Amandine, part of a respected vampire family, has been turned much younger than she expected after a near-fatal car accident. Bonding over hospital trips and new diets, the two teens form a fast friendship. And Amandine's ability to taste blood sugar levels is a helpful perk for Perley that also provides her an ethical source of sustenance (essential for a vegan-turned-vampire).</p> <p>But as the year passes, Perley and Amandine begin to realise that their coping strategies - and their blood-sipping-turned-romance - may not be as healthy as they first thought. Will they be able to get their lives back to normal? And when so much has changed, what does 'normal' even mean?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1215821	Swing Meeker, Audrey	Feiwei and Friends	2024	9781250864048	5-6	<p>Marcus McCalister wants to fit in. So much so that he's still playing on a soccer team with his childhood friend Ted, despite not liking soccer-or Ted-all that much. Izzy Briggs wants to stand out. Being labeled the 'weird kid' for her bold fashion choices is the price an aspiring designer must pay for a life of greatness-but being confident isn't always easy. So when Izzy and Marcus are paired together to perform a swing dance routine for a gym project, it's no surprise that everything goes up in flames, including their grade in the class. Until their gym teacher proposes a deal: if the pair performs the swing routine in the upcoming talent show, they'll receive extra credit and a passing grade.</p>
1209948	Tala learns to Siva Netane, Kealani & Ho, Dung (ill)	Orchard Books	2024	9781338859317	K-2	<p>Tala adores watching Aunt Sina's taualuga, a traditional Samoan dance. Aunt Sina's hands and feet roll and glide seemingly effortlessly. When Tala decides to learn how to siva, she discovers that achieving Aunt Sina's flow and rhythm is anything but effortless! Will Tala find her rhythm and muster the courage to perform at her grandmother's birthday celebration?</p>

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1209864	Taronga big book of animals Taronga Conservation Society Australia	Penguin	2024	9781761347467	5-6	<p>Think you know animals? Bet you didn't know...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The most poisonous animal in the world is a frog? - Bilbies can turn over 20 tonnes of soil a year? - Tigers have spikes on their tongues? - Walruses can sing? - Echidna poo is glittery? <p>Explore these and hundreds more funny, surprising, and completely unexpected facts about creatures from all corners of the globe. This book is packed with charming, vibrant illustrations of over 140 creatures and their habitats, guaranteed to capture your imagination.</p>
1209870	Taronga presents: Baby boom Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761347481	3-4	<p>Sophia and Ollie are back at Taronga Zoo for their holidays and there's a baby boom! Baby tigers, meerkats, kangaroos - there are so many cute zoo babies to learn about and look after. Sophia and Ollie can't wait to meet all the new arrivals, but will they get to look after the cutest baby of them all?</p>
1209868	Taronga presents: Night owls Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761347498	3-4	<p>Sophia and Ollie are spending the night at Taronga Zoo - but who knew how many animals were active at night? And what are those noises? Sophie and Ollie have an important job to do, and need to stay awake, just like night owls!</p>
1209869	Taronga presents: Party animals Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2024	9781761347443	3-4	<p>Ollie is celebrating his birthday at Taronga Western Plains Zoo and Sophia has a secret surprise for him. He will love it but secrets, especially exciting ones, are so hard to keep! Join the best friends as they have lots of animal adventures before it's party time. It will be wild!</p>
1209867	Taronga presents: Poo at the zoo Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761347436	3-4	<p>Sophia and Ollie are zookeepers for a day, but they don't expect their first job to be working with poo! They find there's a lot to learn before they can work with the zookeepers at Taronga Zoo. They are going to have to start at the bottom at work their way up!</p>

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1153630	Tempus Imperium, The Paine, Juliet A.	Rhiza Press	2024	9781761111648	7-9	When Charlie's grandmother dies in mysterious circumstances, Charlie inherits her beautiful watch, the Tempus Imperium. She also discovers the world of the Temporal Sinistram, a secretive organisation of time-travellers. Their task is to maintain the historical timeline. Charlie never knew her grandmother was one of their agents, but now, in order to solve the mystery of her grandmothers death, she must follow in her footsteps on an adventure travelling through time - back to Australia of the 1960's and to the future post-apocalyptic wasteland that is Los Angeles in 2120.
1209751	Ten-word tiny tales Coelho, Joseph	Walker Books	2023	9781529502688	3-4	The tales in this compendium are tiny - they are only ten words long! But in your imagination they will settle - and, like seeds, they will grow.
1133459	Tennis camp diaries: Doubles disaster Barty, Ash & McGaughey, Jasmin & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9781460762745	3-4	Ash's dreams have come true - she's going to TENNIS CAMP for TWO WHOLE WEEKS! It will be so much FUN. On the first day, Ash meets her friend Zia, the coaches are great, and she's having the BEST time UNTIL the end-of-camp competition is announced. It's a DOUBLES tournament. Who will Ash get paired with? But that's not her only worry: there's a mean kid, plus a talent show to deal with!
1209830	Tennis camp diaries: Superstar Barty, Ash & McGaughey, Jasmin & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460715321	3-4	Ash is back at Tennis camp but this time a special prize is on offer. The winners of the singles tournament will have the opportunity to be a ball kid at the next grown up tournament. Ash really wants to win so she can be a ball kid for her favourite tennis heroes but she finds out there is a lot more to being a ball kid than she thought. Will Ash be able to show she has what it takes to be a ball kid and meet her tennis idols?
1277977	Terrakeet, The Van der Borgh, Jo & Beasley, Jo (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760657673	K-2	In the shade of the gobi trees on the edge of Pincer Sea, live a family of Finlocks as peaceful as can be. They lomf and fish and fish and eat and hope that they will never meet, the Frimbulitic Terrakeet! A story of legend and adventure, remarkable bravery and unexpected friendship.

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1209802	Tested Cummins, Pat	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460764916	9plus	Tested is an exploration of the remarkable place where challenge, crisis and opportunity meet, and how it's only in the moments when we are tested that we discover what we are made of. From a charity leader to Australia's first female prime minister, a Test cricket great to a ground-breaking scientist, an Indigenous leader to a bestselling author and podcaster, Pat interviews eleven extraordinary people whose stories of challenge, adversity, perseverance and resilience - navigating moments of crisis and doubt, seizing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities and giving back - have inspired him. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1019861	That's not my name Lally, Megan	Sourcebooks Inc	2024	9781728270111	9plus	<p>A teen girl wakes up on the side of a road. She is battered and bruised, with no memory of who she is or how she got there. The police don't know where she came from until a frantic man arrives at the station. He says he is her father and he has her birth certificate and family photos to prove it. Her says her name is Mary....</p> <p>After a fight, Lola leaves her boyfriends car and storms off into the night. Drew never sees her again. The sheriff and Drew's friends are convinced that Drew murdered Lola, so he needs to find her. The longer Lola is missing, the more danger they are both in.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1256651	These long-loved things Pyke, Josh & Ghosh, Ronojoy	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761293849	5-6	Where do they go, these long-loved things? These stories told, these songs we sing? Once a memory is made, it remains. Even when it is forgotten.
1209797	Thief of the heights Son, M & Yao, Robin (ill)	HarperAlley	2024	9780063067325	7-9	Lifelong friends Basem, Mustafa and Aarfah dream of using their inventing skills to transport them from the disease infested place where they live to the highest echelons of society. Their dream is to help all people of Muqadas but once they reach the upper tiers they discover there are dangerous and dark secrets- ones which will challenge their very beliefs and test their bonds of friendship.

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871536	 This all come back now: an anthology of First Nations speculative fiction Saunders, Mykaela (ed)	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265662	9plus	The first-ever anthology of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander speculative fiction - written, curated, edited and designed by blackfellas, for blackfellas and about blackfellas. In these stories, this all come back: all those things that have been taken from us, that we collectively mourn the loss of, or attempt to recover and revive, as well as those that we thought we'd gotten rid of, that are always returning to haunt and hound us. Some writers summon ancestral spirits from the past, while others look straight down the barrel of potential futures, which always end up curving back around to hold us from behind. Dazzling, imaginative and unsettling, This All Come Back Now centres and celebrates communities and culture. It's a love letter to kin and country, to memory and future-thinking. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209895	This tale is forbidden Crosby, Polly	Scholastic Australia	2024	9780702325601	7-9	Once upon a time Fairy tales were real and the women in them strong and powerful. The Authorities want you to forget those stories and the lives of the women in them. In fact they want you to forget that magic ever existed. Now the fairy tales depict weak women who rely on the protection of men, wear long tight dresses and always tie their hair back in tight braids. Nesta didn't grow up in the city and Nesta knows the truth. That truth makes her dangerous, but does she have what it takes to rescue her grandmother and bring down the authorities?
1089012	Three dresses Gibson, Wanda	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702266355	K-2	Author-illustrator Wanda Gibson grew up on Hope Vale Mission in Far North Queensland. Her novel revisits the family's annual break from the Mission, and celebrates connection to family and place, as well as the joy in simple things such as a young girl's three dresses.
	Through my eyes series Mason, Prue & White, Lyn (ill)				5-6	Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series.

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1209765	Thunderhead Beer, Sophie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180958	7-9	<p>Thunderhead is awkward, obsessed with music, and prone to bad luck. Their favourite things are hanging with their best (only) friend, Moonflower, and listening to records.</p> <p>When Moonflower moves schools, Thunderhead must navigate the challenges of high school alone. This task is made all the more challenging because she also has a big secret.</p> <p>Thunderhead uses playlists and online diary entries to try to make sense of her changing world, and to find the courage to embrace her future.</p>
1209831	Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460763506	5-6	<p>Tigg is orphaned, twelve-years-old, and the youngest bushranger on the Ballarat goldfields in 1859.</p> <p>When a robbery goes awry Tigg must go on the run, disguised as one of the thousands of Chinese men and boys who brave perilous conditions on the road from Robe in South Australia to the goldfields in Victoria.</p> <p>The danger does not abate. In fact, it multiplies. Who has offered an large reward for Tigg's capture? Should Henry Lau be considered a friend or an enemy? Can Tigg solve the mystery necessary to <u>guarantee safety</u>?</p>
1325353	Tilly in a tangle Lamond, Margrete & Lee, Monty (ill)	Dirt Lane Press	2024	9781923044289	K-2	<p>Tilly enjoys adventure in her boat as her friends join her in a world that tangles and mangles. She travels to places where different slimes and lilies take her. Her exciting adventure continues but stuck in a muddle to who-knows-where her friends help as she continues her adventure..</p>
1063353	Time to rest Carty, Jack & Carty, Natasha	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761294631	K-2	<p>The sun is sinking low, my darling, the birds are in their nests. And you have spent the day exploring, so now it's time to rest. A beautiful and timeless Australian lullaby story.</p>

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1075094	Time travelling with a tortoise Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008544775	7-9	<p>Exciting, funny, heartwarming, and mind-bendingly clever, Time Travelling with a Tortoise is the extraordinary, adventure-packed sequel to Ross Welford's beloved, bestselling debut, Time Travelling with a Hamster.</p> <p>Al Chaudhury travelled back in time to save his father's life.</p> <p>And it worked - Al's dad is alive again and life is back to the way it should be. At least, that's what Al thinks.</p> <p>Because when an accident nearly kills Al's beloved Grandpa Byron, and forces Al back in time again, this time he leaves someone behind, trapped in another dimension forever.</p> <p>And now Al is forced to travel through time once more, not just to rescue his friend from the past, but also to save his Grandpa Byron's life... and to make sure that there will be a future waiting for them all.</p> <p>It turns out time travel isn't as simple as Al thought.</p>
	Tiny Timmy series Cahill, Tim				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.
1023589	To and Fro Clifford-Motopi, Anton	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180378	5-6	Sam feels like he is a weird looking kid, because he is the only kid he knows who is white and has an afro. He lives with his mum and his dog in Brisbane. One day, a surprise visit causes him to start to question his heritage and who he is. Faced with racist grandmothers, annoying school mates and some big questions, Sam is on a quest to find out who he really is.
1334215	To be your dad Pyke, Josh & Daniels, Inge (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761527357	K-2	What does it mean to be your dad? It means jokes are more gigglesome, cuddles more warm, an 'I love you' more soul-deeply true. It means the universe never held so many wonders, the most wondrous of all being you.

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1262764	To stir with love Mildenhall, Kate & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2024	9781761426391	K-2	Grandma makes her everything cake for every special occasion. These days she sometimes needs a little help, but that's what grandkids are for. This story combines food and family to celebrate the magic of grandmothers (and their secret recipes) Complete with Grandma's everything cake recipe... and room to write down your own family favourite.
1171888	Too many acorns Crispe, Susannah	EK Books	2024	9781922539748	K-2	Patrick finds an acorn. It is small and warm and smooth and something inside him begins to grow. He starts collecting acorns, a few at first and then a few more until the acorns are everywhere, but Patrick can't stop. What will happen when there are more acorns than space?
1209707	Too tall tales of Alma T. Best, the: Out of bounds Collette, Katherine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9781460765388	7-9	Twelve years old and six feet tall Alma was about to venture into a new school after winning a scholarship to Holy Grace. The problem for Alma was not that she wore size 11 shoes but that she came from Shellsville and that students from Holy Grace did not like Shellsville. So Alma embarks on her very own plan to save face by her will to maintain a life , built out of her imagination like a house of cards .It was an adventure and a tricky game to follow till the end for her family and friends. The Mother's Day Stall assignment was getting closer as worse became worse.
1250419	Too tall tales of Alma T. Best, the: The girl who cried bird Collette, Katherine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460765401	5-6	<p>The problem with Bird Day is that all everyone does is go birdwatching.</p> <p>Alma's not very interested in birds.</p> <p>But when she manages to see an extremely rare purple-bellied parrot, it's big news.</p> <p>She's practically, almost, nearly, entirely famous!</p> <p>The only problem is no one else saw the parrot ...</p> <p>And no one saw Alma see the parrot ...</p> <p>And no one has seen the parrot since.</p> <p>When some so-called 'experts' suggest Alma didn't see the bird at all, she's determined to prove them wrong, no matter what.</p>

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1209746	Tooth fairy and the crocodile, The Donaldson, Julia & Monks, Lydia (ill)	MacMillan	2024	9781447284437	K-2	Ruth Mary is a tooth fairy who is typically tasked with collecting teeth from beneath the pillows of sleeping children. In this book she is given a special assignment: collect teeth from sleeping animals! Will these animals help her when things start to go awry?
1153334	Toxic Johnson, Mitch	Orion	2024	9781510111929	5-6	Hidden in the heart of the rainforest is an amazing frog that holds the key to staying young forever. Beautiful billionaire Anura Hegarty says she wants to save the rainforest ... she's lying. Jessica and Renata are determined to protect the frog from Anura's toxic plans. Dodging blow darts, poachers and giant snakes has them running for their lives, as danger and betrayal lurk around every corner. Can they protect the frog? Can they make it out alive?
1209821	Traitor's tail Stelzer, Cameron	Daydream Press	2024	9780987461568	5-6	Four new apprentices. Four weeks at sea. One enormous secret. When the good ship Apple Pie is captured by Tasmaniac Devils, sworn enemies Dart the Dragon Slayer and Anna Bravetail must put aside their differences to plan an escape. But will they abandon their ship with a mysterious box hidden aboard?
1238665	Trashy tales: duck for cover Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761298844	3-4	Benny's family live on top of a palm tree and love collecting food from the trash until one day the bin is empty! A slinky found in a dumpster and a friendly duck named Dee Dee involve Benny in a quest to get his favourite food , a box of hot chips, but not without competition.
	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.

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1108788	Trials of Apollo, The: Burning maze, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241534267	5-6	<p>The formerly glorious god Apollo, cast down to earth in punishment by Zeus, is now an awkward mortal teenager named Lester Papadopoulos. In order to regain his place on Mount Olympus, Lester must restore five Oracles that have gone dark. But he has to achieve this impossible task without having any godly powers and while being duty-bound to a confounding young daughter of Demeter named Meg. Thanks a lot, Dad.</p> <p>With the help of some demigod friends, Lester managed to survive his first two trials, one at Camp Half-Blood, and one in Indianapolis, where Meg received the Dark Prophecy. The words she uttered while seated on the Throne of Memory revealed that an evil triumvirate of Roman emperors plans to attack Camp Jupiter. While Leo flies ahead on Festus to warn the Roman camp, Lester and Meg must go through the Labyrinth to find the third emperor - and an Oracle who speaks in word puzzles - somewhere in the American Southwest.</p>
1133516	Trials of apollo, The: Dark prophecy, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241377550	5-6	<p>Zeus has punished his son Apollo - god of the sun, music, archery, poetry, and more - by casting him down to earth in the form of a gawky, acne-covered sixteen-year-old mortal named Lester. The only way Apollo can reclaim his rightful place on Mount Olympus is by restoring several Oracles that have gone dark. What is affecting the Oracles, and how can Apollo/Lester do anything about them without his powers? After experiencing a series of dangerous - and frankly, humiliating - trials at Camp Half-Blood, Lester must now leave the relative safety of the demigod training ground and embark on a hair-raising journey across North America. Fortunately, what he lacks in godly graces he's gaining in new friendships - with heroes who will be very familiar to fans of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians and Heroes of Olympus series. Come along for what promises to be a harrowing, hilarious, and haiku-filled ride.</p>

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1108779	Trials of apollo, The: Hidden oracle, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241377536	5-6	<p>How do you punish an immortal?</p> <p>By making him human.</p> <p>After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disorientated, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favour.</p> <p>But Apollo has many enemies - gods, monsters and mortals who would love to see the former Olympian permanently destroyed. Apollo needs help, and he can think of only one place to go... an enclave of modern demigods known as Camp Half-Blood.</p>
1133752	Trials of Apollo, The: Tower of nero, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241588086	5-6	<p>Will the Greek god Apollo, cast down to earth in the pathetic mortal form of a teenager named Lester Papadopoulos, finally regain his place on Mount Olympus?</p> <p>Lester's demigod friends at Camp Jupiter just helped him survive attacks from bloodthirsty ghouls, an evil Roman king and his army of the undead, and the lethal emperors Caligula and Commodus. Now the former god and his demigod master Meg must follow a prophecy uncovered by Ella the harpy. Lester's final challenge will be at the Tower of Nero, back in New York.</p> <p>Will Meg have a last showdown with her father?</p> <p>Will this helpless form of Apollo have to face his arch nemesis, Python?</p> <p>Who will be on hand at Camp Half-Blood to assist?</p>

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1133738	Trials of Apollo, The: Tyrant's tomb, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241534274	5-6	<p>Things are getting very bad, very fast, for Apollo...</p> <p>The former God Apollo is having a pretty rough time of it. Well, for one thing, he's been turned into a human and banished from Olympus. And he's called Lester. But being an awkward mortal teenager is the least of his worries right now.</p> <p>Though he and some of his friends have emerged from the Burning Maze, rescued the Oracle and lived to fight another day, they can't escape the tragedy that has befallen them, or the terrible trials still to face.</p> <p>So, with heavy heart, Apollo (OK, Lester) and Meg have a triumvirate still to defeat, oracles to rescue, and prophecies to decipher, so that the world may be saved, and Lester may ascend into the heavens to become Apollo once again.</p> <p>But, right now, Caligula is sailing to San Francisco to deal with Camp Jupiter personally, and they have to get there first. Failure would mean its destruction...</p>
754441	Truck Cat, The Frenkel, Deborah & Snell, Danny (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761215766	5-6	<p>Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away for both of them. Yacoub drives his truck to make a living, learning the landscape of a new country along the way, and longing for connection. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other and, in doing so, might find more than they expected.</p> <p>The official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2025, to be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand! This book is on the 5-6 booklist for 2025 only, and will return to the 3-4 booklist in 2026.</p>

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1169502	Tryout, The Soontornvat, Christina & Cacao, Joanna (ill)	Graphix	2022	9781338741261	7-9	When cheerleading tryouts are announced, Christina and her best friend, Megan, literally jump at the chance to join the squad. As two of the only kids of colour in the school, they have always yearned to fit in - and the middle school cheerleaders are popular and accepted by everyone. But will the girls survive the terrifying tryouts, with their whole grade watching? And will their friendship withstand the pressures of competition?
1209728	Turtle Moon Gold, Hannah, Pinfold, Levi (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008582081	3-4	When Silver's father is invited to visit a turtle rescue centre as artist-in-residence, Silver is hopeful that this adventure will help joy back to her family. What was intended as a peaceful holiday in Costa Rica turns quickly into something darker and more dangerous when some rare leatherback turtle eggs are stolen. Will Silver and her new friend Rafi be able to save the eggs?"
1103079	Twelfth Knight Follmuth, Alexene Farol	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781250884893	9plus	Jack Orsino is Mr Popular at his Highschool and only got Student Body President because he's a sport hero. Viola Reyes is the one who does all the work and has a lot to be annoyed about. Vi escapes by playing Twelfth Knight - an online role playing game where she can hide her true identity and excel on her own terms. But when Jack's sporting career is collapsing Twelfth Knight will unite these warring teens, and Vi will be forced to decide who she wants to be and who she can trust. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1070176	Twinning: BFFs (not) Moses, Alexa	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761292620	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! It's Harmony Day at Rocky Point Primary, and Izzy and Grace are entering the best presentation competition. But when the girls choose the same topic, the battle between the sisters is on. Who will win? And will they ever be BFFs again?

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1209958	Twins Johnson, Varian & Wright, Shannon (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781761126222	5-6	Maureen and Francine Carter are twins and best friends. They participate in the same clubs, enjoy the same foods, and are partners on all their school projects. But just before the girls start sixth grade, Francine becomes Fran -- a girl who wants to join the chorus, run for class president, and dress in fashionable outfits that set her apart from Maureen. A girl who seems happy to share only two classes with her sister! Maureen and Francine are growing apart and there's nothing Maureen can do to stop it. Are sisters really forever? Or will middle school change things for good?
1209792	Two can keep a secret McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2019	9780141375656	9plus	Echo Ridge, a town near the Canadian border is not safe for teenage girls. In 1996, high school senior Sarah Corcoran vanished while walking home from the library. Then five years ago, homecoming queen Lacey Kilduff was found dead in the aptly named Murderland Halloween Park. Now the killer claims to be back. Echo Ridge is not a good place to be popular. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
588180	Two dark reigns Blake, Kendare	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509876495	9plus	Queen Katharine has waited her entire life to wear the crown. But now that she finally has it, the murmurs of dissent grow louder by the day. There's also the alarming issue of whether or not her sisters are actually dead - or if they're waiting in the wings to usurp the throne. Mirabella and Arsinoe are alive, but in hiding on the mainland and dealing with a nightmare of their own: being visited repeatedly by a specter they think might be the fabled Blue Queen. Jules, too, is in a strange place - in disguise. And her only confidants, a war-gifted girl named Emilia and her oracle friend Mathilde, are urging her to take on a role she can't imagine filling: a legion-cursed queen who will lead a rebel army to Katharine's doorstep. This is an uprising that the mysterious Blue Queen may have more to do with than anyone could have guessed - or expected. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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915992	Two degrees Gratz, Alan	Scholastic US	2022	9781338735673	7-9	As climate change threatens, more and more natural disasters are occurring around the world. Three groups of children are facing the problem of climate change and the disasters it causes. A wildfire in California, melting ice in the Canadian north and hurricanes in Florida. Through their experiences the children must find a way to make the adults make changes to save the Earth.
1187079	Two turtles Thomas, Kiah & Minton, Jake A (ill)	Little Book Press	2024	9780645401493	3-4	<p>Frank and Terrence are known for their relentless rivalry. They compete in everything, from slow-walking races to shiniest-shell contests. But one fateful day, they take things too far, with no way out but to work together.</p> <p>Two Turtles is a hilarious and irreverent story that explores cooperation, communication and teamwork. The surprising ending will tickle readers and spark endless discussions about complex friendships and conflicting feelings - can you be fiercely competitive and still be a good teammate?</p>
1004215	Uncle Xbox Thomas, Jared	Magabala Books	2023	9781922613363	3-4	Dusty spends a lot of time playing games online, and usually with his stepdad, Marcus. One Saturday morning, Marcus loads his things into his car and leaves. He takes his Xbox. Dusty is determined to buy an Xbox of his own and tried odd jobs that don't quite work out. That is until cool Uncle Rick turns up. Uncle Rick introduces Dusty to surfing and teaches him about culture and Country. Dusty swiftly discovers that there is more to life than gaming.
1304847	Undead fox of Deadwood Forest, The Hartman, Aubrey	Walker Books	2025	9781761601453	5-6	<p>Clare, an undead fox, lives in Deadwood Forest, a place trapped in eternal autumn. After dying in an accident, he chose to become a guide for lost souls instead of crossing into the Afterlife. His quiet routine is shattered when a badger soul, Gingersnipes, appears but cannot move on. It's the first time a soul has been stuck, threatening the balance between life and death.</p> <p>To find answers, Clare and Gingersnipes seek out Hesterfowl, a prophetic grouse. She reveals a shocking truth that leaves Clare devastated and determined to defy the fate he was given.</p>

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1082880	Unexpected mess of it all, The Tozer, Gabrielle	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460761441	9plus	<p>Jamila Dakhoul wants to escape her life. Forget everything. Forget that her only friends are strangers on the internet. Forget that she's stuck in a caravan after a fire destroyed her family's house. Forget that Year 12 is a brutal hellhole where bullying is an Olympic sport. Forget Billy Radcliffe once and for all.</p> <p>But as Jamila tries to untangle the messy threads of her life on a weekend away with her family, it becomes clear that she can't outrun her past, no matter how hard she tries ...</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1209852	Unico: Awakening Sattin, Samuel & Gurihiru (ill)	Scholastic US	2024	9781339036335	5-6	A brave young unicorn, Unico, finds himself in a new world, befriending an abandoned cat Chloe. Can he find out how to use his powers to help his friend, and escape the clutches of the evil goddess Venus, who wants to kill him?
1209934	Unicornia: A magical birthday Punset, Ana & Vicedo, Diana (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529520002	3-4	Claudia, Sara and Pippa are excited about celebrating Pippa's birthday. But when Pippa faces a disappointing setback, can they cheer up their friend and get the magic back on track?
1209951	Unicornia: Learning to fly Punset, Ana & Vicedo, Diana (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529519860	3-4	Claudia has just moved to Unicornia, a magical land where unicorns are real and adventures are magical. But can she conquer her fear of flying in time to pass her unicorn flying test?
1138111	Unreal: Can you tell fact from fake Simpson, Kate & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180347	3-4	<p>There's been a mix-up at the Museum - some of the displays from the Myths and Legends exhibit have snuck into the Natural History wing.</p> <p>We have to sort it out, but how can we tell fact from fiction? Animal from apparition? Megafauna from monster?</p> <p>Kids will have fun guessing which animals and plants are real and which are fake in this extraordinary exhibition of the strange and wonderful animals and plants that inhabit our world ... and our imaginations. And a brilliant guide to help us know what to look for when tracking down truths.</p>

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925934	Upwelling, The Rose, Lystra	Lothian Books	2022	9780734420251	7-9	A young adult fantasy with three misfits, two warring spirits and one chance to save the world. When death threatens all life, can a short-sighted surfer, a laidback dolphin caller and a feisty language unweaver work together to salvage our future?
1202391	Urban legend hunters: The dreaded Mr. Snipe McKerrow, Joel & Bryant, Wayne (ill)	Larrikin House	2024	9781922804716	5-6	There is something sinister stirring in the town of Shadow Grove. Something that requires the talent, training and dedication of professional urban legend (aka monster) hunters. It's a shame we don't have any of those... Meet storyteller Jeremy who loves telling tales that will make your blood curdle, fearless Samantha Small and Bad Boris, who may be anything but bad! This is not a fairytale. This is a hair-raising, spine-tingling, heart-pounding, hilarious adventure that is sure to scare the snot right out of you. Think you're brave enough? Why don't you take a seat around the campfire so you can hear the urban legend about the terrifying tale of THE DREADED MR SNIPE. Perfect for readers who love adventure, fun and spooky stories all mashed into one big poetic mystery!
1271303	Villain Beck, Adrian	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760267667	5-6	Gaming fanatic Jay receives a strange phone call on a school trip to Titanium Tower. The voice on the other end calls himself Z. And he has trapped Jay's classmates in the elevator at the very top of the skyscraper. Jay finds himself with no choice but to try and solve Z's deadly riddles. Not only that, he has the worst person possible helping him: Hudson Hamm, the school's star athlete and resident tough guy. Soon Jay and Hudson are on a high-stakes scavenger hunt around the city. Can they team up to beat Z at his own game? If not, their classmates and family members will pay with their lives.
1209928	Violet and the Velvets: The case of the missing stuff King, Rachael & Morris, Phoebe (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991006981	5-6	Violet Grumble, twelve-year-old rock star in the making, forms a band with a ragtag group of friends. Her dream is to compete at BandChamps. The problem is that none of her friends can play an instrument. Violet won't let that stop her! But things get tougher when the band's gear starts to go missing - what's going on? Can Violet solve the mystery and harness her ADHD powers? Can she help the Velvets overcome stage fright and beat The Alphas at the final showdown? After all, you only need three chords to play a song ... how hard can it be?

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1120946	Vivi Conway and the sword of legend Huxley-Jones, Lizzie	Knights of	2023	9781913311421	5-6	The lake has been calling to twelve-year-old Vivi Conway. On the day she and her Mams will move from Wales to London, she sneaks out to investigate what is calling her there. Instead of a quiet swim, she finds Excalibur (much smaller than she expected), a ferocious monster (much scarier in real life than in her mythology books), a new friend (which she doesn't want at all) called Dara and a ghostly dog named Gelert (who can talk). Gelert insists that Vivi is part of a magical group of children who share the souls of witches from legend and must protect the world from being taken over by the evil King Arawn of the Otherworld. Oh, and now she can magically control water. With a little extra help from spiky Stevie and sweet-hearted Chia, can Vivi be brave enough to embrace true friendship and her magical destiny to help protect the world from evil?
1277987	Volcano Saxby, Claire & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180644	5-6	Deep in the ocean, far beyond the reach of even the brightest sun, the earth quakes. Hagfish scatter and snailfish flutter. Lava pillows flash and fade, rumpling the seabed as a new volcano births a mountain. Where hot meets cold, a chimney forms. Here begins a colony of unexpected creatures. Other chimneys grow and cool, grow and cool, while the mountain stretches ever upwards. A rumble becomes a roar and the sea boils. Lava fireworks the sky. A new island is born.
1185500	Waiting for Santa Cochran, Lucy & McKinnon, Heidi (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781760526719	K-2	Ren and Harry are taking letters to Santa. They want to bring Moloko (the cat) but mum says no. what happens when Moloko manages to sneak his way into a bag? Mayhem ensues. But can Moloko find Santa?
1124776	Walking the rock country in Kakadu Lucas, Diane & Tyler, Ben & Long, Emma (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761067860	3-4	Walk through one of Australia's most ancient and beautiful ecosystems, introducing Kundjeyhmi language, one of the Bininj Kunwok languages of Kakadu and western Arnhem Land, along the way. Beautifully rendered images bring to vivid life the rich and varied plant and animal life of this unique place, encouraging young and old to see, hear, smell and feel the land and experience how Aboriginal people have lived and walked Country for thousands of years.
1209949	Walking together Vass, Coral & Leffler, Dub (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761126260	3-4	We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future...' Extract from the Uluru Statement of the Heart.

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1153643	Walls Ingram, Tania & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111518	K-2	A Viking and a Knight are both convinced that they live on the best side of the book. When an argument ensues and each becomes suspicious of their neighbour, their solution is to build walls to keep them safe from the other side. But in their quest to build the better wall, will they fail to see the environmental dangers that threaten both sides of the book?
1289185	Wandering wild Noni, Lynette	Penguin	2025	9781761345470	7-9	Zander Rune was the darling of Hollywood until he fell from glory and was labelled a problematic bad boy. His public image needs fixing-fast-or he'll lose the role of a lifetime, and all his dreams with it. Charlie Hart is a regular teenage girl who despises everything Zander represents. But thanks to her scheming best friend and an ill-timed social media competition, Charlie finds herself pretending to be Zander's biggest fan on a four-day reality TV adventure led by renowned survivalist Rykon Hawke. When their trip goes horribly wrong, Charlie and Zander are left stranded in the wilderness. No Rykon, no film crew, no rescue. The only way they'll survive is if they trust each other. But in order to do so, both will have to let go of the ghosts of their pasts, and just maybe find themselves-and one another-in the process.
	Warriors series Hunter, Erin				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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1285133	Watch me Mafi, Tahereh	electric monkey	2025	9780008718145	9plus	James Anderson had a plan. Or half of one. He managed to do what his older brother, the famous Aaron Warner Anderson, never did: infiltrate Ark Island, the last refuge of The Reestablishment. No outsider has breached the stronghold of the authoritarian regime, but James is in. In a prison cell, sure, but as far as James is concerned, a win is a win. Its been ten years since the notorious duo Juliette Ferrars and Aaron Warner Anderson led a worldwide rebellion and established the New Republic of the West. But The Reestablishment is ready to make a devastating move, and they have the perfect assassin for the job. Rosabelle Wolff had a plan. She always has a plan. On Ark Island, where constant surveillance is packaged as security, even emotions must be experienced with caution. Her every movement is monitored and when shes given an order to kill, she never hesitates. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209763	We do not welcome our ten-year-old overlord Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180491	5-6	It's not fair. Kim's always lived in the shadow of his younger sister, Eila -- which is not how it's supposed to be. Eila is a prodigy, and everyone talks about how smart she is but, in Kim's eyes, she has no common sense. One day Kim and Eila are walking in the woods, and Eila finds an enigmatic, otherworldly object. Kim thinks it's bad news but Eila begins to commune with it. Kim has every reason to be worried, because soon Eila is able to control the minds of everyone around her -- in ways she says is the best for everyone. Kim needs to put his problem-solving mind to the ultimate test. How can he save his sister, and also save the world from the thing his sister has become and the forces she has unleashed?
1209808	We live in a bus Petzold, Dave	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2024	9781760764647	K-2	Some families live in houses and some live in apartment buildings, but can a family live on a bus? Jump in and join the travels aboard Grace Joy Rufus Bean.
1174804	Wedge-tailed eagle Saxby, Claire & Booth, Christina (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760655686	3-4	Look up. Way up, into the clear blue. Those two tiny specks are a wedge-tailed eagle and her mate. This book explores the family life of these remarkable birds.

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1356342	Weird and wild dinosaurs: Meet Bisticeratops Harper, Benjamin & Lorenzo, Julio Francisco Garza (ill)	Graphic Universe	2025	9798765611456	3-4	You know Triceratops. Now meet Bisticeratops froeseorum! This horned dino lived more than seventy million years ago and was discovered in the deserts of Arizona. Its neck was protected by a large, colorful frill. Two long horns and rough, bumpy skin kept it safe from predators. Take a closer look... if you dare.
1286611	Weird and wild dinosaurs: Meet Mbiresaurus Harper, Benjamin & Lorenzo, Julio Francisco Garza (ill)	Graphic Universe	2024	9798765611463	3-4	You know Brachiosaurus. Now meet Mbiresaurus raathi! This long-necked dino lived more than 230 million years ago. Its mouth was filled with sharp, sawlike teeth. Take a closer look if you dare.
1286610	Weird and wild dinosaurs: Meet Meraxes Gigas Harper, Benjamin & Lorenzo, Julio Francisco Garza (ill)	Graphic Universe	2024	9798765611470	3-4	You know Tyrannosaurus rex. Now meet Meraxes gigas! This dangerous dino lived twenty million years before T. Rex and was discovered in the deserts of Argentina. Its head was huge and full of sharp teeth. Its strong legs and sharp claws were fearsome. Take a closer look if you dare.
1356341	Weird and wild dinosaurs: Meet Yuxisaurus Harper, Benjamin & Lorenzo, Julio Francisco Garza (ill)	Graphic Universe	2025	9798765611487	3-4	You know Ankylosaurus. Now meet Yuxisaurus kopchicki! This armored dino lived millions of years ago during the Jurassic Period in southern China. It was covered in spikes and bony plates that kept it safe from dangerous predators. Take a closer look... if you dare.
	WeirDo series Do, Anh & Faber, Jules (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.
1171890	Welcome cookies, The Baillie, Kaye & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539502	K-2	Mabel loves her Friday visits to Miss Plum's Sugar Plum Cafe. How will she adapt when the cafe has a new owner and everything changes? A sweet story about the change and belonging.

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1263270	Welcome to Miracle Curlett, Shara	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761524127	5-6	Juniper Mayfair is cursed by Chaos. Or so she has been told. And it is well known that children with Chaos may never visit Miracle, the private island that gifts its visitors magic for twenty-four hours. What others don't realise, however, is that Juniper's Chaos comes in the form of a pesky ghost-who-claims-he's-not-a-ghost named Finnegan Frost. So, when Juniper receives an elusive ticket to Miracle, she believes all her wishes have come true. After all, that's what the island promises. On the island, though, she discovers that nothing is as it seems. Miracle is not bringing wishes to life, but nightmares. Juniper and her new friends must uncover the secrets of Miracle to rid the world of Chaos for good. But first, they must survive the island.
1151644	What do you call your dad? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	ABC Books	2024	9780733343476	K-2	There's many ways dads present themselves to their children as their best selves. In this delightful worldly collection of ways to look at dads and what their children call them, is their endearing qualities spread across each colourful page and a message of love to accompany it.
995996	What my daddy loves Figueroa, Raissa	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780358588771	K-2	Some daddies love going outdoors and exploring the world. Some daddies love teaching their kids how to fix machines. Some daddies love learning and dreaming big dreams. But there's a special something - or someone - that daddies love best of all...
1209925	What's that? Australian birds Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800626	5-6	From barking blue-winged kookaburras, elegant emus and gallant galahs, lyrical lyrebirds and musical magpies to silky satin bowerbirds-Australia is home to many incredible feathered friends. But more than 200 of them are threatened with extinction! Discover why wild nature is our most precious resource. And listen to what nature is telling us.
1209921	What's that? Australian frogs, toads, and newts Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800640	5-6	From precious pobblebonks to terrific turtle frogs and colourful corroboree frogs, Australia has 240 known species of native amphibians, and they are all frogs. Plus two introduced species: conniving cane toads and smooth newts. Discover why wild nature is our most precious resource. And listen to what nature is telling us.

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1209923	What's that? Australian mammals Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800565	5-6	From engineering echidnas to boisterous bandicoots, quirky quolls, threatened thylacines, diligent dingos, whopping whales and distinctive dugongs-discover why wild nature is our most precious resource. Australia has the highest rate of mammal extinction in the world. listen to what nature is telling us.
1209918	What's that? Australian reptiles Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800572	5-6	From flamboyant frilled lizards to burly blue-tongues, sun-loving skinks, menacing mulga snakes and turtles that breathe through their bums- Australia has more reptiles than any other continent! Discover why wild nature is our most precious resource. And listen to what nature is telling us.
1133505	Whatever after: Fairest of all graphic novel Mylnowski, Sarah & Chouhan, Anu (ill)	Graphix	2024	9781761521591	3-4	Once upon a time, Abby and her brother Jonah, were regular kids. The next minute, the mirror in their basement slurped them up and magically transported them into the fairytale of Snow White. They are heroes because they stopped Snow from eating the poisoned apple. Hooray! Or... not? If Snow doesn't die, she won't meet her prince and get her happily-ever-after. Oops! Now it's up to Abby and Jonah to outsmart the evil queen, befriend the seven dwarfs, help Snow fix her story and then find their way home....
1340235	When I was the greatest Reynolds, Jason & Girmay, Akhran (ill)	Faber & Faber	2022	9780571369645	9plus	Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighbourhood known for guns and drugs. But he and his sister Jazz, and their neighbours Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party. One gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1019887	When the fog rolls in Fong, Pam	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063136540	K-2	If you get lost in the fog, it can be hard to find your way out. You might stumble or be confused, or encounter the unexpected. But the closer you look, the more you will see, and the clearer the path will become. You can find your way. And the world is waiting for you.
819137	When the sky falls Earle, Phil	Andersen Press Ltd	2021	9781839135729	5-6	It is 1941 and bombers control the skies. Joseph, sent to the city to live with Mrs F, must navigate his new circumstances, facing the challenges of school and helping at Mrs F's zoo head on. Will Joseph find the stability and connection that he so desperately craves? Will he win over the zoo's most famous resident, a giant silverback gorilla named Adonis? What will happen if the bombers inadvertently free Adonis from his cage? Will Joseph or Mrs F be brave enough to act?

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1209845	When the stammer came to stay O'Farrell, Maggie & Terrazzini, Daniela Jaglenka (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529504286	3-4	Min's words shudder and judder, stolen by a creature before they fully emerge into the world. Can she learn to embrace the stammer so that it does not condemn her to silence?
1209794	When the war came home Parr, Lesley & Dean, David (ill)	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526621009	5-6	The First World War has ended but it hasn't gone away. Natty has to move to a new village and meets two young soldiers who are suffering from the effects of war. Meanwhile her own troubles involve her mother and a life that keeps getting derailed by her outspoken behaviour. Merry learns that some things are worth fighting for.
1209720	When the world tips over Nelson, Jandy	Walker Books	2024	9781406363098	9plus	Meet the Fall family all living within short distances from each other, lives struggling with abandonment from father, yearning for love, betrayals and believing in magical circumstances that destiny unfolds for them. The Town, Paradise Springs in California amidst rich vineyards holds their histories to be discovered. The Accident, the histories, love stories and revelations are part of this family's world that tips over and for once it's joy and only joy that spills out.. Dizzy is 12 years old, Cassidy is struggling with her mum's desire for something lost, Miles is searching his feelings for Felix and Wynton needs them all. This is a family's love story. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209768	Where the library hides Ibanez, Isabel	Hodder & Stoughton	2024	9781399722230	9plus	An impossible love. An enchanted legacy. A dangerous discovery. 1885 Egypt. Inez Olivera is still reeling from her cousin's murder and her mother's betrayal. So when Tio Ricardo issues an ultimatum about her inheritance, she's left with only one option to consider. Marriage to Whitford Hayes, her one time nemesis. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
919665	Which way to anywhere Cowell, Cressida	Hachette Australia	2023	9781444968217	5-6	K2 and Izzabird O'Hero and Theo and Mabel Smith are step-siblings at war. But when their baby sister Annipeck is stolen into an alternative world, the children must put aside their differences and set off together on a daring, magical rescue mission...

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934175	While the storm rages Earle, Phil	Andersen Press Ltd	2022	9781839132056	5-6	It is September 1939 and war is imminent. As Noah's dad prepares to join the fight, Noah promises to keep their family dog safe. When the government issues an advisory that all pets be euthanised in readiness for the war, Noah decides not to comply. He and two other children embark upon a mission to save their pets, and as many other animals as they can.
1175656	White noise Grimmer, Raelke	NewSouth Publishing	2024	9781760802851	7-9	Fifteen-year-old Emma is woken up by her dad's nightmares. Again. On Friday evenings they go running at East Point Reserve to escape. Escape the ripples of grief that still chase them three years after her mum's death; escape Emma's autism diagnosis; escape her dad's work as an emergency room doctor. At school, Emma has won a spot on the beach volleyball Sports Institute program. The spot that her best friend Summer desperately wanted. And Summer's family are moving away to the other side of town. Their friendship has kept Emma going since her mum's death but now things are changing between them -- and change isn't something Emma can outrun. Set in tropical Darwin, White Noise is an achingly true portrayal of girlhood, grief, and autism.
1209905	Wilder zoo: Neeka and the missing key Strachan, Tina & Hamilton, Max (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460764558	5-6	When you live in a zoo - things can get wild! Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder has always loved animals. She wants to be a vet one day, like her mum, who is the head vet at Wilder Zoo - where Neeka and her family live! Neeka is a great help to the zoo staff in caring for the animals. And she also takes videos of exciting events at the zoo. When the videos are nominated for a big award, Neeka wants to make one more video to help win it. But when Rebel, the cheeky red panda, won't co-operate, her zoo key goes missing and she's grounded for a month, it's a race against the clock to create the new video in time for the awards.

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1128084	Wildlife of Australia's Great Barrier Reef Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2023	9781922800367	5-6	Myke Mollard's signature illustrations and engaging text bring kids up close and personal with hundreds of the creatures found on Australia's Great Barrier Reef: corals, fish including sharks, turtles and other marine reptiles, whales and dolphins, birds, molluscs, crustaceans, even the animals found on the reefs 900-odd islands. The creatures are not only beautifully drawn and coloured, but the accompanying text vividly describes their lifestyles and habits. The wonderment of these stunning animals, delivered in an engaging cinematic punch, will excite the imaginations of children for life and fully engage any adult with a love of Australia's wildlife.
1103096	Willa and Woof: Camp chaos Harvey, Jacqueline	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761343568	3-4	<p>It's time for school camp and Willa is excited. But Tae, her best same-age friend, seems to be keeping a secret...</p> <p>Things aren't going too smoothly at camp either, so Willa will need to use all the camp survival skills Frank, her best old-age friend, has taught her and to recruit Woof, her best four-legged friend, to help save the trip.</p> <p>Can Willa turn everyone into happy campers?</p>
1288216	Willow Bright's secret plot Tait, A. L.	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761528361	5-6	<p>After moving to the city from the country, Willow Bright feels like she's lost her mum all over again and landed on another planet. Her clothes are wrong, her taste in music is wrong, and even the food she eats is wrong. But when Willow spots a pattern in a series of puzzling accidents and mishaps, she forms an unlikely friendship and finds new purpose.</p> <p>Can Willow solve the mystery and find room to be herself along the way? Or will her plot to run home to the wide-open spaces and memories of her mum land Willow in even more trouble?</p>
1208571	Willow's Gumboots McWilliams, Beverley & Magisson, Helene (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2024	9781922858535	K-2	When Willow gets a new pair of gumboots, she wears them everywhere, until there is a problem with them. She wants to find a solution for her beloved footwear. In spring, the ever present garden she enjoys wearing her gumboots in when mum is gardening sets her mind thinking.

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	Wings of fire series Sutherland, Tui T.				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.
977602	Wish sisters, The: The pet wish Rushby, Allison & Blair, Karen (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702265952	3-4	At the Pet Play Date, Flick and her little sister, Birdie, are helping local seniors group The Busybodies raise money for animals in need. There are some special pets waiting to find their fur-ever homes. But things turn wild when Birdie wishes to make the animals even more special in the hope that they will be adopted. How is Flick going to keep a rainbow cat and a dancing dog a secret when a pesky photographer is snapping lots of pics?
835531	Witch Boy, The Ostertag, Molly Knox	Scholastic US	2017	9781338089516	7-9	In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted . . . and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch. It will take the encouragement of a new friend, the non-magical and non-conforming Charlie, to convince Aster to try practicing his skills. And it will require even more courage to save his family . . . and be truly himself.
1041361	With a little sprinkle of courage Case, Jackie	Boolarong Press	2023	9781922643544	K-2	When Fen was born, her father gave her a special gift, knowing it would help her through any difficult times. However, just when she is about to face her biggest challenge, Fen loses her gift, and can't find it anywhere.
1153336	Wobbly bike, The McCallum, Darren & Smith, Craig (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781760656416	K-2	How do you fix a wobbly bike? Could it be the tyres, the terrain, or maybe it might be a new rider? A joyful, multi-layered story, celebrating the unique culture of Australia's urban "top end", the precious roles of grandparents in families, the fact that kindness and encouragement, combined with practice, are the key to success, bound together with gentle humour... because laughter is always the best medicine.

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	Wolf girl series Various				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.
1150653	Wongutha tales O'Brien, May L.	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993412	3-4	This collection of tales from May O'Brien's childhood are stories of the Wongutha peoples and their traditional teaching stories. Read about How crows became black, Kangaroos who wanted to be people, Too Big for your boots and many more much-loved tales.
983575	Woodwitch McKenna, Skye	Welbeck Publishing	2023	9781801301091	5-6	Cassie has settled into life in Hedgely when, out of the blue, her troubled cousin, Sebastian, comes to stay for Hallowe'en. Sneering and scornful, Sebastian trails after Cassie and her friends, interfering with their coven projects and belittling the dangers of the faery world. But Cassie, Rue and Tabitha have bigger problems - as the nights grow longer, a dark shadow creeps out of the Hedge and villagers start behaving strangely, possessed with the desire to find a mysterious object. When the Hedgewitch is called away, the girls decide to investigate and discover that whoever is controlling the villagers is seeking a faery relic: an ancient and dangerous weapon, hidden somewhere in the village. Their magical training will be put to the test as they venture deeper into the Hedge and race to find the faery treasure before it falls into the hands of the Erl King.
1061437	Words between us Krans, Angela Pham & Ho, Dung (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780063224544	3-4	Felix and Grandma have always lived oceans apart, until the day Grandma arrives. Felix is so excited to meet Grandma and spend time with her, except they don't speak the same language! Perhaps they can connect in other ways, like their shared love of pizza, and by working together they can learn to share words as well.
1034606	Worm book, The: Nature's recycler Tayleur, Karen & Holt, Guy (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2024	9781742036694	3-4	Worms are working for us day and night. They improve our soils by aerating and fertilising and they recycle our organic waste in the process. The Worm Book introduces different types of worm: segmented worms, roundworms, ribbon worms and flatworms with all that is weird and wonderful and the crucial role they play in recycling organic waste.

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1209877	Worst perfect moment Plozza, Shivaun	Walker Books	2025	9781760659455	9plus	The story of sixteen-year-old Tegan Masters, who finds herself in the afterlife at the Marybelle Motor Lodge in New Jersey, USA. In her memory this is where she experienced the worst weekend of her life. But in this version of heaven, each person lives in a replica of their happiest memory. Tegan has to work on why she this place is her happily ever after. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1133720	Wylah the Koorie warrior: Protectors Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180798	5-6	Wylah is finally the Koorie Warrior, but her troubles are far from over! Her family and people are still prisoners of the cruel Dragon Army, and animals and children are disappearing. Faced with new responsibilities and a dangerous new adversary, can Wylah rise to the challenge and become the leader and protector her people need?
1174798	Yanga mother Leavy, Cheryl & Bassi, Christopher	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702268311	K-2	Written in Kooma and English, this picture book explores the beauty and strength of family bonds.
1316524	Year we escaped, The Leal, Suzanne	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460765906	5-6	Europe, 1940. With war on their doorstep, German classmates, Klara and Rachel, and French brothers, Lucien and Paul, are forced to leave their homes. They are taken to Gurs, a detention camp in the south-west of France. It's a crowded place, with little comfort and even less food. When Klara and Rachel are promised safe refuge in a remote French village, Lucien and Paul are anxious to join them and will risk their own lives to get there.
1233671	You can't pat a fish Paul, Ruth	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760656973	K-2	You can play with a puppy and snuggle a bunny, but as much as you wish, you can't pat a fish.
1019844	You could be so pretty Bourne, Holly	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474966832	9plus	Joni and Belle live their lives at opposing positions in a rebuilt society which claims to be passed all troubles around gender disparity. While one is dedicated to being Pretty and is focused almost solely on receiving validation from social media, the other is proudly Objectionable, a woman who wears no Mask, dresses for comfort and practicality, and who has her eyes open to the dire problems with The Doctrine. This feminist dystopia examines the various ways society manipulates women and meddles with their ideas of worth and possibilities. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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1209791	🕒 You'll be the death of me McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2021	9780241473665	9plus	<p>Skipping school is fun - until someone gets murdered. Ivy, Mateo and Cal used to be close back in middle school. When Cal pulls into campus late for class and runs into Ivy and Mateo, the former friends decide to ditch school, just like old times. Whilst exploring downtown, the trio spot classmate Boney Mahoney acting suspiciously and follow him into an empty building, not expecting him to turn up dead and for them to be the main suspects.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209842	Yours from the tower Nicholls, Sally	Andersen Press Ltd	2023	9781839133190	7-9	<p>1896. Tirzah, Louisa and Polly are best friends who've left boarding school and gone back to very different lives. Polly is teaching in an orphanage. Louisa is looking for a rich husband at the parties of the London Season. And Tirzah is stuck acting as an unpaid companion to her grandmother. In a series of letters, they share their hopes, their frustrations, their dramas and their romances. Can these three very different young women find happiness?</p>
877874	🕒 Zyla & Kai Forest, Kristina	Atom Publishing	2022	9780349003795	9plus	<p>While on a school trip to the Pocono Mountains, Zyla and Kai run away together, leaving their friends and family confused. As far as anyone knows, they've been broken up for months. And honestly? Their break-up hadn't surprised anyone. Zyla, a cynic about love, met Kai, a hopeless romantic, while working together at an amusement park the previous summer, and they couldn't have been more different. Alternating between the past and present, we see the love story unfold from Zyla and Kai's perspectives: how they first became the unlikeliest of friends over the summer, how they fell in love during the school year, and why they ultimately broke up. Or did they?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>